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Peggy Flanagan's Kitt faces off with a Gulf Coast Native ewe at Lancaster Fair Sheepdog Trial

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## President's Message



Dear NEBCA members,

I hope all is well with you and your dogs!

Things have been busy within NEBCA. The bylaws committee completely reviewed our current bylaws and have made suggestions to revise the bylaws to reflect the current practices more accurately and to make the bylaws easier to understand.

There was a Zoom meeting held on November 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the changes. The bylaw committee worked hard and put in a lot of time to come up with the suggested changes. Thanks to the committee and the Board of Directors for taking on this long overdue task.

The nominating committee has come up with a slate of candidates for the upcoming election to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors that will be created when the terms are completed by Hilary Flower and Stacey Beaty-Rember. Thanks to both for serving!

I've heard rumors that the education committee has come up with some great ideas for online learning for us to enjoy this winter, so I am eagerly awaiting more information about that.

As the days grow shorter, I am working my dogs as much as possible before snow and ice force us to curtail much of our work. I hope you and your dogs are doing the same.

*Barb*

### ANNUAL MEETING

The date for the Annual Meeting will be held via ZOOM on January 21, 2023 at 7pm. By-Laws revisions will be voted on. If you have been avoiding the meetings because you are unsure how to "zoom in", please ask a club officer (anybody on page 2) for help. It is easily done on a computer or smart phone.

### ELECTIONS !!!

It's that time of year and we're not talking about Georgia. Here in our own little corner of the NE it's time to vote on NEBCA Officers for Board of Directors. A ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. Also as always, DON'T FORGET TO RENEW your membership.

## From the Editors

Snowflakes are already falling and, with the exception of the PA Farm Show indoor arena trial in Harrisburg and one Canadian trial for very intrepid travellers coming up in January, trialing is done until spring.

NEBCA's signature events, the Novice Finals and the Fall Foliage, take place in the fall as such are reported in this issue. Be sure to check out the reporting and photos on pages 8-10 and 11-12, respectively.

The Fair Trials of New England run from July through early October. These are principally point and time trials in arenas of various sizes. In this issue we feature a few of these trials as well as a revealing article by our very own President Barb Eriksson (p. 5). Barb has become a devo-

tee of fair trials (and it's no wonder, as she and her dogs are naturals at it, doing extremely well in their first season) and maybe you should look into this venue. One thing about the Fair Trials, they tend to generate large enthusiastic crowds. Some competitors don't like the attention, but it's a great way to showcase the talents of our dogs and "promote the Border Collie as a working stock-dog".

Desperately seeking photos! There are many members who enjoy taking photos of dogs, sheep, people. Don't just post them on Facebook or Instagram; send them to the Newsletter! They will live on forever (Truly—newsletters are posted on the NEBCA website and never leave. This is a longer life than a Calendar photo!). Trials, clinics, training — anything remotely relevant will be considered. Your photo might even end up on the cover.

## Getting Started with Time and Points Trials

**By Barb Eriksson**

This year I tried competing in Time and Points trials for the first time. I have been wanting to compete in the trials for a few years, and suspected my dogs would be good at it, but I only moved up to Open last year and was still running in Ranch with my two girls. I knew that if either of them placed in a Time and Points trial, it would mean I couldn't run that dog in Ranch any longer, and I wasn't feeling ready to be competitive in Open in the bigger field trials yet. I now wish I hadn't waited, because I learned that the only way for me to be confident about running in Open was to get out there and run in Open. By holding back on the Time and Points trials I missed out on great fun and an excellent learning experience for me and my dogs.

Before this year, I had worked at the Time and Points trials at the Big E and at the Highland Games as a way of learning more about the trials and to spend time with my sheepdogging friends. I would highly recommend volunteering to help at a trial if you or your dog aren't quite ready to compete. It is an excellent way to see how the trials are run, to learn the rules, and learn your way around the trial grounds before you step up to compete. I was a more prepared competitor when the big day finally came around because of my time as a worker.

The first Time and Points trial I entered was the NH Highland Games at Loon Mountain. That trial is on a very small grassy field with many spectators lining three sides of the area. The judge described the course to us before we started. Three sheep were set on grain at the top of the area, and we needed to navigate the sheep through several sets of panels and cones before we penned them. For every sheep that made it through an obstacle, the team received a point. If there was a tie for points, the tie was broken by the faster time. So the first priority was accuracy. Lines don't matter in a Time and Points trial and you can cross your course without penalty. I ran my older dog Bel first. Bel ran up to the top and lifted the sheep. They ran quickly, and in the small area it was very hard to have much control. We managed to make our way around the course, but we didn't get very many points because the sheep missed several obstacles. In my nervousness, I completely forgot to drive the sheep through the final set of cones and went directly to the pen. We made it around the course very quickly, but we didn't get very many points, so Bel didn't place well at that trial. Brook was my second

dog to run. I had more confidence in her ability to run well because I could see that I had made some mistakes with Bel that I intended to not make with Brook, and because Brook is more biddable. I knew that one weakness Brook has that might harm us was her tendency to run wide on her outrun. Because the outrun isn't judged in Time and Points, I let her walk up the field a bit before flanking which kept her slower and not so wide. I stopped her frequently to keep her influence on the sheep softer which had the effect of keeping the sheep calmer. As a result, we had a much more accurate run. Brook placed first at that trial. There isn't much that makes a sheepdog trialer want to sign up for another trial like placing first!

I also entered the girls in the trials at the Big E and Fryeburg Fair. Both of those trials had the additional challenge of a bridge that the sheep needed to go over, and at Frye-



burg Fair there was an interesting chute that the dog needed to drive the sheep through. There are two trials in one day at the Big E. (Ed. Note: The Big E is a giant event, life five state fairs in one, held in Springfield MA) By taking our time and trying to hit every obstacle with every sheep, both dogs placed in both trials at the Big E and Brook placed at Fryeburg. They both had perfect scores in



the afternoon trial at the Big E, as did Christine Koval and her dog Jim. With the three way tie with perfect scores, the placements were Bel, Jim, and then Brook based on time. Before the trials I was worried that my dogs would have a hard time maintaining focus in the loud environment of the Coliseum at the Big E, but once they understood that there

was work to be done, they completely ignored the crowds and the noise.

Because Time and Points trials are usually held in small spaces, they are best suited to dogs that don't have too much presence, so the sheep stay calmer. A dog with good brakes and steering is very helpful. There isn't much time per run, so fast thinking on the part of the handler is important too. Some of the trials pay out well, even up to 15 places, so if you place it is an opportunity to make back some of the gas money you've spent going to trials! If you are on the fence about going to Time and Points trials, I would highly recommend giving it a try. I feel that it has given me ideas about improving my training and handling and that it has strengthened my partnership with my dogs.



Barb with Brook and Bel and their winnings at The Big E

## Lancaster Fair Time and Points

### Lancaster NH Sept 1 2022 26 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Points	Time
1.Nancy Phillips	Dewy	28	2:59
2.Eric Johnson	Blade	27	1:54
3.Maria Mick	Nick 3	27	2:41
4.Margaret Flanagan	Rory	27	3:18
5.Margaret Flanagan	Angus	26	2:06
6.Lynn Deschambeault	Flo	24	2.09
7.Dave Young	Pic	22	2:27
8.Brenda Buja	Dice	20	2:17
9.Dave Young	Tagh	19	3:09
10.Brenda Buja	Callie		



Nancy Phillips and Dewey, winners at Lancaster Fair

Handlers and support team at Lancaster Fair: Mary Ames, Mary Ellen Young, Rose Redick and Maria Mick



Nancy Phillips



## Blue Hill Fair Open Time and Points

Blue Hill, ME Sept. 3 2022

**23 dogs ran**

Handler	Dog
1. Lynn Deschaambeault	Nana
2. Carol Weigand	Brody
3. Brenda Buja	Callie
4. Lynn Deschambeault	Flo
5. Barb Levinson	Bob
6. Peggy Flanagan	Angus
7. Dave Young	Tagh
8. Brenda Buja	Dice



Nancy Phillips

*Lynn Deschambeault with 12 year old Nana ready to launch at Blue Hill Fair*



Nancy Phillips

*Carol Weigand thanks home-trained Brody for all the bling and prize money she brought home*



Nancy Phillips

*Kim Lippolis and Deke hustle at the pen to the delight of a large crowd of spectators at Blue Hill Fair*

## NE US OPEN Point and Time Blue Hill ME Sept.4

**21 dogs ran**

Handler	Dog
1. Carol Weigand	Brody
2. Brenda Buja	Dice
3. Pam Mueller	Fly
4. Kim Lippolis	Deke
5. Brenda Buja	Callie
6. Steve Lyons	Erin
7. Lynn Deschambeault	Nana
8. Nancy Phillips	Dewey
9. Dave Young	Pic
10. Dave Young	Mia





*Roger Deschambeault and Jack prepare to go to the post at Lancaster Fair trial.*

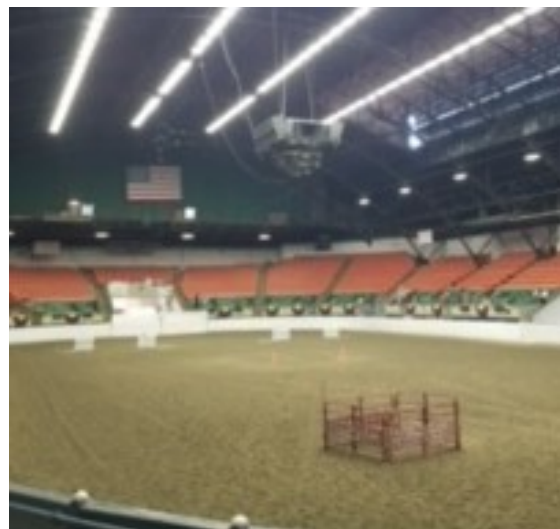
## The Big E — Springfield MA Sept. 26 Open Time & Points Trial

### Trial 1 18 dogs ran

Handler	Dog
1. Christine Koval	Tru
2. Christine Koval	Jim
3. Maria Amodei	Pan
4. Barbara Eriksson	Brook
5. Barbara Eriksson	Bel
6. Maria Amodei	Drum
7. Maria Mick	Nick3
8. Lynn Deschambeault	Flo
9. Steve Lyons	Ben
10. Lynn Deschambeault	Nana

### Trial 2 18 dogs ran

Handler	Dog
1. Barbara Eriksson	Bell
2. Christine Koval	Jim
3. Barbara Eriksson	Brook
4. Maria Amodei	Pan
4. Maria Amodei	Drum
6. Pam Mueller	Fly
7. Lynn Deschambeault	Nana
8. Carol Weigand	Brody
9. Lynn Deschambeault	Flo
10. Steve Lyons	Erin



The Big E arena awaits



# NEBCA NOVICE FINALS 2022 Sept. 10-11 Haverhill, MA

By Karen Gorman

What a beautiful farm in Haverhill, MA, as we gathered to run dogs and enjoy each other's company. The autumnal weather was gorgeous and the trial farm a site to behold: all decorated, fenced and tents set up. The sheep arrived safe and sound, a very important piece to our plan :)

The trial ran smoothly, with superb judging by **Chris Bowen**. Such excellent dog and handler teams! Saturday evening handlers dinner was delicious and the committee received lots of great feed back on the BBQ feast. It was fun to see everyone enjoying the food and talking with everyone about their year. There was a big group of Canadians that made it this year, yay!

Sunday after the runs wrapped up everyone helped take down and pack up (thank you!). Then the awards were handed out: beautiful prizes and some new awards.

And then it was quiet again.

To My fellow Novice committee members and our trusty close friends, you are all rock stars !! Work horses!! Thank you for all your hard work and help! Pam Wataha, Debbie West, Elizabeth Smith Fries, Sheila Crepeau, sharon and Dan Barrett !

Thank you to all who pitched in to help , thank you judges!



Karen Gorman



Karen Gorman

Welcome Handlers

Handlers and dogs inspect the trial field





## Novice Finals Winners

### NOVICE/NOVICE

Champion: Genevieve Pronovost & Nora

Reserve: Ashley Crocker & Jack

### PRONOVICE

Ch. Warren Mick & Finn

Reserve: Hilary Flower & Iris

### RANCH

Ch. Francois LeBlanc & Peat

Reserve: Hilary Flower & Olive



*N/N Champions: Genevieve Pronovost & Nora*



**Long Road Award: N/N: Genevieve Pronovost with Nora**

**P/N: Warren Mick with Finn**

**Ranch: Francois LeBlanc with Peat**

**Alex McKinven Trophy: Todd Layfield & Callum**

*"Awarded to the highest placing handler who has dog in Open and runs a self-trained at the Novice Finals"*

**Betty Levin Award: Sharon Barrette & Clyde**

*"Given to honor Betty Levin, long time club member, handler, trainer and supporter. The recipient of this award exemplifies values that were important to Betty by training their own dog, displaying good sportsmanship, good dog handling and a willingness to help and volunteer at NEBCA trials"*



*ProNovice Champions: Warren Mick & Finn*



## NOVICE FINALS AGGREGATE SCORES over two runs

## Novcie/Novice

Handler	Dog	Score
1. G. Pronovost	Nora	137
2. A. Crocker	Jake	132
3. B. Anderson	Cribb	126
4. D. Sherman	Monty	122
5. M. Champagne	Into	116
6. G. Frostick	Robbie	112
7. D. Turcotte	Denver	110
8. L. Bohm	Roo	104
9. S. Crepeau	Blake	75
10. W. Simon	Faye	58

## ProNovice

Handler	Dog	Score
1. W. Mick	Finn	138
2. H. Flower	Iris	130
3. T. Layfield	Callum	127
4. C. Pover	Kali	125
5. L. Rogers	Ffate	119
6. D. Eriksen	Dove	98
7. H. Flower	Daisy	62
8. V. Snowden	Trim	59
9. F. LeBlanc	Stan	54
10. B. Anderson	Euchre	53

## Ranch

Handler	Dog	Score
1. F. LeBlanc	Peat	159
2. H. Flower	Olive	151
3. G. Prince	Grace	139
4. B. Eriksson	Bel	136
5. D. West	Breeze	135
6. T. Layfield	Cork	134
7. D. Reiter	Tan	133
8. P. Wataha	Dax	131
9. S. Barrette	Clyde	129
10. D. West	Zoom	126



Sallie Butler

*Tim Molinero conducts a symphony of sheep with his dog Finn as a demo during lunch break At the Topsfield Fair Sheepdog Trial held on Oct 6, Topsfield MA. Tim and his wife Lisa raise a heritage breed of sheep, Gulf Coast Native. The lively group enjoyed the Trial.*



## Fall Foliage 2022 By Val Henry

There are some trials that can feel like a family reunion in addition to being a great competition.

This one kicked off with Kim Lippolis's beautiful decorations! She even bought colorful strands of fall foliage to wrap around and dress up the post. She and Martha's warm smiles and kindness to everyone, everyday, while working hard to make the trial run like clockwork, did not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Allistair Lyttle was flown in from Ireland to be our judge. He is a very kind professional shepherd, international competitor and judge. And, I just about fainted the first morning of the competition when I brought him his coffee. He actually knew my little dog's name! He knew the farmers and farm on Achill Island where Tag spent the first four months of his puppyhood. Eek!

Mary Mott's hearty breakfasts and home made soups were a warm and welcome addition to the chilly fall days!

The chatter under the tents was always a cheerful drone, and I never missed hearing Amanda's and Sue's infectious laughter as I scurried by, anxious to get to the top of the very big hill, where the sheep were quietly nestled among the trees in the pens.

Laurie Sargent, Frank Thoma, Mike Nunan, and Dan Schubmehl were the pen crew hard at work shifting sheep that never failed to greet me with a smile, witty jokes and the best conversations. Poor Barbara Eriksson, like the most cheerful of sherpas, made that mountain side trek more than once toting giant bags full of drinks and snacks for the workers. No wonder she's in such great shape!

Set out always gives you the best seat in the house to watch great teams like Warren and Tommy, Brenda and Cali, and Christine and Tru quietly float the sheep across the field on the most seemingly impossible straight lines.

On behalf of the Open Trial Committee, we can't thank everyone enough who hiked that hill everyday to volunteer and work hard at the pens and set out. Truly, the trial could not happen without great and reliable volunteers like all of you!

No family reunion would be complete without its moments of

crisis, like when Shelia's RV broke down. Actually there were three RV's in need of some repairs, in what jokingly became known as the "Ox Creek Bermuda Triangle". Never fear, Maria Amodei, Dave Goyer and Frank Thoma came to Shelia's rescue! She had the RV in need of the most urgent repair. There's a great photo floating around of Maria in the middle of "surgery" on Shelia's RV. Who knew that one of Maria's many talents was being an emergency RV mechanic?



*The trial field at Ox Creek Farm*

Christine Koval

No competition would be complete without shining moments of great sportsmanship and camaraderie, like watching Warren take time out of his own walk through the morning of the double lift to coach a group of nervous handlers. Or the moments of incredible friendship and coaching that will never be forgotten. Like Carolyn West, despite being herself a competitor, still waking up to answer frantically nervous texts at 2 AM. And, Carolyn Pover driving over an hour just to support a friend she never yet met in person. Or Christine Koval, upon noticing how nervous I was, stopping to share the story of **her** very first double lift where she too was first run of the day....AT THE BLUEGRASS!

I can't even imagine.

The trial reached its climax watching Paul and Reyn's epic run. The sheep were relentlessly tough that afternoon and nearly impossible to sort and shed. Paul and Reyn never gave up and were the picture of true team work between man and dog.

I was glad to have been in attendance this year, and even proud to be part of the committee that hosted the event. We're all glad Sheila made it home safely, and for those who couldn't make it this time, we hope to see you next year.



# NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE Canandaigua NY Oct 7-9 2022

## Results: Dogs Qualified

**Judge: Allistair Lyttle**

### Open 1

50 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Brenda Buja	Callie	88
2. Christine Koval	Tru	84
3. Warren Mick	Tommy	82
4. Sally Molloy	Kerry	79
5. Mary Thompson	Daisy	78
6. Eric Johnson	Blade	78
7. Fiona Robertson	Bean	77
8. Diane Cox	Perusy	75
9. Val Henry	Tag	73
10. Paul Batz	Reyn	72

### Open 2

50 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Fiona Robertson	Bean	84
2. Mike Nunan	Kip	81
3. Christine Koval	Tru	78
4. Amanda Milliken	Tui	78
5. Denise Leonard	Lark	76
6. Eric Johnson	Blade	72
7. Hilary Flower	Olive	72
8. Mary Thompson	Teagan	70
9. Sally Molloy	Reese	69
10. Amanda Milliken	Carl	68

## DOUBLE LIFT 15 dogs ran

### Fall Foliage Champion:

<b>Val Henry</b>	<b>Tag</b>	<b>118</b>
2. Paul Batz	Reyn	117
3. Christine Koval	Tru	110
4. Warren Mick	Tommy	108
5. Mary Thompson	Teagan	107



Christine Koval

**Double Lift Winners: Val Henry and Tag**

*No one going hungry at this trial!*



Christine Koval



# LOOK!! NEW BOOK!

## The History of the Working Collie Breeds

by Carole L. Presberg

published 6/20/22 Rowe Publishing

Today there are about twenty collie breeds distributed throughout the countries in which they developed: Great Britain and Ireland, North and South America, and in Australia and New Zealand. This book presents a comprehensive viewpoint on the history and development of these breeds. It also includes chapters on Extinct Collies, Droving, Sheepdog Trials, and Livestock Guardian Dogs. The Border Collie is represented throughout the book as it developed in every one of the countries mentioned, as well as in Southern Africa.

Carole Presberg was a sheep farmer for 25 years with the help of her Border Collies. She was the editor of the first NEBCA Newsletter in the early 1980s. She published a quarterly magazine (The Shepherd's Dogge/, 1988-2002) and co-authored a book with Irish author Marjorie Quarton (/The Working Border Collie/ in 1997). She has written articles for numerous magazines, including /International Sheepdog News/ (the magazine of the International Sheep Dog Society (ISDS), a series of 26 articles from 2009 through 2014). Carole has been maintaining an extensive website (BorderCollieMuseum.org) for many years, and was the founder of North American Border Collie Rescue Network and New England Border Collie Rescue (for which she now edits a newsletter). These endeavors and their attendant research have given her a unique outlook on the working collies, and led to the writing of this book.

This book can be ordered from the publisher (rowepub.com), Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

## Sugarbush Gap Novice Trial November 13, 2022

Windsor NY

Judge: Pam Mueller

Novice Novice 1			Novice Novice 2		
9 dogs ran			8 dogs ran		
Handler	Dog	Score	Handler	Dog	Score
1. Yvonne O'Brien	Ruby	53	1. Bill Zhang	Dobby	55
2. Bill Zhang	Dobby	49	2. Anya Varonne	Oscar	53
3. Anya Varonne	Oscar	46	3. Yvonne O'Brien	Stella	51
4. Linda Pace	Addie	41	4. Linda Pace	Addie	47
5. Yvonne O'Brien	Stella	40	5. Wayne Simon	Faye	44
			6. Yvonne O'Brien	Ruby	44
Pro Novice 1			Pro Novice 2		
8 dogs ran			8 dogs ran		
1. Jean Barrett	Sway	71	1. Jay Best	Shep	66
2. Jay Best	Shep	64	2. Kim Lippolis	Sam	64
3. Kim Lippolis	Sam	63	3. Sara Reiter	Cliff	58
4. Sara Reiter	Cliff	62	4. Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	51
5. Dominick Frabizio	Dylan	57	5. Jean Barrett	E'ire	50
6. Amy Hershberger	WillaBold	48	6. Jean Barrett	Sway	36
7. Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	37			
8. Jean Barrett	E'ire	26			

## MINUTES of the NEBCA Summer/Fall Meeting (conducted via Zoom)

October 5, 2022 7:03PM call to order.

*Zoom procedures reviewed by Barbara Eriksson.*

### I. Approval of minutes from Spring meeting

Motion to approve (CW/DL). Minutes approved.

### II. Executive Committee Reports

#### A. Secretary's Report – Martha Walke

Currently there are 269 members compared to 263 members in November, 2021. Of these, there are 6 Lifetime members, 216 Individual members, and 47 Farm/Family members. We have had 55 new members join in 2022 compared to 44 at this time last year. All members are current in the Points System. The membership form and the ballot for officers will go out in the December Newsletter and will be posted on the NEBCA website. If you wish to renew now for 2023, you can find the membership form on the NEBCA website.

#### B. Treasurer's Report – Denise Leonard

See Treasurer's report posted on the NEBCA website.

### III. BOD Report – Carolyn West

Reported on the review of the Bylaws from the committee appointed by the BOD. This committee consists of Warren Mick, Dave Sharp and Laurie Tsuruda. They have presented proposed changes to the BOD and these will be discussed at the Special NEBCA Zoom Meeting and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January, 2023.

### IV. Standing Committee Reports

#### A. Open Trials Committee – Kim Lippolis

Current Committee members are Paul Batz, Val Henry, Kim Lippolis, Mike Nunan, Christine Koval and Barb Eriksson (ex officio).

The following trials have been approved for NEBCA sanctioning: Shepherd's Crook (9/30 – 10/2); Kitley Corners Farm (10/14 – 16); May Brook Farm Halloween Trial (10/29 – 30); and the PA Farm Show SDT (1/7 – 8).

The Fall Foliage Trial is taking place Oct. 7 – 9 at Ox Creek Farm in Canandaigua, NY. There will be two open trials on Friday and Saturday with a double lift on Sunday consisting of the 15 top scoring dogs who were eligible. We are all looking forward to a fantastic weekend!

#### B. Novice Trials Committee – Debbie West

The Novice Finals ran smoothly. It was super to have so much help setting up and tearing down the fencing as well as setting up handling equipment and the exhaust area. The rising cost of equipment (tent rental, side by side rental, gas/diesel), prizes and items such as sheep rental and trucking needed to hold the event off of a working farm contributed to entry fees higher than past years. Packets of 4 sheep were run for each of the three novice classes. This settled the sheep a bit and added to the handler/dog success rate. Runs were limited to two per dog since we learned that from the 2021 Finals that three runs put too much stress on the sheep. It was great to have a strong Canadian presence at the event as well as several new novice handlers. The Novice Novice class was the strongest the committee has seen.

Many thanks to the open handlers who helped make the event a success. Many thanks to Chris Bowen for judging.

### V. Newsletter Report – Pam Mueller

The Newsletter continues to be published. All members are invited to submit content or ideas to the



## **Summer/Fall Meeting Minutes, cont.**

editor. Feedback is also always appreciated – let us know what you liked or disliked so we can create content the club enjoys. Following staff changes at the printer we have been using we have experienced unacceptable delays. And lack of communication and are actively seeking a new printer.

### **VI. Select Committee Reports**

#### **A. Merchandise Committee – Kim Lippolis**

Merchandise sales through September 2022: MSWCF - \$800; Caora - \$191; Cascade - \$180; Dancing Ewe - \$275; Novice Finals - \$315.

It has become increasingly difficult to get the merchandise to trials. Now that Liz Shaw has stepped down from the committee to devote more time to the Education Committee, no one has volunteered to cover the New England trials. The committee has decided that, starting in 2023, we will only order hats/visors and the grey NEBCA shirts. A specialty item, such as denim shirts, hooded sweatshirts, etc., will be made available for order on the NEBCA website. Individual orders will be taken during a specific time period and payment (including shipping) must be sent with the order. Please let us know if there is anything specific you would like to see offered as a pre-order item.

#### **B. Calendar Committee – Diane Geer**

George Northrop and Diane Geer each took 100 calendars to sell. Diane has sold or distributed to NEBCA members a total of 60 calendars.

#### **C. Education Committee – Rose Redick**

There was no activity for the Education Committee since the last meeting. As the trialing season ends they will begin setting up some Zoom clinics for the winter. The schedule will be posted as soon as things are in place.

#### **D. Library Report – There was no report.**

### **VII. Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Bylaw Revision – Warren Mick**

Reviewed their directive from the original motion to review the Bylaws. The committee met throughout the spring and completed their review by late July. Some of the issues worked on included data security; undefined and missing elements; compliance with state laws. Their suggested changes are extensive and include organization; wording; deleted sections; added sections; a mission statement; titles for each section.

There will be a Zoom meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7PM to review and discuss all the changes the committee made to the Bylaws. These are available on the website in the Members Only section and should be reviewed before the meeting. It is important that the Standing Committees be represented at the meeting. The new Bylaw document will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

### **VIII. New Business**

#### **A. Nominating Committee – Barbara Eriksson**

The Nominating Committee members are Chris Bowen, Maggie Chambers and Dave Young. They will have their candidates by the end of November.

B. It was suggested that, before setting a meeting date, the calendar be checked for religious holidays. This meeting was held on Yom Kippor.

C. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 21, 2023, at 7PM via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn (DL/JM). Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, NEBCA Secretary



### **Proposed Bylaws Revision—A message provided by the Bylaws Revision Committee**

At the 2022 NEBCA Annual General Meeting it was voted to appoint a committee to review the bylaws and suggest changes as needed. The committee (Warren Mick, Dave Sharp, and Lori Tsuruda) were given the following directive by the Board of Directors.

*The Bylaws Committee should review the NEBCA Bylaws and suggest changes that will update those bylaws based on current practice. The committee should provide updates on the progress to the BOD on or by May 31, and August 31 and should complete their review on or by October 31, 2022 and deliver the proposed update to the BOD.*

The Bylaws Committee delivered the proposed bylaws revision ahead of schedule, and the BOD unanimously endorsed that this revision be presented to the membership for review. Notice was given to the members that the association was considering changes to the governing document at the Fall Zoom meeting, and a Special Zoom Meeting was held on November 15, 2022.

The proposed marked-up bylaws revision was made available on the NEBCA website for membership review prior to the Special Meeting. A summary of revisions to the bylaws includes:

- The bylaws have been updated to be consistent with current practice and applicable laws.
- Many sections have been reorganized for clarity and easier reference and usage by members, directors, officers, and committee members. Roles and responsibilities have been clarified.
- The date of the Annual General Meeting was moved from the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday in January to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Saturday in March to allow more time to prepare prior year financial reports and to complete the audit.
- The bylaws have been revised to reflect that electronic communications have dramatically changed the means and methods of communications as well as how meetings may be conducted.
- No structural changes have been made to the bylaws. There is **no change** to NEBCA's mission, the number of directors, geographical footprint, and the location of incorporation (Commonwealth of Massachusetts).
- The Webmaster role has been recognized as an officer, and the Education Committee has been added as a standing committee.
- These revisions were revised on 11/22/2022 based on feedback received at the 11/15/2022 meeting of members.

The bylaws revision is a major overhaul of the governing document. It is done when there are too many changes to be made through the amending process. Such revision is notice that a new bylaws document will be submitted for consideration by the members at the Annual General Meeting on January 21, 2023. A single vote will be taken on the proposed bylaws revision document as a whole. Two-thirds of the majority present and those voting by proxy or written ballot must approve the bylaws revision for it to be adopted.



A final draft of the proposed bylaws revision is available on the website. All members are encouraged to read this draft prior to the January 2023 Annual Meeting.



## NEBCA Special Meeting

### For Discussion of Proposed Bylaw Changes

**November 15, 2022 (via Zoom)**

#### Background:

*At the 2022 NEBCA Annual Meeting, a motion was made (WM/PD), on Dave Sharp's recommendation, that a committee be appointed by the BOD to review and update the Bylaws which were last amended in 2001.*

*The rationale for this is to update outdated items; consider the audit issue; and change items that, over time, have not been abided by. Discussion followed concerning whether this should be done every few years and whether it should be done by the BOD rather than a committee. The motion passed unanimously.*

(From the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting.)

*Meeting called to order at 7:03PM.*

*24 members present.*

Barbara Eriksson introduced the purpose of the meeting and handed over the running of the discussion to Carolyn West, Chair of the Board of Directors. Carolyn introduced the members of the committee, Warren Mick, Dave Sharp and Lori Tsuruda, and thanked them for their work. The BOD has endorsed the proposed revision. The final revision will be on the Agenda of the Annual Meeting and will be voted on by the membership (2/3 of the membership to approve).

The mission of the committee and the summary of revisions made are listed on the NEBCA website along with the revised Bylaws. One big change was the date of the Annual Meeting from the third Saturday in January to the first Saturday in March in order to give the Audit Committee time to fully oversee the NEBCA finances for the given year. Another change was the addition of the Webmaster as an Officer and making the Education Committee a Standing Committee.

Carolyn proceeded to lead the overview and discussion of the revision by reviewing each section of the revised Bylaw and asking for questions and comments on each revision. There was open and animated and interesting discussion on wording and meaning and the reasoning of the committee on some changes/additions as well as suggestions for clearer wording in some sections.

The committee will look at all the suggestions made at the meeting and make revisions to their document. The newly revised Bylaw document (Revision of revisions) will be posted on the NEBCA website with a notice to members that it is available. This document will be briefly discussed at the Annual Meeting before being voted on for acceptance by the membership.

The committee was thanked again for their work.

Karen Gorman

Motion to adjourn (JM/DL) at 9:04PM. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary

(Tim Molineros's Gulf Coast  
Native flock ready to go at  
Noivce Finals)



*SHEEP: The Heart of a Sheepdog Trial*

## 2022 CBCA and USBCHA Finals by Gaby Melancon

What a great learning experience and a huge rush of adrenaline was year 2022 for my little Dot and I ! USBCHA National Finals were held last September in Minden, Nevada at the Park Ranch. I felt blessed that I had the chance to get qualified and participate



to both Open and Nursery finals. It was my very first experience at these big finals. I had the opportunity to watch competing some tremendous partnership of

handlers/dogs working very challenging sheep, the Merinos from the Borda Ranch Family. Two thumbs up to the organizers, volunteers and sponsors of this great event. Everyone had fun for sure. I was so proud to finish in the Top Ten (8th place) and to receive the award of "Rookie of the Year"



*Nursery Rookie of the Year belt buckle*

buckle with a touch of bling in loving memory of Kristi Oikawa that was sponsored by Nancy Kemna and Alasdair and Patricia MacRae. What a feeling to compete amongst so many talented handlers that I have heard about and admire and even if I felt a bit intimidated to stand at that post, I did it ! It has



*Handlers Meeting, Millarsville Albata*

been an honour for me as well as to represent my province of Quebec Canada. The little cowgirl in me was living the dream. I have my heart full of joy and my head full of great memories. The best is yet to come. There is one thing for sure, the more I get to learn the more I see that there is still so much more to learn about so let's get back to work ! ***To become better you must take action no matter how scared you are or how hard it seems to accomplish !*** Also at the end of August, was the CBCA Nursery and Open Finals at the beautiful Ranch of Louanne Twa in Millarville, Al-



*Gaby and Dot at CBCA Finals*



berta Canada. As one of the directors of the CBCA, I was pleased to finally be able to meet in person some of the other board members from out West and to participate to both finals as well. The amazing views of the Prairies and the Rockies were completely stunning. Anyone needs to put this on their bucket list to visit or compete ! That field was the biggest one that I have ever competed on. Open outrun was 600 yards, a very long run for my little girl but she has such a big heart that she gave her best shot. Dot and I finished in the Top Ten (9th place) of the Nursery Finals. Next year, CBCA Finals will be held in the East Aug 8-12, 2023 at Grass Creek Park Kingston, Ontario Canada: an event you don't want to miss!!



*Gaby's Dot in the Sierra Nevada Mountains*

Congratulations Gaby on your amazing success as a "young" handler; we will be watching you rise and shine!

## NEBCA TRIAL CALENDAR 2023

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

Date	Trial	Location	Classes	Host/ Contact	Phone
Jan 1	80 Acres/Kingston	Kingston Ontario	Open, Nursery, PN	Amanda Milliken	613-540-4845
Jan 7-8	PA Farm Show	Harrisburg, PA	2 Open, Nursery Time and Points	Carolyn West	Text 860-729-0550

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## **NEBCA Annual MEETING: Jan 21, 2023 at 7 pm**

**Via Zoom**



Christine Koval

**Yes, the 2023 Calendar is available: \$10 plus shipping**

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