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President's Message



Hello Fellow Members,

I truly hope you are all well and managing amid the crisis. It has affected us all to some extent, an inconvenience for most but some have lost their livelihood or worse. I'm heartened to see members taking it seriously, acting responsibly and making the best of the situation.

In the NEBCA region and across the nation, essentially all regular spring sheepdog activities have been cancelled or postponed. As of this writing, trials will be on pause until at least August. Clinics may be able to start sooner but local regulations and whether an event can be done safely will be the deciding factor. As much as we all miss attending sheepdog events and seeing our friends, it makes sense to be on the safe side. Things will eventually get back to normal and we'll be glad we did.

The membership meetings scheduled for May and August have both been cancelled. In their place, a totally online meeting is being planned for June 30th. If this works well, a second meeting will be held in the fall. Information on how to join the June meeting will be placed on the website a week before and an email notice will be sent out.

There will not be a Fall Foliage trial this year. A conflict with the National Finals was the original reason but the virus situation is now the overriding factor forcing both events to be cancelled. I anticipate the Novice Finals is also unlikely to be held this year. The necessary planning for such events together with the uncertainties of how things will develop makes this the best course at present.

I hope to offer you all some better news later this year. Until then be safe and enjoy your dogs.

Warren

From the Editors

This Newsletter edition is a first, but sadly may not be a last: We have no trial results or reports to publish. COVID-19 has upended so many aspects of life. But we know that all handlers are persevering in their own ways and in this issue we endeavor to bring you, at the very least, some useful and/or entertaining information. Herein we have some announcements, some tales of adventures near and far, a tribute to long-time member Bruce Smart, some training tips and a few random items. Naturally, with the Newsletter coming to your inboxes and mailboxes only four times a year, in this high-tech era much is happening too fast for us to report in a timely fashion. Please stay in touch via Facebook (The Handlers Tent) or the NEBCA website for the latest information on trials and club meetings.

And now, a special note from your Editor Sallie Butler:

By the time you read this column, I shall have retired as Editor. Continuing is impossible, owing to the demands of family schedules and care-giving.

I would like to acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude my colleagues in the work of editing and publishing NEBCA News, Lori Tsuruda – without whom I could not have started the newsletter process, and Pam Mueller – without whom I could not have sustained the completion of newsletter issues. Martha Walke also deserves ongoing thanks for distributing the printed copies.

Editing the Newsletter has been a rewarding enterprise, as I've discovered the diamond-faceted talents of many sheepdog colleagues. See you in the paddocks,

Sallie Butler

NEBCA Membership Meetings Date Changes

Because Cummington and Leatherstocking Trials are cancelled, the membership meetings planned for those times will be held on different dates and managed through Zoom, an online meeting forum. The first meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2020 at 8 pm. Details on joining and participating, along with an agenda, will be posted on the NEBCA website (www.nebca.net) a week before the meeting. A date and time for a second meeting will be announced later in the summer.

Sheepdog Trialing in the Time of COVID-19:

So Empty!



Mary Ames

Cascade Farm, May 2020: Not a dog, handler or camper to be seen. Can you spot the sheep?

Oh where, oh where have the handlers gone?

Oh where, oh where can they be?

With their whistle in mouth and crook in hand,
Oh where oh where can they be?

At home quarantined
Training lie down
Come by, away to me,
Walk up, steady,
Listen, you listen,
That will do, come here, good job.

Oh where, oh where have the trials gone?

Oh where, oh where can they be?

Cancelled, on hold, postponed maybe?

Oh when, oh when can we meet again?



The chaos that occurs in Italy when all the Border Collies are stuck home in quarantine

By Mary Ames

Sung to the tune of

"Where, oh where has my little dog gone?"

Bored sitting at home? Good time to check whether you have renewed your NEBCA membership for 2020

Reprinted from OBCC 2017 Newsletter, with permission: Bruce's Story

A Look Back

By Bruce Smart

In the 1980's due to a heavy tax reassessment we were forced to sell our farm and herd of Herefords, so we downsized to sheep and a smaller acreage We later moved to our present 50 acres but, as a concession to maturity, we no longer farm it ourselves. All that to explain why we acquired sheep and, of course, why we needed a sheepdog.

I knew very little about dogs but in 1987 I bought Skye as a pup from Alex McKinven in North Hatley. I wish I could say that we were great team right from the start. Unfortunately, that was not the case. A combination

Michelle Lawrence



of my ignorance and Skye's out-run meant that we were usually listed as "also rans". I can still remember her out-run at Evelyn Neuendorf's trial south of Ottawa. She left my feet with conviction well out to the away side, then her bad habit kicked in and at 9 o'clock she stopped and that was the end of the out-run in her opinion. Much later I gave Skye away and she died on the road. Her regretful owners donated the Skye Memorial Trophy for the top Novice dog each year.



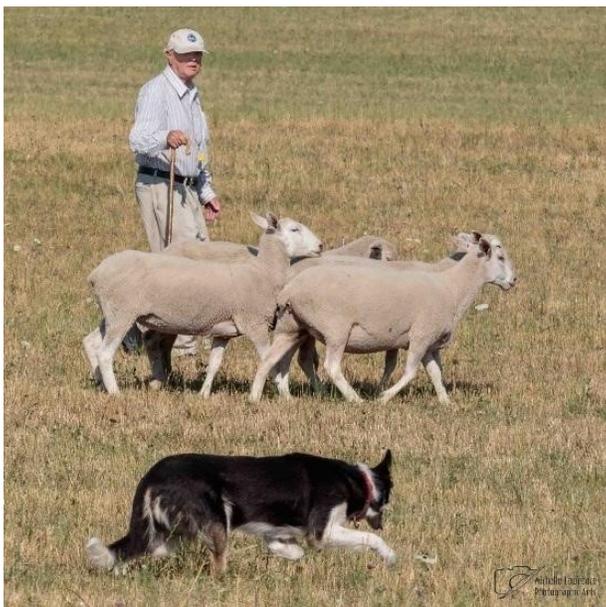
Michelle Lawrence

Nowadays quite a few people offer training services, which might explain why (in my opinion) the standard of trialing has improved so much when compared to thirty years ago. I first learnt training techniques from books and no doubt they are still a good source of information, particularly when supplemented by on the field coaching.

Jump forward 10 years, and in 1997 I bred Dyna to Sally Lacy's Tru and the result was Dolly. I also bought a pup from John Atkinson named Peg. That pair of dogs carried me through the turn of the century. They were always a threat in open although they differed completely in style. Dolly was wise and steady. Peg always responded to commands but was so fast that she was hard to keep up with. I often left the field exhausted. Those two dogs took me to Finals in Tulsa, Sturgis, Belle Grove, and to the world trial in Ireland.



Michelle Lawrence



Michelle Lawrence

Our sport would not exist without a lot of work by those who organize trials. I had a brief fling at that myself, so I speak from experience. The regional and national organizations also need support. Again, I speak from experience as a past director of USBCHA, and ex-president of ABCA and CBCA.

I no longer breed dogs or raise and train pups - that maturity thing again -- but I have managed to acquire some good dogs. From Mike Canaday I bought Ken. Hub Holmes sold me Link, and my present open competitor Hemp came from Kevin Evans in Wales. That is the beauty of this sport. As long as your legs can carry you to the post and you have breath enough to whistle, you can keep going.

Regrettably, Bruce has hung up his crook and whistle and retired from the trial field. Some handlers got together (virtually, of course) to wish him well; clearly Bruce has an extensive fan club.

Tails and Tales of Bruce Smart, written *by many handlers*

Best wishes for a happy retirement, from NEBCA and OBCC

- ◆ Remember not to sightsee the boats when crossing the 1000-Islands bridges. It's hard on trailer awnings. **Anonymous**
- ◆ Bruce was and always has been so kind to me, especially when I was a Novice handler. We had many laughs while watching runs at many trials. **Anonymous**
- ◆ We worked together on the OBCC Trials Committee for several years and he had thoughtful feedback and advice. **C.E. Guy**
- ◆ Hi, Bruce -- a very long time since we've seen one another. All the best, **Thom Conn**
- ◆ Bruce was the first person to make me feel welcome upon my first visit to Canada. He's always been kind and charming and a lot of fun. He will be missed! **Anonymous**
- ◆ Bruce...you ol' "fart." We started together 30 years ago and had many a great laugh. I always admired your Peg and Dolly...what a great team you made. May I offer you my sincere thanks for your years of contribution to our world. **Dave and Mary Ellen Young**

- ◆ I met Bruce, in his classic, ironed oxford shirt and chino pants, at the old New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival in Hopkinton. It was a very small field and trialing was like an arcade game. There was a pot luck dinner and I ended up sitting next to Bruce, who at that time was president of ABCA. Our conversation centered around the ABCA mission, which convinced me to be a lifetime member. Later, the NH Sheep and Wool Festival moved to the Deerfield Fairgrounds. At one of the pot lucks, Bruce entertained us with his wonderful singing voice. Bruce came to our trial every year. Each year he would say he was going to retire Dolly, but then she would place or come in first. Back she would come for another year. He judged our trial one year and said, "When I fall asleep in the chair, then it's time to retire from judging." He managed to stay awake during the long day. One of the things I enjoyed about Bruce was his narration to the spectators at the trial. He was educational and entertaining with his dry sense of humor. The best to you and thank you for all the fond memories. **Nancy Phillips**



Sandy Lockwood

- ◆ Bruce, My fondest memories of you at trials include you enjoying a good book under your awning in the shade on a hot summer's day. You also took this opportunity to groom your dogs and there would be piles of hair around your chair. I will miss your smiling face, good humor and soft whistles at trials. **Debbie Donahue**
- ◆ Dear Bruce, I unfortunately haven't known you very long, but it was a joy to camp by you at Cascade. Always a pleasure to watch you run your dogs, and I just love your whistles. Hope to see you around, and I hope you take care. Best regards, **Peggy Flanagan**
- ◆ Bruce, Thank you for your kindness, friendship, conversations, and of course, those wonderful G & T's. Keep on carrying on! Fondly, **Pam Anon.**
- ◆ Bruce, Didn't know you that long, but it was a pleasure trialing with you! You will be missed. **Dan Weeks**
- ◆ Bruce, Always enjoyed talking to you and watching you run your dogs. Your presence will be missed. **Peggy Chute**
- ◆ Bruce, It was always a pleasure to watch you run your dogs! **Anonymous**
- ◆ Hi, Bruce, I met you a few years ago in Ontario, and was impressed watching you and your dog run. All the best, **Beth Murray** (Ohio)
- Hi, Bruce, Sorry to see you go. It's been fun working with you all these years. Take care of yourself in your retirement. **Gene Sheninger**

- ◆ Bruce, So many memories, all of them wonderful! Thank you so much for your help, knowledge, insight, and friendship. **Stacey Rember**
- ◆ Bruce, I only met you recently, at the end of what was obviously a long and illustrious sheepdogger career. Always a Gentleman of few words, I did notice that you frequently came silently out of nowhere to lay down the best run and win the day. **Pam Mueller**

- ◆ Bruce: You were the first handler John and I met at Louise Tackaberry's farm. You explained what was going on while we warmed up next to the burn barrel. Thank you for the instruction and for spending time at our farm as a judge and competitor! I loved watching Spice work for you. The happiness she had at Maxville translated into the emergency button being pushed. You are missed at every trial! **Cynthia Palmer**



Sandy Lockwood

- ◆ Bruce, we enjoyed seeing you at various trials over the years. I learned quite a lot about what to watch for in runs by listening to you "run" with the handler on the field as I sat or stood near you with camera in hand. Never critical and always informative, often funny: a true teacher. Your kindness and encouragement to our daughter was a gift. We will miss seeing you at the post. Raising a glass of wine to you! **Michelle & Bruce Lawrence**
- ◆ Bruce is always so kind! He would explain runs as they happen, with no criticism of how the handler was running, but in an informative manner explaining how each action was affecting the dog and the sheep. I'll miss sitting with him, listening to his stories, and offering a helpful arm if he needed it. **Rebecca Lawrence**
- ◆ I loved hearing the melodic tones of Bruce's whistles. **Judy Gambill**
- ◆ How is it possible to stand serenely and whistle melliflously while sending keen sheepdogs to control successfully a capricious packet of flighty sheep through a daunting course on a sweltering summer's day? To find out, always ask Bruce, a colleague of modesty, helpfulness and knowledge, who knew to read sheep astutely and place his well-trained sheepdogs *just so*. Appreciatively, **Sallie Butler**



Val Pietraszewski

Adventures with Jelly Bean: Learning to Expect the Unexpected

By Debbie West

Jelly Bean was my first, favorite Katahdin lamb born at Snow Brook Farm. She was a single black and white ewe lamb with soulful eyes. When lambs were about six weeks old, I went to the farm to check on the sheep, and I found Jelly Bean lying by herself, tucked between an old weathered timber lying on the dirt floor and the worn, wooden barn wall. She was lame on her front leg, with a fair-sized lump developing, and I was sick with worry. Large-animal veterinary services are extremely limited in northern New Hampshire, but I was told that she could be seen by a mobile service if I could bring the lamb to the vet's farm. Thinking Jelly Bean would be a bit calmer if she had a friend to travel with, I tucked her and another companion lamb in a dog crate and drove an hour to Acton, Maine. Waiting for the vet outside of her barn, I set up the short, octagon wire exercise pen I brought, and emptied the two lambs into it. With Jelly Bean in my arms, we met the vet in one of the barns on her property and left the other lamb in the exercise pen. Jelly Bean's temperature was taken, lasers were used to identify heat on the leg and Banamine was given. I was directed to soak her leg in Epsom salt several times a day, for surely it was an abscess.



Debbie West

At that point, a student working at the vet's farm, which also served as a horse rehabilitation facility, came in the barn to find us and quickly alerted us that the healthy, companion lamb had jumped the exercise pen and was now running loose. Fortunately, Pat, the veterinarian's mother, lived with the veterinarian on site, and used to trial border collies in NEBCA trials. She no longer competed, but happened to have two dogs on property trained to do farm chores so she was called over to assist. The six-week-old companion lamb had no desire to rejoin Jelly Bean and was running loose in the woods. Pat attempted several times to steer the single lamb into a barn or a corner using her brace team of two dogs but despite the two dogs being obedient, patient, and well handled by Pat, the lamb always managed to squirt out to one side. We were all terrified that the lamb would make a run for the thick woods and be impossible to find, as the woods were un-fenced and evening was closing in. Finally, the lamb ran to a large barn that contained several horses individually housed in small pens constructed of round pen panels. There it stood, seeking safety under the belly of large gray horse. Unfortunately, the extraction was going to be difficult, Pat explained, as that particular horse was blind and had no idea there was a lamb under its belly. If the lamb touched the horse, the horse was likely to be spooked and kick or trample it. Pat did not want to put the dogs in harms' way, either. Pat fabricated a plan quickly and a couple of students, the vet, and I all lined the outside of the horse's pen. She reassured the horse with her voice, and directed the dogs on the outside of the pen to steer the lamb to the pen's edges. Laying on my belly in the wood shavings on the barn floor, I reached through the panel piping and snatched the lamb's leg as it skirted by. I secured her while Pat climbed into the pen to scoop her up.

When the lambs were safely loaded in my car in the crate, Pat and I exchanged phone numbers in case she wanted to come work sheep at my farm some time.

Sheila Crepeau and I are often sheep adventure partners. Years ago, we were advised to keep our sheep fresh and change up the working environment for our novice dogs by taking our sheep to new places. We both were competing at Novice level at the time, and we were always on the lookout for new opportunities. My mother in-law has a reclaimed sand pit in Conway, NH, that is somewhat bowl-shaped and amounts to three or four acres. I called Pat and let her know that Sheila and I were going to trailer some sheep to this sand pit, and asked if she would like to join us. Her first question was "Is it fenced?" "No," I replied, "but there are trees lining the sand pit area and the sheep are well dogged." She was reluctant to come since she had tried something similar at another time with someone else and it did not go well. I reassured her that I was sure it would be fine and that she should come!

Sheila and I felt rather proud of ourselves that the first leg of our adventure went smoothly and we had three of my sheep loaded into my homemade trailer. We drove the sheep to my mother in-law's and parked the trailer just off the road at the entrance gate to the sand pit. Pat and her husband showed up in their Jeep with her two dogs and watched as Sheila and I happily played catch back and forth with Zain and Ffizz, and did some balanced walking and off-balance flanks. When we finished, we asked if she wanted to work the sheep and she explained that she wasn't sure she should as her dogs might be a little too tight and energetic. Surely, I thought, that could not be, after all, I had seen them work the loose lamb at her farm. After some convincing, she reluctantly agreed to work one of her dogs while Sheila and I had our novice dogs guarding the woods that lined the road.

Pat's dog was the third to work this same group of sheep and while it circled and cut slightly in, the situation

(Cont. on page 19)

Thinking Farm Biosecurity

By Paul Batz

It's that time again. Your bags are packed, the camper is hooked up, the dogs are in the truck, yet you are certain that you are forgetting something important, but what? Odds are it is something you have not even considered: **Did you disinfect your boots?** Just last weekend you were on a trial field in Canada. Then you trained for a few days at a friend's farm before a clinic, and now you're on the road again. The scenario describes how most of our summers go, but cleaning our boots, much less disinfecting them, is something that most of us don't even think about. Doesn't really seem like a big deal. But it is.

Trial organizers spend the entire year getting ready for a single weekend's event. Entry forms, USBCHA sanctioning, booking tents and porta potties, posting entry forms, collecting support staff, and piles of paperwork are all crucial to a well-run trial. But nothing happens without the sheep, sheep that need to be healthy and fit just like your dog. One of the first things we notice at a trial is the health of the sheep coming down the field. And, as the only participants in the trial that were not asked if they would like to participate, we owe it to them to make sure they are in tip-top form. Nutrition, reproduction, and general flock health all play into this. But you don't play a part in that, right? You're just here for the weekend. Wrong.

Biosecurity. It's a word that we don't really think about when we prepare to run our dogs. Sixty pairs of dirty boots that have been all over the East Coast recently isn't something that many handlers spare a moment's thought. Maybe we should, and here's why. Farm owners face ever-increasing costs to support a flock, as resistance to antibiotics and anti-parasitic drugs grows, and formerly easily available medications become restricted to more costly veterinary-only use. Inviting people and dogs into one's pasture opens the farm to the risk of "imported" disease, which can end up costly.

Hence, the million dollar question: what can you, the trial enthusiast, do to help farm biosecurity, in other words help keep flocks healthy so we continue to be welcome as invaders of fields? Don't just listen to me; I asked a few experts.

According to Dr. Mike Neary, Extension Sheep Specialist (Animal Science) at Purdue University, "The biggest [biosecurity] concern would be tracking mud and manure onto someone's place from an operation that has footrot on their farm". The biosecurity situation of a sheepdog trial is complex, unique, and challenges the best minds. However, queries posed to multiple sheep specialists* (DVMs, PhDs,) all yielded pretty much the same answer: CLEAN YOUR FOOTWEAR.

How can this be accomplished? Some suggestions:

- Have dedicated boots that you wear only to trials, never on your farm. Clean and disinfect them when you come home (scrub clean then soak **at least five minutes** in disinfectant, Clorox is acceptable, 6 oz per gallon of water. Don't drink it)
- Have plastic disposable boot covers that you wear at the trial. Remove and dispose of them before getting in your vehicle.
- Host provides a bucket of soapy water (+/- minus disinfectant; debatable) and a long handled brush for those who forgot to clean their footwear; scrub off debris upon arrival at the trial. Studies show this is better than nothing but not as effective as we would like.

And further:

- Wash or sanitize your hands if you touch the sheep. Wash hands. We all know the drill.
- Pick up and remove dog feces *everywhere* on the farm, to prevent the spread of parasites.
- If there is a risk your dog eats deadstock (sheep or wildlife) or you feed raw mutton, deworm him monthly with praziquantel to control *Taenia* tapeworms, which are transmissible to sheep and can damage livers resulting in condemnation of carcasses.

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Farm biosecurity is everyone's responsibility. Get in the habit of practicing it.

Update on Trial Points Website

by Maria Amodei

Ed. Note: The on-line website for points earned at USBCHA and NEBCA trials, <https://trialpoints.com> now contains USBCHA Open and Nursery points for sheepdogs and cattedogs, and NEBCA sheepdog points for Novice-Novice, Pro-Novice and Ranch classes. Thank you, Maria.

The points system updates are in, and so far, seem to be working well.

What is new:

USBCHA Nursery trials are now in the system for both sheep and cattle. There is no history on the Nursery trials for prior years. We did load all of the current trial year. As with the Open points, we will continue to save the history for each year going forward. Although only 2 trials (1 for cattle) are shown on the summary, the **View Details** option will show all the nursery qualifiers the dog has.

If your Nursery dog gets a Nursery qualifier via an Open run, you need to make sure Linda DeJong has the dog's proper birthdate. The system will automatically give a nursery qualifier to any dog that qualifies in Open *and has a birthdate that meets the current year criteria*. Once your dog's birthdate is in the system, all trials going forward will be credited until the dog ages out of Nursery. No need for any updates.

NEBCA Novice classes are also now in the system. Because lifetime points are used to calculate eligibility for staying in NEBCA levels, we imported all the points from before the current trial year into a single "trial" for each of the classes (NN, PN, R) for last year. This way the lifetime totals are accurate. Current year trials were all loaded individually, as will be done going forward. One big difference from the prior method of accumulating points for NEBCA: going forward each trial will be retained separately, even as a team moves up in the classes. The Novice summary will show all classes for which the dog received points in the selected trial year.

For example, if a dog received Novice points in both Pro Novice and Ranch, clicking **View Details** on either of these lines will bring you to the details view and only show the trials for the class on the line selected (Pro Novice or Ranch). However, once you are on the details view, you can choose the handler, then

dog, from the drop downs at the top of the page and then you will see all results for that dog in all classes in the selected trial year, including Open.

Enjoy. You all know where to find me if anything goes wrong (hopefully out on the runners of my dog sled ignoring all forms of technology). Seriously, we have all the data backed up and if any issues are found they can be fixed.

SCHEDULE CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES

From the ISDS

The International Sheep Dog Society recently announced that its major trials for 2020 are cancelled. The four national trials—England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales—and the International are planned to run in 2021. The 2020 World Trial also will not run, and planning is underway for the World event to occur in September 2021, with qualifications for entries as scheduled for 2020.

From the USBCHA

The 2020 National Finals scheduled for Oct. 6-11 in Belle Grove, Virginia have been cancelled. The 2021 Nevada hosts have graciously given up their planned event to allow the 2021 Finals to occur in VA, with 2022 Finals reverting to Nevada.

From Ginny Prince

Watch for the physical therapy seminar to be rescheduled in the fall. Information will be posted on the NEBCA website, clinic section.

Also, there does not appear to be enough interest in a sheep management seminar (only five people expressed interest) so this seminar has been cancelled.

From Carolyn West

Gordon Watt's clinic and lessons, cancelled in May, will be rescheduled for next spring at Carol Champion's Bittersweet Farm in Connecticut. Date is May 18-24, 2021; contact Carolyn (tobyfwest@gmail.com) for more information. We are hoping to have lessons and two, 2-day clinics.

News from the NEBCA Library

By Martha Walke, NEBCA Librarian

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Library Holdings

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Title in RED are new to the library

Training Books

- E. B. Carpenter- *The Border Collie: Basic Training for Sheepwork*
- Iris Combe – *Border Collies*
- Katy Cropper- *A Dog's Life in the Dales*
- Laura De La Cruz – *The Herding Resource Book*
- Bruce Fogt – *Lessons from a Stockdog* (3)
- Eric Halsall- *Sheepdog Trials* (4)
- Julie Hill- *The Natural Way*, rev. ed.
- Vergil Holland – *Herding Dogs: Progressive Training* (3)
- John Holmes – *A Farmer's Dog* (6)
- Tony Iley – *Sheepdogs at Work*
- ISDS – *Training a Sheepdog: A Guide for the New Handler*
- H. Glyn Jones – *A Way of Life*
- Scott Lithgow – *Training and Working Dogs for Quiet Confident Control of Stock* (2)
- Thomas Longton & Barbara Sykes – *Training the Sheepdog* (2)
- Tim Longton & Edward Hart – *The Sheep Dog: Its Work and Training* (2)
- Sue Main- *Hints and Tips for the Trial Field; S is for Sheepdog: Gwyn Jones Penmachno's "ABCs" of Sheepdog and Handling*
- Luke Pasio – *Heather Jean: The Working Sheepdog* (not bound – 2 copies)
- Marjorie Quarton – *All About the Working Border Collie*
- Pope Robertson – *Anybody Can Do It* (3)
- Julie Simpson – *The Natural Way* (2)
- Derek Scrimgeour- *Talking Sheepdogs* (3)
- Barbara Sykes– *Understanding Border Collies*
- Mari Taggart – *Sheepdog Training: An All-breed Approach* (3)
- John Templeton – *Working Sheep Dogs: Management and Training* (3)

- Top Trainers Talk about Starting a Sheepdog* (2)
- Delta Society – *Professional Standards for Dog Trainers: Effective, Humane Principles*
- American Humane Society – *Guide to Humane Dog Training*

Shepherd's Life

- C. M. Anderson – *Times Remembered*
- John Barrington – *Red Sky At Night*
- Charles Bowden – *The Last Shepherds*
- Joan Jarvis Ellison – *Shepherdess: Notes From the Field*
- Louis Irigaray & Theodore Taylor – *A Shepherd Watches, A Shepherd Sings*
- Phillip Keller – *Lessons from A Sheepdog*
- David Kennard – *The Dogs of Windcutter Down: One Shepherd's Struggle for Survival; A Shepherd's Watch* (3)
- Michael Mathers—*Shepherders: Men Alone*
- James Rebanks – *The Shepherd's Life; The Illustrated Herdwick Shepherd*
- Roy Saunders – *Sheepdog Glory: The Story of a Working Border Collie* (2)
- Iain R. Thomson – *Isolation Shepherd* (2)

General Interest

- American Rescue Dog Association – *Search and Rescue Dogs – Training Methods*
- Barn Plans and Outbuildings* (originally printed in 1889)
- Don Blazer – *Nine Secrets of Perfect Horsemanship*
- Joan Bray – *Border Collies*
- Jane Burton – *A Dog's Life, A Year in the Life of a Dog Family* (photos)
- Geri Byrne – *Sheepdog Champions of North America*
- E.B. Carpenter- *The Blue Riband of the Heather, The Supreme Champions 1906-1988*
- Betty Cavanna – *The First Book of Wool*
- Raymond & Lorna Coppinger: *Dogs*
- E.A. Corely – *Hip Dysplasia: A Guide for Dog Breeders and Owners* (1989); *Hip Dysplasia: A Progress Report and Update* (1993)
- Gail Demerow – *Fences for Pasture and Garden; Barnyard in Your Backyard*
- Phil Drabble -- *One Man and His Dog*
- Angie Driscoll – *The World of Sheepdogs: A Photographic Tribute* (coffee table book)
- Carol Ekarius – *Small-Scale Livestock Farming*
- Noel Flanders – *The Joy of Running Sled Dogs*
- Bruce Fogle, DVM – *The Dog's Mind: Understanding your Dog's Behavior*
- James M. Giffin & Lisa D. Carlson – *Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook*
- Angela Goode – *Working Dogs: Stories from all around Australia; More Great Working Dog Stories*
- Colin Gordon – *One Man's Opinion, An Approach & Guide to Judging Sheepdog Trials* (2)
- Leo Gowan – *The Craft of Stickmaking*
- I. F. Grant – *Highland Folk Ways*
- Sheila Grew – *Key Dogs From the Border Collie Family* (3)
- Eric Halsall – *Sheepdogs, My Faithful Friends* (2)
- David Hancock – *Old Farm Dogs*

- Edward Hart – *Jim Cropper: The Dog Man*
- Pat Hastings – *Puppy Development*
- Jeremy Hunt – *Small-scale Sheep Keeping*
- Bob Kennard – *Much Ado About Mutton*
- Janet Larson – *The Versatile Border Collie (2)*
- Bobbie Mammato, DVM - - *Pet First Aid*
- Donald McCaig – *A Useful Dog; An American Homeplace (2); Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men (3)*
- James Herries McCulloch - - *Border Collie Studies ; Sheep Dogs and Their Masters*
- Olivia Mills -- *Practical Sheep Dairying*
- Monks of New Skete – *The Art of Raising a Puppy*
- Robyn Powley – *Border Collies*
- Anne Priest- *Trafficking in Sheep: A Memoir*
- Karen Pryor – *Don't Shoot the Dog! The New Art of Teaching and Training*
- Mary Randolph—*Every Dog's Legal Guide***
- Angela Sayer & Edward Bunting – *Border Collies (handbook)*
- Paula Simmons & Carol Ekarius – *Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep*
- Jane Simmons-Moake – *Agility Training – the Fun Sport for All Dogs*
- Smith, Aseltine & Kennedy - - *Beginning Shepherd's Manual*
- Christine Smith - *Your Secret Coach*
- Eddie Straiton - *Dog Ailments : Recognition & Treatment*
- Barbara Swann – *The Complete Border Collie (2)*
- Katherine Stewart – *Crofts & Crofting: Past, Present & Future*
- The Pill Book Guide to Medication for Your Cat and Dog*
- Elizabeth Marshall Thomas – *The Social Life of Dogs*
- Chris Walkowicz & Bonnie Wilcox - *Successful Dog Breeding: The Complete Handbook Of Canine Midwifery***
- Ann Williams – *Backyard Sheep Farming*
- Malcolm B. Willis – *Genetics of the Dog***

Fiction & Memoir

- James Herriot – *All Things Wise and Wonderful; Dog Stories; Only One Woof*
- Jon Katz – *A Dog's Year: Twelve Months, Four Dogs and Me; A Good Dog; Dog Days; The Dogs of Bedlam Farm; Running to the Mountain: A Journey of Faith and Courage*
- Dick King-Smith – *Babe: The Gallant Pig*
- Betty Levin – *Away To Me, Moss; That'll Do, Moss*
- Donald McCaig – *Nop's Trials (2); Nop's Hope; Best-Loved Dog Stories (Vannessa Mitchell, ed.)*
- Eugene O'Neill - - *The Last Will and Testament of an Extremely Distinguished Dog*
- Marjorie Quarton – *One Dog and His Man; One Dog, His Man and His Trials*
- Patricia M. Sherwood (ed) – *The Greatest Dog Stories Ever Told*
- Cara Stites – *Sand and Gravel*
- James Wight – *James Herriot: A Memoir of My Father*

Trial Videos

ISDS International Sheep Dog Trials (ed note: most of these appear to be the Double Lift Finals, known as the International Supreme Championship, although some may include the "International" where the 15 teams from each of the four countries – England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales – compete on the days before the Double Lift)

--the following years are available on VHS: 1988, 1989 (pt 1 & 2), 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

USBCHA National Finals

- Available as VHS: 1994 (Top 20); 1995, 1996 (top 20), 1998 (Top 20), 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
- Available as DVD: 2006 (Top 20), 2007, 2010 (set of 6), 2011 (set of 8), 2012 (semi-finals 4 DVDs, Finals 4 DVDs), 2013 (semi-finals 5 DVDs, Double Lift (4 DVDs); 2017 (Semi-finals 2 DVDS, Double Lift 2 DVDS), 2018 (Semi-finals 2 DVDs, Double Lift 2 DVDs)

ISDS World Sheep Dog Trials

- VHS: 2002, 2005
- DVD: 2005 Semi Finals and Top 5 Runs (separate DVDs)
- 2001 Bluegrass Classic (DVD)

- 2001 National Cattle Finals (VHS)
- 2001 & 2004: In the Mind of a Champion: Scott Glen and Alasdair MacRae and their winning runs

Instructional Videos

- Away to Me (2) DVD
- Faansie Basson – *Laying the Foundation* (DVD)
- Charles Bowden – *The Last Shepherds* (DVD)
- Tony Collins – *Training the Working Border Collie*, pts. 1 & 2 (VHS, DVD)
- Katie Cropper – *One Woman and Her Dog* (VHS)
- Cary Erickson – *Training the Working Stockdog* (VHS)
- Julie Hill – *The Natural Way* (DVD, 2)
- Mike Hubbard – *Stockdog Training Fundamentals* (VHS, 2); *Training Your Dog for Cattle* (VHS); *SDTF Out Work and Drives* (VHS, 2)
- H. Glyn Jones – *Come Bye” And Away” The early Stages of Sheep Dog Training* (VHS, 2; DVD); *That’ll Do! Widening the Sheepdog’s Experience* (VHS, 2; DVD); *Take Time!* (VHS, 2; DVD)
- Elvin Kopp – *Training the Working Stock Dog: Pt. 1 – Developing the Natural Instinct* (VHS); *Pt. 2 – Mechanical Training* (VHS, 2); *Pt. 3 – Practical Applications* (VHS, 3)
- Scott Lithgow – *How to Get the Most from your Working Dog* (VHS,2)
- Andy Nickless – *First Steps in Border Collie Training: From Chaos to Control* (DVD, 3)
- Alasdair MacRae – *A Shedding Clinic with Alasdair MacRae* (DVD, 2)
- Chuck O’Reilly – *Learn How to Train Your Stockdog the Right Way* (VHS)
- Aled Owen – *‘Time Well Spent’ with Aled Owen* (DVD)
- Phil Phillips – *How to Handle Cattle with Cowdogs* (VHS)
- Derek Scrimgeour – *A Hill Shepherd Trains His Border Collies* (VHS; DVD,3); *The Shepherds Pup* (2-tape VHS set; 2-disc DVD set); *Training Secrets of a Hill Shepherd* (2-disc DVD set)
- Patrick Shannahan – *Building a Winning Team: Off to a Good Start* (DVD); *Building a Winning Team: Headed in the Right Direction* (DVD); *At Hand with Patrick : Putting Penning Pressure into Perspective* (DVD); *At Hand with Patrick: Sharing the Secrets of Shedding* (DVD)
- The Sheepdog Video: *The Training and Handling of a Sheepdog for the Better Management of a Small Flock* (VHS)
- Starting Your Border Collie on Cattle, Sheep and Ducks* (VHS, DVD)
- Christopher Timothy – *The Year of the Working Sheepdog* (VHS, DVD)
- *Training and Working a Border Collie* (VHS, 3)
- University of Guelph Series: *Pt 1: Selection and Early Training of Border Collies* (VHS); *Pt 2: Basic Training for Sheep Work* (VHS); *Pt. 3: Advanced Training for Sheep Work* (VHS)
- Stuart Walton- *A Look at Judging Sheepdog Trials* (DVD)
- USBCHA – A Judging Clinic (DVD- plays only on BluRay) Ed note: most players these days are BluRay-capable**
- Welcome to Whistling with Derek Fisher* (DVD)

General Title Videos

- Babe* (VHS)
- The Basics of Good Sheep Management* (DVD)
- British Sheep Fairs and Crafts* (VHS)
- David C. Henderson – *Lamb Survival* (VHS)
- Pryor & Wilkes – *Sit! Clap! Furbish! How to Teach Cues and Establish Behavioral Control* (VHS)

Audio Items

- Hubert Bailey - *Stock Dog Training Whistle Commands* (cassette tape)
- Ann Feitelson- *The art of Fair Isle Knitting* (CD)
- Kent Kuykendall – *Gaining the Winning Edge with Whistles* (CD, 2)
- Alasdair MacRae – *Whistle While You Work* (tape, 2; CD, 2)
- Charlie Ridener – *Whistle Commands* (CD)
- Welcome to Whistling with Derek Fisher* (CD)



Val Pietraszewski

TRAINING PAGE

Lookin' Back to *NEBCA News*, Winter 1989, p. 6

Training Tips: How do I get my dog to work further back from his sheep?

By Beverly Lambert

When the dog is working the sheep most of his attention is on the livestock. If he is really pushing them and not paying any attention to you it is very effective to run through the flock and straight into the dog. Give him a good surprise. After a couple of successful surprises, the dog tends to pay more attention to how close he is. I have also found that a feed bag with a couple of soda cans in it makes a good noise if shaken at a dog running around the flock too closely. He will widen out around this and give you a chance to get through the flock and be ready for his coming in too tight on the other side.

Training the Gaps: An Excited Sheepdog Who Cuts-in on Flanks

By Rich Seaman

I'm training a young border collie. She has a good down/stand, stay, and recall. Her outrun is wide, lift good, and balance correct. The dog can push heavy sheep. If she keeps proper distance on light sheep, the dog paces well, but if she comes too close, here is where *training the gap* in her work is needed.

When the dog is too close to light sheep, they react by speeding away, the dog becomes overexcited and cuts-in on her flanks, which causes sheep to break. The dog goes to super-excitement, leading her to chase a sheep or two. Of course, lying her down before she gets too close to flighty sheep will avoid most of her problem of cutting-in from excitement. That avoids but doesn't fill the gap in her mind. The dog also cuts in when sheep are wilder. Both situations lead to over-excitement and poor flanks.



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Yeeee-ha!

To improve her work near sheep, I've decided to work her in a modified exercise of shedding and splitting groups of sheep. I'll change training to work nearby, because the dog is more controlled when I am close.

I work the dog with a group of ten somewhat dogged sheep, which hang near me. The dog faces me, beyond the sheep, and stays in a Stand or Down. For this dog, I prefer Stand. As I step into the sheep to split them, if I notice that the groups will separate (and not rejoin behind me), I call the dog toward me, while I turn toward one group and ask her also to pivot toward that group, and drive that group away. I don't stop the dog between the two groups. It's a *very* quick sequence of step-toward-sheep to separate them, step-back-one-step as dog is called and coming forward. Both dog and I pivot and start forward to drive. I stay back while the dog drives the group away.

The other group of sheep may drift away or remain where they were while the dog drives the shed group to a distant corner of the field. I ask for Down, and "Look" or "Look Back," depending on where the first group

found themselves. The dog is given the appropriate flank to gather and fetch the first group, drive them toward the shed group, and rejoin the two groups.

I don't like giving up on training a dog, and try to think of what might work for a dog. I am *filling the gap* in this dogs's work by helping her to control her excitement near sheep. This exercise has me nearby to help her to come into the sheep, and to look to a fun job ahead. The dog enjoys this exercise, and it is improving her ability to react quickly and correctly near sheep, instead of excitedly, which is the origin of her poor flanking. I believe that her cutting-in will fade with repetitions of controlled actions near sheep.

Notice the difference: Calm dog working well off the sheep, not cutting in = calm sheep



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NJ Training Clinic

By Angie Driscoll

April is the very best time of the year. It signals the start of the trialing season in earnest in Wales; but first, my annual excursion across the pond. New Jersey beckons. Every year for the last few years, I have eagerly jumped on a plane and headed for the training field at Wayside Farm, NJ, for fun, laughter and, of course, serious training. With a great group of people waiting, many of whom have become firm and fast friends, I cannot wait to get off the plane. The dogs, the dogs. They are calling me. I thrive on seeing all the dogs working, and trying to figure out how to teach them (and more importantly, their handlers) new things, or improve them in some way.

All of that changed this year. Covid-19. One could not just hop on a plane and whizz around the world like 'normal'. And then the USA border closed to those of us from the UK. Not even my Canadian passport could help. April was rescheduled to May but it became apparent fairly quickly that a longer postponement was necessary. The planes stopped flying around the world. Unprecedented. I had thoughts of Jules Verne's adventure novel, *Around the World in Eighty Days (Le tour du monde en quatre-vingts jours)* – would it take me 80 days to get to NJ? Unfortunately not. Longer! While Phileas Fogg made his journey mainly by steamboats and railways, swimming might have been my only option! And since I am not known for my aquatic prowess, we have tentatively rescheduled the clinic to the Fall...if, and only if, it is safe to travel and for all participants.

Back home in Wales, we have been (and will be for some time to come) in a full lock down position. The entire trial season has been cancelled. The World Trial and International – cancelled. We are not allowed out to travel anywhere except for food shopping or medical needs. Living on a farm has cushioned the lockdown feel. Living next door to a massive forest also gives us freedom to exercise with few restraints. The dogs are loving their forest walks and runs beside the mountain bike. Training continues 'as normal'. There's still farm work to be done, young dogs to train, and my love for dogs continues to motivate me to 'get out there' with them. They are my pals after all. The only thing that has really changed has been a surge in on-line, video and remote lessons! I now spend most of my evenings in front of my computer screen looking at dog training videos – and I go there right after I come down from the hill after training one dog or another. That's 'my place' to go when the world is topsy-turvy.

Remembering our Trip to a Local Sheepdog Trial – Castlebar, Ireland

By Barbara Kuckenbecker

In May 2017, Don Desrosiers and I traveled to the west coast of Ireland to visit Don’s friend, Tom for a week or so. Tom is a monk in a small religious community living in Skreen, County Sligo. Those two met hiking the Appalachian Trail decades earlier, long before Tom entered the monastery. And that week in Ireland, thanks to Tom, Holy Hill Hermitage was our base for our adventures and Tom was our chauffer.

Holy Hill Hermitage, a restored Georgian estate in Skreen, Ireland



Barb Kuckenbecker

Part of the planning before we left the US was finding out if there were any local sheepdog trials during our stay. As it turned out, about an hour away, near Castlebar, County Mayo, was “a trial at John Tunney’s farm sponsored by the Clew Bay Sheepdog Association.” Those were the only published directions along with a phone number, so we had Tom call John Tunney to get the specifics. Since Tom was the driver, it was best that he understood the directions which appeared to be based more on landmarks than road names. This call also prepped John Tunney that some Americans were coming to watch the trial

(It is noteworthy that Tom is not a dog lover and he expected to be unimpressed by the whole trip to the trial. It “wasted” a day he could be hiking with Don. In the end, I think he came away quite pleased with the trial and the people he met.) The drive to Castelbar was beautiful, as were most of the places we had been. We arrived at the farm, parked, and made our way to a small crowd gathered on a hill overlooking the field. We introduced ourselves and asked a few questions about the classes, and word quickly got around to the farm host that “the Americans are here and seem to know what they are talking about”.

Doing that simple thing quickly got us introduced to many of the handlers, most of whom were more than willing to chat with us about our mutual sport. John explained that they often had visitors who came to a trial for the “local color”

but without any understanding of what was going on during the trial. He smiled when we asked if we could help in any way. Thus, I spent much of my time that day at the exhaust pen, chatting with folks between runs and watching the crazy-looking mountain sheep. It was great!

The mountain sheep used for the trial were wild-looking: blackface, yellow eyes, horned, and tie-dyed to indicate the farm from which they came. John Tunney told me they had been gathered from the hills the prior week and sheared two days before the trial to get rid of a year’s worth of oily wool. The sheep worked nicely despite their crazy appearance.



Barb Kuckenbecker



Don Desrosiers

Clew Bay, County Mayo, Ireland

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An Irish Sheepdog Trial, cont.

The classes run were nursery, beginner (pro-nov) and open. The course set up included two stationary handlers posts, one behind the other, some distance between them. A handler walked up to the judge, announced their name, dog’s name, and class, and then went to the appropriate post (closer to or farther away from the set out depending on class) to start their run. The sheep were set in the same spot all day and dogs were not used for set out.

With good weather (for our entire trip!), great scenery, and nice people, it was hard to imagine time better spent. Don and I agree to this day that John Tunney’s trial was certainly one of the highlights of our trip to Ireland.

Crazy-Looking Mountain Sheep in the exhaust pen, where the author volunteered to help out as a crazy but knowledgeable American

Remembering Scruffy

By Mary Ames

I met Betty Murray 25 years ago at our very first trial in Lebanon, NH. Back then there wasn’t a NEBCA Newsletter or website. There was a mimeographed paper printed and mailed monthly. You never knew until the morning of the trial how many handlers would be running their dogs. I was sitting at the picnic table ready to take entries. Betty, who had arrived the night before and slept in her car with her border collie, sat down next to me and said “Here, let me help”. That’s the way Betty was.

Betty would travel and volunteer at trials all over the northeast. When they had their camper she would bring the NEBCA merchandise and handle all the sales. The last few years Betty could only make it to our trials and Steve Wetmore’s Spring Valley trial.

For the last 11 years Betty’s constant companion was a little dog “Scruffy” who went to every trial with Betty. Scruffy passed over the rainbow bridge last November. Scruffy was a funny little dog. If he loved you it was with all his heart. If he disliked you, you couldn’t get within 6 feet of him or Betty and he let you know it!

Scruffy loved coming to Cascade Farm. Bud and I had to be sure to greet him soon after he arrived. At our May trial he would have his little jacket and be wrapped in blankets on Betty’s lap. At our July trial he would seek the cooler air under Betty’s chair. When they stayed in our camper he was always the perfect little gentleman.

Chris Bowen shared: “Scruffy was my buddy and I am going to miss seeing him with Betty at trials very much. I met him when he was a shy little puppy at Cummington. I laid on my back in the grass and encouraged him to come to me. Soon he was climbing all over my face! That day we became friends for life. He looked for me under the handlers tent and wiggled with enthusiasm when he saw me coming to visit with him. He’d try to dig his way through Betty’s camper windows when he saw me walking by! Of course, he was 100% devoted to Betty and always wanted to be close to her. But, my lap was always a good option when she needed a break from him to tally scores.”



Nancy Phillips

Adventures with Jelly Bean, cont. from page 9

began to unravel quickly. The trailer parked at the entrance gate became a draw and the sheep bolted toward it before we thought to send Ffizz or Zain to cover the pressure. However, the doors to the trailer were closed and, with nowhere to go, the sheep made a run for it across the street to the neighbor's yard.

Sheila and Zain lined one side of the street while Ffizz and I went into the stockade fence lined back yard and gathered them, but instead of going back to the trailer or back to the sand pit, they ran head long up Passaconaway Road! With ample excitement and urgency, I sent Ffizz "Come By" to gather them, but he had no experience flanking out beyond the tree line so only ended up driving them up the road at full gallop out of sight and I had no choice but to call him back to me rather than allowing the chase to continue.

What happened next? Where the sheep retrieved in one piece??? Did reparations need to be paid? Tune in next time (Autumn issue) to find out!

NEBCA TRIAL CALENDAR: Remainder of 2020

Regrettably, COVID-19 concerns and regulations have forced cancellations of many 2020 trials. The following is TENTATIVE as of June 1, 2020. Please see www.nebca.net for updated trial information, or contact hosts.

Date	Sheepdog Trial Name	Location	Classes	Contact Person	Telephone
Aug 1-2	80 Acres	Kingston, ON	Two Open	Beverly Lambert	860-922-9531
Aug. 3-8	Kingston SDT	Kingston, ON	Two Open	Amanda Milliken	613-531-9405
Aug. 14-15	Ox Creek Open	Canandaigua, NY	Two Open	Paul Batz	585-298-0789
Aug. 16-17	Nevermoor Farm	Andover, NY	Two Open	Diane Cox	585-610-2502
Aug. 30	Sugarbush Gap	Windsor, NY	2 NN, PN, Ranch	Sara Reiter	607-655-2170
Sept. 5	Blue Hill Fair	Blue Hill, ME	Open Points	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Sept 6	Northeast US	Blue Hill, ME	Open Points	Lynn Deschambeault	OR 207-793-4330
Sept 17-20	Caora Fallback	Millerton, NY	2 Open, 2 Nursery	Mich Ferraro	518-592-1320
Sept. 18	NH Highland Games	Lincoln, NH	Open Points	Lynn Deschambeault	OR 207-452-2898
Sept. 26-27	Handy Dog Open	Agatha, ON	Two Open	Victoria Lamont	519-497-0765
Sept. 28	The Big E	W. Springfield MA	Two Open Points	Pat Canaday	518-861-6049
Oct. 4	Fryeburg Fair	Fryeburg, ME	2 Open Pts, Nursery	Gabrielle Merrill	207-935-2520
Oct. 8	Topsfield Fair	Topsfield, MA	Open Points	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Oct 31-Nov. 1	HerdEwe Farm	Kensington, NH	2 NN, PN, Ranch	Sharon Barrette	603-772-0221

2020 Breeders' Directory

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Note: Not all breeders listed here are necessarily handlers.

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