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Our New Normal: Cascade Workshop Team 1 Demonstrating the “Safe Six” (feet)  
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## President's Message



Hello Members & Friends,

There have been glimmers of sheepdog activity showing up across the region. A good number of clinics have been run as well as several sanctioned and fun trials starting in August. Events were held in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York and each followed the necessary health precautions and regulations needed to keep those attending safe. Many thanks to the event organizers as well as to the education committee for helping get the ball rolling on many of the clinics. This clearly shows our members can adapt and persevere in difficult times.

I'm sad to note the unexpected passing of NEBCA members Wally Dury and Malcolm Williams. Many of you know Wally as creator and moderator of the popular "Handlers Tent" Facebook group. Wally competed in many novice trials with his dogs and also served on the NEBCA novice trials committee. I first met Wally working in the sheep pen at the old Fosterfields trial. He was always willing to lend a hand in any way he could. Malcolm became interested in sheepdogs through his wife Eileen (originally from New York) and they both competed in area trials for many years.

Our first totally online membership meeting was held on June 30 using the Zoom platform. Over 30 members participated in the 2 hour long meeting. Most had never used Zoom before but the proceedings went well with all the usual reports, discussions and motions. Sometimes a little adversity can promote new ways of doing things that provide some advantages. We will likely do another such meeting this Fall and members will receive an email notice on when and how to attend.

Take Care,

*Warren*

## From the Editors

And so we bring you Issue 2 of the Modern COVID Era. Many thanks to all the NEBCA members who volunteered their time, farms, sheep and expertise to give us sheepdog activities with COVID-correct socializing in this nearly trial-less summer, and to everyone who recorded the activities so the rest of us could participate (drool?) vicariously. Read about these events in the following pages. Some sanctioned trials did manage to get off the ground (see more on Trial & Error, 80 Acres, Ox Creek and Sugarbush Farm inside) albeit with no cross-border participation possible. Masks and social distancing (one crooks-length, or two border collies apart) have become the ways of the world, but actually sheepdog trials haven't changed much.

If you were waiting with bated breathe to find out what happened to Jelly Bean, tune in to page 18 for the rest of the story.

With this issue we introduce a new Newsletter team member, Melanie Behrens as Content Scout. Melanie will be on the trail of notable stories, photos and more for publication. If she comes knocking, please give her something to publish!



*In Memorium Wally Dury*

*2/28/1963—8/11/2020*



With trials on PAUSE because of COVID-19, the NEBCA Education Committee suggested that anyone with a field and some sheep to share could put on some kind of learning clinic, with participation limited to small groups of handlers who did not travel far. NEBCA provided some funds to help defray expenses. A number of members stepped up to the plate and a spate of creative teaching, learning and fun COVID-approved events sprouted. In the following pages we profile them.

## BORDER COLLIE WORKSHOP at CASCADE FARM, New Hampshire

By Bud & Mary Ames

Friday July 3 SET UP DAY: Handlers set up the field and course. We discussed what they would do on Saturday. Four teams each had an Open handler mentor and were pre-assigned.  
(See Team 1 on the cover)

Photos by Mary Ames



*Team 2: Very professional*

*Maria Amodei, Liz Shaw, Barb Eriksen, Karen Gorman*



*Team 3: Masks ON when social distancing not observed*

*Wendy Warner, Martha Walke, Jaqueline Eriksson, Tim Molinero*



*Team 4: They don't even seem to like each other.*

*Ginny Prince, Bud Ames, Holly Fincher, Peggy Flanagan*



*Let's Practice Loading a Stock Trailer*



Saturday July 4 WORKSHOP: Each handler worked on handling skills through various activities. Teams rotated through the various parts. Order was: Hazing and Exhaust, Pen and Setout, Chill and Observe, Course work. Set out was the same place for every run. There were three set out posts for choice of outrun. There were fetch and drive panels. A chute was attached to the back of the pen and included a sorting gate. The last obstacle was to load into the stock trailer. Each handler had five minutes to work with their dog. Everyone brought a picnic lunch and we had a “Yankee Swap”. Top choice was a lap quilt with border collies on it. The afternoon was a repeat of the morning. In the evening we had a picnic dinner.



*How to have a socially distanced Handlers Meeting*

Sunday July 5 FUN TRIALS: Teams continued to work together. Each dog had two runs, one in the morning then afternoon. Classes were BEGINNER Dog or Handler (Novice), INTERMEDIATE (Pro-Novice), ADVANCED (Ranch/Open). Handlers could run in whatever class they wanted. The majority chose to challenge themselves and run the advanced course. Assisted drives were allowed. Morning runs were judged with lots of discussion. The “winning” run of the morning went to Debbie West and Breeze. After all the runs were completed handlers picked up the trial field before saying good byes.



*Working the Chute and Sorting Gate*

We followed Covid guidelines. Everyone practiced “Safe Six”, wore masks, used sanitizer and did “air hugs”.

*What new skills has YOUR sheepdog acquired during COVID-forced isolation?*

*Anne O’Toole’s PeeWee*



*Patti Sumner*



## Fun Times at Turnaround Farm, Sawyerville Quebec

*by Mary-Ellen and Dave Young*

Given the lack of sanctioned trials because of pandemic restrictions, we were asked by NEBCA if we would consider putting on an event in our area. The goal was to get people together by either doing a clinic or putting on a fun trial. We knew that because of the travel restrictions in place we would only be able to host people from Quebec and Ontario. We decided to put on two events, the first one being a clinic on July 18<sup>th</sup> & July 19<sup>th</sup> to help new handlers. There are quite a few new novice handlers here in Quebec interested in dog trialing but who do not have the facilities to train. We were limited to a maximum of 10 people for the event so we held it over 2 days in order to allow the maximum number of people to attend. The event was well attended; Dave worked with all of the handlers and dogs in a small field showing them how to get their dog going around sheep, stopping, and doing some wearing. There are a lot of promising new teams starting up here in Quebec! We look forward to seeing them on the trial field in the very near future.

The second event that we held was a fun weekend on July 25<sup>th</sup> & July 26<sup>th</sup>. This was a weekend that experienced handlers and dogs could come to our farm and work our sheep. It gave the handlers a chance to work on different things including penning, driving, outruns, and working in a field with pressure. We had a course set up so that everyone had the chance to do a full course.

Both weekends were very hot but everyone enjoyed themselves and were happy to get to a different place to work different sheep.

We would like to thank NEBCA for supplying the toilet and hand washing station for both weekends. Also we would like to thank the Quebec Border Collie Club for their help in putting on these events as well as helping out with some expenses.



Mary Ellen Young

*The Novice Clinic Team at Turnaround Farm: Sonia Gosselin & Fireball; Genevieve Pronovost; Josee Lamontagne & Hatchy; Leveke Breton & Nightmare; Dave Young & Tagh, Shim; Tammy Gallacher & Gryn; Dominic Gagne & Sophie*

Look at this great lineup of new handler-dog teams in Quebec! We better be watching out for them on the trial field. Thank goodness (says an American) the border is closed.



## Further Notes on Turnaround Farm Events, *from Geneviève Pronovost*

*President of the Association Border Collie Quebec*

On the weekend of July 18-19 and July 25-26, the Association Border Collie Québec (ABCQ) was fortunate to be hosted by Dave and Mary-Ellen Young.

On July 18 and 19, the weekend consisted of lessons for beginners and Novice-Novice level teams. We met some very promising new young teams who really appreciated the valuable advice from Dave and Mary-Ellen.

The following weekend was a fun weekend between more experienced handlers at Pro-Novice, Ranch and Open levels. The goal of this weekend was to train with friends on different sheep in a different training field. It was nice to be able to see each other again and finally train together in 2020!

These 2 weekends have been crowned with success!

Thank you to all the participants for their great energy, their respect for the health rules of COVID-19 and especially thanks for being so passionate about this beautiful discipline that is herding.

Thank you from the bottom of our heart to Dave and Mary-Ellen for their invaluable help and superb facilities.

Thank you also to NEBCA for their contribution to the realization of those two activities.

We are happy to see the growing enthusiasm for herding in Quebec and can't wait to see the development of those great 2 and 4-legged teams!

Long live herding!



Geneviève Pronovost

*A nice shed by Hawkeye and Stacy Rember, participants in the  
Advanced Clinic at Turnaround Farm*



## Taravale Farm Hosts Weekend Clinic in Esperance, NY

*Report submitted by Fergie Van-Nostrand Davis*

Barb and Bernie Armata warmly welcomed ten canine participants and their partners like longtime close friends to their Taravale Farm for the weekend-long NEBCA Novice/Open Educational Clinic. Some camped out on the Farm property, while others commuted. An award for the longest drive should have been given to Sky Fowler and her devoted partner, Ellen, for driving 6 hours round trip, each day.

Saturday's intense sun and heavy humidity made a spot under the easy-up tent a valued piece of property. Sunday's weather was substantially cooler with overcast sky and an impending storm. Barb was the main attraction with all guidance given while skillfully riding her ATV side saddle, similar to a royal maiden upon a horse. Barb focused on each dog and their handler for 20 minutes 2x/day followed by schematics and verbal recaps of each lesson back at the easy-up tent. Barb went beyond the call of duty, giving as much time as possible to each handler and making sure that each dog came off the field with a positive experience.

The novice lesson topic's included gathering, shedding, penning, and squaring flanks. The open lessons concentrated on honing techniques and skills for double lifts. Ace Wataha with his well-respected mom, Pam, showed his natural talents in the open lessons.

The flock of Blackfaces, Katahdins and Border Leicesters allowed for a variety for each lesson. Lambs, yearlings, and ewes were quietly and efficiently changed between each lesson by Maggie O'Neil, without the use of any canine companion. As someone who often works the sheep pen at trials, we were amazed by the lack of dirt on Maggie's crisp light-colored shorts and shirt at the end of each day. She is a true sheep-whisperer.

Gunner Hatchett and his faithful companion, Mel, kindly held and moved sheep to the various parts of Taravale field. Dot Armata with her beloved partner, Bernie, was equally busy making sure the reluctant and resistant sheep did what was needed to ensure each lesson was set up perfectly.

Jeff and Trixie Redick's dedicated handler, Rose, took command of all the organizational duties, keeping all the dogs and their distracted handlers on a tight schedule. Dance Behrens' mom, Mel, was busy documenting each lesson with professional level photos.

Other attendees included the Frostick boys, Will and youngster Robbie, who brought their mom, Gigi, and Luke Marcotte with his mom, Jan. Chaos Powers, with his mom, Theresa, could only attend the clinic for one day, but they were excited to receive more help in understanding their jobs on the trial field.

Lastly, the mighty Tan Reiter showed his new dad, Dale, how to do it right while on the trial field.

During these tedious times of social distancing, self-isolation and viral vigilance, these events fed our need for safe socialization. We were all conscientious of the 6'-10' safety requirements but used this time to catch up on changes in our lives. We all appreciated the effort that NEBCA took to schedule and help fund these events. Clinics like these are essential for all levels of experience participating in this unique sport.



*Dale Reiter and Tan practice the Shed*

Melanie Behrens



*Barb showing Judianne Van-Nostrand Davis how to set up the shed while Fergie lies in wait*

Melanie Behrens



## **Trial & Error: Hosted by Hilary and Bill Flowers** August 9, 2020 Lunenburg Nova Scotia

Well, that's a wrap! The Trial & Error workshop and Novice trial were blessed with lovely weather. Although we need rain, it was nice it didn't make an appearance.

Saturday was spent helping people with issues they or their dogs had around a course. As the Atlantic provinces have a "Bubble" we cannot leave or bring in people without 14 days of quarantine. Sooooo, we didn't have the option to bring in a Judge/clinician. I am NOT a teacher, I am far more comfortable training a dog than people. However, with the help of my friend Heather who is far better at conveying where and how the handler should position themselves and the dog, I think all the participants enjoyed the day and came away with a couple of exercises to work on.

Sunday was trial day.

As we are such a small group, we all wanted to run our dogs in the trial. We were very lucky to be able to persuade Bill (husband) to be our Judge. As he has not run a dog in many years, a review of the rules was in order. Paired with the knowledgeable Anne Hamilton, they made for a good team. He was looking for the handler to make an effort to put their sheep back on line otherwise the points were coming off quickly. Hard for some the novice handlers who had just stepped up to Pro Novice classes as they are more concerned about getting around than they are about straight lines at this time in their trialing career.



*The Girls: Emily, Trim, Floss, Freya, Wren*

The sheep cooperated, for the most part; a couple of renegade ewes gave the handler a challenge. Having said that, we did not have one DQ or rerun. We had an open pen (no rope/gate to shut) for the first run. Second run we had a Maltese cross. We adjusted the rules for that obstacle to the level of the class to make it successful for everyone (unless THEY forgot which

way to go through it was pretty easy!)



*COVID Welcome Kit for Participants*

We had a great group of handlers and dogs, all of which had improved since last Fall. We crowned Blake Anderson and Euchre the most improved dog & handler. And Debbie Maillet & Blaze won accolades for the most determined to complete the course☺

I would like to thank: Heather Soper, Elizabeth Edmonds, Donald Barns and our pen set out guy Dez who arrived to set sheep in his kilt! And to ALL that pitched in to make for a fun weekend. That's what trials are about eh!

"Thank You" to NEBCA who donated the Porta-Potty and cleaning materials. Each Clinic handler was given a "COVID Kit".

*Photo Credits: Heather Soper & Hilary Flower*

**Trial and Error Novice Trial Results**

Judge: Bill Flower

Handler	Dog	Score
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*Novice-Novice #1 — 5 dogs ran*

1 Elizabeth Edmonds	Isabel	63
2 Heather Soper	Trim	59
3 Paula Reardon	Joy	58
4 Donald Barns	Meg	43

*Novice-Novice #2 — 5 dogs ran*

1 Heather Soper	Trim	68
2 Paula Reardon	Joy	59
3 Elizabeth Edmonds	Rhett	53
4 Elizabeth Edmonds	Isabel	52

*ProNovice #1 — 10 dogs ran*

1 Hilary Flower	Olive	70
2 Julia Anderson	Frankie	69
3 Hilary Flower	Iris	63
4 Paula Reardon	Tru	62
5 Fred Hamilton	Gem	60
6 Paula Reardon	Jordy	54
7 Blake Anderson	Euchre	49
8 Kevin Finch	Tess	45
9 JP Maillett	Quake	39
10 Debbie Maillett	Blaze	35

*ProNovice #2 — 10 dogs ran*

1 Hilary Flower	Olive	73
2 Hilary Flower	Iris	70
3 Fred Hamilton	Gem	68
4 Paula Reardon	Jordy	64
5 Paula Reardon	Tru	63
6 Kevin Fitch	Tess	56
7 Blake Anderson	Euchre	47
8 Deb Maillett	Blaze	34
9 JP Maillett	Quake	31
10 Julia Anderson	Frankie	25

*Ranch #1 — 6 dogs ran*

1 Hilary Flower	Sioux	86
2 Hilary Flower	Fraya	76
3 Kevin Fitch	Pip	70
4 Paula Reardon	Zayn	67
5 Heather Soper	Wren	67
6 Fred Hamilton	Cap	56

*Ranch #2 — 6 dogs ran*

1 Hilary Flower	Fraya	82
2 Hilary Flower	Sioux	79
3 Heather Soper	Wren	77
4 Paula Reardon	Zayn	69
5 Kevin Fitch	Pip	67
6 Fred Hamilton	Cap	61

*Blake Anderson with Euchre, Crib and Eddie*



## BUNGEE JUMP IN THE BIG LEAGUE

### 80 ACRES EXPERIENCE by Gaby Mélançon

If you would have told me two years ago, when I first discovered what a sheep herding trial was, that I would be competing on an Open course at 80 acres in Kingston Ontario, I would have laughed at you. But believe it or not « I did it ! » After competing for 2 years in Novice-Novice then Pro-Novice, I decided that for my third year I would make the jump to Open trials. Being a woman who likes challenges and adrenaline, I have pushed myself to evolve at lightening speed. I cannot deny the fact that I am so proud of my dog Watson who is just 4 years old, my first herding dog that I have raised and trained myself. And I feel so grateful for the help I had from good handlers such as Dave Young, Amanda Milliken, Brenda Buja and Scott Glen who all gave me good tips and homework to do.



Kate Davidson

While walking to the post for my first Open run at 80 acres, I felt so little in my boots and my first thought was «damn sheep are the size of a dime up there...» but the adrenaline boost helped me perform the course and as soon as my dog got to the top and lifted them it was then pure showtime adrenaline. Even if I was scared, I had to have good control of my emotions in order to perform the course in the best way I could. I think my run was nicely controlled with a few mistakes now and then but I was able to complete the full course with a pen, a shed and a score! What a feeling of accomplishment !

80 acres trial has such an amazing field and good sheep and being able to compete there was totally a pleasure. Even with the COVID-19 situation, everyone showed respect to the sanitary rules and enjoyed being able to do what we all love: Trials! Two thumbs up to Amanda Milliken to be brave enough to host her trial and show people that all together we can do things right.

Now that the ice is broken, I know there is still a very long road to success in Open, but I am way more than motivated to climb those amazing stairs. Hard work, dedication, motivation are all good words that will do such amazing things.

I have now increased my sheep flock and started two other great young dogs which I hope will be performing well on the field in a near future.

Always believe in yourself and remember you can do it !!

### 80 Acres Trial Results

Saturday August 1, 2020 Judge: Lorna Savage

Handler	Dog	Score
<i>Novice-Novice</i>		
1 Susan Shipton	Gin	54
2 Florentine Maathuis	Darwin	52
3 Catherine Rae	Oakley	44
4 Sheila Deane	Zola	45

Handler	Dog	Score
<i>ProNovice—16 dogs ran</i>		
1 Amanda Milliken	Carl	70
2 Tracy Hinton	Mead	64
3 Fiona Robertson	Bean	61
4 Linda Comeau	Glen	59
5 John Palmer	Monk	58
6 Mary Thompson	Daisy	53
7 Patrick Gosselin	Kina	52
8 Kate Davidson	Benson	51
9 Victoria Lamont	Willow	50
10 Jordan Markowski	Hendrix	39

**80 Acres Results, cont.**

Saturday Aug 1 2020

*OPEN --- 32 dogs ran*

<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
1 Amanda Milliken	Howell	95
2 Amanda Milliken	Hazel	94
3 John Palmer	Mara	92
4 Tracy Hinton	Lad	91
5 Amanda Milliken	Dorey	91
6 Kevan Gretton	Kai	88
7 Dave Young	Tagh	87
8 John Palmer	Dutch	83
9 Linda Comeau	Taff	80
10 Kevan Gretton	Bud	80
11 Patrick Gosselin	Drew	80
12 Anne Wheatley	Dan	80
13 Tracy Hinton	Dax	75
14 Fiona Robertson	Meg	73
15 Leslie Gamble	Dog	58
16 Gaby Melancon	Watson	43
17 Tara Dier	Kip	38

Sunday August 2 Judge: Lorna Savage

<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<i>Novice-Novice---5 dogs ran</i>		
1 Florentine Maathuis	Darwin	66
2 Sheila Deane	Zola	57

*ProNovice ---15 dogs ran*

1 John Palmer	Monk	74
2 Werner Reitboeck	Finn	73
3 Patrick Gosselin	Kina	70
4 Amanda Milliken	Carl	66
5 Mary Thompson	Daisy	57
6 Tracy Hinton	Mead	56

*Pronovice Sunday continued*

<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
7 Victoria Lamont	Willow	55
8 Fiona Robertson	Bean	52
9 Linda Comeau	Glen	51
10 Joanne Murphy	Spice	46
11 Jordan Markowski	Hendrix	45

*OPEN ---29 dogs ran*

1 John Palmer	Mara	94
2 Fiona Robertson	Meg	93
3 Werner Reitboeck	Jessie	93
4 Tracy Hinton	Lad	91
5 Amanda Milliken	Howell	90
6 Dave Young	Pic	90
7 Linda Comeau	Taff	90
8 Dave Young	Tagh	90
9 Mary Thompson	Jake	82
10 Werner Reitboeck	Piper	77
11 Kevan Gretton	Kai	73
12 Louise Hadley	Tug	73
13 Leslie Gamble	Dog	66
14 Gaby Melancon	Watson	62
15 Anne Wheatley	Dusk	50
16 Patrick Gosselin	Drew	48
17 Stacey Rember	Hawkeye	45
18 Tara Dier	Kip	44
19 Rebecca Lawrence	Key	21

**Herding Clinic With Denise Leonard: July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020***By: David Goyer and Rebecca Hartz*

As we drove to Denise Leonard's farm the fog was so thick it was like being in Scotland.

The morning portion was a one on one session with Denise; she asked what you would like to work on and went right to task. For me other weaknesses were evident so we spent time working on many things. Denise explained everything well and always included the group of 10 in the discussion. Her sheep know the field, so the pressure was used to train. Even though the pressure was strong the sheep behaved nicely, very few mishaps. The afternoon started with a judging discussion with a lot of good things touched upon. Chris Bowen did an excellent job explaining the ins and outs of judging, not to mention holding sheep for the weekend.

We then went right into running a course, which was on a side hill with the sheep across the valley from us. There were many obstacles for the dogs to work around. One in particular was a large pile of wood probably where Paul Bunyan died 100 years ago. Dogs had to really think, since the draw was still strong to the barn. Some fared better than others. We all got a chance to judge a few runs and compare our results with the judge, Chris Bowen. Also many thanks to Mary Wasielewski for working in the sheep pen all weekend. Fun was had by all.



## Sugarbush Gap Novice Trial

By Kim Lippolis

Trial-starved handlers (and dogs!) from NY, PA and NJ got relief on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> when the Sugar Bush Gap Novice trials were hosted by Sara and Dale Reiter at their farm in Windsor, NY. Both trials, a.m. and p.m., were competently and consistently judged by Carolyn West, who was able to offer novice handlers some helpful advice. The weather was cooler and cloudy, becoming sunny in the afternoon, making for perfect trial weather. It was evident that people's quarantine time has been used training, with many very nice runs on challenging sheep.

A three-sided holding pen was used to set-out, because of the strong draw to the barn. Even though many dogs had never seen such a contraption before they seemed to do fine.

Top combined scores for both trials were:

Novice Novice - Linda Rogers and Ffate 137

Pro Novice – Peggy Chute and Vera 143

Ranch – Roger Millen and Ben 153

Many thanks to all the people who pitched in to help with scribing, score running and posting, set-out and exhaust. Covid-19 protocols were followed with people wearing masks and social distancing, and a portable hand washing station.

Net proceeds will be donated to the 2021 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals.

## Sugarbush Gap Trial Results

August 30, 2020 Judge: Carolyn West

Handler	Dog	Score
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*Novice-Novice #1 — 7 dogs ran*

1 Linda Rogers	Ffate	65
2 Linda Bohm	Roo	47

*ProNovice #1 — 7 dogs ran*

1 Maggie Chambers	Hap	73
2 Kim Lippolis	Twig	68
3 Peggy Chute	Vera	66
4 Leila Anichini	Jada	50
5 Judy Gambill	Fern	27

*Ranch #1 — 7 dogs ran*

1 Roger Millen	Ben	71
2 Kim Baker	Jaxon	54
3 Leila Anichini	Corazon	35

*Novice-Novice #2 — 7 dogs ran*

1 Linda Rogers	Ffate	72
2 Linda Goldman	Wynne	58
3 Theone Thayer	Siggy	54

Looks like 'Linda' was a lucky name for Novice-Novice!

*ProNovice #2 — 9 dogs ran*

1 Peggy Chute	Vera	71
2 Kim Lippolis	Twig	66
3 Sandy Lockwood	Grace	58
4 Maggie Chambers	Hap	51
5 Leila Anichini	Jada	38

*Ranch #2 — 8 dogs ran*

1 Roger Millen	Ben	82
2 Leila Anichini	Corazon	66
3 Maggie Chambers	Tess	66
4 Teresa Powers	Chaos	63
5 Kim Baker	Mac	52

Eric Johnson



Warren Mick and Grace inspect the field at Ox Creek (see next page)



Ox Creek Farm SDT: Canadaigua, New York    August 14-15 2020



*The view from the judge's tent: what a big beautiful hill. Sheep were set out at the star*

Eric Johnson

Melanie Behrens

*"Oh NO! I'm up FIRST!"  
Pam Mueller's Fly awaits*



*Maria Amodei and Marcus turning the post*

Eric Johnson



**Ox Creek Open Results**

Judge: Christine Koval

(Nursery Results see page 19)

*Friday August 14, 2020 — 52 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1 Mich Ferraro	Dalhia	92
2 Mich Ferraro	Bella	85
3 Mich Ferraro	Mawde	80
4 Warren Mick	Grace	79
5 Barb Armata	Don	78
6 Maria Amodei	Drum	77
7 Becky Bellaman	Czeckers	79
8 Marilyn Tepstra	Lola	76
9 Denise Leonard	Lark	75
10 Gene Sheninger	Aron	75

*Saturday August 15, 2020— 49 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Mich Ferraro	Bella	87
2. Mich Ferraro	Mawde	85
3. Sue Schoen	Cora	84
4. Warren Mick	Tommy	84
5. Mich Ferraro	Dahlia	83
6. Gene Sheninger	Aron	82
7. Marilyn Tepstra	Lola	81
8. Kim Baker	Gibbs	80
9. Warren Mick	Eddie	77
10. Denise Leonard	Lark	75

*Mich Ferraro and Bella starting the drive.*

*Mich had a **very** good weekend at Ox Creek!*



Melanie Behrens



**Sheep House Fun Trial:** Several Fun Trials have been held at the farm of Ginny Prince in Cornish, NH. The Editors do not know who went or what happened, but we did get sent some photos of the fun. To judge by

the fact that two more have been scheduled for September 26 and October 3, they must have been a success.

*Photos by Mary Ames*



## NEBCA Summer 2020 Meeting via Zoom

June 30, 2020

37 members attended      Called to order at 8PM.

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

### II. Executive Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report (Martha Walke) - The membership stands at 222 as compared to 234 at the 2019 Cummington meeting. There are 7 life members; 166 individual members; and 49 Family/Farm members. Since January we have gained 5 new members. All members are current in the Points System.

B. Treasurer's Report (Denise Leonard) - Denise presented a financial summary as of May 31, 2020. The total account balance was \$51,797.19. Spending is less this year due to no trials and no money expended for either of NEBCA's Finals. Chris Bowen suggested that NEBCA reduce dues for the 2020-2021 year. Discussion, pro and con, followed. The USBCHA is giving money to trials for needs due to the virus and local ordinances. Suggested that more funds be donated for working with novice handlers (see Education Committee report). The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

III. BOD Report (Annie Palmer) - It has been a very quiet year so far for the BOD. Not much has happened except for the decision for NEBCA to go along with the USBCHA decisions concerning the sanctioning of trials.

### IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Open Trials Committee (Warren Mick) - The decision to not have the 2020 Fall Foliage was made at the Annual Meeting. Paul Batz has been appointed to the committee. Other members are Mich Ferraro, Christine Koval, Michael Nunan and Warren Mick.

B. Novice Trials Committee (Amy Hershberger) - The committee is discussing whether to hold the 2020 Novice Finals. An announcement will be forthcoming. The committee thanks Paul Batz for the offer of his facility for the Novice Finals.

C. Newsletter (Sallie Butler) - The Newsletter continues to be published on its quarterly schedule with 20 pages of content in the two formats, online color version and print black and white version. The Newsletter staff look to members to share articles, photos and other information that may be of interest. The 2020 Summer Newsletter is the last issue edited by me (Sallie). It has been an honor to create both articles and issues. It was a challenge to learn about "preserving and protecting the Border Collie as a working stockdog" from dedicated members with exceptional depth and breadth of knowledge. Adding to the challenge of collecting information was the joy of interacting with members in production of each Newsletter. I am grateful to all who sent, read or commented on news items.

Pam Mueller was asked if she would continue, for the time being, working both as editor and on layout as NEBCA looks for another editor. She would like someone to step forward and be the "content scout" and find ideas/content from members. Currently, Pam spends 30-40 hours working on the layout of an issue.

### V. Select Committee Reports

A. Calendar Committee (Kate Collins) - The 2021 calendar has been designed and compiled and put together for printing. It will be printed the first week of August. This is late for printing, but the dynamics of the pandemic and social distancing have resulted in this later printing. The committee, after analyzing the cost for printing fewer copies, and with agreement from the Executive Committee, decided to have only 150 calendars printed. Calendars sold with membership renewals should cover the expense of the printing. With fewer trials, members are urged to take calendars to any clinics or trials they will be attending. Email Kate at katecollins64@gmail.com and calendars will be sent to you or given to you at a mutual meeting point. The new calendar will be on the website soon and can be ordered from the site or by emailing Kate.

B. Merchandise Committee (Kim Lippolis) - The committee currently consists of Joanne Krause, Kim Lippolis, Liz Shaw and Ed Walker. The 2020 merchandise was ordered and delivered. It is currently being stored by Barbara Eriksson. We do not anticipate setting up at any trials this year (items will be taken to Paul Batz's trial in August) so no additional merchandise will be ordered for 2021. All merchandise will be divided and taken to trials in 2021. Items ordered consist of: hats and visors in new color with embroidered NEBCA logo; t-shirts with a new design by Kate Collins and her sister Barbara; tote bags designed by Barbara Armata; crewneck sweatshirts with the logo; and grey short and long sleeved t-shirts with a large logo. As always, thank you to all who help at trials with set-up, tear-down and sales. We could not do this without you!

C. Education Committee (Rose Redick) - The committee approved funding for an educational event at Cascade Farm. Several other events are under consideration:

Barbara Armata is holding a clinic Aug. 1 - 2 for 5 novice handlers and 5 open handlers; Denise Leonard is holding a clinic at the end of July; Sharon Barrett is holding a clinic in August. Dave and Mary Ellen Young are planning an event for members in Quebec



and Hilary Flower an event in Nova Scotia. Christine Koval has volunteered to host a program. All programs will be different. There will be something for all levels. These opportunities will have support from the other trial committees. Rose has volunteered to do fliers and will advertise to members for these events.

The committee has also developed funding guidelines for future requests:

1. Funding requests are submitted to the Education Committee chair or committee member for review and approval.
  2. The event must be published on the NEBCA website clinic or trial schedule.
  3. Participants shall be NEBCA members at the time of the event.
  4. Non-NEBCA participants are eligible when vacancies cannot be filled by NEBCA members.
  5. Receipts and attendance list shall be submitted to the Education Committee chair. The chair will forward receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement.
- D. Library (Martha Walke) - There has been very little activity this winter/spring. The updated listings were published in the 2020 Summer Newsletter and on the NEBCA website.

## VI. Old Business

- A. AED - this has been talked about at many meetings with no progress being made. Warren suggested that this idea be dropped. DY/WD: moved and seconded that the discussion of the AED be dropped. Passed: 24 yes; 2 no.

## VII. New Business

- A. Lori Tsuruda thanked Sallie Butler for her years as editor of the NEBCA Newsletter. Round of applause. A card and gift will be sent.
- B. Jim Murphy suggested that all deceased members be removed from the USBCHA and NEBCA points list. Suggested he contact Maria Amodei.
- C. Werner Reitboeck reported on his talk with Warren about concerns in the Best Practices Guidelines on the NEBCA website. They have been changed. He stated that the policies for trials should be as useful and applicable as possible. Suggested that each person carry their own disinfectant and use it frequently, remembering to take 20 seconds each time.

Warren requested suggestions for the running of Zoom meetings. What would be more useful? What would make them run smoother? The next Zoom meeting will be in August or September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary

### How to Wear a Mask

*Courtesy of Fly Mueller*

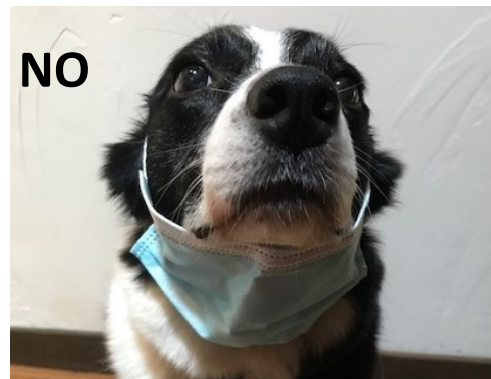
**NO**



**YES!!!**



**NO**



# Adventures with Jelly Bean: Learning to Expect the Unexpected

## PART II

By Debbie West

*When we left Jelly Bean and friends last summer, she had disappeared up Passaconaway Road in Conway NH with Debbie and Ffizz, Sheila Crepeau and Zain, and friend Pat in hot pursuit. And then....*

Sheila, Pat and I split up and began searching the neighborhood. At home, Sheila and Zain would often go on walk-about with sheep, so they searched the woods together with her instructing Zain to “find the sheep.” Pat and her husband inspected the neighborhood by Jeep, and I put Ffizz away in Sheila's car and walked the neighborhood on foot. We searched for about one-and-one-half hours like that and would call each other on our cell phones to see if anyone had any good news. I left my name and number with a resident in the area and asked her to call me if she saw anything because we were about to give up the search. I was troubled about giving up; Passaconaway Road is heavily traveled by cars and motorcyclists as it ends at a popular spot off the Kancamagus Highway and I was terrified that someone was going to get hurt. To add more worry, Pat mentioned that she thought there was a hefty fine of \$2,500 per animal for lost livestock.

The last resident I spoke to called a neighbor to let him know to be on the lookout for three lost sheep. While I listened in, he replied, “Oh! Umm...my daughter said she saw a couple goats in the back yard about an hour ago but they aren't here now.”

The three of us quickly regrouped at the neighbor's house. We explored the property optimistically but quickly felt deflated when we saw the entrance to a rough, woods road at the back of the neighbor's yard. The woods road led to miles of state forest land. Walking back to the house, on a whim, I ducked down to peek under the deck at the back of the house. There, hunkered down in the shade by the

basement, were my three sheep! Fortunately, Sheila and I had thrown a roll of electronet in the car when we loaded the sheep in the trailer at my farm. We lined the deck with the electronet and pulled the sheep out one by one from the tiny crawl under the deck and loaded them safely into the trailer.

Although Pat has not joined us on an adventure since that day, we have successfully brought sheep on other adventures. In October, after last hay cut, we like to bring sheep to a 260-acre hay field for endless outrun possibilities and free driving work for our dogs. Ironically, this hay field sits just across from Passaconaway Road and our first adventure. While Ffizz is retired from sheep work, Zain still works and competes.

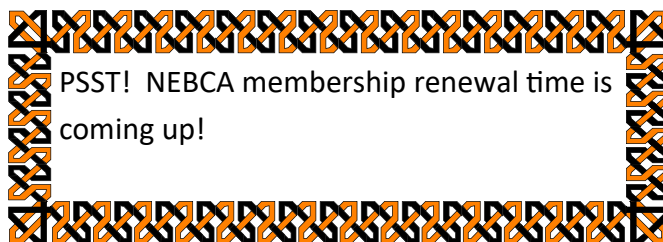
As for Jelly Bean, I soaked her leg as directed

by the vet for about two days before I gave up. She stopped limping a couple weeks later, the bump on her leg went away. But Jelly Bean's bump had led us to an unexpected, exciting sheepdog adventure.



*The infamous Jelly Bean*

Sheila Crepeau



PSST! NEBCA membership renewal time is coming up!



**Ox Creek Nursery Results***Thursday August 13, 2020— 8 dogs ran*

Judge: Bernie Armata

Handler	Dog	Score
1 Josh Newcomb	Chopper	72
2 Peggy Chute	Vera	66

*Saturday August 15, 2020—8 dogs ran*

Judge: Jean Barrett

Handler	Dog	Score
1 Paul Batz	Reyn	85
2 Peggy Chute	Vera	81

**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 Sept. 14, 2020. Please see [www.nebca.net](http://www.nebca.net) for updated trial information, or contact hosts.*

Date	Sheepdog Trial Name	Location	Classes	Contact Person	Telephone
Sept 17-20	Caora Fallback	Millerton, NY	2 Open, 2 Nursery	Mich Ferraro	518-592-1320
Sept. 26	Sheephouse Fun Trial	301 Lang Rd, Cornish NH	All classes Unsanctioned	Virginia Prince	603-675-2129
Sept. 26-27	Shepherd's Crook	Woodville, ON	2 Open, NN, PN, Nursery	Tracy Hinton	410-6974575
Oct 3	Sheephouse Fun Trial	301 Lang Rd, Cornish NH	All Classes Unsanctioned	Virginia Prince	603-675-2129
Oct. 3	ForFar	2404 Forfar Rd Portland ON	2 Open, Nursery	Anne Wheatley	416-603-2520 text
Oct 4	Jimmies Farm Novice	Elgin, ON	2 NN, PN, Nursery	Janet Fahey	647-225-3647 text
Oct 10	Morse Brook Farm Fun Trial	226 Kurkul Road Westminster, VT	All levels Unsanctioned	Liz Shaw	ejshaw@magicalmutt. com
Oct 17-18	Indian River Triple Crown	Indian River, ON	2 NN, PN, Nursery, Open	Cynthia Palmer	705-295-3351
Oct 31-Nov. 1	HerdEwe Farm	Kensington, NH	2 NN, PN, Ranch	Sharon Barrette	603-772-0221

**2020 Breeders' Directory****Pam Davies**

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204 Route 513  
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826  
908-361-1335  
pamdavies30@gmail.com

**Gene Sheninger & Teri Rhodes**

470 Schooley's Mountain Rd. #144  
Hackettstown, NJ 97840  
973-615-9053  
els8586@gmail.com

**Dick & Cheryl Jagger Williams**

Culleymont & Sheepy Hollow Farm  
4825 State Route 2002  
Hop Bottom, PA 18824  
570-289-4733; 570-499-0318  
culleymont@epix.net

**Note: Not all breeders listed here are necessarily handlers.**

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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 trials results and seek the advice of experienced handlers.

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