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"Boldness comes from confidence.  
Confidence comes from success. So it is  
the job of the trainer/rider to create  
situations that lead to lots of success."

*Jack Le Goff*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

A major topic of discussion at the NEBCA Annual Meeting in January, 2014 was concern about the financial condition of the club. We had just finished a year in which we had incurred a



significant net loss and were looking at a budget for the new year that projected another significant shortfall. We talked about actions that the membership could take to help to address this problem. And, people have really stepped up in the three years since that meeting! As shown in the financial information in this newsletter, we have generated significant positive income in each of these years, which has resulted in doubling of the money the club has in the bank. I can't possibly list all of the people and activities that have contributed to this. But, they have included:

- 1) Several benefit trials each year making significant gifts to support the Fall Foliage and Novice Finals
- 2) Many donations of time, talent, property, livestock and material to these year end events.
- 3) Smart and hard working trial committees
- 4) A merchandise committee that has generated significant growth in sales
- 5) Efficiencies in production and distribution of the calendar and the newsletter.

All of this just reinforces the level of dedication that NEBCA members have to our club and its mission. Pretty impressive!

The 2017 Fall Foliage is going to be held in conjunction with the Leatherstocking Trial on August 26 – 28. The Leatherstocking Trials Committee submitted a comprehensive proposal for doing this that has been accepted by the Open Trials Committee. Our traditional weekend for the Fall Foliage is one week after the National Finals, which are in Virginia this year. This East Coast Finals will be the top priority of many of our top Open handlers, including the members of the Open Trials Committee. The Leatherstocking solution will allow NEBCA to hold a quality Fall Foliage event that does not conflict with the Finals. More details will be provided on the NEBCA website soon.

While Maria recognized them in the Winter edition of the Newsletter, I would like to express my own appreciation for the many years of dedicated work contributed by Gene Sheninger and Heather Millen. Both of them recently stepped down from the jobs they had been doing for the club, seemingly forever. Gene built the NEBCA Points system and maintained it for nearly 30 years. Heather did all of the entry of points into both the Novice and High Points systems for almost that long. Thank you both for all that you did.

We are seeing encouraging signs of an early Spring in New Hampshire as I write this. I'm hoping that the ice melts from my fields soon so I can start working my dogs again regularly, and am looking forward to seeing all of you on the trial field again soon.

- Chris





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## THE FAULTY DOG

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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 #9 –Young bitch. Moves freely with purpose. Good out runner. Spots sheep well. Comes onto the stock nicely at the top. Finds proper place for good, solid lifts. Not overly careful. Driving and holding lines are better now as she's had more training time and experience, but did have some difficulty holding strong, pushy type sheep online against their will. Can turn away from the pressure in a small area if she is seriously challenged. Not likely to grip even when appropriate. This bitch will at times allow the sheep to slip out from the pen opening and lose them around the sides. She will react to commands, but isn't covering properly with enough pressure to keep them in the mouth of the pen.

### **Marilyn Terpstra's Comments**

It sounds like a couple of things are going on.

First. I feel your dog might be lacking in confidence. The best thing would be to create work for her to do with purpose. Lots of times a young dog doesn't understand that there really is a purpose to what we ask them to do. Make up chores, or use the young dog to do chores. I know it isn't as efficient as using an older trained dog, but it will make your youngster grow up mentally. I like to get into a gateway, have the dog hold the sheep up against the gate, and then I open the gate to allow a couple of sheep to go into the next field/pen. When a group are out in the next field, call your dog to your feet, and send through into the next field to gather up the ones that have 'escaped'. While this is happening, (and you are lucky your dog doesn't offer to grip, so you don't need to worry about sheep abuse), try and not command the dog, but correct for being in the wrong place, and let the dog figure out what is appropriate. Put your sheep into a stall, and have the dog hold them up to you. Lots of times I worm sheep this way. They are in a small enough space, and the dog can just lay in the corner and keep sheep up to you. Instead of practicing a trial pen, load the sheep into a trailer.

Second, it sounds like you are not letting the dog use her natural ability, so she is waiting for you to tell her what to do. Too often, we get into the habit of telling a dog what to do, and not allowing them to figure out what is needed. By correcting for being too pushy, or letting one escape, that puts the burden on the dog to use their brain and figure out things, rather than becoming mechanical. If she allows a sheep to evade the pen, then you need to correct that, rather than tell her what to do. A sharp 'Hey' or "look what you did!" usually works with my dogs. I start this as soon as the pup is fetching, and if it allows a sheep to drop off, that becomes the most important lesson. Nothing else goes forward, until the young dog learns to get back and get that sheep it dropped off. Too often, people get caught up in the fact they can command a dog to do a behavior. No matter who you are, you cannot read the sheep, react, command and have the dog obey faster than the dog can react to the situation itself. A natural dog is to be prized. Instead of commanding, correct.

Third. It sounds like your bitch might need to learn you are her partner. When she appears to be intimidated by a forceful sheep, get into the action with her. Go up and 'teach that sheep a lesson' with her. Praise any enthusiasm on her part. I would be careful about this though. You don't want every lesson to be about stubborn sheep or situations that would encourage a sheep to face off against your young dog. Make up situations where your dog can easily 'win' too. Until she gains some confidence. leave the ewe and new lamb work to another dog. If you have another trained dog, allow them both to work, together. Joni Tietjen has some great mini videos where she pairs a



### Faulty Dog continued

young dog with an older one to move a single, or pair. It sounds like your dog has a lot going for her. Good luck.

### Christine Koval's Comments

The problems this young bitch is having are likely due to a lack of confidence as it seems she is hesitant to walk directly onto her sheep. I would want to know if this issue was due to a bad experience (was she put in over her head before she was ready or perhaps an aggressive sheep went after her at some point) or has she always been this way?

Regardless, she needs her confidence built back up again and she needs to know she can succeed. There are a number of exercises I have used in the past to help with this. Packed pen work is a good way to see where your dog is mentally when they are standing that close to sheep. Will she lie there quietly while faced by a bunch of sheep? Does she scramble to get out of the pen or is she running in and bouncing sheep off the sides of the pen? For this article I am going to assume she is not afraid of sheep, but just lacking a little more fortitude to push on them when needed.

After some packed pen work, I would use that dog to try to keep a few sheep (maybe 3 or 4) off of a pan of grain. I will have an experienced dog with me in case my young dog needs some assistance with this task. I want the young dog to walk up onto the sheep, not flank back and forth. The experienced dog is there to back up my youngster by moving the sheep off the grain, hence having the youngster thinking she is doing this herself and providing her with more confidence and push. If she only wants to go side to side, I may put a long line on her to prevent her from doing that and making her only choice as forward.

Another trick is to put one sheep in a chute, maybe about 15 feet long and just wide enough that the sheep cannot turn around and walk away when the dog walks into it. This way the dog must face the sheep and make it back up. I do not use an aggressive sheep when starting this as I do not want to take steps back if the dog does get challenged. We, as trainers, must take care that we don't over face a young dog that is learning new things. It is our responsibility to be there to help when needed and provide the proper encouragement and praise.

Other than confidence, it could be eye here or a lack of enthusiasm. I'd work a few sheep on a fence line. I'd stand with my back against the fence and make the dog cover to keep them to me... ssshhing the dog to keep the motivation high. This will liven it up a bit and make a game out of it so the dog is happy to cover.

Each time the dog succeeds, she is gaining more and more confidence. Test out her progress both in driving and at the pen to see if these exercises are helping her and the problems she was experiencing. With time and patience, she should be successful with the issues she faced.



Ewe winter vacation © Virginia Prince



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## IS THE TAIL WAGGING THE DOG?

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*Joe Evans*

Before we had sheep, I didn't think much if anything about them.

Buying four ewes from Carol Campion in 2008, certainly helped my dog-handling skills. Buying a few more from Michelle Brothers in New Jersey improved them a little more. Renting 100 un-dog-broken ewes and lambs with Mich Ferraro for the Finality Farm Sheepdog Trials took me a step or two further on the dog front but.....sheep were still not my priority. However, as our flock expanded so did my collection of ribbons in moving steadily from Novice to Ranch to Open.

The pinnacle of my trialing career was to qualify for and compete with two dogs in the last Belle Grove National Sheepdog Finals in 2013. What a thrill it was to bring those sheep down in the pouring rain, to push them round the drive panels only to drown in a sea of lost time in the shedding ring – ever my nemesis. That was my last trial.

By this stage, my wife and I had become part-time sheep farmers. We used our hard-scrabble 17 acre rock and rolling slope farm in Putnam County as a base to winter our expanding flock whilst grazing on about 200 acres of other people's land all over the county. My dog-handling skills probably peaked at this stage. Why? Because I started to focus more on the sheep than on the dogs.

We started regular rotations on pastures of variable quality and began selling grassfed lamb. The problem with farming other people's land was that much of the grass just wasn't good enough; as a result, neither was the quality of some of our meat. So, we decided to bet it all on the farm. We bought a 100 acre ex-dairy farm in Andes, Delaware County high up in the Western Catskills and set off on a journey into the unknown with 125 sheep, 7 dogs and one old cat in tow.

Two of those dogs were pups. I looked forward to training mine in a nice corner field. But something happened on the way to the field. I stopped training.

So, through the prism of fading memory and a different outlook on life, let's look at the difference in priorities between a shepherd with farm dogs and a sheepdog trialist with a hobby flock of sheep.

What I noticed creeping up on me as the flock grew was that I started siding with the sheep a bit more than before. I still wanted the dog to win the day but I was always mindful of the fact that the sheep had less weaponry than a dog and more to lose in picking a fight with a dog. I had always noted the irony of the post DQ statement heard in the handlers' tent at many a trial: "Oh, that nasty sheep deserved that (grip) – it was a really mean ewe!" Oh the irony of a blunt-nosed prey animal with one row of teeth for nibbling plants up against a canine with a pointy mouth full of big sharp teeth at the front and the lightning reactions of a predator.

But that wasn't my concern. Producing 100% grassfed AND finished lamb is labor-intensive and expensive. It means daily moves with a botanist's concentration on the length and quality of the forage. It's no good if it's too long and even worse if it's too short. Luckily, the foodie market we target understands this. It's prepared to pay a modest premium, but it is a demanding group.

In the early years the quality of our product was inconsistent. Size, texture, flavor were variable resulting from the dubious nutritional value of the different pastures on which we were trying to fatten and finish our lamb as well as on the characteristics of the animal. Also, the quality of our stored forage was generally poor which lead to a few lambing problems and too many runty-sized lambs.

We believe we have made good progress in these areas to the extent that we now are able to ship 8 – 12 whole carcasses of a consistent size and quality each month to New York City restaurants and butcher shops. We currently have 150 breeding ewes with 160 lambs on the farm. By 2020 we aim to have 500 breeding ewes if the market



### Is the Tail Wagging the Dog? continued

continues to show interest in our type of product. One of the key determining factors in finding and building our customer base is that they were won over by our commitment to our sheep. Our customers are prepared to pay a premium if they know their animals have been treated well throughout their lives. It's the Faustian bargain that has

lured many an ex-vegan and vegetarian back from the meatless side of society.

I remember a friend of mine (and early mentor in the sheep world) advising me "Don't baby your sheep, or you'll end up with baby sheep." On our farm we have taken the opposite route. One of the primary management goals we set ourselves is to give our sheep the best life we can in terms of nutritious food, clean water, shelter from the elements.....and quiet handling.

This leads me to the other big variable in producing premium quality 100% grassfed and finished meat: STRESS. Stress is an



Evans & Evans lambs © Joe Evans

absolute meat killer. Surges of adrenalin generated by stress lead to off-tasting, tough meat. What are the typical causes of stress to sheep? Illness. Inconsistent delivery of food. Poor quality food. Too much variety in the quality of food. Excessive heat. Excessive cold. Shipping animals longer than 30 miles. Poor slaughter techniques. Fear. Bad handling techniques.

On that last note, perhaps we should get back to talking dogs. OK, but this is the tough part of the assignment. To my mind, there can be little doubt that untrained dogs, badly handled dogs, or just plain old bad dogs (yes, they do exist) can and do stress sheep – a lot. Some dog handlers (the good, the bad and the indifferent) are not aware of this or perhaps they just don't care. To this type of person, sheep are solely a means to an end, the end being the dog's god-given right to work in whatever way the handler and/or the dog see fit in terms of their development for the trial field.





Is the Tail Wagging the Dog? continued



Moving sheep quietly into the paddock © Joe Evans

In the world of meat-production, this is not a healthy outlook for livestock. As I see it, the purpose of the working sheepdog is to make the gathering and control of sheep a lot easier and a lot less stressful for shepherd and sheep alike. Done right, there can be no dog-related activity that is more inspirational to watch or in which to participate. Done badly, it's a sad sight and an accident waiting to happen.

With that in mind, I finish impaled on the two-pronged horns of a sharp-tacked dilemma. On the one side, how can we train a dog without imposing stress on our sheep at some point (particularly early on) in the process? On the other side, how do we move large amounts of sheep easily, efficiently with minimal stress without having a well-trained dog or two to help?

Whilst I wrestle with these questions, my two experienced dogs are getting older and slower by the day.

## TRIAL RESULTS

### PA FARM SHOW SDT 7 JAN

#### Open (45 dogs)

1	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	6	Nancy Obernier	Jim
2	Mary Ann Duffy	Gwen	7	Michele Higgins	Rush
3	Renee Billadeau	Tally	8	Susan Rhoades	George
4	Sue Asten	Bea	9	Carolyn West	Abe
5	Susan Rhoades	Rusty	10	Mark Billadeau	Lee





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## WHAT'S IN YOUR FIRST AID KIT

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*Ginny Prince DVM*

Remember the time your dog sliced her pad and you couldn't unroll that 10 year old roll of vetwrap, and the time she had the squirts at a trial and your Imodium caplets had turned to powder, just when you needed them? For home use as well as trialing, it's always a good time to check your dog first aid kit for completeness and to replace used items and refresh outdated stuff.

Everyone's first aid kit is probably a little different (mine has stuff like epinephrine and an endotracheal tube) and I will not cover medical kits for people or sheep in this article, but the following is a general guideline for common sheepdog maladies. Of course these days you can also Google canine first aid kits for exhaustive lists.

- Scissors for trimming hair around wounds, cutting bandage material, etc.
- Saline for minimally contaminated wounds (contact lens saline is handy: inexpensive and ready to squirt)
- Antiseptic soap for dirty wounds
- Absorbent gauze pads
- Telfa style wound pads
- Roll gauze (doubles as a muzzle tie for really painful dogs to prevent biting)
- Vetwrap
- Athletic tape
- Topical antiseptic cream or antibiotic ointment
- Tweezers, hemostat, small needle nosed pliers for pulling out slivers, quills, etc.
- Q-tips
- Nail clippers
- Blood stop powder for bleeding nails
- Cold packs (source courtesy of Fiona Robertson) [www.canineicer.com](http://www.canineicer.com)
- Thermometer and lube (recall the joke about the difference between a rectal and an oral thermometer?)
- Antidiarrheal meds.
  - Imodium a/d, 2 mg every 8 hours for 1 day for an average border collie, as long as the dog is mdr1 normal. IF a dog is mdr1 mutant, He or she won't metabolize the active ingredient loperamide normally, and this can result in opiate toxicity including being zonked out.
  - Pepto bismol (1 tablet every 8 hours for a day for a full sized border collie) is an alternative as long as the dog is not taking aspirin or any other NSAID such as Rimadyl or meloxicam. This is because bismuth subsalicylate is in the aspirin family and the additive dose could cause toxicity
- Oral anti-inflammatory medication: aspirin to dose at 5 mg/lb twice a day with food for a few days, or prescription NSAID from your vet
- Antihistamine such as benadryl to dose at 1 mg/lb (round up so 50 mg for most adult border collies) every 6 to 12 hours for itching and insect and other allergic reactions
- Hydrogen peroxide: give orally at 1 ml per lb, max 45 ml, to induce vomiting after eating the wrong thing. It can be more effective if you feed the dog a slice of bread first to have some bulk to expel. Don't induce vomiting for things that would hurt on the way back up, or if the dog is really depressed or in any way could breathe in the vomitus.
- The peroxide triples as a wound cleanser for really filthy wounds, and to clean moist dermatitis (hot spots) before patting dry and applying cortisone cream
- Cortisone cream (NOT ointment) for hot spots and other itchy skin
- E collar or inflatable "no-bite" collar to prevent chewing bandages, etc.

This is just a starting point, no doubt when you think of what your own dogs need you'll have your own additions, and let's hope if you are prepared for everything you won't need anything!



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## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JAN 2017

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January 21, 2017, Hadley, MA

**1. Call to Order 10:12am**

17 members present; ~17 members remote; 29 proxies

**2. Procedures for Remote Participation**

17 members listening/participating from (4) remote locations – FL, NY, PA & NJ

**3. Approval of Past Minutes (Cooperstown)**

As published in Winter 2016 newsletter.

Motion to accept: George Northrop; Seconded by Maria Mick and approved

**4. Executive Committee Reports**

**a. Secretary – Martha Walke, presented by Chris Bowen**

281 members at close of 2016 as compared with 270 at end of 2015. Of the 281 - 7 Life Memberships, 211 Individual memberships and 63 Farm/Family memberships. There were 56 new members in 2016. About 4 members renewed due to Dave Sharp's letter to lapsed members.

As of Jan. 15, 2017: 168 members, 18 of which are new. 131 members from 2016 have not renewed.

Motion to accept: Kate Collins; seconded and approved.

**b. Treasurer - 2016 Financials - presented by Denise Leonard**

See enclosed report.

Question regarding income for fencing from the Leatherstocking and Cummington trials. Question regarding whether Fall Foliage trial has any outstanding debt to pay NEBCA. Financials looking in good shape. Audit was conducted in 2016.

Motion to accept: Mich Ferraro; seconded by Kate Collins. Approved.

**5. BOD Report - presented by Maria Mick**

Report published on website.

Motion to accept - Kate Collins; Seconded by Denise Leonard. Approved.

Pending work:

a. Minor revisions to the Grievance Procedure - Recommended updates include clarifying that USBCHA violations are not in the scope of NEBCA; that social media is not within scope; that email is a valid interview and information gathering method; and that "shall" should be replaced with "should" in several specific steps.

b. Districting - More effort than what it's worth? Over representation from some states most likely because some members have long standing positions within club. Very difficult to get new people. Difficult to nominate new folks to positions to add to diversity and distribution perhaps due to membership not being aware that there is a nominating committee. Perhaps it may be better to advertise the fact that nominating committee is looking for people to serve.

One suggestion - that a few states in a 'district' nominate someone from that district but if they don't get a nominee, then someone else from another district could take the place. Not sure how to put a process in place to do that.

It was mentioned that, in the past, the nominating committee has attempted to get representatives from throughout the geographic region but there may not have been sufficient interest from certain regions. Another suggestion was that perhaps the Board could reach out to membership to recruit nominees, perhaps on social media, email or the newsletter.

Motion to accept the Boards' recommendation to not form districts: Cheryl Williams; Seconded by Mich Ferraro. Approved.

c. Other key decisions and activity in 2016



### Annual Meeting Minutes continued

**Trial Recognition** - The Board is to recognize two long-running trials - the Kingston Sheepdog Trials in Kingston, Ontario and the Massachusetts Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT in Cummington, MA.

**Best Practices** - starting with Scribing Best Practices – will be published on website under "Trials" and will be published in newsletters. Suggestion to have Scribing practices printed and available at trials but they could also be accessed via cell phone (if there is cell service at trial site). Formats for score sheets also available with Best Practices. These Best Practices for Scribes were modified and adapted from the Ontario Border Collie Club, with permission.

**Consideration of a handler request** - A request was made by a member in respect to the member being considered an Open handler by the Novice Committee as a result of his one-time participation in an Open Cattle trial several years ago. After discussion with board members, the Executive, the Novice Committee and the member himself, the Board unanimously voted to support the Novice Committee's position and ruling on the matter.

Discussion followed concerning grievances filed relating to social media.

### 6. Standing Committee Reports

#### a. **Open Trials Committee** - presented by Mich Ferraro

- i. **2016 High Points & Fall Foliage Report**  
Both won by Amanda Milliken and Howell. The Fall Foliage was run at the Old Chatham Shepherding Farm in Old Chatham, NY October 14-16, judged by Frank Cashen of Ireland.
- ii. **2017 Preliminary Fall Foliage Plans**  
The Open Trials committee has received a proposal from the Leatherstocking Trial Committee to hold the 2017 Fall Foliage Championship in conjunction with the Leatherstocking trial, perhaps August 26-28, since the USBCHA Finals will be on the east coast this year. More discussion is needed before making a final determination although the Committee is enthusiastic about this proposal. The Committee would appreciate input from the membership.  
Motion to accept: Barbara Armata; Seconded - Kate Collins. Approved.
- iii. **New Chair** - Mich would like to step down as committee chair.

#### b. **Novice Trials Committee** – presented by Barb Armata

- i. **2016 Novice Finals Report**  
37 competitors at the Novice Finals held at Cascade Farm in Bath, NH. Bud & Mary Ames donated use of the sheep and Werner Reitboeck donated his judging fees. Kudos to the novice handlers for cleaning up and tearing down the trial afterwards. The Finals were financially successful. Barbara thanks the Committee for all the time and effort devoted to making the trial a success.  
Motion to accept: Denise Leonard; Seconded by Kate Collins. Approved.
- ii. **2017 Preliminary Novice Finals Plans**  
The Committee is looking at the best possible geographic locations for the upcoming Novice Finals to get the best participation. A site in ME has been offered but may not be well attended due to location. A site in PA has been offered but there is no parking area. A site in NY was offered but the site is not suitable for a ranch course. The Armata's farm may be a possible site located in Esperance, NY. Possible date suggested as Labor Day weekend.  
A suggestion was made that we not offer ranch class due to too few dogs but Barb said that she didn't know if the field location would really make that much difference as to the number of





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Ranch dogs that enter. Kate Collins suggested that keeping the Ranch class encourages people to move up and some people deliberately will not finish an open run so that they could run in Ranch finals. Other members support keeping the Ranch class finals. The Committee wants to reconsider the point system for qualifying for Ranch finals – decision to be made prior to start of trial season.

iii. **Completion of Handler Status request from member**

After decision by Board in regards to a handler's request to status, Barbara sent a letter to the member to inform him of the decision and to officially close the matter.

**7. Newsletter Report – by Maria Amodei, presented by Chris Bowen**

Maria will continue as editor. The newsletter has been coming out 4 times/year. Membership input is very much appreciated. The comment was made that the newsletter is a good source of advertisement for NEBCA.

Motion to accept: George Northrop; Seconded by Kate Collins. Approved.

**8. Select Committee Reports**

a. **Merchandise Committee-** Presented by Kim Lippolis

The committee welcomes suggestions for new items. Nothing finalized yet as to what will be ordered for this year. A suggestion was made that perhaps bumper stickers and/or magnets could be ordered.

Motion to accept: Denise Leonard; Seconded by Kate Collins. Approved.

b. **Calendar Committee** - Presented by Kate Collins.

The estimate for the 2018 calendar is \$819 vs. \$769 for last year for 300 calendars, plus taxes.

Brochures –have about half of the last amount and may not order more until late this year. Have about 30-40 calendars left from last year's sales. There were less PayPal orders this year than last year. Denise Leonard suggests that we add the PayPal cost to the orders - 65 cents.

Motion to accept: Denise Leonard; Seconded by Wendy Warner. Approved.

c. **Learning Trials Committee** –Presented by Barbara Armata.

Barb stated that there was only one request for funding from the Learning Committee this year and that was denied. She suggested that perhaps there could be a notice placed in the newsletter to remind members that funding is available for mission/committee appropriate reasons.

Barb suggested that the website be updated.

Motion to accept: George Northrop; Seconded by Denise Leonard. Approved.

d. **Library Report** – Presented by George Northrop for Martha Walke

There were 27 transactions by 17 members for 40 items. There were donations from Bud and Mary Ames, from the Novice Finals, and from individual members.

Motion to accept: George Northrop; Seconded by Barb Armata. Approved.

Lunch Break

**9. Unfinished Business and Special Orders**

- a. Election Results - The Executive winners: President - Chris Bowen (re-elected); Vice President - Dave Young; Treasurer - Denise Leonard (re-elected); Secretary - Martha Walke (re-elected).  
Board of Directors - Maria Mick (re-elected); Annie Palmer (elected) - join Fiona Robertson and Rob Drummond.

- b. Membership via PayPal – Thanks to Joanne Murphy for getting PayPal on the NEBCA website for several months now. It has been working reasonably well. It is currently a 2 step process. Denise now has a



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- c. process to remind people to send in the membership form. Those renewing their membership by PayPal get a PayPal email receipt but it may go mistakenly to the spam filter. Still working on trying to make the process more streamlined and to work out the bugs including a bug that sometimes sends the membership forms to the Secretary's Spam account. Suggested to look into how USBCHA does their membership.

### 10. New Business

- a. 2017 Proposed Budget –  
Denise mentioned that the budget to be adjusted for calendars (subtract about 20 calendars due to life members, etc). Learning trials budget to be retained as is.  
Motion to accept: Barb Armata; Seconded by George Northrop. Approved.
- b. USBCHA Finals Contribution-  
Emily Yazwinsky made the motion that a \$5000 donation be made to the USBCHA National Finals in 2017: \$2000 of which will be reimbursable if a profit is made; \$3000 of which to be an outright gift provided that NEBCA is allowed to place a NEBCA banner on the pen, a full page ad and prime vendor space. Votes were as follows:  
Hadley – vote in favor 16 (28 proxies); opposed 0; abstentions 1 (1 proxy)  
NJ, NY, FL, PA – vote in favor 17 (unanimous)  
MOTION PASSES
- c. Retirement of Gene Sheninger and Heather Millen from NEBCA positions – Heather and Gene have maintained the points systems for ~ 20 years. Pam Davies has volunteered to take over Heather's job tracking the points. Need someone to take over Gene's position maintaining the database. Gene has agreed to stay on until May.  
Mich Ferraro recommended that we place an ad in the newsletter to the membership to see if anyone applies. The job description should include an estimate of # of hours / month needed to do this job.  
The Board recommends recognition for Heather and Gene – Board to take care of this.
- d. Committee Appointments - Open Trial Committee - Sue Schoen to become chair; Mich Ferraro possibly to step down. Novice Trial Committee - Barb Armata to remain as chair; remaining members to stay on. Learning Trial Committee - members to stay on for another year.
- e. Proposal made about Pronovice Rules: Jim Murphy proposed that when a handler running a nursery dog in USBCHA earns 1 qualification in USBCHA for this dog, that the dog must run in Ranch, not Pronovice. It was felt that this will be a proposal that the Novice Trials Committee will need to consider.
- f. Other New Business –The website needs updating. Volunteers? Rose Redick suggested that the committee chairs review their relevant sections; have the revisions come back to the executive committee for final review and prior to posting on the website. Rose Redick volunteered to coordinate.
- g. Meeting dates for 2017: Tentatively planned for the Cummington and Cooperstown trial sites but this may change if Cooperstown becomes the Fall Foliage site.
- h. Would welcome feedback on the remote access pilot program used at this annual meeting.

### 11. Adjournment - 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Mick



## NEBCA FINANCIALS

### NEBCA OPERATING BUDGET

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Membership Dues	\$6,000	\$8,800
Calendars	\$2,800	\$3,000
Breeder's Directory	\$450	\$220
Advertisements	\$100	\$275
Merchandise	\$5,500	\$4,500
Library	\$250	\$250
Interest	\$50	\$50
Rental of Equipment	\$50	\$50
Return of Nat'l Finals donation	\$2,000	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,200</b>	<b>\$17,145</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Calendars	\$1,500	\$1,500
Pamphlets	\$350	\$350
Newsletter	\$2,500	\$2,500
Merchandise purchased	\$4,000	\$3,000
Fall Foliage Contribution	\$2,000	\$2,800
Novice Finals Contribution	\$2,000	\$2,100
Insurance	\$650	\$650
Library	\$350	\$350
Administrative	\$600	\$600
PayPal transaction fees	\$45	\$45
Advertisement	\$200	\$200
Awards/Gifts	\$350	\$700
Learning Trials	\$400	\$600
Fencing	-	-
National Finals Donation	\$5,000	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,945</b>	<b>\$15,395</b>
<b>Net Income (loss)</b>	<b>(\$2,745)</b>	<b>\$1,750</b>







## NEBCA Actual Financials - Last 3 Years

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
Membership Dues	\$ 7,466	\$ 4,393	\$ 6,120
Calendars	2,959	2,261	2,885
Breeder's Directory	492	220	280
Advertisements	80	285	225
Merchandise	5,971	5,247	4,462
Library	434	201	298
Interest	54	34	34
Rental of Equipment	20	20	80
Miscellaneous	192	412	147
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 17,668</b>	<b>\$ 13,073</b>	<b>\$ 14,531</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Calendars	\$ 1,115	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,027
Newsletter	2,236	1,869	2,229
Merchandise purchased	4,620	4,019	0
Fall Foliage Contribution	262	608	(630)
Novice Finals Contribution	(1,908)	(1,357)	599
Insurance	625	625	625
Library	135	360	128
Administrative	134	100	636
PayPal transaction fees	58	45	32
Advertisement	50	0	0
Awards/Gifts	525	0	368
Learning Trials	0	0	150
Fencing	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	486	208	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,338</b>	<b>\$ 7,898</b>	<b>\$ 5,164</b>
<b>Net Income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 9,330</b>	<b>\$ 5,175</b>	<b>\$ 9,367</b>
Balances in Accounts at Year End	\$ 40,888	\$ 31,560	\$ 26,385

*"The general thought now is, or should be, that there is always another day! The rider should understand that sometimes, more training for your horse is necessary, and retiring [pulling up/changing a lesson] before more damage is done is a much better course of action than pushing your and your horse's limits."*

*- Phillip Dutton, 12-Time USEA Leading Rider of the Year*



### MENTORING

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*Ginny Prince*

A friend of mine is thinking of trying herding and trialing and she asked me skeptically if I had found mentors within Nebca. I immediately replied “oh absolutely!” Any time you get a group of people (or dogs, or sheep, or any mammals) together not everyone will hit it off together, but her question reminded me of how many people have helped me in the quest to be a better handler of both sheep and dogs. I thought I would share a partial list of moments that have changed my path: here goes!

I got my first border collie (Martha) from David Kennard who suggested I join NEBCA, and gave me reams of valuable advice, ending with “...and don’t talk baby talk to your dog!”

Dave Webster, incidentally my first veterinary employer over 3 decades ago, talked me into running in my first fun trial at Steve Wetmore’s, saying “aw come on, you’ll learn so much more if you run your dog than if you watch.”

Steve in turn encouraged me to have another try after our first group of Katahdins took off for the wild blue yonder. He said, “You’d better have another group. Some of those were known runners and jumpers. Besides, they probably look a lot like deer to your dog and I bet you told her not to chase deer.”

At that little trial I tasted the euphoria of teamwork with my dog that still keeps me going through all the hard work and disastrous runs. As I basked in the moment, Deb Donahue commented tactfully “after I run my dog he usually needs to go for a little walk and relieve himself.” Thank you Deb for helping me remember my friend’s wellbeing! I’ve made the post run decompression walk into a routine ever since.

At my first official trial, novice/novice at Cummington, I was watching the runs before me and panicked when I realized I had no idea how to turn the sheep around the post. Looking around I saw Maria Mick, who I recognized from spectating at several trials and felt comfortable approaching. In a very self-deprecating but clear and immensely helpful way she said “well a lot of people wear the sheep around the turn” and gave a mini demonstration. After that we survived the run, except for failing to pen.

After the run Kate Collins, whom I barely knew, came up to me and in such a positive way pointed out the first of many helpful perspectives she has provided over the years: “Oh Ginny, she was just holding the sheep to *you*!” That was a light bulb moment.

I will never forget as a new handler, running another year in Pro Novice at Cummington and asking a group of handlers why Martha and I lost the sheep at the post when I thought I had done things right. After just a brief pause to replay the run in her mind, Barb Armata nailed it, “because you stopped your dog too far back and she lost contact.” Eureka!

Denise Leonard has helped me with many trials, tribulations and lessons. I remember one moment in particular when I first met her at Nancy Phillips trial. When I sent Martha she went about 30 feet and stopped dead, then only with difficulty went out to the sheep and disaster ensued. I was devastated and thought maybe she was sick. Denise thought for a bit and identified the problem: “she’s pressure sensitive and there is a draw in 3 different directions on this field. She was paralyzed trying to figure out how to handle that.” I realized this was a deep dimension to Border collie thought that I had been unaware of, and that Denise was the person for me to go to for more understanding.

Valerie Pietrasweska convinced me to get my second border collie, and has been a steadfast training partner.

I first realized the depths of Maria Amodoi’s knowledge when I overheard her describing her old partner Cato as a “heading” dog. In a flash I saw how this explained so much of the problem I have with my dog Ida. Since then Maria has provided many additional valuable insights such as pointing out that Ida reacts to correction by getting excited.



### Mentoring continued

In all my years of working with dogs I had never encountered this before. I am also deeply indebted to Maria for the invaluable consolation for so many struggles, reminding me “You learn the most from the difficult dogs.”

Barbara Levinson gave me a terrific pep talk when I was bummed out about placing out of ranch in my Dar dog’s second open run, and helped me laugh about it.

I can’t begin to count all the times Mike Nunan, Wendy Warner, Martha Walke, Ellen Black and Bud and Mary Ames have helped me dump the depression following a bad run, and have helped me keep things in perspective because I have all these great friends at trials.

I will never forget Darlene Hutchins, and how she fought the brave fight with pancreatic cancer. In fact, one of the reasons I chose the name “Dar” for my 3<sup>rd</sup> border collie was to remind myself of Darlene every time I go to the post, and that no matter how the run goes I am just lucky to be here with my wonderful dog. When I told her breeder, Dave Young about my name choice he related a story from when he was judging, and Darlene came to the post reminding herself out loud to “purge the soul!” Thank you Darlene!

Dave and Mary Ellen Young have helped me with so much support and advice since I first met them. Two life changers stand out for me, of course one being that they bred my soul mate Dar, who has helped me with so much in addition to getting around a few open courses. The other occurred a couple of years ago when the Youngs judged the Stonebridge trial. My dogs ran poorly and it was obvious to me that it was entirely because of my tension. I talked to the Youngs at length about ways to deal with this. Ultimately, just as an off hand comment, Mary Ellen remarked, “you know, when Dave retired, his dogs started working so much better for him, because he no longer had stress from his job.” This almost chance remark lingered with me till I realized that my job had been insidiously poisoning me, as well as all my relationships including those with my poor dogs. This set me on the path to quitting that job, and things got a lot better!

A number of times I have finished a run by beating myself up for my miserable handling skills. I am indebted to Rob Drummond for saying to me more than once (in his blunt, refreshing manner) “You read the sheep just fine. It’s just that you are really late with your directions. You’re too slow! SLOW! LATE!! Get with it!”

“Fiona, may I ask you a question?” I would like to thank Fiona Robertson for the plethora of times she has graciously complied with my query, so many times I cannot sift out any specific one for this article.

At Roger Deschambault’s trial one year the sheep were pretty tough. Most novice runs ended quickly with sheep dashing to the exhaust. My dog gripped trying to prevent that and I left the post. Nancy Phillips pointed out to me that I should have kept going and waited for the judge to call me off, because sometimes the judge will allow a grip that they consider workmanlike or necessary.

Joyce Geier is another one of those people who make me think I should get veterinary continuing education credit for going to herding events. She has expanded my understanding of dog and sheep matters immensely every time I have heard her speak or had a lesson.

I am sure there are many more people who deserve credit that escape me at this moment. And of course, to all my dogs and all the dogs and sheep affiliated directly or indirectly with NEBCA, thank you!!!! I learn from you all!

*“Working horses is a little like being married. Sometimes you need to adjust and change your plan.”  
- Buck Brannaman, Horseman and Clinician*





## SUMMER SHEPHERD

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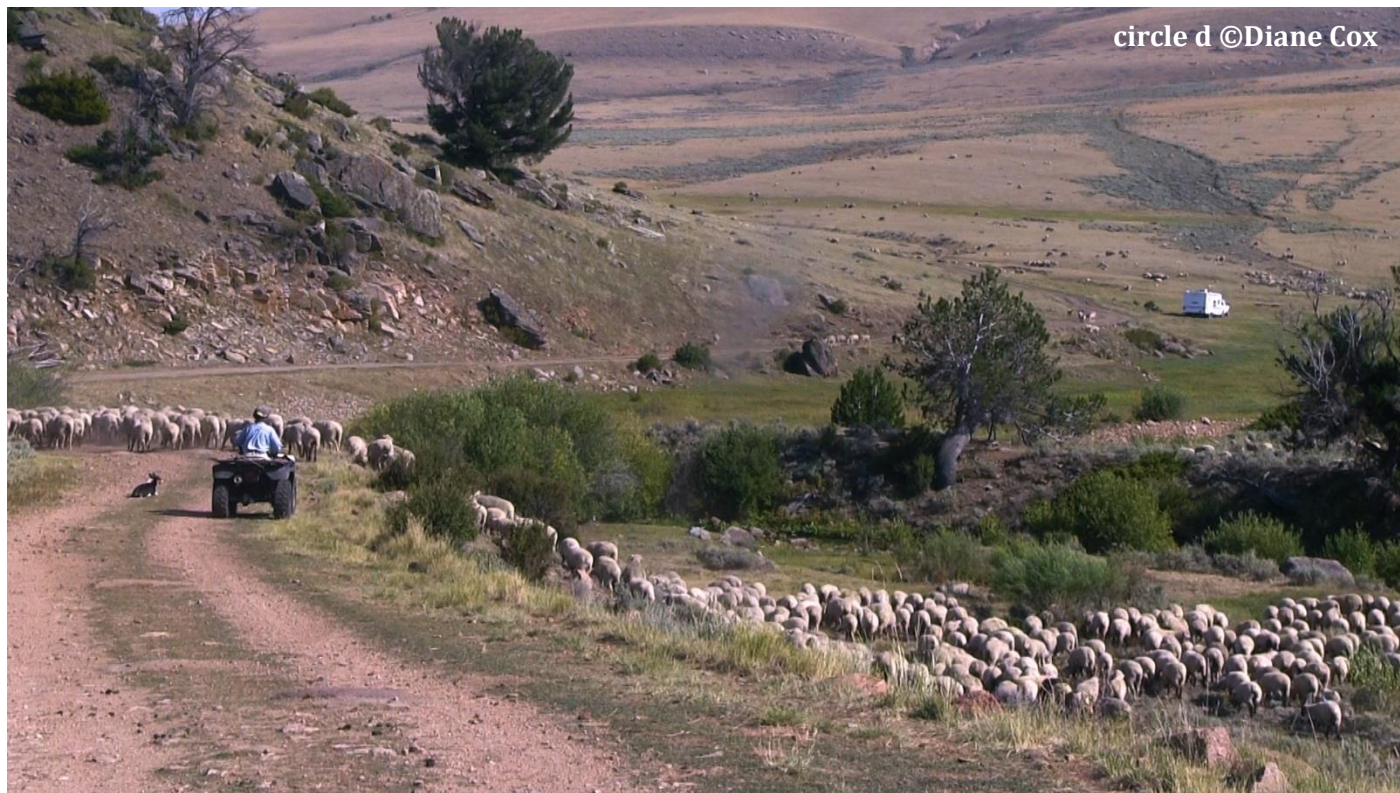
*Diane Cox*

june 19, 2016 - heading west to the bighorn mountains of wyoming with my three collies and little pickup, pulling a 19' airstream. i am going to be a shepherd to some 3,200 sheep on summer range 9,000' up in the high country. my bosses are two bachelor brothers, peto and don, 84 and 87 years.

june 22

i limp into the ranch headquarters with my pickup all but broke, having overheated so many times i choose not to count. don takes one look at me in my truck with new york license plates and before i crack open the door he yells out, "no way that truck of yours gonna pull a trailer up these mountains here." he hitched us up to his truck, headed up the rock/dirt track, and delivered us to the campsite. he gave us a quick lay of the land and promptly left for that 3-hour drive back down the mountain.

i was provided with my "trusty steed", a 20+ year old 4-wheeler, as the territory is too big to cover with a horse. the land is mostly sage covered slopes with short grass tops, gullies and steep ravines; a few mountain tops are strewn with conifers. water seeps from springs that their granddad developed years ago. wildlife abounds, most of which show no fear of me, except elk, antelope and mule deer, as big game hunting is a premium here.



these mountains have a rich history of being powdered with sheep camps, but now only the brothers and another rancher 20 miles to the north remain stalwarts. black angus is the meat "du jour", requiring less input and maintenance.



### Summer Shepherd continued

i am not sure when the last time their flock was tended by a shepherd. last summer the predation losses were many. most were attributed to the mountain lion, the most common predator, followed by the black bear, then the coyote. the brothers choose not use livestock guardian dogs because they do not want to deal with them over the winters. i brought my rifle and pistol.

am i afraid?...no, not at all. there is only one spot up here with cell phone coverage when all the "stars align". every second requires my singular focus. if i get into trouble that i cannot get out of then my derriere is cooked, and i become a feast for the vultures, ravens and magpies.

i have never been happier nor sadder, in this dance between life and death.

a journal entry

july 12

my #1 dog, wull, is tied at camp. doing much better 3 days after his ptlo surgery. monk has been lame for several days and is on rimadyl. lala and i are out gathering the dispersed groups and stragglers of the flock. tomorrow morning we move the flock to better grazing range.

lala is dwarfed by 4' tall sagebrush; i keep the forward momentum over the sage with split second reaction as it is too easy to flip the 4-wheeler on these sloped hillsides. i spy a single ewe with her head down on the next ridge, a steep draw between us. through the binocs i see she has a rump patch, dark and floppy. too steep and the sage too tall to ride, so on foot we move to get that ewe back towards the others. footing is a joke; we go slow and catch up with her at the top of a 25' deep draw.



fly strike ©Diane Cox

rump patch dark brown on her rambouillet dirty white. ewe loses footing and rolls 2 times down the ravine, teeters on a big sage close to bottom. 10 second eternity is her balanced on her back, legs stretched back uphill towards us. her energy depleted, she rolls over the edge to the bottom. still lying where she landed, we slide down next to her, she does not move. i try to get her up, no budge. reaching over rocks to her rump patch, it's wet. i lift her wool patch, black skin about the size of a dinner plate, with maggots fat...a shag carpet crawling, eating her alive. lala and the ewe, eye to eye, locked. swallowing hard, i rip off the wool, exposed the maggots wriggling towards cover. surely she will die soon, her eyes so vacant. we race





### Summer Shepherd continued

*an hour back to camp. there's no meds or fly spray of any kind. we bring back gasoline and find her unmoved. she spooks as i thrash through the sage towards her. she stumbles up the bottom over sage and rocks, and then into a 2' narrow draw... "way...way....way" to lala. she pushes through the ewe's legs and stops her nose to nose. i move along side and see the maggots have eaten further up into her wool. i tell her what i am going to do; she stands there and doesn't move as the gasoline runs over withering maggots, her blackened skin turns reddish from the gas, the maggots begin to drop. i work the gas around her back side and down her back legs, she stays still. i offer her water, raising a canvas bowl to her mud crusted mouth, she remains stoic. we three are all quiet, standing in each other's presence. a yearling, a 2 year old bitch dog, an old woman, in a moment when we see in each other ourselves. lala and i back off quietly. the ewe moves down the ravine through a green grassy bottom, lush and flowing.*

August 23- took the brothers and i two days to move the huge flock across the mountains to the circled corrals, where the ewes and lambs were sorted. my job was done. i could not bear to stay to help the next day when the livestock haulers came to take the lambs to a feedlot in colorado. nor could i face saying goodbye to peto and don, who are more than my words can express. i have such reverence for them...the likes of men such as them are not made anymore.

i called them in october. they want me back this summer! the losses were few. in the end i accounted for 15 dead sheep, of which 6 were certified from bear by the game warden. the other 9 were old ewes.



moving the sheep to circle d corrals ©Diane Cox





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## IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

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*Maria Amodei*

Training a dog takes time. Sometimes Spot seems to grasp a new concept quickly, but then you find he does not understand as well as you thought when you place that job in a different context. Sometimes Spot seems to lack the required intelligence or desire or talent to get the job. I've despaired of a dog ever becoming merely competent at a certain task, only to have them become quite expert over time such that I'd completely forgotten the early struggles. Though training a dog takes time, you should see progress. It may be slow progress, but it must be real progress, not wishfully imagined. If you can't look back to a week or two ago and see you have made some measurable progress then you need to change your training picture. The young dog is still very tough to stop, sometimes blowing past you to the stock, but two weeks ago you had him on a long line with the sheep behind you in a corner and had work to get him stopped and caught as he tried to dart past you. Maybe the other dog you started at the same time is now stopping well on the back side of the sheep and beginning to learn his sides, but this young dog that is still tough to control has made measurable progress.

If you are not making real progress then you need to change your training picture. Some ideas:

1. Train more often, short sessions-more often. With hot dogs your first session(s) of the day are often just working the edge. If you can get several sessions in a day the edge will diminish and learning will take its place.
2. Make the job simpler. If you can't stop the dog well, then keep the job to very small and simple gathers with one criteria – stop, now, always immediately enforced. The more criteria on the table at one time the more difficult the task even if you are in a small pen with quiet sheep. If the dog is struggling to improve, don't be working flanks, stops, sides, pace all at the same time. I'm not saying forgive any behavior, but setup your exercises to keep focused on the main problem.
3. If you can't stop your dog without a fuss, fix that first before you do anything else. You can't much help a dog that you can't control. Yes, working on the stop is boring, but a requirement for all other work.
4. Pay attention to yourself. Are you enforcing your requirements immediately and consistently? If not, fix your own responses.
5. Just as important, are you taking the pressure off the moment the dog complies? Continuing to harass a dog that has complied with the requirements is just that, harassment. Your dog learns what is wanted by the moment you release the pressure. If you do not release the pressure when the dog gets it right then you just lost the opportunity to show the dog what you want.
6. Does your voice come back to normal after correcting a dog? If you find you are tense and grumpy, in particular even after the dog has fixed whatever you just corrected, then quit the session. It is easy to let frustration corrode your training when your dog is not making progress. Temper will only take your training backwards.
7. Still getting nowhere? Spend some time thinking about the problem. Not while you are on the field with the dog, but while driving to work, feeding the sheep, whatever. Really think about it. Look for the pattern of when things go wrong and that may help you come up with a new training picture.
8. If a dog fails an exercise over and over and over again for heaven's sake change the exercise. Make it smaller, shorter, simpler in some way. I aim for about an 80% success rate. Success is defined according to what I can expect from that particular dog at its current level of training. More experienced and established partners can tolerate a higher failure rate, but repeated failures are not teaching the dog what is right.
9. Try another training environment. A new field, different sheep. If you don't have anything yourself, find someone else. In particular with green dogs if your stock is difficult or the field challenging they may need a simpler environment to get their understanding of a concept down before they can apply it in all situations.
10. Get help. Another set of eyes, preferably very experienced eyes, may see your dog a whole different way and offer a much better approach. Even if you are an experienced trainer, get help.

Don't keep slogging on the training treadmill. Constantly evaluate if you are making real progress. It does not need to be fast progress, but it needs to be clear progress. If you are standing still, make a change.



## 2015 BREEDERS DIRECTORY

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Run out of winter  
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## 2017 TRIAL SCHEDULE

DATE	TRIAL	LOCATION	CLASSES	CONTACT	INFO
May 6	Cloudberry Spring Novice SDT	Roseneath, ON	Two Novice, Pro-novice & Ranch NEBCA/OBCC	<a href="#">Andrea de Kenedy</a> 416-948-9331	
May 7	Cloudberry SDT	Roseneath, ON	Open & Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	<a href="#">Andrea de Kenedy</a> 416-948-9331	
May 13-14	Cascade Farm Benefit SDT	<a href="#">370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH</a>	Two Open, Ranch, ProNovice USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Mary Ames</a> 603-838-2018	
May 12-14	Borders on Paradise SDT	<a href="#">Turberville, PA</a>	2 Open Over 3 days & 1 Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Dave Fetterman</a> 570-742-3527	<b>ENTRY</b> <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">Word</a>
May 20	Swaledale SDT	Blackstock, ON	Two Novice, PN, Ranch NEBCA/OBCC	<a href="#">Andrea de Kenedy</a> 416-948-9331	
May 26-28	MA Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT	<a href="#">Fairgrounds, 97 Fairgrounds Rd Cummington, MA</a>	Two Novice & Open One USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Kate Collins &amp; George Northrop</a> 978-249-4407	<a href="#">Information</a>
Jun 3	NH Farm Museum SDT	Milton, NH(1305 White Mtn Hgwy)	One Open Points Trial, Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Tim and Lisa Molinero</a>	<a href="#">Information</a>
Jun 4-5	Fetch Gate Spring Nursery SDT	<a href="#">Cortland, NY Motels</a>	Two USBCHA Nursery USBCHA	<a href="#">Roger &amp; Heather Millen</a> 607-835-6584	<b>ENTRY</b> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jun 10-11	Taravale Novice Trial	Esperance, NY	NN, PN, Ranch NEBCA	<a href="#">Barbara Armata</a> 518-875-6471	
Jun 15-18	Caora Farm SDT	<a href="#">235 Sharon Rd, Millerton NY</a>	Two Open, USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Michele Ferraro &amp; Kak Weathers</a>	<b>ENTRY</b> <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">Word</a>
Jun 30- 1	Holstein Agro Expo Time & Points SDT	Holstein, ON	One Open, Two Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Viki Kidd</a> 416-277-4313	
Jul 1-3	Cascade Farm SDT	<a href="#">370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH</a>	Two Open, Ranch, Pronovice, Novice USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Mary Ames</a> 603-838-2018	Double Lift 3 Jul



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Jul 1-4	Fetch Gate Farm SDT	<a href="#">Cortland, NY Motels</a>	Novice, ProNovice, Ranch & Two Open, Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Roger &amp; Heather Millen</a> 607-835-6584	<a href="#">Information</a> Baer Test Sun & Tue
Jul 6	Ossipee Valley Fair SDT	<a href="#">South Hiram, ME</a>	Two Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	<a href="#">Lynn Deschambeault</a> 207-452-2898	Enter Day of Trial
Jul 8-9	Dancing Ewe Farm SDT	Granville, NY	Two Open One Nursery USBCHA, NEBCA	<a href="#">Joanne Krause</a> 518-642-1580	
Jul 22-23	Shepherd's Crook Summer Novice SDT	<a href="#">Woodville, Ontario</a>	3 Ranch, PN, NN & 2 Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	<a href="#">Viki Kidd</a> 416-277-4313	
Jul 22-23	Spring Valley Open SDT	<a href="#">Strafford, VT</a>	Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Steve Wetmore</a> 802-765-4466	
Jul 28-30	Fetch Gate Farm Novice SDT	<a href="#">Cortland, NY Motels</a>	Three Novice & USBCHA Nursery	<a href="#">Roger &amp; Heather Millen</a> 607-835-6584	
Aug 31	Lancaster Fair SDT	Lancaster, NH	One Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	<a href="#">Mary Ames</a> 603-838-2018	
Sep 2	Blue Hill Fair Open SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points NEBCA	<a href="#">Lynn Deschambeault</a> 342 Hio Ridge Rd,	Enter Day of Trial
Sep 3	Northeast US Open SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points NEBCA	<a href="#">Lynn Deschambeault</a> 342 Hio Ridge Rd,	Enter Sep 2
Sep 15	NH Highland Games Open SDT	<a href="#">NHHG Loon Mt, Lincoln, NH</a>	One Open Points NEBCA	<a href="#">Lynn Deschambeault</a> 207-452-2898	Must Preregister
Sep 22-24	Long Shot Trial	<a href="#">Church Hill, MD HOTELS</a>	Two Open, Ranch, ProNovice & USBCHA Nursery	<a href="#">Sherry Smith</a> 410-758-3363	
Oct 7-9	Shepherd's Crook Fall Triple Crown SDT	<a href="#">Woodville, Ontario</a>	2 Open, Novice, & Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	<a href="#">Viki Kidd</a> 416-277-4313	
Oct 10-12	Indian River Triple Crown	<a href="#">Indian River, ON Accommodations</a>	Two Novice, PN, Ranch & Open USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	<a href="#">Cynthia Palmer</a> 705-295-3351	<a href="#">Information</a>
Nov 4-6	Long Shot Trial	<a href="#">Church Hill, MD HOTELS</a>	Two Open, Ranch, ProNovice & USBCHA Nursery	<a href="#">Sherry Smith</a> 410-758-3363	
Dec 1-3	Long Shot Trial	<a href="#">Church Hill, MD HOTELS</a>	Two Open, Ranch, ProNovice & USBCHA Nursery	<a href="#">Sherry Smith</a> 410-758-3363	

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