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FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEBCA works so well as an organization only because of the tremendous contributions that so many of our members make to supporting the club and the events that we sponsor, sanction and participate in. The dedication and energy that so many of you bring is really amazing and it does not go unrecognized or unappreciated by your peers. I have been asked



several times this summer about whether NEBCA should give some kind of award or special recognition to individuals that

contribute in a special way. The club's board and officers have had some interesting discussions about this and we all agree that it is a great idea. We have so many deserving members who share such a wide array of talents that we think that the best thing we can do is to start to publish a series of articles in the newsletter to highlight some of them.

Maria Amodei has begun the series in this issue with an article recognizing the contributions of the veterinarians who have helped so many of us with our dogs in so many ways. My hope is that readers of this newsletter will think about who they feel is most deserving of similar recognition and contribute articles for future newsletter issues (Clearly, one of our most dedicated volunteers is our hard working newsletter editor. We don't want to leave this project solely in her hands. Your President gives her enough headaches by continually pushing the deadlines she so patiently offers for his contributions to these pages!)

As this newsletter goes to publication, our Trials Committees are putting the final touches on plans for our two season ending competitions. Both sound like they will be great events. The Novice Finals will be held at Cascade Farm in Bath, New Hampshire on September 10 and 11 and will be judged by Werner Reitboeck from Ontario. The Fall Foliage will be held at the Old Chatham Shepherding Company in Old Chatham, New York on October 14, 15 & 16 and will be judged by Frank Cashen from Ireland. Congratulations to all who have qualified for and will be able to participate in these events. - Chris

"The most abusive piece of equipment a rider will ever carry is an angry mind." – Denny Emerson



THE FAULTY DOG

There are no perfect dogs. You can pretend your dog is perfect or opine about his faults, or... you can work to train your dog to improve those faulty areas and handle your dog to capitalize on the strengths and avoid the weaknesses. This column will describe a faulty dog, and offer suggestions from different people on training exercises to improve the dog and handling methods to get the best work from the dog on the field. The dogs described will all be successful Open dogs (past or present) that have significant faults. The absence of faults does not make a great dog. The presence of remarkable abilities makes a great dog.

Dog #7 – The grip and hold dog. This dog is biddable, good flanks, direct walkup. It is a very keen dog with some tension, sensitive to handler pressure. He does not have a great deal of confidence, but enough to get the job done when coupled with his determination. The dog will grip difficult stock and does take the animal that is resisting rather than an easier target. He often goes to a grip sooner than wanted, but he is seldom a gratuitous gripper (then usually a reaction to handler pressure). The main problem is that though he addresses the problem head on he does not take the nose but rather neck or shoulder, and often holds a few moments creating a damage risk to shorn stock. A grip is needed for some of his farm work.

Barbara Armata's Comments

A dog that grips the neck or shoulder does this because it is hesitating just a bit before gripping. He may also be ducking down under the head of the sheep to avoid direct contact.

Both situations indicate a lack of confidence; however, the dog is in a position to gain ground in that aspect. He is on his way to being brave enough to hit the nose.

Sometimes, at this junction, having a sheep come at the dog and hit him can cause the dog to get angry enough to retaliate and hit the nose. Praising that moment will reinforce it. This can backfire and instead, cause fear. So be sure, you can back up your dog and help him, if need be.

Scotties are great for holding and encouraging the dog to hit the face. Holding the horns usually prevents your hands from getting bit! For many dogs, holding a sheep and asking the dog to grip a nose is all they need. For others, because you are asking them in an excited manner, they think they are doing something wrong by coming in. The solution for these dogs is shedding a single or just working a single sheep that will face the dog. Again, you need to be back up to encourage the dog to face the sheep. Try getting the dog to walk up but not dive in. Stop the dog frequently, asking him to just stand. Sometimes, this is enough to get the sheep to move. If the sheep charges, the dog isn't in forward motion which encourages the grip and hang. Instead, hopefully, the sheep drops its head and the dog will hit the nose.

My Meg was a gripper of the neck. She'd sometimes "fly by" as she gripped....grip and keep going. I didn't reprimand her as I didn't want to take away any confidence, even though the method was incorrect. About the age of seven or eight, she finally gripped a nose and didn't fly by. Surprised the heck out of me and her! As time has gone on, nose grips are more common than the neck grabs. Just goes to show that learning continues no matter what the age!

Laura Vishoot's Comments

For a dog with this fault to make it to successful Open status, it must have a very good handler who can read their dog well and abort this behavior before it takes hold (heh, heh) on the trial field. Otherwise, this could very much hinder the dog from becoming successful in Open.

In my opinion, there is no good purpose for this type of gripping and if it is the main method the



Faulty Dog continued

dog has for using its bite, I'm not sure how it can really be useful in its everyday farm work. That said, I know that many sheep and cattle people in my area are fine with their dogs biting any way they feel like, as long as it causes the stock to get going. Those folks, though, are not ever taking their dogs to a sheepdog trial. They actually could get their work done without damaging any sheep if they wanted, or had more time to spend on dog training. It's not a priority.

If the person with the dog in this scenario wants the behavior to go away in sheepdog trials, they would need to get rid of it in farm work as well.

I don't know if this can be trained out of a dog that's old enough to have a successful Open career. On the upside, this dog may lack confidence and even be a bit scared of sheep but since it will walk in directly and does nail the difficult sheep rather than an innocent bystander, there is enough to work with. It definitely needs more confidence and to learn other ways to respond to feeling uncomfortable with tough sheep.

First I would work with it in a small square or rectangular area with a lot of sheep that would not challenge the dog, and never allow it to bite. I would have it go around the sheep, get them out of the corners, move them, push them into a corner, whatever I could think of. It seems clear that the dog lacks confidence and may even be a little afraid of sheep so it's important that it can do all this successfully. That means, leave the attack sheep out.

I would also work on its flanks. It is said to have good flanks, but this grip and hold is often part of a big slice so I suspect this dog has certain situations where it doesn't have such clean flanks after all. Sometimes I would have it work a single for a while and see if it can maintain its flanks (and a cool head) in that situation.

If possible, once I trusted that the dog would work in a tight place without gripping (dirty or otherwise), I would have it help me do some tough jobs like move ewes and lambs but with me on the same side as the dog so I could help keep them moving and forestall the unwanted behavior in the dog.

If all this was going well, I would see if I could train a nose (or at least face) bite on command, with a release on command as well.

Visualize everything going wrong, everything. Visualize the dog not stopping, crossing the course, tight flanks, every weakness the dog has. As each of these things goes wrong in your mind, visualize yourself handling them in a calm and practical manner. When you walk to the post you only have control over yourself. Either you have trained the dog sufficiently, or not. Your entire focus should be on handling whatever the run presents you to your best ability. You cannot control the dog. You can only control yourself. — *Maria Amodei*

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SHEEPDOG FITNESS AND INJURY PREVENTION

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As a human orthopedic and sports physical therapist that “went to the dogs”, I can say for certain that dogs respond to physical therapy much faster than humans. This is likely due to the fact that the canine brain is much simpler and that dogs do not get bogged down in the emotional sequelae that counteracts progress. As a canine physical therapist, the satisfaction of improving quality of life through good orthopedic health is positively thrilling.

As athletes, sheepdogs are asked to perform extraordinary acrobatics throughout the course of training and competing. We expect them to stop on a dime, to go from a complete stop to a full run, to crouch and crawl, to twist and turn, to jump over brooks and streams etc. The versatility of their movement requires that they be both nimble and strong. With special efforts to promote joint and muscle mobility combined with adequate strength, we can minimize injury and maximize performance.

How do we do this? Success is based on the optimization of nutrition and fitness throughout the development and training of sports specific skills. Fitness consists of 5 elements: joint range of motion, muscle flexibility, strength (leg strength and core strength), proprioception and endurance (cardiovascular health). We will define and explain the importance of each element as well as recommend an “owner’s routine” to address them.

Joint range of motion refers to the ability of a joint to flex and extend easily through its full motion. If a joint is restricted, the body will compensate (make up for lost motion) at an adjacent joint. This creates abnormal stress and strain at that adjacent joint which can lead to injury.

Flexibility refers to the length of a muscle. Athletic activities require exceptional muscle flexibility. If a muscle is tight, it is predisposed to injury (muscle strain). Additionally a tight muscle can lead to compensatory motion at an adjacent area, resulting in excess stress and strain at that segment.

Strength is the ability of a muscle to produce force. The amount of strength required depends on the demands placed on the muscle during activity. Our canine athletes require greater strength than the non-athletic dog. If a muscle is unable to withstand the demands of an activity, excess force is applied to the tendon rather than the muscle belly. This predisposes the dog a tendonitis or tendinopathy.

Proprioception is the ability to know where a joint is in space without having to look at it. Imagine a dog walking through the rungs of a ladder. He is able to clear the rungs with his hind legs without looking back at them because of normal proprioception. Advanced proprioceptive training is critical for our athletes as they are navigating variable terrain at fast speeds.

Cardiovascular endurance is the ability of the heart, lungs and blood vessels to deliver oxygen to the muscles. This prepares the dog for sports that involve continuous or aerobic activity. The dog’s cardiovascular gait is the trot.

Owner’s Routine

Unlike humans, you get a lot with a little when working with dogs. A 10-15 minute program performed 3-5 times per week is sufficient for reaching and maintaining fitness. This is, of course, in addition to your normal sheepdog training schedule.

Prior to describing a simple routine, it is important to consider a few basic principles.

1. When performing manual (hands-on) techniques, use soft hands. Never force a motion. Listen to what your dog is telling you about any discomfort.



Sheepdog Fitness and Injury Prevention continued

2. Range of motion and stretching techniques should be pain free. If painful, the dog will guard or tighten his muscles. This works against the goal of the exercise.
3. Strengthening needs to be performed with perfect form. We do not want to strengthen in an abnormal posture or position. If your dog cannot maintain good form, the exercise is too difficult and needs to be modified.
4. Strengthening occurs with slow movements. Dogs can compensate for weak muscles when moving faster.
5. Stretching is safest and most effective when it occurs in the belly of the muscle (rather than the tendon).
6. Cardiovascular training needs to be introduced incrementally. Be sure to know the signs of overheating and exhaustion.

Below are examples of exercises that address these 5 elements of fitness.

Joint Range of Motion: (JROM)

Joint ROM should be symmetrical from side to side. If not, seek out an evaluation to identify the specific joint restriction and its cause.

Perform 2 reps, 3 times/wk.

Front limb

Take each joint through its normal range of motion.

- 1) Bend (or flex) the shoulder, elbow, carpus and toes
- 2) Straighten (or extend) the shoulder, elbow, carpus and toes



Elbow Flexion



Shoulder Extension

Hind limb

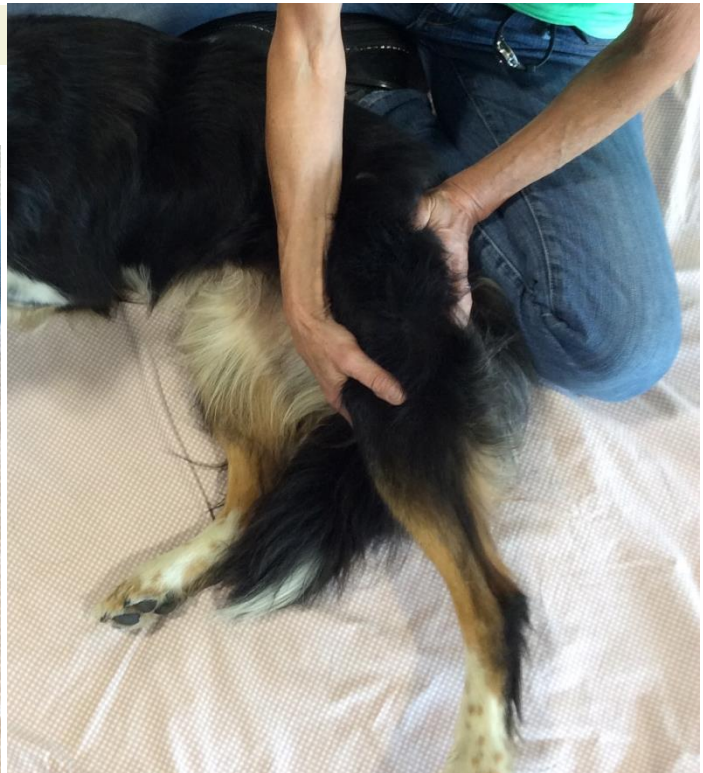
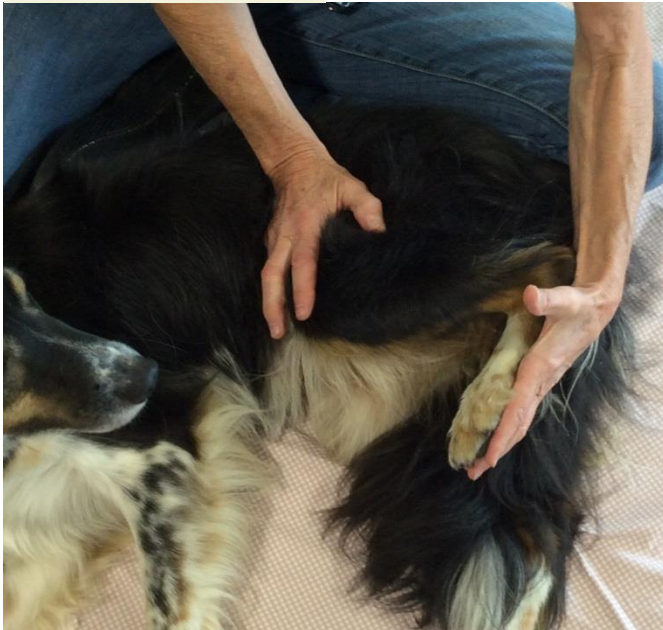
- 1) Bend (or flex) the hip, knee, hock, and toes
- 2) Straighten (or extend) the hip, knee, hock and toes



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Hip Extension →

Tarsal Flexion



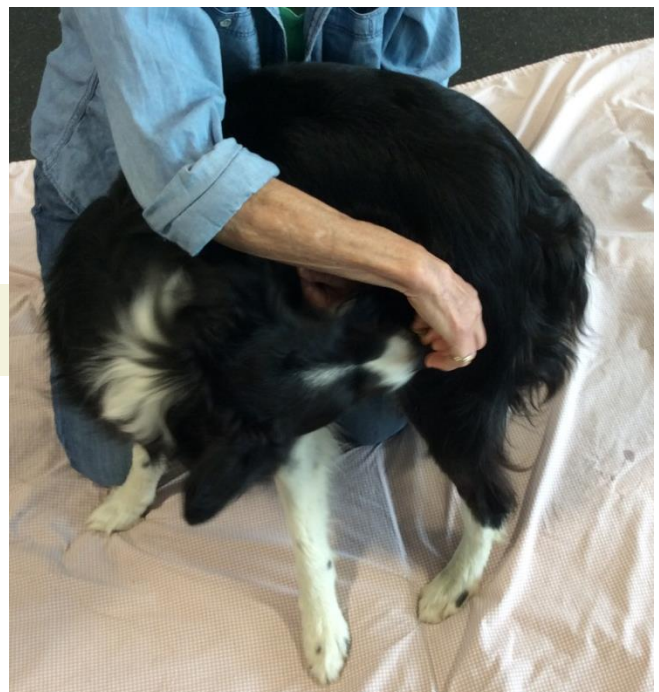
Neck

- 1) Use a treat or toy to encourage movement of the nose to each shoulder, nose to chest and nose to ceiling

Trunk

- 1) Use a toy or treat to encourage movement of the nose to each hip, nose to stomach, place front legs on an elbow height box and encourage nose towards the ceiling

Thoracolumbar Left Side Bending →
(treat to left hip)





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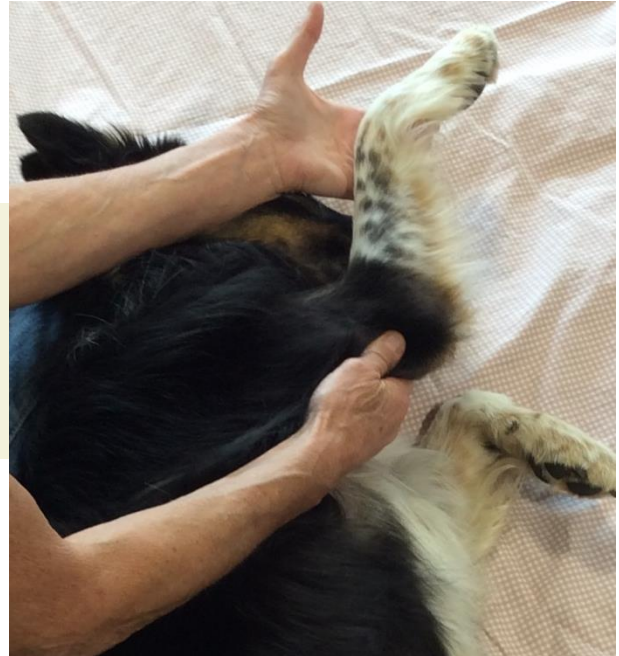
Flexibility:

Flexibility should be symmetrical side to side. If a muscle is tight, flexibility should improve with gentle stretching. If flexibility does not easily improve, seek out an evaluation to determine the specific muscle that needs attention and the cause of its tightness. The stretch should be moderate (non-painful). Massage the muscle being stretched to assure that the stretch is occurring in the belly of the muscle.

Hold for 15 seconds, 2 reps, 2-4 times/wk

Front limb	Biceps, Triceps
Hind Limb	Psoas, Hamstrings, Sartorius
Trunk	same as range of motion above

Triceps muscle stretch - →
Extend the shoulder and flex the elbow until muscle tension is noted. Massage (bend) the Triceps muscle belly to assure that the stretch occurs in the belly of the muscle.



← **Hamstring muscle stretch**
Flex the hip, then extend the knee until hamstring muscle tension is noted. Massage (bend) the belly of the Hamstring muscle belly to assure that the stretch occurs in the belly of the muscle. This muscle group is often tight in athletic dogs.

Strength

When possible, palpate the target muscle to be assured that it is contracting effectively. These exercises should be performed slowly.

Front Triceps (pushups), Biceps (downhill walking), Latissimus Dorsi (uphill walking)
Hind Gluteals and Hamstrings (backward walking up a hill)
Trunk/Core Abdominals (diagonal leg lifts; sit and beg)



Sheepdog Fitness and Injury Prevention continued

Diagonal Leg Lift →

Simultaneously lift opposite front and hind legs. Hold 10-15 seconds. This is an appropriate exercise if the dog is able to maintain good posture. "Shaking" is fine. It represents a good challenge.



Proprioception

Move a treat to in a variety of positions in order to challenge balance. If the dog loses balance or falls, the exercise is too difficult. Proprioceptive exercises serve 3 purposes: 1) train proprioception, 2) strengthen core, 3) strengthen limbs.

Perform for 20 seconds; 2 reps, 3-4 times/wk

Fronts on Bosu/Peanut

Hinds on Bosu

Hinds and fronts on wobble equipment

works core and hind end (more than front end)

works core and front end (more than hind end)

Advanced core



← Fronts on Bosu

Hinds on Bosu





Sheepdog Fitness and Injury Prevention continued

Fronts on Peanut →

Advanced: Dog walks forward and backward with fronts on peanut.



Fronts and hinds simultaneously on wobble equipment. Progress from elbows bent (left) to elbows straight (right). This dog is a "1st timer". The picture does not illustrate that he is unable to control his hind end. He needs more training at a lower level of difficulty before this exercise is appropriate for him.





Sheepdog Fitness and Injury Prevention continued

Cardiovascular

Trot x 20 min, 3x/wk

Swim x 10 min, 3 x/wk

We share common goals for our canine athletes: maintaining fitness, maximizing performance and minimizing injury. We can make great headway in accomplishing these goals with a home routine that addresses joint range of motion, muscle flexibility, strength and proprioceptive training. If we are attentive to asymmetries from side to side, they can be addressed proactively before the athlete becomes lame.

Be creative and have fun with your routine!

I NEED A VET!

Maria Amodei

I had mismanaged the bottom of the fetch and had the sheep coming to the post faster than ideal. Ideal being a slow walk as the post turn released them towards the exhaust. As the sheep went behind the post I urged Marcus to get around and stop their flight. Another error, urging is never in order for high speed Marcus. 40 feet behind the post was a well mown ditch, very visible but all Marcus and I saw were SHEEP GETTING AWAY. Marcus strapped on his cape and ran like the wind, straight into the ditch. The thud was horrible, then he flipped up and over and plowed into the steep slope behind the ditch. He came up with one front leg held straight off to the side and a piteous yelp. I ran to him from the post and was met by vets coming from the handlers' tent. I followed calm instructions and lifted Marky to carry up the slope to a quiet spot. There we were surrounded by calm, knowledgeable, and caring vets: Sue Schoen; Ginny Prince; Mich Ferraro; and Diana Rosenstein. When Emily Falk heard and came from her camper there was no room around us. Marcus was examined, evaluated, wrapped in an ice wrap that Fiona Robertson appeared with, and given NSAIDs. I had instructions for him during the day and he was checked before I left late that afternoon. The injury was not as bad as initially feared. I was able to stay at the trial and take him to my vet when I got home the next day. Ice, rest and rehab and he was back on the trial field in a few weeks.

The shock and drama of Marcus' accident made the aid of our handler vets starkly precious to me. But there are many times they have generously offered their aid to me and other handlers. How many times have you walked by one of our vets consulting with a concerned handler and dog?

Spot looks a bit sore after a run, should I run him in the second round?

Dot came up on three legs playing last night, but looks fine now. Do you think it is okay to run her?

Nell seems off, just not running right.

Joe just got stung and his nose is swelling.

My pup needs a vitamin B shot for a deficiency. My vet sent some with me but the little bugger squirms like a squirrel. Can you help me?

My vet is recommending (some procedure) for Floss. I'm concerned because...

Whether it is dealing with some immediate concern that came up at the trial, or some lingering problem that you've not been able to get the bottom of, our vets have been available to help. They bring their veterinary expertise enriched by a full understanding of the work these dogs do. They can watch the dog working. They are there at the moment we really need them.

Thank a vet today, both your regular vet and your dog trial friends who lend their expertise and time to help us.



TRIAL RESULTS

INDIAN RIVER NOVICE SDT JUN 4

Pro Novice 1 (18 dogs)					Pro Novice 2 (20 dogs)					Novice 1 (7 dogs)				
1	John Palmer	Mara	77	69	1	John Palmer	Mara	73	65	1	Susan Moor	Jack	67	
2	Fiona Robertson	meG	76	67	2	Tracy Hinton	Laddie Lou	72	64	2	Francois Le blanc	Joy	62	
3	Tracy Hinton	Laddie Lou	74	65	3	Marie Sawford	Jill	64	57	3	Patrick Goesselin	max	58	
4	Stacey Rember	Teg	66	59	4	Helen Dunning	Kate	61	57	4	Emmanuel Net	Roxie	54	
5	Helen Knibb	Gael	65	59	5	John Milloy	Annie	57	52	5	Lene Band	Penny	38	
6	Helen Dunning	Kate	65	60	6	Emmanuel Neto	Flex	52	46	Novice 2 (7 dogs)				
7	Marie Sawford	Jill	63	58	7	Stacey Rember	Teg	51	46	1	Emmanuel Net	Roxie	75	
8	Emmanuel Neto	Flex	44	44	8	Fiona Robertson	meG	47	47	2	Francois Le blanc	Joy	68	
9	Stacey Rember	Shep	43	40	9	Lene Band	Gypsy	17	16	3	Susan Moor	Jack	61	
10	John Milloy	Calvin	42	41	Second score in PN is NEBCA score for points.					4	Lene Band	Penny	57	
11	Kristen Bryant	Bea	40	40										

BOBTAIL SDT JUN 4-5

Open 1 (46 dogs)				10	Layfield, Todd	Tim	45	ProNov 2 (16 dogs)				
1	Sheninger, Gene	Nick	88						1	Gambill, Judy	Pearl	76
2	Levinson, Barbara	Bob	88						2	Weeks, Dan	Teddy	61
3	Wetmore, Stephen	Gile	86						3	Palmer, Annie	Lark	60
4	Henigin, Jeanine	Jag	85						4	Warne, Patricia	Meg	54
5	Murphy, Jim	Jim	84						5	Gardner, Pamela	Dell	54
6	Sheninger, Gene	Sweet	83						6	Weeks, Dan	Zack	52
7	Chute, Peggy	Olive	81						7	Layfield, Todd	Tim	51
8	Geier, Joyce	Jim	81						8	Buja, Brenda	Gabe	48
9	Williams, Dick	Mick	80						9	Rhodes, Teri	Tess	38
10	Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Mercury	79						10	Sheninger, Gene	Ziva	22
ProNov 1 (17 dogs)									Ranch 2 (9 dogs)			
1	Buja, Brenda	Gabe	66		1	Smart, Bruce	Hemp	88	1	Buja, Brenda	River	83
2	Bellaman, Rebecca	Czechers	65		2	Williams, Cheryl	Fleet	86	2	Buja, Brenda	Josie	81
3	Warne, Patricia	Meg	60		3	Levinson, Barbara	Bill	86	3	Higgins, Michele	Opal	79
4	Weeks, Dan	Zack	58		4	Murphy, Jim	Jim	86	4	Redick, Rosemary	Ross	74
5	Wilentz, Eileen	Beck	56		5	Davies, Pam	Teilo	85	5	Clark, Linda	Lyn	59
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8	Gambill, Judy	Pearl	50		8	Gardner, Pamela	Midge	83				
9	Davies, Pam	Floss	49		9	Chute, Peggy	Olive	83				
					10	Higgins, Michele	Rush	83				



Martha Walke's Jude - ©Kate Collins



TARAVALE NOVICE SDT JUNE 11-12

Novice 1 (17 dogs)

1	Jamie Moore	Kestrel	64
2	Pam Wataha	Ace	62
3	Ellen Fowler	Sweep	62
4	Deb Duarte	Remi	61
5	Sheila Crepeau	Zain	59
6	Victoria Snowden	Trim	51
7	Debbie Sherman	Nellie	49
8	Teresa Powers	Chaos	44

Pro-Novice 1 (16 dogs)

1	Hillary Flower	Tan	59
2	Melissa Perry	Sam	49
3	Rebecca Harte	Kenna	48
4	Deb Donahue	Cap	45
5	Glenn Kopp	Bryn	43

Ranch 1 (26 dogs)

1	Brenda Buja	Josie	67
2	Barbara Leverett	Becca	64
3	Brenda Buja	River	61

4	Deborah Donahue	Britt	55
5	Pam Hunt	Styx	54
6	Jean.louis Bigourdan	Kelso	45
7	Pam Mueller	Fly	43
8	Hillary Flower	Floss	30

Novice 2 (16 dogs)

1	Debbie Sherman	Nellie	73
2	Jamie Moore	Kestrel	66
3	Karen Gorman	Nashville	61
4	Sheila Crepeau	Zain	60
5	Pam Wataha	Ace	59
6	Ellen Fowler	Sweep	59
7	Wendy Warner	Tessa	59
8	Pam Hunt	Brae	51
9	Teresa Powers	Chaos	47
10	Barbara Eriksson	Dozen	44

Pro-Novice 2 (16 dogs)

1	Eric Johnson	Blade	36
2	Hillary Flower	Tan	53

3	Barb Kuckenberger	Aero	37
4	Clara Stites	Kip	50
5	Glenn Kopp	Bryn	46
6	Rebecca Harte	Bella	46
7	Deb Donahue	Cap	42
8	Eric Johnson	Skye	70
9	Melissa Perry	Sam	57
10	Rebecca Harte	Kenna	47

Ranch 2 (19 dogs)

1	Merry Klimek	Wren	70
2	Pam Hunt	Styx	69
3	Brenda Buja	River	68
4	Pam Mueller	Fly	60
5	Sandy Lockwood	Joy	57
6	Brenda Buja	Josie	56
7	Sara Reiter	Chet	55
8	Barbara Leverett	Becca	53
9	Clara Stites	Tess	41
10	Ellen Fowler	Celt	38

SUGARBUSH GAP LEARNING TRIAL & CLINIC JUN 18-19

Margaret Flanagan

Clinician on June 18th = Barbara Armata

Judge on June 19th Warren Mick

Sara Reiter hosted a clinic/learning trial at her farm in Windsor New York. The clinic was on Saturday with two trials running on Sunday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The course was set up in reverse for the clinic so for those doing the clinic would not have an upper hand on those only doing the trial on Sunday. The weather was sunny and hot. Due to the sheep not holding well with a dog and person, a hold pen with a gate was set up to try out. As the dogs came up to the top of the pen, the sheep were released and the lift then happened. Most of the dogs were a little confused as to this set up, especially when the sheep were stuck on the pen. It was interesting to watch the dogs figure it out though. Barb started us out by setting our dogs up for a run, which ended up showing her and the handlers some holes in training or problem areas. Some of the problems that arose were dogs not stopping at the top, during the fetch or drive, dogs going up the middle of the field on the outrun, and quite a few dogs needed further training on pace. One big take away for quite a few of us was the concept of keeping the dog on contact with the sheep, which in turn better controls the pace of the sheep, and can even slow or stop the sheep. Novice handlers see the sheep running and think they need to stop their dog, when the dogs were on contact with the sheep the pace was more controlled.

It was a challenging field with the pressures from the exhaust and general living areas of the sheep close to the trial field. Another hurdle was that the sheep loved people and the pen. A lot of us got quite a bit of practice getting the



sheep off the pen to get the gate open to let them in. Because the sheep were knee knockers, you could not beat them to the gate. Some other problem areas for dogs were slicing flanks; some of the younger dogs needed some training on paying better attention to their handlers. There were a couple of handlers who recently acquired trained dogs and it was interesting to see how they dealt with working with a new handler and some of the problems even a more experienced dog needed help with.



Barb Armata works with Lori Tsruda and Pepper © Sandy Lockwood

Sunday was the trial with one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Warren was fantastic, and gave us all a lot of trialing tips such as when setting your dog up at the post don't set the dog right next to your leg, set them out a little bit from your side. Keep the dog on contact with the sheep, the importance of getting your sheep back on line for the fetch or the drive, which will result in less points lost, and how to fix the problem of the sheep doing ring around the rosy at the pen. Warren and Roger Millin both did non-compete pro-novice runs and it was as always nice to watch

more experienced handlers work their dogs. It was a great learning experience for all, and we novice handlers appreciate the open and more experienced handlers taking the time to do these learning trials and help guide us on this amazing journey with our dogs. A great big thank you to Barbara Armata and Warren Mick for educating us novice handlers more. Also a big thank you for the people who helped with setting and holding sheep for us on both days as hot as it was...Kim Lippolis, Sharon Garland, Linda Clark, and Annie Palmer, and for Sara Reiter for hosting this trial which raised \$ 1000.00 that will go towards the Novice Finals this fall.

Novice 1 (8 dogs)

1	Peggy Flanagan	Angus	70
2	Pam Wataha	Ace	70
3	Betty Padgett	Lex	66
4	Peggy Flanagan	Rory	58
5	Lori Tsumda	Pepper	54

Pro-Novice 1 (1 dog)

1	Annie Palmer	Lark	55
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Novice 2 (8 dogs)

1	Peggy Flanagan	Rory	77
2	Peggy Flanagan	Angus	74
3	Pam Wataha	Ace	66
4	Lori Tsumda	Pepper	59
5	Betty Padgett	Lex	33

Pro-Novice 2 (1 dog)

1	Annie Palmer	Lark	55
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Feed the best diet you can possibly find and afford. Many would say that they'd go broke if they had to feed that kind of quality to their dogs. If you can't, maybe you have too many dogs. It's as simple as that. - Art Stoller, musher



CAORA FARM SDT JUN 23-26

Judge: Joni Tietjen

Open 1 (87 dogs)

1	Beverly Lambert	Joe	92
2	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	91
3	Maria Amodei	Levi	87
4	Denise Leonard	Emmie	86
5	Warren Mick	Eddie	84
6	Amanda Milliken	Monty	78
7	Dave Young	Pic	77
8	Lori Cunningham	Matt	76
9	Beverly Lambert	Nan	75
10	Robyn French	Spot2	74
11	Fiona Robertson	Mirk	70
12	Werner Reitboeck	Sigi	71
13	Steve Wetmore	Gile	70
14	Maria Amodei	Song	67
15	Eileen Stein	Jib	64

16	Mike Nunan	Cap	63
17	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	62
18	Steve Wetmore	Floss	62

Open 2 (84 dogs)

1	Tom Wilson	Kate	91
2	Amanda Milliken	Howell	89
3	Werner Reitboeck	Sigi	87
4	Peggy Wilkinson	Speck	86
5	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	86
6	Dave Young	Bess	85
7	Warren Mick	Eddie	85
8	Maria Amodei	Song	84
9	Chris Bowen	Bella	84
10	Amanda Milliken	Monty	83
11	Renee Billadeau	Bette	82
12	Barbara Ray	Maverick	81
13	Steve Wetmore	Gile	81

14	Mich Ferraro	Pip	80
15	Beverly Lambert	River	80
16	Sue Schoen	Peat	76
17	Dick Williams	Mick	76

Nursery 1 (16 dogs)

1	Lori Cunningham	Lefty	72
2	Amanda Milliken	Zola	64
3	Barbara Ray	Star	63
4	Sue Schoen	Cora	54

Nursery 2 (16 dogs)

1	Amanda Milliken	Quark	69
2	Fiona Robertson	Meg	61
3	Barbara Ray	Star	59
4	Mike Nunan	Kip	57



Cascade Farm SDT
Sheep and setout crew watching the
double lift from the top of the field
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CASCADE FARM SDT JUL 2-4

Novice 1 (8 dogs)

1	Victoria Snowden	Trim	72
2	Margaret Flanagan	Angus	68
3	Pam Wataha	Ace	65
4	Margaret Flanagan	Rory	52
5	Julia Anderson	Sweep	50

Novice 2 (8 dogs)

1	Margaret Flanagan	Angus	76
2	Julia Anderson	Sweep	74
3	Margaret Flanagan	Rory	63
4	Barbara Erriksen	Dozen	61
5	Sheila Crepeau	Zain	60
6	Victoria Snowden	Trim	59
7	Pam Wataha	Ace	57

Novice 2 day winners

Champion Margaret Flanagan & Angus*
Reserve Julia Andeson & Sweep**

Pro-Novice 1 (14 dogs)

1	Sue Schoen	Cora	77
2	Fiona Robertson	mEG	73
3	Deborah Donahue	Cap	72
4	Beverly Lambert	Lee	71
5	Glenn Kopp	Bryn	69
6	Dave Young	Tagh	68
7	Victoria Snowden	Prim	60
8	Betty Belliveau	Ava	51

Pro-Novice 2 (14 dogs)

1	Sue Schoen	Cora	74
2	Victoria Snowden	Prim	72
3	Beverly Lambert	Lee	70
4	Mich Ferraro	Dahlia	68
5	Fiona Robertson	mEG	63
6	George Northrop	Tot	62
7	Betty Belliveau	Ava	58
8	Mich Ferraro	Desi	56
9	Dave Young	Tagh	54
10	Deborah Donahue	Cap	49

Pro-Novice 2 day winners

Champion Sue Schoen & Cora*
Reserve Beverly Lambert & Lee**

Ranch 1 (15 dogs)

1	Brenda Buja	River	73
2	Deborah Donahue	Brit	70
3	Liz Shaw	Jura	70
4	Martha Walke	Jude	67

5	Brenda Buja	Josie	66
6	Denise Leonard	Chloe	63
7	Pam Hunt	Styx	61
8	Ellen Fowler	Celt	58
9	Dana Eriksen	Quinn	56
10	Judianne Davis-van	TeeCA	52

Ranch 2 (15 dogs)

1	Brenda Buja	Josie	81
2	Brenda Buja	River	69
3	Deborah Donahue	Britt	68
4	Pam Hunt	Styx	64
5	Dana Eriksen	Quinn	60

Ranch 2 day winners

Champion Brenda Buja & Josie*
Reserve Brenda Buja & River**

Nursery 1 (11 dogs)

1	Amanda Milliken	Quark	74
2	Fiona Robertson	mEG	64

Nursery 2 (10 dogs)

1	Beverly Lambert	Lee	63
2	Amanda Milliken	Zola	63

Open 1 (43 dogs)

1	Beverly Lambert	Nan	90
2	Maria Amodei	Levi	85
3	Sallie Butler	Roo	83
4	Fiona Robertson	Mirk	83
5	Barbara Levinson	Bill	82
6	Amanda Milliken	Doresy	80
7	Amanda Milliken	Howell	80
8	Mich Ferraro	Mawde	79
9	Beverly Lambert	River	79
10	Dave Young	Pic	74

Open 2 (43 dogs)

1	Dave Young	Pic	93
2	Warren Mick	Eddie	89
3	Dave Young	Bess	88
4	Fiona Robertson	Mirk	87
5	Amanda Milliken	Howell	85
6	Beverly Lambert	River	85
7	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	84
8	Beverly Lambert	Nan	84
9	Mich Ferraro	Pip	79
10	Michael Nunan	Cap	74

Open 2 day winners

Champion Beverly Lambert & Nan*
Reserve Fiona Robertson & Mirk**

Double Lift Qualifiers

(2 day combined scores)

1	Beverly Lambert	Nan	174
2	Fiona Robertson	Mirk	170
3	Dave Young	Pic	169
4	Amanda Milliken	Howell	165
5	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	164
6	Beverly Lambert	River	164
7	Sallie Butler	Roo	156
8	Barbara Levinson	Bill	151
9	Mich Ferraro	Mawde	151
10	Maria Amodei	Levi	150
11	Fiona Robertson	Fen	148
12	Sue Schoen	Peat	142
13	Denise Leonard	Emmie	140
14	Bruce Smart	Hemp	140
15	Mich Ferraro	Pip	136
16	Denise Leonard	Maggie	136
17	Michael Nunan	Cap	134
18	Warren Mick	Eddie	134
19	Pam Davies	Dilys	130
20	Sue Schoen	Spy	129

Double Lift Results

1	Beverly Lambert	Nan	128
2	Warren Mick	Eddie	120
3	Sue Schoen	Peat	110
4	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	109
5	Sallie Butler	Roo	105
6	Fiona Robertson	Fen	102
7	Denise Leonard	Emmie	102
8	Dave Young	Pic	102
9	Amanda Milliken	Howell	101
10	Bruce Smart	Hemp	98

Open 3 day winner

Champion Beverly Lambert & Nan***

* 2-Day Champions received handmade mugs by Nara Burgess

** 2-Day Reserves received honey by Cascade Farm Apiary

*** 3-Day Champion receives dog's portrait by Heidi Osgood-Metcalf



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FETCHGATE FARM SDT JUL 1-4

Novice 1 (4 dogs)

1	Wataha, Pam	Ace	65
2	Mower, Jan	Byrd	40
3	Behrens, Melanie	Zim	21

Novice 2 (4 dogs)

1	Wataha, Pam	Ace	65
2	Behrens, Melanie	Zim	25
3	Dury, Wally	Fate	12

Pro-Novice 1 (32 dogs)

1	Hinton, Tracy	Lad	77
2	Ratcliff, Katy	Teak	75
3	Hartz, Rebecca	Kenna	72
4	Palmer, John	Mara	71
5	Brothers, Michelle	Flo	69
6	Nunan, Sharon	Rock	63
7	Millen, Roger	Piper	62
8	Rember, Stacey	Shep	62
9	Palmer, Cynthia	Dave	61
10	Greenway, Angie	Liz	61

Pro-Novice 2 (33 dogs)

1	Palmer, John	Mara	76
2	Brothers, Michelle	Flo	73
3	Nunan, Sharon	Rock	70
4	Zieser, Walt	Tess	70
5	Hartz, Rebecca	Bella	69
6	Reitbock, Werner	Rosie	67
7	Liptak, Nancy	Bean	65
8	Greenway, Angie	Liz	64
9	Hinton, Tracy	Lad	63
10	Cunningham, Lori	Buck	62

Ranch 1 (29 dogs)

1	Millen, Roger	Jessie	83
2	Cunningham, Lori	Lefty	79
3	Dunning, Helen	Sis	77
4	Millen, Heather	Lass	76
5	Reiter, Sara	Speck	73
6	Leverett, Barb	Becca	71
7	Clark, Linda	Lyn	69
8	Palmer, Cynthia	Duke	67
9	Worthington, Joan	Saint	67
10	Palmer, John	Dutch	67

Ranch 2 (25 dogs)

1	Millen, Roger	Jessie	85
2	Palmer, John	Dutch	84
3	Dawkins, Morgan	Jack	73
4	Cunningham, Lori	Lefty	73
5	Worthington, Joan	Saint	73
6	Reiter, Sara	Chet	71
7	Millen, Heather	Lass	64
8	Palmer, Annie	Tess	64
9	Leverett, Barb	Becca	62
10	Dunning, Helen	Sis	60

Nursery 1 (11 dogs)

1	Cunningham, Lori	Lefty	83
2	Hinton, Tracy	Lad	79

Nursery 2 (11 dogs)

1	Brothers, Michelle	Flo	83
2	Cunningham, Lori	Lefty	78

Open 1 (75 dogs)

1	Thompson, Mary	Paris	84
2	Thompson, Mary	Jake	81
3	Sheninger, Gene	Nick	79
4	Sheninger, Gene	Sweet	79
5	Southard, Willie	Kate	79
6	Palmer, John	Spec	77
7	Weeks, Dan	Tillie	76
8	Eddy, Joyce	Wren	74
9	Eddy, Joyce	Katty	74
10	Leverett, Barb	Bess	72
11	Cunningham, Lori	Matt	71
12	Palmer, John	Dutch	71
13	Leverett, Barb	Bob	71
14	Hall, Peter	Bill	70
15	Savage, Lorna	Kaylee	70

Open 2 (66 dogs)

1	Thompson, Mary	Paris	94
2	Sharp, Dave	Cymro	93
3	Thompson, Mary	Mia	89
4	Cunningham, Lori	Matt	86
5	Millen, Roger	Jessie	82
6	Higgins, Michele	Opal	82
7	Williams, Dick	Fleet	82
8	Southard, Willie	Taz	82
9	Brothers, Michelle	Sky	80
10	Sheninger, Gene	Nick	80
11	West, Carolyn	Abe	80
12	Millen, Heather	Scout	80
13	Duffy, Mary Ann	Stan	78

OSSIPEE VALLEY FAIR SDT JUL 7

Open 1 (1 dogs)

1	Steve Wetmore & Gile
2	Steve Wetmore & Stu...
3	Lynn Deschambeault & Flo
4	Lynn Deschambeault & Nana
5	Roger Deschambeault & Jack
6	Roger Deschambeault & Trim
7	Tim Molinero & Finn
8	Gabrielle Merrill & Tess
9	Tim Molinero & Breckin

Open 2 (1 dogs)

1	Steve Wetmore & Gile
2	Roger Deschambeault & Jill
3	Steve Wetmore & Stu
4	Roger Deschambeault & Trim
5	Gabrielle Merrill & Tess
6	Lynn Deschambeault & Nana
7	Tim Molinero & Finn
8	Lynn Deschambeault & Flo
9	Debbie Donahue & Britt

Nursery 1 (5 dogs)

1	Roger Deschambeault & Jill
2	Lynn Deschambeault & Nana
3	Roger Deschambeault & Jack
4	Glenn Kopp & Bryn

Nursery 2 (5 dogs)

1	Roger Deschambeault & Jill
2	Lynn Deschambeault & Nana
3	Glenn Kopp & Bryn



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DANCING EWE FARM SDT JUL 9-10

Judge: George Northrop

Open 1 (48 dogs)

1	Warren Mick	Eddie	103
2	Maria Amodei	Song	100
3	Pam Hunt	Styx	94
4	Barbara Armata	Dart	93
5	Steve Wetmore	Floss	93
6	Barbara Armata	Meg	93
7	Pam Davies	Teilo	92
8	Denise Leonard	Emmie	90
9	Jim Murphy	Jim	87
10	Mary Ann Duffy	Stan	85

Open 2 (47 dogs)

1	Mike Nunan	Cap	105
2	Warren Mick	Becca	102
3	Bruce Smart	Hemp	99
4	Steve Wetmore	Gile	95
5	Denise Leonard	Maggie	92
6	Kate Collins	Ela	92
7	Maria Amodei	Song	89
8	Barbara Armata	Dart	88
9	Chris Bowen	Bella	85
10	Steve Wetmore	Floss	84

Combined Overall - Maria and Song

Best Out Work - Denise Leonard & Emmie



Jesse Nunan & Matteo Somers - The Future of NEBCA
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SPRING VALLEY OPEN SDT JUL 23-24

Judge: Beverly Lambert

Open 1 (46 dogs)

1	Maria Amodei	Marcus	92
2	Stephen Wetmore	Gile	91
3	Sue Schoen	Peat	91
4	Mary Ann Duffy	Jet	89
5	Fiona Robertson	Mirk	89
6	Barb Leverett	Bob	89
7	Pam Davies	Jet	89
8	Pam Davies	Teilo	89
9	Maria Amodei	Song	87
10	Sallie Butler	Roo	85

Open 2 (45 dogs)

1	Stephen Wetmore	Gile	95
2	Denise Leonard	Emmie	91
3	Mary Ann Duffy	Jet	89
4	Stephen Wetmore	Floss	89
5	Pam Hunt	Styx	87
6	Fiona Robertson	Mirk	85
7	Sue Schoen	Spy	84
8	Kate Collins	Ela	84
9	Pam Davies	Jet	83
10	Fiona Robertson	Fen	83

Nursery 1 (5 dogs)

1	Sue Schoen	Cora
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Nursery 2 (5 dogs)

1	Maria Amodei	Poe
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2 day Champion

Stephen Wetmore and Gile

2 day Reserve

Mary Ann Duffy and Jet



FETCHGATE FARM NOVICE SDT JUL 22-24

Friday Novice (17 dogs)

1	Powers, Teresa	Chaos	70
2	Sherman, Debbie	Nellie	67
3	Eriksson, Barbara	Dozen	66
4	Tsuruda, Lori	Pepper	66
5	Behrens, Melanie	Zim	66
6	Wataha, Pam	Ace	65
7	Crepeau, Sheila	Zain	62
8	Koons, Pat	Kes	62
9	Thompson, Diane	Zeke	61
10	Flanagan, Peggy	Angus	61

Saturday Novice (19 dogs)

2	Fowler, Ellen	Sweep	74
3	Behrens, Melanie	Zim	74
1	Flanagan, Peggy	Rory	74
4	Tsuruda, Lori	Pepper	71
6	Lashinski, Megan	Roy	69
5	Florentino, Terri	Queen	69
7	Spurlin, Amber	Katybug	66
9	Duarte, Deb	Remi	65
8	Thompson, Diane	Zeke	65
10	Flanagan, Peggy	Angus	61

Sunday Novice (19 dogs)

1	Lashinski, Megan	Roy	74
2	Flanagan, Peggy	Rory	73
3	Thompson, Diane	Zeke	72
4	Duarte, Deb	Remi	72
5	Fowler, Ellen	Sweep	72
6	Tsuruda, Lori	Pepper	72
7	Florentino, Terri	Queen	70
8	Powers, Teresa	Chaos	68
9	Crepeau, Sheila	Zain	64
10	Lockwood, Sandy	Grace	64

Friday Pro-Novice (40 dogs)

1	Billadeau, Renee	Grant	77
2	Billadeau, Mark	Lee	76
3	Gardner, Pam	Dell	76
4	Millen, Roger	Piper	75
5	Bellaman, Rebecca	Czechers	72
6	Malloy, Karen	Keeper	72
7	Armata, Bernie	Dot	70
8	Hartz, Rebecca	Bella	68
9	Liptak, Nancy	Bean	66
10	Layfield, Todd	Tim	66

Saturday Pro-Novice (42 dogs)

1	Armata, Barb	Wren	77
2	Newcomb, Josh	Cash	75
3	Bellaman, Rebecca	Czechers	73
6	Brothers, Michelle	Mac	72
5	Madison, Ron	Blaze	72
4	Billadeau, Renee	Grant	72
7	Gardner, Pam	Dell	69
8	Rember, Stacey	Teg	68
9	Nunan, Sharon	Rock	66
10	Billadeau, Mark	Lee	66

Sunday Pro-Novice (39 dogs)

1	Billadeau, Mark	Lee	79
2	Gorman, Karen	Nashville	74
3	Armata, Barb	Wren	73
4	Layfield, Todd	Tim	72
5	Johnson, Eric	Skye	72
6	Malloy, Karen	Keeper	71
7	Liptak, Nancy	Bean	69
8	Yazwinski, Emily	Cleat	68
9	Billadeau, Renee	Grant	67
10	Gardner, Pam	Dell	67

Friday Ranch (26 dogs)

1	Palmer, Annie	Nell	72
2	Palmer, Annie	Tess	67
3	Hornung, Sandy	Skyler	64
4	Shelden, Sherry	Tom	63
5	Lockwood, Sandy	Joy	63
6	Mueller, Pam	Fly	63
7	Simpson, Peggy	Boone	62
8	Lippolis, Kim	Becky	59
9	Liptak, Nancy	Ben	59
10	Fowler, Ellen	Celt	59

Saturday Ranch (26 dogs)

1	Klimek, Merry	Wren	82
2	Simpson, Peggy	Boone	77
3	Palmer, Annie	Nell	74
4	Billadeau, Mark	Eve	71
5	Mueller, Pam	Fly	71
6	Millen, Heather	Lass	70
7	Gardner, Pam	Kena	70
8	Brothers, Michelle	Flo	69
9	Shelden, Sherry	Rose	68
10	Bacskey, Pat	Tarra	67

Sunday Ranch (22 dogs)

1	Palmer, Annie	Nell	86
2	Mueller, Pam	Fly	81
3	Lippolis, Kim	Becky	78
4	Reiter, Sara	Chet	78
5	Klimek, Merry	Wren	77
6	Greenway, Angie	Liz	72
7	Fowler, Ellen	Celt	71
8	Bigourdan, J-Louis	Kelso	71
9	Billadeau, Mark	Eve	68
10	Simpson, Peggy	Boone	67

Friday Nursery (11 dogs)

1	Billadeau, Mark	Lee	78
2	Liptak, Nancy	Ben	75

Saturday Nursery (10 dogs)

1	Madison, Ron	Blaze	80
2	Billadeau, Renee	Grant	74

Sunday Nursery (6 dogs)

1	Billadeau, Mark	Lee	83
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Commands should sound like great ideas. Not so much our corrections. I work hard at not giving a command with a corrective tone. They should also be calibrated with what we want. If we want a small flank we should ask for a small flank; a big open flank? Ask for a big open flank. The dog's job is to give us what we ask for. It is our job to make sure we ask for what we want. I'm surprised at how many folks use the exact same tone and articulation for a flank regardless of the intent. — *Dave Imas*



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SCOTIA NOVICE SDT JUL 31

Novice 1			
1	Julia Anderson	Sweep	69
2	Francois Leblanc	Joy	59
3	Anna D'Entremont	Baby	58

Novice 2			
1	Francois Leblanc	Joy	73
2	Anna D'Entremont	Baby	58
3	Julia Anderson	Sweep	49

Pro Novice 1			
1	Hilary Flower	Tan	78

2	Glen Kopp	Bryn	61
3	Paula Reardon	Jock	61
4	JP Mailett	Hurricane	50

Pro Novice 2			
1	Glen Kopp	Bryn	65
2	JP Mailett	Hurricane	63
3	Mary D'Entremont	Kip	62
4	Paula Reardon	Orka	60

Ranch 1			
1	Natalie Labelle	Mia	76
2	Hilary Flower	Floss	76

3	Brenda Buja	Josie	71
4	Brenda Buja	River	71
5	Kevin Fitch	Trent	66

Ranch 2			
1	Brenda Buja	Josie	83
2	Hilary Flower	Floss	81
3	Natalie Labelle	Mia	80
4	Brenda Buja	River	75
5	Fred Hamilton	Georgie	68
6	Kevin Fitch	Trent	68
7	Natalie Labelle	Scout	56

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Open 1 (133 dogs)			
1	Amanda Milliken	Howell	88
2	Ken Price	Syd	86
3	Jennifer L'Arrivee	Kinloch	86
		Bee	
4	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	85
5	Linda Tesdahl	Royce	82
6	Barbara Ray	Stella	81
7	Steve Wetmore	Gile	81
8	Marianna Schreeder	Amy	79
9	Bob Stephens	RMS Black Lux	79
10	Marianna Schreeder	Nel	78
11	Mich Ferraro	Mawde	78
12	Marilyn Terpstra	Lola	76
13	Joe Haynes	Keally	76
14	Peter Hall	Meg	76
15	Linda Tesdahl	Juno	76
16	Kate Ash	Roy	75
17	John Palmer	Preacher	75
18	Barbara Leverett	Bess	75
19	Tracy Hinton	Soot	75

20	Tom Wilson	Meg	74
21	Connie Brannen	Boz	73
22	Beverly Lambert	Joe	72
23	Tom Wilson	Kate	72
24	Cheryl Williams	Fleet	72
25	Lorna Savage	Kaylee	72
26	Tracy Hinton	Dax	71
27	Mary Thompson	Mia	71

Open 2 (137 dogs)			
1	Barbara Ray	Stella	96
2	Marilyn Terpstra	Lola	93
3	Cy Peterson	Erin	91
4	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	90
5	Beverly Lambert	Nan	88
6	Connie Brannen	Boz	88
7	Jennifer L'Arrivee	Kinloch	
		Bee	85
8	Tom Wilson	Kate	82
9	Lori Cunningham	Matt	81
10	Joe Haynes	Keally	81

11	Christine Koval	Jimmy	81
12	John Palmer	Spec	79
13	John Palmer	Dutch	79
14	Beverly Lambert	Joe	79
15	Barbara Ray	Maverick	78
16	Ken Price	Tam	77
17	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	77
18	Don Whittington	Woodro	
		w	76
19	Tracy Hinton	Soot	75
20	Mary Thompson	Frost	75
21	Ken Price	Sue	74
22	Dave Young	Pic	74
23	Mary Thompson	Mia	74
24	Marianna Schreeder	Amy	73
25	Tom Wilson	Meg	73
26	Amanda Milliken	Howell	73
27	Nisi Staley	Sid	72
28	Jan Thompson	Trim	72



Steve Wetmore and Floss - ©Kate Collins



NEBCA News



KINGSTON SDT AUG 2-7

Judge: Patrick Shannahan				31	Barbara Levinson	Bill	77	24	Sue Schoen	Spy	81
Open 1 (166 dogs)				32	Mich Ferrero	Mawde	76	25	Gene Sheninger	Sweet	80
1	Tracy Hinton	Soot	90	33	Lorna Savage	Tyler	76	26	Willie Southard	Kate	80
2	Joyce Geier	Jim	90	34	Connie Brannen	Velvet	76	27	Dave Young	Bess	79
3	Barbara Ray	Maverick	89	35	Sandra Milberg	Devon	76	28	John Palmer	Spec	79
4	Lori Cunningham	Matt	88	Judge: John Robinson				29	Roger Millen	Jessie	79
5	Joni Tietjen	Ben	88					30	Robin French	Spot2	78
6	Tom Wilson	Kate	88	Open 2 (165 dogs)				31	John Palmer	Preacher	78
7	Cheryl Williams	Fleet	87	1	Barbara Ray	Maverick	92	32	Tom Hoeber	Quinn	77
8	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	86	2	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	92	33	Peggy Chute	Olive	77
9	Robin French	Spot2	86	3	Barbara Ray	Stella	91	34	Lori Cunningham	Matt	77
10	Carol Guy	Hank	85	4	Chris Chambers	Ruby	91	35	Sandra Milberg	Devon	77
11	Warren Mick	Eddie	84	5	Beverly Lambert	Nan	90	36	Werner Reitboeck	Sigi	77
12	Wayne Roberts	Mick	83	6	Christine Koval	Jimmy	89	Judges: Patrick Shannahan, John Robinson			
13	Dave Young	Bess	83	7	Cy Peterson	Erin	88				
14	Dick Williams	Dave	83	8	Joe Haynes	Pepper	86	Double Lift (17 dogs)			
15	Cy Peterson	Reba	82	Kinloch				1	Beverly Lambert	Nan	297
16	Beverly Lambert	Nan	82					2	Barbara Ray	Stella	271
17	Dawn Boyce	Slim	81	9	Jennifer L'Arrivee	Bee	86	3	Beverly Lambert	Joe	260
18	Maria Amodei	Song	81	10	Wayne Roberts	Mick	85	4	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	244
19	Linda Tesdahl	Juno	81	11	Joe Haynes	Keelly	84	5	Barbara Ray	Maverick	232
20	Marianna Schreeder	Amy	80	12	Beverly Lambert	Joe	84	6	Christine Koval	Jimmy	231
21	Joni Tietjen	Cap	80	13	Joni Tietjen	Ben	84	7	Tom Wilson	Kate	219
22	Barbara Ray	Stella	79	14	Dawn Boyce	Slim	84	8	Dawn Boyce	Slim	211
23	Beverly Lambert	Joe	79	15	Jan Thompson	Trim	83	9	Wayne Roberts	Mick	210
24	Joe Haynes	Pepper	79	16	Dave Young	Pic	83	10	Joni Tietjen	Ben	203
25	Marilyn Terpstra	Eve	78	17	Gene Sheninger	Nick	83	11	Joyce Geier	Jim	195
26	Charlie Hurt	Josey	78	18	Marianna Schreeder	Amy	82	12	Joni Tietjen	Cap	188
27	Amanda Milliken	Howell	78	19	Wayne Roberts	Drift	82	13	Dave Young	Bess	173
28	Kate Ash	Roy	77	20	Tom Wilson	Kate	81	14	Lori Cunningham	Matt	171
29	Mary Ann Duffy	Stan	77	21	Linda Tesdahl	Royce	81				
30	Christine Koval	Jimmy	77	22	Ken Price	Sid	81				
				23	Joni Tietjen	Cap	81				

CBCA 2016 CHAMPIONSHIPS AUG 11-14

Open 1 (70 dogs)				Open 2 (70 dogs)				Double Lift Final (12 dogs)			
1	Katherine Ash	Roxanne	92	1	Dick Williams	Dave	105	1	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	257
2	Kevan Gretton	Sid	91	2	Kevan Gretton	Sid	105	2	Beverly Lambert	Joe	218
3	Amanda Milliken	BB Howell	91	3	Mary Thompson	Mia	101	3	Ken Price	Syd	217
4	Charles Williams III	RC Lyn	90	4	Beverly Lambert	Joe	100	4	John Palmer	Spec	212
5	Viki Kidd	Macy	90	5	Bob Stephens	Black Lux	99	5	Fiona Robertson	Fen	199
6	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	88	6	Wendy Schmaltz	CWS Ky	99	6	Bob Stephens	Black Lux	173
7	Tracy Hinton	Dax	88	7	John Palmer	Spec	99	7	Katherine Ash	Roxanne	166
8	Beverly Lambert	Joe	87	8	Corey Perry	Ruby	98	8	Mary Thompson	Mia	164
9	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	87	9	Heather Millen	Scout	98	9	Corey Perry	Ruby	158
10	Wayne Hadley-Roberts	Drift	87	10	Fiona Robertson	Fen	98	10	Kevan Gretton	Sid	153
11	Corey Perry	Ruby	86	11	Ken Price	Tam	98	Judges: Patrick Shannahan, Tom Wilson			
12	Dawn Boyce	Wilson	85	12	Viki Kidd	Macy	96				
13	John Palmer	Spec	85	13	Marilyn Terpstra	Lola	93				
14	Ken Price	Syd	85	14	Tracy Hinton	Soot	93				



LEATHERSTOCKING SDT AUG 19-21



Chris Bowen's Bella at the cross drive panel - © Virginia Prince

Judge: Joyce Geier

Ranch (22 dogs)

1	Walke, Martha	Jude	70
2	Amodei, Maria	Poe	66
3	Brothers, Michelle	Flo	62
4	Mick, Warren	Lucy	58
5	Bigourdan, Jean-Louis	Kelso	52
6	Robertson, Fiona	Meg	48
7	Collins, Kate	Tux	48
8	Northrop, George	Tot	47
9	Redick, Rosemary	Kensa	46
10	Lockwood, Sandy	Joy	44

Open 1 (75 dogs)

1	Leonard, Denise	Maggie	87
2	Amodei, Maria	Marcus	86
3	Lambert, Beverly	Nan	83
4	Lambert, Beverly	Joe	81
5	Wetmore, Stephen	Gile	80
6	Robertson, Fiona	Mirk	80
7	Mick, Maria	Bodie	80
8	Wetmore, Stephen	Floss	79
9	Hurt, Charlie	Josie	77
10	Millen, Roger	Jessie	77
11	Levinson, Barbara	Bill	76
12	Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Mercury	75
13	Leverett, Barb	Bess	75
14	Schoen, Susan	Cora	73
15	Polites, Michael	Taff	71

Open 2 (73 dogs)

1	Lambert, Beverly	Nan	89
2	Wetmore, Stephen	Gile	87
3	Robertson, Fiona	Mirk	87
4	Millen, Heather	Lass	86
5	Palmer, Annie	Nell	86
6	Leverett, Barb	Bob	84
7	Mick, Maria	Bodie	82
8	Malloy, Sally	Mist	82
9	Hurt, Charlie	Josie	78
10	Wetmore, Stephen	Floss	78
11	Amodei, Maria	Song	78
12	Levinson, Barbara	Bob	77
13	Murphy, Jim	Jim	76
14	Leonard, Denise	Maggie	76
15	Murphy, Joanne	Awel	76



VERMONT ST CHAMPIONSHIP SDT AUG 27

Judge: Mary Ellen Young

1	Pam Davies	Jet
2	Mich Ferraro	Pip
3	Stephen Wetmore	Gile
4	Mich Ferraro	Mawde
5	Maria Amodei	Song

6	Maria Mick	Bode
7	Peter VanDeCar	Bear
8	Lynn Deschambeault	Nan
9	Maria Mick	Nick
10	Sallie Butler	Roo

A LONG ROAD

Judy Gambill

I am a novice handler who wanted very much to take the very long road of learning how to train my own dogs and run them in trials. I have been training and trialing off and on for about 12 years. During that time I have run 5 of my own dogs with varying degrees of success. I started with a rescue border collie back in the day when trials were small enough to run all classes both Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend. She and I didn't start until she was 4 years old, but surprisingly, managed to make a respectable job of things on the trial field consistently landing in the top 10 and most often in the top 3. She was not a greatly talented dog, but she and I developed a strong, trusting relationship. I knew she wouldn't lie down and she knew I wouldn't ask her to do something she couldn't. The lack of a lie down was a particular source of great frustration because in all other things she was quite cooperative. After much cardiovascular work on my part, running up and down fields for months, we ended up compromising on a stop which meant she did just that – stopped all forward movement but remained standing. We got along much better after that. Now for her part, she trusted that what I asked her to do, she could do. So when she was 8 years old and her hips began causing her to be unable to catch fleeing sheep, I left the post to help her. We quietly caught the sheep up against a fence, walked them calmly to the exhaust together and retired from trialing.

In the ensuing years I have had some very good luck. I have met some wonderful trainers who understood the draw and excitement of learning how to train my own dog. They have been patient enough to advise me along the way and never felt the need to try to talk me out of my commitment to this long road. I have met wonderful people when trialing who have become good friends and who have also supported me through the thick and thin of this trek.

I have also had some very bad luck losing one dog to epilepsy and another to a back issue resulting in paralysis.

My current trial dog is teaching me MUCH. I'm sure she is teaching me more than I am able to teach her. She is a very talented dog with a superb desire to work. She hasn't always been a willing partner. Recognizing that I was often slow to learn, she had to learn patience in waiting for me to catch up. Discerning that she had a determination to work that I had not seen before, I had to learn to be the trainer that she needed. Now that she is two and a half, we are becoming a team.

If you, like I, have decided to take the long road, don't give up. The journey is worth all the effort. When you have one of those runs where everything comes together and you are working as a team; working together to accomplish the same goal of controlling and moving the sheep; where the dog understands the job and can take the initiative to cover escaping sheep before you can utter a sound; then you will comprehend the mystery, majesty and magical quality that occurs when your border collie allows you to become her partner and you will join the illustrious travelers who have gone before you on the long road.

I feel sorry for people who don't have dogs. I hear they have to pick up food they drop on the floor.



Morning Commute, Michelle Higgins' Opal - ©Michelle Higgins

TRUST YOUR DOG

Maria Amodei

Rhyme, self-appointed royalty, was an opinionated creature to train. Certain commands were deemed irrelevant to her rarified consciousness. Commands like “Lie Down”. She’d come around the top on a lovely cast, turn in, and drive into the sheep and catch one. I would go up the middle and push her back over and over and over and over. I grew tired of constantly reprimanding her, struggling to keep the annoyance from my attitude. I knew that to some degree the constant corrections added energy to the situation. One day on a large open field with a group of ram lambs I decided to trust her, stop the nagging, just turn around and let her bring the sheep along with me. I started with a small gather. As she brought the sheep to me I turned around and started walking. No nagging, pushing on her, nothing. It was working! I walked briskly along, hearing the quiet patter of the group of sheep just a short distance behind me. Rhyme always had lovely balance and never was one to let any of her charges wander off. I relaxed. This was the secret. I’d been sustaining her bad behavior with the energy of my constant corrections. Hallelujah! I walked about 50 yards, the little group of ram lambs trip trapping along behind me.

Not wanting to tempt fate, I turned around to stop her. I was not so naive as to believe she’d stop with my back turned. There was the little group of ram lambs about 10 feet behind me, walking along, glancing back at the one poor sod whom Rhyme had caught. She must have gotten him right as I turned my back. These were Churros with long draping fleeces. She had a huge swath of fleece from the britches of this poor lamb and was using it like a rope to haul him backwards. Her feet were spread and dug in, muscled bulged on her fit little body. She was working like a champion tug of war contestant. Inch by inch she pulled this poor lamb backwards. The only part of him making forward progress were his eyes, bugging out of his head. The rest of the group was showing the classic ovine survival response. “She’s got Joey. Just keep moving. Poor Joey, but it’s not my turn to be eaten today.”

It was a long time before I turned my back on Rhyme again.



CONVERSATIONS

Candy Kennedy

After reading some *dog forums* I often wonder if some people know the difference between conversations and lectures? It's funny how some people you enjoy getting together with to share ideas and others you find yourself tuning out. Good conversations get your creative juices flowing. To me, "to converse" implies a two way street – lectures tend to be a one way street ("my way or the highway"). Of course, you can and do learn from a lecture (depending on how it's given) but I believe conversation encourages interactions ... and when that occurs there is more involvement from both parties.

So, you ask – am I writing about people or dogs ... or ... what does this have to do with dogs!

I try to have conversations with my dogs not just lecture them. Conversations imply listening as well as talking. It's more difficult since your dog doesn't speak in the same language as you do – but truly he's communicating volumes if you learn to watch and listen.

If you are spending your entire training time fighting with you dog – then you aren't listening.

If you're dog isn't understanding what you are teaching – then you aren't communicating.

True, some dogs don't care to listen and some can't truly retain what they learn – but, you will never know if that's the case if you don't try and understand what and why he's doing certain things. If I'm having issues with a particular dog I try to figure out a common denominator. Below are some *conversations* I've had through the years with dogs (because I listened).

I've had issues with dogs that were great on some days and then fell apart the next. So, I spend time trying to understand what was different on those days. For one dog – if the first work of the day went well then he was good the rest of the working session. If he did something wrong (first outrun, lift, etc.) he became so stressed the rest of the work session went badly. So, I changed my training schedule with that dog. If the first outrun went badly, I would just stop working. I usually tied him up and went and did chores or worked another dog. Then when I took him back out I made SURE the first thing he did went correctly. Slowly, he stopped getting so stressed that it was impossible for him to focus if he did one thing wrong.

I had one dog recently that started slicing on his flanks. He had always been a clean, cool flanker and all the sudden he became the opposite of what was natural in him. Instead of just *pushing* him out – I tried to figure out what had changed in our working routine. Finally came to the conclusion that it was shedding. He LOVED shedding and every time the sheep came near me he wanted to engage which tightened down his flanks. So, we worked on flanks up close – pushing him past the sheep in both directions. I hadn't done a good job of having him understand my body position in relationship to shedding. I try to give clear signals to my dogs when I shed and he just hadn't understood the language yet.

I've had dogs that would fight every time we went to work. So, I would work them up close to make sure they didn't win the fight but at the same time letting them work sheep. Trying to let them understand that we were a *team* and this wasn't a competition. It's not a matter of *breaking* a dog but making it so enjoyable for him to interact with you, that he looks forward to it.

I've had dogs that became so reactionary they couldn't think. I went back several steps in their training and concluded it was my whistle that *set* them off. So, I decided to go back to voice. Then I slowly added one whistle at a time and I changed the whistle to softer, lower tones. I could have concluded he was being a jerk and fought him every step of the way – but we would have spent all our working time fighting instead of learning.

I've gotten into training ruts and never varied the routine – I would have never noticed – if I hadn't paid attention to my dogs getting bored. Again, the dogs were telling me what I was doing wrong ... it just took me awhile to "listen loudly".

Dogs are different, sheep are different – so learn to listen with your eyes and all species will be better off.



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2015 TRIAL SCHEDULE

DATE	TRIAL	LOCATION	CLASSES	CONTACT	INFO
Sep 3	Blue Hill Fair SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	Lynn Deschambeault 342 Hio Ridge Rd, Denmark ME 04022	Enter by 10am on
Sep 3-4	Woolly Winds SDT	Taravale Farm & Kennel Esperance, NY	Two N-N,P-N,Ran Trials NEBCA	Melody Hanchett 518-221-8222	2ND RUN Information ENTRY
Sep 4	Northeast US Sheepdog SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	Lynn Deschambeault 342 Hio Ridge Rd, Denmark ME 04022	Enter by 10am on grounds
Sep 10-11	NEBCA NOVICE FINALS	Cascade Farm Bath, NH	Two or Three Novice	Barbara Armata 518-875-6471	T Shirts T Design ENTRY
Sep 16	Loon Mountain SDT	NHHG Loon Mt, Lincoln,NH	One Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	Lynn Deschambeault 207-452-2898	Information
Sep 16-18	Pipedream Farm SDT	9416 Mt Tabor Rd Middletown, MD 21769	Two Open,One Novice & Three Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Renee Billadeau 301-293-2797	Information ENTRY Word PDF
Sep 23-25	Long Shot Trial	Church Hill, MD HOTELS	Open, Ranch, Pronovice USBCHA/NEBCA	Sherry Smith 410-708-2428	ENTRY Word PDF
Sep 26	Big E SDT	West Springfield, MA	Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	Pat Canaday 518-861-6049	Information Entry
Sep 24-26	Indian River Fall SDT	Indian River, ON Accommodations	A Mentoring Program is offered Two Novice, PN, Ranch & Open USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	Cynthia Palmer 705-295-3351	Mentor Mentee ENTRY
Sep 27-29	Swaledale SDT	Blackstock, ON	Two Novice, PN, Ranch & Open USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	Andrea de Kenedy 416-948-9331	Entry Word PDF
Sep 30-Oct 2	Shepherd's Crook Farm SDT	Woodville, Ontario	Two Novice, PN, Ranch & Open USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	Viki Kidd 416-277-4313	Information Entry Word PDF
Oct 2	Fryeburg Fair SDT	Fryeburg Fairgrounds,Maine	One Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	Gabrielle Merrill 207-935-2520	Entry Word PDF
Oct 14-15	NEBCA Fall Foliage		Two Open ,One Double Lift	Mich Ferraro 518-592-1320 Martha Walke	ENTRY Word PDF
Oct 30	Milferns SDT	Truro, NS	Two Novice, Pronovice, Ranch NEBCA	Anne Hamilton 902-897-7480	Pending
Dec 2-4	Long Shot SDT	Church Hill, MD HOTELS	Open, PN, Ranch NEBCA/USBCHA	Sherry Smith 410-708-2428	Pending

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Anatole France