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Kate Collins

“Now that’s a shed!” — Val Pietraszewski and Bennie learning at the Mark Elliot clinic.

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From the President—Warren Mick



Sandy Lockwood

Warren relives his youth at Fetchgate Novice Trials July 2019—no wonder he wants more Novice trials!

Hello Members & Friends,

I hope you've all been enjoying the summer and had plenty of time with your dogs. The wet conditions of spring and early summer have certainly made farm work more difficult. It wasn't until late July before I caught up with mowing and put up hay. I guess no one ever claimed farming was easy or predictable.

It's great to see NEBCA trials being so well attended and also that we have several new trials added to the calendar. Among them: True Colors in Maine, Ox Creek Open in NY, Heart Stone Farm in Mass, and Holstein Agro Expo & Maxville Fair Ground in Ontario. Many thanks to the organizers of both these new trials and all the existing NEBCA-region trials. If you've been considering putting on a trial but don't know where to start, contact the Novice or Open committees for some guidance. Another good resource is the "Trial Managers Handbook" which can be found on the website. It covers the A-Z of putting on a trial and has a lot of detailed information. If it still seems a bit daunting, offer your help to an existing trial to get some hands on experience without taking it on all at once. Putting on a trial is an important means to help the Border Collie and also give back to the community.

Even though most of the new trials mentioned above include novice classes, we could still use a few more novice trials on the calendar. It would be especially nice to see some novice—only trials such as the one at Fetchgate Farm in July. Over 100 dogs ran on each of three days at Fetchgate. Clearly there are plenty of novice dogs and interest within NEBCA, we just need more opportunities.

The Fall Foliage Championship is planned for Oct 11-13 at Caora Farm in NY and there are many trials on the fall schedule as well as two very good clinics. Attend if you can, winter will be here all too soon.

Take care,

Warren

From the Editors

Welcome to Pam Mueller, who is trying on the Layout Editor's task for this issue. Please bear with us as we implement new software; not all features may look as you expect. And if any member is adept at MS Publisher and willing to share expertise, please contact Pam: pjmueller1@gmail.com

Somewhat of a theme in this issue is beginnings, foundation, and progress, as handlers explore the joys and challenges of sheepdog work. Newer and experienced handlers give advice on locating sheep for training, sharpening skills at clinics, trialing adventures, and advancing in trial level. Importantly, humor is key in keeping balance and perspective, as highlighted in our Lookin' Back as well as Sheep Stalking features. In addition, look for more trial results in this and following issues.

Gratitude to our colleagues, who send suggestions, artwork, photos, poems and articles. Please keep sending your items and suggestions. Our members are multi-talented, indispensable in keeping the newsletter lively, and greatly appreciated. Note the deadlines for submission, and send items or questions to Sallie Butler kryptomongo@verizon.net.

Summer 2020 will sadly be Sallie's last issue as Copy Editor. New blood get ready to step up.

**NEW NEBCA merchandise is available.
Look for it at trials this Fall.**



Ginny Prince

The flock at lovely Cascade Farm

Cascade Trial Report May 11-12, 2019

Or, various comments to describe the trial, submitted by Liz Shaw, Peggy Flanagan and Pam Mueller

Windy, cold, but great to see people! A wonderful chance to visit with everyone after a long winter. Yes, cold, as in 30 degrees overnight, as can be testified to by the one author who spent the night in a tent.

Ah, the SHEEP

Who said you can't shed the Ames sheep? This happened a lot at the top: The new course order is Outrun, Lift, Shed, Fetch, Drive, Pen. For those uninitiated in the terms, shed is when you split the sheep and take one off the group. It isn't supposed to happen when you are starting out - but rather at the end. Furthermore, many sheep thought the course should be Outrun - Pen -Exhaust. Or just Outrun, Exhaust.

Environmental Hazards

All who have trialed at the gorgeous Cascade Farm in May know some of the obstacles we encounter when running our dogs there.... the mighty Cascade Falls located behind the set-out pens are raging, and oftentimes the dogs find it hard to hear whistle and/ or voice commands; hence, dogs are sometimes on their own at the top until the fetch begins. Additionally, following heavy rains, lots of water collected in a swale just in front of the set-out, which had to be crossed to get to the fetch panels. This we termed Lake Cascade and it proved the biggest

obstacle for many dogs and handlers, especially in the Novice classes. The Open set-out being farther back, the sheep had more momentum when approaching the Lake and thus were more likely to cross. With some effort, most dogs and handlers *were* successful getting sheep through the water, although some had trouble with the sheep splitting, running, and frequently beating the dog back to the set-out pen. Game Over.

Again, the Sheep....

Between the wind and this being the first trial of the season the sheep were, what shall we say? Squirrely? Quarrelsome? Fresh? And there were lots of RTs. Bud and Mary kindly added some nice yearlings to the flock to spice it up a bit...They were initially a bit like leapin' lizards, but did seem to settle into the rhythm of the trial after a few runs. Maybe grumpier but definitely not quite so likely to take off like bats out of hell.

The sheep definitely did not like the slogging through the flooded swale part of the fetch! Such prissy sheep. Don't like wading up to their chests in water. What's with that? In short, the sheep were a challenge as always but as can be seen from the scores they were definitely workable. Point and shoot does sometimes get it done! Once we got the sheep past Lake Cascade they worked really well!!

In Conclusion

A huge thank you to our Judges Denise Leonard and George Northrop for your fair and consistent judging. It wasn't easy for the both of you that's for sure. Thank you to the pen crew and the awesome folks who set out difficult-to-hold sheep; you all rocked it!! Thank you, Mary and Bud Ames, for again hosting this trial, and for your donation to the Fall Foliage and Novice Finals. We will put it to good use. Thank you to our fellow handlers for your continued support of us and others... it's so nice to see the encouragement that we all give one another!!! Till next time!!!

Cascade Farm Trial Results

Saturday May 11, 2019 Judge: Denise Leonard

Handler	Dog	Score
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Pro-Novice — 15 dogs ran

1 Carol Weigand	Brody	74
2 Bud Ames	Duke	68
3 Warren Mick	Tommy	65
4 Ginny Prince	June	63
5 Barbara Eriksson	Bel	56
6 Holly Fincher	Maat	48

Ranch—6 dogs ran

1 Brenda Buja	Callie	82
2 Betty Belliveau	Ava	49
3 Pam Davies	Celt	43

Open—37 dogs ran

1 Maria Amodei	Drum	87
2 Bruce Smart	Hemp	82
3 Mike Nunan	Cap	80
4 Dave Young	Tagh	80
5 Steve Wetmore	Stu	76
6 Maira Amodei	Marcus	75
7 Sallie Butler	Roo	73

Cascade Farm Trial Results

Sunday May 12, 2019 Judge: George Northrup

Handler	Dog	Score
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Pro-Novice—16 dogs ran

1 Warren Mick	Tommy	73
2 Carol Weigand	Brody	69
3 Debbie West	Zoom	67
4 Val Pietraszwaska	Beck	65
5 Mary Ellen Young	Shim	61
6 Kate Collins	Lily	61
7 Ginny Prince	June	56
8 Barbara Eriksson	Brook	54
9 Maria Amodei	Fife	53
10 Sheila Crepeau	Zain	45

Ranch — 9 dogs ran

1 Ellen Fowler	Celt	77
2 Brnda Buja	Callie	71
3 Denise Leonard	Wren	66
4 Betty Belliveau	Ava	48

Cascade Farm May trial Sunday results cont.*Open —39 dogs ran*

1 Chris Bowen	Bella	92
2 Maria Mick	Nick 2	92
3 Pam Mueller	Fly	91
4 Dave Young	Pic	90
5 Stacey Rember	Hawkeye	87
6 Mike Nunan	Kip	87
7 Martha Walke	Cy	86
8 Peggy Flanagan	Rory	85

Overall Weekend Champions*ProNovice*

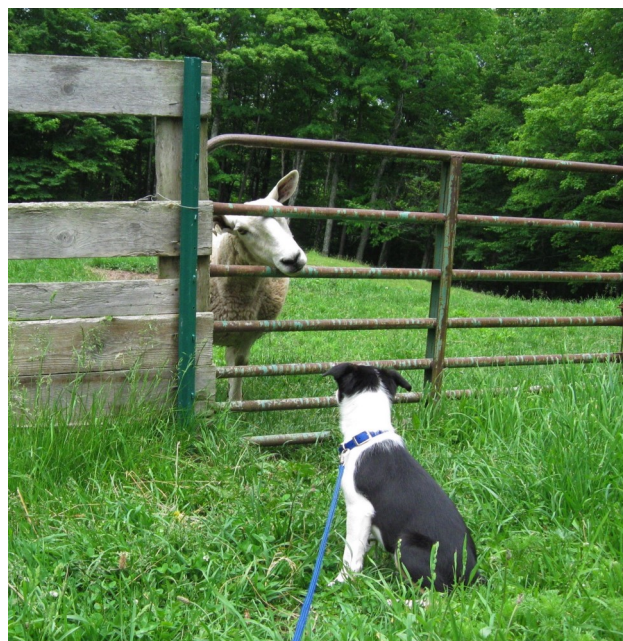
CH Carol Weigand	Brody	141
RC Warren Mick	Tommy	138

Ranch

CH Brenda Buja	Callie	153
RC Betty Belliveau	Ava	97

Open

CH Chris Bowen	Bella	164
RC Dave Young	Tagh	162



Louise Nunan Taylor

Beginnings: Twelve-week old Tan (Eyri Nan x Llangwm Robin, both owned by Pam Davies) converses with a 7 yr old North Country Cheviot ewe on the Nunan's farm in Vermont.

Many Thanks to Mary and Bud Ames for your generous donation from the proceeds of the Cascade May trial: \$250 to the Fall Foliage and \$250 to the Novice Finals

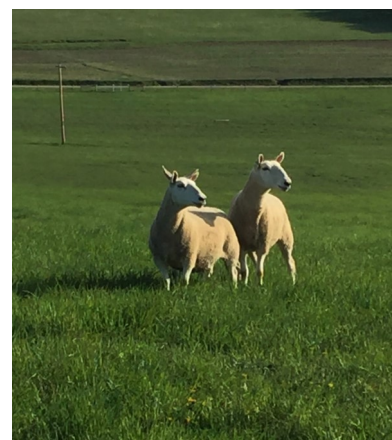
Nevermoor Farm Open SDT Results Judge: Warren Mick*Saturday, May 18, 62 dogs ran*

Wull	Diane Cox	87
Dram	Victoria Lamont	84
Puppa	Mich Ferraro	79
Nite	Dee Bailes	73
Spy	Sue Schoen	72
Bracken	Josh Newcomb	72
Dave	Dick Williams	72
Cross	Merry Klimek	71
Tilly	Dan Weeks	71
Cora	Sue Schoen	70
Cash	Josh Newcomb	66
Ace	Pam Wataha	65

Sunday, May 19, 57 dogs ran

Cora	Sue Schoen	92
Olive	Marilyn Terpstra	81
Dram	Victoria Lamont	81
Lola	Marilyn Terpstra	81
Joel	Chuck Dimit	76
Spy	Sue Schoen	75
Blaze	Ron Madison	73
Rock	Dee Bailes	69
Skip	Kim Baker	67
Cap	Deb Donahue	66
Wren	Merry Klimek	65

Anne Wheatley

*The sheep of Nevermoor*

Lynn Johnston and Finn at the post at Nevermoor Farm



Anne Wheatley

Moving up to Pro Novice

By Gaby Mélançon

I'm happy about my weekend at Cascade Farm Sheepdog Trial in June. Mary and Bud Ames are such great people and their trial site with its bordering river is so lovely.

This trial is the best one I have ever been to, and the trial was also my starting point last year, where I entered my very first trial in May in Novice-Novice division. Moving forward to last fall, I would have never, ever imagined winning the NEBCA Novice finals, which I did. So, this year, I decided to step up to Pro Novice, and my actual results are beyond my expectations! Watson, who has just turned 3 years old, is such a good boy. He is my first dog that I trained myself with the help of my mentor Dave Young, who helps me become a better handler each and every time. Now that I am completely hooked on this sport, I decided to buy and start a new puppy named Trigger, because definitely one dog is not enough! I am now focused more than ever on climbing the stairs to become a better handler each day, and looking forward to running in Open in the near future.

Herding popularity is starting to grow in the province of Quebec, and last year, the Quebec Border Collie Association – ABCQ, was launched. We hope the organization will evolve well and soon be able to host NEBCA-sanctioned trials. For more information, see the website for ABCQ:

www.associationbordercolliequebec.com



Mary Ellen Young

Gaby Melancon with her trainer, Dave Young and Watson, Reserve Champion ProNovice (Cascade June 2019).

Cascade Farm SDT June 29/30 2019 TRIAL RESULTS

Saturday June 29 Judge: Frank Cashen

NOVICE—5 dogs ran, 1 NC

Judianne Davis van Nostrand	Fergie	60
Julia Anderson	Frankie	56
Jessie Nunan (NC)	Kip	44

PRONOVICE—17 dogs ran

Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	67
Kate Collins	Lily	62
Gaby Melancon	Watson	61
Mary Ellen Young	Shim	54
Barbara Eriksson	Bel	49
Debbie West	Zoom	40

Cascade Results cont.

RANCH— 9 dogs ran

Ginny Prince	June	61
Sheila Crepeau	Zain	53
Eric Johnson	Skye	52
Kristin Bryant	Bea	51
Betty Belliveau	Ava	45
Hilary Flower	Sioux	41

OPEN 46 dogs ran, 9 Qualified

Mike Nunan	Kip	91
Brenda Buja	Josie	88
Brenda Buja	Callie	85
Dave Young	Tagh	85
Stacey Rember	Hawkeye	82
Steve Wetmore	Stu	79
Barbara Levinson	Bob	79
Martha Walke	Cy	77

Cascade Farm Sunday June 30 TRIAL RESULTS

Judge: Frank Cashen

NOVICE—6 dogs ran, 1 NC

Julia Anderson	Frankie	65
Kate Davidson	Benson	56
Jacqueline Erickson	Kibou	45
Judianne Davis V. N.	Fergie	36
Jessie Nunan (NC)	Kip	54

PRONOVICE—20 dogs ran

Eric Johnson	Tara	71
Barbara Eriksson	Bel	69
Debbie West	Breeze	68
Maria Amodei	Fife	67
Gaby Melancon	Watson	67
Kate Collins	Lily	66
Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	47

RANCH—8 dogs ran

Hilary Flower	Sioux	69
Ginny Prince	June	50
Kristin Bryant	Bea	43

OPEN—45 dogs ran, 9 Qualified

Brenda Buja	Callie	94
Bruce Smart	Hemp	90
Denise Leonard	Lark	88
Werner Reitboeck	Jessie	86
Dave Young	Tagh	83
Fiona Robertson	Meg	83
Brenda Buja	Josie	80
Mike Nunan	Kip	80
Barbara Armata	Don	80

**Monday July 2 2019 DOUBLE LIFT
20 dogs**

Judge: Frank Cashen

Qualified to run:

Brenda Buja	Callie
Mike Nunan	Kip
Bruce Smart	Hemp
Brenda Buja	Josie
Denise Leonard	Lark
Dave Young	Tagh
Fiona Robertson	Meg
Stacey Rember	Hawkeye
Barbara Armata	Don
Barbara Levinson	Bob

Double Lift Qualifiers, cont.

Steve Wetmore	Floss
Steve Wetmore	Stu
Martha Walke	Cy
Barbara Armata	Bet
Pamela Wataha	Ace
Dave Young	Pic
Deborah Donahue	Cap
Sallie Butler	Roo
Denise Leonard	Wren
Barbara Levinson	Meg

DOUBLE LIFT CHAMPION

Sallie Butler	Roo	137
SHED		
Bruce Smart	Hemp	

Deciding to Enter Open*By Josh Newcomb*

These are my experiences and insights as I look back on my path with running dogs from NN to Open.

Many years ago, I stumbled onto a sheepdog trial at a farm show in Hunderton County, NJ. There, I met a very friendly older man who explained to me all the ins and outs of the trial. My conversation with him really peaked my interest in sheepdogs. His name was Walt Jagger.

About seven years ago, I again stumbled upon a sheepdog trial at a Celtic festival in Quechee, VT, while on vacation. I thought to myself, "I wanna do this." I started looking for a puppy when I got home, and I audited a sheepdog clinic, which peaked my interest even more. In my search for a puppy, I found and bought an untrained, six-month-old, tri-color border collie, whom I named Cash.

When he was 10 months old, I took him to an Aled Owen clinic and the addiction began. A couple of months later, I ran him in NN and we won our second trial. The following two years I trained, learned, ran PN with some success, and ended 2017 with PN Reserve Champion! I ran Cash in Ranch after the Novice Finals, and we

Deciding to Enter Open, cont.

won a couple of trials. I quickly realized I needed to put my dogs on whistles.

The following year, I ran both dogs, Cash and Bracken, in Open. Both dogs were getting around the course. Cash has multiple 11th place finishes and a recent top-ten placing, while Bracken has had two top-ten finishes in their first year running in Open. I couldn't be prouder of my dogs. They have done well despite my inexperience as a handler. In my limited experience, there are several things I found to be crucial in moving up to Open.

Whistles -- I found that my dogs run better when I whistle. My most important whistle for myself and my dogs is a slowdown or steady whistle, especially on the drive.

The Lift -- I realized while running in Ranch, and especially in Open, that I needed my dogs to land deep behind the sheep and approach the sheep as gently as possible.

Commitment to my dogs, and myself -- Take my dogs to sheep a minimum of once a week. I put my dogs on as many different breeds and numbers of sheep as possible. I also tend to switch my dogs from light to heavy sheep and vice versa.

Learn from my mistakes, and not-so-good runs at trials -- Make a mental note of what went wrong during my run or find a consistently low-score in a particular piece of my runs. In the beginning, my fetch score was consistently low. With help, I figured out how to help my dogs flank on the fetch, which I found to be tremendously helpful on the drive in Ranch and Open.

Seek help and guidance from more experienced handlers -- Advice was and still is paramount. I would have been lost without the help and guidance of Aled Owen, Judy Gambill, Roger Millen, and Warren Mick.

With all that said, I love running a dog on sheep. My life now revolves around the dogs, sheep, and trialing to the point that I am currently looking for my own farm to start hosting trials in Pennsylvania.

Lookin' Back

We were all in Novice once....

Trials and Tribulations

By Lori Cunningham

(Reprinted from NEBCA News, Summer 2000, p. 3)

Last year was my first season of trialing with my dogs. We did quite a few trials, but the PA State Championships at Hop Bottom was the biggest. Because of the large entry, trial managers frequently reminded us to be in position and ready to run when it was our turn. A staging area was set up for teams to wait while they were "on deck." The on-deck area was at the post-end of the field, somewhat out of view of the spectators and most of the other handlers.

My Novice-Novice dog, Nick, and I stood nervously fidgeting in the waiting area. As the team in front of us finished their run and we started through the gate onto the field, one of Nick's hind feet slipped through the loop of my shoelace on my left shoe. Unknowingly, Nick kept walking and literally pulled my foot from under me, causing me to crash to the ground. As Nick panicked and cried (with good reason since I had just fallen on his head), he spun around a few times which succeeded in twisting my shoelace loop tighter and tighter around his foot, lashing us together as if for some sick 3 legged (5 legged?!) race. After thrashing around on the ground for what seemed like a week while pulling on Nick's leg, I finally managed, with considerable effort, to detach his pinched little foot from my dog-toe-eating shoelace, leaving quite a bit of fur behind.

We both proceeded shakily to the post. I sent Nick on his outrun. He went out about 10 feet then stopped, and turned around to look at me with his best totally disgusted dog look as if to say, "Are you crazy?" then turned and went on his way. I don't really remember the rest of the run because I was concentrating on trying to wear around the course without tripping over my untied shoelace.

Needless to say, we weren't in the ribbons that day.

NEBCA Membership Meeting: MINUTES

Cummington, MA, May 25, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:33 by Barbara Eriksson, VP.

I. Minutes from the Annual Meeting were approved as written.

II. Executive Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Martha Walke

As of Friday, May 24th, our membership is 234: 7 Life members; 41 Family/Farm members; and 186 Individual members. There are 27 new members, up 20 since the Annual Meeting. At the time of the Annual Meeting, we had 214 members.

All current members are in the new points system with their information updated and all trial results confirmed.

B. Treasurer's Report - Denise Leonard (see attachment)

The Treasurer's report was accepted as given.

III. Board of Director's Report - Barbara Leverett

The BOD would like to thank Maria Amodei for all the many hours she spent on the points system database.

Concerning the possible purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid Kit, I looked into rental costs and found several sources. The fees ran from \$99/day to \$150/day. One company required CPR training. We have had a few volunteers step forward to handle the shipping and handling between trials, and we will continue to pursue this endeavor.

A question came to the BOD concerning the use of NEBCA membership to limit the number of entries at a trial. The BOD does not recommend this as a feasible method of limiting entries.

There have been no official actions taken by the BOD since the Annual Meeting.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Open Trials Committee - Warren Mick

The 2019 Fall Foliage Championship will be at Caora Farm on Oct. 11, 12 & 13. The two preliminary trials will, if possible, be NEBCA and USBCHA sanctioned. Allistair Lyttle, 2017 Irish National champion, will be judging.

Mary and Bud Ames have again used their May farm trial as a benefit for NEBCA, raising \$500. The donation is to be split between the 2019 Fall Foliage and the 2019 Novice Finals.

Christine Koval nad Diane Cox have joined the committee. Warren Mick is the chair.

B. Novice Trials Committee - Amy Hershberger

Pam Wataha has joined the committee and Barbara Eriksson is leaving, although she remains as our mentor! The completed committee is running smoothly.

We have sanctioned, or re-sanctioned, the following trials for 2019: Swaledale Trial; Ox Creek Novice Trial; Holstein Points & Time Arena Trial; Heart Stone Farm Trial; Shepherd's Crook Fall SDT; and HerdEwe Farm Trial.

We clarified the rules for class eligibility in regards to unsanctioned or out-of- area trials. We will work on some edits to the Novice guidelines to make things clearer. Any participation in any trial anywhere that is run as a USBCHA style trial will count as participation at that level and would make a handler ineligible for going to the post in a lower class in a NEBCA sanctioned trial. We are also going to revise the wording concerned with the points cut-off for the Novice Finals as it contradicts itself. The new wording will say that the cut-off for points to qualify for the Novice Finals will be the day before the Novice Finals of that year. Any trials that occur after the Novice Finals will count towards points for the Novice Finals of the following year.

The 2019 Novice Finals will be Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 at Wayside Farm, Hackettstown, NJ. Thank you to Gene Sheninger and Teri Rhodes for the use of their farm. The judge for this trial will be announced on the NEBCA website.

Minutes of Membership Meeting, cont.**C. Learning Trial Committee: Rose Redick**

The committee has received a few requests for funding in 2019. At Cummington, on Friday, we had 31 handlers sign up for a lunchtime discussion on stockmanship led by Dave Young. Paul Batz offered a one day program at his Ox Creek novice trial. In March we offered two opportunities to watch the USBCHA DVD, "A Judging Clinic". Unfortunately, there was little attendance at one and the other was canceled due to technical issues. We are excited that this program has been so busy and are requesting more funding for anticipated requests.

At this time we are discussing a name change for this committee in order to be more inclusive and suggest programs that will benefit all levels of handlers.

V. Select Committee Reports**A. Merchandise Committee - Kim Lippolis**

New merchandise has been purchased and we made \$560 today (Sat., May 25) on both new/ old merchandise. Leatherstocking is also a big trial for sales. Kim and Peggy Flannagan are going to see that some merchandise gets to the New England trials.

Liz Shaw and Ed Walker have joined the committee.

A motion was made and passed to thank Joanne Krause for her years of dedication to this Committee.

B. Calendar Committee - George Northrop and Kate Collins

There were 300 2020 calendars printed at a cost of \$891.44 plus \$150 for layout. About 20 calendars are given to life members, the calendar committee, and to the people who have photos in the calendar. It is up to all of us sell them. Please take some for sale at any events you are attending or putting on.

C. Library Report - Martha Walke

The library listing on the website has been updated with all new items inserted and marked with an asterix. In April, Dave Fetterman donated a copy of Patrick Shannahan's DVD

"Building a Winning Team: Off To a Good Start".

D. Newsletter Report - Sallie Butler

Lori Tsuruda has retired as Layout Editor. We welcome Pam Mueller who has volunteered to be our new Layout Editor. Members have suggested a new feature, "Lookin' Back", which will reprint items from past issues. Consult the online Newsletter archive to suggest articles that deserve another read. Send articles you wish to see in the Newsletter to Sallie. Deadlines for submission are one month prior to publication dates: submit by Feb. 1 for Spring issue; May 1 for Summer issue; Aug. 1 for Fall issue and Nov. 1 for the Winter issue.

VI. New Business

Jim Murphy reported that trial managers have been neglecting to send him reports and photos for the Fall Foliage and the Novice Finals to be put on the NEBCA website. Please remember to do this.

George Northrop pointed out that no trial results are being reported in the Newsletters. This is a permanent record of trial results and should be continued. If trial results are sent to Jo Murphy, she will see that they are sent to Sallie Butler.

Peter VandeCar is going to write an article on the changes in trialing.

VII. The next NEBCA membership meeting will be in Cooperstown, NY, August 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

EXPENSES	<u>year to 4/30/2019</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Administrative	\$156.96	\$650.00
Advertisement		\$50
Award		\$350
Bank Charge	\$31.00	
Pamphlets		\$350
Calendar		\$1200
Postage	\$29.64	
Gifts Given	\$100.00	
Insurance		\$650
Learning Trials		\$500
Library		
Books and Videos Purchase		
Library Administration	\$20.30	
TOTAL Library	\$20.30	\$350
Merchandise		
Merchandise– Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00	
Postage	\$10.13	
TOTAL Merchandise	\$10.13	\$2,500.00
Newsletter		
Postage	\$96.94	
Printing	\$189.50	
Supplies	\$0.00	
Paypal Transaction Fee	\$49.52	\$150.00
Fall Foliage Contribution		\$3,000.00
Novice Finals Contribution		\$2,700.00
Other AED and First Aid Kit		\$2000.00
OVERALL TOTAL EXPENSES	\$687.44	\$16,450.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	4/30/2019	12/31/2018
Bank of America Checking	\$30, 438.31	\$30, 525.73
ING Business Savings	\$18, 836.84	\$13,812.47
Total Bank Accounts	\$49, 275.15	\$44,338.20
Cash Account	\$ 0	\$ 0
PayPal	\$1104.99	\$2,782.78
OVERALL TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND	\$50,380.14	\$47,120.98
INCOME	<u>Year to 4/30/2019</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Advertisements		
Newsletter	\$15.00	
Web Ad	\$36.50	
TOTAL Advertisements	\$51.50	\$100.00
Bank Change Reimbursement	\$30.00	
Breeders Directory		
Breeders Directory: calendar	\$20.00	
Breeders Directory: Listing Newsletter	\$20.00	
Breeders Directory: Web Link	\$91.50	

Treasure's Report, continued — INCOME

	<u>Year to 4/30/2019</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
TOTAL Breeders Directory	\$132.00	\$300.00
Calendar Sales		
Calendar Sales to Members	\$221.15	
Calendar Sales to Non-Members	\$10.00	
Calendar Shipping	\$2.65	
TOTAL Calendar Sales	\$233.80	\$2,800.00
Donation	\$6.50	
Interest Income	\$24.37	\$60.00
Library Income	\$24.00	\$100.00
Membership Dues		
Membership Dues: Family	\$762.00	
Membership Dues: Individual	\$2663.50	
TOTAL Membership Dues	\$3425.50	\$6,000.00
Merchandise Sales		
TOTAL Merchandise Sales	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Rental of Equipment	\$0.00	\$50.00
Newsletter Postage Donation	\$20.00	
PayPal Fee Reversal	\$1.07	
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,946.60	\$14,410.00

Maria Mick



In Memorium: Maria Mick's Nick2

"He was a very good dog."

Trial Managers Please and Thank You:

Point Keeping

Just a reminder that trial results must be sent to the Point Keeper, Pam Davies. (pamdavies30@gmail.com). She will format the Open trial results for inputting to the new system, and forward them to Annie Palmer for uploading. If you want to format them yourself, thank you, but still send them to Pam, not Annie, so that she has copies of all trial results. Novice points are still on an Excel basis.

Please note that photos of running orders will no longer be accepted as trial results - results can be forwarded preferably in Excel format or in Word.

Dancing Ewe Farm, July 13 - 14, 2019

By Martha Walke

Saturday, July 13th, dawned sunny and warm as the handlers and dogs at Dancing Ewe Farm were up and gathering for the first Open trial. Jody Somers and Joanne Krause welcomed everyone to their farm and Dave Young, judge for the day, explained the course and what he wanted to see from the handling of dogs and sheep. The Maltese Cross added 20 points to the scores making each run worth 110 points. It immediately became apparent that the wily, trial-knowledgeable sheep were going to be a challenge to the handlers and their dogs. While Trial 2 gave the handlers a chance to run one of their dogs a second time, the sheep remained a challenge. In an attempt to help settle the sheep, Mary Ellen Young, judge for Trial 3 on Sunday, July 14th, had the fetch panels moved forward to give both sheep and handlers space to get a run started more calmly and smoothly. This appeared successful, as more scores appeared on the board.

While the sheep were challenging, it was the proverbial cream that rose to the top when it came to handlers and their dogs demonstrating true partnerships and talent in managing the sheep around the course. One such handler was Judy Gambill who,

with her dog Pearl, won the Judge's Choice Award, displaying a true working partnership with clear calm communication between handler and dog. It was, in the words of Dave Young, "a joy to watch." This partnership also garnered the beautiful crook given to the dog with the top combined points from the two trials.

Dancing Ewe Farm was a beautiful site for this trial with their newly mowed field, large tents for both handler and spectator comfort, delicious food and hosts who saw to every need and want of both handlers and their dogs. A well run, well-judged trial with cooperative help from the handlers ensured that all aspects went smoothly. The ambience created by these partnerships was joyful. We look forward to 2020!



Ginny Prince

Jody Somers recycles Bud and Mary Ames' wonderful sheep

DANCING EWE OPEN TRIAL: RESULTS

Points out of 110

Second Leg of New York Triple Crown

Saturday July 13, 2019 Judge: Dave Young

Mike Nunan	Kip	100
Steve Wetmore	Stu	97
Judy Gambill	Pearl	85
Chris Bowen	Bella	81
Eric Johnson	Skye	77
Maria Mick	Nick3	76
Judy Gambill	Mist	74
Warren Mick	Eddie	72
Josh Newcomb	Cash	64

Sunday July 14, 2019 Judge: Mary Ellen Young

Mike Nunan	Cap	97
Judy Gambill	Pearl	96
Warren Mick	Lucy	94
Judy Gambill	Mist	90
Maria Mick	Nick3	89
Denise Leonard	Lark	89
Dave Young	Tagh	84
Eric Johnson	Blade	74
Kim Lippolis	Deke	72

Two-day High Point Winner of the Crook: Judy Gambill, Pearl 181

Judge's Choice Award: Saturday, Diane Cox; Sunday, Judy Gambill

Mark Elliott Sheepdog Clinic, June 6-9, 2019

By the Students

Kate Collins and George Northrop invited Mark Elliott as a visiting trainer to their bucolic Aurora Ranch situated with a stunning view of Mt. Monadnock, NH. Mr. Elliott, who has earned a place on England's team over twelve times and run in the International Supreme and World trial several times, is an expert clinician who comprehends and explains sheepdog work well. We students highlighted one important thing we each learned, and hope that Mr. Elliott will remark on our good progress at his next visit.

Here are our take-home points:

- When looking for a dog, consider your farm needs, as well as your own personality, and be truthful about yourself.
- Watch your sheep.
- Make a mistake only once.
- Settle your sheep.
- Timing is of the essence.
- Don't panic (three students found this advice most important). Corollary: No panic whistling.
- You need a prompt Lie Down.
- The first thirty yards of your fetch determines your whole run.
- Always encourage your dog.
- At the pen, keep your eyes focused on your sheep, with dog in your peripheral vision. Corollary: If you watch the sheep, you'll know what your dog is doing.
- To start the pen, take the rope's end and back away from the opening by arcing around and away from the sheep as they come close to the opening. Meanwhile, flank dog opposite to cover the sheep; just because the sheep look like they are walking into the pen does not mean they will.
- All training should be by your rules, not the dog's rules. Vary training to keep interest and prevent assumptions on the part of the dog, and yourself.
- Teach one flank command at a time.
- One tool may work wonders for one dog and not another. Don't overuse the one tool that does work. Know your dog's character in deciding which tool to use.

Thank you Mark Elliot! Till next time.



Kate Collins

Barbara Eriksson and Bel working on proper flanks at the Mark Elliot clinic.

Participants attentively watched Mark Elliott transform Sallie Butler's young Sirius in a few, brief lessons over two days from clownish pup to thoughtful beginner sheepdog.



Amy Hershberger

2019 MA Sheep and Woolcraft Fair SDT: RESULTS**Friday 5/24 Judge: George Northrop**NOVICE/NOVICE—19 dogs ran

Kim Lippolis	Twig	79
Danielle Eriksen	Dove	56
Linda Bohm	Roo	44
Judianne Davis-Van Nostrand	Fergie	39
Sandy Lockwood	Grace	36

PRONOVICE— 32 dogs ran

Ginny Prince	June	68
Barbara Eriksson	Brook	63
Gaby Melancon	Watson	62
Lori Tsuruda	Pepper	61
Kate Collins	Lily	57
Carol Weigand	Brody	55
Mary Ann Duffy	Jean	54
Jamie More	Kestral	53
Sheila Crepeau	Zain	52
Barbara Eriksson	Bel	50
Mary Wasielewski	Troy	49
Amy Hershberger	Feisty Sal	48
Valerie Petraszewska	Beck	46
Mary Ellen Young	Shim	45
Patricia Bacskay	Ryll	34

PRONOVICE Round 2 —32 dogs ran

Kate Collins	Lily	70
Amy Hershberger	Feisty Sal	69
Jamie More	Kestral	68
Mary Ellen Young	Shim	68
Mary Ann Duffy	Jean	66
Diane Sobel-Meyer	Red	65
Barbara Eriksson	Bel	64
Jackqueline Erickson	Shinkou	64
Gaby Melancon	Watson	62
Debbie West	Zoom	61
Ginny Prince	June	61
Carol Weigand	Brody	61
Valerie Petraszewska	Beck	58
Barbara Eriksson	Brook	52
Ellen Fowler	Skye	50
Diane Sobel-Meyer	Charger	50
Patricia Bacskay	Ryll	48
Lori Tsuruda	Pepper	47
Mary Wasielewski	Troy	44
Sheila Crepeau	Zain	24

Saturday 5/25NOVICE/NOVICE—15 dogs ran; Judge George Northrop

Kim Lippolis	Twig	78
Sandy Lockwood	Grace	55
Jan Marcotte	Luke	51
Diana Wickman	Abel	24

RANCH — 19 dogs ran; Judge George Northrop

Kim Lippolis	Deke	72
Betty Belliveau	Ava	59
Hilary Flower	Sioux	55
Mary Ann Duffy	Dave	51
Paul Batz	Raffy	49
Melanie Behrens	Dance	43
Edie Steiner	Lincoln	41
Hilary Flower	Freya	40

OPEN — 47 dogs ran; Judge Werner Reitboeck

Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	86
Dave Young	Tagh	82
Chris Bowen	Bella	78
Brenda Buja	Josie	78
Martha Walke	Jude	76
Michael Nunan	Kip	76
Brenda Buja	Callie	76
Peter VandeCar	Bear	75
Steve Wetmore	Floss	74
Dave Young	Pic	72

Sunday 5/26RANCH—19 dogs ran; Judge George Northrop

Kim Lippolis	Deke	78
Hilary Flower	Sioux	75
Rebecca Hartz	Kenna	60
Melanie Behrens	Dance	55
Mary Anne Duffy	Dave	53
Edie Steiner	Lincoln	51

OPEN — 46 dogs ran; Judge Werner Reitboeck

Denise Leonard	Lark	91
Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	90
Michael Nunan	Cap	88
Steve Wetmore	Stu	87
Barbara Leverett	Bob	85
Kate Collins	Pearl	85
Pam Wataha	Ace	82
Steve Wetmore	Floss	80
Chris Bowen	Bella	80
Valerie Petraszewska	Bennie	78

Stalking Sheep, Training Sheepdogs

By Debbie J. West

I am a self-proclaimed sheep stalker. My study of sheep stalking began about seven years ago when I thought I would find an alternative to driving an hour and a half from North Conway NH to southern NH for a weekly lesson. My three-year-old border collie, Ffizz, and I had **just** enough instruction and experience to be dangerous! We were competing in AKC arena type trials at the time but our only access to sheep was through lessons. Having a dog was a novelty in itself since I only had a guinea pig growing up. Ffizz was supposed to be my agility Ferrari but when he and I weren't quite seeing eye to eye, his breeder recommended sheep work to strengthen our partnership. It didn't take long for agility to be put on the back burner and for sheep work to become my passion. My plan was to find a sheep farmer close to me to sweet talk into letting me work his/her flock with my dog. How hard could dog breaking sheep be anyway? After all, we were competing !

I honed my Googling skills and searched for "4H sheep", "Cooperative extension sheep", "farmers market lamb" and "sheep breeders" in my area. I felt optimistic and satisfied when my searches occasionally returned archived .pdf files with email addresses, phone numbers and websites!

Snow Brook Farm was my first stalk-ee. They were a younger couple who raised a few sheep, rabbits and chickens. They were twenty minutes away. Their primary residence was in Massachusetts, but they came up on weekends to tend the sheep. Now, I realize that sounds odd, but at the time I didn't think much of it. I headed over there on the next free weekend, filled with anticipation of working sheep several times a week and making some fetch panels to keep there.

Ffizz and I approached the field eagerly, stock stick in hand, and the farm owners standing at the gate as our audience. There were three huge Targhee sheep-a ram, and two ewes. My first warning should have been when they came right to the

fence to say hello. I cautiously brought Ffizz into the field and asked him to "get around" the sheep, which he did. Ffizz, a big lanky boy, stood behind the sheep while I paused. The ram abruptly turned to face him and I asked Ffizz to walk up. My usually over-eager boy suddenly stalled. With trepidation, Ffizz went nose to nose with the towering ram, licked the ram's lips and then laid down at his feet, groveling. I turned to the farm owners and said, "Well, THAT'S not ideal." I left feeling deflated and disappointed, having explained that these sheep were not going to be beneficial for our training but promised to keep in touch.

My second stalk-ee was a small CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm run by an older husband and wife that came up in my search. They raised Katahdins, and the woman said I could come over to see how it went working Ffizz on her non-dog-broke sheep. Sheila Crepeau and her dog, Zain, were our stalking team mates. Sheila and I separated out their guard llama and carefully worked the dogs on lines applying a little pressure followed by a lie down, then a little more pressure and so on. It was going so well I decided to try and scoop the sheep out of a corner. That ended abruptly with a sheep running head first into a fence and the farm owner, Sheila and I putting sutures in the ewe's eyebrow. Shortly after suturing, we learned that toothpaste takes Bluekote off human skin.

My third stalk-ee was a breeder with a flock of Babydoll sheep. Again, I drove to a nearby, rural town with Ffizz in tow, and visions of training opportunities danced in my head as I drove up to the house and saw the flock grazing in a fair-sized field. There was an even larger field in back of the house that was unfenced but I was calculating I could easily buy some electronet. The farm owner was unloading groceries when I arrived, so I introduced myself and helped her bring them in the house. I was anxiously waiting for the invitation to work my dog but was politely engaged in small talk while I waited. She was a little frazzled, and was late for our meeting be-

cause she just got back from visiting her son in prison. What does one say to that? Finally, with the groceries put away, she turned to me and said, "Okay, now let me show you the one sheep I'm willing to let you work."

The CSA farm had not given up on us, and while not quite as protective of her stock as most shepherds are with their spinning flocks, I knew the CSA farm was not a good fit long term. Before parting ways, Karen Gorman and Sheila decided to buy a ram named Arlo from the CSA farm; Sheila and Karen were going to breed Karen's ewes as a joint endeavor and share the lambs. When Sheila picked up the ram, she also ended up taking home three fairly old, unbreedable ewes for Zain to work. I think the owner was attached to the girls and saw an emotionally easier alternative than her sending them to the butcher!

Spring came and after a year of being out of touch, Snow Brook Farm owners emailed me to ask how it was going and if I would consider coming over again to work their Targhee sheep. While flattered, I explained that their sheep were simply not a good fit for my young dog and I thanked them. Shortly after that, I received a second email from them letting me know that if I would like to bring in my own sheep, they would be willing to sell theirs! With excitement, I told my husband about their generous offer, to which he exclaimed, "We are not BUYING sheep!"

My stalking partner, Sheila, heard of my husband's reaction and advised, "I have lambs coming from Karen's flock. You won't be buying sheep if I give you the old girls from the CSA."

Ffizz got me hooked on field trials, NEBCA and all things border collie but is now retired from working sheep. I have two working border collies now, Zoom and Breeze, and I have been keeping sheep at Snow Brook Farm for almost six years now. I started with Katahdins, then added Finn sheep while my son showed sheep in 4-H and then pared back to Katahdins again. The flock is about twenty strong. I live twenty minutes from the farm but have managed to lamb each spring for five years. Snow Brook Farm owners live at the farm full time

now but are generous with their property and allow me to come and go, give me use of two barns, watch over the sheep if I am out of town and are happy knowing that their fields are being grazed. They do not want monthly rent, although I give them three lambs to butcher in the fall and reimburse them for electricity. We have a symbiotic relationship; the sheep manure is critical to their vegetable gardening and sometimes I watch over their chickens and rabbits when they are out of town. Since beginning my sheep stalking career I have learned that these opportunities are not as uncommon as I initially thought. I have encountered a number of people through my home appraisal work that would welcome my keeping sheep on their property; they are farm owners, land owners with fields that used to farm, or home owners that enjoy livestock but don't want the cost or responsibility of raising animals.



Debbie West

Have sheep will travel: Debbie's sheepdogs Zoom, Ffizz and Breeze eagerly await the next destination.

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2019 Breeders' Directory

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When making inquiries into purchasing a pup, NEBCA strongly recommends selecting from sound, proven, working stock. We suggest that you see both parents work. If you are unable to see the parents working at a farm, do attend trials and see them working there. Also watch for trial results and seek the advice of experienced handlers.

NEBCA TRIAL CALENDAR, remainder of 2019

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sheepdog Trial Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Sept. 20	NH Highland Games	Lincoln, NH	Lynn Deschambeault	207-452-2898
Sept. 23	The Big E	West Springfield, MA	Pat Canaday	518-861-6049
Sept. 28 – Oct. 1	Indian River	Indian River, ON Canada	Cynthia Palmer	705-295-3351
Sept. 29	Fryeburg Fair	Fryeburg, ME	Gabrielle Merrill	207-935-2520
Oct. 2	Swaledale	Blackstock, ON Canada	Sheri Purcell Helen Dunning	289-314-0999 416-371-4239
Oct. 3-6	Shepherd's Crook	Woodville, ON Canada	Viki Kidd	416-277-4313
Oct. 10	Topsfield Fair	Topsfield, MA	Lynn Deschambeault	207-452-2898
Oct. 19	Forfar	Portland, ON Canada	Leslie Gamble	613-272-9136
Oct. 20	Jimmie's Farm	Elgin, ON Canada	Janet Fahey	647-225-3647 (text)
Oct. 19-20	Milferns	Truro, NS Canada	Anne Hamilton	902-897-7480
Nov. 2-3	HerdEwe Farm	Kensington, NH	Sharon Barrette	603-772-0221
Nov. 9-10	Bittersweet Farm	Hampton, CT	Carol Champion	

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