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Warren Mick and Eddie working the International Shed on their way to winning the NEBCA Fall Foliage 2019

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Steve Wetmore with Gile

A SAD NOTE

Steve Wetmore, long time NEBCA member and dear friend to so many, lost his fight with cancer and died peacefully on Nov. 23, 2019. Steve was a true supporter and advocate for the working Border Collie. He introduced countless people to the dogs and helped them learn to train and use them properly. Steve brought a positive approach to life wherever he went and made us all better. He will be greatly missed.

A more complete tribute to Steve will be placed in the Spring Newsletter. Please contact Warren Mick if you would like to contribute material or photos.

NEBCA 2020 Elections and Membership

The only positions up for election in 2020 are the two Board terms of Barbara Leverett and Ellen Fowler that end this year. Barbara has chosen not to run for re-election. Please fill out your ballot and mail it back to me by December 31st.

If you are assigning a proxy for the Annual Meeting please check with that person that they are attending the meeting in Albany or are attending at one of the remote sites.

Once again I ask that you send in a completed membership form with your NEBCA renewal. Because email addresses and/or phone numbers can change, as well as physical addresses, it is important that this information in both the NEBCA membership database as well as in the new points system database be up to date. If you are positive that your information is up to date, just let me know with a note with your renewal or a quick email to Martha.walke@gmail.com. Thank you for your attention to this. Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year. May you and your dogs have a successful 2020 trial season.

Martha Walke, Sec't

From the Editors

Trialing season in the northeast is ending as winter approaches. We cover results in this issue – NEBCA's High-Points, Fall Foliage, Novice Finals, Leatherstocking, Kingston, 80 Acres and Fetchgate. Congratulations to all who came out and competed. You'll see engaging photos and articles contributed by a wide range of talented Members, and a few extra tidbits in this issue, too. And with year's end comes voting time.

The printed issue will include a stand-alone ballot for member voting. An online ballot will be posted in the Members Only section of the website.

Please read NEBCA Secretary Martha Walke's instructions, on this page. A membership renewal form is included with this issue; or, you may print out and mail the on-line form, or renew on-line at <http://www.nebca.net/membershipChoice.html>. Note the Annual Members Meeting, to be held Saturday, January 18, in the Albany area, with details to be posted on the NEBCA website. And, do be thinking about offering to be NEBCA News Editor. Sallie's last issue is Summer 2020, and she is grateful to Pam Mueller for Pam's incredible dedication in creating Layout as well as content. Contact the editors for more information on what the News Editor job entails.

Don't forget to renew your NEBCA membership for 2020!

The NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE, Caora Farm, Millerton NY

Judge: Allistair Lyttle

Open 1 Friday October 11—57 dogs ran

Warren Mick	Eddie	85
Mary Ann Duffy	Gwen	80
Josh Newcomb	Bracken	78
Warren Mick	Lucy	78
Barb Leverett	Bute	77
Brenda Buja	Josie	76
Denise Leonard	Lark	72
Maria Amodei	Drum	71
Amanda Milliken	Dorey	70
Eric Johnson	Blade	70
Sue Schoen	Cora	68
Amanda Milliken	Hazel	67
Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	66
Mike Nunan	Kip	66
Peter VandeCar	Bear	64

Open 2 Saturday October 12 — 56 dogs ran

Amanda Milliken	Dorey	84
Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	83
Warren Mick	Eddie	82
Amanda Milliken	Howell	81
Mich Ferraro	Mawde	79
Mary Ann Duffy	Dave	78
Barb Leverett	Bob	74
Dan Weeks	Tilly	74
Josh Newcomb	Bracken	72
Mary Ann Duffy	Gwen	72
Eric Johnson	Blade	71
Barb Leverett	Bute	69
Chris Bowen	Bella	69
Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Mercury	69
Mich Ferraro	Bella	69



Melanie Behrens

Reserve CH. Mich Ferraro's Mawde centering the flock through the drive panels on the double lift



Melanie Behrens

Thank you to the sheep, who participated without being asked

Double Lift Final — Sunday October 13

1. Warren Mick	Eddie	125
2. Mich Ferraro	Mawde	124
3. Amanda Milliken	Dorey	120
4. Mary Ann Duffy	Gwen	115
5. Amanda Milliken	Howell	106
6. Warren Mick	Lucy	94
7. Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	90
8. Dan Weeks	Tilly	88
9. Barb Leverett	Bob	87
10. Mich Ferraro	Bella	84
11. Brenda Buja	Josie	71
12. Denise Leonard	Lark	DQ
13. Barbara Leverett	Bute	DQ
14. Josh Newcomb	Bracken	RT
15. Maria Amodei	Marcus	RT



Chris Bowen and Bella setting up for the shed

Ginny Prince

The Fall Foliage

by Sallie Butler

The Fall Foliage caps the near-end of the Northeast region's trial season. NEBCA's 2019 competition played two Open elimination rounds on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12, followed by the Double Lift on Sunday, October 13 for the top fifteen scores from the Open rounds. Holding judge duties was the tremendously skilled Mr. Allistair Lyttle, the current ISDS Irish National President. Mr. Lyttle consistently marked runs with exacting fairness in sustained concentration throughout the three days of the event.

The Fall Foliage was held at the splendid Caora Farm, with the warmth and hospitality of Mich Ferraro and Kak Weathers. Autumn colors were beginning to paint the oaks and maples that dotted the crowds of evergreens of the surrounding hills. Weather ranged from light rain, drizzle, cloudiness to bright sun, with equable temperatures. The renowned drive and cross-drive paths left worthy challenge for the well-managed and well-running sheep of Caora's commercial flock. We are grateful that Caora's field and sheep provided a numinous Fall Foliage.



Sallie Butler

You are here if you are at the Set-Out

Special cheers are owed to the Open Committee, for its pre-planning efforts, and dedicated Open handlers working diligently during the event. The result was a smooth, three-day event.

We are especially indebted to friends and volunteers who weren't running their dogs in the event, but were dedicated to building the smoothness of the event. Many kind thanks (see box).

The Double Lift Champion of the Fall Foliage was Warren Mick and Eddie, and the Reserve Champion was Mich Ferraro and Mawde. The winner of the Edgar Gould Breeder's Award, a perpetual trophy given to the breeder of the highest-placing dog in NEBCA's Fall Foliage (which was also bred in the NEBCA region) was Michelle Brothers, for breeding Warren Mick's Eddie, progeny of Brother's XP Snap x Roger Deschmbeault's Ken.

A special box of thanks to our intrepid volunteers who, although not entered in the event, generously worked to make the Fall Foliage a smooth-running success!

Melanie Behrens

Ellen Fowler

Elayne Holbrook

Val Henry

Kim Lippolis

Mary Wasielewski

80 Acres SDT Kingston ONTARIO August 3-4 2019

Judges: Mosse Magnusson & Fiona McMillan

Saturday August 3

- | | |
|------------------------|--------|
| 1. Barbara Ray | Wise |
| 2. Amanda Milliken | Howell |
| 3. Amanda Milliken | Hazel |
| 4. Cy Peterson | Reba |
| 5. Mich Ferraro | Bella |
| 6. Cy Peterson | Erin |
| 7. Mary Minor | Tane |
| 8. Barbara Ray | Grant |
| 9. Lori Cunningham | Buck |
| 10. Marianna Schreeder | Star |
| 11. Joe Haynes | Pepper |
| 12. John Palmer | Mara |
| 13. Laura Vishoot | Badger |
| 14. Carol Anne Bailey | Pete |

Sunday August 4

- | | |
|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Amanda Milliken | Dorey |
| 2. Amanda Milliken | Howell |
| 3. Kevan Gretton | Kai |
| 4. David Young | Tagh |
| 5. Mary Minor | Tane |
| 6. Barbara Ray | Grant |
| 7. Sue Schoen | Cora |
| 8. Joe Haynes | Jim |
| 9. Beverly Lambert | Lee |
| 10. Mary Minor | Feist |
| 11. Cy Peterson | Erin |
| 12. Kevan Gretton | Bud |
| 13. David Young | Pic |
| 14. M. Schreeder | Star |

Kingston Open Sheepdog Trials — Grass Creek Park, Ontario, CANADA — Results (top 20%)

Judges: Mosse Magnusson & Fiona McMillan

Trial One August 6, 7, 8 — 149 dogs ran

1. Mary Minor	Feist	93
2. Amanda Milliken	Howell	92
3. Amanda Milliken	Hazel	91
4. Joe Haynes	Pepper	90
5. Mich Ferraro	Mawde	90
6. Amanda Milliken	Dorey	90
7. Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	90
8. Joe Haynes	Jim	87
9. Lori Cunningham	Gideon	85
10. Kevan Gretton	Kai	85
11. Barbara Ray	Grant	85
12. Dave Young	Tagh	85
13. Kevan Gretton	Bud	83
14. Sue Schoen	Spy	82
15. Beverly Lambert	Roy	81
16. Mary Ann Duffy	Gwen	81
17. Peggy Wilkinson	Speck	81
18. Linda Tesdahl	Glynn	81
19. Stacey Rember	Hawkeye	80
20. Peter Hall	Meg	80
21. Andrea deKennedy	Moss	80
22. Fiona Roberson	Meg	80
23. Leslie Scruggs	Rex	78
24. Dan Weeks	Teddy	78
25. Mary Thompson	Jake	78
26. Linda Tesdahl	Royce	77
27. Christine Koval	Jim	77
28. Barbara Levinson	Bob	76
29. David Sharp	Cymro	75
30. Brian Cash	Neal	74

Trial Two August 8, 9, 10 — 143 dogs ran

1. Tracy Hinton	Lad	90
2. Barbara Ray	Wise	89
3. Joe Haynes	Pepper	89
4. Dave Young	Pic	86
5. Mich Ferraro	Mawde	86
6. Peggy Wilkinson	Speck	86
7. Barbara Ray	Grant	85
8. Sue Schoen	Cora	84
9. Tracy Hinton	Dax	84
10. Joe Haynes	Jim	83
11. Gene Sheninger	Sweet	82
12. Heather Millen	Scout	80
13. Laura Vishoot	Tony	80
14. Peter Hall	Meg	78
15. Amanda Milliken	Howell	78
16. Lori Cunningham	Gideon	77
17. Marianna Schreeder	Nel	77
18. Brian Cash	Irie	74
19. Linda Tesdahl	Royce	74
20. Brian Cash	Neal	73
21. Beverly Lambert	Kerry	72
22. Mary Minor	Tane	72
23. John Palmer	Mara	71
24. Kevan Gretton	Kai	70
25. David Sharp	Cymro	70
26. Beverly Lambert	Lee	70
27. Marianna Schreeder	Star	69
28. Mary Minor	Feist	68
29. Mary Thompson	Mia	68

Alanna Leach

At the 32nd Annual Sheepdog Trials at Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ontario in August, Amanda Milliken and Dorey won top honors, **First Place in the Double Lift Final**, in a three-peat of this same feat they had accomplished in 2015 and 2017. Congratulations to Amanda and Dorey.



The Indomitable (and fully color-coordinated) Amanda Milliken at the shed with Dorey

Fetchgate Farm SDT Cortland, NY July 4-7 Judge: James Valley**July 4 Novice Classes**NOVICE/NOVICE— 13 dogs ran

Sandy Lockwood	Grace	75
Dave Goyer	Barley	71
Judy Davis-V. Nostrand	Fergie	65
Sandy Lockwood	Pearl	64
Leila Anichini	Corazon	56

PRONOVICE — 16 dogs ran

Linda Clark	Becca	72
Josh Newcomb	May	71
Kim Lippolis	Twig	66
Pam Gardner	Brett	61
Chris Lucas	Twig	59
Maggie Chambers	Tess	58
Sharon Nunan	Meg	58
Sherry Lee	Branna	57
Carolyn West	Gael	53
Eileen Stein	Quinn	43

RANCH — 18 dogs ran

Mary Ann Duffy	Dave	84
Kerry Watt	Ava	83
Linda Clark	Lyn	82
Mary Thompson	Creed	81
Gene Sheninger	Pele	80
Pam Davies	Robin	75
Helen Dunning	Spark	75
Kate Ash	Kate	71
Melanie Behrens	Dance	67
Sandra Hornung	Jill	66

NUSERY 1 —17 dogs ran

Michelle Brothers	Jim	82
Mary Ann Duffy	Jean	78
Chris Elliot	Dak	78

NURSERY 2 — 17 dogs ran

John Palmer	Monk	84
Bev Lambert	Kerry	83
Tracy Hinton	Mead	82

OPEN 1 July 5-6—110 dogs ran

1.	Roger Millen	Jessie	95
2.	Lori Cunningham	Buck	95
3.	Roger Millen	Mattie	94
4.	Bev Lambert	Lee	94
5.	Tracy Hinton	Lad	92
6.	Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	91
7.	Kate Ash	Wick	91
8.	Cheryl Williams	Brooke	90
9.	Dick Williams	Dave	90
10.	Mary Thompson	Mia	88
11.	Helen Dunning	Bob	88
12.	Michelle Brothers	Flo	88
13.	Fiona Robertson	Meg	87
14.	Gordon Watt	Storm	87
15.	Mike Polites	Taff	86
16.	Dick Williams	Adele	85
17.	Mary Thompson	Teagan	85
18.	Ron Madison	Blaze	84
19.	Diane Cox	Lala	84
20.	Helen Dunning	Sis	84
21.	John Palmer	Mara	83
22.	Mary Ann Duffy	Gwen	83

OPEN 2 July 6-7— 104 dogs ran

1.	Gordon Watt	Storm	98
2.	Lori Cunningham	Buck	96
3.	Mike Polites	Taff	93
4.	Warren Mick	Eddie	92
5.	Mary Thompson	Teagan	92
6.	Diane Cox	Wull	91
7.	Pam Davies	Nan	89
8.	Cheryl Williams	Brooke	88
9.	Michael McNutt	Tia	88
10.	Maria Mick	Nick3	87
11.	John Palmer	Mara	87
12.	Werner Reitboeck	Piper	87
13.	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	86
14.	Michelle Brothers	Mac	85
15.	Carol Campion	Dave	85
16.	Marilyn Terpstra	Olive	84
17.	Warren Mick	Lucy	84
18.	Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	84
19.	John Palmer	Dutch	83
20.	Roger Millen	Jessie	82
21.	Maggie Chambers	Mose	82

Abbreviated President's Message from Warren Mick

Reflecting on the past year, the most positive trend I observed was a noticeable increase in the number of newer members participating in local events and also willing to take on roles in the organization, from putting on or helping at clinics, trials, learning events to being on committees or serving as officers. NEBCA will only survive if new people continue to join and get involved.

NEBCA's two year-end trials were excellent events and enjoyed by many members. Teri Rhodes & Gene Sheninger hosted the Novice Finals at Wayside Farm in Hackettstown New Jersey on Labor Day weekend. And the Fall foliage Championship was again hosted by Mich Ferraro & Kak Weathers at Caora Farm in Millerton, New York on Columbus Day weekend. Thanks to the gracious and generous hosts and great organization by the trial committees both events were as good as we've ever had.

The Famous Fetchgate Farm Three Day Novice Trials: July 26-28, 2019**Saturday****7/27****Friday 7/26**NOVICE/NOVICE—33 dogs ran Judge: Mike Polites

Teri Rhodes (M. Ferdo)	Taza	74
Sandy Lockwood	Pearl	67
Jessica Edgerly	Ranger	66
Teri Rhodes	Corazon	63
Julia Anderson	Frankie	62
Betty Belliveau	Riggs	62
Bridget Griffin	Tess	57
Jean Singleton	Chris	52
Judy Davis-V Nostrand	Fergie	53
Elva Svendsen	Kelsey	51

PRONOVICE— 34 dogs ran Judge: Tara Dier

Warren Mick (E. Fowler)	Skye	74
Kim Lippolis	Twig	74
Barbara Eriksson	Brook	70
Josh Newcomb	May	65
Pam Gardner	Brett	65
Linda Clark	Becca	64
Mary Wasielewski	Troy	62
Peggy Flanagan	Kitt	62
Maggie Chambers	Tess	61
Sharon Nunan	Meg	60

RANCH —35 dogs ran Judge: Cynthia Palmer

Mary Ann Duffy	Dave	86
Kim Baker	Gibbs	80
Walt Zeiser	Tess	78
Warren Mick	Tommy	78
Tara Dier	Bernie	77
Pam Gardner	Rowan	74
Joan Worthington	Saint	73
Hilary Flower	Fraya	73
Sue Thompson	Nell	71
Melanie Behrens	Dance	71

NURSERY 8 dogs ran Judge: Cynthia Palmer

Carolyn West	Clyde	84
Michael Polites	Jan	78

NOVICE/NOVICE—31 dogs ran Judge: Mike Polites

Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Ike	67
Sandy Lockwood	Pearl	67
Gayle Echevarria	Hitch	65
Judy Davis-V. Nostrand	Fergie	63
Amanda Hinchberger	Posh	62
Julia Anderson	Frankie	61
JP Maillet	Quake	60
Teri Rhodes (M. Ferdo)	Taza	58
Laurie Place	Luke	55
Sandy Lockwood	Grace	54

PRONOVICE— 33 dogs ran Judge: Tara Dier

Josh Newcomb	May	69
Mary Wasielewski	Troy	63
Amy Hershberger	Feisty Sal	62
Warren Mick (E. Fowler)	Skye	61
Sharon Nunan	Meg	61
Barbara Eriksson	Brook	61
Teri Rhodes	Zuben	58
Linda Clark	Becca	58
Teresa Powers	Chaos	57
Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	56

RANCH—34 dogs ran Judge: Cynthia Palmer

Mary Ann Duffy	Dave	75
Merry Klimek	Grace	69
Walt Zeiser	Tess	67
Joan Worthington	Saint	65
Hilary Flower	Fraya	65
Gene Sheninger	Pele	64
Cheryl Hinton	Faith	63
Kim Baker	Gibbs	62
Sharon Nunan	Rock	61
Denise Leonard	Wren	61

NURSERY—8 dogs ran Judge: Cynthia Palmer

Mary Ann Duffy	Jean	81
Beth Murray	Audrey	66

What a great turnout by the Novice handlers! Another wildly successful trial. Thank you Roger and Heather Millen and Fetchgate Farm, the judges, the many volunteers and the SHEEP.

Fetchgate Novice Trial, Cont.**Sunday 7/28**NOVICE/NOVICE—31 dogs Judge: Mike Polites

Amanda Hinchberger	Posh	62
Sandy Lockwood	Pearl	62
David Goyer	Barley	57
Judy Davis-V. Nostrand	Fergie	57
Jean Singleton	Chris	54
Sandy Lockwood	Grace	52
Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Ike	51
Teri Rhodes (M. Ferdo)	Taza	51
Julia Anderson	Frankie	48
Jan Marcotte	Luke	46

PRONOVICE — 31 dogs ran Judge: Tara Dier

Jean Singleton	Swift	74
Maggie Chambers	Tess	73
Barbara Eriksson	Brook	71
Linda Clark	Becca	70
Chris Lucas	Twig	63
Patricia Warne	Meg	59
Teri Rhodes	Tess	58
Teri Rhodes	Zuben	57
Sharon Nunan	Meg	55
Josh Newcomb	May	52

RANCH — 32 dogs ran Judge: Cynthia Palmer

Merry Klimek	Grace	81
Warren Mick	Tommy	80
Joan Worthington	Saint	80
Sue Thompson	Nell	73
Kim Lippolis	Deke	71
Mary Ann Duffy	Dave	71
Kim Baker	Gibbs	71
Sharon Nunan	Rock	70
Cheryl Hinton	Faith	66
Pam Gardner	Rowan	65

NURSERY — 8 dogs ran Judge: Cynthia Palmer

Sally Molloy	Ty	67
Roger Millen	Ben	66

It's very exciting to see your name in lights, even if ever-so briefly on the leader board.

Some impressive Soldier Hollow results:
 Mich and Mawde 6th Place
 Amanda and Howell 8th Place
 Amanda and Dorey 9th Place

NEBCA TRAVELLERS: in which NEBCA members venture near and far

Several NEBCA members were invited to compete at the prestigious **Soldier Hollow Classic** in Midway, Utah over Labor Day: *Amanda Milliken, Mich Ferraro, Bev Lambert, and Mary Ann Duffy.*

*Mich Ferraro
shutting the
pen gate*



Mary Ann Duffy



Mary Ann Duffy and Gwen penning

Mary Ann Duffy



Dust of Generations or The Perch (a song from Cummington)

By Eric Johnson

Down the road and to the intersection
of the six corners, the path can seem to lead.
Making decisions, reacting and learning
to live with it all, the road dust of the generations,
can be swept away, or gathered.
Leaning into the hills and not breaking too hard
so decents don't lead to wear and tear
or even worse.
You know this road, this path, this way.
Around the corner you go.
Here were farmers, craftsmen and scholars
poets, laborers, the pious, the poor, the bankers and lawyers.
Here were families raised and industry come and go
in the now quieter Berkshire Hills.

You were sure you knew what's what.
But a gate was moved and a different reaction
was called for and in a blink of an eye
I needed to communicate a different note.
Watching from the perch as they come at me
then away and at times to a left flank.
That road dust settles on me at the intersections.
Best to learn, study and practice what is offered,
for at times, you need to quickly decide your next move,
taking their experience and yours.
How fine a line do you draw in doing so?
How much to direct, how much to leave to flow?

The dust settles and mixes on the edge of the road,
with dirt, soil, where a path does start.
The intersection now behind
you both walk together down that path,
around its bends, up hills and down
to a stream that flows to wider ways.
The water mixes and flows with the stuff of earth.
You watch and contemplate
the next move.

All in the time it takes a waterfowl to lift off a pond
or
in a lifetime of a Yellow Violet
generations upon generations of flowers
the flow of waters
reaches deep into the work on and of the Land.

Somewhere on a windswept plateau a young Shepherd
sends his dog to gather the flock.
The winds sweep in as it has done since ancient times.
The dog sails out and beyond and then
settles with a call.
The line to the Sheppard runs at times through a gate and through a marsh.
But as dog and flock near
they move along a small dirt track.
Dust from the track settles about them
and in the marsh a Waterfowl silently swims.

Cars now drive the two lanes off to jobs
leaving lands and homes much more vacant.
The old paged words replaced by the artificial stream,ing.
It can seem that finding the way
at intersections and gates, elude.
The skills needed seem to slip like dust
through our fingers.

But somewhere the song remains and
a Shepherd draws her tattered coat around her
and calls her old dog.
They walk straight to the side of the cliff
and look down.
There in the dark of night the lights of town shine.
A steep path with many turns would take them there
but they stay, turn and then walk across the earth
toward her camp and their flock.
Her hands dig deep into the old coat pockets for some warmth.
The old dog limps a little but seems happy.
Together their six foot prints are a bit slow
with the wear of the years
but they are true.

Leatherstocking Open SDT Cooperstown NY Judge: Denise Leonard

Saturday August 24 — 68 dogs ran

1 Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	89
2 Werner Reitboeck	Jessie	86
3 Barb Leverett	Bob	86
4 Mark Billadeau	Lee	84
5 Mary Thompson	Teagan	84
6 Warren Mick	Lucy	83
7 Chris Bowen	Bella	82
8 Dave Young	Tagh	82
9 Mary Thompson	Jake	81
10 Pam Wataha	Ace	81

Sunday August 25 — 66 dogs ran

1 Mark Billedeau	Lee	97
2 Dave Young	Tagh	94
3 Mike Neary	Sis	94
4 Warren Mick	Eddie	93
5 Chris Elliott	Bounce	92
6 Chris Bowen	Bella	92
7 Mary Thompson	Mia	91
8 Christine Koval	Jim	91
9 Steve Wetmore	Floss	89
10 Werner Reitboeck	Jessie	89



"Hey Ewe, I'm Driving."

"Where are you going?"

"To the post office to mail my NEBCA Membership Renewal Form."

"Silly Sheepdog, don't you know you can renew online!"

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*Who is that hippie and why
does he think he can run a
dog??*

*Because he won the Fall
Foliage and the NY Triple
Crown that's why!*

*Congratulations, Warren!
Rock On*



Sandy Lockwood

The New York Triple Crown:

Caora — Dancing Ewe — Leatherstocking

Congratulations to this year's winners:

CHAMPION: Warren Mick & Eddie

Reserve Champion: Mike Nunan & Kip

The NY Triple Crown (and Reserve) is awarded to the team who has run in all three trials and has the highest (and second-highest) cumulative score, using the dog's best score per trial.

New Book! Check it out.

Book review: *Learning Life's Lessons with Stock Dogs*, by Jack Knox

Reviewed by Bob Kelley, Aurora, Indiana

Jack Knox's *Learning Life's Lessons with Stock Dogs* is a very informative book on how to train a dog. "Study their wrongs and they will show you how to help them come right the easy way." "The smaller the change the bigger the answer, provided we wait." "Correct the wrongs and the real answer will follow." Many little pieces of major wisdom of how to help your dog appear in every chapter.

Learning Life's Lessons with Stock Dogs is in hardcover edition, 202 pages, published by Homestead Press, November 21, 2018.

Ed. Note: Bob only allowed us to print this review if we included the following note from him: CONGRATULATIONS to Sallie Butler and her Kelpie Roo on their DOUBLE LIFT WIN at Cascade Farm June 2019 SDT!

2019 NEBCA NOVICE FINALS — Wayside Farm, Hackettstown NJ

By Carolyn West

The annual NEBCA Novice Finals were held August 31st and September 1st at Gene Sheninger and Teri Rhode's Wayside Farm in Hackettstown, NJ. The trial field sloped up a hill with small swales and provided a challenging outrun for all class levels. The flock of Katahdins were even and, like all sheep, would walk around the course when treated carefully. Penning was another issue! They were a welcome challenge at the pen and getting the sheep in the pen was an accomplishment and getting them in the pen without losing any points was a major accomplishment!

Gene and Teri and the Novice Trial Committee did a great job running the trial, setting the course, and welcoming all of the handlers for the weekend. Handlers received a gift bag and there was a delicious handler's dinner on Saturday night in addition to a pot luck dinner on Friday evening.

The Novice class had 16 dogs entered and the overall Champion over three runs was Jacqueline Erickson and Kibou with Teri Rhodes and Taza as the Reserve Champion. Jacqueline was also the winner of the Long Road Award. The Pro Novice class had 26 dogs entered and was quite competitive. Only one point separated the Champion, Carolyn West and Clyde, and the Reserve Champion, Carol Weigand and Brody (and another one point separated Brody from the third place dog). Carolyn and Clyde won the Long Road Award and Carol won

The trial went off mostly without a hitch thanks to the efforts of the Novice Committee, the crew in the pen all weekend and the volunteer set out teams.

There was a slight delay when Gene and Teri's cow Lucy somehow escaped her pasture and went on a walk up the hill behind the house and through the woods to end up munching hay at the set out pen! The trial was stopped as Teri went up to the top of the field and the cow was led down the hill (or led the people down the hill) bucking merrily along the way!



Thank you to Gene and Teri for sharing your Wayside Farm and your sheep with the handlers, dogs and spectators. The Novice Trial Committee: Amy Hershberger, Sheila Crepau, Pam Wataha, Peggy Flanagan and Barbara Ericsson (I think Barbara is an honorary member!) did a fantastic job putting on a well-organized and enjoyable trial. The hospitality and prizes were top notch and the committee members worked tirelessly with a smile on their faces on all weekend. On a personal note, in fourteen years of NEBCA trials I've only attended one other Novice Finals (mostly because I've had no Novice dog to run and the trial wasn't close to me) and I'm so glad that I attended this year because it was a really fun time with a great group of NEBCA handlers and dogs!



the Alex McKinven Award (highest scoring PN dog run by a handler who has not run in Open). In the Ranch class, 12 dogs ran. Gene Sheninger and Pele were Champions and Warren Mick and Tommy (can you hear me?) were Reserve Champions.

At the award ceremony after the trial, the Novice Committee presented the Champions and Reserve Champions with jackets and vests to be embroidered. The winners of the Long Road Awards received beautiful engraved Logan whistles on a black leather lanyard. The Committee also had a raffle for workers at the trial and for anyone who had a run that was a RT or DQ score.



Hard working trial committee: Peggy Flanagan, Pam Wataha, Sheila Crepau and Amy Hershberger

My Novice Finals Thrill

By Jacqueline Erickson, Novice/Novice Champion

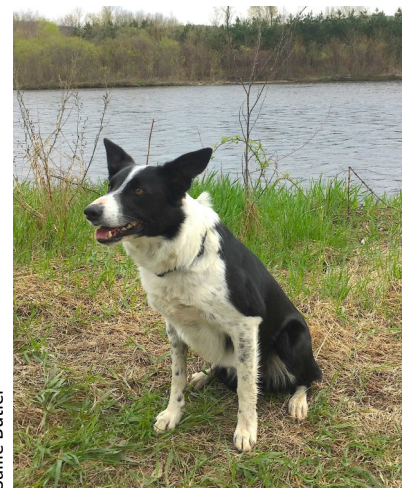
The best part about winning the Novice/Novice Finals was that my smooth coat girl and myself were working as a team! My beautiful girl has a heart of gold but, she is very mechanical with a lot of Elmer Fudd moments. For the two of us to work as a unit without cartoon episodes was the thrill of a lifetime for me. It looks like Kibou is living up to the meaning of her name: Hope. I consider myself very lucky because I get to spend my time out in the fields working at something that both my girls and my (new!) boy love so much. *Semper Fidelis, Jackie and Kibou*

Some of the Winners— with thanks to the judge, Ron McGettigan



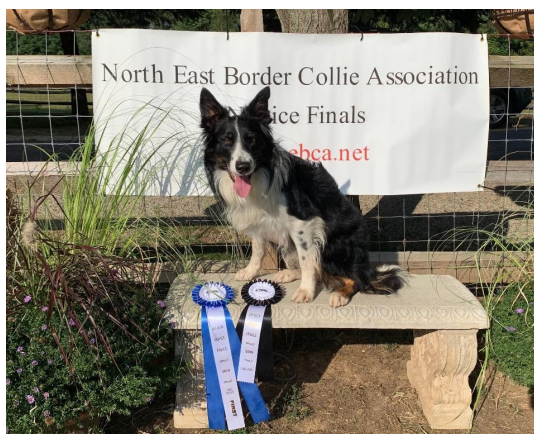
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Gene Sheneringer's Kinloch Pele, winner of Ranch Champion



Sallie Butler

Carol Weigand's Brody, ProNovice Reserve Champion



Carolyn West

Carolyn West's Clyde: ProNovice Champion, also Long Road Award winner for PN

Overall Winners, NOVICE/NOVICE

Combined best 2 out of 3 runs, points out of 160
17 dogs ran

1. Jacqueline Erickson	Kibou	146
2. Teri Rhodes	Taza	140
3. Sandy Lockwood	Grace	133
4. Kate Davidson	TBC Benson	132
5. Jessica Edgerly	Ranger	131
6. Teri Rhodes	Corazon	127
7. Danielle Eriksen	Dove	124
8. Jean Singleton	Chris	121
9. Amanda Hinchberger	Posh	119
10. Julia Anderson	Frankie	113

Overall Winners PRONOVICE

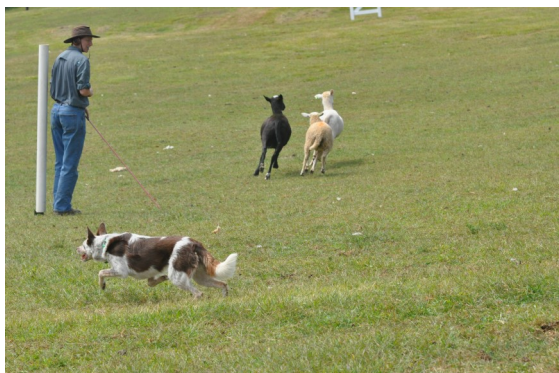
Points out of 160 26 dogs ran

1. Carolyn West	Clyde	138
2. Carol Weigand	Brody	137
3. Mary Brighoff	Gary	136
4. Teri Rhodes	Zuben	131
5. Sharon Nunan	Meg	127
6. Diane Sobel Meyer	Red	127
7. Teri Rhodes	Tess	125
8. Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	125
9. Peggy Flanagan	Kitt	120
10. Josh Newcomb	May	120

Overall Winners RANCH

Points out of 180 12 dogs ran

1. Gene Sheninger	Pele	151
2. Warren Mick	Tommy	144
3. Kim Baker	Gibbs	134
4. Hillary Flower	Sioux	129
5. Hillary Flower	Freya	128
6. Kim Lippolis	Deke	128
7. Ginny Prince	June	113
8. Walt Zeiser	Tess	100
9. Melanie Behrens	Dance	99
10. Joan Worthington	Saint	62

**Special Awards***Alex McKinven:* Carol Weigand/Brody*Long Road NN:* Jacqueline Erickson/Kibou*Long Road PN:* Carolyn West/Clyde*Long Road Ranch:* Warren Mick/Tommy

*Amy Hershberger and
Feisty Sal turn the post*



Linda Bohm



Linda Bohm

Gene Sheninger's amazing home-built sorting pens

Day's End:

*The view from the pens
at Wayside Farm*



Amy Hershberger

NEBCA High Points Champion, Jessie

By Roger Millen

Jessie was born June 1, 2013. I bought Jessie from Gene Scheniger when my dog Rock was stricken with a degenerative back disease. I started looking for a pup and this litter was available out of Gene's Nick and an imported bitch named Ket. Nick had always done well for Gene and the video of Ket looked promising, so I took a chance.

Well Jessie turned out to be quite the handful. She was always escaping the dog yard, under, over or through, climbed out of the 6-foot kennel and jumped off the kennel roof, but we would always find her in with the sheep. She was so uncontainable that we were forced to keep her in the house.

Despite all that, she appeared to be quite talented. Very keen to work, great flanks, incredible balance, and very, very fast. Way too fast in fact. She trained up very quickly and was running in Open by the time she was three. In the beginning my timing was off, as it took some time to learn how to deal with her speed. Fortunately, she listened well, and would stop or flank quickly. I've learned that you can fix many mistakes utilizing her speed, but it can also create problems.

We still have our issues as she can get a bit over excited sometimes, and even at 6 years old, she really hasn't slowed down much (maybe a little). She sometimes takes charge on the trial field when she shouldn't, but her temperament is much improved. She still cannot be contained (but getting better, and we've covered many holes).

While we don't always do great, she is a fun dog to run and we've done well enough to be honored with the High Points Championship. At least during this season.

NEBCA OPEN POINTS 2019 TOP 20

1.	Roger Millen	Jessie	86.0
2.	Mary Thompson	Teagan	80.4
3.	Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	79.4
4.	Warren Mick	Eddie	74.4
5.	Tracy Hinton	Lad	70.0
6.	Amanda Milliken	Howell	65.0
7.	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	63.2
8.	John Palmer	Mara	61.4
9.	Amanda Milliken	Hazel	59.4
10.	Beverly Lambert	Nan	52.8
11.	Dave Young	Tagh	52.0
12.	Beverly Lambert	Lee	52.0
13.	Fiona Robertson	Meg	50.8
14.	Lori Cunningham	Matt	49.6
15.	Mich Ferraro	Mawde	44.8
16.	John Palmer	Dutch	44.6
17.	Mich Ferraro	Puppa	44.0
18.	Dick Williams	Dave	42.4
19.	Dave Young	Pic	39.2
20.	Robin French	Cain	39.0



Roger Millen's Jessie, NEBCA High Points Champion

NEBCA Reserve High Point Champion 2019: Mary Thompson's Teagan

By Mary Thompson

I'm honoured to have won the NEBCA Reserve High Point Championship award for the 2019 season. It came as a bit of a surprise because I don't travel to the eastern US and Canadian trials, as I reside on the western edge of Ontario, and those trials are somewhat out of my reach. I actually found out after having read a FB post from Heather Millen, announcing that Roger and Jessie had won the points championship (congrats to Roger), and so I took a look at the points page and discovered that I was Reserve. What a nice surprise that was!

Teagan is a 5-year-old, home bred and trained female from my Paris (by Beauty, by Holly and Hawk) and Michael Polites' very talented Taff. I believe that she may have been the first litter that he sired. I'm always looking for talented young stud dogs to enhance my breeding program, and this choice proved to be a very good one. She was an easy bitch to train, always wanting to please, and required very little correction. I do remember at a very young age, these beautiful wide outruns with me standing partially up the center line. Then when I sent her from my feet, she went straight up the middle at the sheep. Two steps forward, one step back! Her natural, wide outrun showed up about two months later, while hiking in the snow with the other dogs. That was a happy moment for me. A few of

the many highlights in her career: Overall Ontario Triple Crown Champion 2018, Overall Handy Dog Champion 2019, and now NEBCA Reserve Points Champion 2019. I'm hoping there will be many more accolades to come her way.

Winning an Overall Points Championship takes a consistent trial dog that has a natural out run, the ability to "steady up" a variety of sheep breeds, is a good listener, and stays calm and deliberate in their movement. Teagan is an easy bitch to run, takes all her whistles, doesn't fight with my commands, and therefore any mistakes that are

made can easily be attributed to me. She often makes me look good!

Thanks to NEBCA for providing this points venue and for recognizing consistent placing trial dogs.



Mary Thompson

NEBCA High Points Reserve: Mary Thompson's Teagan

NEBCA Financial Reserves

Financial Statement available by request

Account Balances	7/31/2019	12/31/2018
Bank of America Checking	\$27,338.53	\$30,525.73
ING Business Savings	\$18,855.80	\$13,812.47
Total Bank Accounts	\$49,194.33	\$44,338.20
Cash Account	\$ 0	\$ 0
PayPal	\$ 1591.95	\$ 2,782.78
Overall Total	\$47,786.28	\$47,120.98

NEBCA Membership Meeting- August 24, 2019 – Cooperstown NY (Leatherstocking SDT)

Meeting called to order 6:05 pm by President Warren Mick

- I. Minutes from May 25th membership meeting, Cummington MA, accepted with amending of BOD report
- II. Executive Committee Reports:
 - A) Secretary Martha Walke- As of Friday 7/23 we have 254 members; last year this time we had 246. 19 new members since May meeting. We have 7 Life members, 203 Individual and 44 Family/Farm. We added 31 new members since Jan. 2019.
 - B) Treasurer Denise Leonard: The "daily" banking account will be changed from BofA to Greenfield Cooperative Bank because nearest branch of BofA has closed. To maintain the BofA account we will keep a minimum of \$10,000 in the BofA, with no fees (see report).

III Board of Directors Report – Barbara Leverett

The Board recognizes Denise Leonard as the longest active member of NEBCA. She has been on every committee and served in every executive position since she became a member. The 2019 National Finals' Committee has requested a donation from NEBCA for the webcast of the semi-final and final runs. It was voted to donate \$500. The purchase of an AED with a first aid kit is still under discussion. There are two members (Barbara Erikson and Margaret Flanagan) with medical experience who are helping. There are questions regarding training as each state has different requirements and/or certification, but it may be that all NEBCA region states allow use of an AED without training. It was suggested an attorney be contacted. A small committee (Mary Ann Duffy, Margaret Flanagan and Barbara Eriksson) will look further into the AED issue.

IV Standing Committee Reports

- A) **Open Trials** – Warren Mick – no rule changes or issues. The Fall Foliage will be Oct 11-13 at Mich Ferraro and Kak Weathers' Caora Farm, Millerton NY. The two Open trials are USBCHA and NEBCA sanctioned; the Sunday Double Lift is open only to the top 50 NEBCA qualifying dogs entered.
- B) **Novice Trials Committee**—Amy Hershberger. The committee has sanctioned two new Novice trials: 1. Bittersweet Farm Trial (NN, PN, R) Nov 9 and 10; 2. Jimmies' Farm Trial (NN, PN) Oct 20. Final preparations are underway for Novice Finals at Wayside Farm in NJ. Currently there are 44 handlers entered with 56 dogs. The Committee has addressed various questions regarding points and eligibility, stating that members must have been current at the time of earning points and eligibility for the Finals lies with the handler/dog team that earned the points. We continue to address questions and concerns as they arise.
- C) **Learning Trials Committee** – Rose Redick. We supported Paul Batz's Learning Day. The name of the committee has been changed to Education Committee. New topics and information will be available at the beginning of 2020.

V. Select Committee Reports

A) **Merchandise Committee** – Kim Lippolis. Committee members: Kim, Joanne Krause, Liz Shaw, Ed Walker. So far this year we have set up at: Cascade (gross \$80), Cummington (\$981), Ox Creek (\$88), Cascade 2 (\$548), Ox Creek 2 (\$88) and Dancing Ewe (\$128). We are about \$700 behind where we were last year at this time. Liz is planning to take merchandise to Heart Stone Farm and Fall Foliage. Kim will take to Novice Finals. There was an issue with hats this year. It became difficult to communicate with Graphic Edge so the committee decided to go with Green Mountain, who had originally said their prices were competitive but they actually charged \$5 more per hat. Since we do not want to raise the price of the hats, our profit margin will be smaller this year. Joanne is looking into returning to Graphic Edge for next year. If there is a new item of merchandise that members would like to see available, please contact the Committee. Performance fabric shirts have been mentioned and, while more expensive, will be investigated. Merchandise can include blankets, totes etc. As always, many thanks to the Members who have volunteered to help sell at trials. We could not do it without your help!

B) **Calendar Committee**: no report

C) **Library Report**– Martha Walke – there has been very little use of the library this summer. I presume it will pick up after the trial season ends.

D) **Newsletter Report** – Sallie Butler: We express gratitude to Pam Mueller who is considering the task of Layout Editor. To that end, Pam is producing the Autumn 2019 issue. Pam's considerable efforts and hours in contributing layout and content for the upcoming issue reflect her sterling professionalism. Per member request, we are adding more trial results. We appreciate items sent by our members and associates – articles, poems, photos and artwork. We welcome new views and voices. What a talented group you are! Sallie's last issue as content editor will be Summer 2020.

VI. New Business

- A) Dave Young is continuing to research a bench to be donated by NEBCA to a trial that has been sanctioned by NEBCA for the 32 years it has been in existence.
- B) Please send all Open trial results to Pam Davies, who will forward them to Annie Palmer for inclusion in the new points system. All drop-downs need to be marked

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next meeting is the Annual Meeting in January. There will be long distance inclusion available.

Respectfully submitted, Martha M. Walke, Secretary

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday January 18, 2020 (snow date: Saturday January 25). Starting time is 10 a.m. sharp. The primary meeting location will be in the Albany NY area. As done last year, remote participation will be offered to groups of three or more members via a conference call.

The meeting agenda and supporting material, details on the Albany meeting site and information regarding remote participation will be provided on the NEBCA website in early January.

More Travelling by NEBCA members:

The following NEBCA members made it to Colorado for the 2019 Finals, where we are sure they had a grand time:

Mark Billadeau, Brenda Buja, Mary Ann Duffy, Mich Ferraro, Tracy Hinton, Bev Lambert, Amanda Milliken, John Palmer, Mike Polites & Sue Schoen

Congratulations to all of them for qualifying, getting there and competing.

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Date	Sheepdog Trial Name	Location	Classes	Contact Person	Telephone
Dec. 29, 2019	May Brook Farm	Pittsfield MA	1 Open, 1 Nursery	Sue Schoen	413-344-9514
Jan. 4-5 2020	PA Farm Show	Harrisburg PA	Open Points/Time	Emily Falk	717-574-7265

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