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Nancy Phillip's Dewy eyes up his quarry at Blue Hill Fair Stock Dog Trial

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President's Message

I hope everyone has had a good summer with plenty of good dog work.

I've been especially busy this year with the addition of another puppy

to our household (his name is Reed and he might just be the sweetest pup ever), and two of my dogs moved up to Open. I've been traveling for trials, a clinic, or lessons almost every weekend all summer. As I write this, I'm on my way to the Novice Finals. It's really great that there are so many opportunities to train and compete within our region. I'm very appreciative that we have so many members who work hard to organize and host events.

After much discussion, we now have a way for members to communicate via email with the email list put together by Heather Nadelmann. It seems to be work-

ing well as a fast communication method that's available to all members.

I will be scheduling a fall meeting after the USBCHA Finals. It will be a Zoom meeting since that seems to be the best way to allow more members to participate. I hope to see you all there!

Barb



Kate Collins

From the Editors

COVID spikes continue, mask mandates come and go, booster vaccines are discussed. Things are still uncertain and plans are difficult to finalize. But finally some Trials have hit the ground and the scores come rolling in. See pages 4 through 14 to find out how your friends did and learn the names of their new dogs you have never seen.

The year-delayed and long-awaited East Coast USBCHA National Finals in Virginia are soon upon us. Quite a few Members will be making the trek south to compete, volunteer or watch the best in the nation. The Newsletter hopes some of them will come home with photos and stories, because Newsletter content is getting thin on the ground.

Our Canadian friends have been absent from our hearths and silent too, although they surely have been having their own brand of fun up North. But they don't send news, so there is no word of them here alas. However,

see page 4 for a special photo that Ginny Prince took just for them. Steve Wetmore left us much too early but his towering presence lives on; see a lovely tribute by a club member on page 16.

The Education Committee continues to foster great workshops courtesy of the volunteer efforts of talented Club Members willing to teach. A well-thought out seminar for teaching urbanites how to read and handle stock was given twice and two reports by two attendees on two different days show remarkably similar learning curves (pp. 12-13). In a seminar report in the last Newsletter issue, Deb Duarte asked for Warren Mick's List of Ten Stopping Do's and Don't's — so here it is, pages 17-18. Enjoy.

Pam & Melanie

Cascade Farm SDT 2021 Results**July 2-4, Bath NH****Judge: Chris Bowen****RANCH 1****18 dogs ran**

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Ginny Prince	June	73
2. Barb Eriksson	Brook	70
3. Sheila Crepeau	Zain	69
4. Debbie West	Zoom	58
5. Dave Goyer	Barley	53

RANCH 2**18 dogs ran**

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Debbie West	Breeze	81
2. Ginny Prince	June	75
3. Barab Armata	Tye	74
4. Ellen Fowler	Sweep	64
5. Dave Goyer	Dan	63
6. Sheila Crepeau	Zain	63
7. Barb Eriksson	Brook	62

Overall Ranch Champion: Ginny Prince & June**Ranch Reserve Champion: Bark Eriksson & Brook****PRONOVICE 1****22 dogs ran**

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Karen Gorman	Tess	63
2. Sharon Barrette	Clyde	63
3. George Northrup	Jimi	60
4. Bernie Armata	Chrome	59
5. Victoria Snowden	Trim	58
6. Todd Layfield	Cork	52
7. Ginny Prince	Grace	51
8. Jean Singleton	Dacy	51
9. Marion Crain	Zoe	50

PRONOVICE 2**22 dogs ran**

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Todd Layfield	Cork	71
2. Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	67
3. Sharon Barrette	Clyde	66
4. Holy Fincher	Clare	65
5. Elizabeth Smith-Freis	Grace	64
6. Denise Leonard	Bella	64
7. Bernie Armata	Chrome	63
8. Ellen Fowler	Skye	60
9. Karen Gorman	Tess	57
10. Victoria Snowdon	Trim	56
11. Danielle Eriksen	Dove	55
12. Simon Thorrold	Quin	55

Overall Pronovice Champion: Sharon Barrette & Clyde**Pronovice Reserve Champion: Todd Layfield & Cork****NOVICE / NOVICE 1****11 dogs ran**

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Linda Rogers	Ffate	69
2. Judianne Davis	Spin	69
3. Betty Belliveau	Riggs	64
4. Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	61
5. Marion Crain	Cord	59
6. Sarah Vining	Zelia	51

NOVICE / NOVICE 2**11 dogs ran**

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Sarah Vining	Zelia	69
2. Betty Belliveau	Riggs	58
3. Marion Crain	Cord	54
4. Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	52
5. Judianne Davis	Spin	52

Overall N/N Champion: Betty Belliveau & Riggs**N/N Reserve Champion: Sarah Vining & Zelia****OPEN 1****OPEN 2****Qualifying dogs. 35 dogs ran each class. Scores were not submitted.**

Handler	Dog	Handler	Dog
1. Brenda Buja	Callie	1. Eric Johnson	Blade
2. Brenda Buja	Josie	2. Peggy Flanagan	Rory
3. Michael Nunan	Kip	3. Brenda Buja	Dice
4. Maria Amodei	Marcus	4. Maria Amodei	Marcus
5. Beth Murray	Audrey	5. Barb Armata	Tye
6. Carol Weigand	Brody	6. Beth Murray	Audrey
7. Ginny Prince	June	7. Beth Murray	Petra

NURSERY 1**NURSERY 2****Qualifying dogs. Six dogs ran**

Handler	Dog	Handler	Dog
1. Karen Gorman	Tess	1. Karen Gorman	Tess
2. Holly Fincher	Clare	2. Eric Johnson	Blade



*For our Canadian friends whom we miss so much, all the best
from these descendants of Dave Young's Bess*

Caora Farm SDT 2021

June 24-27, Millerton NY

Judge: Chris Elliot

Kak and I were overjoyed to welcome handlers back to the farm. It was so good to be back with friends and the weather was even kind. Neither too hot or cold or wet. Just right. We missed our Canadian friends tremendously and will look forward to when they can return. Chris Elliot from North Carolina volunteered to judge and she did a great job sorting out the runs. The sheep held up their end of the bargain and they helped demonstrate where many of us have gotten rusty. The help we received from so many of the handlers was what made putting on the trial possible. It started in May when Carol and Emily volunteered to help deworm all 120 lambs after weaning. That is altruism at its peak. Then the regulars rolled in for setting up: Melanie, Mike, Martha, Warren, Val, Eric, Sue, Beverly. I honestly don't think there was a single handler who did not offer help in some way. We even have a volunteer for next year's course directing. So until next time "That'll do".

~ Mich Ferraro

OPEN ONE			OPEN TWO		
<i>102 dogs ran</i>			<i>96 dogs ran</i>		
Handler	Dog	Score	Handler	Dog	Score
1. Mary Ann Duffy	Gwen	85	1. Mary Anne Duffy	Gwen	89
2. Bev Lambert	Lee	83	2. Mich Ferraro	Mawde	89
3. Mich Ferraro	Mawde	83	3. Brenda Buja	Dice	86
4. Sue Schoen	Cora	82	4. Barbara Levinson	Meg	82
5. Gene Sheninger	Aron	82	5. Josh Newcomb	Bracken	82
6. Barbara Levinson	Meg	82	6. Lori Cunningham	Rope	78
7. Mary Ann Duffy	Jean	80	7. Connie Brannen	Boz	77
8. Connie Brannen	Derry	78	8. Paul Batz	Reyn	77
9. Mich Ferraro	Bella	78	9. Mich Ferraro	Bella	76
10. Lori Cunningham	Vincent	76	10. Bev Lambert	Lee	76
11. Mich Ferraro	Dahlia	75	11. Barbara Levinson	Bob	76
12. Maria Amodei	Drum	72	12. Sue Schoen	Spy	75
13. Nisi Staley	Gert	72	13. Mary Ann Duffy	Dave	75
14. Roger Millen	Jessie	71	14. Brenda Buja	Callie	74
15. Maggie Chambers	Mose	70	15. Carol Weigand	Brody	73
16. Val Henry	Tab	70	16. Gene Sheninger	Pele	72
17. Warren Mick	Tommy	70	17. Bev Lambert	Annie	72
18. Brenda Buja	Dice	69	18. Michel Brothers	Mac	71
19. Lori Cunningham	Rope	69	19. Peggy Flanagan	Rory	71
20. Beth Anderson	Bean	69			
21. Bev Lambert	Annie	68			

Outside of a dog a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read.

~ Grocho Marx

Caora Farm Nursey Trials 2021

NURSERY ONE

21 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Connie Brannan	Minnow	75 QUAL
2. Bev Lambert	Annie	74 QUAL
3. Victoria Booth	Thatcher	69 QUAL
4. Christine Koval	Nick	65 QUAL
5. Vickey Russel	Jura	60 QUAL
6. Warren Mick	Kali	51
7. Holly Fincher	Clare	45
8. Eric Johnson	Moses	39
9. Judy Gambill	Fern	34
10. Barbara Armata	Tye	30

NURSERY THREE

20 Dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Bev Lambert	Annie	84 QUAL
2. Christine Koval	Nick	78 QUAL
3. Connie Brannen	Minnow	61 QUAL
4. Val Henry	Polly	61 QUAL
5. Barbara Armata	Tye	57
6. Warren Mick	Kali	49
7. Eric Johnson	Moses	45
8. Mary Ann Duffy	Bonnie	42
9. Judy Gambill	Fern	42
10. Terry Folsom	Beck	39

NURSERY TWO

19 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Vickey Russell	Jura	63 QUAL
2. Peggy Chute	Vera	62 QUAL
3. Bev Lambert	Annie	62 QUAL
4. Val Henry	Polly	60 QUAL
5. Victoria Booth	Thatcher	59
6. Warren Mick	Kali	59
7. Connie Brannen	Minnow	52
8. Christine Koval	Nick	50
9. Emily Yazwinski	Earl	41
10. Eric Johnson	Moses	31

Mike Nunan and Kip set out at the ever-beautiful Caora Farm



Ginny Prince

Fetch Gate Farm SDT Results— Qualifying dogs

July 2-4, 2021 Cortland, NY Judge: Mark Billadeau

OPEN 1 98 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Bev Lambert	Kerry	96
2. Sam Furman	Skye	92
3. Warren Mick	Lucy	91
4. Connie Brannen	Raleigh	89
5. Bev Lambert	Annie	88
6. Carolyn West	Clyde	88
7. Gene Sheninger	Aron	85
8. Mich Ferraro	Bella	85
9. Nisi Staley	Gert	85
10. Cheryl Willimas	Ruby	84
11. Connie Brannen	Boz	82
12. Mich Ferraro	Mawde	82
13. Sue Schoen	Cora	81
14. Dee Bailes	Nite	80
15. Bev Lambert	Lee	79
16. Christine Koval	Jim	77
17. Tom Hoeber	Quinn	76
18. Roger Millen	Jessie	76
19. Cheryl Williams	Brooke	75
20. Josh Newcomb	Bracken	75

OPEN 2 93 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Lori Cunningham	Buck	95
2. Bev Lambert	Lee	94
3. Sam Furman	Skye	91
4. Bev Lambert	Kerry	90
5. Mary Ann Duffy	Jean	90
6. Maggie Chambers	Mose	89
7. Mich Ferraro	Dahlia	85
8. Jim Valley	Charlotte	84
9. Roger Millen	Mattie	83
10. Bev Lambert	Annie	83
11. Lori Cunningham	Vincent	83
12. Sue Schoen	Cora	83
13. Dee Bailes	Nite	83
14. Peggy Chute	Twizler	82
15. Val Henry	Tag	82
16. Dee Bailes	Millie	82
17. Gene Sheninger	Aron	82
18. Carolyn West	Clyde	81
19. Nisi Staley	Claire	79

MORSE BROOK FARM NOVICE TRIAL

Handler	Dog	Score
RANCH 1 June 19 Judge: Denise Leonard		
1. Valerie Pietraszewska	Beck	70
2. Barb Eriksson	Bel	66
3. Eric Johnson	Tara	63
4. Barb Eriksson	Brook	61
5. Deb Donahue	Jess	58
6. Chris Bowen	Griff	58

PRONOVICE 1 June 19 Judge: Chris Bowen		
1. Sharon Barrette	Clyde	59
2. Holly Fincher	Clare	58
3. Karen Gorman	Tess	54
4. Janet Langdon	Bill	40
5. Danielle Eriksen	Finn	37

RANCH 2 June 20		
1. Valerie Pietraszewska	Beck	79
2. Ginny Prince	June	76
3. Deb Donahue	Jess	75
4. Karen Gorman	Nash	52
5. Liz Shaw	Cap	51
6. Eileen Wilentz	Beck	48

Ranch Champion: Valerie Pietraszewska & Beck

Ranch Reserve: Deb Donahue & Jess

Pronovice Champion: Sharon Barretter & Clyde

Pronovice Reserve: Holly Fincher & Clare

Ranch Long Road: Valerie Pietraszewska & Beck

ProNovice Long Road: Danielle Eriksen & Dove

FETCH GATE NURSERY 1

Judge: Mark Billadeau 19 dogs ran		
Handler	Dog	Score
1. Dee Bailes	Bell	84
2. Victoria Booth	Thatcher	76
3. Peggy Chute	Vera	70
4. Mary Anne Duffy	Bonnie	68

NURSERY 2

Judge: Mark Billadeau 16 dogs ran		
Handler	Dog	Score
1. Dee Bailes	Bell	75
2. Connie Brannen	Minnow	71
3. Dee Bailes	Silver	71
4. Sam Furman	Wolf	71

More MORSE BROOK NOVICE TRIAL RESULTS

PRONOVICE 2 June 20		
1. Danelle Eriksen	Dove	60
2. Sharon Barretter	Clyde	56
3. Holly Fincher	Clare	54

Longest, hardest to spell name award:

Valerie PIETRASZEWSKA

Dancing Ewe Farm StockDog Trial 2021

July 9-11 Granville, NY Judge: Connie Brannen

Results: Qualifying Dogs

OPEN 1

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Maria Amodei	Drum	83
2. Barbara Levinson	Bob	76
3. Eric Johnson	Blade	70
4. Peter VandeCar	Bear	68
5. Carol Weigand	Brody	68
6. Ginny Prince	June	67
7. Barbara Levinson	Meg	65
8. Chris Elliot	Rel	65

OPEN 2

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Barbara Levinson	Bob	96
2. Maria Amodei	Drum	95
3. Barbara Levinson	Meg	95
4. Peggy Flanagan	Angus	86
5. Nisi Staley	Claire	78
6. Carol Weigand	Brody	76
7. Pam Wataha	Ace	72
8. Pam Hunt	Bar	70

OPEN 3

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Kate Collins	Pearl	86
2. Mike Nunan	Kip	81
3. Nisi Staley	Gert	73
4. Carol Weigand	Brody	70
5. Eric Johnson	Blade	62
6. Beth Anderson	Bean	60
7. Martha Walke	Jude	60
8. Nisi Staley	Claire	60

NURSERY 1

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Barb Armata	Tye	68
2. Holly Fincher	Claire	41
3. Karen Gorman	Tess	38

NURSERY 2

Handler	Dog	Score
Karen Gorman	Tess	50
Barb Armata	Tye	43
Holly Fincher	Claire	38



Ginny Prince

Mike Nunan and Kip on their way to a second place finish at Dancing Ewe SDT

May Brook Farm SDT 2021

August 16-18

Judge: George Northrup

Results: Qualifying Dogs

NURSERY 1

19 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Christine Koval	Ciaran	69
2. Sue Schoen	Cori	68
3. Mich Ferraro	Pike	63
4. Emily Yazwinski	Earl	62

NURSERY 2

16 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Peggy Chute	Vera	67
2. Sue Schoen	Zoe	53
3. Emily Yazwinski	Earl	41
4. Karen Gorman	Tess	40

OPEN 1

58 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Peggy Chute	Twizzler	91
2. Mich Ferraro	Mawde	89
3. Mich Ferraro	Dahlia	87
4. Eric Johnson	Blade	82
5. Michael Nunan	Kip	81
6. Gene Sheninger	Aron	80
7. Carolyn West	Clyde	80
8. Martha Walke	Jude	79
9. Brenda Buja	Dice	79
10. Sally Molloy	Reese	79
11. Paul Batz	Reyn	79
12. Christine Koval	Nick	77

OPEN 2

53 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Michael Nunan	Kip	92
2. Barbara Levinson	Meg	88
3. Tom Hoeber	Quinn	88
4. Christine Koval	Jim	86
5. Barbara Levinson	Bob	86
6. Carol Champion	Fly	81
7. Brenda Buja	Callie	80
8. Paul Batz	Reyn	80
9. Gene Sheninger	Pele	79
10. Maria Amodei	Drum	78
11. Ginny Prince	June	76

*May Brook Farm:
the crossdrive turn
at the edge of a
hedgerow proved
perilous to many.*





Ginny Prince

*A nice turn at the post for
Holly Fincher and Clare in
May Brook Nursery class*

SHEEPHOUSE FARM FUN TRIAL

August 14-15 Cornish NH

NOVICE / NOVICE

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Theone Thayer	Siggy	40
2. Wendy Warner	Pete	35

RANCH

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Deb Donahue	Jess	73
2. Chris Bowen	Griff	66
3. Laurie Sargent	Chip	47

PRONOVICE 1

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Sharon Barrette	Clyde	65
2. Danielle Erikssen	Finn	55
3. Holly Fincher	Clare	49
4. Janet Langdon	Bill	38

PRONOVICE 2

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Sharon Barrette	Clyde	62
2. Holly Fincher	Clare	42
3. Janet Langdon	Bill	40
4. Danielle Erikssen	Dove	38



Ginny Prince

Barb Erikssen and Brook run non-compete Ranch at Sheephouse

How people are like sheep: a partial list in no particular order from Ginny Prince

- ♦ They butt heads.
- ♦ They act in their own best short-term interest.
- ♦ They lose their heads when tired, scared, stressed or hassled.
- ♦ They get set in their ways and want to eat and sleep at the same time every day.
- ♦ They get sick of their kids.
- ♦ Given the chance they will overeat yummy food.
- ♦ Guys want sex all the time, girls only occasionally.
- ♦ As individuals they don't want to be told what to do but are happy to go along with the crowd .
- ♦ Some are really nice individuals and some not so much.
- ♦ They like to sunbathe in January and nap in the shade in August.
- ♦ They exploit the weaknesses of others such as coworkers/sheepdogs.
- ♦ Sometimes they get bored and get into trouble.
- ♦ They don't like to do things unless it's their idea.
- ♦ They remember places they've been to before and avoid them if they are unpleasant or seek them out if pleasant.
- ♦ They find behaviors that work and repeat them.
- ♦ They have hormone driven behavior.
- ♦ They like to hang out with their friends and object to being separated from them, and conversely try to avoid being forced into close quarters with individuals they don't like.
- ♦ If they get away with something once they'll try to do the same thing at the next opportunity.
- ♦ They are never satisfied.



Stock Handling 101

Submitted by Kim Lippolis

On May 15th, a Stock Handling 101 Clinic, sponsored by the NEBCA Education Committee, took place at Maggie O'Neil's beautiful farm in Schoharie, NY. Clinician Barb Armata set up a series of exercises (done without dogs) designed to help handlers improve their ability to read sheep, and to move sheep with minimal stress and subtle movements, whether on the farm or at a trial. The first test started with a group of collared sheep in a pen. Handlers had to pick a color and gate sort the 3 sheep wearing that color collar, using just their body movements and no stock stick. After that, participants partnered up and tried to pen a group of sheep with one person as the dog and one as the

handler. Next Bernie Armata and his young dog Chrome worked 3 different groups of sheep around a small field, for handlers to try to identify the lead sheep. There were differences of opinion, and much discussion took place to finally come to a consensus on which sheep was "Leader of the Pack"! After lunch the action moved into the barn, where participants moved groups of ducks through obstacles, and into a pen. Then, once again a human "dog" and handler attempted to put the ducks through a course. This part of the clinic involved much laughter and joking from the spectators, as the ducks had a mind of their own! Thank you to the NEBCA Education Committee, Barb Armata and Maggie O'Neil for this learning opportunity,

This workshop proved so popular, it was offered again. Read another take on the same ideas, below:

Stock Handling 101 Take 2 at Tanstaafl Farm

Which occurred May 22 2021 and was Reported by Mary Smith & Concy Smith

On a warm Saturday morning ten participants gathered at Denise Leonard's farm for a hands-on workshop in handling stock. Organized by the NEBCA Education committee, this dovetailed nicely with the "Understanding and Reading Sheep" clinic conducted by Mike Neary earlier in the Spring.

The handlers were a fun group with a variety of levels of experience, ready to learn and test their skills with ducks and sheep. First up were the ducks, a small group of individuals, some quick, some lagging, all with a bit of attitude. One was excused beforehand as it preferred the company of the chickens across the

way. The first challenge was for each handler to guide the ducks around the pen, while holding them to the fence. Next five teams of two, one acting as handler and one as dog, had to herd the flock around a course of cones with several changes of direction. Lastly each team was to gather the ducks and guide them into a small crate. It was great to be able to feel the effect of pressure and release on the stock. Working in pairs allowed the handler and "dog" to understand the team work required and position needed to move the smaller, slower stock calmly.

Next up were the ewes and lambs, which were set up in the barnyard. The handlers worked on moving the flock through a sorting chute and from one pen to another. We then split up into three teams. Each team had to split off three sheep from the flock and drive them into a small pen in the corner. This was a good test of the pressure and release and positioning skills

Stock Handling 101 Take 2, cont.

that we practiced on the ducks. Choosing which three sheep to split off was a challenge. It was important to read the stock to assess which ewes and lambs would stay together, or not. We also ran ewes and lambs through the sorting chute in order to weigh and mark all the lambs.

Lastly Denise brought out her dog Lark to demonstrate working sheep on a course. As dog and sheep moved around the course, we could observe and identify many of the skills we'd practiced. We were challenged to identify which was the lead sheep. We were able to do this by observing the dog's focus and the movement of the sheep.

This was a fun day with good company, lots of learning and great information. Thank you to Denise for hosting and teaching on your beautiful farm. And we got to visit the pigs!

Ed. Note: These workshops sound like amazing fun, wish I had been able to go.



Pam Mueller

Learning to read and handle sheep requires that you pay VERY close attention to the stock

Leatherstocking SDT Cooperstown NY Judge: George Northrup

OPEN1 August 21 59 dogs ran

Handler	Dog
1. Chris Elliot	Dak
2. Michele Brothers	Mac
3. Paul Batz	Reyn
4. Cheryl Jaggar Williams	Ruby
5. Warren Mick	Tommy
6. Christine Koval	Nick
7. Peggy Chute	Twizzler
8. Maria Mick	Nick3
9. Mary Ann Duffy	Gwen
10. Mich Ferraro	Belle
11. Sally Molloy	Kerry
12. Mich Ferraro	Dahlia

OPEN 2 August 22 48 dogs ran

Handler	Dog
1. Brenda Buja	Dice
2. Peggy Flanagan	Kit
3. Maria Amodei	Drum
4. Warren Mick	Lucy
5. Cheryl Jaggar Williams	Ruby
6. Eric Johnson	Blade
7. Paul Batz	Reyn
8. Deb Donahue	Jess
9. Sally Molloy	Reese
10. Peggy Chute	Twizzler

(scores were not submitted to Newsletter)

**Peggy Flanagan
and Kit penning at
Leatherstocking**

Ginny Prince



Pipedream Farm Novice Trial 2021

July 31-August 1

Middletown, MD

Judge: Linda Tesdahl

NOVICE 1

7 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Todd Layfield	Callum	57
2. Jessica Edgerly	Ranger	44
3. Jessica Edgerly	Willard	33

NOVICE 2

7 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Joane Thayer	Zsasz	56
2. Jessica Edgerly	Ranger	54
3. Jesse Martin	Jet	45
4. Jessica Edgerly	Willard	42
5. Todd Layfield	Callum	30

PRONOVICE 1

15 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Todd Layfield	Cork	73
2. Mary Brighoff	Gary	68
3. Merry Klimek	Hope	60
4. Eleanor Peavy	Gould	58
5. Ann Lincoln	Meg	52
6. Jean Singleton	Chris	48
7. Sandy Hornung	Carly	47
8. Judy Gambill	Fern	47
9. Jean Singleton	Dacy	39
10. Bridget Griffin	Tess	25

PRONOVICE

13 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Todd Layfield	Cork	74
2. Mary Brighoff	Gary	69
3. Jean Singleton	Chris	69
4. Merry Klimek	Hope	59
5. Bridget Griffen	Tess	55
6. Denise Leonard	Bekka	53
7. Ann Lincoln	Meg	50
8. Jean-Louis Bigourdan	Kit	30

RANCH 1

16 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Mark Billadeau	Fern	69
2. Barb Eriksson	Brook	55
3. Eleanor Peavy	Rollo	55
4. Merry Klimek	Grace	52
5. Gayle Escheverria	Hitch	51
6. Dave Goyer	Dan	40
7. Barb Eriksson	Bel	33
8. Doug Brewer	Bet	31
9. Kristin Bryant	Joe	31
10. Jean-Louis Bigourdan	Kelso	31

RANCH 2

16 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Mark Billadeau	Fern	81
2. Kristin Bryant	Joe	66
3. Merry Klimek	Grace	61
4. Gayle Escheverria	Hitch	58
5. Eleanor Peavy	Joe	46
6. Chris Bowen	Griff	43
7. Chris Goyer	Dan	41
8. Doug Brewer	Bet	40
9. Jean-Louis Bigourdan	Skye	35
10. Barb Eriksson	Bel	34

NEBCA Spring Meeting

June 18, 2021 via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:07PM. There were 29 members present.

Procedures for the Zoom meeting were gone over by Barbara Eriksson, President.

I. A motion was made (DL/WW) to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting. Accepted with no dissents.

II. Executive Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report (Martha Walke) There are currently 235 members, up from 162 at the end of January. There are currently 187 Individual members, 37 Farm/Family members and 7 Life members. There have been 26 new members since January. Approximately 4 of these became members as a result of the workshops and clinics offered by the Education Committee.

B. Treasurer's Report (Denise Leonard) The club is doing quite well financially. The report was accepted with a change in the income and expenses of the Education Committee.

III. BOD Report (Mary Ellen Young)

Nothing has been done since January. They are going to work on setting a suggested amount for donations.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Open Trials Committee No report

B. Novice Trials Committee (Amy Hershberger) The committee sanctioned the Morse Brook Farm Trial, the Sugarbush Gap Learning Trial, and the Herdewe Farm Learning Trials. The Novice Finals will be held at Tattersall Farm, Haverhill, MA, September 11-12, 2021.

V. Newsletter Report (Pam Mueller)

The Newsletter continues as usual. The Summer Newsletter will be published soon and the Editor apologizes for the delay. Content is always needed, especially photos. All types of photos are accepted and should be emailed at their highest resolution to the Editor. With the start of the trial season, results will be posted when submitted to the Editor by the trial manager. Anyone who attends an event is welcome to write a short piece of description or reflection.

VI. Select Committee Reports

A. Merchandise Committee (Kim Lippolis) New Merchandise will be on sale at the Caora trial and will be divided and taken to upcoming trials. With many trials not allowing spectators, profits are expected to be below past levels. The 2019 designed t-shirts and full zip fleece jackets have been reduced in price. Liz Shaw will be leaving the Committee at the end of 2021 leaving an opening for a new member. If interested in volunteering, please contact Kim Lippolis or Joanne Krause for more information.

B. Calendar Committee (Kate Collins) There are 10 2021 calendars left. There were 200 2022 calendars printed. Some will be taken to Caora and the July and August trials. If you wish to have calendars available at your event, please email Kate (katecollins64@gmail.com) or George (george01368@yahoo.com) with the number needed and they will get them to you. Please keep track of the money and the number of sales and send it to George. If you send the money to the treasurer, please be sure to send a report to George. Diane Geer has volunteered to distribute the calendars next year. Thank you to Kate Collins, Val Pietraszewska and Elizabeth Smith-Fries for putting together the 2022 calendar and Barbara Collins for her work in preparing the photos, drawings and design of the calendar.

C. Education Committee Report (Rose Redick) The Committee offered 11 Zoom workshops and 2 hands on clinics since January. There were approximately 160 training opportunities via Zoom with about 60 members participating and the 2 hands on clinics offered 20 spots of which 16 were used. The Zoom workshops were well received resulting in repeat sessions being offered to accommodate the overflow of interest. A nominal fee was charged to help cover expenses. Non NEBCA participants were required to join NEBCA before participating. The Committee considers this year's workshops and clinics to be a huge success and greatly appreciated. There is a plan to offer a similar program next fall and winter. If anyone has suggestions for topics, please contact one of the members of the Committee.

D. Library Report (Martha Walke) There has been very little use of the library this spring. Deborah Donahue has donated 3 DVDs to the library one of which will be reformatted for American use. These items will be added to the library listings.

VII. Old Business

A. Email List Update (Heather Nadelman) The process of setting this up has begun and the Secretary will send a text

file of members' emails to Heather to complete the process. Heather will notify members when it is completed.

B. National Finals (Martha Walke) The members were brought up-to-date on the items that NEBCA will be getting for their donation to the Finals. There will be a NEBCA banner on the pen; a full-page ad in the program (If there is one); and prime vender space which will not be used this year. It was also noted that this year the Finals has lost sponsors and funds. A motion was made (MW/CB) that the rest of the \$4000 voted on in January be sent to the Finals Committee in Aug in order to help with the Committee's work. This is assuming the event will be held. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

VIII. New Business

The next meeting will be held August 26, 2021, at 7PM via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary

Honoring Steve Wetmore

By Carol Bradford

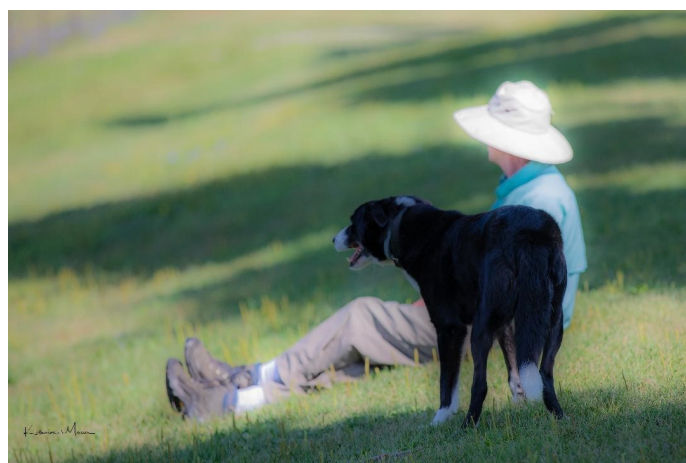
The first trial I ever watched was in Vermont with a wonderful announcer who identified himself as Steve. I remember he was wearing a green shirt and was so informative, warmly describing the handlers and their dogs as only a friend can, and the action on the field as only a true aficionado can. He was so welcoming to everyone including those who were "just there to watch." I was enthralled by all of it, buying a yellow plastic whistle on a blue cord from a vendor at the trial and trying to blow it like those handlers I saw on the field. Hanging it from my rearview mirror for inspiration – someday I wanted my dog and me to be like Steve and his lovely dog Gile.

I went "just to watch" another trial, this time at Cummington. And there was Steve, the man in the green shirt again – announcing, congratulating other handlers on good runs and joking along with them when things didn't go so well, running Gile, and welcoming questions from the public with genuine enthusiasm and the warmest smile. He was a celebrity in my eyes, the friendly and welcoming face and voice of this sheepdog trial world.

Slow forward seven years and I am at the post at my first trial in novice-novice at Cummington. My knees are knocking so loud I think my dog won't be able to hear me. Although he did hear me, thankfully he translated my repeated backward flanks into what needed to be done. We came in first and won the Long Road award. I was over the moon and beaming. From beyond me I hear something like "congratulations that was a really nice run" and when I turn around it's Steve Wetmore himself! I could not believe that anyone of that stature would be watching Novice -Novice runs so early in the morning let alone be bothered to say something to a newbie. Yet there he was with that warm smile and sincere praise. Then he turned more serious and said "Treasure that long road award. It means a lot to train your own dog, especially your first one, and you have really earned it." I could tell this was a person who had been down that long road before me and I felt even more proud and encouraged.

That warm, kind and good-humored man in the green shirt probably did not know who I was but to me he represented the best of this herding community – welcoming, generous, passionate about our dogs and the work they do alongside us. Each time a handler congratulates another on a success or commiserates on a tough go, we celebrate Steve. Every time someone announces at a trial, sharing their excitement and knowledge with the public, we grow our sport and honor Steve. Every time we share our knowledge with another handler, we grow our collective skills and the community that Steve helped build.

I am still a novice handler but every time someone from the public asks me a question about my border collies and



Kathie Mercier

herding, I try to be like Steve Wetmore and welcome their questions cheerfully. Maybe they will be the next person to buy a little plastic whistle and hang it from their rearview mirror, dreaming of the day when they too will stand at the post with their dog. Thank you, Steve Wetmore, ambassador and friend to all. Your legacy lives on in all of us.

Stopping Top Ten —back by popular demand

By Warren Mick

Reprinted from NEBCA News Sept. 2013

“There’s no good flock without a good shepherd and no good shepherd without a good dog”ISDS

“and no good dog without a good stop” Warren Mick

More often than not, dogs that don't stop well have been trained to do so. They're not willful or disobedient. Rather, they're simply responding as they've been conditioned. My first dog, Tara, was a case in point. The louder I yelled the harder and faster she pushed. Newbie trainers tend to use the command **Lie-Down** as a primary means of control or to restore control and say it at the most inappropriate times. Just scream “LIE DOWN!” when your young dog is chasing sheep a few times; it will soon put two and two together, namely, **Lie-Down=Chase**.

Getting a dependable stop on your dog takes doing the right things but, as importantly, it also takes not doing the wrong ones. The list below gives both do's and don't's to help you have a dog that stops well, now and always.

1. Don't ever forget this is the most important command you will have on your dog.

A good stop begins early in training. It requires consistency and persistence. If you don't get it right, in the best case the dog will not be as good as it could have been, and in the worst, the dog may never be useful or controllable on stock. The word “never” should get your attention. Mess up a dog's stop and you can pretty much forget training. A dog that won't stop can be a danger to you, the sheep and itself. It's also frustrating and unpleasant to run or work a dog that won't stop reliably.

2. Do teach the “Lie Down” command away from sheep.

The stop and the recall are two commands you can teach away from sheep. And both can be taught long before the dog is ready to put on stock. If the dog doesn't know what “Lie Down” means it will be susceptible to associating the command with something other than stopping. In early training on stock we want the dog to learn how to move properly about the stock. We're shaping a dog's raw instinct to control the stock using our presence. The stop, however, has nothing to do with instinct. It is pure obedience and effectively means put working on hold until further notice. It runs opposite to what instinct is telling the dog, so trying to teach it on stock won't be very easy and likely unsuccessful.

3. Do always use the same phrase, emphasis and intonation when giving the command.

This goes for all commands and it makes a difference. Say “Lie Down”. Don't use just the word “Down” or “Drop”; it's too short and hard to put any emphasis into. Don't say the command too quickly, say it clearly and slowly. I prefer to emphasize the “Lie” part and use “Down” as a tail. Say it with intent, but don't sound desperate. **Never yell it.** You can raise the volume as appropriate for distance or in an intense situation. But remember the stop command is not a correction and shouldn't be used as such. Dogs do not understand language. They react to sounds they hear. And while dogs are good at generalizing, why be sloppy and hope they can figure it out. Make the stop and every other command sound exactly the same every time.

4. Do not ask for a stop when the dog is not in control of the stock.

This is very important. Early on, only ask for a stop when the dog is on balance and when the sheep are stopped or walking toward you. The most basic instinct these dogs have is to prevent the stock from escaping. If the dog is not in control, asking it to stop is against this most basic instinct. It'll be more prone to not comply if not in control, or it may finish what it was doing first (namely getting in control).

5. Do not ask for a stop when the dog is running amok.

The real and serious problem in doing so is the dog will likely associate the lie-down command with the behavior, the chaos and the heightened stress level. At minimum, they're likely to ignore it which is also bad. Instead, get to the dog or the sheep and stop the mess with your presence and if needed a correction phrase (Ahhhhhh! NO, NO, NO!).

6. Do not ask for a stop if you are not prepared to enforce it.

This relates to consistency. Letting the dog ignore a stop, or any command, will lead the dog to considering the command as a suggestion rather than an order. When the dog is working close this is less an issue, as you're

right there. But when you start working on longer outruns or driving, don't give a stop unless you're ready to get out to make it stop. One noncompliance in ten is not the end of the world, but if the dog is disobeying every stop at 200 yards, it's time to do more work closer in and perhaps do some remedial training away from sheep. An issue that happens frequently is when people start working on driving. They use a lot of stop commands to keep the dog from heading the sheep. The trainer really just wants the dog to stop flanking around toward the heads and keep moving forward so they tolerate the dog not actually stopping. Doing this is a great way to change the meaning of your stop command, since it's typically repeated thousands of times. Instead, develop a "Time", "Steady" or "There" command that means stop flanking and walk on in a controlled manner. Many handlers use the first part of the stop whistle for this.

7. Do not let a young dog break a stop.

We certainly don't want our dogs to be so robotic or mechanical that they won't react to sheep breaking away without a command. But if the sheep are stopped or headed to you, the dog should stay put until asked up. If you see the situation changing, release the dog with a command, or flank the dog so it isn't breaking the stop. Or you might repeat the stop command in a more emphatic tone so the dog knows it must not move to cover. On occasion, you can let the dog flank to cover the sheep so they don't get away. But keep it to a minimum and don't let a dog come forward off a stop.

8. Do increase the difficulty gradually.

This is basic to all dog training and it applies to the stop command too. Don't expect perfection at 300 yards just because the dog is flawless at 20. Don't expect a good stop when the sheep are breaking away just because it stops well on balance. If the dog is in a situation way beyond its ability, try not to give it commands it won't take. Or be prepared to get out and make it comply.

9. Do not let the dog stop on its feet.

Simply put, a dog on its belly is less likely to move or creep. Some will say a dog that stops on its feet upsets the sheep less than one that drops and gets up. While this may be true, few dogs have a good standing stop and it's not worth seeing if your dog will be one of them. That said, I might make an exception for a dog that tends to be sticky or hard to get back on its feet. If you do let your dog stop on its feet, don't say "Lie Down". Use "Stand" or a unique whistle so that "Lie-Down" still means drop.

10. Do use a whistle as soon as possible.

This is not just in regard to stopping but applies generally. Most people give both commands and corrections verbally and use whistles only for commands. As a result, there tends to be less stress associated with whistle commands. It's also harder to put any emotion into a whistle when we get stressed. If we communicate that we're anxious, the dog will often respond by wanting to stay on its feet, ready to react. Furthermore, as distances increase you will need to raise the volume of your commands to compensate. Voice commands unavoidably sound harsher and more stressed at higher volume. Whistles, being nearer to pure tones, do not change as much with volume. There are other reasons to use whistles that are unrelated to stopping and stress. Whistles allow more variation, carry better at distance and can be given quicker. If all this isn't convincing, perhaps the fact that every top handler commands their dogs primarily using whistles (except close at hand) should tell you something.

11. Okay, Top 11, but this is very important **The stop command should not be used to cover up other problems.**

If the dog is relentlessly pushing or chasing sheep, stopping it is not the answer. Dogs need to learn to pace themselves so that they're controlling the sheep rather than upsetting them. If the dog is always overflanking, using a hard stop all the time is masking a problem. They need to learn where to stop a flank. Perhaps you need to teach a half-flank command. In both cases, stopping it does nothing to fix the underlying problem. If a dog is pushing too much a correction is called for, not a stop. Run up towards it and back it off the sheep sternly. Use a convincing verbal correction at the same time so that it knows it's wrong and also learns what the correction means. If you use a stop every time the dog is pushing too much, it won't learn that pushing is wrong and at the same time you'll be hurting the stop.

Postscript: If you're new to training, getting a good stop can be an elusive goal. It may seem like your dog is the most disobedient and hardest-to-stop dog on the planet. How can something so simple be so difficult to achieve? Simply put, herding instincts are very intense. Using the stop command as the primary means of controlling those instincts is akin to applying the brakes with your foot still on the gas. It'll work for a while until the brakes burn out. You need to get your foot off the gas and get your dog in control first.

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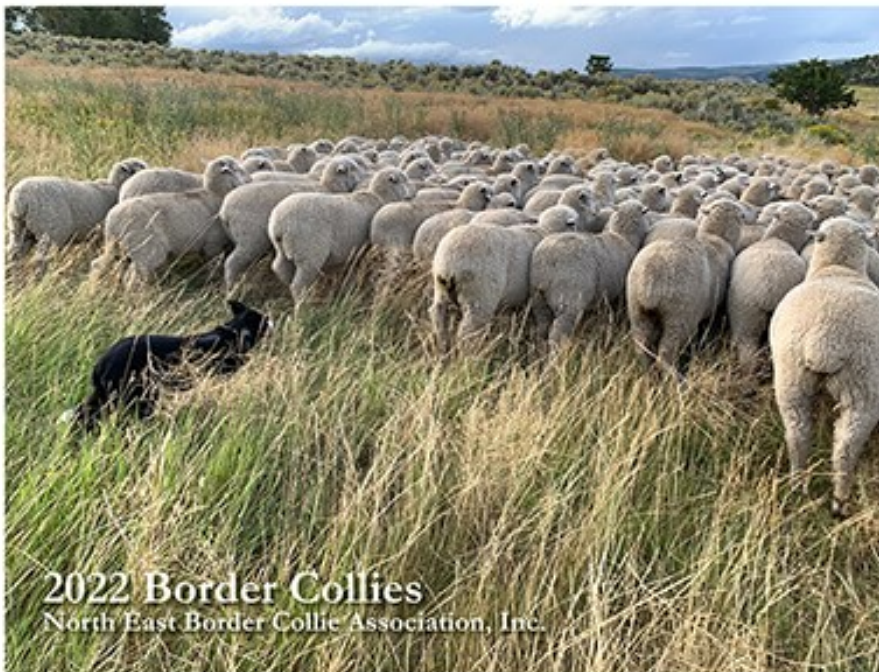
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Sept 17	NH Highland Games	Lincoln, NH	Open Points & Time	Lynn Deschaumbeault 207-256-0999
Sept 18-19	Ox Creek SDT	Canandaigua, NY	Open	Paul Batz 585-298-0789
Sept 21-26	Kingston Sheepdog Trial CBCA Championships	Grass Creek Park Kingston, ONTARIO	Open	Amanda Milliken 613-540-4845
Sept 28-30	Shepherd's Crook	Woodville, ONTARIO	Novice, ProNovice, Open	Viki Kidd 416-277-4313
Oct 3	Fryeburg Fair	Fryeburg, ME	Open, Nursery Points & Time	Gabrielle Merrill 207-935=2520
Oct 5-10	USBCA National Sheepdog Finals	Middletown VA	Nursery, Open	
Oct 6	Topsfield Fair	Topsfield, MA	Open Points & Time	Lynn Descahaumbeault 207-256-0999
Oct 30-31	HerdEwe Farm Learning Trial	Kensington, NH	2 Novice/Novice, Provovice, Ranch	Sharon Barrette 603-772-0221

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