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President's Column

We welcome Dave Young as the new-

est NEBCA President!

"I would like to thank all of you for your confidence in electing me as President. It has been less than a month now and we have set up a meeting with the web people. I am really looking forward to seeing the new website!

Please enjoy the wonderful weather while showing off our craft of shepherding!"

♦ *Dave*

Congratulations to the NEBCA High Points Top Ten for 2024:

1. Christine Koval & Tru	98.6
2. Tracy Hinton & Tye	94.0
3. Tracy Hinton & Lad	84.6
4. Beverly Lambert & Annie	80.4
5. Carolyn West & Min	66.2
6. Beverly Lambert & Lee	61.8
7. Amanda Milliken & Tui	61.2
8. Fiona Robertson & Bean	56.8
9. Mich Ferraro & Quark	56.0
10. Theone Thayer & Jan	55.4

Congratulations to Christine and Tru for achieving the High Point Award for the second year in a row! Truly an outstanding team.

Editorializing by PJ Mueller

Summer brought an absolute bounty for trials, the results of some of which are recorded herein along with occasional notes and photos. Novice trials, Open trials, Arena Points and Time trials — something for everyone. While some have complained there are fewer trials than yesteryear, and this may be true, in reality there are a lot of trials in NEBCA-land. For historical perspective, consider this table showing the number of "trial days" (some of which offered two runs per day) in different categories over the years:

Trial Year	2004	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	2024
# of Novice Trial Days	42	23	20	24	19	19	7	16	29	34
# of Regular Open Trial Days	54	25	35	28	33	34	17	18	25	24
# of Open Point and Time Days	7	6	7	7	8	9	6	7	9	11

Those who bemoan the decrease in trial numbers now compared to 20 years ago need to remember that in general trial sizes (i.e. number of dogs running) have increased greatly over the years, thus requiring more sheep and more time. Also, look around the country and discover that, compared to just about any other region, our number of trials offered is significantly higher. Of course, trials come and go; hosts willingness to continue offering trials depends on many factors including participants' willingness to come, to volunteer, and to show appreciation. Bear all that in mind.

In other news: Francois LeBlanc of Quebec made an epic trek to Calgary, Alberta for the Stampede. Previous years have seen a few other intrepid NEBCA handlers compete in this world-renowned event but few have succeeded as well as Francois, who finished third out of 60 competitors. Francois wrote a great account of his experience that may inspire you to to Go West.

As always, the Editor thanks those Members who have sent in photos, articles, trial results and other items. This is YOUR newsletter. Submissions of all types (poems, drawings, photos, training tips, complaints etc.) are welcome. Remember, if you have gone somewhere new or interesting, observed or participated in a new (to us) event, we want to hear about it!

Caora Farm SDT

June 27-30 Judge: Neil McVicar

OPEN 1 107 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Beverly Lambert	Annie	97
2.	John Campbell	Roy	83
3.	Eric Johnson	Blade	83
4.	Theone Thayer	Jan	83
5.	Brenda Buja	Dice	81
6.	Tracy Hinton	Tye	81
7.	Josh Newcomb	Hatchet	80
8.	Tom Wilson	Bett	80
9.	David Goyer	Dan	79
10.	Emily Yazwinski	Fern	79
11.	Carolyn West	Min	79
12.	Amanda Milliken	Tui	78
13.	Lori Cunningham	Wally	78
14.	Brenda Buja	Callie	77
15.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	75
16.	Gaby Melancon	Dot	74
17.	Tracy Hinton	Lad	74
18.	Sharon Allswede	Kerry	74
19.	John Campbell	Kate	74
20.	Tom Wilson	Tess	74

NURSERY 1 18 dogs ran

1.	Warren Mick	Bud	73
2.	Pam Mueller	Gnat	66
3.	Carolyn West	Bee	59
4.	Amanda Milliken	Gus	58

NURSERY 2 18 dogs ran

1.	Tracy Hinton	Carter	72
2.	Pam Mueller	Gnat	69
3.	Brenda Buja	Emma	66
4.	John Campbell	Sadie	64

**The Libby McClintock Award for
Most Promising Nursery Pair:**
John Campbell & Sadie

Did Hilary Flower chop down this tree?

No. A sudden derecho swept through, felling multiple trees and limbs in the middle of the trial!

Everyone took cover, then...went back to the trial field.



Score Maven
Martha
Walke: She
who must be
obeyed

OPEN 2 94 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Teri Rhodes	Rudy	93
2.	Christine Koval	Tru	88
3.	Tracy Hinton	Tye	85
4.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	84
5.	Sharon Allswede	Kerry	80
6.	Werner Reitboeck	Jessie	80
7.	Theone Thayer	Jan	79
8.	Beverly Lambert	Lee	77
9.	Sue Schoen	Zoe	77
10.	Sharon Allswede	Non	77
11.	John Campbell	Roy	75
12.	Amanda Milliken	Dar	75
13.	Tom Wilson	Tess	74
14.	Tracy Hinton	Lad	74
15.	Dave Goyer	Dan	74
16.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	74
17.	Amanda Milliken	Tui	73
18.	Carolyn West	Min	73
19.	Warren Mick	Finn	73



Cascade Farm SDT July 4-7 2024 Bath, NH

Report by Mary Ames

The Cascade Farm SDT was held over four days – July 4, 5, 6, and 7, 2024. Three flocks of sheep were used: Shepherd's Brook Farm, Cascade Farm and the flock of Sheila Crepeau and Debbie West. The judges for the trials were Dave and MaryEllen Young of Quebec.

July 4 started with Open, 34 dogs working the Shepherd's Brook sheep. There was a split after the pen, handler's choice to hold the single or pair. 11 received scores, and 10 timed out. High score for the class was a 92 by Maria Amodei and Pan. Novice followed Open, 14 dogs working the Cascade Sheep, ewes and lambs. High score for the class was a 56 by Normandie Hand and Bell. Handlers gathered in the evening for a tasty potluck under the tent.

July 5 started with Nursery, eight dogs working the Cascade sheep. Two dogs qualified and the high score for the class was a 79 by Brenda Buja and Emma. Ranch followed Nursery and 18 dogs worked the Crepeau/West sheep, ewes and lambs. High score for the class was a 67 by Jacqueline Eriksson and Shinko. After Nursery was ProNovice, 26 dogs working the Shepherd's Brook sheep. The high score for the class was Barbara Erikson and Reed with a 67. The handlers BBQ and Ice Cream Social was held under the tent in the evening.

July 6 was a reverse of July 4 starting with Novice 2, 12 dogs working the Cascade Sheep. High score for the class was a 72 by Victoria Snowden and Cora. Novice Champion was Diana Martini and Topyc 115, Novice Reserve was Victoria Snowden and Cora 111. Open 2, 32 dogs working Shepherd's Brook sheep. Again, there was a split after the pen. 15 received scores, 10 of those were full points. Six timed out. High score for the class was a 97 by Brenda Buja and Dice. Open Champion was Maria Amodei and Pan 187. Open Reserve was Ginny Prince and June 186. Handlers gathered for pizza in the evening.

July 7 ProNovice 2 began the day, 21 dogs working Shepherd's Brook sheep. High score for the class was Mike Perry and Vega, and Barbara Eriksson and Reed with 74's. A run off was held with Mike Perry and Vega winning. ProNovice Champion was Barbara Eriksson and Reed 141. ProNovice Reserve was Felix Bergeron and Gwen 109. Ranch 2, 17 dogs worked Crepeau/West sheep. High score for the class was Jacqueline Eriksson and Shinko 83. Ranch Champion was Jacqueline

Eriksson and Shinko 150. Ranch Reserve was Jacqueline Eriksson and Gwyn 120.

Last class of the weekend was Nursery 2, eight dogs working Cascade sheep. Two handlers qualified and the high score for the class was a 76 by Brenda Buja and Emma. Nursery Champion was Brenda Buja and Emma.

A big thank you goes to the Cascade committee: Ginny, Debbie, Barbara, Karen, Sheila, Sharon Brenda for all their work before and during the trial. Thank you to all the handlers who volunteered to help with the various jobs during the trial. You guys ROCK!

Ed. Note: Did you notice how many mentions of FOOD (potluck, pizza, BBQ, ice cream) there are in this account?

Novice/Novice 1 July 4 Judge: Mary Ellen Young

14 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Normandie Hand	Bell	56
2.	Kim Kathan	Jo	55
3.	Dian Martini	Topyc	53
4.	Linda Pace	Jake	48
5.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	39
6.	Kelly Gould	K. Rill	27

Novice/Novice 2 July 6 Judge: Dave Young

12 dogs ran

1.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	72
2.	Kelly Gould	K. Rill	68
3.	Anne-Claude Lainel	Tweed	65
4.	Diana Martini	Topyc	62
5.	Ketsi Croteau	Ben	60
6.	Kim Kathan	Mave	54

Nursery 1 July 5 Judge: Dave Young

8 dogs ran

1.	Brenda Buja	Emma	79
2.	Mike Perry	Vega	71

Nursery 2 July 7 Judge: Dave Young

8 dogs ran

1.	Brenda Buja	Emma	76
2.	Stacey Rember	Lottie	73

Cascade Farm results, *cont.***Open 1 July 4 Judge: Mary Ellen Young**

35 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Maria Amodei	Pan	92
2.	Hilary Flower	Iris	92
3.	Josh Newcomb	Hatchet	90
4.	Ginny Prince	June	90
5.	Stacey Rember	Kate	89
6.	Ginny Prince	Grace	88
7.	Josh Newcomb	Bullet	85
8.	Brenda Buja	Dice	85
9.	Pam Wataha	Ace	83
10.	Chris Bowen	Griff	83

Open 2 July 7 Judge: Mary Ellen Young

32 dogs ran

1.	Brenda Buja	Dice	97
2.	Ginny Prince	June	96
3.	Maria Amodei	Pan	95
4.	Gaby Melancon	Dot	93
5.	Josh Newcomb	Hatchet	91
6.	Ginny Prince	Grace	91
7.	Barbara Amata	Tye	91
8.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	86
9.	Karen Gorman	Tess	83
10.	Fiona Robertson	Meg	81

Ranch 1 July 5 Judge: Dave Young

18 dogs ran

1.	Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	67
2.	Sharon Barrette	Clyde	64
3.	Debbie West	Zoom	57
4.	Linda Rogers	Ffate	52
5.	Jacqueline Erickson	Gwyn	51
6.	Elizabeth Smith-Freis	Grace	48
7.	Sheila Crepeau	Gem	45
8.	Julia Anderson	Trim	41

Ranch 2 July 7 Judge: Dave Young

17 dogs ran

1.	Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	83
2.	Jacqueline Erickson	Gwyn	69
3.	Linda Rogers	Ffate	61
4.	Elizabeth Smith-Freis	Grace	55
5.	Sheila Crepeau	Gem	52
6.	Barbara Armata	Max	47
7.	Bernie Armata	Chrome	44

WEEKEND CHAMPIONS:**Open Champion:** Maria Amodei & Pan (187)**Reserve:** Ginny Prince & June (1986)**Ranch Champion:** Jacqueline Erickson & Shinko (150)**Reserve:** Jacqueline Eriksson & Gwyn (1120)**ProNovice:** Champion Barbara Erickson & Reed (141)**Reserve:** Felix Bergeron & Gwen (109)**Novice/Novice:** Champion Diana Martini & Topyc (115)**Reserve:** Victoria Snowden & Cora (111)**Nursery Champion:** Brenda Buja & Emma**ProNovice 1 July 5 Judge: Dave Young**

26 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Barbara Eriksson	Reed	67
2.	Mike Rember	Nan	61
3.	Felix Bergeron	Gwen	56
4.	Genevieve Provonost	Nora	54
5.	Maryo Wasielewski	Gin	53
6.	Blake Anderson	Cribb	52
7.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	48
8.	Sharon Barrette	Virgil	48

ProNovice 2 July 7 Judge: Dave Young

21 dogs ran

1.	Mike Perry	Vega	74
2.	Barbara Eriksson	Reed	74
3.	Stacey Rember	Lottie	66
4.	Karen Gorman	Super G	66
5.	Elizabeth Edmonds	Evie	64
6.	JP Maillet	Quake	58
7.	Daniel Turcotte	Sept	54
8.	Felix Bergeron	Gwen	53
9.	Sharon Barrette	Virgil	52
10.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	50

Fetchgate SDT July 4-7 2024 Cortland NY

Nursery 1 Judge: Sally Molloy

18 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Marilyn Terpstra	Euchre	81
2.	Skylar Landis	Tate	75
3.	Warren Mick	Bud	71
4.	Tracy Hinton	Carter	70

Nursery 2 Judge: Heather Nadelman

18 dogs ran

1.	Mary Thompson	Rain	81
2.	Tracy Hinton	Carter	68
3.	Pam Mueller	Gnat	66
4.	Patrick Gosselin	Sage	66

Open 1 Judge: Lorna Savage

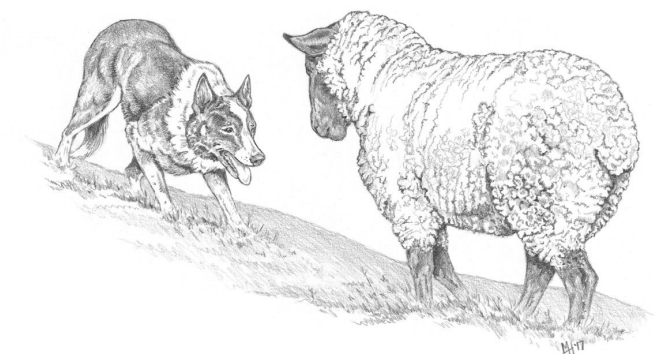
95 dogs ran

1.	Beverly Lambert	Annie	97
2.	Mary Thomson	Teagan	94
3.	Beverly Lambert	Lee	93
4.	Sharon Allswede	Kerry	91
5.	Theone Thayer	Jan	91
6.	Merry Klimek	Kit	91
7.	Marilyn Terpstra	Olive	90
8.	Sally Molloy	Kerry	90
9.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	89
10.	Tracy Hinton	Lad	88
11.	Carol Campion	Fly	88
12.	Mary Thompson	Daisy	86
13.	Carolyn West	Clyde	84
14.	Sally Molloy	Reese	84
15.	Sharon Allswede	Non	83
16.	Nancy Obernier	Hope	83
17.	Warren Mick	Tommy	82
18.	Peggy Chute	Twizler	82
19.	Maria Mick	Sylvie	80



The Roger Millen Memorial: Returnable vs Recyclable

*If you don't understand this, you did
not go to enough Fetchgate trials*



Facing A Challenge

By Mason Hotter

Ox Creek Summer Novice Trial

July 19-21 Canaduaigua, NY

Judge: Chris Bowen

NOVICE/NOVICE 1 July 19 15 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	67
2.	Roxanne Pardiack	Chit Chat	63
3.	Wayne Simon	Cody	61
4.	Kim Russell	Bokeh	55
5.	Linda Pace	Jake	51

NOVICE/NOVICE 2 July 20 15 dogs ran

1.	Nicole Pallmer	Birtich	69
2.	Normandie Hand	Bell	62
3.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	53
4.	Stephanie Clark	Lou	52

NOVICE/NOVICE 3 July 21 15 dogs ran

1.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	76
2.	Normandie Hand	Bell	58
3.	Roxanne Pardiack	Chit Chat	55

PRONOVICE 1 July 19 33 dogs ran

1.	Diana Martini	Topyc	72
2.	Melanie Behrens	Hero	64
3.	Brian Epp	Tiffany	61
4.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	60
5.	Linda Rogers	Stache	59
6.	Jay Best	Shep	52

PRONOVICE 2 July 20 32 dogs ran

1.	Diana Martini	Topyc	71
2.	Brian Epp	Tiffany	69
3.	Dave Goyer	Ben	68
4.	Mary Jo Wasielewski	Gin	65
5.	Kim Lippolis	Joe	65
6.	Tom Heber	Arrow	64
7.	Mike Perry	Dobby	64
8.	Jay Best	Shep	63
9.	Stephanie Clark	Mag	59

FETCHGATE OPEN cont.

Open 2 Judge: Mary Thompson

80 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Beverly Lambert	Lee	96
2.	Beverly Lambert	Annie	90
3.	John Palmer	Mara	90
4.	Peggy Wilkinson	Zeb	90
5.	Tracy Hinton	Lad	84
6.	Paul Batz	Reyn	89
7.	Tracy Hinton	Tye	88
8.	Werner Reitboeck	Jessie	84
9.	Carol Campion	Fly	84
10.	Kim Lippolis	Sam	84
11.	Jordan Markowski	Hendrix	83
12.	Christine Koval	Tru	83
13.	Paul Batz	Trypp	81
14.	Carol Campion	Carrie	80
15.	Sally Molloy	Reese	79
16.	Merry Klimek	Kit	77



In Memory of Roger Millen: Barn Quilt produced by Celeste Lacroix (right) and the Bottle Memorial created by Kim Lippolis (left)

OX CREEK NOVICE TRIAL RESULTS, *cont.***PRONOVICE 2 continued**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
10.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	55
11.	Karen Gorman	Super G	55
12.	Dominick Frabizio	Nell	55
13.	Eileen Wilentz	Jess	53
14.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	51
15.	Linda Rogers	Stache	51
16.	Joanne Fassbender	Bryn	50

PRONOVICE 3 July 21 33 dogs ran

1.	Mary Jo Wasielewski	Gin	71
2.	Joanne Fassbender	Bryn	68
3.	Dominick Frabizio	Nell	68
4.	Kim Lippolis	Joe	67
5.	Jay Best	Shep	66
6.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	65
7.	Linda Rogers	Stache	59
8.	Tom Hoeber	Arrow	54
9.	David Goyer	Ben	52

RANCH 1 37 dogs ran

1.	Danielle Ericksen	Finn	78
2.	Jean Singleton	Chris	77
3.	Felix Bergeron	Gwen	77
4.	Rebecca Bellaman	Cruz	75
5.	Pam Mueller	Gnat	74
6.	Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	70
7.	Warren Mick	Mac	69
8.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	69
9.	Mason Hotter	Laddie	69
10.	Rebecca Goyer	Claire	65
11.	Mike Perry	Vega	64
12.	Brian Epp	Knight	63
13.	Carolyn West	Bee	62
14.	Carolyn Pover	Kali	62
15.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Logan	61

RANCH 2 July 20 36 dogs ran

1.	Rebecca Goyer	Claire	79
2.	Carolyn West	Bee	76
3.	Dave Goyer	Oscar	76
4.	Brian Epp	Knight	75
5.	Mason Hotter	Laddie	75
6.	Warren Mick	Mac	74
7.	Maggie Chambers	Ever	74
8.	Felix Bergeron	Gwen	70
9.	Danielle Eriksen	Finn	69
10.	Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	67
11.	Judianne Van Nostrand-Davis	Spin	66
12.	Linda Rogers	Ffate	66
13.	Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	62
14.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	60
15.	Maggie Chambers	Bode	60

RANCH 3 July 21 32 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Maggie Chambers	Ever	84
2.	Rebecca Goyer	Claire	75
3.	Jean Singleton	Chris	75
4.	Brian Epp	Knight	75
5.	Felix Bergeron	Gwen	72
6.	Warren Mick	Mac	71
7.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	68
8.	Carolyn West	Bee	67
9.	Linda Rogers	Ffate	66
10.	George Rogerson	Chip	65
11.	Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	64
12.	Mason Hotter	Laddie	64
13.	Maggie Chambers	Bode	61
14.	Sara Reiter	Zac	60

NURSERY 1 July 19 18 dogs ran

1.	Mike Perry	Vega	82
2.	Warren Mick	Treat	82
3.	Rose Kane	Mac	81
4.	Karen Gorman	Super G	73

NURSERY 2 July 20 11 dogs ran

1.	Warren Mick	Treat	85
2.	Warren Mick	Bud	81

NURSERY 3 July 21 9 dogs ran

1.	Warren Mick	Treat	89
2.	Warren Mick	Bud	83

**Lancaster Fair Open Points and Time
Arena trial**

Lancaster, NH August 29

17 dogs ran

1. Mike Perry & Vega 28 pts, 2:00 min
2. Dave Young & Tagh 28 pts, 2:28 min
3. Mike Perry & Dakota 28 pts, 2:34 min
4. Steve Lyons & Erin 28 pts, 3:18 min
5. Dave Young & Mia 27 pts 3:02 min

Maybrook Farm SDT July 12-14 Pittsfield MA**Judge: Sally Molloy****OPEN 1 70 dogs ran**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Beverly Lambert	Annie	98
2.	Warren Mick	Finn	89
3.	Beverly Lambert	Lee	88
4.	Carolyn West	Min	88
5.	Mich Ferraro	Bella	87
6.	Mich Ferraro	Quark	86
7.	Chris Bowen	Griff	86
8.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	83
9.	Christine Koval	Tru	82
10.	Holly Fincher	Claire	82
11.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	81
12.	Maria Mick	Sylvie	80
13.	Christine Koval	Nick	79
14.	Mich Ferraro	Peavy	78

OPEN 2 60 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Carolyn West	Min	93
2.	Beverly Lambert	Annie	91
3.	Amanda Milliken	Tui	90
4.	Carol Campion	Fly	88
5.	Mich Ferraro	Quark	88
6.	Amanda Milliken	Dar	87
7.	Mich Ferraro	Bella	87
8.	Beverly Lambert	Lee	87
9.	Mike Perry	Dakota	86
10.	Christine Koval	Tru	84
11.	Warren Mick	Finn	84
12.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	83

NURSERY 1 11 dogs ran

1.	Brenda Buja	Emma	72
2.	Amanda Milliken	Gus	71

NURSERY 2 11 dogs ran

1.	Brenda Buja	Emma	79
2.	Warren Mick	Bud	77

Ginny Prince

*15 year old Chloe Scott
smartly turns the post
at Maybrook with
Cindy*



An Unforgettable Trip: To the World Stock Dog Championships at the Calgary Stampede

By Francois LeBlanc

Wow! What an incredible experience I had during my trip to the World Stock Dog Championships, which took place during the Calgary Stampede! Everything started back this winter, when I attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg with my two dogs. I loved participating in this event, and Peat performed well for his first try at an arena trial. We had the honor of making it to the Finals on Sunday and finished in 7th place, which gave me the spark to look to the Calgary Stampede.

I sent in my entry and, with a bit of luck, my name was drawn to be among the 60 selected competitors. So, with enthusiasm, I started the road trip for the adventure: 4200 km (2609 miles) in three days, driving to Alberta. During the trip, I had the pleasure of discovering incredible places, such as Banff and Lake Louise, and got to spend time with some incredible Canadian handlers, such as Jamie Gardner and Brianna Bellwood.

On the first morning of the competition, we were welcomed with an excellent brunch during the Handler's Meeting, where we met the judge, Tim Thewissen. The first day ended up being difficult for many handlers, with 28 disqualifications out of 60 participants. However, my dog Peat remained calm and we did our best, ending in 14th place.

The second day was marked by a different atmosphere, with many spectators adding an extra challenge in the arena as they enthusiastically reacted to the dogs' moves. Some handlers even saw their sheep escape the pen due to the acclimation of the crowd. The results of this day were frankly better than the ones of the first day. On my end, I had to go last, and the waiting, along with watching all the other handlers go before me, was more stressful than I expected. My run was quite good, despite a major mistake I made at the pen. Caught up in the crowd's energy, I forgot to ask my dog to lie down, which caused the sheep to come out of the pen. Nevertheless I finished 26th.

After what seemed an interminable wait, the finalist's names were announced an hour after the end of the second trial. What a surprise to discover I had qualified for the 12th (and last) position in the Finals! It was probably the second most intense moment of my life, after the birth of my twins! I had to miss the handlers meeting to go get my dog and quickly enter the ring. It was my most challenging run of the competition, with a somewhat reluctant ewe, but we managed to convince her to work with us. Despite the fatigue and the heat, Peat was incredible, and we landed our best performance yet, securing 3rd place!

I am extremely proud of my dog and myself. I loved this experience and highly recommend it to everyone. It was an incredible trip and I am already looking forward to experiencing it again next year. I also want to highlight that this year saw the highest representation from the East to this typically "Western" event. Congratulations to everyone who had the courage to participate in this fantastic competition!



Calgary Stampede Finalists Placement:

1. Jen L'arrivee & Bryn (BC) 21 pts 2:36 min
2. Robin Brown & Ben (Idaho) 21 pts 2:44 min
3. Francois LeBlanc & Peat (Quebec) 21 pts 3:51 min
4. Curtis Knox & CFK Brin (Manitoba) 18 pts 4:00
5. George Walker & Hick (Alberta) 18 pts 4:00
6. Mario Strim & Tate (Alberta) 18 pts 4:00
7. Kylo Murray-Gann & Saoirse (WA) 18 pts 4:00
8. Rocky Turel & Tate (Alberta) 18 pts 4:00



Jen L'arrivee of British Columbia and her winning dog Bryn (right)



Francois LeBlanc and Peat receiving their third place trophy at the Calgary Stampede

NEBCA NOVICE FINALS Cascade Farm Bath NH August 30-31 Judge: Judy Gambill

Participating Handlers: Novice /Novice: 11 teams; ProNovice: 16 teams; Ranch: 26 teams

NOVICE /NOVICE

Champion: Kelly Gould & Kuawarri's Rill (score 148) Also **Long Road** Award recipient

Reserve: Deb Duarte & Gracie (score 146)

PRONOVICE:

Champion: Chloe Scott & Una (score 147) Also **Long Road** Award recipient

Reserve: Ashley Crocker & Jack (score 136)

RANCH:

Champion: Warren Mick & Mac (score 154)

Reserve: Chloe Scott & Cindy (score 76)

Long Road Award: Sarah Mullin & Ricky

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Alex McKiniven: Trophy: Mary Jo Wasielewski

Betty Levin Award: Nura Sudi



Looks like some really nice awards at the Trophy Table!



(Photos by Dominick Fabrizio)



NOVICE FINALS RESULTS

Placings were determined as cumulative score from best two out of three runs

RANCH 1

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Warren Mick	Mac	77
2.	Chloe Scott	Cindy	76
3.	Caroline Gordon	Stella	64
4.	Becca Goyer	Claire	63
5.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Logan	63
6.	Amy Hershberger	TrustyJoe	61
7.	Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	61
8.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	60
9.	Felix Bergeron	Gwen	59
10.	Anne Charlie Riviere	Jill	59
11.	Shield Crepeau	Gem	58
12.	Dana Eriksen	Finn	56
13.	Sara Reiter	Zac	53
14.	Blake Anderson	Euchre	49
15.	Brian Epp	Knight	45
16.	Julia Anderson	Trim	37
17.	Joanne Thayer	Pepe	37

RANCH 2

1.	Amy Hershberger	TrustyJoe	80
2.	Felix Bergeron	Gwyn	74
3.	Sarah Mullin	Ricky	72
4.	Debbie Sherman	Monty	66
5.	Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	64
6.	Dana Eriksen	Finn	61
7.	Caroline Gordon	Stella	61
8.	Warren Mick	Mac	59
9.	Julia Anderson	Trim	56
10.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	53
11.	Anne Charlie Riviere	Jill	57
12.	Sara Reiter	Zac	50
13.	Chloe Scott	Cindy	45
14.	Anne Charlie Riviere	Ginny	44
15.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Logan	50
16.	Jacqueline Erickson	Gwyn	38

RANCH 3

1.	Dana Eriksen	Finn	81
2.	Warren Mick	Mac	77
3.	Caroline Gordon	Stella	72
4.	Sarah Mullin	Ricky	70
5.	Chloe Scott	Cindy	68
6.	Felix Bergeron	Gwen	64
7.	Anne Charlie Riviere	Jill	57
8.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	51
9.	Sarah Mullin	Willow	47
10.	Debbie Sherman	Monty	46

PRONOVICE 1

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Mary Jo Wasielewski	Gin	71
2.	Dominick Frabizio	Nell	70
3.	Chloe Scott	Una	69
4.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	66
5.	Dave Goyer	Ben	63
6.	Blake Anderson	Cribb	63
7.	Elizabeth Edmonds	Evie	62
8.	Teri Rhodes	Lynx	61
9.	Debbie Sherman	Jodi	58
10.	Addy von Eynern	Bell	57
11.	Felix Bergeron	Jack	56
12.	Brian Epp	Tiffany	30

PRONOVICE 2

1.	Chloe Scott	Una	74
2.	Karen Gorman	SuperG	68
3.	Addy von Eynern	Bella	68
4.	Felix Bergeron	Jack	68
5.	Teri Rhodes	Lynx	65
6.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	64
7.	Dave Goyer	Ben	64
8.	Mary Jo Wasielewski	Gin	63
9.	Dominick Frabizio	Nell	62
10.	Ashley Crocker	Jack	62
11.	Brian Epp	Tiffany	58
12.	Debbie Sherman	Jodi	46
13.	Blake Anderson	Cribb	34

PRONOVICE 3

1.	Ashley Crocker	Jack	74
2.	Chloe Scott	Una	73
3.	Mary Jo Wasielewski	Gin	62
4.	Dave Goyer	Ben	62
5.	Karen Gorman	SuperG	62
6.	Felix Bergeron	Jack	60
7.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	59
8.	Brian Epp	Tiffany	59
9.	Debbie Sherman	Jodi	58
10.	Teri Rhodes	Lynx	53
11.	Elizabeth Edmonds	Evie	46
12.	Blake Anderson	Cribb	34

NOVICE/NOVICE 1

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	74
2.	Kelly Gould	Kuawarri's Rill	72
3.	Ashley Crocker	Zip	71
4.	Julie Lizotte	Winx	67
5.	Normandie Hand	Bell	65
6.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	63
7.	Nicole Palmer	Birtch	61
8.	Nura Sudi	Spree	59

NOVICE/NOVICE 2

1.	Kelly Gould	Kuawarri's Rill	76
2.	Normandie Hand	Bell	59
3.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	58
4.	Julie Lizotte	Winx	57
5.	Ashley Crocker	Zip	57
6.	Nura Sudi	Spree	56
7.	Heather Pakarovitch	Magic	52
8.	David Schenck	Skylar	50
9.	Deanna Ray	Keelan	45
10.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	27

NOVICE/NOVICE 3

1.	Nura Sudi	Spree	72
2.	Heather Pakarovitch	Magic	70
3.	Ashley Crocker	Zip	66
4.	David Schenck	Skylar	64
5.	Normandie Hand	Bell	66
6.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	62
7.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	55
8.	Deanna Ray	Keelan	47
9.	Nicole Palmer	Birtch	46

Photos of Novice Finals winners coming up in the Winter issue of the Newsletter

"A person can learn a lot from a dog, even a loopy one like ours. Marley taught me about living each day with unbridled exuberance and joy, about seizing the moment and following your heart. He taught me to appreciate the simple things—a walk in the woods, a fresh snowfall, a nap in a shaft of winter sunlight. And as he grew old and achy, he taught me about optimism in the face of adversity. Mostly, he taught me about friendship and selflessness and, above all else, unwavering loyalty."

— John Grogan, *Marley and Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog*

OX CREEK OPEN SDT

August 17-18 Canandagua, NY

Judge: Vicki Kidd (Ontario)

OPEN 1 8/17 57 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Christine Koval	Tru	96
2.	Carolyn West	Min	90
3.	Paul Batz	Mya	85
4.	Barb Armata	Bett	81
5.	Diane Cox	Rook	80
6.	Dave Goyer	Dan	80
7.	Carolyn West	Clyde	80
8.	Carolyn West	Bee	76
9.	Victoria Lamont	Dram	76
10.	Maria Mick	Sylvie	74
11.	Pat Cameron	Kane	72

OPEN 2 August 18 52 dogs ran

1.	Diane Cox	Rook	83
2.	Christine Koval	Tru	83
3.	Maria Mick	Sylvie	80
4.	Val Henry	Tag	75
5.	Carol Campion	Fly	74
6.	Ginny Prince	June	73
7.	Diane Cox	Perusy	71
8.	Paul Batz	Mya	68
9.	Carolyn West	Bee	64
10.	Sue Schoen	Cori	65
11.	Carolyn West	Clyde	64

RANCH 1 August 19 23 dogs ran

1.	Sara Reiter	Zac	75
2.	Diana Martini	Topyc	66
3.	Barb Armata	Max	65
4.	Mason Hotter	Laddie	65
5.	Becca Goyer	Claire	65

RANCH 2 August 19 22 dogs ran

1.	Mason Hotter	Laddie	74
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PRONOVIC 1 August 19 25 dogs ran

1.	Dave Goyer	Ben	72
2.	Anne Wheatley	Oakley	63
3.	Jim Murphy	Spice	62
4.	Dominick Frabizio	Nell	59
5.	Catherine Rae	Dan	57
6.	Karen Gorman	SuperG	56

PRONOVIC 2 August 19 23 dogs ran

1.	Dave Goyer	Ben	66
2.	Dominick Frabizio	Nell	62
3.	Karen Gorman	SuperG	59
4.	Jim Murphy	Spice	56
5.	Josh Newcomb	Fury	50

**Arena (Point and Time) Trials at
Blue Hill, Maine August 30-31****Northeast US Sheepdog Championships**

1. Mike Perry & Dakota
2. Mike Perry & Vega
3. Dave Craven & Fae
4. Lynn Deschambeault & Vic
5. Dave Young & Tagh
6. Steve Lyons & Erin
7. Dave Young & Mia
8. Lyn Deschambeault & Nana
9. Tim Molinero & Kenna
10. Nancy Phillips & Dewy

BLUE HILL FAIR

1. Mike Perry & Dakota
2. Dave Young & Mmia
3. Mike Perry & Vega
4. Dave Craven & Fae
5. Lynn Deschambeault & Nana
6. Steve Lyons & Erin
7. Dave Young & Tagh
8. Lynn Deschambeault & Rosie

Mike Perry was a big winner at Blue Hill Fair!

NEBCA Summer Meeting
August 22, 2024 Via Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:30PM by BOD Chair Warren Mick. 38 members present on Zoom.

I. Procedures for a Zoom meeting were reviewed: muting when not speaking; raising your hand to be recognized; voice vote first, hand count if needed.

II. Minutes from the Annual Meeting were moved (CB/PF) for approval. Unanimously approved.

III. Executive Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report (Martha Walke) – Currently there are 307 members, down from 332 in summer 2023. Most of this difference is due to those members from outside NEBCA's area not renewing. As of 8/22/24 there are 5 Life members; 256 Individual members; and 46 Farm/Family members. Of these, 55 are new members (13 joined since the Annual Meeting in March). All members are up to date in the Points System
The total donations in memory of Bud Ames was \$2080.00. I believe some of these monies have already been allocated.

B. Treasurer's Report (Denise Leonard) – (See attachment)

Discussion concerning the moving of the accounts to the bank selected by the new Treasurer. It was also suggested that the \$2000.00 donated by the ABCA to the Fall Foliage Trial and the Novice Finals be put in their respective accounts and that ABCA be made aware of this.

A motion was made (DY/MW) to thank Denise for all her years of hard work and service to NEBCA. Unanimous vocal approval.

IV. BOD Report (Warren Mick) – The BOD approved a donation of \$3000.00 to the USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals being held in VA this year. A list of members benefits has been created and will be posted on the new/revised NEBCA website. The use and privacy of the membership list was discussed and it was decided that the use as stated in the Information Policy is acceptable. The availability of recorded webinars was discussed and no action was taken. The Board reviewed how NEBCA communicates with members:

- Website banners and members only page
- Direct email from the Secretary
- groups.io opt-in email list – 162 members
- Northast Border Collie Association Facebook page – 2.8K followers
- NEBCA Sheepdog group on Facebook – private 686 members

The BOD's unfinished business is appointing the New Trials Committee and providing a mission for this committee.

There was a brief discussion of the email list for communications.

V. Standing Committees' Reports

A. Open Trials Committee (Kim Lippolis) – The current committee members are Dominick Frabizio, Cynthia Palmer, Laurie Sargent, Sue Schoen and Kim Lippolis (Chair).

The 2024 NEBCA High Points Top Ten are:

Christine Koval & Tru	98.6
Tracy Hinton & Tye	94.0
Tracy Hinton & Lad	84.6
Beverly Lambert & Annie	80.4
Carolyn West & Min	66.2
Beverly Lambert & Lee.	61.8
Amanda Milliken & Tui	61.2
Fiona Robertson & Bean	56.8
Mich Ferraro & Quark	56.0
Theone Thayer & Jan	55.4

Since March, the following trials have been sanctioned:

The Big E 9/23

Deerfield Fair 9/28

Shepherd's Crook 10/11-13

Kitley Corners 10/18-20

NEBCA Fall Foliage 11/1-3

Bittersweet New Year's Day 1/1/25

Plans are moving along for the Fall Foliage to be held at Caora Farm in Millerton, NY. The judge will be Jamie Spring of South Dakota. All volunteers are greatly appreciated. If interested, contact Sue Schoen (set out) or Martha Walke (scribes/runners).

Discussion of a change in the FF trial format this year. This change will be defined on the trial entry form.

- B. Novice Trials Committee (Teri Rhodes) – The Novice Finals are proceeding nicely. The prizes are in and the judge will be Judy Gambill. Entries will close Monday, August 26th to reflect any points received over the weekend. Currently there are about 50 dogs entered. The sheep will be health checked the weekend before the trial and will be trucked to the trial venue on Thursday, August 29th. The Committee is appreciative of the \$1000.00 from the ABCA.

The Committee will revisit the novice guidelines after the Finals.

VI. Newsletter Report (Pam Mueller) – No report.

Please submit pictures of the Novice Finals to the editor.

VII. Select Committees' Reports

- A. Merchandise Committee (Kim Lippolis) – Merchandise sold at some novice trials amounted to \$200.00. The online site is still operating with periodic sales. Information concerning onsite sales should go directly to the NEBCA treasurer. Peggy Flanagan is willing to take on the NEBCA Merchandise Committee with the help of Karen Gorman.
- B. Calendar (Concy Smith) – Thanks to the photographers who submitted a record number of photos for the 2025 calendar. The calendars are available for purchase (still only \$10.00) from the website, directly from Diane Geer, or with NEBCA renewal or new membership. Postage has increased both in the US and Canada and this is reflected in the increase postage for calendars purchased on the website or from Diane. Calendars have been sent to Life members, the photographers whose photos were used in the calendar and to the committee members. Currently, no calendars have been sold. If any member is willing to take some to a trial please contact Diane.
- With an initial budget of \$1500.00, production costs were \$950.42, leaving \$549.58 to cover postage of calendars purchased with membership renewals.
- C. Education Committee (Rose Redick) – A fourth member, Jean Barrett, was added this spring. Prior to the trial season, the committee developed a "Handler's Guide to Trialing" as a document that can be posted at trials. It is also on the NEBCA website. Each trial host has received a copy.
- NEBCA members in Nova Scotia have been working with the committee to offer more learning opportunities at trials and as clinics. Currently, a NEBCA clinician will be at a fall trial to teach and will also judge the trial.
- A list of available judges was developed by the committee and is posted on the website and the committee continues to recruit new judges. Training opportunities have been offered to members. A learning opportunity was offered at the August Ox Creek trial. Handlers under the tent were offered the opportunity to score runs based on information learned at judging clinics and webinars.
- D. Library (Sheila Crepeau) – Since March, there have been 11 items borrowed by four different members - mostly DVDs were borrowed with a few books. Books are borrowed for free with only the return postage paid by the borrower. A new DVD collection, "Puppy Culture" (developed by Jane Lindquist), has been added to the library. This is a comprehensive video guide covering the first 12 weeks of a puppy's life that can shape your puppy's future.
- E. Webinar Committee (Sara Reiter) – Net profit for the 2024 webinars was \$5270.00.
- There were five webinars in 2024: Haley Hunewill on flanks and stops; Gordon Watt on

the shed; Bill Berhow on judging; Sue Schoen on keeping a dog healthy; Warren Mick on penning. A free webinar on starting a BC was also offered. Recordings of each webinar were up for a few weeks after each presentation. Sue Schoen's is up for a longer term.

F. Finance Committee (Chris Bowen) – No report. Chris suggested that if this is to remain a standing committee its responsibilities should be defined by the Executive Board and the BOD.

VIII. Unfinished Business – Except for the BOD, there is no unfinished business.

IX. New Business

A. Election to fill Executive Board resignations

1. President

The BOD nominated Dave Young to be NEBCA President to finish the current term and to run for a full term in the next election (2025). There being no other nominations, Dave Young is elected NEBCA President by acclamation.

2. Treasurer

The BOD nominated Elizabeth Smith-Fries to be NEBCA Treasurer to finish the current term and to run for a full term in the next election (2025). There being no other nominations, Elizabeth Smith-Fries is elected NEBCA Treasurer by acclamation.

Dave Young reported that he would like to get an email group set up; have the BOD and the Executive Board help throughout this term; and conduct an Executive Board meeting, via Zoom, in September.

X. Laurie Sargent requested that the attendees thank Barbara Eriksson and Denise Leonard for their years of service to NEBCA. Unanimous thanks was given.

Motion to adjourn (KL/DL). Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, NEBCA Secretary

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NEBCA TRIAL CALENDAR

See website for most up to date info and clickable entry links

Sept. 20	NE Highland Games	60 Loon Mtn Rd Lincoln, NH	1 Open Points & time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Sept 21-22	ABCQ Trial	Spencerville Ontario,CA	2 NN 2 PN	Patrick Gosselin	581-777-8957
Sept 23	The Big E	Springfield, MA	2 Open Points & time	Pam Mueller	607-342-4291
Sept 28	Deerfield Fair	Deerfield, NH	1 Open Points & time	Tim Molinero	603-705-9443
Sept 29	Fryeburg Fair	Fryeburg, ME	1 Open Points & time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Oct 10	Topsfield Fair	Topsfield MA	2 Open Points & time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Oct 11-13	Shepherd's Crook	Woodville, Ontario CA	2 Open 2 Nursery 2 NN, PN, Ranch	Vikki Kidd	416-277-4313
Oct 18-20	Kitley Corners Farm Fall Trial	835 Kitley Lane Jasper, Ontario CA	2 NN, PN, Ranch 1 Open, Nursery	Celeste Lacroix	613-284-6611
Oct 19-20	Bittersweet Farm Fall Novice Trial	Hampton, CT	2 each NN, PN, Ranch, Nursery	Carol Champion	
Nov 1-3	NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE	Caora Farm Millerton, NY	2 Open Double Lift (qualified NEBCA members)	Kim Lippolis Martha Walke	607-655-1139 978-807-9421
Nov 9-10	MORASH SDT	Lawrencetown Nova Scotia	2 NN, PN, Ranch	Ashley Crocker	902-840-1136
Nov 16-17	Belle Rose Novice Trial	Chestertown, MD	2 Ranch, PN, NN	Skylar Landis	717-577-0927
Jan 1, 2025	Bittersweet New Years Trial	Hampton, CT	1 Open, Nursery	Carol Champion	
Oct 10-12 2025	NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE	TBD	2 Open Double Lift	Kim Lippolis	607-655-1139

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NEXT NEBCA MEETING: TBD
Watch the Website for announcements



Vista

By Mason Hotter

2025 NEBCA Sheep-dog Calendars are available. \$10 plus \$2.65 shipping (no shipping charge if you buy a calendar when you renew your NEBCA membership). Contact Diane Geer at geerdiane@gmail.com