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fulfill our request, and we instead invite
from him resistance."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I drove eight hours south from New Hampshire to a clinic in Maryland last weekend, but failed to escape reminders that winter, and the long hiatus from trialing that many of us northerners endure, are nearly upon us. Day one started warm and sunny, but by midday a cold front brought plunging temperatures, a few snowflakes, and winds so strong that the port-a-john actually blew over. Fortunately, it was unoccupied at the time. Being typical sheepdog

trainers, we donned all our warmest clothes and complained about the weather more than a little bit, but didn't let it interfere with our enjoyment of the clinic.

Throughout the 2016 season, I've really enjoyed watching the progress of novice handlers at NEBCA trials. The

quality of the runs at all levels of competition just seems to get better and better. This is great to see and makes me feel very excited about the



future of our sport. I know of at least four NEBCA members who have taken the big step into Open for the first time this year, including Beth Murray, Lynn Roberts, Peggy Simpson and Linda Clark. Congratulations to each of them.

As most of you know, the USBCHA National Finals are returning to Belle Grove, Virginia in 2017. Sandy Payne, one of NEBCA's own, has taken on the task of leading the effort to put on this event. Many of us are looking forward to attending, either as competitors or as spectators. Big trials like this take a huge amount of work and money. The more that we, as NEBCA members, can do to contribute to the success of an East Coast Finals, the better. Trial managers might want to consider conducting fundraisers at their events next year. All of us should be thinking about how we can lend a hand, in any way we can.

A big congratulations is due to Amanda Milliken and her wonderful dog, Howell, who topped the NEBCA High Points standings and won the double lift at the Fall Foliage this year. This dual accomplishment has been achieved only a few times in the history of the organization. It takes a special team.

Wishing all of you safe and happy holidays!

- Chris



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 #8 –This dog is biddable and natural. However he is excessively wide at the top. At trials he'll come up somewhat short 50% of the time, but usually lifts straight and has great fetches. He ignores flank or fast walkup commands during the lift. He has tension and will sometimes grip on the drive, mostly when holding strong pressure then asked to flank off that pressure. The dog has a natural outrun and was never pushed out on outruns or flanks.

Barb Levinson's Comments

Both of these issues sound like confidence issues at distance. Addressing problems that occur at distance, means I shorten up. If a dog is wide at the top, it may sound simplistic, but I like to set up different scenarios to observe how the dog runs. But to find where to start I like to rule out any concerns the dog might have, such as the holdout person. I've seen dogs come in tighter or wider because of that. And for the off balance flanks on pressure, since the dog was not pushed out on flanks, I would go back to the beginning.

Everything goes back to the basics, and for the outrun issues, its balance. First thing I would want to know is if the dog is stopping short on one side, or both. And if one side, is it the pressure side. To gauge or encourage balance, I would open the gate and let all the sheep run out into another field. While the sheep are still moving, I would then send the dog to catch them. Is he still wide? I would note if the dog gets to the proper balance point - testing his outrun both directions. Next, I would set up an outrun and with someone holding sheep. I would start by sending the dog to the butts of the sheep, thus eliminating the face to face. Then to their heads. I'm looking to decipher exactly what is stopping him short. Is it pressure, or the heads of the sheep, a bit of eye, or just an improperly executed OR. But for a dog stopping short for any reason, I would ask the dog to run past the balance point, to the far side flank, or all the way around circling the sheep. Does he falter or slow up or change gait? Does he tighten up? I want to see if there is hesitation anywhere, or a particular place where the dog wants to stop. This exercise not only works to get him moving easily around the sheep, it teaches him to keep running until I ask him to stop. Working this dog to the heads of sheep at home in close may give a clue. But handling at a trial will take on point timing to move him past his perceived stopping point to your stop point.

In training I would watch body movements, look for signs he is intending to stop short and in a trial be prepared to encourage him on. In the beginning, at a trial the handler can just assume the dog will think about stopping and give him a confidence whistle - reinforce the flank to keep him going. Be careful you don't push the dog further out, just keep him going.

Timing here is everything. Having said that, during a trial, I know everyone wants the dog to come to 12, but consider your dog, the field setup and the sheep.

The second issue is tension on the drive. The dog ignores the flank and commands for the fast walkup especially if holding pressure. This could be tension combined with confidence at distance. A strong repeated command asking the dog for a fast walkup and a flank likely put the tension in that dog causing him to grip or blow into the sheep. He may do this all correctly without pressure, but trial scenarios have a heightened atmosphere that can bring out tension. For driving, work on pace. This scenario can be reenacted at home by driving sheep that will move off a dog, quietly towards somewhere they will go easily, then since this dog knows a fast walk up, ask the dog to pick up the pace for a fast walkup, and then ask the dog to slow back down and then fast again. Continue a bit with the change in pace to see where the tension builds. It shouldn't take long. I would work on the cross drive first because I can see



Faulty Dog continued

the issue better, alternating fast and slow then fast. I look for body language to alert me, but I am also looking for a pattern - possibly a handler pattern. Does the dog blow in or grip when you give a the command, three times? Four times? Are the handler whistles harsh indicating insistence or urgency or even anger? If so, step back and evaluate the whistle. Is it loud or harsh because the handler doesn't think the dog will take it? That's too prophetic and often has bad results.

Before I add in an off balance flank (on or off pressure) I would reteach/reinforce flanks, with emphasis on the shape as this dog was not pushed out on flanks.

Fenceline first and then simple field work to start to re-familiarize the dog with the concept. As you work the sheep to the fence, shhh the dog and whichever way he wants to go, ask him to flank the other way. Once he starts to let you override him, then revisit the drive. Two groups of sheep, one in the distance and one you are working with. Your work set will naturally want to join the others at the far end of the field so you have a draw, you have pressure. Set the drive up to drive the sheep against light pressure and ask for the inside flank. Any hesitancy on the part of the dog and you get involved. Keeping it close, if the dog slices the flank, stop him and block him to give the correct flank on command. To improve success, especially at a trial, ask the dog to stop or stand before you give the flank thus allowing a little distance to accrue. As the dog gets better, step back, increase the pressure on the drive and repeat. As he improves, add in the slow, fast, slow pace exercise and graduated pressure and ask for a flank. Watch for clues that he is about to grip like pushing through the sheep and leaving some to the side or trying to crawl up the sides and catch the eye and start a fight. It is sneaky behavior and you will have to be quick to recognize the behavior before it happens and correct it with a 'hey' or a growl. Keeping the exercise close allows the handler to recognize and correct quickly, and get a change in behavior.

Over time as the dog gets comfortable with pressure situations, comfortable going between the fast and slow and fast pace and back down again easily, and happily takes the off balance flanks, increase the distance. The trick is doing it at 300 yards.

Warren Mick's Comments

Before discussing the faulty part, let me comment on the terms biddable and natural. I often hear these terms used to describe dogs and have used them myself. But I'm not sure there is general agreement on what they infer. I use biddable for a dog that is simply easy - responds to commands readily, easy to train and handle. In training, a biddable dog is willing to change its behavior with mild persuasion. Such a dog will stay in closer contact with the handler making both training and handling easier. So biddable is mostly good. Can a dog be too biddable? Yes, if the dogs easy nature comes from being soft or lacking confidence. We need some push in a dog in order to shape it and sufficient confidence so it can handle the stress of training and working. Dogs short on confidence can run wide, lack push and grip indiscriminately. Such dogs might be described as biddable since they are easy to work with in most situations.

As for Natural, the dictionary says natural can mean innate, inborn, or instinctive. Every animal has instinctive behaviors. When used for a herding dog, it means that many of the desirable herding behaviors are instinctive. Thus, a natural dog will have good balance and pace and strive to keep sheep together and under control. It will be good at reading livestock and may even have nicely shaped flanks. A natural dog will usually progress quickly in training but there may still be some tough spots. Off balance flanks and shedding may be counter to its natural tendencies.

On to the faulty dog.

Too wide on the outrun. Not good. Sorry, just being honest. Wide outrunning dogs have usually taken it to heart and are tough to change.

There are two approaches to deal with this problem. When training, send the dog out on a big outrun, stop it a third to half way out and flip it to the other side (i.e. make it cross over). After a few times, it may think twice about heading to Timbuktu on the side it left on. This may help, it may not, but won't cause any harm. The second method is to walk the dog a quarter to half way straight up the field and then flank it from there to finish its outrun. Do this every time when training. Then at the trial, set the dog up close to you, walk it forward a few steps (quietly) and then officially send it.



Faulty Dog continued

Stopping short and not taking flanks or walkups on the lift suggests a strong eyed dog. So strong eyed that it locks in when it finally gets in contact and neither bombs nor liver will have much effect. As this dog doesn't respond to commands on the lift, teaching a fast walkup or similar command to get the dog to lift quicker probably won't work. So what to do?

Fixing the goliath outrun will help. When this dog starts lifting from too far off, the slow approach makes the sheep more likely to question the dogs intent. The non-responding sheep will add to the dog's tension and lock-up. Getting this dog to come in tighter on the top of the outrun should get the sheep lifted sooner.

Lastly, the problem of gripping on the drive when asked for a difficult flank. Clearly the dog has some confidence / tension issues. While you won't likely change the innate character of the dog, you can get it more familiar with the situations that cause a problem. Two different exercises may help. Work the dog near some pressure and ask for flanks on and off the pressure. Insist on good flanks and stopping where told, especially when releasing pressure. The dog may never learn to like it but the idea is to make the event matter of fact. The second exercise is to cross drive back and forth for 5-10 minutes, longer if possible. No fetching. Just back and forth until the job becomes clear to the dog. Keep it flowing with as few stops as possible, all whistles. Here also, the idea is to get the dog to better understand the job and that the commands are just part of it. If the dog really understands the job of driving it will require fewer commands and less guidance from the handler.

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NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING JAN 21 2017

The NEBCA Annual General Meeting will be held January 21, 2017 (snow date Jan 28), at Manor House on the Hadley Farm part of the UMass Amherst campus. Starting time is 10:00 a.m. sharp. There will be a pot luck lunch. **GPS Address:** 111 North Maple Street, Hadley, MA 01035

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LET'S PEN

Amanda Milliken

When I put my hand on the pen rope, the ensuing job is no surprise to my dogs. I say "C'mon," and the dogs take up their side, sometimes with breathtakingly beautiful results. I rarely look at my dog, but concentrate on the sheep. The dogs make adjustments more swiftly than I could ever command them. If I need a flank at the pen, it is likely too late. After all, the penning at a trial is pretty much routine. If the variety of sheep in different trials did not complicate the pen, it would be repetitive. The advantage goes to the dog that becomes a thinker, a partner.

My pen training starts early on the fence on my farm. The fence is a snake railed one with "V's" at regular intervals. I catch wild young dogs, by getting his victims next to the fence, and me protecting the sheep from the young crazy young one, in order to get closer and catch him. That sounds funny, but it's true. The leap from there to holding them in the "V" of the fence is not all that big. My young dogs come to expect it at the conclusion of their training sessions. I expect them to put the sheep into the "V" and hold them there patiently, without any notable assaults. I push this, later in the training, by wading into the sheep to encourage the sheep to bolt. I want the young one to cover and hold them against the fence for me without particular command. I say "C'mon." Mostly they come on. Sometimes I catch one and flip it while the young observes. But I mix it up, sometimes just digging them out with civility, once they have been held for a few moments. The dogs like it. Different places in the fence make the pressure vary. Young dogs learn to adjust. Critically, the sheep have to provide some challenge or difficulty or the dogs do not learn to think it through. For instance, Katahdins are not ideal for development of penning skills. Dogs should learn to respond to chaos and overly orderly sheep are no help.

I have no pen set up routinely, that I can access. The next step, when they are handy on the fence, is to get a pen going and get your young dog accustomed to the job of putting them in. With the background I am describing it has never been much of a leap for me. I've been lucky in a community that holds little trials and the young ones get to try their paws at the pen—different pens, in different settings, with different sheep. The dogs get more worldly. Eventually I'm saying "C'mon" at Soldier Hollow, or Meeker, where the sheep are notoriously difficult to pen. The dogs flow around their side and pop them in, with a glorious feel for the sheep and a deep understanding of the job at hand.



Amanda and Howell with a winning pen at the 2016 Fall Foliage © Kate Collins



MEETING MINUTES AUG 2016

August 20, 2016, Leatherstocking STD, Cooperstown, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM, 48 +/- in attendance

1. The minutes from the membership meeting at the Cummington STD, 5/28/16, approved.

2. Executive Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Martha Walke

At this point last year, we had 258 members (6 Life members; 61 Family members; 191 Individual members).

We gained 14 new members over the summer of 2015 (between Cummington and Leatherstocking).

At present we have 274 members (7 Life members; 60 Family members; 207 Individual members) and we gained 8 new members over the summer. There are a total of 326 members whose names are still in the NEBCA spreadsheet which means that approximately 52 members have not renewed for 2016 and/or 2015.

Dave Sharp has agreed to contact lapsed members to encourage them to rejoin and to ascertain why they have not renewed their NEBCA membership.

B. Treasurer's Report - Denise Leonard

See attachments.

There have not been any payments for either of the Finals so the balance will go down as payments are made.

Treasurer's report was approved and accepted.

3. Board of Director's Report - Joyce Geier

"Delightfully quiet all year", according to Joyce. The BOD commissioned a Financial Audit Committee (Chris Bowen, Warren Mick, Dave Sharp). Its report follows:

Audit Procedure

The process developed by Bill Black was used for this audit. The process is described in the document "Criteria for Review of NEBCA Financial Records" (NEBCAAuditProcedureRevisedFeb2013.pdf). According to this procedure, a single month is selected at random and used to assess the organization's accounting practices and financial condition for the year.

Audit Detail

Statements of income and expenses of the Northeast Border Collie Association, Inc., for the months of November 2015 and March 2016 were provided by the Treasurer, Denise Leonard. These records were audited in accordance with the NEBCA audit procedure and standard accounting practices. The treasurer's accounting records for both audit periods were crosschecked against the bank statements (Bank of America, Capital One) and PayPal Records for the same period. Only minor discrepancy was discovered, likely related to payments that did not clear in each period. All the individual records were properly recorded.

Audit Summary

The Audit Committee believes the organization's financial condition in the years 2015 and 2016 is consistent with what has been reported to the membership and has complete confidence in the accounting systems and processes being used.

4. Standing Committee Reports

A. Open Trials Committee - Sue Schoen

The Fall Foliage is underway and will take place Oct. 14, 15, with the double life being on the 16th, at Old Chatham. The judge will be Frank Cashen. He will be shared either with Amanda Milliken's Butternut Trial or with Mich Ferraro's fall trial. They are working on a Friday evening buffet dinner at Jackson's Restaurant.



Minutes continued

Running to a standard is still being discussed.

B. Novice Trials Committee - Sara Reiter

The Novice Finals will take place Sept. 10 & 11 at the Ames' farm in Bath, NH. Werner Reitboeck is the judge. Entries are very low, especially New England handlers. George Northrop brought up the controversy surrounding the interpretation of the Novice Trial Rules. After the 2015 Novice Finals the Committee interpreted the rules to mean that an open Cattle Trial was the same as an open Sheep Trial and, if a handler went to the post in the open Cattle Trial they were ineligible to run in the NN class. For clarification, the words "or cattle" were added to the Novice Guidelines after the 2015 Novice Finals by the committee.

C. Learning Trials - no report

Sara Reiter had a learning trial at which Barbara Armata gave a clinic. Sara contributed \$1000.00 to the Finals from her trial and clinic.

5. Newsletter - Maria Amodei

There will be a newsletter soon. Kudos were given Maria for the outstanding job she is doing with the Newsletter.

6. Select Committee Reports

A. Merchandise Committee - Betsy Drummond

They were doing well here at the trial, especially with the new merchandise (hoodies, long sleeve t-shirt). Sallie Butler's husband contributed copies of some of his titles with the proceeds to go to NEBCA. The committee needs new t-shirt designs submitted to them by January. They need volunteers to sell merchandise at both NEBCA Finals.

B. Calendar Committee - George Northrop

Everything is fine.

C. Library Report - Martha Walke

There have been practically no transactions this summer. The two most popular items to circulate are the Faansie Basson DVD (the scratched copy will be replaced) and the newly revised Julie Hill book. There were two books donated to the library by Jan Berger: Border Collies by Angels Sayer & Edward Bunting and A New Owner's Guide to Border Collies by Robyn Powley. If anyone has suggestions for the library, please let me know. The newly revised Holland title will be purchased.

D. Audit Committee - see BOD Report

7. Old Business

A. PayPal Committee - Chris Bowen

On-going discussion of the use of PayPal for payment of membership dues. Joanne Murphy is designing a form for the committee to consider for the PayPal site.

8. New Business

There are two Board positions up for this coming election. The following people have volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee: Dave Sharp, Pam Davies, George Northrop and Barbara Levinson.

9. The next membership meeting is the Annual Meeting, Jan. 21, 2017, at a place to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted, Martha M. Walke, Secretary



TRIAL RESULTS

VERMONT CHAMPIONSHIP SDT

Steve Wetmore

This year for the trial I had the opportunity to rent a flock of Horned Dorsets which have only been lightly dogged in large groups on their home farm. To be able to use a flock that had never been run in a sheepdog trial seemed to me to be a good thing for handlers and dogs alike. So early Saturday morning, a load of 50-60 lovely Horned Dorsets were dropped off the truck onto the trial field. They immediately spread out across the field, grazing contentedly, unaware of why they were there.

I had no idea that Horned Dorsets could be so large! Or so fast! Or jump so high! And never thought they'd be so cunning.....

These Horned Dorsets gave handlers and dogs alike problems throughout the trial. They would split up, run back to the set out pen, sometimes jumping back INTO the set out pen, and even when being moved about on the field, they had a way of leaning on the dogs, making straight lines difficult to achieve. For the first time in many years, there was even a pair that managed to jump the perimeter fence and ran about amongst the spectators and parked cars before they were safely returned to the field.

43 dogs ran that day, and only 16 dogs received scores- this certainly bears out how tough these sheep were to keep on the field, and to get them around the course. As in most trials, as the day wore on, the sheep learned where the set out/exhaust was, making it harder yet for the late runners. However, 4 of the top 10 scores were posted by dogs that ran later in the afternoon, so it was possible to earn a decent score if the team worked together carefully.

Mich Ferraro and Pip, running 6th up, had a very nice run that scored an 80. Not long after, running at 13, Pam Davies and Jet also scored an 80. Most of the handlers felt that there was still room at the top and that an 80 would not hold the high score for long. However, 80 did prove to be the top scores of the trial, so a runoff was in order. Pam and Jet barely edged past Mich and Pip by one point, winning first place. It was an exciting finish to watch.

My sincere thanks to all who helped with the trial. Mary Ellen Young did an admirable job of judging, Betty Murray was the trial secretary, and Mike Nunan abely handled the set out. There were many others who always help with the set up and break down of the field; the trial could not happen without such generous help.

Judge: Mary Ellen Young

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|----|--------------------|-------|
| 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 |



Mich Ferraro & Pip and Pam Davies and Jet at VT Championship



NEBCA News



LANCASTER SDT SEP 1

Open (26 dogs)								
1	David Young	Pic	8	Milly Curtis	Joy	4	Lynn Deschambeault	Nana
2	Rich Seaman	Puck	9	Pam Hunt	Styx	5	Rich Seaman	Roo
3	Roger Deschambeault	Trim	10	Tim Molinero	Finn	6	David Young	Pic
4	Rich Seaman	Roo	Top 10 dogs re-run			7	Lynn Deschambeault	Vic
5	David Young	Bess	1	Roger Deschambeault	Trim	8	Tim Molinero	Finn
6	Lynn Deschambeault	Nana	2	David Young	Bess	9	Milly Curtis	Joy
7	Lynn Deschambeault	Vic	3	Rich Seaman	Puck	10	Pam Hunt	Styx

WOOLLY WINDS NOVICE SDT SEP 3-4

Novice Novice (13 dogs)							
Name/Dog	Extra Trial	Place	Trial #1	Place	Trial #2	Place	Overall
Jamie More/Kestral	65	2nd	63	3rd	64	3rd	127
Melanie Behrens/Zim	Retired		64	2nd	54	6th	118
Deb Sherman/Nellie	66	1st	45	7th	65	2nd	110
Amy Hershberger/Intrepid Sue	Retired		59	4th	51	7th	110
Pat Bacskey/Ryll	Retired		50	6th	57	4th	107
Sandy Lockwood/Grace	39	5th	38	8th	56	5th	94
Danielle Erikson/Dove	44	4th	Retired		78	1st	78
Deb Duarte/Remi	58	3rd	65	1st			65
Theresa Powers/Chaos	Retired		59	5th	Scratched		59

Pro-Novice (16 dogs)							
Name/Dog	Extra Trial	Place	Trial #1	Place	Trial #2	Place	Overall
Eric Johnson/Skye			72	1st	67	1st	139
Pam Wataha/Ace	75	1st	70	2nd	59	2nd	129
Diane Sobel-Meyer/Kate	39	3rd	59	4th	58	3rd	117
Eric Johnson/Blade			61	3rd	49	6th	110
Becca Hartz/Kenna	Retired		Retired		53	4th	53
Diane Sobel-Meyer/Charger	60	2nd	Retired		51	5th	51
Jean-Louis Bigourdan/Skye	Retired		Retired		39	8th	39
Becca Hartz/Bella	Retired		Retired		39	7th	39
Chris Bowen/Chance					34	9th	34

Ranch (17 dogs)							
Name/Dog	Extra Trial	Place	Trial #1	Place	Trial #2	Place	Overall
Mary/Klimek/Wren	65	2nd	79	1st	40	4th	184
James Valley/Charlotte	47	4th	57	4th	60	3rd	117
Pat Bacskey/Tarra	Retired		30	7th	69	2nd	99
Sandy Lockwood/Joy	Time Out		Retired		77	1st	77
Martha Walke/Jude	Retired		69	2nd	Retired		69
Joan Worthington/Saint	75	1st	65	3rd	Retired		65
Jean-Louis Bigourdan/Kelso	Retired		32	6th	18	5th	50
Sarah Reiter/Chet	49	3rd	46	5th	Retired		46



2016 NOVICE FINALS SEP 10-11

Martha Walke

On a gloriously sunny September Saturday morning, on the large field at Bud and Mary Ames' Cascade Farm sitting next to the Ammonoosuc River, the Novice Finals began. Actually, if one were to be totally honest, the event began the Friday evening before with a lobster dinner that originated with Margaret Flanagan's offer to bring lobsters from Maine for all who would like one. In a flash, 25 handlers and family members signed on for a lobster and large pots on propane burners were volunteered along with hors d'oeuvres, salads and desserts. Margaret arrived with the live lobsters and by 6:30 a feast was being consumed. A propitious, delicious start to the Novice Finals.

On Saturday morning, under the ever watchful eyes of judge Werner Reitboeck, the first handler went to the post and the trial began. The Ames' wily and challenging kahtadins were set by Michael Nunan and his capable dogs Cap and Kip. For the NN class, they were pushed out to Mike and Cap by Rose Redick and Martha Walke. The pen and pen crew, ably managed by Ginny Prince, did a great job of making certain the sheep were handled quietly and efficiently. On Saturday, Debbie West's son Dylan was in the pen all day along with handlers who had volunteered to help. On Sunday, Carol Bradford spent the day in the pen with Ginny and other volunteers.

As you might imagine, the kathadins gave both handlers and dogs some challenges not seen with the woolies that are usually used at trials in the Northeast. But to a handler, they were ably managed. The runs went smoothly and all three classes were completed before lunch and the second trial also went off without a hitch. The confidence of the novice handlers and their ability to read their group of sheep increased with each trip to the post. Werner ably sorted out each run as the kathadins presented some difficult situations for the young dogs. That evening, the handlers' dinner was held under an atmospherically lit tent. While the food was a tad slow, it was delicious and all enjoyed winding down as the conversations flowed.

The third trial, due to begin Sunday morning, was delayed by thunderstorms. Once it began, all went smoothly. The breeze moved the clouds along and the sun came out and it was a glorious early fall day. This trial ended in the early afternoon and handlers immediately went to work helping to take down electronet and panels and pens as our ever faithful Betty Murray worked diligently to figure out all the scores and placements. The awards ceremony was a happy and enthusiastic and supportive event. All were pleased with their results, encouraged and excited about moving on and up in the next NEBCA trial season.



The Novice Trial Committee deserves the highest of accolades for this smoothly run and handled Finals. All of the multitude of jobs and organizing that go into running a trial were handled with calmness and professionalism and the usual little setbacks handled with humour and aplomb. This committee worked together as a unit and should be



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proud of the result - a Novice Finals that will be the touchstone for future Finals. Thank you, Barbara Armata, Wendy Werner, Sara Reiter and Barbara Eriksson, for your dedication, your hard work and long hours, your hospitality and humour, your attention to detail, and your ability to handle anything under stress! It was a superb Novice Finals.



Novice Novice (13 dogs)				Best 2 runs
1	Sheila	Crepeau	Zain	145
2 LR	Jamie	More	Kestrel	136
3	Sharon	Barrette	Bella	135
4	Peggy	Flanagan	Angus	134
5	Peggy	Flanagan	Rory	133
6	Wendy	Warner	Tessa	132
7	Francois	LeBlanc	Joy	130
8	Julia	Anderson	Sweep	121
9	Teresa	Powers	Chaos	116
10	Debbie	Sherman	Nellie	110

Pro Novice (11 dogs)				Best 2 runs
1 LR	Dave	Young	Tagh	155
2	Karen	Malloy	Keeper	139
3	Victoria	Snowden	Prim	134
4	Deborah	Donahue	Cap	133
5	Hilary	Flower	Tan	130
6	Stacey	Rember	Teg	127
7	Glenn	Kopp	Bryn	116
8	George	Northrup	Tot	112
9	Rebecca	Bellaman	Czech	111
10	Stacey	Rember	Shep	71

Ranch (12 dogs)				Best 2 runs
1 LR	Brenda	Buja	Josie	143
2	Martha	Walke	Jude	141
3	Brenda	Buja	River	137
4	Sara	Reiter	Speck	124
5	Rosemary	Redick	Ross	123
6	Sara	Reiter	Chet	122
7	Pam	Mueller	Fly	113
8	Hilary	Flower	Floss	87
9	Jean-Louis	Bigourdan	Kelso	57
10	Kate	Collins	Tux	45



The **Calendar Committee** will accept photos for consideration in the 2018 calendar until February 1 2017. Email them to Kate Collins, katecollins64@gmail.com. The composition should be interesting, translate well into black and white and a resolution of at least 300dpi must be available. Photos should be oriented to landscape rather than portrait, horizontal rather than upright. If you have questions contact Kate Collins. Thanks!



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NH HIGHLAND GAMES SDT SEP 16

Nursery (5 dogs)			Open (37 dogs)					
1	Maria Amodei	Poe	1	Dave Young	Pic	5	Maria Amodei	Levi
2	Dave Young	Tagh	2	Pam Davies	Dilys	6	Ginny Prince	Dar
3	Roger Deschambeault	Jill	3	Pam Davies	Jet	7	Milly Curtis	Joy
				Pam Davies	Teilo	8	Roger Deschambeault	Jill
			4	Steve Wetmore	Floss	9	Steve Wetmore	Gile
						10	Mike Nunan	Cap

PIPEDREAM FARM SDT SEPT 16-18

Open 1 (64 dogs)			Open 2 (62 dogs)			Ranch		
1	Tara Dier	Scott	1	Barbara Levinson	Bill	1	Renee Billadeau	Grant 76
2	Barbara Levinson	Bill	2	Roger Millen	Jessie	2	Mary Ann Duffy	Gwen 73
3	Carla King	Shawn	3	Chris Bowen	Bella	3	Nancy Starkey	Peg 69
4	Dee Penatzer	Floss	4	Carla King	Floss	4	Doug Brewer	Roy 67
5	Sylvia King	Swift	5	Heather Millen	Scout	5	Nancy Liptak	Ben 62
6	Sam Furman	Brooke	6	Dee Penatzer	Floss	6	Beth Murray	Pi 60
7	Gene Sheninger	Nick	7	Barbara Leverett	Bob			
8	Carla King	Floss	8	Denise Leonard	Maggie			
9	Chris Bowen	Bella	9	Barbara Levinson	Bob			
10	Barbara Levinson	Bob	10	Sally Gleis	Lena			
11	Roger Millen	Jessie	11	Dee Penatzer	Queen			
12	Sam Furman	Max	12	Barbara Leverett	Bess			
13	Doug Brewer	Ben						

Pro-Novice

1	Ann Lincoln	Meg	61
2	Todd Layfield	Tim	56
3	Lauren Seabolt	Bonny	52
4	Deb Mickey	Nell	51

Novice Novice

none 50 or above

LONG SHOT SDT SEP 23-25

Open 1 (47 dogs)			
1	Renee Billadeau	Grant	70
2	Renee Billadeau	BJ	68
3	Doug Brewer	Ben	67
4	Carla King	Floss	64
5	Sally Gleis	Lena	63
6	Renee Billadeau	Tally	59
7	Dan Weeks	Anna	59
8	Walt Zeiser	Rose	57
9	Pam Helton	Lisa	56
10	Emily Falk	Lena	56
11	Eileen Stein	Jib	56
Open 2 (50 dogs)			
1	Carla King	Floss	90
2	Doug Brewer	Ben	81
3	Walt Zieser	Rose	81
4	Nancy Obernier	Jim	80
5	Carla King	Shawn	79
6	Nancy Sharp	Mirk	78
7	Sharon Nunan	Will	76
8	Renee Billadeau	BJ	75

9	Emma Court	Chevy	73
10	Sherry Smith	Bay	72
Nursery 1 (5 dogs)			
1	Steve Avery	Spur	66
Nursery 2 (5 dogs)			
1	Dan Weeks	Teddy	80
Ranch 1 (23 dogs)			
1	Nancy Starkey	Peg	72
2	Annie Palmer	Tess	71
3	Nancy Liptak	Ben	68
4	Pam Mueller	Fly	68
5	Beth Murray	Buddy	67
6	Mark Billadeau	Lee	65
7	Pam Gardner	Keena	62
8	Annie Palmer	Lark	61
9	Nancy Starkey	Nan	60
10	Pam Gardner	Rowan	51
Ranch 2 (23 dogs)			
1	Doug Brewer	Nick	80

2	Beth Murray	Pi	76
3	Walt Zieser	Tess	74
4	Pam Mueller	Fly	66
5	Nancy Obernier	Kip	66
6	Pat Bacskay	Tarra	59
7	Pam Gardner	Rowan	57
8	Mark Billadeau	Lee	57
9	Nancy Liptak	Ben	56
10	Beth Murray	Buddy	55
Pro Novice 1 (17dogs)			
1	Pam Gardner	Dell	73
2	Dan Weeks	Teddy	71
3	Emma Court	Pax	62
4	Ilene Caroom	Ffan	58
5	Julie Poudrier	Birdie	50
Pro Novice 2 (11 dogs)			
1	Pam Wataha	Ace	60
2	Julie Poudrier	Birdie	54
3	Pam Gardner	Dell	50

Nursery 1 (5 dogs)

1	Steve Avery	Spur	66
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Nursery 2 (5 dogs)

1	Dan Weeks	Teddy	80
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Ranch 1 (23 dogs)

1	Nancy Starkey	Peg	72
2	Annie Palmer	Tess	71
3	Nancy Liptak	Ben	68
4	Pam Mueller	Fly	68
5	Beth Murray	Buddy	67
6	Mark Billadeau	Lee	65
7	Pam Gardner	Keena	62
8	Annie Palmer	Lark	61
9	Nancy Starkey	Nan	60
10	Pam Gardner	Rowan	51

Ranch 2 (23 dogs)

1	Doug Brewer	Nick	80
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Pro Novice 1 (17dogs)

1	Pam Gardner	Dell	73
2	Dan Weeks	Teddy	71
3	Emma Court	Pax	62
4	Ilene Caroom	Ffan	58
5	Julie Poudrier	Birdie	50

Pro Novice 2 (11 dogs)

1	Pam Wataha	Ace	60
2	Julie Poudrier	Birdie	54
3	Pam Gardner	Dell	50



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INDIAN RIVER SDT SEP 24-26

Open 1 (61 dogs)

1	Beverly Lambert	Nan	95
2	John Palmer	Dutch	94
3	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	91
4	Paul Tucker	Reb	91
5	Chuck Dimit	Joel	88
7	Roger Millen	Jessie	88
6	Beverly Lambert	River	88
8	Viki Kidd	Reed	88
9	Lorna Savage	Kaylee	87
10	Werner Reitboeck	Sigi	86
11	Amanda Milliken	Howell	85
12	Sherry Farster	Gin	84
13	Tracy Hinton	Dax	83

Open 2 (63 dogs)

1	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	96
2	Robin French	Spot2	96
3	Amanda Milliken	Howell	94
4	Mary Thompson	Mia	91
5	Maria Amodei	Marcus	91
6	Sherry Farster	Gin	90
7	Chuck Dimit	Joel	89
8	Werner Reitboeck	Sigi	88
9	Beverly Lambert	River	88
11	Tracy Hinton	Dax	86
10	Viki Kidd	Macy	86
11	Chris Chambers	Ruby	86

12	Lori Cunningham	Matt	79
13	Dave Young	Pic	79

Nursery 1 (8 dogs)

1	Amanda Milliken	Quark	83
2	Lori Cunningham	Lefty	81

Nursery 2 (8 dogs)

	Amanda Milliken	Quark	80
	Lori Cunningham	Lefty	80

Novice 1 (10 dogs)

1	Susan Moore	Jack	65
2	Michelle Taliana	Blake	62
3	Patrick Gosselin	Drew	50
4	Catherine Rae	Pepper	49
5	Kelly Morrow	Dara	48
6	Stacey Rember	Nell	40
7	Rebecca Lawrence	Key	35
8	Liz Burden	Meg	30

Novice 2 (10 dogs)

1	Rebecca Lawrence	Key	61
2	Michelle Taliana	Blake	59
3	Patrick Gosselin	Drew	53
4	Kelly Morrow	Dara	49
5	Catherine Rae	Pepper	43
6	Susan Moore	Jack	42

7	Tania Costa	Jake	41
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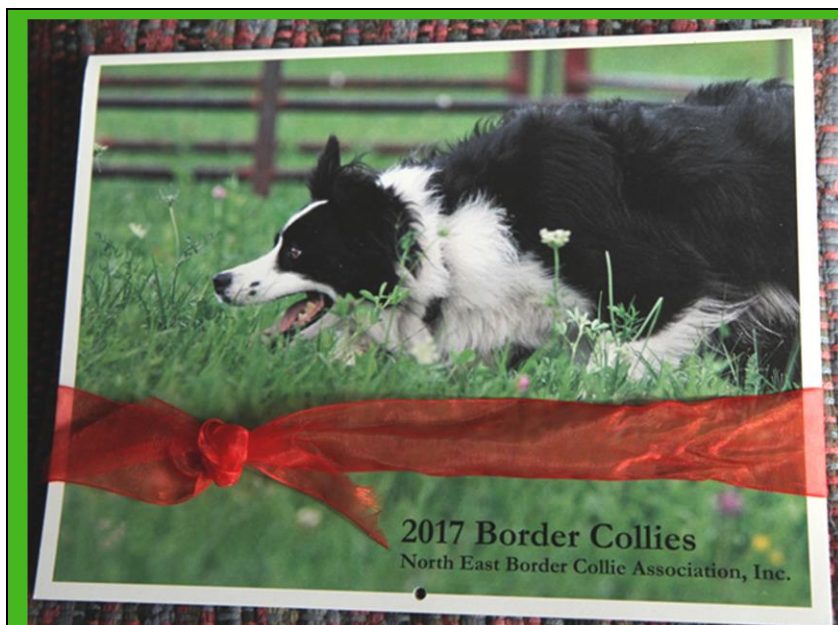
1	Beverly Lambert	Lee	87	77
2	John Palmer	Mara	83	73
3	Amanda Milliken	Zola	82	73
4	Amanda Milliken	Quark	82	75
5	Lorna Savage	Ivy	76	68
6	Viki Kidd	Lynn	75	68
7	Lori Cunningham	Buck	74	64
8	Dave Young	Tagh	70	64
9	Robin French	Zebo	70	61
10	Marie Sawford	Jill	69	61

Ranch (7 dogs)

1	Jim Valley	Charlotte	82
2	Mary Thompson	Teagan	69
3	Michelle Brothers	Flo	66
4	Kathy Farkos	Nalle	43

Ranch (7 dogs)

1	Michelle Brothers	Flo	76
2	Jim Valley	Charlotte	72
3	Mary Thompson	Teagan	68
4	Nathalie Labelle	Mia	61



The New Year is coming fast so get your working Border Collie Calendar 2017 from NEBCA soon! It can be ordered from the NEBCA website or by email to George Northrop, george01368@yahoo.com, or pay for one with your membership renewal and get free shipping (off good November 1 2016 through February 1 2017). The price of one calendar is \$10.



SWALEDALE SDT SEP 27-29

Open 1 (65 dogs)

1	Amanda Milliken	Howell	97
2	Tracy Hinton	Dax	97
3	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	95
4	Lori Cunningham	Matt	92
5	Bev Lambert	Nan	86
6	Maria Amodei	Levi	86
7	Paul Tucker	Reb	85
8	Jim Murphy	Jim	84
9	Kevan Gretton	Sid	84
10	Maggie Chambers	Mose	83
11	Andrea de Kenedy	Moss	83
12	Helen Dunning	Cap	82
13	Sue Schoen	Spy	82

Open 2 (66 dogs)

1	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	94
2	Paul Tucker	Trump	94
3	Jim Valley	Twix	93
4	Bev Lambert	Nan	92
5	Lori Cunningham	Lefty	90
6	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	89
7	Lorna Savage	Kaylee	88
8	Dave Young	Bess	83
9	Amanda Milliken	Howell	83
10	Bev Lambert	River	80
11	Carolyn West	Abe	78
12	Chris Chambers	Ruby	78
13	Peggy Chute	Olive	78

Novice 1 (10 dogs)

1	Patrick Gosselin	Max	64
2	Rebecca Lawrence	Key	63
3	Liz Burden	Meg	59
4	Michelle Taliana	Blake	52
5	Stacey Rember	Nell	49
6	Susan Moore	Jack	45
7	Patrick Gosselin	Drew	34
8	Kelly Morrow	Dara	26

Novice 2 (10 dogs)

1	Patrick Gosselin	Max	65
2	Susan Moore	Jack	63
3	Catherine Rae	Pepper	59
4	Kelly Morrow	Dara	54
5	Rebecca Lawrence	Key	52
6	Michelle Taliana	Blake	51
7	Stacey Rember	Nell	48
8	Liz Burden	Meg	47
9	Patrick Gosselin	Drew	30

Pro Novice (30 dogs)

1	Bev Lambert	Lee	87	78
2	Tracy Hinton	Lad	84	75
3	John Palmer	Mara	80	72
4	Louise Hadley	Tug	78	70
5	Dave Young	Tagh	76	69
6	Stacey Rember	Shep	71	64
7	Amanda Milliken	Zola	71	63
8	Lorna Savage	Ivy	68	62
9	Lynn Johnston	Finn	62	58
10	Amanda Milliken	Quark	62	54

Nursery 1 (8 dogs)

1	Michelle Brothers	Mac	81
2	Amanda Milliken	Quark	79

Nursery 2 (8 dogs)

1	Bev Lambert	Lee	80
2	Michelle Brothers	Mac	78

Ranch (8 dogs)

1	Chris Chambers	Pearl	81
2	Mary Thompson	Teagan	73
3	Jim Valley	Charlotte	69
4	Kathy Farkos	Kalle	64



Jim Murphy and Jim © Anne Wheatley



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SHEPHERD'S CROOK SEP 30-OCT 2

Open 1 (69 dogs)				13	James Valley	Charlotte	82	8	Priscilla Walker	Faith	41
1	Chuck Dimit	Joel	92					9	Mary Whitmore	Bronson	36
Nursery 1 (8 dogs)											
1	Lori Cunningham	Lefty	81								
2	Amanda Milliken	Quark	79								
Nursery 2 (8 dogs)											
1	Bev Lambert	Lee	81								
2	Amanda Milliken	Quark	77								
Ranch 1 (11 dogs)											
1	Chris Chambers	Pearl	78								
2	Mary Thompson	Teagan	66								
3	Kelly Knowlton	Pepper	58								
4	James Valley	Charlotte	56								
5	Michelle Brothers	Flo	50								
6	Kelly Knowlton	Brynn	48								
7	Kathy Farkos	Halle	42								
8	Priscilla Walker	Faith	41								
Ranch 2 (11 dogs)											
1	Mary Thompson	Teagan	80								
2	Michelle Brothers	Flo	77								
3	Chris Chambers	Pearl	74								
4	James Valley	Charlott	72								
5	Kathy Farkos	Halle	68								
6	Kelly Knowlton	Pepper	62								
7	Kelly Knowlton	Brynn	53								
Pro Novice (25 dogs)											
1	Amanda Milliken	Quark	82								
2	John Palmer	Mara	81								
3	Tracy Hinton	Lad	80								
4	Lori Cunningham	Buck	80								
5	Amanda Milliken	Zola	74								
6	Dave Young	Tagh	73								
7	Nancy Phillips	Dewy	72								
8	Robin French	Zebo	70								
9	Victoria Lamont	Dram	67								
10	Bev Lambert	Lee	66								
Novice 1 (7 dogs)											
1	Susan Moore	Jack	68								
2	Michelle Taliana	Blake	68								
3	Rebecca Lawrence	Key	63								
4	Kelly Morrow	Dara	54								
5	Liz Burden	Meg	49								
Novice 2 (7 dogs)											
1	Michelle Taliana	Blake	63								
2	Susan Moore	Jack	61								
3	Liz Burden	Meg	52								
4	Catherine Rae	Pepper	49								
5	Rebecca Lawrence	Key	40								
6	Kelly Morrow	Dara	33								

FRYEBURG FAIR OCT 2

Open (34 dogs)				5	Martha Walke	Jude	9	Steve Wetmore	Floss
1	Brenda Buja	Josie		6	Peter Van DeCar	Bear	10	Pam Davies	Jet
2	Steve Wetmore	Stu			Maria Amodei	Levi			
3	Maria Amodei	Song		7	Pam Davies	Dilys			
4	Maria Amodei	Marcus		8	Mike Nunan	KIP			
Nursery (5 dogs)									
1	Roger Deschambeault	Jack							

The Point Keepers

NEBCA would like to thank our point keeping team, Heather Millen and Gene Sheninger, for decades of work keeping track of the trial results. Gene volunteered his considerable expertise to design and maintain the system, updating for rules changes as needed. Heather entered countless rounds of trial results into the system. Both have over 20 years of work, behind the scenes, often taken for granted. Both are retiring from their point keeping work, Heather immediately and Gene this spring.

Thank you both, from all of us.



FALL FOLIAGE OCT 14-16

Mich Ferraro

On the third weekend of October, handlers came together for the NEBCA championship at the beautiful Old Chatham Sheepherding Farm owned by Tom and Nancy Clark. The Clarks generously provided their land and use of their equipment and hay to NEBCA with the stipulation that it be a free community event.

The weather was perfect, the sheep (Caora Farm's flock of 80 ewes and 40 ewe lambs) were amenable, and the course was beautiful. The fields roll down to the Kinderhook Creek where there are trails that meander through the woods and fields at the water's edge. This year the creek was barely a trickle but there were still deep pools in the backwater where the fish must have been taking shelter. The venue is one of the most stunning in the northeast with space to roam and walk dogs. To top it all off there was quite a good local crowd of spectators: some die hard fans and others that just happened to be driving by.

Frank Cashen, the first Irish winner of the International Sheepdog Trial, was our judge and he lent his expert eye to the design of the courses. They proved to be an excellent challenge for the handler and dog teams; the course design held up to the draw of the exhaust (the ever-present challenge in this sport). In fact the pen, which the sheep accepted as an end to their work, became quite tricky in the double lift. The "look back" on the double lift was set up for success and it was nice to see new teams navigate all or parts of that element on the final day of competition.



Fiona Robertson's Mirk © Kate Collins

So many people helped put on the Fall Foliage trial—from set up to tear down, everyone's efforts were crucial to making this a great trial. Thank you all. May fortune allow us to return to this venue in the future.

Open 1 (48 dogs)

1	Lambert, Beverly	Nan	97
2	Milliken, Amanda	Dorey	90
3	Milliken, Amanda	Howell	87
4	Ferraro, Michele	Mawde	86
5	Amodei, Maria	Marcus	82
6	Amodei, Maria	Levi	80
7	Ferraro, Mich	Puppa	79
8	Lambert, Beverly	Joe	78
9	Wetmore, Steve	Floss	77
10	Polites, Mike	Taff	76

Open 2 (44 dogs)

1	Milliken, Amanda	Howell	95
2	Lambert, Beverly	Nan	87
3	Mick, Warren	Eddie	87
4	Ferraro, Mich	Mawde	84
5	Milliken, Amanda	Dorey	82
6	Polites, Mike	Taff	81
7	Robertson, Fiona	Fen	81
8	Lambert, Beverly	Joe	76
9	Collins, Kate	Ela	73
10	Amodei, Maria	Marcus	68



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Double Lift Final

1	Milliken, Amanda	Howell	138
2	Lambert, Beverly	Joe	138
3	Milliken, Amanda	Dorey	135
4	Mick, Warren	Eddie	124
5	Lambert, Beverly	Nan	122
6	Polites, Mike	Taff	103
7	Ferraro, Mich	Puppa	101
8	Amodei, Maria	Marcus	84
9	Robertson, Fiona	Mirk	81
10	Robertson, Fiona	Fen	78
11	Amodei, Maria	Levi	66
12	Butler, Sallie	Roo	61
13	Collins, Kate	Ela	38
14	Millen, Roger	Jessie	DQ(64)
15	Ferraro, Mich	Mawde	Ret(40)
16	Schoen, Sue	Spy	Ret(33)



2016 Fall Foliage Champions Amanda Milliken and Howell © Melanie Behrens

BUTTERNUT CREEK FALL SDT OCT 21-23

Open 1 (46 dogs)				Reitboeck				6 Stacey Rember Shep 57			
1	Amanda Milliken	Howell	96	8	Sue Schoen Spy	Spy	78	7	Louise Hadley	Tug	51
2	Beverly Lambert	Joe	93	9	Mary Thompson	Jake	78	8	Lorna Savage	Ivy	37
3	Tracy Hinton	Lad	91	10	Victoria Lamont	Elly	76	Novice 1 (4 dogs)			
4	Maryann Duffy	Stan	90	Pro Novice 1 (18 dogs)				1	Michelle Talliana	Blake	59
5	Beverly Lambert	Nan	90	1	Amanda Milliken	Quark	85	2	Mike Crellian	Charm	57
6	Sally Molloy	Gyp	90	2	Beverly Lambert	Lee	79	3	Liz Burden	Meg	28
7	Lorna Savage	Kaylee	89	3	Amanda Milliken	Hazel	74	Novice 2 (4 dogs)			
8	Werner			4	Leslie Gamble	Switch	71	1	Michelle Talliana	Blake	70
9	Reitboeck	Sigi	87	5	John Palmer	Mara	57	2	Mike Crellian	Charm	68
10	Mary Thompson	Jake	84	6	Kristen Bryant	Vea	49	3	Liz Burden	Meg	47
	Mary Thompson	Mia	84	7	Victoria Lamont	Dram	46	USBCHA Nursery (5 dogs)			
Open 2 (45 dogs)				8	John Milloy	Anne	41	1	Amanda Milliken	Hazel	81
1	Amanda Milliken	Howell	94	Pro Novice 2 (17 dogs)				2	Amanda Milliken	Quark	73
2	Mary Thompson	Teagan	92	1	John Palmer	Mara	86	3	Louise Hadley	Tug	61
3	Beverly Lambert	Joe	91	2	Amanda Milliken	Hazel	85	4	Victoria Lamont	Dram	50
4	Mich Ferraro	Mawde	87	3	Amanda Milliken	Quark	84	5	Beverly Lambert	Lee	48
5	Barbara Leverett	Bess	82	4	Victoria Lamont	Dram	74				
6	Lorna Savage	Tyler	80	5	Leslie Gamble	Tess	72				
7	Werner	Sigi	80								

"In the beginning you are developing (the dog's) awareness that you can help him. The more he connects sheep work to you – the more he listens and trusts you – the more control you will have when you start increasing his distance from you. A dog at 800 yards DOES have a choice to listen or not." *Candy Kennedy*

<http://www.abcollie.com/index.php/2013/10/30/can-you-hear-me-now/>



MILFERNS SDT OCT 29-31



Overall Champions for the weekend:

N-N Champion Paula Reardon and Zayn, Reserve Champion Francois LeBlanc and Joy

P-N Champion Hilary Flower and Tan, Reserve Champion Fred Hamilton and Cash

Ranch Champion Fred Hamilton and Georgie, Reserve Champion Kevin Fitch and Trent

Sat Oct 29

Novice 1 (11 dogs)

1	Paula Reardon	Zayn	62
2	Peggy Flanagan	Angus	52
3	Francois LeBlanc	Joy	52
4	Julia Anderson	Sweep	44
5	Michel Bombardier	Jack	42
6	Peggy Flanagan	Rory	42

Novice 2 (11 dogs)

1	Paula Reardon	Zayn	72
2	Francois LeBlanc	Joy	61
3	Peggy Flanagan	Rory	58
4	Rachel Hamilton	Grendl	40
5	Jerry Hamilton	Beowulf	38
6	Michel Bombardier	Jack	29

Pro Novice 1 (10 dogs)

1	Hilary Flower	Tan	73
2	Heather Soper	Wren	64
3	Paula Reardon	Faith	54
4	Paula Reardon	Jock	50
5	Julia Anderson	Sweep	48
6	Fred Hamilton	Cap	47

Pro Novice 2 (10 dogs)

1	Paula Reardon	Faith	67
2	Fred Hamilton	Cash	64

3	Fred Hamilton	Cap	58
4	Paula Reardon	Orka	55
5	Paula Reardon	Jock	54
6	Heather Soper	Wren	51

Ranch 1 (3 dogs)

1	Kevin Fitch	Trent	69
2	Hilary Flower	Floss	36
3	Fred Hamilton	Georgie	34

Ranch 2 (3 dogs)

1	Fred Hamilton	Georgie	84
2	Kevin Fitch	Trent	60
3	Hilary Flower	Floss	55

Sun Oct 30

Novice 1 (13 dogs)

1	Francois LeBlanc	Joy	61
2	Peggy Flanagan	Angus	54
3	Rachel Hamilton	Grendl	50
4	Jerry Hamilton	Beowulf	46
5	JP Maillet	Quake	42
6	Anna D'entremont	Baby	38

Novice 2 (9 dogs)

1	Blake Anderson	Euchre	57
2	Paula Reardon	Zayn	53
3	Francois LeBlanc	Joy	43

4	Michel Bombardier	Jack	40
5	Anna D'entremont	Baby	29

Pro Novice 1 (13 dogs)

1	Fred Hamilton	Cash	67
2	Hilary Flower	Tan	65
3	Fred Hamilton	Cap	54
4	Leroy D'entremont	Kip	50
5	Paula Reardon	Orka	48
6	Julia Anderson	Sweep	47

Pro Novice 2 (11 dogs)

1	Hilary Flower	Tan	63
2	Fred Hamilton	Cap	56
3	Fred Hamilton	Cash	56
4	Paula Reardon	Faith	54
5	Paula Reardon	Orka	49
6	Paula Reardon	Jock	48

Ranch 1 (3 dogs)

1	Fred Hamilton	Georgie	60
2	Hilary Flower	Floss	53
3	Kevin Fitch	Trent	53

Ranch 2 (3 dogs)

1	Fred Hamilton	Georgie	66
2	Hilary Flower	Floss	66
3	Kevin Fitch	Trent	41



THE INTERNATIONAL

Karen Gorman

I never thought in a million years I would be in Wales at the International Sheepdog Trial. But when an opportunity presented itself, a good friend was going and knew the "ropes" of traveling abroad....I made it happen!!

Being there in person was better than I could ever imagine. It's just not the same as trying to watch a DVD or video. It's hard to explain but in person hearing their whistles and watching the dogs, you just feel it. You absorb more, as a novice handler. At first I felt like I did not belong there with such knowledge that went back for generations! But everyone was so friendly, and I quickly I settled in to learn from them.

I enjoyed watching the brace competition, amazing!



Brace at the International 2016 © Karen Gorman

The dogs worked so hard, there was one dog that did so well and just burned out at the pen and could not finish. It shows how fit these dogs need to be! I don't think some people realize the fitness level of upper level dogs that is needed.

The sheep were wonderful traditional welsh sheep. The dogs.... they were so patient. Patience is the only word I can think of. They seemed to read the handlers mind as well as the sheep. I had great seats up close to all the pens and shedding. Just amazing work, the calmness and quiet way the teams worked. Those dogs just oozed of years of careful breeding and training. Such an amazing experience, I would recommend going to any level handler.



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The background, breathtaking. The subjects talented and in sync. The experience, unforgettable.



TRAILING SHEEP BY THE MOON

Setting fence at dusk
Because the day is short
And the soft gold sun asked me to stay
So I stayed in the fields
I trained some young dogs,
talked with a friend who walked down the way

As the sun lost its gilt
I left to move sheep
bring the ewe flock to a new graze
But night came too fast
Each day doesn't last
The fall colors gone dark end of day

Then the moon came to see
Climbed the dais of trees
Each bright silver ewe watches and waits

I open the pen
and whistle my dog
The sheep eagerly spill through the gate

The light pewter sky
Framed with filigree trees
Moon cast shadows of shepherd and flock
The sheep graze as they go
Prodded on by my dog
Grabbing tufts of grey grass as they walk

They go through the next gate
Drop their heads to lush feed
The sheep never looked up at the sky
The air is too soft
The sky is too fine
We walk back slowly, my dog and I

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2016/2017 TRIAL SCHEDULE

DATE	TRIAL	LOCATION	CLASSES	CONTACT	INFO
Dec 2-4	Long Shot SDT	Church Hill, MD HOTELS	Open, PN, Ranch NEBCA/USBCHA	Sherry Smith 410-708-2428	Pending
Jan 7-8	Pennsylvania Farm Show SDT	Harrisburg PA	Open NEBCA/USBCHA	Emily Falk 717-574-7265 Sue Asten	ENTRY Word PDF

2015/2016 NEBCA TOP 30 OPEN DOGS

PLACE	HANDLER	DOG	HOME TOWN	POINTS	TRIALS
1	AMANDA MILLIKEN	HOWELL	KINGSTON, ON	150.2	10
2	BEV LAMBERT	NAN	ANDOVER, CT	122.6	10
3	AMANDA MILLIKEN	MONTY	KINGSTON, ON	117.2	9
4	AMANDA MILLIKEN	DOREY	KINGSTON, ON	111.6	9
5	BEV LAMBERT	JOE	ANDOVER, CT	98.8	10
6	STEVE WETMORE	GILE	STRAFFORD, VT	76	10
7	WARREN MICK	EDDIE	ALTAMONT, NY	72.6	9
8	JOHN PALMER	SPEC	INDIAN RIVER, ON	70	8
9	TRACY HINTON	SOOT	STOOFVILLE, ON	65.8	7
10	MARIA AMODEI	SONG	DUNSTABLE, MA	65.8	8
11	MARY THOMPSON	PARIS	DENFIELD, ON	64.8	7
12	STEVE WETMORE	FLOSS	STRAFFORD, VT	62	10
13	DENISE LEONARD	MAGGIE	GREENFIELD, MA	59.8	9
14	MICH FERRARO	MAWDE	WASSAIC, NY	57.4	7
15	BEV LAMBERT	RIVER	ANDOVER, CT	56.6	7
16	JOHN PALMER	PREACHER	INDIAN RIVER, ON	55.4	4
17	CHRISTINE KOVAL	JIMMY	NEW CANTON, VA	54	4
18	GENE SHENINGER	NICK	BOONTON, NJ	53.6	6
19	LORI CUNNINGHAM	MATT	MILTON, PA	53	6
20	BARBARA LEVERETT	BESS	ST. JOHNSVILLE, NY	51.6	8
21	DENISE LEONARD	EMMIE	GREENFIELD, MA	50.2	7
22	DAVID YOUNG	BESS	SAWYERVILLE, QC	49.8	10
23	DAVID YOUNG	PIC	SAWYERVILLE, QC	46.4	7
24	MICHAEL POLITES	TAFF	MT.CARMEL, PA	43.2	6
25	FIONA ROBERTSON	MIRK	CANTON-DE-HATLEY, QC	43	8
26	MARIA AMODEI	LEVI	DUNSTABLE, MA	42.8	7
27	MARY THOMPSON	BEAUTY	DENFIELD, ON	37.6	3
28	LORI CUNNINGHAM	GIDEON	MILTON, PA	37.2	4
29	MARK BILLADEAU	NELL	MIDDLETOWN, MD	34.6	5
30	DAVID SHARP	CYMRO	PERKASIE, PA	34.6	4