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Bev Lambert's Annie: USBCHA Purina Dog of the Year!

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It's not too early to renew your NEBCA membership! Don't get left out in the cold. Go to the website to print the form or renew on line.

Thinking ahead, the Webinar Committee will soon be planning offerings for Winter of 2026. If you have a favorite clinician you would like to see (hear) presenting, contact the Webinar Committee (see page 2).

THE FALL FOILIAGE: NEBCA's flagship Open event is coming up quickly (Oct 17-19). This year, join us on the challenging "80 acres" field in Kingston, Ontario for an exciting trial (see the field, below) and some Canadian hospitality. All Open dogs may enter Trial 1 and 2. Entry form on the NEBCA website, closes Oct 6.



Editorializing

And just like that, it's fall. But the trial season is not over: we have the Fall Foliage coming up, as well as an expanded roster of fall trials (see Trial Calendar page 19).

Summer was busy, and often hot. Lots of trial scores to peruse in this issue. The latest event to join the NEBCA calendar is the Novice Triple Crown. Many people stepped up to make this three-trial series a reality. See page 16 for the winners of what we hope will be an Annual Event.

Novice handlers have a lot of fun (and why not? Life is short; enjoy your dog), but serious handlers like Bev Lambert are, well, serious and dedicated and it shows in their success. See page 10.

As long as I have been a NEBCA member there has been a lot of moaning about the "greying of the sport" i.e. everyone seems to be getting old! Too old to lug panels around trial fields. Too old to maintain a big flock for trials. But I don't think the sport is in danger of dying out. For one thing, more old folks keep finding the allure, even some who need the crook more to hold them up than to direct a shed. And actually look around you WILL see young people: check out page 17 for one of NEBCA's rising stars, just 17 years old.

Lastly, sadness stalks NEBCA again as we recently lost long time members Heather Nadelman and Bernie Armata to tragedies. So remember, in all things, be kind. *~Pam Mueller, Editor*

In Memory of

HEATHER NADELMAN

10-1-1966 8-6-2025

Who served the Border Collie community and our dogs in so many ways.



Heather with Phyl

In the late 1990s, Heather developed and administered several Border Collie websites, including Little Hats (an introduction to sheepdog trialing for newbies) and All About Border Collies (notable for the BC Boards, a very active discussion board in the days before Facebook).

In 2010, Heather developed a plan, recruited videographers, raised money, and persuaded the USBCHA and ABCA to fund the first ever webcast of the National Sheepdog Finals, held that year in Virginia. Its success led to the first webcast of the Bluegrass Classic in 2011. Despite the resistance of some local finals committees, she shepherded the Finals webcast through the following years, until it became unthinkable that there would **not** be a free live webcast of the Finals.

She and her friend Sally Molloy founded Outrun Press, a small publishing house, mainly to publish books relating to Border Collies that might not be attractive to more mainstream publishers.

Among the books she edited and published were Donald McCaig's *The Dog Wars* and the very popular *Top Trainers Talk About Starting a Sheepdog*. (Ed. note: available to borrow from the NEBCA library).

The last project she completed was a much admired total re-design of the USBCHA website (usbcha.com), which she was administering at the time of her death.

When she died, she was at work on a project to pull together all of the video footage from the sheepdog and cattle-dog Finals from 2010 on, in an online database searchable by dog and handler.

Rest in Peace,



Submitted by Sally Molly and Eileen Stein

Heather, that'll do.

Heather and Coin

Caora Farm Stockdog Trial Results

June 26-29 Millerton, NY Judge: Laura Vishoot Host: Mich Ferraro & Kat Weathers

Open 1				Open 2			
99 dogs ran				99 dogs ran			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score	Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Mich Ferraro	Bella	91	1.	Bev Lambert	Lee	91
2.	Teri Rhodes	Aaron	86	2.	Mich Ferraro	Bella	90
3.	Esther Gates	Ella	86	3.	Sue Schoen	Cori	90
4.	Warren Mick	Finn	85	4.	Mike Perry	Vega	90
5.	Bev Lambert	Annie	83	5.	Theone Thayer	Jan	88
6.	Bev Lambert	Lee	83	6.	Josh Newcomb	Hatchet	88
7.	Paul Batz	Reyn	83	7.	Maria Amodei	Pan	87
8.	Tom Wilson	Tess	83	8.	John Campbell	Roy	86
9.	Carolyn West	Min	83	9.	Bev Lambert	Annie	85
10.	Josh Newcomb	Bullet	82	10.	Victoria Booth	Thatcher	85
11.	John Campbell	Roy	82	11.	Carla King	Jill	84
12.	Peggy Flanagan	Camden	80	12.	Carolyn West	Min	84
13.	Emily Yazwinski	Fern	79	13.	Laurie Sargen	Chip	82
14.	Melanie Behrens	Kit	78	14.	Chris Elliot	Pete	82
15.	Sue Schoen	Zoe	78	15.	Peggy Flanagan	Kitt	82
16.	Maria Amodei	Pan	78	16.	Dominic Frabizio	Mick	82
17.	Victoria Booth	Thatcher	78	17.	Mike Perry	Dakota Lee	81
18.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	76	18.	Chloe Scott	Cindy	81
19.	Chris Elliot	Dak	76	19.	Eric Johnson	Tara	81
20.	Maria Mick	Treat	76	20.	Nancy Joyce Simmons	Diesel	80

NURSERY 1 *29 dogs ran*

1.	Fiona Robertson	Kale	83
2.	Carla King	Sly	78
3.	Tom Wilson	Mirk	77
4.	Victoria Booth	Sly	77
5.	Kat Hammond	Bryce	76
6.	Tom Wilson	Chic	74

NURSERY 2 *25 dogs ran*

1.	Chloe Scott	Una	84
2.	Tom Wilson	Mirk	82
3.	Warren Mick	Bud	81
4.	Carla King	Sly	80
5.	Mike Perry	Vega	78

Nursery Handlers meeting on the challenging Caora field



Ginny Prince

Belle Rose Summer Novice SDT

Chestertown MD June 28-29 Judge: Sara Reiter Host: Skylar Landis

Novice/ Novice 1 3 dogs ran Novice/Novice 2 3 dogs ran

<u>Place</u>	<u>Handler</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Handler</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Score</u>
1.	Deanna Ray	Keelan	47	1.	Wayne Simon	Cody	64
2.	Wayne Simon	Faye	42	2.	Deanna Ray	Keelan	48

NOVICE CHAMPION: Wayne Simon & Cody

ProNovice 1 8 dogs ran ProNovice 2 10 dogs ran

1.	Joanne Murphy	Abby	74	1.	Joanne Murphy	Abby	73
2.	Francois LeBlanc	Blum	67	2.	Francois LeBlanc	Blum	72
3.	Joanne Fassbender	Bryn	64	3.	Nicole Palmer	Birt	62
4.	Nicole Palmer	Birt	58	4.	Joanne Fassbender	Bryn	60
5.	Nicole Plamer	Bran	58	5.	Francois LeBlanc	Linc	55
6.	Preston Ray	Hope	58	6.	Sherry Sheldon	Dime	52
7.	Joanne Fassbender	Tuk	49	7.	Joanne Fassbender	Tuk	46

PRONOVICE CHAMPION: Joanne Murphy & Abby

Ranch 1 8 dogs ran Ranch 2 10 dogs ran

1,	Debbie Sherman	JoDee	80	1.	Bridget Griffin	Quinn	71
2.	Skylar Landis	Wren	75	2.	Debbie Sherman	JoDee	71
3.	Pam Davies	Seren	73	3.	Jim Murphy	Spice	70
4.	Bridget Griffin	Tess	70	4.	Pam Davies	Seren	68
5.	Jim Murphy	Spice	69	5.	Skylar Landis	Wren	67
6.	Bridget Griffen	Quinn	59	6.	Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	64
7.	Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	56	7.	Donald Kerstetter	Nick	62
				8.	Sandy Hornung	Carly	49

RANCH CHAMPION: Debbie Sherman & JoDee

How people are like sheep: a partial list in no particular order

Author unknown

- They butt heads.
- They act in their own best short-term interest.
- They lose their heads when tired, scared, stressed or hassled.
- They get set in their ways and want to eat and sleep at the same time every day.
- They get sick of their kids.
- Given the chance they will overeat yummy food.
- Guys want sex all the time, girls only occasionally.
- As individuals they don't want to be told what to do but are happy to go along with the crowd .
- Some are really nice individuals and some not so much.
- They like to sunbathe in January and nap in the shade in August.
- They exploit the weaknesses of others such as coworkers/sheepdogs.
- Sometimes they get bored and get into trouble.
- They don't like to do things unless it's their idea.
- They remember places they've been to before and avoid them if they are unpleasant or seek them out if pleasant.
- They find behaviors that work and repeat them.
- They have hormone driven behavior.
- They like to hang out with their friends and object to being separated from them, and conversely try to avoid being forced into close quarters with individuals they don't like.
- If they get away with something once they'll try to do the same thing at the next opportunity.
- They are never satisfied.



Ginny Prince

***The
Next
Generation
of
Competitors***



Ginny Prince

Cascade Farm SDT

July 4, 5, 6, 2025 Bath, NH Judge: Chris Bowen Host: Mary Ames

Trial Report by Mary Ames

Friday, July 4 started very cool and breezy, not your typical summer weather. The trial began with Open and 17 dogs. The sheep were Gulf Coast Natives from Heart Stone Farm. They ran well and kept dogs on their toes. Chris Bowen of Swanzev, NH was the judge. High Scores: Open- Holly Fincher, NH and Clare scored an 82; Ranch- Buford Barrett, OK and Tater scored an 82; Nursery- Mike Perry, MA and Vega scored an 86; Pro-novice- Victoria Snowden, CT and Cora scored a 70; and Novice, Victoria and Daphne scored a 71. Runs were followed by a potluck, distant fireworks, and a chilly night for sleeping.

Saturday, July 5 the trial began with Novice. Novice- Judianne Davis van Nostrand, RI and Skylar scored a 76; Pro-novice- Fiona Robertson, QC and Kale scored a 75; Open- Fiona Robertson and Bean scored an 87; Ranch- Kristen Whittle, MA and Bett scored a 77; Nursery- Fiona and Kale scored an 84. Vegetables and legumes are very good for you!

Sunday, July 6 summer returned with a vengeance! By noon the heat and humidity were well into the 80's. Pro-novice- Denise Leonard, MA and Nick scored 76; Novice- Normandie Hand, CT and Wick scored 66; Nursery- Mike Perry, MA and Vega scored 85; Ranch- Kristen Whittle, MA and Bett scored 80; and Open- Mike Perry and Vega scored 95.

Many thanks to: Chris Bowen for judging and overseeing course changes. Tim and Lisa Molinero of Heart Stone Farm for letting us borrow their Gulf Coast Native sheep. Bob and Frank for being the main stays at the pen. Heartfelt thanks to Ginny and Addie who came in Wednesday's heat to clear the setout pen and flex-net grazing for Tim's sheep. Ginny, Debbie, Sharon, Sarah, Barbara (and Frank), were the Cascade committee and I couldn't have held a trial without them.

Also, a very huge thank you to all the handlers who volunteered to help during the trial, setout and exhaust, you rock!

Results:

Friday, July 4, 2025

Open 1

- 1- Holly Fincher and Clare 82
- 2- Josh Newcomb and Hatchet 79
- 3- Ginny Prince and June 79
- 4- Laurie Sargent and Chip 79
- 5- Mike Perry and Vega 76

Nursery 1

- 1- Mike Perry and Vega 86
- 2- Fiona Robertson and Kale 77

Ranch 1

- 1- Buford Barrett and Tater 82
- 2- Mike Perry and Dobbie 78
- 3- Normandie Hand and Bell 76
- 4- Debbie West and Breeze 68
- 5- Sharon Barrette and Clyde 63

ProNovice 1

- 1. Victoria Snowden and Cora 70
- 2. Fiona Robertson and Kale 70
- 3. Betty Belliveau and Dani 70
- 4. Wendy Warner and Pete 61
- 5. Laurie Sargent and Rocky 58

Novice 1

- 1. Victoria Snowdon and Daphne 71
- 2. Normandie Hand and Wick 59

“Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring--it was peace.”
— Milan Kundera

Cascade Farm SDT Results, continued

Saturday July 5

Novice 2

- 1. Judianne Davis van Nostrand and Skylar 76
- 2. Victoria Snowdon and Daphne 53
- 3. Normandie Hand and Wick 53
- 4. Jen Hammond and Lint 52

ProNovice 2

- 1. Fiona Robertson and Kale 75
- 2. Denise Leonard and Nick 63
- 3. Maria Amodei and Joy 59
- 4. Laurie Sargent and Rocky 55
- 5. Betty Belliveau and Dani 51

Open

- 1. Fiona Robertson and Bean 87
- 2. Mike Perry and Vega 76
- 3. Josh Newcomb and Hatche 76
- 4. Ginny Prince and Grace 72
- 5. Mike Perry and Dakota Lee 72

Ranch 2

- 1. Kristen Whittle and Bett 77
- 2. Mike Perry and Dobbie 74
- 3. Barbara Eriksson and Reed 74
- 4. Elizabeth Smith-Fries and Grace 73
- 5. Sharon Barrette and Clyde 72

Nursery 2

- 1. Fiona Robertson and Kale 84

Sunday July 6

ProNovice 3

- 1. Denise Leonard and Nick 76
- 2. Fiona Robertson and Kale 74
- 3. Barbar Eriksson and Jemma 63
- 4. Carol Donnelly and Never 58
- 5. Nicole Palmer and Bran 57

Novice 3

- 1. Normandie Hand and Wick 66
- 2. Jen Hammond and Lint 50

Nursery 3

- 1. Mike Perry and Vega 85

Ranch 3

- 1. Kristen Whittle and Bett 80
- 2. Buford Barrett and Tater 78
- 3. Barbara Eriksson and Reed 75
- 4. Peter van de Carr and Oso 57
- 5. Mary Jo Waslelewski and Gin 64

Open 3

- 1. Mike Perry and Vega 95
- 2. Fiona Robertson and Bean 93
- 3. Josh Newcomb and Bullet 92
- 4. Josh Newcomb and Hatchet 91
- 5. Peggy Flanagan and Camden 88

Ginny Prince

Waiting for the shed



NEBCA High Point Winners, 2024-2025

Champion: Bev Lambert's Lee

95.8 NEBCA Open points

10 year old dog, Joe x Nan. Breeder: Bev Lambert

Reserve Champion: Bev Lambert's Annie

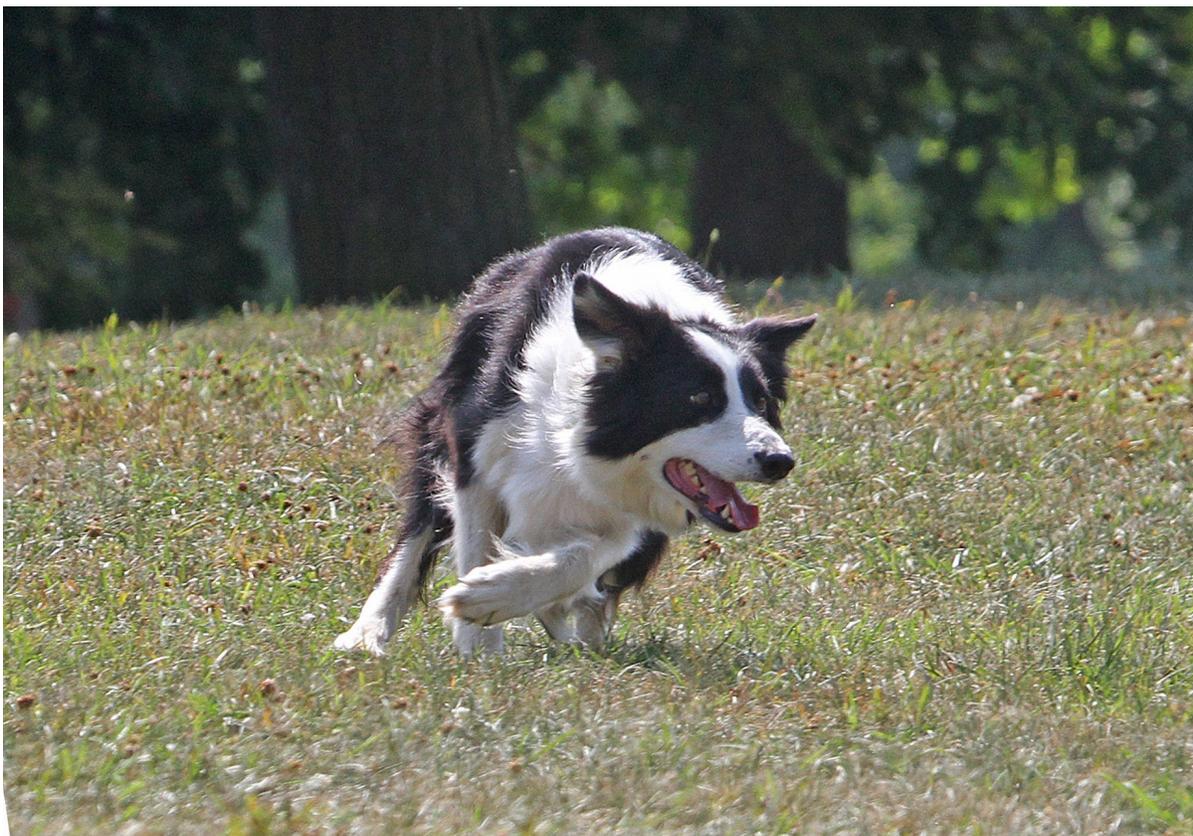
72.8 NEBCA Open points

7 year old bitch, Cap x Annie. Breeder: Alf Kyme



Christine Koval

Lee, NEBCA High Point Winner 2025



Christine Koval

Annie, NEBCA Reserve High Points dog and PURINA TOP OPEN DOG for 2025

Here is what Bev had to say about Annie:

I'm a little hazy on some of these dates but I'm fairly sure it was 2017 when Amanda Milliken went to the UK and saw several dogs she really liked. The outcome was her persuading Alf Kyme to breed his bitch to Aled Owen's Cap with the understanding that she would buy the bulk of the resulting litter. When the pups arrived she allowed her girlfriends in on the bonanza. I ended up with the girl who became Christine Koval's True. Sue Schoen got Annie.

True and I didn't quite jive although as I look at her now I wonder what I was thinking. But my sale of True allowed me to buy Annie when Sue hit a wall in her training and decided to do a friend a favor.

It was a bad wall. As clever as Annie was she would not run out. Her outruns mostly consisted of head on sheep attacks. It took us a few months but just about

the time I was beginning to question my life choices the penny dropped and she was pretty well trained.

The rest had been a blast. She's a delight to run. Extremely obedient with enough power for any situation we've so far met. Her outruns are not consistent but it gets us by most of the time.

She's a bit of a terror to my other dogs, guarding the dog door with an intensity only sustainable by a border collie. With people she's a delight, calm and easy going. On the trial field she is always competitive. She suits me.

Ed. note: Obviously, to judge by the successes of this team on the trial field, Bev suits Annie too.

Morse Brook Farm Novice Trial Results

Westminster VT

Judge: Maria Amodei

Host: Liz Shaw

Trial 1 July 26

Trial 2 July 27

Novice/Novice 5 dogs ran

Novice/Novice 5 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Wayne Simon	Cody	36
2.	Normandie Hand	Wick	34

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Normandie Hand	Wick	55
2.	Wayne Simon	Cody	24

ProNovice 7 dogs ran

1.	Nancy Phillips	Kingston	52
2.	Eric Johnson	Gus	50
3.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	45
4.	Lindsey Shafer	Mambo	44
5.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	20

ProNovice 7 dogs ran

1.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	62
2.	Lindsey Shafer	Mambo	49
3.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	45

Ranch 9 dogs ran

1.	Chris Bowen	Nickel	66
2.	Normandie Hand	Bell	63
3.	Peter Van de Car	Oso	46
4.	Addi Von Eynern	Bella	23

Ranch 9 dogs ran

1.	Normandie Hand	Bell	62
2.	Peter Van de Car	Oso	60
3.	Carolyn Pover	Kali	57

HIGH OVERALL

Novice/Novice: Champion: Normandie Hand & Wick Reserve: Wayne Simon & Cody

ProNovice: Champion: Linday Sharfer & Mambo Reserve: Deb Duarte & Gracie

Ranch: Champion: Normandie Hand & Bell Reserve: Peter Van de Car & Oso

Lancaster Fair August 28 Lancaster NH

Open Points and Time

16 dogs ran

Time: 3:30

Maximum Points: 21

1. Mike Perry and Vega, 21 pts 1:40
2. Mike Perry and Dobby, 21 points, 3:23
3. Jessica Edgerly and Dot, 18 pts, 1:56
4. Lynn Deschambeault and Rosie, 18 pts, 2:14
5. Danielle Ericksen and Finn, 18 pts, 2:27
6. Steve Lyons and Erin, 17 pts, 2:27
7. Mike Perry and Dakota Lee, 16 pts, 2:22
8. Lynn Deschambeault and Poppy, 13 pts, 2:42
9. Lynn Deschambeault and Vic, 12 pts, 2:14
10. Lynn Deschambeault and Nana, 12 pts, 3:30



Mary Armes

Ox Creek SDT Canandaigua NY August 16-17

Judge: Beth Murray Host: Paul Batz Weather: Hot and Hotter (with a few raindrops)

RESULTS:

Saturday

Open 1 38 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Carolyn West	Min	92
2.	Carolyn West	Clyde	91
3.	Maria Mick	Sylvie	91
4.	Maria Mick	Treat	89
5.	Dave Goyer	Dan	86
6.	Kelly Mayfield	Chev	85
7.	Carolyn West	Bee	84
8.	Barb Armata	Bett	84

Sunday

Open 2 36 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Carolyn West	Clyde	93
2.	Eric Johnson	Blade	91
3.	Carolyn West	Min	86
4.	Mason Hotter	Laddie	84
5.	Carolyn West	Bee	84
6.	Barb Armata	Bett	84
7.	Kim Lippolis	Sam	83
8.	Dave Goyer	Dan	82

Nursery 1 5 dogs ran

1.	Paul Batz	Kody	54
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Nursery 2 5 dogs ran

1.	Ginny Prince	Rhonda	71
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Ranch 1 22 dogs ran

1.	Dave Goyer	Ben	82
2.	Mason Hotter	Laddie	76
3.	Kim Lippolis	Joe	75
4.	Chris Bowen	Nickel	74
5.	Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	74
6.	Elizabeth Smith-Freis	Grace	65

Ranch 2 21 dogs ran

1.	Kim Lippolis	Joe	83
2.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	80
3.	Debbie Sherman	Monty	79
4.	Dave Goyer	Ben	76
5.	Becca Goyer	Tuck	74
6.	Addi Von Eynern	Bella	72

*Overall Open Champion:
Carolyn West & Clyde
Receiving a really nice bag handmade
by one of Paul's students*



Wayside Farm Novice SDT August 23-24 Hackettstown, NJ

Judges: Carol Champion (NN, Ranch), Chloe Scott (PN) Host: Gene Sheninger & Teri Rhodes

Novice / Novice 1

11 dogs ran

Novice/ Novice 2

12 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score	Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Normandie Hand	Wick	54	1.	Normandie Hand	Wick	56
2.	Wayne Simon	Faye	50	2.	Joyce O'Connell	Widget	55
3.	Wayne Simon	Cody	41	3.	Wayne Simon	Cody	53
4.	Joyce O'Connell	Widget	41	4.	Wayne Simon	Faye	47
5.	Denise Mondor	Drift	26	5.	Victoria Snowdon	Daphne	44
6.	Val Norets	Tanzi	20	6.	Deanna Ray	Keelan	44
				7.	Michele Byers	Robby	37
				8.	Val Norets	Tanzi	26
				9.	Denise Mondor	Drift	24

ProNovice 1

24 dogs ran

ProNovice 2

23 dogs ran

1.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	58	1.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	62
2.	Dan Weeks	Possum	49	2.	Carol Champion	Mick	59
3.	Nancy Ortiz Sharp	Wind	47	3.	Walt Zieser	Casey	58
4.	Walt Zieser	Ace	45	4.	Nicole Palmer	Brit	55
5.	Nicole Palmer	Birt	39	5.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Wind	52
6.	Francois LeBlanc	Blum	38	6.	Francois LeBlanc	Blum	49
7.	Carol Champion	Mick	38	7.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	47
8.	Nicole Plamer	Bran	38	8.	Dan Weeks	Possum	44
9.	Carol Champion	Magic	35	9.	Betty Belliveau	Dani	38
10.	Preston Ray	Hope	30	10.	Carol Champion	Magic	38
11.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	29	11.	Preston Ray	Hope	34
12.	Nancy Phillips	Kingston	27	12.	Walt Zieser	Jill	34
13.	Betty Belliveau	Dani	26	13.	Francois LeBlanc	Link	32
14.	Victoria Snowdon	Cora	25	14.	Deb Duarte	Gracie	30
15.	Marianne Walters	Tess	24	15.	Marianne Walters	Tess	29
16.	Gigi Frostick	Robbie	24	16.	Gigi Frostick	Robbie	27
17.	Carol Donnelly	Never	23				
18.	Walt Zieser	Jill	22				

Ranch 1

37 dogs ran

Ranch 2

36 dogs ran

1.	Judy Gambill	Fern	78	1.	Gene Sheninger	Ono	80
2.	Debbie Sherman	JoDee	72	2.	Dave Goyer	Ben	71
3.	Dave Sharp	Chief	71	3.	Nancy Joyce Simmons	Star	70
4.	Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	71	4.	Leslie Whitney	Kate	69
5.	Sarah Mullin	Ricky	64	5.	Joanne Thayer	Pepe	68
6.	Nancy Joyce Simmons	Louse	62	6.	Skylar Landis	Wren	66
7.	Peter Van de Car	Oso	61	7.	Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	68
8.	Nancy Joyce Simmons	Star	61	8.	Pat Warne	Millie	68
9.	Debbie Sherman	Monty	60	9.	Leslie Whitney	Deacon	66
10.	Pat Warne	Millie	59	10.	Debbie Sherman	JoDee	66
11.	Eileen Stein	Quaya	58	11.	Bridget Griffin	Tess	66
12.	Bridget Griffin	Quinn	57	12.	Eileen Stein	Quaya	65
13.	Skylar Landis	Wren	56	13.	Rebecca Goyer	Claire	64
14.	David Goyer	Ben	56	14.	Carolyn Pover	Kali	63
15.	Joanne Thayer	Pepe	55	15.	Nancy Joyce Simmons	Louse	62

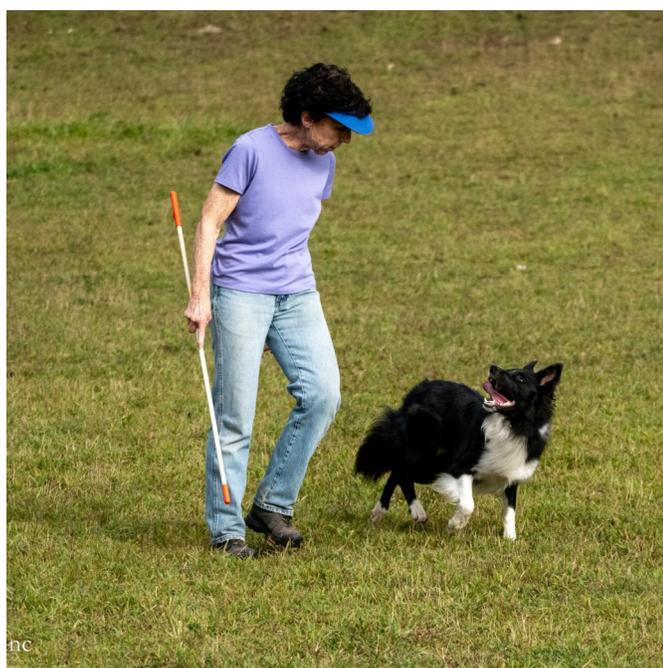
Wayside Farm Novice Trial results, cont.

Ranch 1

17. Rebecca Goyer	Claire	53
18. Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	53
19. Laurie Sargent	Rocky	53
20. Leslie Whitney	Kate	50
21. Carolyn Pover	Kali	48
22. Gene Sheninger	Ono	47
23. Eileen Stein	Nan	43

Ranch 2

17. Mary Jo Wasielewski	Gin	57
18. Debbie Sherman	Monty	56
19. Kim Lippolis	Joe	52
20. Eileen Stein	Nan	50
21. Ann Roseberry Lincoln	Bren	49
22. Judy Gambill	Fern	49
23. Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	48
24. Laurie Sargent	Rocky	48
25. Don Kerstetter	Nick	47
26. Dale Reiter	Lynx	47
27. Sara Reiter	Zac	46
28. Pam Davies	Seren	44
29. Pat Warne	Gwyn	42
30. Dave Sharp	Chief	41
31. Sarah Mullin	Ricky	40
32. Rose Redick	Nyx	38



Joyce O'Connell & Widget



Whose hat?



Betty Belliveau's Dani



Sarah Mullin

Wayside Farm trial photos courtesy of Francois LeBlanc
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NEBCA Novice Triple Crown

A new event this year, the Triple Crown for novice classes comprising the following trials:

- Willowdale Novice Trial, hosted by Josh Newcomb in Kennet Square, PA
- Belle Rose Summer Novice Trial, hosted by Skylar Landis in Chestertown, MD
- Wayside Novice Trial, hosted by Teri Rhodes and Gene Sheninger in Hackettstown, NJ

And the Winners Are:

Novice/ Novice: Wayen Simon & Cody

ProNovice: Nicole Palmer and Bran

Ranch: Amy Hershberget & Trusty Joe

CONGRATULATIONS !



Wayne and Cody



Bran

Trusty Joe



Friends and Dreams

By Chole Scott

(Ed note: If you don't know Chloe, you will soon. A teenager who has risen swiftly in the sport and now competes in Open and Nursery, Chloe wrote this piece as an assignment for high school English class. Chloe's mentor, Teri Rhodes, persuaded her to share it with the Newsletter. Chloe is gunning to be selected to represent the US as a Junior Handler at the 2026 World Trials. If she doesn't get to attend as a competitor, I vote we send her as a correspondent.)

“Again, ladies and gentlemen”, says the announcer in his smooth voice, “this is the 60th annual Bluegrass Classic StockDog Trial. We are so glad you are able to join us today on this fine afternoon.” The Bluegrass Classic, a very prestigious competition, is similar in size to next year's World Trial in Scotland. Many of the best dogs and handlers in the USA and Canada are participating. I can't believe that I'm here, too. I draw in a breath and let it out—bit by bit. A few feet away, the judge keenly watches the run before me. He, I deem, will determine my worth based on the success of my upcoming run.

As the run before me is wrapping up, my nerves dig their sharp claws into me. My stomach drops to my toes and my throat feels like it's been deprived of water for days. *What if I forget how to use my whistle?* I think. Desperately, palms sweating, I reach out to stroke my dog, Cindy; she sits beside me. With eyes the color of dark honey, she stares at me like I am the sun and moon, and I am able to rein in my tumbling thoughts and continue to suck in air.

For the sake of my sanity, I look at nothing except Cindy, and think of nothing except the grind that has propelled me to this moment. I have disregarded the snooze button to fit in my school work and dog training every morning. I even moved down to New Jersey, away from my friends and family, to be mentored by the best of the best. This sport — the errorless performance of my next run— is everything to me.

“Chloe, you're next up”, says the Course Di-

rector. I stand on jelly legs and stiffly walk to the judge.

“Chloe Scott and Cindy,” I say. My throat is so tight, I am surprised anything more than a squeak escapes my lips.

“Good luck.” is the judge's acknowledgement.

“Thank you,” I respond.

My nerves subside as my dog kicks off from my side and onto her outrun—the gather of the sheep, spanning 500 yards. She has seen the sheep. She is now in a mission to retrieve them. She covers ground in powerful strides, and when she crests the top of her outrun, the sheep's heads rise like snakes from the grass to assess if she's a threat. Cindy creeps forward and begins to move towards me. I miss the first set of panels. That *rookie mistake* will cost me precious points. I hit the second panel and my confidence is revived. I miss the third and the sheep race for the escape pen. “Come by!” I scream — *Wrong command*. Cindy stops and looks at me. “I'm sorry! I'm sorry! Away Cindy, away!” I'm too late. The sheep have made it to the escape pen. It will be tough, with a deduction of many points, to peel them off. Cindy darts around the sheep, and a stubborn ewe turns on her. The ewe's nostrils flare and she stands rigidly like a proud, marble statue. Cindy's eye are no longer sweet like honey. They are unwelcoming, hypnotizing and keenly focused on the ewe. The sheep grudgingly yields and rejoins the group. When the sheep finally reach the shedding ring, I join them. My adrenaline is dissipating into hot frustration and I feel like a marathon runner at the finish line. After we properly split the sheep, on the fourth try, it will be a miracle if more than three points remain. I grasp at my last bit of dignity and run to the pen.

“Time!” the judge calls, and I can breathe again. I close the gate on an empty pen and trudge through the grass. I can feel the tears trying to escape my eyes like the water sloshing out of the cool-off tub Cindy jumps into.

Chloe Scott, cont.

I reach the exit gate and collapse into a nearby chair. I bite my lip and rub my eyes to try and stop the tears, but it won't quench the flood. Too scared to face anyone after my run, I spend the next hour hiding in the car. An hour is enough time to realize that it is foolish to base my worth on my success in trials.

Like a moth out of its cocoon, I exit the car. I didn't do well, but the knowledge I gained from my faulty run is priceless. This trial was a culmination of my training. If I am unsatisfied with the results, I will go home and train differently. My dog worked her hardest for me. In the sticky, Kentucky weather, she didn't leave me for water during the run as many dogs did. Mistake will happen, but they don't take away my worth. Later, I was offered a piece of sound advice from a top handler, Alasdair Macrae: "Mistakes are your friends. Winning trials are your dreams."



Chloe Scott and her dog
Cindy

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