



# NEBCA News

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Sublime Vermont sunshine for Nancy Phillips' sheep.

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## From the President - Chris Bowen



Another trialing season has come and gone. I think that many of us have reason to be proud of both our accomplishments on the trialing field and our contributions to the success of our events. Once again, the NEBCA Trials Committees really stepped up and put on wonder-

ful year end competitions at both the Fall Foliage and Novice Finals. Our members also had success on the trial field at the USBCHA Finals in Virginia. And, many made big contributions to the incredible amount of work needed to put on this wonderful event.

The NEBCA Board of Directors is reviewing a number of issues. We'll get a full report from them at the upcoming Annual Meeting. I'd like to touch on one concern that they have been discussing. Board Chair Rob Drummond has received several letters from members this year expressing concern about the lack of availability of water for dogs at trials. Personally, I think that most trial managers are quite conscientious about this. But, it is a great point to raise and an important reminder for all of us. Our dogs work extremely hard for us on the trial field, and heat stress, particularly in warmer weather, can be very, very dangerous. As we know, successful trials are always dependent on handlers' willingness to volunteer to help out. Managing supplies of water for our dogs, and in some cases possibly for the sheep, might be a job for which it would be smart to solicit volunteers on trial entry forms, as many typically do for other jobs such as pen work, scribing, etc. As a community, we need to make sure that this is not an issue at any of our events.

I've had a really exciting year introducing my young dog Chance to trialing, and like many of us, added a lot of miles to the odometer of my truck in the process. After competing in Pro Novice at the Novice Finals, I ran Chance in Ranch and Open at a trial in Maryland and in the Canadian Triple

Crown in Ontario. Then, it was back to Maryland for a clinic where I came home with some great ideas about what I need to do to address areas of his training that still need improvement. Now I'm home in New Hampshire and hoping that the winter weather in the Northeast is kind to us and allows plenty of opportunity for working dogs while we watch the calendars and look forward to hitting the road again in 2018.

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting in January. Happy Holidays!

## From Your Editors

For those members who receive the printed version of the Newsletter, you may have noticed a new mailing format. A printed copy sent to an address in the United States will still be the customary-sized, stapled Newsletter, but folded and taped, and sent without an envelope. Our members in Canada will receive the stapled, folded, and taped copy in a smaller envelope than previously.

We are experimenting with the format change to save postage and envelope costs. More important, the new format should also save considerable work by NEBCA Secretary, Martha Walke.

Please do not hesitate to send any comments or questions you may have about the new mailing format to Sallie Butler, [kryptomongo@verizon.net](mailto:kryptomongo@verizon.net) or 978-887-8164.

## Upcoming Topics

*Border Collie Eye, Part 3:*

*Training the Stronger-Eyed Stockdog*

*Winning in training by retiring a trial run*

*When to stop*

*Which sheep for training*

*Starting a flock of heritage sheep*



## The Faulty Dog – Training the Gaps

### Training the Looser-eyed Stockdog Part 2

By Rich Seaman

First, my assumptions. If “eye” is concentration and focus, then a great degree of loose-eye means lack of keenness, intensity and drive or desire to work. As a recent example, I assessed a German Shepherd with disinterest in livestock so extreme that the dog would not engage sheep. It won’t train successfully.

At the opposite extreme is too much eye, which is equally bad.

Somewhere in the middle-range are stockdogs that deviate not badly from ideal - either stronger-eyed or looser-eyed. In the case of the looser-eyed dog, the dog engages the sheep, although the dog shows less attention and focus than I like.

I also assume that the dog has courage and biddability, and that it’s physically able to work as a sheepdog. Another consideration is that I’m working within a dog’s full set of traits, and other traits may come into play as I train. Sometimes when training I can’t ignore other traits and isolate the one factor of looser-eye.

My first step with the looser-eyed dog is to create more training interest, by making training fun, building confidence and gaining the dog’s trust. Early work should be easy, with low-key pressure. Set up helpful situations to keep corrections light. Here’s where an individual dog’s other traits, like sensitivity - which has little to do with “eye” - enters the training picture.



Sallie Butler

Looser-eyed stockdog, although older, continues to school to improve focus by driving a small number of undogged sheep away from the safety of their flock.



Typically, a looser-eyed sheepdog isn't working at the correct point of balance, and I work three exercises.

One is to do short, close fetch-and-gather of a small group of sheep. As the sheep approach, I step into the sheep to scatter them out-of-balance (so that the heads of the sheep are no longer facing me) and quickly walk backwards as in wearing, inviting the dog to pay attention, to tighten up the group, and to re-balance the sheep's heads to me. A similar exercise is to have the dog balance heads to me in a wearing situation, while I walk backwards in zig-zag directions, and often and unexpectedly swerve out-of-balance from the dog's holding the heads of the sheep to me. The dog must focus on rebalancing the sheep to me as I swerve.

A second exercise, for a more advanced dog, is to work one or two sheep. That's a case where the dog must closely read livestock and constantly re-balance to me, or balance onto a straight drive-line.

The third exercise is where I spend most time training the looser-eyed sheepdog, and I think is most important: driving sheep away from me while the dog is holding a straight drive-line.

I start driving as early as possible, sometimes in the Puppy Pen, and occasionally during the first training lesson, depending on the dog. To start driving early in training, I let the dog gather and fetch sheep to me. Then I call the dog toward me to lift the sheep away from me, and I turn and accompany the dog in a short, assisted drive. As the dog gains confidence, I'll lag behind while the dog takes more control of the drive. I'll also add lateral distance between me and the dog, to begin teaching the cross-drive. It takes miles of walking to improve driving.

## *Do miles of driving with useful sheep.*

Driving along straight drive-lines is important training to improve a looser-eyed sheepdog, and I must add two necessary cautions.

## **Submit Your Photographs for 2019 NEBCA Calendar**

Please email photographs to Kate Collins [katecollins64@gmail.com](mailto:katecollins64@gmail.com) for consideration by the calendar committee for the 2019 NEBCA border collie calendar. Photos should be interesting with good composition, at least 300 pixels for printing, taken in landscape, not portrait, orientation, and in good focus.

The calendar committee prefers working photos of border collies with livestock. You may send lower resolution previews, but must have higher resolution available if selected. Thanks to all for submitting your pictures!

First, don't "drive" the sheep along the path they already wish to go. For example, if the sheep run to get back to their barn, don't have the dog follow them while you think that it's driving. It isn't. It's chasing, and that's not driving, because the dog is neither controlling nor pushing the sheep forward.

The second caution is very important. When fetching, do not use sheep that automatically head and walk to you. The dog isn't controlling the sheep, and isn't learning balance - the dog is only following sheep that are drawn to you. The sheep walking to you create a false picture of balance, and the dog does not learn to work to keep the heads facing you on the approach. Using sheep that automatically walk to you on a fetch could worsen the looser-eyed dog because you've told the dog you don't care about balance. Soon, you've patterned the dog not to bother to balance the heads to you. The dog will be puzzled, if not stressed, and unsuccessful.

## NEBCA Membership Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2017 Cooperstown, NY

Meeting called to order at 5:35PM.

33 members present.

- I. Minutes from Cummington were accepted (MW/MAD). It was noted that the calendar sales were incorrectly reported at Cummington and have been corrected for this meeting.

### II. Executive Committee Reports

#### A. Secretary's Report (Martha Walke)

There are currently 261 members who have joined or renewed for 2017. 201 are Individual members; 52 are Family/Farm members; and 7 are Lifetime members. 22 members have joined or renewed since Cummington. For 2017 there are a total of 42 new members. 104 members (out of 372 names on the membership spreadsheet) have not renewed.

At this time last year we had 274 members: 207 Individual; 60 Farm/Family; 7 Lifetime.

#### B. Treasurer's Report (Denise Leonard)

This report does not reflect the costs/expenses for the Fall Foliage. \$5,000 was donated to the National Finals. Sales are down in merchandise due to fewer Novice trials. Report accepted (MF/SW).

### III. Board of Directors Report (Maria Mick for Rob Drummond)

The issue of sheep availability in the northeast should be a primary concern and an issue in general for NEBCA. Some of the current trials are dependent on sheep to rent. Their availability is extremely limited based on several factors including but not limited to numbers and cost to transport. The BOD will discuss this concern in the coming weeks.

Discussion followed on what the OBCC does to support flocks - their commitment and sponsorship to these shepherds is for 3-5 years. The following volunteered to form a committee to work with the BOD on this issue: Sue Schoen, Mich Ferraro, Michelle Brothers, Mary Ann Duffy, Martha Walke.

### IV. Standing Committee Reports

#### A. Open Trials Committee (Sue Schoen)

This is a great trial this weekend with lots of participants. The two committees involved (Leatherstocking Trial Committee and the Open Trials Committee) accepted the challenge of combining and putting on this trial.

The Milfern Trial is a new trial sanctioned by NEBCA.

Discussion followed on the question of whether to reduce the minimum number of dogs needed to run an open trial from 15 to 10 to coincide with USBCHA. Motion made JM/SS) to coincide with USBCHA. Amended (??/DL) to read "recommend to the Open Trials Committee that the number of dogs needed to run a trial be reduced to 10 to coincide with USBCHA." Amended motion passed.

#### B. Novice Trials Committee (Barbara Armata)

The Novice Finals will be held at the Armatas' Taravale Farm in one week. Barbara Levinson will judge. Entries are good. The members of the committee have been working together very well.



## NEBCA Membership Meeting Minutes *continued*

### C. Learning Trials Committee (Rose Redick)

The Whistle Challenge, held at Cummington and the Armata trial, was a huge success. Sara Reiter and Wendy Warner each put on successful novice learning trials.

### V. Select Committee Reports

#### A. Merchandise Committee (Joanne Krause)

Members of the committee are going to the National's in VA and will be selling over the weekend. A new item is a full zip fleece.

#### B. Calendar Committee (George Northrop)

To date we have sold 31 calendars. It is not unusual to have sold so few at this point in time as most of our sales take place in the fall early winter. We will hope to sell quite a few at this trial and at the Finals in VA. Those of you who are announcing at trials please remember to mention that calendars are for sale and will benefit NEBCA.

#### C. Library Report (Martha Walke)

Very little activity. Books need to be added to the library listing on the website.

#### D. Newsletter Report (Sallie Butler)

The Autumn Newsletter is in layout, kindly handled by Lori Tsuruda. Contributors have been fantastic - We have an overfull issue with summer trial results continuing in to the Winter issue. We hope the Autumn Newsletter goes online a few days after Sept. 1st.

### VI. New Business

#### A. Nominating Committee and Officer Terms

Two members of the BOD, Fiona Robertson and Rob Drummond, have terms expiring this year. A Nominating Committee needs to be formed. No volunteers.

#### B. Audit Committee

It is time for an internal audit. Warren Mick and Dave Sharp will work with Denise on this.

#### C. The replacement for Gene Sheninger will be Maria Amodei.

#### D. Sheep

It was suggested that anyone with a large flock be invited to a trial in order to show and educate them on how sheep are used and cared for at trials with the hope they would be willing to have their sheep available for use at trials.

#### E. The New York Triple Crown winner will be announced at the end of this trial. Points from Caora Trial, Dancing Ewe Farm Trial, and this trial are included to determine the winner

#### F. Cheryl and Dick Williams were recognized for the 33 years of putting on their Sheepy Hollow Trial. They received a plaque after the 30th year.

### VII. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 20, 2018 (alternate date, January 27th) at a site to be determined. Remote site participation will again be available this year.

Motion to adjourn DL/DY. Meeting adjourned at 6:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha M. Walke, NEBCA Secretary

**Approved NEBCA Financials 1/1/17-7/31/17**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>year to 7/31/17</b>	<b>2017 budget</b>
Advertisements	\$ 121.00	\$ 100.00
Breeders Directory	177.00	450.00
Calendar Sales	428.00	2,800.00
Interest Inc	31.81	50.00
Library Income	20.00	250.00
Membership Dues	3,707.85	6,000.00
Merchandise Sales	1640.00	5,500.00
Newsletter Postage Donation	28.00	
Rental	40.00	50.00
Fall Foliage Donations	875.00	
Novice Finals Donations	875.00	
Return of National Finals Donation		2,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 7,943.66</b>	<b>\$ 17,200.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administrative	\$ 682.61	\$ 600.00
Advertisement	50.00	200.00
Awards and Gifts	344.08	350.00
Bank Charges	41.52	
Calendar	922.23	1,500.00
Insurance	625.00	650.00
Learning Trials	30.00	400.00
Library	35.23	350.00
Merchandise - Cost of Goods Sold	3544.97	4,000.00
Newsletter	975.29	2,500.00
Pamphlets		350.00
PayPal Transaction Fee	57.85	45.00
Trial Expense		
Fall Foliage Reimbursement (2016)	400.00	2,000.00
Insurance	50.00	
Total Fall Foliage	450.00	
Novice Finals awards (2016)	58.32	2,000.00
Insurance	50.00	
Total Novice Finals	108.32	
National Finals donation (2017)	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 12,867.10</b>	<b>\$ 19,945.00</b>
<b>OVERALL NET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ (4,923.44)</b>	<b>\$ (2,745.00)</b>
Bank Account Balances	12/31/2016	7/31/2017
TOTAL	40,788.54	\$ 35,865.21

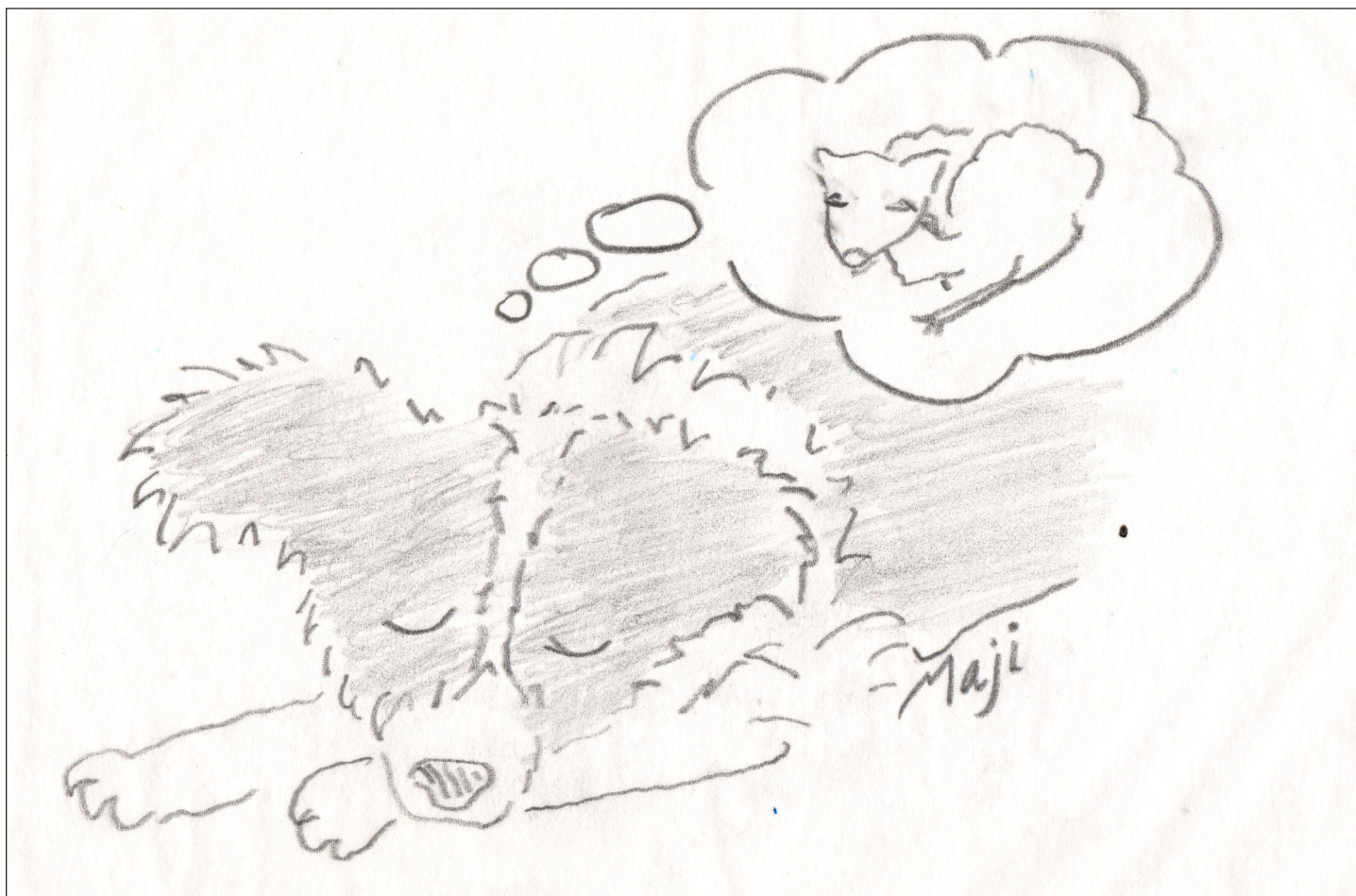


## NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 20, 2018

The NEBCA Annual General Meeting will be held January 20, 2018 (snow date: January 27) at the Monadnock Humane Society on NH Route 10 in Swanzey, NH (GPS Address: 101 West Swanzey Road, Swanzey, NH). Starting time is 10 a.m. sharp. There will be a pot luck lunch.

The Monadnock Humane Society is located about 1 mile south of the roundabout in Keene, NH and 11 miles north of the traffic light in central Winchester, NH.

As was done last year, remote participation will be offered to groups of three or more members. Additional information regarding this will be provided on the NEBCA website and Facebook page.



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Dave Young and Pic in Kingston's Double Lift, with RCMP at the post.

## A Look Back Thirty Years at Kingston Sheepdog Trials at Grass Creek Park, Ontario, Canada

By Dave Young

Thirty years. Wow. I have been fortunate enough to have been there for 27 of them. When I was asked to write something about this trial my mind began to race. I will try to give you a vision of how I saw the past years.

The beginning was the Pittsburgh township sheepdog trial. Running on Saturday and Sunday only with 40 dogs on the slate.

"Imagine," I said to my co-workers, "40 dogs!" There was a double lift on Sunday with the top six running back. My first, Shim, got in with a completed course. Eight sheep were the used for the gathers penning 4 for the finish.

The new fencing was installed roughly where it is now, except along the water front.

You think the turn at the post is tricky now...I will leave the rest for you imagination.

Yes, sheep can swim.

Saturday night parties were somewhat more lively than those of the last few years. We must be getting older. Some nights the goings would last well past midnight. Country bands, country rock, handler jam sessions. I remember doing a harmonica blues gig with Walt Jagger on the sax, after which he quipped, "Well, that was good, although I never played blues in the key of E!" All things aside, not much holds a candle to the annual rendition of *Seven Spanish Angels* by the one and only Ralph Pulfer. We would all howl and throw change into an open guitar box. Priceless.

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## NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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- be eligible to participate in NEBCA's year-end trials and points competitions
- be able to borrow items from the lending library
- receive a discount for classified ads in the newsletter & on the website

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Family/Farm plus Calendar	\$40	\$41.50

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Electronic

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Calendar	\$10	\$10.50
Newsletter	\$10	\$10.50
Website	\$10	\$10.50

TOTAL( Enclosed/Paid via PayPal): \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Barbara Armata

Pam Wataha and Ace (left), Ranch Champion and Long Road Award; Amy Hershberger and Intrepid Sue (middle), Novice-Novice Champion and Long Road Award; Paul Batz and Stryke (right), Novice-Novice Reserve Champion.

## My First Novice Finals

By Pam Wataha

Beginner, newbie, rookie — call it as you wish! There I was, September 1<sup>st</sup>, a Friday afternoon, traveling to my first Novice Finals Trial, hosted by Barb and Bernie Armata, Esperance NY. Hands tightly gripping the steering wheel, wondering what I was getting myself into. Nervous. Telling myself that it's just another trial. This was only my second season as a competitor and I had so much more to learn. I had no idea what to expect. The weather was sun, rain, cold, and wind. The field was beautiful and the sheep honest. If the dog took control, the sheep respected that and acted according. But if the sheep found an alternate route, they wasted no time in doing so.

I was very impressed with the overall running of the trial. Those who had jobs to do knew exactly what they were doing. Many people volunteered to help. If there was ever a confused or chaotic moment, everyone took a deep breath, and worked

it out and continued calmly. Kudos to EVERYONE who worked so hard to put together and run such a successful event.

Let's not forget the catered dinner on Saturday night, the morning hospitality and the community of campers. People cheered one another on and congratulated those who had successes. Not necessarily winning runs, but handlers who may have been struggling with certain pieces and were able to display some beautiful work on the field. Handlers and spectators were all very supportive.

Of course it wouldn't be herding without a humbling moment. Walking out to the post on Saturday was stressful enough. I had to do it again on Sunday - twice. My third run was the most nerve-racking, when I attempted to fix the top of my outrun. My whistle was working just fine but I couldn't understand why my dog was going come-by and not away. "Why isn't he listening to me?"





Jill Darby

Novice Champion Chris Bowen and Chance, also Long Road Award.

Then it dawned on me... I was giving the wrong whistle. Not once but four times, loud and clear!

Seconds ticked away, then I corrected my mistake. Finally, my sheep were walking nicely and straight into the pen, and I heard the judge, "TIME!" It was then that I wanted to crawl under the nearest rock.

Traveling home, I knew that I did the very best I could possibly do on that particular weekend. I left Esperance with a smile on my face and my canine companion by my side... looking forward to another year of training and the next trial season.



Hillary Flowers

Barbara Armata, NEBCA Novice Chairperson:

*I am very proud of this Novice committee, once again! We all worked well together, our abilities balancing the work load. It was another successful trial for NEBCA. The runs started a bit rough but then everyone stepped up to the challenges.*

*Thank you to Wendy Warner, Barbara Eriksson, and Sara Reiter. Thank you to Melody Hanchett, Mary J. Pupek Wasielewski, and Frank Eriksson for the sheep handling. It was an awful day on Sunday, but they were steady and pleasant anyway.*

*All handlers owe Mike Nunan a huge thank you as he held sheep so everyone had a fair chance at a lift.*

*Barbara Gray Levinson had the job of judging the runs. She was thoughtful and concerned about scoring all consistently. Well done!*

*And thank you to my husband, Bernie, for getting the fields in beautiful shape, among other things that keep this farm going!*



Pro-Novice Reserve Champion Josh Newcomb and Cash.

(left) Hillary Flowers' Floss, Ranch Reserve Champion.





Kathi Mercier

Champion Roger Deschambeault and Jack at Fryeburg Fair, with Tim and Lisa Molinaro's Gulf Coast ewes.

## Round-Up of Points and Time Trials Around New England

by Sallie Butler and Lynn Deschambeault

As Autumn sweeps into New England, the trial season turns to a cluster of Points and Time events.

We are indebted to katahdin ewes supplied by Bud and Mary Ames, and Gulf Coast ewes in a flock developed by Tim and Lisa Molinaro. Both flocks were healthy and enjoyed presenting challenges for handlers and their dogs.

Bud and Mary Ames managed the Lancaster, NH event at the Lancaster Fair, while Lynn Deschambeault organized the two events held at Blue Hill, Maine. Lynn also managed the sheepdog trial held on the grassy, steep side of the Loon Mountain ski slope at New Hampshire's Highland Games. Lynn and Gabe Merrill shared managerial tasks at the Fryeburg Fair sheepdog trial.

Our sincerest thanks go to Carroll and Pollie Goodwin, who judge, time, and scorekeep with enthusiasm for finesse and polished sheepdog work. Judge Goodwin counseled that should we lose a sheep, we could continue the course, minus

the points available for that sheep. After my gentle soul of a dog lifted his Gulf Coast group at Blue Hill, one ewe levitated skyward and over the boards to rejoin the flock, without assistance from my dog. The audience marveled at the athleticism of the small, Gulf Coast ewe. I learned that both handler and dog should keep handy a sense of vaudeville-comedy humor during Points and Time events - smile and "Make 'em laugh!"

The Points and Time events are well attended and cheered by savvy audiences, who may compare dogs and sheep across years, if not decades. At Loon Mountain, the thrilled audience thickly lined the temporary fencing, with serious onlookers even situated at the hold-out and exhaust pens atop the ski slope in order to classify the actions of each ewe in the pens.

At the Fryeburg Fair sheepdog trial, we were treated to a superb rendition of the National Anthem. Lynn Deschambeault commented,



*"She is my niece, Jeanne Deschambeault, who won the title of 'Voice of the Valley' several years ago at a singing competition in Mt. Washington Valley. She has sung and acted locally. She is an English teacher. She ran dogs for a short time at the age of about 6, but unfortunately, she didn't stay in it, though she still has a Border Collie. She has sung for us for years now, and does sing the Canadian anthem in French as well when we have Canadian competitors."*

Lynn held a novice run-through at Fryeburg Fair, and said, "I want to thank everyone who competed at Fryeburg, and thanks to all the novice handlers who came to support us this year, as Open entries were down because of the schedule conflict with the USBCHA Finals."



Sallie Butler

Katahdins visit Lancaster Fair, courtesy of Bud and Mary Ames.



Sallie Butler

Lisa Molinero, with extraordinary pen crew, Kaitlynn and Michael at Blue Hill Fair.

## RESULTS

### **Lancaster Fair Sheepdog Trial, Lancaster, NH**

Champion Roger Deschambeault and Trim,  
Reserve Champion Lynn Deschambeault and Flo

### **New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mountain, NH**

Champion Steve Wetmore and Gile,  
Reserve Champion Steve Wetmore and Floss

### **Blue Hill Fair, Blue Hill, Maine**

Saturday Champion Steve Wetmore and Gile,  
Reserve Champion Steve Wetmore and Stu  
Sunday Champion Brenda Buja and Josie,  
Reserve Champion Sallie Butler and Lucky

### **Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg, Maine**

Champion Roger Deschambeault and Jack,  
Reserve Champion Roger Deschambeault and Tess,  
Jackpot Champion Ginny Prince and Dar,  
Reserve Champion Sallie Butler and Roo



*Kingston Trials - continued from page 10*

As years passed, dog numbers grew. Challenges about sheep numbers, days of running logistics with the city of Kingston, all readily handled by the team of Amanda Milliken, Karen Curtis, and Randy Dire. Their success is ours. There are not enough words to thank them enough. Our thanks, I hope, is our participation in this great trial.

Another memorable moment was 11 years ago. I am sure by now that all of you are aware of Amanda's affection for the RCMP. She attended two musical rides, one in Quebec and the other on Alberta two weeks later. One sharp officer in Alberta quickly recognized our friend and said, "Hey! Didn't I see you in Quebec!" To sum up the year of the Mounties, Mary Ellen and I rented a Mountie and horse costume. After the Saturday night supper, Carol did an intro to SGT La Juenness of the RCMP. Years later, the famous Mountie reappeared in a more "solid" form.

2017, thirty years, over 160 dogs, handlers from across America and the largest number from Western Canada to date. New friends and great laughs all around. The field was as green as ever, making a beautiful contrast with the white panels and sheep. Michelle Lawrence has captured what words cannot. See her work on Facebook.

OK, down to the running. Shall I say...tough. Tough to turn, pen or shed, choose one or all and the sheep sorted us out. The top 20 ran back on Sunday, a 25 minute course.

I have to say the quality of the runs were amazing. There were more completed runs this year than ever before. Everyone had their game face on and no lead was safe. I was fortunate to see my new friend Pam Borning of Pink Mountain BC lay down a performance of a lifetime. The shed was a clinic. Eight minutes on the clock after the pen closed. She did not catch Amanda and Dorey, who won the championship. Pam and Jim were reserve.

This trial is a surreal event. It seems my year begins and ends with it. I urge all of you to participate and volunteer in what has become Canada's and North America's top sheepdog trial.

**Windward Farm Learning Trial**

by **Lori Tsuruda**

Wendy Warner christened her new Windward Farm property in Cheshire, MA, by hosting a learning trial with clinicians Barbara Armata and Denise Leonard on August 19 and 20. Twenty-six handlers and their dogs gamely attempted to herd her flock of Dorset/Border Leicester sheep, especially challenging because they were new to the field and fencing. Denise and Barb judged and gave detailed feedback, respectively, on Saturday, and then switched roles on Sunday. Participants received good tips on what constituted disallowed "teaching aids" and language, how points are lost, and how to handle their dogs better.

Two-Day High-Scorers, Novice/Novice Champion Amy Hersherberger and Sue, Reserve Holly Fincher and Maat

Pro/Novice Champion Ellen Fowler and Sweep, Reserve Eric Johnson and Blade

Ranch Champion Pam Wataha and Ace, Reserve Deb Donahue and Cap.



Lori Tsuruda's Pepper at Cascade Farm Trial.

Joy Elliott





Maria Mick

Reserve Champion Dave Young and Pic.

## Brief Tour of Fall Foliage and Leatherstocking Combined Sheepdog Trials August 26-27 and August 28

By Sallie Butler

Owing to so many NEBCA competitors' successful in entry to the 2017 USBCHA sheepdog finals in Virginia, both the Open Trial and Leatherstocking Committees joined to organize NEBCA's Fall Foliage event during the Leatherstocking sheepdog trial. A Herculean task performed by many volunteers, and gratitude to all for a successful and enjoyable trial.

The venue is the scenic Robert F. Clark Field located on Beaver Meadow Road, near Cooperstown, NY, and always think a heartfelt thank-you to one of the original founders of the Leatherstocking sheepdog trial, Chalmers Means.

A flock of excellent sheep was supplied by Barbara Leverett and Mary Ann Duffy's related flocks. Joyce Geier expertly judged for success.



Ginny Prince

Mike Nunan and Cap setting out.





Ginny Prince

Warren Mick's Eddy works sheep through the cross-drive gate.

#### Leatherstocking Day 1

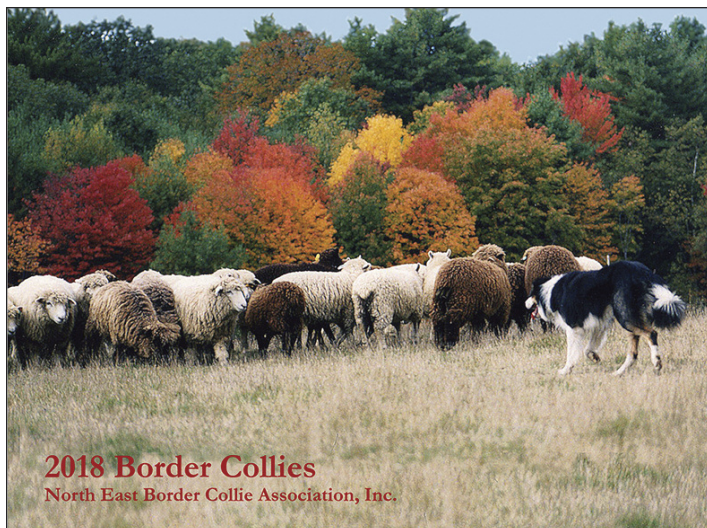
1. Cheryl Williams and Fleet
2. Dick Williams and Mick
3. Barbara Leverett and Bess

#### Leatherstocking Day 2

1. Warren Mick and Eddie
2. Mark Billadeau and Lee
3. Barbara Levinson and Bill

#### Double Lift

1. Mich Ferraro and Puppa
2. Dave Young and Pic
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