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Debbie Sherman's Nellie: I'm ready, are you?

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It is with great sadness that we announce the death of George Northrup of Royalston, MA on May 4, after a difficult battle with cancer. George was a beloved, hardworking, fun-loving and inspirational member of NEBCA and the sheepdog community of the Northeast. He will be deeply missed. A memorial tribute to George will appear in the next issue. Anyone wishing to contribute thoughts, remembrances or photos please contact Carolyn West at tobyfwest@gmail.com

NEBCA will be making a donation to the US Team going to the World Trial in George's memory. Kate and George regularly went overseas to watch the International and the World Trial and traveled all over the UK and Ireland. The Club encourages members to make their own donation in George's name if they would like. Members who wish to donate may do so at:

<https://usbcha.com/usa-world-sheepdog-trials-team-fundraising-auction-checkout-or-donations/>

USBCHA Director sought

Mich Ferraro is currently a Director for District 6, which covers New England and New York. Her term is up in November and a nominee for this position is needed. A Director for USBCHA can be nominated by anyone in the district who is a member in good standing. Then they are voted on. The Board's job is to oversee the annual National Finals and provide fiduciary responsibility to the organization. There is a disciplinary committee for grievances. Board meets four times a year, virtually. Anyone interested in being nominated, or for more information, please contact Mich at:

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From the Editor

It was 91 degrees in Pennsylvania today. Yup, it's summer. Sadly the annual "Rite of Spring" Memorial Day weekend trial at the Massachusetts Sheep and Wool Festival aka Cumington did not take place this year. Here's hoping it may return some day under new leadership. Fortunately NEBCA members have been able to fill their time with a sprouting of clinics, and the trial season is upon us with a good offering of events throughout the summer.

The NorthEast trial season kicked off with an extremely well attended new Novice Trial at Flying Bucket Farm in Hemlock NY. And I am sure you all, along with me, want to know what in the world is the origin of that farm's name, which remains unexplained, but you can see the report and results on pp. 4-6.

Next to appear, another Novice trial this time at Sarah Mullin's Breezy Acres Farm in Liverpool PA. Both these

trials were hosted by relative new-comers—kudos to these hosts for courageously jumping into the fray and putting on trials. Seems like last year there was a lot of moaning about "so few Novice trials"; well here they come.

Once again, don't miss the Minutes of the Spring NEBCA meeting — despite the small turnout (only one tenth of the membership showed up via Zoom) the meeting was packed with details you will want to read about on pp. 16-18.

If you think you know club member Debbie Sherman, think again; read her story on pp. 8-10.

Learn about Tabletop SDT on page 13 and the World Trials on page 15. Print out this Newsletter, staple together and read under the Handler's Tent at this summer's trials. Enjoy.

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FLYING BUCKET FARM NOVICE SDT ~ May 13 & 14, 2023

Hemlock NY

Text and photos by Jean Barrett

The Flying Bucket Farm was buzzing early this spring, just as soon as the ground was workable. The first sheepdog trial was only a couple months away and lots of work needed to be done. Moving stone for the pathways, building obstacles, transforming the landscape and fixing fencing. Pretty much most of the goals were accomplished to set the stage for the upcoming Novice Trial.

The fields were just not dry enough to enable use of the entire grounds for parking RVs and campers, so Plan B did not have to be implemented. The food vendor was set, the ribbons and awards arrived and all was ready to go! We decided to have all handcrafted artisan prizes for our awards. Winners received unique and memorable prizes: from handcrafted Amish harness -eather dog leads and the filigreed geese, duck and chicken eggs given to the Novice class, to the hand-painted sheep motifs on canvas, to the gorgeous hand-thrown clay mugs and dog water bowls from "Down The Hill" Pottery, with custom glazing and "Flying Bucket Farm" stamped in the bowls.

What a wonderful weekend at Flying Bucket Farm. Perfect weather for the first trial of the season. The days were not too hot nor too cold for the livestock, dogs and handlers. We had plenty of blue skies and green grass as our trial backdrop.



We had handlers from eight different states and two provinces of Canada. New York came in on top with 12 entries, then Pennsylvania with five, New Jersey with four, Massachusetts with three, NH with three, and MD, OH & RI all with one entry each. Ontario had one entry and Quebec had three entries. We had about 50 runs per day. Many thanks go out to all our wonderful, awesome helpers who tirelessly managed set out, sheep pens, exhaust, scribes, and running scribe sheets. Special thanks goes out to Sallie Butler, Joanne & Jim Murphy, Paul Batz, Anya Varrone & Family.

Sallie Butler had the honor of being our first-ever judge. The trial began at 7 am each day with the Ranch class. We had many well-known and long time competitors enter the trial, as well as a huge class of Novice/Novice competitors and dogs. The Ranch competitors showed great skill in running their dogs on our first time trial sheep. Most handlers and dogs made it around the course, although the pen was challenging and remained so throughout the weekend. Pro-Novice followed the Ranch class, and again a number of well known and respected handlers stepped up to the post, with extremely talented dogs. Many handlers and dogs demonstrated their skills in stockmanship and handling on the course. Several Ranch class participants graciously volunteered their time to set out for the next classes and to mentor some less experienced handlers and dogs on set out. The pen remained the most difficult portion of the course. It presented some real tests for both handler and dogs. Many teams did achieve a successful



penning of the sheep. All teams gave a solid effort and showed real nuance in their handling of the penning challenge.

A lunch break followed the Pro-Novice class to allow the sheep a chance to rest and for competitors to enjoy a delicious lunch provided by a dear friend and neighbor of the farm. She provided excellent food and top notch service, and we look forward to having her at all future events here at Flying Bucket. Of particular note were the chocolate chip cookies and brownies. All home-made and not to be missed!

Novice/Novice class ran after lunch with a brief handlers meeting both days. Everyone who ran in N/N demonstrated real effort and excellent stockmanship. Some very excited dogs and sheep gave many handlers a hefty challenge in keeping to the course. Once again, the pen was challenging on both days. By day two the sheep had gotten better at being trial sheep and the course came down to handling excited dogs who were more than a little happy to be working stock. The pen was once again the place to win or lose the trial. Many teams achieved success at the pen and showed real finesse in managing the dog and sheep to win their pen-points.

Both days the trial ran exceptionally smoothly, and we finished classes at a stunning 2:00p m on Saturday and 1:30 pm on Sunday, including having an awards ceremonies taking place after for ribbons and prizes, and a raffle drawing on Sunday by the lunch-crew for a little extra fun!

Many, many thanks to our gracious volunteers during this event; it would not have been possible without all of you!

Our Combined Award winners received hand thrown pottery – a bowl or a mug!

RANCH : *Champion* – Theone Thayer & Jan *Reserve* – Laurie Sargent & Chip

PRO-NOVICE: *Champion* – Skylar Landis & Tate *Reserve*- Maria Mick & Sylvie

NOVICE-NOVICE: *Champion* – Linda Rogers & Stache *Reserve* – Caroline Gordon & Stella



A crowd on a beautiful day just happy to be sheepdog-trialing

Flying Bucket Novice STD RESULTS May 15/16 Judge: Sallie Butler

Novice/Novice 1 21 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Anya Varrone	Oscar	53
2. Mike Perry	Dakoka Lee	50
3. Caroline Gordon	Stella	46
4. Linda Rogers	Stache	41
5. Daniel Turcotte	Sept	39
6. Josee LaMontagne	Brook	37
7. David Stocker	Wyatt	34
8. Josee LaMontagne	Hatchy	27
9. Daniel Turcotte	Luke	24
10. Kim Russell	Lint	10

Novice/Novice 2**19 dogs ran**

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Linda Rogers	Stache	66
2. Caroline Gordon	Stella	59
3. Sharon Barrette	Virgil	55
4. Daniel Turcotte	Sept	52
5. Anya Varrone	Oscar	52
6. David Stocker	Wyatt	43
7. Kim Russell	Classic	30

ProNovice 2 14 dogs ran**ProNovice 1** 17 dogs ran

1. Maria Mick	Sylvie	68
2. Skylar Landis	Tate	60
3. Joanne Murphy	Abby	45
4. Kim Lippolis	Deke	44
5. Emma Court	Pride	43
6. Francois Leblanc	Stan	36
7. Linda Pace	Addie	35
8. Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	30
9. Daniel Turcotte	Denver	26
10. David Stocker	Blazer	20

1. Skylar Landis	Tate	64
2. Emma Court	Pride	62
3. Daniel Turcotte	Denver	60
4. David Stocker	Blazer	59
5. Maria Mick	Sylvie	56
6. Danielle Eriksen	Dove	49
7. Joanne Murphy	Abby	45
8. Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	43
9. Judianne Davis-Van Nostrand	Spin	42
10. Linda Pace	Addie	29

Ranch 1 11 dogs ran

1. Theone Thayer	Jan	64
2. Laurie Sargent	Chip	58
3. Francois Leblanc	Peat	48
4. Sharon Barrette	Clyde	43
5. Joanne Thayer	Pepe	38
6. Danielle Eriksen	Finn	35
7. Linda Rogers	Ffate	32
8. Jean-Louis Bigourdan	Kit	18

Ranch 2

10 dogs ran

1. Theone Thayer	Jan	75
2. Laurie Sargent	Chip	66
3. Jean-Louie Bigourdan	Skye	61
4. Danielle Eriksen	Finn	52
5. Joanne Thayer	Pepe	37
6. Jean-Louis Bigourdan	Kit	36

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YOUR photo submission

Meet the Membership —Introducing Debbie Sherman

(Ed. Note: Normally the Newsletter editor writes this piece after interviewing the member. Deb chose to write her own story, with prompts from the editor. Debbie has been on the margins of NEBCA for some years now, but with her stunning new dog Monty and her decades of general dog training experience she is poised for success and we can expect to be seeing a lot of her.)

I love training, animals and people! When I was a little girl my dream was to be a dolphin trainer! That dream didn't become a reality but another dream did come true when, two years after marrying my high school sweetheart Stan, I got my first horse. I did everything from trail riding to competing in Hunter-Jumpers with my chestnut Appendix mare Jonquil, at the same time that my husband and I were raising two kids. We owned Rottweilers during this stage of our lives but I wanted a dog that would live longer than 10 years. After considering different herding breeds, the Border Collie was my pick.

My first Border Collie was one that was rehomed to me. Her name was "Elf" and I loved what a smart and quick learner she was. She was my first dog for agility competition. My next BC was *extreme* in every way and lacked focus for work. His name was "Savvy". Sadly, I came to find out he had autistic characteristics. This was around the same time that the National Sheepdog Finals were held in Gettysburg, PA. I went as a spectator and I was enthralled with what those dogs were capable of doing. We had just moved to a small farm in Newport, PA in Perry County, between Harrisburg and State College. I took Savvy to my first herding clinic with Barb Armata, thinking this type of training might give him the focus he lacked. It did not, but Barb became a good friend and mentor to me over the years. I was a newbie full of questions which she was always happy to answer and I have appreciated her help and honesty ever since. Here I was trying to learn this *herding* thing and didn't have a dog to help me because Savvy just could not get it. Barb suggested I take a try with Bernie's dog Nell as he was looking to rehome her at the time. Oh Nell was quirky but did I ever learn a lot from her! One important lesson was NOT to use the lie down as a correction!!! 😊 Needless to say, it was hard to get a stop on her. On a positive note, Nellie did get me out on the trial field and is the reason I joined NEBCA in 2015. We actually were able to not only compete but even place at the Novice Finals my first year, but I knew that I couldn't move on and up with her.

It was tough having a dog that was holding me back from advancing my handling while the new friends I had just made were able to move on up the ranks. Although I didn't have a dog to compete with, I decided I was going to need to buy some sheep if I wanted to accelerate my learning. I bought some Katahdins so I could practice and learn about the pressures in my field and how to read sheep. Our property consists of 21 acres with about half of it being woods. My original plan when we moved here was to set our place up for horses. Fortunately, it worked out well for training sheep too. In addition I have a wonderful neighbor whose field adjoins our property and he allows me use of it to practice Outwork and Driving. I currently own a mixed bag of sheep consisting of three young Black-faced Scotties, two Cheviots, nine Cheviot-Blue Faced Leicester crosses and two of my original Kathadins I started with. All told it makes for a nice small flock of 16.



Monty's first trial, Taravale Farm: High in Trial Novice Novice

We share our home with seven dogs (two Rottweilers, four Border Collies and an All-American Cattle dog x Husky Cross.) For about seven years I was without a dog to compete with. I was still learning through auditing, and online classes and trying to find that “right” dog. Things have a way of working out. During my lull, I met some wonderful people, a few of them being Angie Coker-Sells and Sharon Harris. I got the dog I am currently competing with from Angie as a puppy. His name is Monty and he has helped me get back in the game again. I almost feel like I am starting over again in a funny way since I have been off the grid from not being on the trial field for so many years. It is a much different feeling now, going to the post with a dog I trust vs. one I don’t trust. I am thrilled and grateful to be able to train with Angie at her Oklahoma ranch a few times a year.

My “real Job” that I do every day is I am a self-employed owner of a dog Boarding & Training business called Positively K-9 & More. My passion is training people to train Life Skills to their dogs. I have been involved in dog agility since 2000 and have taught others to teach their dogs agility as well. The partnership between the dog and handler is of utmost importance to me. One of my future goals is to host a learning trial at our farm so others can learn how to start with a proper foundation to learn about herding and stockmanship.

My four grandkids (9,6,4, and 2 yrs. old) keep me busy babysitting and watching their sport events in between my working and training my own dogs. I still dabble in agility here and there since variety is key to my ADD personality. I am down to one horse now and will occasionally hop on him for a trail ride. I also like to read, and have done some stained glass. If

life slows down for me at some point I would like to get back to creating more.

The Border Collie is the perfect fit for me and my personality. They are like potato chips. They are all individuals none are the same! Similar to horses when I think about it. Even though they are all Border Collies they are all different but they can all learn very complex behaviors. This makes life fun and richer for me. I truly



believe I am a better person because Border Collies are a part of my life. Not to mention farm work goes smoother having a good dog around to help.

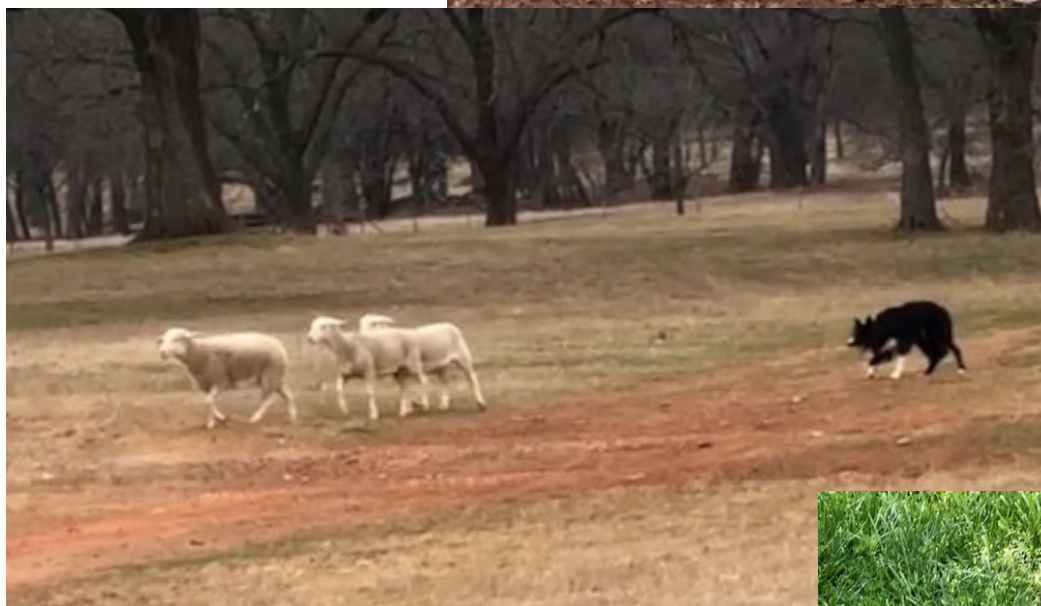
If you were to ask me what Superpower do I possess: it is GOD.

My “Super Power” is my inner strength and strong Faith in the unseen. My Dad used to make fun of my goals and say things like “You’ve got BIG DREAMS girl”. I used to feel like he was making fun of me but I feel very different today and found this quote by Harvey MacKay- “A Dream is just a dream. A Goal is a dream with a plan and a deadline”.



Previous page: Monty was 4th at the 2022 NEBCA Novice Finals, only his second trial ever

Monty is ready to help Deb with farm chores



Deb got Monty from Angie Coker-Sells in Oklahoma and was fortunate enough to go back to OK to train him with Angie

The newest member of the Sherman household, Jodee, a grandson of Sharon Harris's Dodge, now 14 weeks old



Breezy Acres Novice Trial

Liverpool, PA

June 3 & 4 2023

Judge: Judy Gambill

Hosted by Sarah Mullen. The sheep were tough, but everybody appeared to have a good time. N/N and PN were both offered twice daily.

RESULTS

Novice/Novice 1, Saturday 11 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Sarah Mullen	Rae	55
2. David Stacker	Wyatt	51
3. Chloe Scott	Caiohme	50
4. Linda Bohem	Roo	43

Novice/Novice 2, Saturday 10 dogs ran

1. Chloe Scott	Caiohme	58
2. David Stacker	Wyatt	48
3. Nicole Palmer	Bran	44
4. Yvonne O'Brien	Ruby	42

ProNovice 1 Saturday 24 dogs ran

1. Sarah Mullen	Willow	58
2. Marianne Walter	Tess	53
3. Emma Court	Pride	51
4. Joanne Murphy	Abby	50
5. David Stocker	Blazer	46
6. Mason Hotter	Laddie	44
7. Josh Newcomb	Bullet	40
8. Bridget Griffin	Tess	25

ProNovice 2 Saturday 22 dogs ran

1. Sarah Mullen	Willow	66
2. Nancy Ortiz-Sharpe	Wind	68
3. Bridget Griffin	Tess	58
4. Emma Court	Pride	53
5. Michelle Dobbs	Jane	52
6. Josh Newcomb	Bullet	52
7. Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	50
8. Joanne Murphy	Abby	48
9. Becky Bellaman	Cruz	43
10. Mason Hotter	Laddie	30
11. Sara Reiter	Cliff	28
12. Marianne Walters	Tess	25

Sunday June 4

Novice/Novice 1

11 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Sarah Mullen	Rae	62
2. Linda Bohem	Roo	56
3. Yvonne O'Brien	Ruby	53
4. Chloe Scott	Queeva	50
5. David Stocker	Ringo	40
6. David Stocker	Wyatt	36

Novice/ Novice 2

10 dogs ran

1. Nicole Palmer	Bran	58
2. Linda Bohem	Roo	51
3. Yvonne O'Brien	Ruby	44
4. Preston Ray	Hope	40
5. Chloe Scott	Caoimhe	39

ProNovice 1

20 dogs ran

1. Skylar Landis	Tate	65
2. Michelle Dobbs	Jane	64
3. Josh Newcomb	Bullet	63
4. Emma Court	Pride	59
5. David Stocker	Blazer	58
6. Becky Bellaman	Cruz	57
7. Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	57
8. Sarah Mullen	Willow	53
9. Mason Hotter	Laddie	52
10. Teri Rhodes	Jim	50
11. Lori Tsuruda	Boone	44
12. Lori Tsuruda	Pepper	39
13. Sara Reiter	Cliff	11

ProNovice 2

20 dogs ran

1. Josh Newcomb	Bullet	76
2. Skylar Landis	Tate	69
3. Mason Hotter	Laddie	61
4. Becky Bellaman	Cruz	56
5. Teri Rhodes	Dina	55
6. Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	54
7. Nancy Ortiz-Sharpe	Wind	53
8. Kim Lippolis	Sam	53
9. Michelle Dobbs	Jane	48
10. Emma Court	Pride	47
11. Lori Tsuruda	Pepper	43
12. David Stocker	Blazer	39



Some Breezy Acres Big Winners: Left to right, with Judge Judy Gambill:

Chloe Scott & Caiohme

Linda Bohem & Roo

Sarah Mullin & Willow (in back)

NN Saturday Overall

NN Sunday Overall

PN Saturday Overall

NEBCA Calendar news

The 2024 calendars are at the printer. We hope to have them available soon. Calendars can be purchased from www.nebca.net or from Diane Geer at geerdiane@gmail.com.

Now, on to 2025! We are putting out the call to NEBCA members for your photographs for possible use in the 2025 calendar. Photographs can be black and white or color (we can convert to black and white). Please submit High Resolution Images (e.g. 300 DPI), landscape not portrait, and the focus clear and sharp with good contrast. Images should be of working dogs with or without livestock and be visually interesting. Photographs from all seasons would be great. All submissions should include the dog's, owner's, and photographer's names as well as the submitter's contact information in case we have any questions. Please only submit photos that you have permission from the photographer to use in the calendar.

Also, if any members have an artistic flair, we would love some drawings to put throughout the calendar. Kate Collins and Valerie Pietraszewska have done an amazing job over the years but are now passing the baton. Drawings on the back cover will be in color but those in the rest of the calendar will be in black and white.

All submissions for photographs and drawings must be in by February 1, 2024.

Please email submissions to:

NEBCACalendar@gmail.com

Thank you from your calendar committee,

Elizabeth Smith-Fries
Diane Geer
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Mary Smith

And now... a note from your Newsletter editor.

Did you know that if your photo appears in the Newsletter, it will be on the NEBCA website (archived newsletters) for as long as the website exists? How's that for fame? (sorry no fortune). Photos on the website edition are in color and stay sharp. The Newsletter ALWAYS needs photos — of dogs, sheep, people, clinics, trials, extra-terrestrials.....and WE don't require that they be landscape format or super-high resolution (although we like it). Drawing are also most welcome. As is poetry, articles, novels....

NEBCA TRAVELLERS: Tabletop Stock Dog Trial



The flock of 400 range ewes

This year saw five intrepid NEBCA members trek to Larkspur, Colorado for the Tabletop SDT over Memorial Day Weekend:

Bev Lambert with Annie and Lee

Diane Cox with Rook and Perusy

Mich Ferraro with Quark, Peavy and Bella

Sue Schoen with Cori, Cora and Zoe

Beth Murray with Rena, Audrey and Petra

Notable runs included Mich and Peavy with 3rd place in Nursery 3, Diane Cox with Rook 4th in Open 2, Mich with Quark 10th in the Double Lift, Bev 7th with Lee and 12th with Annie in the Double Lift.

Sue Schoen provided the following commentary. Photos by Sue and Mich.

This May I made my fourth trip out to Lise Anderson's Table Top At Home Stock Dog Trial. I first went in 2008 when I was out doing the western May series with Bev Lambert. This year it was held at Lise's ranch in Larkspur, Colorado. Eighty acres of western pasture rolling to a creek to the east and a view of Pike's Peak to the southwest. Lise brings in 400 fresh Rambouillet yearlings for the trial. They are uniform, gorgeous and unused to dogs and people. Lise takes excellent care of them. One of my jobs was to water them and help make sure they had plenty of alfalfa hay available at all times. It was a busy week and a long 1900 mile drive out and back, but I returned

home buoyant and refreshed. Running on those range yearlings was a joy and a privilege. And we found a fantastic Mexican restaurant with superb green chili cheese enchiladas.

We ran three open trials on her field with a break for a nursery day and a double lift competition the final two days. Anyone could enter the double lift. It was a great opportunity. As the wind allowed Lise swapped ends providing a new challenge with each open trial. The first day the sheep were tough to get down the field. Russell McCord did a great job sorting the runs and allowing dogs to be successful. Probably more letters than scores. Not to say the sheep got much easier as the week progressed, but handlers and dogs began to have more success. My young open newbies made me

very happy. They got the hang of the sheep, finished runs and got around the course in the double lift. Zoe ran first and we shed handily and penned the sheep. That was a thrill. Cori exceeded my expectations, got around the course but timed out in the shed. It was quite hot and I was impressed at how she stuck with the job.



The overall running was worth watching. Some very top handlers plied their skills. The peanut gallery was there to admire good dog work on a difficult course with

challenging sheep.

Ok secret's out. But it's not for the faint of heart. Three straight days of driving, big storms, and no guarantee you'll get them down the field. But I'm going back next year.



Moving the Flock

ISDS World Sheepdog Trials

The seventh World Sheepdog Trials are scheduled to take place September 13th to 16th, 2023 at the 500 acre Gill Hall Estate in Northern Ireland.

What are the World Trials you ask?

The US has its National Finals, the UK has its International, but the world has The Worlds, run every three years since 2002, except for 2020 when they were cancelled due to the COVID Pandemic.

- ♦ A four day competition (three days of qualifying runs on three fields followed by the Double Lift) showcasing the world's best handlers and sheepdogs;
- ♦ A meeting of 240 dogs from 30 countries competing for one big trophy and bragging rights as "top dog";
- ♦ A show-stopper spectacle expecting 50,000 spectators from around the globe;
- ♦ An event requiring 1100 sheep (who did not volunteer to be there);
- ♦ Barbara Ray put it best: "These are the Olympics of Sheepdogs".

The first Worlds in 2002 had competitors from 13 countries that hold ISDS-style sheepdog events (USBCHA sheepdog trials follow ISDS structure). The number of handler/dog teams invited per country depends on the strength of the sport in that country. This year the following entries were offered:

Country	# of teams	Country	# of teams	Country	# of teams
Argentina	2	France	8	Portugal	2
Austria	4	Germany	12	Scotland	21
Belgium	8	Hungary	2	South Africa	5
Brazil	6	Iceland	2	Spain	4
Canada	5	Ireland	21	Sweden	12
Czech Republic	4	Israel	2	Switzerland	8
Denmark	8	Italy	6	Uruguay	2
England	21	Netherlands	14	USA	10
Faroe Islands	3	Norway	15	Wales	21
Finland	8	Poland	2	Zimbabwe	2

Each country uses its own method to choose its team. In the US, for this year's team spots were offered based on the cumulative placement at the National Finals for 2021 and 2022. If a qualified team declined to participate, the next down the placement list was offered the spot. In the past, handlers had to cover the cost of their trip mostly on their own. As this can exceed \$5000 to fly dogs and people, handlers were not always able to accept a spot even if offered. Now we have dedicated volunteers engaged in ingenious fundraising so that hopefully money is not a limiting factor and the best team we have to offer can be sent to represent the USA sheepdog community.

2023 TEAM USA is:

Alasdair MacRae & Tweed

Faansie Basson & Finn

Barbara Ray & Grant

Mike Neary & Bella

Bob Allen & Joey

Bob Allen & Grace

And Junior Handler (must be under 18) *Haley Fogt & Mattie*

Marianna Schreeder & Star

Ron Burkey & Rocky

Dave Imas & Wyatt

Lise Anderson & Roadie

Bob Allen & Grace



You can read more about the team members and their dogs, in their own words, at usbcha.org under Latest News, World Trial -Team USA, profiles. Take a look, you won't be disappointed at what you learn about our team. Team USA merchandise if available to show your love and support the team financially.

Past World Trials and Champions

Year	Location	Handler	Dog	Country Represented
2002	Bala, Wales	Aled Owen	Bob	Wales
2005	Tullamore, Ireland	Gordon Watt	York	England
2008	Landeillo, Wales	Aled Owen	Roy	Wales
2011	Lowther, England	James McGee	Becca	Ireland
2014	Tain, Scotland	Michael Shearer	Bob	Scotland
2017	Hoogwoud, The Netherlands	Jaran Knive	Gin	Norway

Who will it be this year??

It's not too late to book your travel! Learn more at www.worldsheepdogtrials.org. But, remember those 50,000 spectators? Maybe it's better to stay home and watch the Live Feed.

MINUTES NEBCA Spring Meeting June 7, 2023 via Zoom

I. Call to order at 7:30PM. Thirty four (34) members present.

II. Procedures for an online meeting were reviewed by Barbara Eriksson.

III. A motion was made (Carolyn West/Blake Anderson) to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting. All approved.

IV. Executive Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report (Martha Walke) – There are currently 332 members, up from 240 at this time last year. 102 of these members have renewed or joined since the Annual Meeting. There are 5 life members; 276 Individual members; and 51 Farm/Family members. Of our total membership, 80 are new members. All current members are entered in the Points System.

B. Treasurer's Report (Denise Leonard) – The report can be found on the NEBCA website.

The Overall Total is higher now due to the income (approx. \$4000.00) received from the

Education Committee.

V. BOD Report (Carolyn West) – The Bod is working through the list of documents that NEBCA needs to have in the Retention Policy. This Policy is currently up on the website in the Members Only section. The Facebook group is going well and members are encouraged to continue posting.

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Open Trials Committee (Kim Lippolis) – Current committee members are Paul Batz, Barbara Eriksson (eo), Val Henry, Kim Lippolis (Chair), Laurie Sargent and Sue Schoen. The following trials have been approved for NEBCA sanctioning: Cascade 2 (July 7-9); Handy

Dog (July 8-9); May Brook Farm (July 15-16); Sheephouse (Sept. 2-3); Shepherd's Crook (Oct. 6-8); and Fall Foliage (Oct. 13-15). The Fall Foliage Trial is USBCHA sanctioned and will be held at Ox Creek Farm in Canandaigua, NY.

There have been comments received concerning the confusion about the way the Fall Foliage rules are written as published on the website. The Committee will be discussing the wording of the rules and will try to clarify them.

B. Novice Trials Committee (Elizabeth Smith-Fries) – The Novice Finals will be held Sept. 9-10 at Ox Creek Farm, Canandaigua, NY. They will be judged by Barbara and Bernie Armata.

The Committee have sanctioned a number of trials for the 2023 season and are excited by the trials being offered.

In the Novice Guidelines there is a form for new dog notification that is being updated to reflect if a dog is being dropped down two (2) classes. This can only be done once in the owner's lifetime. There will be a page on the website that will keep track of those handlers who elect to drop a dog two classes. Currently, this is only an honor system as the notation of past handlers who have dropped a dog two classes has been lost. The Committee is trying to locate those handlers who have dropped a dog two classes. The Points System can track a dog, by trials, that has dropped one class so the Committee will not have to keep track of these dogs.

VII. Newsletter Report (Pam Mueller and Carolyn West) – The editor hopes that members will continue to send in content and photographs! Trial managers are encouraged to PLEASE send in results ASAP as well as any photos from the trial.

There will be a remembrance of George Northrop in the Fall Newsletter. Nore information on this will be forthcoming from Carolyn and Pam.

VIII. Select Committee Reports

A. Merchandise Committee (Kim Lippolis) – The Committee is looking to set up an account with an online retailer, such as Café Press or Custom Ink. The Committee would set up an account and members would order items directly from the retailer and pay online and have the item shipped directly to them. NEBCA would make a small amount from each transaction after the print minimum is met. Lori Tsuruda has graciously volunteered to help get this set up.

The Committee will still be selling embroidered caps at trials.

B. Calendar Committee (Mary and Concy Smith) – The Committee apologies that the 2024 calendars are not available. The printer is behind on completing the calendars. The printer has all of the information and, while previous production dates have been passed and changed to a later date, the Committee has been informed that the calendar is currently being worked on and they hope to have a proof ready soon for the Committee to view. Kate Collins will go with them to help proof. In the future, the Committee will ensure that the files are taken to the printer earlier so as not to interfere with end-of-year obligations by the printer to surrounding colleges.

C. Education Committee Report (Rose Redick) – There were six (6) webinars held from January - March, 2023. The Committee would like to thank all of the presenters: the Hutchisons; Amanda Milliken; Warren Mick; Dr. Tracy Carter; Patrick Shannahan; and Angie Coker-Sells. In addition to the live broadcasts on Zoom, the Committee has been able to obtain access to five (5) of the recordings and these will be available to rent through the NEBCA library.

The number of actual attendees at each session varied from 40 – 80 per session. Many also viewed the recordings that were available for two weeks to all those who had registered for the event.

Feedback from the registrants and attendees was quite positively strong during the entire process. Many people joined NEBCA to participate in the webinars, increasing the membership numbers of NEBCA.

D. Library Report (Sheila Crepeau) – Since the Annual Meeting there have been three (3) transactions made by three members. The library has received seven (7) books donated by Peter Larson. Most are general knowledge and a couple are duplicates of general pet ownership. These were donated to a local library. All others have been added to the library database on the NEBCA website.

Most of the 2023 Zoom webinars offered by the Education Committee have been added to the DVD/CD section of the library and are available for members to rent.

E. Finance Committee Report (Chris Bowen) – This is a new committee that was initiated at the 2023 Annual Meeting. The current members are Chris Bowen (Chair); Denise Leonard (NEBCA Treasurer); Maria Amodei; and Laurie Sargent. Dave Young has resigned from the committee due to technical problems related to being able to attend meetings.

The Committee has had one formal Zoom meeting. The next meeting will be held in person at one of the Cascade Farm trials in July.

The Committee sees a few of their roles as:

- 1) to oversee the financial health of the organization. They do not see the last two year trend of approving budgets with a loss as something the club can feel comfortable with and they will work to understand it and make proposals to the membership regarding how this can be addressed;
- 2) to understand the changing economics of holding sheepdog trials and consider things the club could do to support trial managers financially;
- 3) and to support the Treasurer in any way they can.

IX. Old Business

A. Chris Bowen asked about the \$2000 available from ABCA for trial managers to apply for financial help with their trials. Warren Mick is overseeing this and is working with both the Novice and Open trial committees towards applying for financial help for the two club trials (Novice Finals and the Fall Foliage). The typical ABCA outlay is anywhere from \$300 to \$5000, depending on the size of the trial. Individual trials can apply themselves. Carolyn West has done this for her trials and will also help. The form for applying is on the ABCA website (www.americanbordercollie.org).

X. New Business

A. A motion was made (Chris Bowen/Carolyn West) to add an annual \$10 fee, payable with annual membership renewal, effective with 2024 membership, for receipt of a paper copy of the Newsletter.

Discussion followed:

A) question concerning how the Finance Committee came up with the 25% of members receiving the print version and point made that this year's membership is an anomaly. That if go by later years, the number is almost split between print and electronic;

b) it was mentioned that the print version is good for advertising NEBCA; mention was made of the NEBCA brochure (currently needing up-dating) and all that it could do to help advertise NEBCA. A response was made that a Membership Committee was to be organized and it could help with up-dating the brochure;

c) Lori Tsuruda presented a friendly amendment that we make the figure for a print version \$11 which is much closer to the actual cost this year. Discussion on this decided it was too cumbersome;

d) Jim Murphy made a friendly amendment that a start date of 2024 be added to the amendment. This was agreeable to those present.

e) Chris did not accept Lori's friendly amendment but did accept Jim's.

The vote was called. 24 in favor; 7 opposed; 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

B. Webinar Committee – The profit from the webinars was noted. Due to the burn-out this year of the Education Committee members, it is recommended that the Executive Committee consider creating a Webinar Committee in order to take these webinars forward. The Education Committee agrees with this. The executive Committee will form a Webinar Committee.

C. It is suggested that each trials' committee work within a budget. The Treasurer would like this and it was suggested that both the Open and Novice committees submit, by mid-July, a preliminary budget. The Treasurer would help each committee do this. The Novice Committee is already working on a budget and the Open Committee will start working on theirs.

Minutes, continued

D. Liz Shaw asked if NEBCA was doing anything to recognize the contributions to NEBCA that George Northrup made over his years of membership in NEBCA. Denise Leonard mentioned she had talked with Kate Collins and Kate would like NEBCA to financially support the 2023 USA World Team to the World Sheepdog Trials in Northern Ireland. This was approved. Individual members who plan on making contributions to the USA World Team can also make them in George's memory.

Motion to adjourn (Maria Amodei/Blake Anderson) was made. Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, NEBCA Secretary

NEBCA TRIAL CALENDAR 2023

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

Date	Trial Name	Location	Classes Offered	Host/ Contact	Phone
June 22-25	Carora Farm	Millerton, NY	2 Open, 3 Nursery	Michele Ferraro Kak Weathers	518-592-1320
June 30– July 3	Fetchgate Farm 2.0	Cortland, NY	2 Open, 2 Nursery	Carolyn West	860-729-0550
July 1-3	Cascade Farm	Bath, NY	2 Open, Nursery, Ranch, PN, NN	Mary Ames	603-838-2018
July 6	Ossipee Valley Fair	South Hiram, ME	Two Open Points & Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
July 7-9	Cascade Farm II	Bath, NY	2 Open 2 Nursery 1 NN 1 PN 1 Ranch	Mary Ames	603-838-2018
July 8-9	Handy Dog	St. Agath, ON	2 NN, PN, Ranch, Open, Nursery	Victoria Lamont	519-497-0765
July 14-16	May Brook Farm	Pittsfield, MA	2 Nursery, 2 Open	Sue Schoen	413-344-9514
July 21-23	Ox Creek Farm	Canadaigua, NY	NN, PN, Ranch, Nursery	Paul Batz	585-298-0789
July 29	Morse Brook Farm	Westminster, VT	2 Ranch	Liz Shaw	802-3766280
July 29-30	Trial and Error	Lunenburg, NS	NN, PN, Rancy, Nursery	Hilary Flower	902-634-4833
August 5	Sugarbush Gap Learning	Windsor, NY	2 NN, PN	Sara Reiter	607-768-3015
August 8-13	Kingston Sheep Dog Trials	Grass Creek Park Kingston, ON	2 Open Double Lift Sunday	Amanda Milliken	613-540-4845
August 12-13	Hood's Farm	Ashville, NY	NN, PN, Ranch	Jean Barrett	716-270-9718
August 19-20	Ox Creek Farm	Canadaigua, NY	Open, Nursery	Paul Batz	585-298-0789
August 26-27	Sheephouse	Cornish, NH	2 NN 2 PN	Virginia Prince	603-675-2129

TRIAL CALENDAR, cont.

Date	Trial Name	Location	Classes Offered	Host/Contact	Phone/Text
August 26-27	Elevage Borden Dan Dosquet	Dosquet, QC	NN, PN	Annie-Claude Lannier	450-566-1118
August 31	Lancaster Fair	Lancaster, NH	1 Open Points and Time	Mary Ames	603-838-2018
Sept 2	Blue Hill Fair	Blue Hill, ME	Open Points and Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Sept 2-3	Breezy Acres	Liverpool, PA	NN, PN	Sarah Mullin	717-554-0371
Sept 2-3	Sheephouse	Cornish NH	2 Ranch 2 Open	Virginia Prince	603-675-2129
Sept 3	Northeast US Open	Blue Hill, ME	Open Points and Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Sept 15	NH Highland Games	Loon Mt NH	Open Points	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Oct 1	Fryeburg Fair	Fryeburg, ME	One Open Points	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Oct. 6-8	Shepherd's Crook	Woodville, ON	NN, PN, Ranch Open, Nursery	Viki Kidd	416-277-4313
Oct 7-8	Bittersweet Farm	Hampton, CT	2 NN, PN, Ranch, Nursery	Carol Campion	860-455-5660
Oct 13-15	NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE	Canandaigua, NY	2 Open, Sanctioned Double Lift (unsanctioned)	Kim Lippolis Martha Walke (entries)	607-655-1139 978-807-9421

2022 NEBCA Breeders' Directory

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WHERE?

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clue.