



# NEBCA News

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Katherine Mercier

*Christine Koval's Tru goes nose to nose with a stubborn lamb during the shed in her Semi-Final run at the USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals, Belle Grove, VA Oct 5, 2024*

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## President's Column

Many to thank this go around. Firstly, the Open trials committee for a fantastic Fall Foli-

age. Although I was not there, rave reviews were on social media. The timing of runs made things click along. A special thanks to Mich and Kak for hosting and congratulations to Mich for winning! The nomination committee has completed their searches and names for voting in new members are included in this Newsletter or, if you are reading online, are posted on the website. Please stay tuned for the appearance of our new Web page. By the time you read this we should be seeing the work of Geneviève and Marie Claude. In conclusion I would like to thank all those who have taken time to get me up to speed! Successful training and a safe winter!

~ Dave

## Congratulations to USBCHA Nationals Participants!

USBCHA "Finals" were held at Belle Grove Plantation, Virginia from Sept 30 through Oct 6. This is the biggest event of the year for the USBCHA, and featured a week of challenging competition with young stropky lambs on a big field, as well as some historic mud.

- 19 qualified NEBCA handlers took their Open dogs to compete.
- Three of them made it to the Saturday Semi-Finals: Bev Lambert with both Lee and Annie, Christine Koval with Tru, and Mich Ferraro with Bella.
- Both Bev with Annie and Christine with Tru qualified to compete in the final round, the Double Lift, where Bev finished 7th and Christine 11th.
- 11 Members took their qualified Nursery dogs to compete. Of these, three (Mike Perry with Vega, Brenda Buja with Emma and Amanda Millken with Gus) qualified to run in the Nursery Final on Friday.

**VOTE!** Ballot enclosed with the newsletter. Send back to Martha Walke, Secretary. If you are reading on line you will need to download and print a ballot and mail it.

**RENEW** your NEBCA Membership for 2025

## From the Editor

The snow is falling over much of NEBCA-land — winter is here. A time for sitting back and taking stock of the past trial season, our successes, failures and plans for addressing training gaps, and dreaming of new dogs. It was a busy season that wrapped up with some new trials (Bittersweet Farm page 11, Sheepdog Junction pp. 16-17), and of course the NEBCA flagship Open event, the Fall Foliage, held this year during stunning weather at the lovely Caora Farm in Miller-ton NY (pp. 8-9). Fair trials are a fun and often ignored way to get your dog out in a small space (where he is guaranteed to listen to you, right?). See results of some on page 12.

Although Novice Finals results appeared in the last issue, here we showcase some photos of the winners (pp. 4-7). Two articles of interest as well as information on our NEBCA webinars round out this issue: Penning part 2 (p. 10) and Diane Cox's healing journey with her dog Rook after an unusual injury (pp. 13-16).

The end of the year brings as always two important NEBCA events: 1. RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP and buy a NEBCA sheepdog calendar and 2. ELECTIONS. Elections are for the Executive Committee positions (President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary) as well as two Board of Directors positions. Although there are apparently no contested positions unless someone cares to write in a candidate, you are still encouraged to send in your ballot so that we may have a quorum of votes.

PJ Mueller



## RECAP: 2024 NEBCA NOVICE FINALS WINNERS *Photos by Dominick Frabizio*



**Novice/Novice Cumulative Winners:** Nura Sudi (Spree), Kelly Gould (Kuawarri's Rill), Heather Pakarovich (Magic), Nicole Palmer (Birtch), Deb Duarte (Gracie)



### PRONOVICE

Dom Frabizio  
(Nell)

Mary Wazliewski  
(Gin)

Chloe Scott (Una)  
Nicole Palmer  
(Bran)

Karen Gorman  
(Super G)

Felix Bergeron  
(Jack)

Addi Von Eynern  
(Bell)





**Ranch Cummulative Winners:** Anne Charlie Riviere (Jill), Sarah Mullin (Ricky), Chloe Scott (Una), Warren Mick (Mac), Caroline Gordon (Stella), Dana Eriksen (Finn), Amy Hershberger (Trusty Joe), Felix Bergeron



**Long Road Award Recipients:** Sarah Mullin and Ricky (Ranch); Chloe Scott and Una (Pronovice)





***Novice/Novice Champion: Kelly Gould  
and Kuwarri's Rill***

***ProNovice Champion:  
Chloe Scott and Una***



***Ranch Champion:  
Warren Mick and  
Mac (owned by  
Ellen Fowler)***





## Receiving special awards from Judge Judy Gambill:

Top: Nura Sudi, winner of the Betty Levin Award

Bottom: Mary Jo Wasielewski, winner of the Alex McKinven Trophy



**Betty Levin Award** - A perpetual trophy given to honor Betty Levin, long time club member, handler, trainer and supporter. The recipient of this award is a novice handler that has never run a dog in an Open trial, who exemplifies values that were important to Betty by training their dog, displaying good sportsmanship, good dog handling and a willingness to help and volunteer at NEBCA trials.

## Alex McKinven Award:

Given to the highest placing novice handler that has never run a dog in an Open trial, running a self-trained dog (never trained by anyone except the current owner) in the Pro-Novice class at the NEBCA Novice Finals.





NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE

November 1-3 Carora Farm Millerton NY

Judge: Jamie Spring

OPEN 167 dogs ran				Open 266 dogs ran			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score	Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Beverly Lambert	Lee	95	1.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	92
2.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	93	2.	Beverly Lambert	Annie	88
3.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	87	3.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	87
4.	Theone Thayer	Jan	87	4.	Amanda Milliken	Tui	87
5.	Sue Schoen	Cori	94	5.	Maria Amodei	Pan	87
6.	Warren Mick	Tommy	84	6.	Mich Ferraro	Peavy	85
7.	Amanda Milliken	Tui	81	7.	Christine Koval	Tru	85
8.	Josh Newcomb	Hatchet	80	8.	Diane Cox	Perusy	84
9.	Mich Ferraro	Bella	80	9.	Warren Mick	Tommy	82
10.	Carolyn West	Clyde	80	10.	Mich Ferraro	Bella	81
11.	Sally Molloy	Reese	79	11.	Carolyn West	Min	79
12.	Diane Cox	Perusy	78	12.	Warren Mick	Finn	78
13.	Barb Armata	Tye	76	13.	Eric Johnson	Blade	78
14.	Val Henry	Tag	76	14.	Gene Sheninger	Aron	77

Some very nice prizes for the Fall Foliage and Annual Top Ten winners. Graphic design by Domick Frabizio. Fall décor by Kim Lippolis! Lovely site preparation by Mich Ferraro and Kak Weathers. Perfect weather provided by Mother Nature.



Kim Lippolis



Kim Lippolis

The Lovely Ladies of the Fall Foliage Sheep Brigade in the exhaust pen: “Do we really have to go again?”



## Fall Foliage Double Lift Results

### Qualifying criteria for Double Lift:

- Handler is a NEBCA member
- Dog has NEBCA points for 2024
- Top five scores from Open 1, Top 5 scores from Open 2 not otherwise selected, top 5 combined scores not otherwise selected

Place	Handler	Dog	Outrun			Outrun			Drive	Shed	Pen	Total
			1	Lift 1	Fetch 1	2	Lift 2	Fetch 2				
1	Mich Ferraro	Bella	18	8	16	15	9	17	29	19	9	140
2	Beverly Lambert	Lee	18	8	15	19	10	16	31	8	9	134
3	Amanda Milliken	Tui	11	7	11	20	10	15	28	19	9	130
4	Beverly Lambert	Annie	19	9	13	20	10	13	26	2	10	122
5	Fiona Robertson	Bean	14	7	14	17	9	8	29	15	8	121
6	Warren Mick	Tommy	16	9	16	12	7	15	26	18	1	120
7	Mich Ferraro	Peavy	18	7	13	3	10	13	26	14	8	112
8	Christine Koval	Tru	6	5	13	19	9	12	27	6	6	103
9	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	20	9	17	4	9	11	25	0	0	95
10	Sue Schoen	Zoe	19	10	10	4	6	11	27	0	0	87
11	Maria Amodei	Pan	18	8	10	2	7	1	23	0	0	69
	Diane Cox	Perusy	9	10	7	11	7	6	27 DQ			DQ
	Eric Johnson	Blade	1	8	2	14	8	11	19 RT			RT
	Dave Goyer	Dan	8	8	20 DQ							DQ
	Theone Thayer	Jan	17	9	5 DQ							DQ



Kim Lippolis

*Mich Ferraro and Bella: Gracious host and Double Lift winner of the 2024 NEBCA Fall Foliage. Congratulations!*

## Penning Part 2 - Training

By Warren Mick

*Part 1 on penning in the last newsletter dealt with the strategy and handling needed to pen sheep. This second article will cover the training side and how to make your dog better at it.*

For a dog to be good at penning, it needs good flanks, know how to cover properly and be able to calmly work in close contact to sheep.

Good flanks are key to all aspects of dog work and are crucial at the pen. Flanks when penning must be clean and precise. A clean or square flank should not increase or decrease the pressure on the sheep. The dog should move sideways (square), with no forward steps at the end of the flank until asked. At the pen, one step forward can be too much. Sometimes, a wider than square flank is helpful if the dog gets in too close or to put it in a better position. Some handlers will have unique commands like “keep” and “out” for wider left/right flanks, others do so by tone of voice or prefacing the flank with stern word. Using whistle commands at the pen, or for that matter when shedding or turning the post is not advised. Flanks must be both incremental and precise. Most of the time a few gentle steps sideways or just a lean is all that is needed at the pen. Whistles usually produce faster, jerky flanks that can unsettle the sheep or result in over-flanking. Quiet verbal commands provide better control and help keep the tension level down.

If the dog is to be helpful at the pen, it needs to understand the objective. If it does, it will better know where it needs to be, not over flank, and more likely to cover without being asked. This comes entirely from experience and practice.

Covering and understanding the objective go together. Covering means keeping the sheep together, being on balance and doing so without being commanded. At the pen, the dog is not balancing to us but rather to the mouth of the pen. When the dog realizes this, they become much more effective at penning. To cover properly, a dog needs to know where balance is and how to counter any moves the sheep make. It must maintain the right distance and pressure on the sheep.

A good way to hone a dog's penning skills is working on a fence line. Most dogs, even pups with little to no training, will instinctively hold sheep to a fence. They are basically balancing to the fence and covering any escape. What we want to do in the exercise is to get control of this basic instinct. We want clean controlled flanks that allow shifting the sheep slightly in either direction along the fence. The dog needs to learn to apply the right amount of pressure to hold the sheep together and to the fence but not scatter or panic them. It also needs experience dealing with face-to-face situations, catching break aways and importantly to remaining calm when working close.

The exercise requires a small group of sheep (4-8) and a solid fence line. Woven wire or a board fence are suitable. After

bringing the sheep to the fence, the trainer, standing off to the side, asks the dog to flank off the place that holds the sheep stationary until they start to move a few feet parallel to the fence. The dog should be paused briefly and then flanked to stop the sheep or catch them if they break. Practice moving the sheep both directions along the fence (toward and away from you). Use a calm voice and a short version of your flank command. “way” not “Awayyyyyy”. Use a “lie down”, “stand” or “there” after each flank. Work on getting good flanks that keep adequate pressure on the sheep. Correct any flanks that are tight with body language or verbal pressure. Use the dog's name if they flank too wide. In addition to drilling flanks, occasionally ask the dog to walk into the sheep in a controlled way. Enough to make the sheep uncomfortable, stopping before they break due to the pressure.

Keep in mind, sheep can unexpectedly spook and bowl you over during his work. If this is a concern, you could also stand outside the fence though this will limit one's ability to correct tight flanks or insist on stops.

Once a dog can flank and cover properly via the fence work, some practice on a real freestanding trial pen is usually needed. The dynamics are a little different as the sheep have more escape options and the point of balance is less obvious to the dog. Most dogs will need reminding that good flanks still apply in this new situation, especially round the back of the pen. The dog also needs learn that the sheep turning to enter the pen and the gate closing is the objective and that they need to stay put while the gate is closed.

As discussed in part 1, sheep will become easy, even eager, to pen after just a few exposures. If this is the case, you can still work on training good flanks with the sheep already inside. Just leave the gate open and work the dog back and forth across the mouth of the pen. The quality and precision of the flanks is paramount. There is no need to hold the rope or be a statue when training at the pen. Be ready to correct a bad flank or lazy stop. Like on the fence, you can also walk the dog in a few steps to where the sheep get antsy and then ask for a wide flank to release the pressure. One other thing to work on with a trial pen is getting a wide flank around the back to release the sheep. Most dogs tend to beeline to the back of the pen and while it usually gets the sheep out and is rarely pointed, it is not very professional looking.

Training a dog to pen sheep is not hard. A handful of 5 minutes sessions will usually make a big difference in their performance. No matter how smart these dogs are, they need both the skills and experience to be good at a job. If the handler also knows the strategy and handling required for penning, success will be all but guaranteed.



# Bittersweet Farm

## Novice Trial

Hampton CT October 18-20

Judge: Brenda Buja

### RANCH 1 24 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Pam Mueller	Gnat	63
2.	Peter VandeCarr	Oso	62
3.	Eric Johnson	Tru	60
4.	Jacquiline Erickson	Shinko	60
5.	Mary Wasielewski	Gin	58
6.	Sharon Barrette	Clyde	58
7.	Eric Johnson	Tara	57
8.	Carol Bradford	Peat	57
9.	Judianne Davis VN	Spin	57
10.	Shiela Crepeau	Gem	55
11.	Leslie Whitney	Flynn	53
12.	Carolyn Pover	Kali	50
13.	Nancy Ortiz Sharpe	Louise	47
14.	Linda Rogers	Stache	42
15.	Judy Gambill	Fern	41
16.	Pat Warne	Gwyn	37
17.	Jacquiline Erickson	Gwyn	35

### RANCH 2 24 dogs ran

1.	Nancy Ortiz Sharp	Louise	71
2.	Eric Johnson	Tru	67
3.	Jacquiline Erickson	Shinko	61
4.	Shiela Crepeau	Gem	60
5.	Barbara Eriksson	Reed	59
6.	Chloe Scott	Una	58
7.	Pam Mueller	Gnat	55
8.	Pat Warne	Gwyn	53
9.	Eric Johnson	Tru	51
10.	Nancy Ortiz Sharpe	Star	48
11.	Judy Gambill	Fern	47
12.	Peter VandeCarr	Osos	46
13.	Leslie Whitney	Flynn	46
14.	Linda Rodgers	Ffate	42
15.	Carolyn Pover	Kali	34
16.	Linda Rodgers	Stache	31

A successful pen from Karen  
Gorman and Super G

### PRONOVICE 1 24 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Leslie Whitney	Deacon	72
2.	Victoria Snowdon	Cora	71
3.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	67
4.	Jessica Edgerly	Willard	67
5.	Normandie Hand	Bell	61
6.	Kristen Whittle	Bett	56
7.	Denise Leonard	Teal	56
8.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Wind	39
9.	Sharon Barrette	Virgil	26

### PRONOVICE 2 22 dogs ran

1.	Kristen Whittle	Bett	67
2.	Denise Leonard	Teak	63
3.	Wendy Warner	Pete	61
4.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	59
5.	Jessica Edgerly	Willard	57
6.	Jessica Edgerly	Pearl	53
7.	Normandie Hand	Bell	50
8.	Eileen Wilentz	Jess	44
9.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	37
10.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	What	25

### NOVICE/NOVICE 1 20 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Lindsay Shafer	Mamba	78
2.	Diana Wickman	Bru	76
3.	Wayne Simon	Cody	73
4.	Nicole Palmer	Bert	72
5.	Linda Pace	Jake	72
6.	Heather Pakarovitch	Magic	69
7.	Judianne VN Davis	Skylar	68
8.	Betty Belliveau	Dani	68
9.	Deanna Ray	Kellan	67
10.	Michelle Beyers	Robbie	64
11.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	60
12.	Donalee Slater	Rev	59
13.	Sue Baggeson	Storm	55

### NOVICE/NOVICE 2 18 dogs ran

1.	Diana Wickman	Bru	77
2.	Wayne Simon	Cody	73
3.	Donalee Slater	Rev	69
4.	Victoria Snowdon	Daphne	68
5.	Preston Ray	Hope	68
6.	Michelle Beyers	Robbie	64
7.	Sue Baggeson	Storm	64
8.	Nicole Palmer	Bert	64
9.	Donna Carlanti	Em	57
10.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	54



Ginny Prince

## The New England Fair Trials (thanks to Lynn Deschambeault for the bulk of the organizing and reporting of scores)

Here are the results of three fall fair trials. Other fair trials previously reported include The Big E, Blue Hill Fair, Deerfield Fair and Lancaster Fair, with the Pennsylvania Farm Show coming up in January in Harrisburg. Fair trials are fast paced and fun, often with huge crowds of spectators and thus offer us a good opportunity to showcase our amazing, talented and trained dogs to the public. One can also go home with some substantial prize money, as premiums are offered by the Fair and not dependent on number of entrants for pay back. You will notice here that the same people seem to dominate these trials....why not join in next year and give some of them a run for their money? Contrary to popular belief, running your dog in a fair arena trial does not ruin him or her for the open field. A well trained well handled dog can excel at both (the winner of this year's \$10,000 Calgary Stampede arena trial has placed in multiple Double Lifts). You should note however that currently all Fair trials in our area offer Open classes only (in other parts of the country lower level classes are often seen) so if you enter your dog you will then be committed to Open competition.

### New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain Sept 20

Place	Handler	Dog
1.	Lynn Deschambeault	Nana
2.	Lynn Deschambeault	Vic
3.	Dave Sharp	Shim
4.	Mike Perry	Vega
5.	Dana Eriksen	Finn
6.	Mike Perry	Dobby
7.	Mike Perry	Dakota Lee
8.	Dave Young	Tagh
9.	Dave Young	Mia

### Fryeburg Fair — Fryeburg Maine Sept 29

Place	Handler	Dog
1.	Dave Young	Mia
2.	Dana Eriksen	Finn
3.	Dave Young	Tagh
4.	Pam Wataha	Ace
5.	Nancy Phillips	Dewy
6.	Lynn Deschambeault	Nana
7.	Lynn Deschambeault	Imp. Rosie
8.	Tim Molinero	Kena
9.	Dave Young	Shim

### Topsfield Fair Topsfield MA Oct 10

#### Trial 1

Place	Handler	Dog
1.	Mike Perry	Dakota Lee
2.	Jessica Edgerly	Dot
3.	Karen Gorman	Tess
4.	Lynn Deschambeault	Imp. Rosie
5.	Maria Mick	Nick III
6.	Mike Perry	Vega
7.	Nancy Phillips	Dewy
8.	Maria Mick	Sylvie
9.	Lynn Deschambeault	Vic
10.	Lynn Deschambeault	Nana

#### Trial 2

Place	Handler	Dog
1.	Lynn Deschambeault	Nana
2.	Jessica Edgerly	Dot
3.	Maria Mick	Nick III
4.	Mike Perry	Tex
5.	Karen Gorman	Tess
6.	Lynn Deschambeault	Vic
7.	Lynn Deschambeault	Imp Rosie
8.	Maria Mick	Sylvie
9.	Nancy Phillips	Dewy
10.	Lynn Deschambeault	Vic



## Border collie bounces back after rare ligament injury

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*Border collie Rook at work herding sheep.*

Diane Cox

At the top of the Appalachian plateau outside Rochester, it's not uncommon to see a flash of black and white fur dashing through the sprawling vista. This is Diane Cox's home, and that furry meteor is Rook, one of her border collies and a champion herder. One day, however, when Rook's leg collided with the bottom of a gate hidden by tall grass, it seemed like his promising herding career had ended before it truly began.

"He was going at a dead sprint. I thought this was it, that his competitive career was over," Cox said.

For a working dog like Rook, not being able to herd would be a major change in his daily life. Cox called the Cornell University Hospital for Animals for an appointment with the Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Service to explore his treatment options.

Section chief Christopher Frye, D.V.M. '11, and first-year resident Karolynn Ellis '18, D.V.M. '22, led Rook's care team. They found that Rook had a traumatic caudal cruciate ligament tear — a ligament within the knee known in humans as the PCL. "A tear like this results in knee pain, swelling and a degree of knee



instability with the progression of eventual osteoarthritis,” Frye said. The PCL provides knee stability, particularly against rotational forces. It also provides spatial awareness feedback for fine neuromuscular control.

“This is particularly concerning for Rook, a herding dog that requires tight turns at high speeds,” Frye said.



*Rook had a traumatic caudal cruciate ligament tear — a ligament within the knee known in humans as the PCL.*

Experiencing the warmth and care extended to herself, Rook and others in the hospital waiting room made a big impression on Cox. She has been part of the competitive herding world for 10 years and has traveled with her dogs across the country to participate in national events with much success. Rook showed promise as a competitor from an early age. “He’s a thinker,” Cox said. “He has so much presence and is cool as a cucumber when he’s working. I could send him out of sight and trust him to make the right call.”

## **Treatment plan**

Usually, the PCL is torn when its companion, the cranial cruciate ligament — in humans, the ACL — ruptures. Rook’s case was particularly uncommon because his ACL remained intact and healthy; only the PCL was injured. In dogs, the ACL is commonly diseased and leads to severe weight bearing instability of the knee as well as rotational instability. In canine medicine, we have developed surgeries such as a TPLO (Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy) to correct that weight bearing instability because biological grafts, like in human medicine, fail. The PCL injury does not result in the dramatic weight bearing instability we see in ACL tears due to the weight bearing axis and bony conformation of dog knees. Because there are no well-established surgical solutions for PCL injuries in dogs, medical management is the mainstay of treatment.



“First, we used ultrasound to verify the cranial cruciate ligament was healthy, and then proceeded with the MRI to diagnose a ruptured PCL,” Frye said.

To treat the injured ligament, Rook’s care team used platelet rich plasma therapy. Under sterile conditions and guided by an ultrasound, platelet rich plasma is injected into the joint, where it reduces inflammation and pain. This was followed by staged rest and months of physiotherapy targeted at strengthening and coordinating the muscles that help stabilize the stifle; particularly against rotational forces. Rook returned to Cornell at several intervals for treatment, with the hope that he could soon return to the sport he loves. “His veterinarians were a delight every time we came to Cornell,” Cox said.

It was important for Rook to keep his legs strong between injections. Fortunately, Cox’s sprawling property was perfect for rebuilding muscles around his knee. This gave his ligament the best chance for healing without relying on surgery.

“Rook’s case was a good example of how multiple imaging techniques, like ultrasound and MRI, can provide a definitive diagnosis without more invasive steps like exploratory surgery,” Frye said. “We are incredibly excited to see Rook doing so well.”

Indeed, within six months, Rook was fully recovered and back to competitive herding.



Diane Cox

A healing journey, cont.

Cox has a special bond with Rook, whom she describes as the smartest dog she’s ever had. However, it isn’t for this reason alone that his recovery has meant so much to her. Cox was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of multiple myeloma, a blood cancer, and is passionate about doing what matters to her, like training and competing with Rook.

“So in a way, they helped not just my dog, but me,” Cox said.

Cox and Rook will soon climb into her Airstream and head west for more national competitions, where they’ll meet up with other members of the herding community. “I’m revisiting the most gorgeous landscapes of my childhood — and doing the things that matter while I’m there,” Cox said.

Rook’s entire Cornell team is pleased to have made such a difference. “We enjoyed working so closely with Rook and his mom,” Frye said. “We feel a great bond with our patients and their families, and nothing makes us happier than achieving their goals, and watching Rook get back to sport.”

Sheepdog Junction at Bucking Ewe Farm: Inaugural Trial

Lundenberg, MA    Nov. 9 and 10

Judges: Warren Mick and Chris Bowen

Novice 1      6 dogs ran				Novice 2      6 dogs ran			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score	Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Linda Rogers	Jake	78	1.	Nicole Palmer	Birt	74
2.	Nicole Palmer	Birt	73	2.	Heather Pakarovitch	Magic	71
3.	Lindsay Schafer	Mamba	70	3.	Lindsay Schafer	Mamba	69
4.	Victoria Snowdon	Daphne	67	4.	Donalee Slater	Rev	61
5.	Heather Pakarovitch	Naguc	64	5.	Betty Belliveau	Dani	59
6.	Belly Belliveau	Dani	48	6.	Linda Rogers	Jake	52
ProNovice 1    15 dogs ran				ProNovice 2      13 dogs ran			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score	Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Jessica Edgerly	Pearl	71	1.	Sharon Barette	Virgil	72
2.	Betty Belliveau	Riggs	68	2.	Jessica Edgerly	Pearl	71
3.	Karen Gorman	Super G	67	3.	Jessica Edgerly	Frog	71
4.	Kelly Gould	Rill	66	4.	Kelly Gould	Rill	70
5.	Jessica Edgerly	Will	62	5.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	68
6.	Sharon Barette	Virgil	60	6.	Normandie Hand	Bell	68
7.	Melanie Behrens	Hero	61	7.	Addie Van Eynern	Bella	60



**Sheepdog Junction Trial Results, cont.****ProNovice 1**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
8.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	58
9.	Normandie Hand	Bell	58
10.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	56
11.	Addie von Eynern	Bella	54

**ProNovice 2**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
8.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	58
9.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	56

**Ranch 1      11 dogs ran**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
1.	Mike Perry	Dobby	81
2.	Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	77
3.	Joanne Thayer	Pepe	76
4.	Sharon Barrette	Clyde	70
5.	Linda Rogers	Ffate	69
6.	Bob Holmgren	Cal	68
7.	Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	68
8.	Chris Bowen	Nickel	61
9.	Jay Best	Shep	61

**Ranch 2      6 dogs ran**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
1.	Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	75
2.	Jacqueline Erickson	Shinko	72
3.	Joanne Thayer	Pepe	72
4.	Bob Holmgren	Cal	59
5.	Judianne Davis VN	Spin	54
6.	Sharon Barrette	Clyde	50

**Open 1      17 dogs ran**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
1.	Mike Perry	Vega	80
2.	Carol Campion	Fly	76
3.	Warren Mick	Bud	75
4.	Carol Campion	Carrie	73

**Open 2      15 dogs ran**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
1.	Chris Bowen	Griff	86
2.	Maria Amodei	Bar	85
3.	Maria Amodei	Pan	85
4.	Theone Thayer	Jan	79



*Eileen Wilentz and  
Colin negotiate the  
ProNovice course*

Dianne Ferrer

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## NEBCA Educational Webinars

*By Sara Reiter, Webinar Committee Chair*

NEBCA webinars were started by the Education committee during COVID as a response to the pandemic and a way to keep NEBCA members connected. They were an extension of the group that met at Liz Shaw's in the winter to watch videos and discuss training ideas. The webinars became very popular and in 2022 the club started using the Eventbrite ticketing service so that participation in the webinars did not have to be limited and we could cover the cost of paid presenters. The Webinar committee was formed in Fall of 2023 to organize and produce the webinars.

The webinars we have offered on Eventbrite by season are as follows:

2024:

- January 14: Haley Hunewill "Good Flanks and Clean Stops"
- January 26: Gordon Watt "Training the Shed"
- February 11: Bill Berhow "Judging Sheepdog Trials"
- February 25: Dr. Sue Schoen "Keep Your Dogs Running"
- March 10: Warren Mick "Training and Strategy in Competition"
- March 17: Free webinar discussion for novices new to herding hosted by Barb Eriksson

2023:

- January 15: "An Evening with Ricky & Meg Hutchinson"
- January 29: Amanda Milliken "Selecting, Raising and Starting a Young Pup"
- February 11: Warren Mick "The Outrun: Basics, Training and Scoring"
- February 26: Tracy Carter "Physical Considerations in Training the Working Sheepdog"
- March 5: Patrick Shanahan "Setting up Exercises to Meet Your Training Goals"
- March 24: "An Evening with Angie Coker-Sells"

2022:

- January 30: Joe Haynes (from Enumclaw WA) "On Dogs and Sheep"
- February 4: Joyce Geier "That Next Dog"
- February 22: Patrick Shanahan "Pups and Relationships"
- February 27: Warren Mick "On the Importance of the Stop"
- March 11: "An Evening with Angie Coker-Sells"

The webinar season runs from January to March with most webinars on Friday, Saturday or Sunday (dates and times determined by the presenters). The 2025 season will start in January 2025, dates and topics TBA. Tickets for the webinars are purchased through Eventbrite ([www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)) and only NEBCA members can participate (due to constraints on sales to non-members and our not for profit status).

Important points to note:

- Ticket sales stop several days before the event (so we can check membership status) so pay attention to the sign up information for each webinar.
- Links to the zoom webinar meetings are distributed through Eventbrite to registrants.



--After the webinar, registrants will receive a link to re-watch the webinar for two weeks – after which time it will not be available. This is only available to people who originally registered for the webinar, as we do not have any ability to process registrations after the end of the ticket sales date.

Keep in touch to find information on the webinars for the 2025 season. Notifications with registration links will be sent out on the NEBCA groups io email account so make sure you have signed up for that. Posts will be made to the NEBCA facebook page and the NEBCA website ([www.nebca.net](http://www.nebca.net)) will have webinar information and links as they become available. Through your account on Eventbrite (which you have if you have purchased tickets to past webinars), arrange in your settings to follow the Northeast Border Collie Association and get emails about upcoming events.

The webinar committee looks forward to an exciting and informative 2025 webinar season and we hope to “see” everyone at the webinars.

## NEBCA TRIAL CALENDAR 2025

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

Jan 1, 2025	Bittersweet New Years Trial	Hampton, CT	1 Open, Nursery	Carol Campion	
Oct 10-12 2025	NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE	TBD	2 Open Double Lift	Kim Lippolis	607-655-1139

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