



NEBCA News

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Sallie Butler

Lori Tsurida's Pepper may be 11 years old but he still has his mojo, and smiles while he works

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President's Message



Hello NEBCA members and enthusiasts!

As Spring turns to Summer, the NEBCA trial and clinic calendar is filling. It is exciting that some of our Canadian members have been able to attend trials in the US. I am really looking forward to seeing more of you at trials this year.

Planning is underway for both the Novice Finals and the Fall Foliage. It seems really hard to believe it is already time to start planning for trials that seem so distant.

I am on the committee that helped put on the trial at Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair. The committee will be looking for new members to help next year in order for the trial to continue to be held in Cummington. If you are willing to help, please let me know.

Our Spring meeting was held on Zoom on May 20th. The next meeting will be Friday, August 26th on Zoom at 7pm.

ZOOM MEETINGS

The first club meeting held virtually via Zoom was forced by the COVID Pandemic; thereafter, it has seemed like a good idea to try and gather our widely scattered members (from southern Maryland to the tip of Maine, and Cape Cod to western NY) virtually. Surprisingly, however, the last meeting (May 20) couldn't even make a quorum, something that in-person meetings achieved at least occasionally!

Did you, like me, forget the date? Don't have Zoom installed? Don't have a computer? (Zoom works on a smart phone too, and a web cam is not needed). Don't have any fingers to work a keyboard?

Take note of the next meeting (Aug 26); hope to see you there.

THE NEBCA LIBRARY

It has been customary to print the list of library holdings in this, the summer edition of the Newsletter. However, the holdings have become quite extensive and this no longer seems reasonable; complete listing is available on the website. Note that **Shiela Crepeau** is now NEBCA Librarian. Contact Sheila at 603-978-1077, sheila.crepeau@gmail.com or 295 Parker Mountain Road, Barrington NH 03825 to borrow items.

The Library is OPEN for business. A list of library holdings can be found on the NEBCA website.

From the Editors

Welcome to the Summer Issue. No doubt about it, it's Summer in the NE. Here in PA we have already experienced days over 90 degrees. I feel fairly confident there is no snow even in the deepest darkest pockets of Upstate NY or the wilds of Vermont..

The season kicked off with a judging clinic led by our very own expert judges Warren Mick, Chris Bowen and Denise Leonard. Liz Shaw reports (page 4).

Trialers welcomed the first NE trial of the year with the return of the much-beloved MA Sheep and Woolcraft Fair aka Cummington. Scores and more pp 4-5. The Bluegrass Classic continues to draw more and more intrepid Northeasterners to Lexington KY for a week in May (pp. 13-14) and some people, when they say they travel for a trial, they really mean it. See pages 6-7 for Rebecca Hartz

and Dave Goyer's four months of sheep-dogging adventure on the go.

Don't miss NEBCA Meeting minutes and financial reports; they make good bedtime reading. And finally see our new feature, Meet the Membership, debuting on page 17.

As always, your loyal Newsletter servants await your submissions for the future enjoyment of your fellow NEBCA members. Text, photos, artwork, poems, limericks, cartoons, proverbs, fact and fiction are all accepted for consideration.

Pam & Melanie

JUDGING CLINIC at Morsebrook Farm

By Liz Shaw (hostess with the mostest)

Thanks to our great clinicians, helpers and participants, the Judging Clinics on May 14 and 15 were a great success! We had experience levels from Open handlers to novices who have never run in a trial but somehow Denise Leonard, Warren Mick and Chris Bowen were helpful to all of them. People asked a lot of good questions. Everyone was very respectful of the sheep. Virginia Prince, Margaret Flanagan and Maria Amodei helped with set out and each provided some demo runs for participants to evaluate.



Melanie Behrens

Linda Pace and Addie— new NEBCA members enjoying the Clinic

The explanation of the guidelines was clear. The discussion of the “art” of judging was helpful. And all along the way there were some great tps for how to handle the trial course . It was great to have more than one perspective. Each participant got a chance to have a run judged and evaluated. Thanks to everybody.

Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair SDT 2022

Report submitted by Barb Ericksson

The MSWCF SDT was back at the field in Cummington after a two-year hiatus caused by COVID-19. The field was in fantastic shape due to the dry spring, with no standing water anywhere in the field and lovely short grass. The sheep were provided by Heart Stone Farm; they were even and well-behaved allowing for a decent number of scores in each class.

The weather was cooperative with overcast skies on Saturday and occasional light showers for the Novice runs. Saturday night, after the trial finished, there was heavy rain with thunderstorms which heralded cool and dry conditions for Sunday morning. Sunday was sunny and pleasant for the Open runs.

The Judges were Chris Bowen for Novice and George Northrop for Open. Both days went smoothly with outstanding setout done primarily by Peggy Flanagan who kept the sheep marching calmly yet briskly to the setout point.

The volunteers made the trial possible with nearly every handler pitching in to help with some task and many helping with several tasks.

Hopefully, some new people will be volunteering for the trial committee as several members will be stepping down. The trial can only continue if we have new committee members.

Results: see next page

MA Sheep and Woolcraft Fair Sheepdog Trial Results

May 28-29 Cummington, Massachusetts

Saturday May 28

Judge: Chris Bowen

Sunday May 29

Judge: George Northrup

NOVICE/NOVICE*Dogs running: 9*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Jacqueline Erickson	Gwyn	64
2. Jay Best	Shep	62
3. Jan Marcotte	Luke	49
4. Linda Pace	Addie	48
5. Daniel Turcotte	Denver	46
6. Theone Thayer	Siggy	43

Long Road: Jacqueline Erickson**PRONOVICE***Dogs running: 27*

1. Hilary Flower	Iris	71
2. Kim Lippolis	Sam	71
3. Ginny Prince	Grace	70
4. Warren Mick	Finn	70
5. Carol Campion	Carrie	64
6. Linda Rogers	Ffate	62
7. Elizabeth Smith-Freis	Grace	61
8. Carolyn Pover	Kali	60

Long Road: Hilary Flower**RANCH***Dogs running: 24*

1. Kim Lippolis	Twig	78
2. Debbie West	Breeze	73
3. Ellen Fowler	Sweep	73
4. Pam Wataha	Dax	72
5. Barb Eriksson	Brook	67
6. Barb Eriksson	Bel	65
7. Amy Hershberger	Feisty Sal	60
8. Hilary Flower	Olive	54

Long Road: Ellen Fowler**OPEN***Dogs running: 50*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Carol Campion	Fly	85
2. Brenda Buja	Dice	82
3. Brenda Buja	Callie	79
4. Pam Wataha	Ace	79
5. Peggy Flanagan	Kitt	78
6. Warren Mick	Lucy	74
7. Kate Collins	Pearl	72
8. Fiona Robertson	Bean	71
9. Carolyn West	Gael	68
10. Peggy Flanagan	Rory	68

Long Road: Carol Campion**NURSERY***Dogs running: 5*

1. Warren Mick	Finn	78
2. Carol Campion	Carrie	49



Barb Eriksson's Brook eyes up the sheep at the top of Cummington's field as she walks out to work the set –out

Barb Eriksson

NEBCA TRAVELLERS: Some people really know how to travel. Rebecca and her husband Dave Goyer set off with eight* border collies in tow for a multi-month tour of the South

The South/ West Adventures of Gus and Cricket

By Rebecca Hartz

*Claire, Oscar, Dan, Barley, Moon Luna, Bella, Tuck



We headed out on January 1, 2022 from the frigid NE to Florida with Cricket (our small RV). We stopped at Sherry Lees' in St Cloud, FL to work the dogs on the way to North Port. Kim and Chris Hikes and the Page Farm Trial at the end of January in Georgia. The trial was very well run and the sheep were great. There was a good mix of handlers and dogs. From Georgia we went back to Tennessee, where we have a plot of land, to pick up Gus (our large RV). We then started making our way to Texas.

Our first stop was supposed to be an arena trial in Fort Worth but it was cancelled due to weather so we headed to south Texas to get out of the ice. We went to Seminole Canyon State Park, which is far enough south that it shares a border with Mexico. In fact, we almost ended up accidentally crossing the border into Mexico. We took a wrong turn and had to make a U-turn right in front of the Mexican border with a 40" RV towing a truck. We had to unhook the truck to make the turn. We had quite the audience of border patrol officers watching us.

Can't imagine what they were probably thinking. From Seminole Canyon State Park we headed to the Fort Stockton trial. It was a great trial and very well run as well. The sheep were range sheep so it was a very challenging course with a big flat outrun and it was very difficult to see the sheep. Each run got better as we went along. Everything in Fort Stockton is prickly and wants to stick to your dog's feet. Booties for the dogs probably would have come in handy.



The trial at Junction was the next stop. This trial is held at an old race tract that had been converted to hold rodeo events. Range sheep were brought in for this trial as well. The bad red dog (ada Barley) spooked a sheep and it lept off the embankment into the water below; considerable effort was required to get her out. Then we stopped at a friend's house in Texas for two weeks and worked dogs. Breaking ice in buckets seemed to be the theme for the two weeks. Texas can actually get quite cold in February. Gaitsville was the last trial for Texas. All of the dogs were improving with the bigger outruns. The sheep were so far away you couldn't really see them. The judge would let you know when the sheep were set. The Texas trials include a host

of extremely good handlers, from the East, West and North. Everybody in Texas was extremely kind and welcoming. Our last stop before heading back to Tennessee was an arena trial in Yadkinville, NC. We enjoyed the compaony of everyone there and had some nice runs. We then

headed to TN for a few weeks before heading home in Cricket to NY to start the trial season in the Northeast.



Photos by Rebecca Hartz

Yadkinville, North Carolina
Point and Time arena trial

NEBCA Spring Meeting

May 20, 2022

(via Zoom)

Meeting called to order 6:04 PM. There were 21 members present. While not a quorum, the meeting continued as there were no items to be voted on. Basic procedures for the meeting were reviewed by Barbara Eriksson.

I. Approval of the minutes for the Annual Meeting were postponed.

II. Executive Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report (Martha Walke) There are currently 247 members, up from 187 at this time last year. Eighty of these members renewed or joined since the Annual Meeting. There are 7 Life members, 201 Individual members and 39 Farm/Family members. Of our total membership, 44 are new this year. All current members are renewed or entered in the Points System.

B. Treasurer's Report (Denise Leonard) The report was reviewed by the treasurer. See attachment.

III. BOD Report (Carolyn West)

Since the Annual Meeting in January, the BOD has appointed a committee to review and update the NEBCA By-laws. The members of the Committee are Warren Mick, Dave Sharp and Lori Tsuruda. The Committee had a Zoom meeting on 3/17/22 with Carolyn West and Barbara Eriksson to discuss the Bylaws and to lay out a timeline for the Committee to complete their review. The Committee will send an update to the BOD on or before 5/31/22 and 8/31/22 and will finish their review and present the changes and updates to the Bylaws to the BOD on or before 10/31/22. The BOD will review the changes and present the amended Bylaws to the Club for review and voting prior to the Annual Meeting in 2023.

As a result of the discussion with the Bylaws Committee, the BOD has also reviewed the insurance that NEBCA currently carries. The Bylaws state that the Club will indemnify Directors and Officers of the Club and we wanted to determine if the current General Liability policy provides that coverage. I discussed our General Liability policy and the possibility of adding a policy that specifically indemnifies Directors & Officers (this is call a D&O policy) with our insurance broker and asked her to provide us a quote for D&O coverage. The BOD is discussing the policy and the cost (\$575).

At this time, the BOD has nothing else to report. We are sorry that no BOD members are able to attend the meeting and we welcome any questions regarding both the Bylaws Committee and the additional insurance coverage (send questions to either the entire BOD or to Carolyn).

Discussion followed on what this insurance covers, on 'indemnification' and on the need to make a decision soon concerning this insurance as our current policy is up for renewal at the end of July.

Warren Mick updated the Bylaw Committee's work. They are going through the current Bylaws for 1) updating to reflect current practice(s); 2) changes that need to be made (e. g. change the date for the Annual Meeting in order to do the audit; change quorum requirement; add provisions for online meetings); 3) overall organization and language of the Bylaws to make them clearer and more concise. Their first draft is almost ready for review by the BOD.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Open Trials Committee (Kim Lippolis) The following trials have been approved for NEBCA sanctioning:

Handy Dog Summer Trial – July 7/9-10

80 Acres – 7/28-31

Grass Creek – 8/2-7

Ox Creek – 8/20-21

Handy Dog Fall Trial – 9/10-11

The Committee has a zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th, to begin planning the Fall Foliage Trial.

B. Novice Trials Committee (Pam Wataha) All Novice handlers should double check that their 2022 NEBCA dues have been paid.

Handlers who “begin to trial in Novice classes with any new dog who has previously competed in herding trials with another handler must notify the Novice Trial Committee of the change in handler, and must complete a **Novice Committee Notification Form**. This form may be found as a link on the Novice Guideline page, or by contacting a member of the Novice Committee.”

The 2022 Novice Finals will be held in Haverhill, MA, at Tattersall Farm, Sept. 10 & 11.

Additional information at a later date.

V. Newsletter Report – No report

VI. Select Committee Reports

A. Merchandise Committee (Kim Lippolis) Nothing new has been ordered for 2022.

Merchandise will be taken to the MA Sheep & Woolcraft Fair and to the Morse Brook Farm Trial. We are looking for volunteers to sell merchandise at these trials. If anyone is interested in taking the NEBCA merchandise to other trials, please notify Joanne Krause or Kim Lippolis.

B. Calendar Committee – No report

C. Education Committee (Rose Redick) The Ed Committee had another successful winter offering online training opportunities to NEBCA members. Approximately 96 members participated in the scheduled events. A total of 5 events were offered and all were filled with waiting lists for a few of the events. All those who registered were able to attend one event with vacant seats made available for those who wanted to participate in a second event.

The committee now has an online registration system for future use. Each committee member, in various roles, contributed to the success of this program.

Approximately \$1700 of income was generated before payments to the instructors. No funds from NEBCA were needed to support these programs. See the Treasurer’s Report for the final income balance.

Thank you to those who participated, the instructors and the ED Committee for making this another successful year. We hope to see you again next year with more events.

Discussion followed on the new email address for this committee; their support of the whistle challenge at the Cummington Trial; and thanks to Warren, Chris and Denise for their very informative Judging Clinic.

D. Library Report (Sheila Crepeau) In 2022 the library moved from VT to NH. There have been 3 transactions by 3 members.

VII. Unfinished Business – None

VIII. New Business

A. Next Meeting Date – August 26, 2022 at 7PM, via zoom. Motion to adjourn (SC/DL) at 6:40PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Martha M. Walke, Secretary

NEBCA
FINANCIALS

INCOME & EXPENSE
BY CATEGORY

INCOME	year to 4/30/2022	2022 budget
Advertisements		
Newsletter		
Web Ad		
TOTAL Advertisements		\$50
Breeders Directory		
Breeders Directory:calender	\$10.00	
Breeders Directory:Listing News- letter		
Breeders Directory:Web Link		
TOTAL Breeders Directory	\$10.00	\$150
Calendar Sales		
Calendar Sales to Members	\$519.50	
Calendar Sales to Non Members	\$20.00	
Calendar Shipping	\$7.95	
TOTAL Calendar Sales	\$547.45	\$2000
Education Committee	\$1590.87	\$1500
Interest Inc	\$6.24	\$25
Library Income	--	\$100
Membership Dues		
Membership Dues:Family	\$544.00	
Membership Dues:Individual	\$2385.50	
TOTAL Membership Dues	\$2929.50	\$6000
Merchandise Sales		
TOTAL Merchandise Sales	\$80.01	\$2000
Rental of Equipment	--	\$50
Newsletter Postage Donation	\$10.00	
General Donation	\$1.50	
TOTAL INCOME	\$5175.57	\$11875.00
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EXPENSES

	Year to 4/30/2022	2022 Budget
Administrative	\$72.99	\$750
Advertisement	\$0	\$0
Awards	\$322.39	\$350
Bank Charge	\$0	\$50
Pamphlets	\$0	\$350
Calendar		
Postage	\$222.57	
Layout	\$0	
TOTAL Calendar	\$220.57	\$1200
Gifts	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$0	\$625
Education	\$923.93	\$1000
Library		
Books & Video Purchase	\$0	
Library Administration	\$0	
Total Library		\$350
Merchandise		
Cost of Goods Sold	\$0	
Postage	\$0	
Total Merchandise		\$2000
Newsletter		
Postage	\$90.48	
Printing	\$251.75	
Total Newsletter		\$2000
Paypal Transaction Fee	\$103.05	\$400
Fall Foliage Contribution	\$0	\$4000
Novice Finals Contribution	\$0	\$4000
Refund	\$3.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1988.16	\$17,075

NEBCA Account Balances	4/30/2022	12/31/2021
Bank of America Checking	\$14,530.57	\$15,314.74
Greenfield Coop Bank	\$18,255.78	\$15,865.96
Capital One	\$19,005.40	\$18,999.16
PayPal	\$ 1674.90	\$ 99.38
Overall Total on account	\$53,466.65	\$50,279.24



GUESS what NEBCA member we see here in her youth?

Answer on page 17

And in other COVID news.....

If you feel fine, but your dog's looking at you funny - trust the dog.

A new study on COVID detection found that trained dogs were actually better at correctly determining an infected person's status in some cases than the typical nose swab antigen tests, according to a paper published Wednesday.

The peer-reviewed work, led by researchers from a French veterinary school and published in PLOS One, is the latest in a long line of research on dogs being used to sniff out COVID. Already they have been used at airports and in concert venues, among other places, to flag potential risk. Researchers sampled 335 adults, both symptomatic and without symptoms. About one-third of them actually had COVID.

Researchers found that the overall sensitivity of the dogs -- correctly giving a positive result for an infected individual -- was 97%, and got all the way to 100% in those who were infected but asymptomatic.

As to specificity -- the ability to correctly diagnose a negative result in an uninfected person -- the dogs were right 91% of the time. "The sensitivity of canine detection was higher than that of nasopharyngeal antigen testing ... but the specificity was lower," the authors wrote. The dogs, a mix of animals from French fire brigades and security dogs from the Middle East, took anywhere from three to six weeks to train.

But don't throw away your test kits; the authors said that while dogs appeared to be highly reliable, PCR tests were still needed to confirm infection, especially for variants.

(Reprinted from AVMA SmartBriefs 5/26/22)

The Bluegrass Classic SDT: May 18-22 Lexington KY

The list of intrepid NEBCA-ites trekking to the beautiful Bluegrass Classic continues to grow. This year saw 13 members with a total of dogs joining the over 50 handlers and approximately 200 dogs from around the country and Canada. Stepping to the post in Open we saw:

- ♦ Mich Ferraro (*Dahlia, Bella*)
- ♦ Diane Cox (*Rook*)
- ♦ Sue Schoen (*Spy*)
- ♦ Amanda Milliken (*Howell*)
- ♦ Josh Newcomb (*Chopper*)
- ♦ Peggy Chute (*Vera, Twizzler*)
- ♦ Lori Cunningham (*Rope, Buck*)
- ♦ Tracy Hinton (*Lad*)
- ♦ Michelle Brothers (*Mac*)
- ♦ Amanada Winecoff (*Bonnie*)
- ♦ Beth Murray (*Audrey*)
- ♦ Merry Klimek (*Hope*)
- ♦ Heather Nadelman (*Coin*)



The Bluegrass trial committee means business

Many handlers brought along their young dogs to run in Nursery, ProNovice or Ranch as well. Some memorable placings in this highly competitive event included:

- ♦ Tracy Hinton first in Nursery 2 with **Tye**
- ♦ Amanda Milliken first in Nursery 4 with **Tui**
- ♦ Diane Cox 8th and 10th with **Perasie** in ProNovice 1 and 2, respectively
- ♦ Elizabeth Smith-Fries 10th with **Grace** in ProNovice 1
- ♦ Michelle Brothers 2nd with **Doc** in Pro-Novice 2
- ♦ And: Amanda Milliken (**Howell**) and Mich Ferraro (**Dahlia**) made it to the **Double Lift**, where *Amanda finished 5th and Mich 15th out of 130 of the continent's best dogs.*

CONGRATULATIONS. We are so proud to call you NEBCA members.



Mich Ferraro and Dahlia shedding tough range sheep

For the record: The BlueGrass Classic Open was won by Alasdair MacRae with Tweed; Jamie Mitchell and Sweep were second.



Sue Schoen sends Cori on the outrun in Nursery for the challenging Montana range sheep



Sue Schoen and Amanda Millken with Sue's dog Cori



Elizabeth Smith-Fries and Grace, thrilled to finish 10th in ProNovice

PANDEMIC PUPPIES!

Maria Amodei had to have two.....



“Bar”

*John Campbell’s **Kate** x Bob Allen’s
Joey*

“Coda”

*Sam Furman’s **Skye** x Kevin
Evan’s **Spot***



“Gin”

*Newbold **Seren** x
Kinloch **Carlos***

DOB 9/25/21

Owned by Teresa
Powers



“Super G”

*Karen Gorman’s **Tess** x Kathy Knox’s
Seth*

DOB 2-26-22

Owned by Karen Gorman

New Feature: Meet the Membership

In which we introduce a few salient or interesting facts about a NEBCA member

Meet Barb Armata

Barb is well known to many in NEBCA as a trainer/teacher/clinician, handler, judge, occasional breeder and former trial host. But, let's get to know her a little better.

Barb lives on 24 acres (six in pasture) in Esperance, NY with her husband Bernie. They recently downsized from an 85 acre farm plus kennel just up the road—in retirement, time to relax and concentrate on training her dogs!

Once upon a time, Barb had over 100 sheep, breeding 60 per year, so she could have enough sheep to supply Leatherstocking Trial. After stepping down from that commitment, she and Bernie still kept about 50 head for training their dogs, giving lessons and raising meat lambs. However, the current farm has only 20 sheep: mostly Scottish Blackface, which Barb likes for their hardiness, good mothering and ability to stay fresh when working dogs. They are, however, smart and can figure out which dogs they will let move them and which they won't! She also has three Dorset crosses and three Border-Leicester/Cheviot crosses. These are for pups and young dogs. There *were* three Katahdins but they have been SOLD. Barb is not fond of Katahdins for training because they get very “doggy” very quickly.

Barb joined NEBCA in 1990 and has been a very active club member, serving in every possible capacity except President, Secretary and Newsletter editor—Barb says no but I see something in her future! Barb was especially well known for leading the Novice Trials committee for some years, and for fund raising with T shirts.

Currently Barb has a 12 year old dog Kate, and three dogs in training: Bett, 7; Tye, 3; and 1 year old Bonnie. There's also Bernie's dogs for a total of nine BCs, plus George the Maremma. Sadly they lost Coco the Dachshund, a fixture on Bernie's lap at many trials, last fall.

How did Barb get involved in this crazy obsession called SheepDog Trialing? Well way back in 1974 she was working on a cutting horse ranch when her boss's bitch had a litter and he gave Barb a pup. This was Tara, who was fearless. She could head and heel and knew when to bite and when not to, and could gather the cows and bull off 50 acres by herself. Barb thought this was just normal for a border collie....later she learned how amazing Tara had been. Inspired, she looked for a BC to train and trial, leaving behind her previous passion of horses.

To pay the bills, Barb worked (and worked and worked) as a radiologic technologist. She managed the acquisition of Xrays, ultrasounds, mammograms and CT scans for human patients. Barb and Bernie also built a boarding kennel on their farm to supplement their income. These jobs did limit her ability to travel and train and gain wide-ranging experience with her dogs. Now retired she looks forward to lots more freedom.

I asked Barb what trainers or handlers she admired, and she listed the English shepherd Dave Sykes as a formative influence on her knowledge; lately she has been working enthusiastically with Angie Coker-Sells. Barb has enjoyed a lot of trials over the years, but some of her favorites include Leatherstocking, Caora Farm, Tommy Wilson's, Lone Oak and Millstone (John Campbell) in VA. As for her most memorable trial, that would be the VA Nationals in 1999 when her bitch Taff made it into the Semi-Finals – yup, that would be a thrill for many of us.

Believe it or not, Barb has another hobby besides sheepdogs: she loves to draw and paint. Her work does adorn several NEBCA T-shirts. Lately she hasn't had much time for her artistic expression but now that she is getting settled on the new smaller farm, she looks forward to getting the brushes out again and we can hope to see some new Barb artwork, maybe gracing the pages of this newsletter.

(submitted by Pan Mueller)

NEBCA 2022 TRIAL CALENDAR

See NEBCA website for more info, clickable entry links, and most up-to-date information

Date	Trial	Location	Classes	Host/ Contact	Phone
June 23-26	Caora Farm	Millerton NY	2 Open, 3 Nursery	Michele Ferraro & Kak Weathers	518-592-1320
July 1-2	Fetch Gate Farm	Cortland NY	2 Open, 1 Nursery	Carolyn West	860-729-0550
July 1-3	Cascade Farm	Bath, NH	Open, Nursery, NN, PN, Ranch	Mary Ames	603-838-2018
July 7	Ossipee Valley Fair	South Hiram, ME	2 Open Points and Time	Lynn Deschambesult	207-256-0999 207-793-4330
July 8-10	Dancing Ewe Farm	Granville, NY	2 Open, Nursery	Joanne Krause	518-642-1580
July 9-10	Handy Dog	St. Agatha, ON CANADA	2 NN, PN, Ranch, Nursery, Open	Victoria Lamont	519-497-0765
July 17	Sugarbush Gap	Windsor, NY	2 Novice, PN	Sara Reiter	607-655-2170
July 23-24	Morse Brook Farm	Westminster, VT	2 NN, PN, Ranch	Liz Shaw	802-376-6280
July 23	Shepherd's Crook	Woodville, ON	2 NN, PN, 1 Ranch	Tracy Hinton	416-697-4575
July 28-31	80 Acres	Kingston, ON	2 Open, Nursery	Amanda Milliken	613-540-4845
Aug 2-7	Kingston Sheep Dog Trials	Grass Creek Park Kingston, ON	2 Open Double Lift 8/7	Amanda Milliken	613-540-4845
Aug 20-21	Ox Creek	Canandaigua, NY	2 Open, Nursery	Paul Batz	585-298-07879
Sept 1	Lancaster Fair	Lancaster, NH	One Open Points	Mary Ames	603-8382018
Sept. 3	Blue Hill Fair	Blue Hill, ME	Open Points & Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Sept 4	NE US Open	Blue Hill, ME	Open Pts & Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Sept 10-11	NEBCA NOVICE FINALS	Haverhill, MA	NN, PN, Ranch	SEE NOVICE COMMITTEE	On page 2 for contact info
Sept 10-11	Handy Dog	St Agatha, ON	2 Open, Nursery	Victoria Lamont	519-497-0765
Sept 16	NH Highland Games	Loon Mt Lincoln NH	Open Points & Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999 207-793-4330
Sept 30-Oct 2	Shepherd's Crook	Woodville, ON	2 NN, PN, Open	Vikki Kidd	416-277-4313
Oct 2	Fryeburg Fair	Fryeburg, ME	1 Open Pts & Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
OPct 14-16	Kitley Corner's Farm	Jasper, ON	2 NN, PN, Ranch , Open	Celeste Lacroix	613- 284-6611
October— pending	Topsfield Fair	Topsfield, MA	2 Open Points & Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999 207-793-4330

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2022 NEBCA Summer MEETING
AUGUST 26 7 pm via ZOOM



**Kelpie learns how to put sheep
in the chute via tutorial from
virtual reality goggles....**

*No actually this is Lucky, Sallie But-
ler's 12 year old who has an eye con-
dition requiring her to wear special
sunglasses.*

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