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Hooray for Seniors! Pam Wataha's Ace: At 12 years old, in the money at Topsfield Fair.

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Proposed Bylaws Revision – Proxy Voting

For Consideration at the Annual Meeting

The NEBCA Board of Directors will make a motion at the Annual Meeting to eliminate the option of “Voting by Proxy” from the organization’s bylaws.

In the past, when the annual meeting was held in person, and travel distances often made it impossible for many members to attend, proxy voting was a reasonable option and was often needed to achieve a quorum. Now that membership meetings are held electronically, the effort required to participate is minimal and the concerns regarding achieving a quorum have been eliminated. Also, managing voting with proxies in a Zoom meeting can be quite confusing.

Robert’s Rules of Order discourages proxy voting in non-profit organizations and argues that it “is incompatible with the essential nature of a deliberative assembly in which membership is individual, personal and non-transferable”. In other words, if you are going to vote, you should be there to hear and participate in the discussions of the issues on which you are voting. Giving your voting rights to another member, without knowing the motions to be voted on, and the arguments made in the meeting for and against them, does not contribute to the best decisions being made for the organization. The board of directors agrees with this logic.

This newsletter article serves to satisfy the bylaws requirement that a 30 day notification of a vote on any revision be provided to the membership. A marked-up version of the bylaws detailing the changes proposed will be posted on the NEBCA website.

IMPORTANT! VOTE! IMPORTANT! VOTE!

Voting is underway for new Board of Directors’ members. A ballot is enclosed here if this is a paper newsletter. If you don’t get the mailed newsletter, you must go to the NEBCA website, members only section, and print out the ballot. Fill out both sides and mail to Skylar Landis, Belle Rose Kennels, 24420 Chestertown Road, Chestertown MD 21620. ALSO: **RENEW YOUR NEBCA MEMBERSHIP!!**

Editorializing

Winter! Brrr! Snow has already fallen even in SE PA and I know more in most of NEBCA-land. But trials are surprisingly not over. Wayside Farm in NJ will host an Open trial Dec 12-14 and for the really hardy folks Sue Schoen offers the New Years Freeze in Pittsfield, MA on Jan 3. Also we welcome back the Pennsylvania Farm Show trial — cancelled last year due to bad weather—January 13 and 14 in Harrisburg, PA at the indoor Farm Show Complex. This fast action point and time trial always draws many competitors pining for something to do in January as well as enthusiastic crowds, good prize money, classic Pennsylvania fair food and large stuffed Serta sheep.

In this issue we find results of NEBCA’s two flagship events: Novice Finals (pp. 5-8) and the Fall Foliage

(pp. 13-14). If you didn’t attend, read on to see how your friends fared, and next year plan to go to at least one of these. You don’t have to run a dog — I’m sure your help in the pen will always be gratefully accepted.

For reasons that won’t be discussed here, this year a lot of our Canadian members did not wish to attend trials in the United States. OK then, time for Americans to go to Canada. And we did, some of us. Remember, NEBCA is an international club. This issue therefore showcases more Canadian trial results as well as two trial reports by Novice Canadian handler Lisa McPherson. Read on for an interesting view from across the border, and next year why don’t YOU plan on going to support the Canadian trials? The border crossing is not difficult and Duty-Free has some really good deals.

~Pam Mueller, Editor

Fair Trials!

The Big E Springfield MA

Monday Sept. 22

Trial #1 30 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Pts	Tme
1.	Maria Mick	Sylvie	24	2:22
2.	Mike Perry	Dakota	24	3:44
3.	Barb Erickson	Reed	22	3:07
4.	Carol Campion	Carrie	21	2:54
5.	Melanie Behrens	Kit	19	3:24
6.	Jessica Edgerly	Dot	18	3:10
7.	Christine Koval	Tru	18	3:44
8.	Daneille Eriksen	Finn	18	3:48
9.	Peter VandeCar	Oso	17	3:31
10.	Mike Perry	Vega	17	4:00

Trial #2 29 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Pts	Time
1.	Carol Weigand	Brody	26	2:15
2.	Melanie Behrens	Kit	26	3:02
3.	Maria Mick	Sylvie	24	2:08
4.	Carol Campion	Fly	23	2:18
5.	Christine Koval	Tru	23	3:14
6.	Jessica Edgerly	Dot	23	3:41
7.	Mike Perry	Dobby	22	3:42
8.	Mike Perry	Dakota	22	3:58
9.	Kim Lippolis	Sam	21	2:30
10.	Carol Campion	Carrie	20	2:30

Freyburg Fair, Fryeburg ME

Saturday Sept 27 18 dogs ran

- Lynn Deschambeault & Nana
- Peggy Flanagan & Camden
- Peggy Flanagan & Kitt
- Steve Lyons & Ben
- Steve Lyons & Erin
- Steve Lyons & Raven
- Danielle Eriksen & Finn
- Sharon Barrette & Clyde
- Karen Gorman & Tess
- Tim Molinero & Kenna

Sunday Sept 28 18 dogs ran

- Lynn Deschambeault & Nana
- Peggy Flanagan & Camden
- Peggy Flanagan & Kitt
- Steve Lyons & Raven
- Lynn Deschambeault & Imp. TBC Rosie
- Mike Perry & Dakota
- Mike Perry & Vega
- Pam Wataha & Ace
- Lynn Deschambeault & Poppy
- Karen Gorman & Tess

Topsfield Fair Topsfield MA

Trial #1 22 dogs ran

- Carol Weigand & Brody
- Mikey Perry & Dakota
- Mikey Perry & Vega
- Lynn Deschambeault & Nana
- Jessical Edgerly & Willard
- Sheila Crepeau & Gem
- Lynn Deschambeault & Imp. TBC Rosie
- Peggy Flannagan & Kitt
- Maria Mick & Sylvie
- Dana Eriksen & Finn

Thursday Oct. 9

Trial #2 20 dogs ran

- Jessica Edgerly & Willard
- Mikey Perry & Dakota
- Jessica Edgerly & John John
- Maria Mick & Treat
- Lynn Deschambeault & Nana
- Lynn Deschambeault & Imp. TBC Rosie
- Debbie West & Breeze
- Karen Gorman & Tess
- Dana Eriksen & Finn
- Debbie West & Zoom

NEBCA NOVICE FINALS 2025 Wayside Farm, Hackettstown, NJ

Sept. 20-21 Judge: Maria Mick Host: Gene Sheninger & Teri Rhodes

Novice/Novice 1				Novice/Novice 2			
<i>7 dogs ran</i>				<i>7 dogs ran</i>			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score	Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Lindsay Shafer	Mamba	46	1.	Wayne Simon	Cody	74
2.	Normandie Hand	Wick	41	2.	Lindsay Shafer	Mamba	73
3.	Wayne Simon	Faye	43	3.	Judianne Davis-Van Nostrand	Skylar	58
4.	Victoria Snowdon	Daphne	34	4.	Normandie Hand	Wick	54
5.	Wayne Simon	Cody	38	5.	Deanna Ray	Keelan	52
6.	Judianne Davis-Van Nostrand	Skylar	32	6.	Victoria Snowdon	Daphne	46
7.	Deanna Ray	Keelan	25				

ProNovice 1			
<i>13 dogs ran</i>			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Jessica Edgerly	Froggy	71
2.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	69
3.	Jessica Edgerly	Pearl	64
4.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	61
5.	Joanne Murphy	Abby	58
6.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Wind	55
7.	Joanne Fassbinder	Bryn	54
8.	Preston Ray	Hope	53
9.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	What	45
10.	Carol Donnelly	Never	43

Pronovice 2			
<i>13 dogs ran</i>			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	65
2.	Joanne Murphy	Abby	61
3.	Joanne Fassbinder	Bryn	61
4.	Jessica Edgerly	Pearl	57
5.	Jessica Edgerly	Froggy	57
6.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Wind	52
7.	Preston Ray	Hope	51
8.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	47
9.	Victoria Snowdon	Cora	46
10.	Nicole Palmer	Brit	39

Ranch 1			
<i>24 dogs ran</i>			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Judy Gambill	Fern	77.5
2.	David Goyer	Ben	71
3.	Skylar Landis	Wren	70
4.	Patricia Warne	Millie	68
5.	Caroline Gordon	Stella	67
6.	Normandie Hand	Bell	63
7.	David Sharp	Chief	63
8.	Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	63
9.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	62
10.	Sara Reiter	Zac	62

Ranch 2			
<i>24 dogs ran</i>			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	83
2.	Gene Sheninger	Ono	82
3.	Joanne Thayer	Pepe	79
4.	Judianne Van Nostrand	Spin	78
5.	Judy Gambill	Fern	76
6.	Skylar Landis	Wren	76
7.	David Sharp	Chief	70
8.	Caroline Gordon	Stella	69
9.	Normandie Hand	Bell	69
10.	Jay Best	Shep	66

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Diane Ferrer thepupphoto

Mastermind behind the scenes Skylar Landis still found time to run her dogs Tate (left) and Wren (right)



Diane Ferrer thepupphoto

NOVICE FINALS Results, cont.

Novice/Novice 3

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Lindsay Shafer	Mamba	70
2.	Judianne Davis-Van Nostrand	Skylar	65
3.	Victoria Snowdon	Daphne	63
4.	Wayne Simon	Faye	48
5.	Deanna Ray	Keelan	45
6.	Normandie Hand	Wick	45
7.	Wayne Simon	Cody	44

Placement (best 2 out of 3 runs)

Novice/Novice

1.	Lindsay Shafer	Mamba	146
2.	Wayne Simon	Cody	129
3.	Judianne Davis-Van Nostrand	Skylar	123
4.	Victoria Snowden	Daphne	122
5.	Normandie Hand	Wick	121
6.	Wayne Simon	Faye	113
7.	Deanna Ray	Keelan	100

ProNovice 3

13 dogs ran

1.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	64
2.	Preston Ray	Nope	64
3.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	61
4.	Jessica Edgerly	Pearl	60
5.	Jessica Edgerly	Froggy	59
6.	Nicole Palmer	Birt	58
7.	Victoria Snowdon	Cora	57
8.	Joanne Fassbender	Bryn	50
9.	Joanne Murphy	Abby	49
10.	Sara Reiter	Cliff	46

ProNovice

1.	Jessica Edgerly	Froggy	130
2.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	130
3.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	129
4.	Jessica Edgerly	Pearl	124
5.	Joanne Murphy	Abby	119
6.	Preston Ray	Hope	117
7.	Joanne Fassbender	Bryn	115
8.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Wind	107
9.	Nicole Palmer	Birt	104
10.	Victoria Snowden	Cora	103

PRONOVICE RUNOFF RESULTS:

1.	Jessica Edgerly	Froggy	67
2.	Eileen Wilentz	Colin	64

Ranch 3

22 dogs ran

1.	Gene Sheninger	Ono	75
2.	Normandie Hand	Bell	72
3.	Judianne Van Nostrand	Spin	69
4.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	68
5.	Nancy Joyce Simmons	Star	68
6.	Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	67
7.	Bridget Griffin	Quinn	67
8.	Sara Reiter	Zac	66
9.	Caroline Gordon	Stella	64
10.	David Sharp	Chief	60

Ranch

1.	Gene Sheninger	Ono	157
2.	Judy Gambill	Fern	153.5
3.	Judianne Davis- Van Nostrand	Spin	147
4.	Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	146
5.	Skylar Landis	Wren	140
6.	Normandie Hand	Bell	141
7.	Joanne Thayer	Pepe	139
8.	Caroline Gordon	Stella	136
9.	David Sharp	Chief	133
10.	Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	130

NOVICE FINALS AWARDS

Novice/Novice Champion: *Lindsay Shafer & Mamba*

ProNovice Champion: *Jessica Edgerly & Froggy*

Ranch Champion: *Gene Sheninger & Ono*

Long Road Novice/Novice: *Lindsay Shafer & Mamba*

Long Road ProNovice: *Jessica Edgerly & Froggy*

Long Road Ranch: *Judy Gambill & Fern*

Reserve Champion: *Wayne Simon & Cody*

Reserve Champion: *Eileen Wilentz & Colin*

Reserve Champion: *Judy Gambill & Fern*

Special Awards:

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 own dog, displaying good sportsmanship, good dog handling and a willingness to help and volunteer at NEBCA trials.

PRESTON RAY

Little Hats Award:

A new award sponsored by Sally Malloy and Eileen Stein in memory of Heather Nadelman and her dog Phyl, given by the judge to the most promising dog at the Novice Finals.

NORMANDIE HAND & WICK

Judge's Pick Most Promising Team:

SKLYAR LANDIS & WREN (with a crook for a prize)



Alex McKinvin 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.

NICOLE PALMER & BRAN



*Happy Winners. Back row L to R: Nancy Ortiz-Sharp, Normandie Hand, Joanne Thayer
Middle: Preston Ray, Eileen Wilentz, Judy Gambill
Front: Lindsay Shafer, Skylar Landis, Caroline Gordon*



Novice/Novice Champion: Lindsay Shafer & Mamba



ProNovice Champion: Jessica Edgerly's Froggy

An Ontario Sheepdog Adventure, Part I

Kitley Corners Sheep Dog Trial Fall 2025

By Lisa McPherson *reprinted with permission from the OBCC Facebook group*

Photo of Hilary Flower and Daisy shedding by Norma de Rose

Road trips are always fun. The open road, heading out to something you're looking forward to, invigorates the soul. This year there were many opportunities to attend herding trials especially for the novice classes. When I looked at the OBCC calendar and saw a possibility for 6 days of trialing in October, I was in! I booked accommodations, packed the car and headed out.

October is a beautiful month in Ontario. The farmers are harvesting, the "shredded wheat" hay bales are organized neatly and the trees are changing colours. As I drove along, I remembered back to one of the first times I saw a sheep dog trial in person. It was a number of years ago when they hosted the Triple Crown. People attended trials at Swaledale, Shepherd's Crook and Indian River. This double event seemed very similar except it was at Kitley Corners and Jenovic. So cool to have the opportunity to visit 2 farms back-to-back!

The weather at Kitley Corners was phenomenal – sunny and warm. It felt like July instead of October. People had to make several clothing changes to keep with the moving thermometer!

John Palmer was the judge for the weekend. He kept a keen eye on all the happenings on the trial field and the

sheep kept things interesting. There were 2 different groups of sheep that were used. Ram lambs were used for the Open and Ranch handlers in groups of 4 on Friday and Saturday and Celeste and Brian's farm ewes were used for Pro Novice and Novice Novice. Sunday was different! EVERYONE got to use the ram lambs.

The lambs proved to be a challenge for the handlers. They were challenging to move and the handlers had to offer advice and encouragement to their dogs. The farm flock offered their own challenge. The ewes had home farm advantage but the handlers rose to the challenge. Overall, there was much success for the handlers!

The handler's tent is always a buzz during a trial. Discussions about whether or not to wear socks, expert babysitting was provided as needed and what to have for dinner intermixed between celebrations of successful runs and sympathy for the heartaches.

Saturday, they did a tree planting for long time OBCC member Teresa Castonguay, who passed away in October 2024. I didn't know her well but I had met her during the novice workshop the OBCC offered a couple of years ago. She was volunteering her time setting out sheep for us when I wandered up the field to talk to her. She was extremely friendly and offered me great encouragement. A beautiful sugar maple was planted and will provide shade and shelter for the ewes in the barnyard. Many commented that Teresa would have loved that.

On Sunday the ram lambs continued their antics and challenges! The Pro Novice and Novice Novice handlers got to try their hands at moving the lambs and I think everyone enjoyed the challenge often wanting a "do over".

It always amazes me how the trial hosts manage to make everything look so easy. So much work goes into putting these trials on. Thank you for all you do to make the trial season happen.

The ribbons were handed out an amazing prize table with something for everyone, thank you's and goodbyes said and everyone was off - some to home and some to Jenovic Farm Trial.



Kitley Corners Farm SheepDog Trial

Jasper Ontario October 3-5 2025 Host: Celeste LaCroix & Brian Epps

Judge: John Palmer

Novice/Novice 1

8 dogs ran

Novice/Novice2

Novice/Novice 3

Handler	Dog	Score	Handler	Dog	Score	Handler	Dog	Score
1. Lisa McPherson	Robbie	54	1. Lisa McPherson	Robbie	64	1. Lisa McPherson	Robbie	72
2. Farrah Federau	Knox	49	2. Mike Crellian	Lassie	57	2. Dion Spencer	Tripp	56
3. Dion Spencer	Tripp	41	3. Farrah Federau	Knox	45	3. Farrah Federau	Knox	55
4. Mike Crellian	Lassie	35				4. Mike Crellian	Lassie	53

ProNovice 1

18 dogs ran

ProNovice 2

ProNovice 3

1. Mary Ann Duffy	Cami	74	1. Patrick Gosselin	Twm	72	1. Patrick Gosselin	Twm	76
2. Patrick Gosselin	Twm	69	2. Kevan Gretton	Ace	65	2. Amanda Milliken	Eartha	67
3. Natasha Struthers	Rose	68	3. Natasha Struthers	Gin	66	3. Victoria Lamont	Seb	64
4. Victoria Lamont	Seb	68	4. Stacey Rember	Meg	63	4. Jaline Knoll	Key	65
5. Amanda Milliken	Eartha	64	5. Peter Bangarth	Aoife	54	5. Natasha Struthers	Rose	56
6. Jaline Knoll	Key	62	6. Natasha Struthers	Rose	53	6. Priscilla Walker	Rose	46
7. Kevan Gretton	Ace	61	7. Vikki Kidd	Retta	49	7. Natasha Struthers	Gin	46
8. Stacey Rember	Meg	52	8. Amanda Milliken	Eartha	41	8. Kevan Gretton	Ace	45
9. Nancy Phillips	Kingston	46	9. Blake Anderson	Cribb	36	9. Peter Bangarth	Aoife	34
10. Louise Hadley	Gus	40	10. Deb Duarte	Gracie	32	10. Priscilla Walker	Jed	32

Ranch 1

7 dogs ran

Ranch 2

Ranch 3

1. Pam Helton	Abby	40	1. Pam Helton	Abby	52	1. Mary Ann Duffy	Cami	36
2. Kevan Gretton	Cord	38	2. Mary Ann Duffy	Cami	42			
3. Julia Anderson	Trim	18	3. Kevan Gretton	Cord	37			

Open 1

29 dogs ran

Open 2

Open 3

1. Kevan Gretton	Bud	94	1. Hilary Flower	Daisy	94	1. Amanda Milliken	Dar	95
2. Kevan Gretton	Cash	91	2. Kevan Gretton	Bud	93	2. Kevan Gretton	Bud	94
3. Amanda Milliken	Tui	90	3. Fiona Robertson	Kale	93	3. Tracy Hinton	Tye	93
4. Tracy Hinton	Carter	89	4. Hilary Flower	Iris	90	4. Amanda Milliken	Tui	92
5. Werner Reitboeck	Jessie	84	5. Patrick Gosselin	Kina	89	5. Mary Anne Duffy	Jean	91
6. Amanda Milliken	Dar	82	6. Amanda Milliken	Dar	89	6. Fiona Robertson	Bean	89
7. Stacey Rember	Gem	78	7. Amanda Milliken	Tui	88	7. Fiona Robertson	Kale	89
8. Fiona Robertson	Bean	77	8. Fiona Robertson	Bean	87	8. Holly Fincher	Clare	86
9. Pam Helton	Brenna	77	9. Vikki Kidd	Jones	85	9. Louise Hadley	Boone	86
10. Anne Charlie Riviere	Shep	76	10. Werner Reitboeck	Jessie	84	10. Patrick Gosselin	Sage	86

Amanda Milliken, dressed to a T, shedding with Gus



Norma de Rose

An Ontario Sheepdog Adventure Part II

By Lisa McPherson; Photos by Norma de Rose

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We left Kitley and headed off to Jenovic Farm in the late afternoon. The 2 hour drive gave time to reflect on the past three days and enjoy the beautiful colours and sunset. This year, the spring brought cold wet weather and that was mirrored by the hot dry summer weather. It was hard on farmers, livestock and especially nature. That has been evident in the trees this fall. Less vibrant colours and some trees have lost their leaves without changing. Several days in a row with 30 degree (*ed note: that's Celsius*) weather in October certainly is a bit strange.

Werner Reitboeck was the judge for Jenovic 2.0. He had also judged their spring trial and I think he appreciated the weather a lot more this time around. Monday continued the hot dry weather, a stark contrast to the 5 degrees and raining that graced us in May!

The sheep were lively and the tree colours were at their peak around the field. Norma de Rose had the chance to take some beautiful pictures with the magical background. We ran Nursery, 2 Novice Novice, 2 Pro Novice and a Ranch class on Monday. The trial was a bit smaller than Kitley Corners but it was a mighty crew and had a great relaxed vibe. Since a lot of the handlers had attended the first Jenovic trial last spring, there was time to catch up with the friends we made in the spring and meet some new people who came to compete.

I had a few conversations during the day and many commented that herding is very different than any other dog activity. Handlers commented that being able to sit and scribe for the judge allows you to learn a lot, the judges are happy to answer questions (when the time is appropriate) and the seating arrangement under the handlers tent is

unique! Being able to sit in some unknown person's chair to chat with a friend (or stranger) is foreign and feels weird to those coming from other dog sports, but people do it without thinking in herding. Personally, I think it is wonderful that everyone is interested in supporting all levels and gets up early to come and watch!

After the days runs we had the chance to talk to Stacey Rember for the very popular Q and A. The OBCC Learning and Development committee came up with this great idea and they host a different person for the handlers to ask whatever questions they wanted. It has been very well attended and people have asked about many different things. Stacey talked about how she got into sheep farming. Mike and Stacey started with 4 ewes (of which they kept 2) and grew the farm into over 400! She was very open and answered many questions about her dogs, how she moved up from a novice handler to Open, what it's like running a farm and how they do it. We also had a trip down memory lane remembering times before the internet, email and YouTube. Herding, and life, was different then. There were newsletters, phone calls, CDs and learning how to herd was a lot less accessible. After the Q and A we were treated to an amazing dinner in Jennifer and Ladovic's beautiful post and beam home.

Tuesday started a bit cooler with sunshine but as quickly as the Nursery and Ranch classes progressed, the weather changed into more seasonable weather. It started raining slightly during the last Novice Novice class and in the middle of a run there was a bolt of lightening, boom of thunder and the rain just came down! There were a few people racing for their cars for rain gear and rubber boots and we had a 40 minute rain delay while the thunder and lightening raged overhead. The Pro Novice and Ranch classes were still to run but I had gotten soaked so said my good-bye's and headed back to my air bnb for dry clothes and headed for home. I was sad to miss the ribbon ceremony but the results are posted on the OBCC facebook page.

On my ride home I reflected on the year that was. It was especially exciting to see handlers and dogs doing well as they move up and as the season moved along. There was lots of advice and interesting ideas shared during the Q and A. There was time to catch up on how everyone was doing, meet new friends and trial in new locations. I finally reflected on how blessed I am to be able to do this with my dog. Being outside in the fresh air, the open fields and good company? What more does one person need.

Jenovic Farms Novice Trial St. Eugene, Ontario

October 20-21 Judge: Werner Reitboeck Host: Patrick Gosselin and the Villeneuve Family

Novice/Novice 1 11 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Guylaine Gadroury	Chiki	74
2.	Mike Crellian	Lassie	66
3.	Lucie Dessureau	Coach	65
4.	Guylaine Gadroury	Lego	54
5.	Farrah Federau	Knox	50

Novice /Novice 2 11 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Farrah Federau	Knox	69
2.	Mike Crellian	Lassie	67
3.	Lyne Lab	Penny	58
4.	Lisa McPherson	Robbie	55
5.	Luci Dessureau	Coach	49
6.	Guylaine Gadroury	Lego	44

Novice/Novice 3 6 dogs ran

1.	Mike Crellian	Lassie	47
2.	Lucie Dessureau	Coach	44
3.	Lisa McPherson	Robbie	36

ProNovice 1 14 dogs ran

1.	Patrick Gosselin	Twm	71
2.	Natasha Struthers	Rose	70
3.	Stacey Rember	Meg	64
4.	Felix Bergeron	Soul	52
5.	Felix Bergeron	Fritz	52
6.	Priscilla Walker	Jed	46

ProNovice 2 14 dogs ran

1.	Patrick Gosselin	Twm	77
2.	Jaline Knoll	Key	67
3.	Stacey Rember	Meg	65
4.	Nathalie LaBelle	Ava	65
5.	Felix Bergeron	Fritz	61
6.	Norma de Rose	Raina	53

ProNovice 3 13 dogs ran

1.	Patrick Gosselin	Twm	78
2.	Natasha Struthers	Rose	75
3.	Priscilla Walker	Rose	75
4.	Natasha Struthers	Gin	61
5.	Joanne Murphy	Abby	58
6.	Deb Duarte	Grace	57
7.	Stacey Rember	Meg	54
8.	Norma de Rose	Raina	45
9.	Nathalie LaBelle	Ava	43
10.	Felix Bergeron	Soul	41



Kale, Fiona Roberston’s latest vegetable and an outstanding young dog. Entered in Ranch, she had to run non-compete, having picked up Open points the day before at Kitley Corners.

Ranch 1 7 dogs ran

1.	Pam Mueller	Gnat	71
2.	Jim Murphy	Spice	57
3.	Blake Anderson	Euchre	53

Ranch 2 8 dogs ran

1.	Pam Mueller	Gnat	73
2.	Priscilla Walker	Queen	65
3.	Julia Anderson	Trim	43
4.	Jim Murphy	Spice	41
5.	Priscilla Walker	Rayne	32

Ranch 3 8 dogs ran

1.	Jaline Knoll	Key	70
2.	Jim Murphy	Spice	58
3.	Pam Mueller	Gnat	53
4.	Julia Anderson	Trim	45
5.	Blake Anderson	Euchre	44



Who doesn’t love spotted sheep?

NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE brought to you by the NEBCA Open Trials Committee

October 17-19 Kingston, ON Judge: George Stambulic Host: Amanda Milliken

Reportage by Sue Schoen

The 2025 Fall NEBCA Fall Foliage was held in Kingston, Ontario this year, at Brian Beck’s field, formerly known as 80 Acres. Amanda Milliken hosted the trial and we were fortunate to run on 250 fresh, cagey ewes from Waupoos Island provided by the Fleugel family. Every team had fresh sheep for each trial. George Stambulic of Cranbrook British Columbia sorted the runs each day. We were very pleased with George’s judging.

The Waupoos Island flock numbers somewhere around 2500 ewes. They are only worked by dogs when necessary for moves to different solar grazing sites and then only in large numbers. Often they are managed with a Huntaway and shepherds on quad bikes. Thus they provide a test for handlers and dogs that is uncommon to find on the East Coast. They are always a learning experience around the course, at the pen and in the shedding ring. They ask questions of the dogs and they expect a reasonable answer. The 80 Acre field provides a challenging outrun of approximately 400 yards. Open trials 1 and 2 took place on Friday and Saturday. It was an 11-12 minute course on four sheep. Fifty-one dogs went to

the post each day.

On Sunday 15 teams ran back in the double life with a full international shed on 20 sheep. The wind was up on Sunday, adding to the difficulty. Results are posted below, but Amanda Milliken showed us how to do it with her seven year old bitch Dar. Mich Ferraro and Bella were Reserve Champions.

The trial was well run and well organized by the NEBCA Open Trials Committee, Kim Lippolis, Laurie Sargent, Dominick Fabrizio and chair Sue Schoen. We were fortunate to have great support workers to set up the course, take it down and help in the pens. The sheep were only lightly used and were able to graze freely behind electronet which put them in a good mood around the course. An stalwart group of handlers volunteered to set sheep for each run, not always an easy task. Warren Mick ably set the first lot for each of the 15 Double Lift runs, with the running competitors taking turns to set the second lot.

The trial committee would like to thank everyone who pitched in to help. Felix Bergeron, Christian Ostensen, Ben Mcrady, Chloe Scott and especially Martha Walke who took entries,

recorded scores, and kept this trial Chairperson moderately sane throughout.

This trial would not have been possible with Amanda Milliken, who proposed this trial venue as we drove back from Jack and Kathy Knox’s trial last year. She generously offered equipment, water from her well for the sheep, advice and support throughout the trial.

Congratulations to all the winners of each Open trial and to those who made it into the Double Lift. And thanks to all the handlers who came and participated.

What 4500 Wapoos Island sheep look like



FALL FOLIAGE RESULTS

Open 1

51 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Tracy Hinton	Carter	85
2.	Amanda Milliken	Tui	84
3.	Tracy Hinton	Tye	83
4.	Mich Ferraro	Peavy	80
5.	Amanda Milliken	Dar	77
6.	Sally Molloy	Reese	76
7.	Mich Ferraro	Quark	72
8.	Anne Charlie Riviere	Shep	70
9.	Christine Koval	Tru	70
10.	Stacey Rember	Gem	70
11.	Mike Perry	Dakota	66
12.	Carolyn West	Min	65
13.	Patrick Gosselin	Kina	63
14.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	60
15.	Carolyn West	Clyde	60
16.	Chloe Scott	Una	57
17.	Dominic Frabizio	Nell	56
18.	Mary Anne Duffy	Jean	55
19.	Sally Molloy	Coin	53
20.	Dominick Frabizio	Mick	54

Open 2

51 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	87
2.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	84
3.	Mich Ferraro	Bella	74
4.	Mike Perry	Dakota	73
5.	Mich Ferraro	Peavy	73
6.	Christine Koval	Tru	71
7.	Tracy Hinton	Tye	71
8.	Mike Perry	Vega	70
9.	Stacey Rember	Gem	69
10.	Amanda Milliken	Tui	68
11.	Mary Anne Duffy	Jean	66
12.	Tracy Hinton	Carter	63
13.	Werner Reitbock	Keen	62
14.	Dominick Frabizio	Mick	61
15.	Amanda Milliken	Gus	60
16.	Carolyn West	Min	60
17.	Warren Mick	Bud	59
18.	Patrick Gosselin	Kina	57
19.	Sue Schoen	Zoe	56
20.	Teri Rhodes	Aron	54

DOUBLE LIFT 5 top each day plus 5 top combined

1.	Amanda Milliken	Dar	114
2.	Mich Ferraro	Bella	111
3.	Amanda Milliken	Tui	109
4.	Tracy Hinton	Tye	105
5.	Carolyn West	Clyde	99
6.	Carolyn West	Min	93
7.	Christine Koval	Tru	86
8.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	85
9.	Mike Perry	Dakota	84
10.	Mich Ferraro	Peavy	70
11.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	70
12.	Sally Molloy	Reese	58
13.	Mary Anne Duffy	Jean	DQ
14.	Dominick Frabizio	Mick	DQ
15.	Patrick Gosselin	Kina	RT



Fall Foliage Double Lift Winner: Amanda Milliken's Dar

Bittersweet Farm Fall Novice Trial

October 31-November 2 Hampton, CT Host: Carol Champion

Judges: Warren Mick (PN, Ranch) & Emily Yazwinski (NN)

After dreary forecasts of nor'easter weather for the weekend, the trial gods and goddesses smiled upon us mortals bestowing fabulous weather for the three days. The course and the North Country ewes were challenging but there were many great runs with dogs and handlers learning how to read the sheep and pressures of the field. Prizes to 5th place were given in each class with special awards of an embroidered throw to overall champion in each class and a mug from Mid-Atlantic Border Collie Association for the most promising dog in each class.

A shout-out to Farm Diggety, a great source of products for nice prizes.

Being Halloween, we couldn't let the holiday pass by unnoticed without a costume contest. The creativity was fabulous. See photo. Our judge, Larry Champion, had a tough choice. Prizes went to Pam Mueller for her wicked witch costume and Nicole Palmer and her dogs Tin Man, Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion and "little dog too".

Thanks to all who pitched in to help make the trial run ef-

ficiently. Special thanks and recognition to Warren Mick and Emily Yazwinski for their expert, fair and kind judging. Warren judged Ranch and Pronovice on Friday and Saturday and Emily judged two Novice runs on Sunday. Emily also mentored a third learning trial for the Novices with suggestions for help on their handling.

Larry Champion efficiently manned the hold out pen. Emily Yazwinski help out for Ranch and ProNovice. Carol Champion held out for Novice/Novice and Pam Mueller stayed an extra day to help exhaust.

Behind the scenes, we have Diane Geer to thank for hospitality each morning and Victoria Snowdon and Judianne Van Nostrand for pre-trial paperwork. Thank you all.

Carol



Costume Contest: Plenty of witches, Little Red Riding Hood, Dorothy and Cast, Cowboy, Bugs Bunny and more

Bittersweet Farm Novice Trial Results

Ranch 1

24 dogs ran

1. Pat Warne	Millie	75
2. Jessica Edgerly	Froggy	74
3. Ginny Prince	Rhonda	73
4. Mary Wasielewski	Gin	71
5. Carolyn Pover	Kali	70
6. Laurie Sargent	Rocky	66
7. Kristin Whittle	Bett	66
8. Bridget Griffin	Tess	65
9. Bridget Griffin	Quinn	64
10. Normandie Hand	Bell	63

Ranch 2

21 dogs ran

1. Normandie Hand	Bell	75
2. Mary Wasielewski	Gin	69
3. Chris Bowen	Nickel	68
4. Pam Mueller	Gnat	67
5. Carolyn Pover	Kali	66
6. Kristin Whittle	Bett	66
7. Denise Leonard	Teak	65
8. Ginny Prince	Rhonda	63
9. Bridget Griffin	Quinn	63
10. Bob Holmgren	Call	57

OVERALL RANCH CHAMPION: Mary Wasielewski & Gin MOST PROMISING RANCH DOG: Bridget Griffin's Tess

ProNovice 1

20 dogs ran

1. Carol Campion	Mick	76
2. Nicole Palmer	Birt	72
3. Nicole Palmer	Bran	70
4. Lindsay Shafer	Mamba	70
5. Heath Pekarovich	Magic	69
6. Carol Campion	Magic	68
7. Deb Duarte	Gracie	67
8. Denise Leonard	Nick	63
9. Eileen Wilentz	Colin	60
10. Victoria Snowdon	Cora	59

ProNovice 2

22 dogs ran

1. Eileen Wilentz	Colin	75
2. Carol Weigand	Becket	72
3. Nicole Palmer	Bran	71
4. Betty Belliveau	Dani	67
5. Kate Collins	Tibbie	64
6. Lindsay Shafer	Mamba	61
7. Carol Campion	Magic	60
8. Barbara Eriksson	Jemma	55
9. Jessica Edgerly	Squirrel	52
10. Donna Dickenson	Veery	48

OVERALL PRONOVICE CHAMPION: Nicole Palmer & Bran

MOST PROMISING PRONOVICE DOG: Lindsay Shafer's Mamba

Novice/Novice 1

11 dogs ran

Novice /Novice 2

1. Linda Pace	Jake	76	1. Donalee Slater Rev	72	
2. Joyce O'Connell	Widget	72	2. Sue Baggeson Storm	72	
3. Donnalee Slater	Rev	69	3. Joyce O'ConnellWidget	72	
4. Normandie Hand	Wick	65	4. Linda Pace	Jake	69
5. Michelle Byers	Robbie	46	5. Normandie Hand	Wick	65

OVERALL NOVICE /NOVICE CHAMPION: Linda Pace & Jake

MOST PROMISING NOVICE DOG: Joyce O'Connells' Widget



Ginny Prince

Willowdale Fall Novice Steepdog Trial

November 15-16

Kennet Square, PA

Judge: Teri Rhodes

Host: Josh Newcomb

Novice/Novice 1			3 dogs ran			Novice / Novice 2			Novice/ Novice 3		
Place	Handler		Place	Handler	Dog	Score	Place	Handler	Dog	Score	
No Scores			NC	Sarah Rider	Meg	44	1.	Kate Dobson	Tiva	41	
							NC	Sarah Rider	Meg	38	

ProNovice 1			11 dogs ran			ProNovice 2			ProNovice 3		
1.	Joanne Fassbender	Bryn	72	1.	Sherry Sheldon	Fury	59	1.	Chloe Scott	Dina	55
2.	Nuri Sudi	Cadi	63	2.	Joanne Fassbender	Bryn	56	2.	David Slotwinder	Amy	41
3.	Nicole Palmer	Birt	57	3.	Nicole Palmer	Brit	40	3.	Nicole Palmer	Birt	40
4.	Chloe Scott	Dina	45					4.	Mark Sheldon	Mack	38
5.	Sherry Sheldon	Fury	43								
6.	Joanne Fassbender	Tuck	38								

Ranch 1			19 dogs ran			Ranch 2			Ranch 3		
1.	Diana Martini	Topyc	74	1.	Nicole Palmer	Bran	77	1.	Judy Gambill	Fern	84
2.	Chloe Scott	Lexi	73	2.	Judy Gambill	Fern	63	2.	Chloe Scott	Lexi	
3.	Judy Gambill	Fern	72	3.	Carolyn Gordon	Stella	61	3.	Nancy Joyce Simmons	Star	69
4.	Bridget Griffin	Quinn	64	4.	Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	59	4.	Pat Warne	Millie	60
5.	Carolyn Pover	Kali	62					5.	Bridget Griffin	Quinn	59
6.	Merry Klimek	Mac	61					6.	Bridget Griffin	Tess	56

Judy Gambill's Fern, successful in Ranch



Judy Gambill

Remembering Sally Lacy

Longtime NEBCA member Sally Lacy died in October at the age of 97 following a major stroke, after which her last Border Collie Flurry provided comfort. Sally, who grew up in Ohio with an innate curiosity for plants and animals, eventually settled in New Jersey where she worked as a special education teacher, rode equestrian dressage and ran an unofficial wildlife rescue, but became best known for her animal portraits and as an advocate for the working border collie.

Sally's first border collie, Keswick, inspired a 70 year commitment to the breed. She was drawn to Scotland to study the intelligence and instinct of the working border collie and their relationship with their shepherds. When her husband Tom's job transferred them from New Jersey to southern Ohio, they bought enough land to keep sheep and put the dogs to work. Sally became a skilled dog handler and ably competed in sheepdog trials throughout the US and Canada. She was the first woman to compete against men in the USBCHA National Finals.

Sally chaired NEBCA's genetics committee and held countless clinics to screen dogs for CEA. Retiring to New Hampshire, she continued to breed sheep and border collies and supported many novice handlers by sponsoring training clinics with Scottish handlers, while still managing to enjoy really good tea, NPR, twice-baked Scottish oatmeal and visits to the Boston Symphony.

After Tom's death, Sally moved to Jericho, Vermont, where at 86 she traded in her large dog-trial-ready RV for a Connemara pony named Hope. She credited Hope for her recovery from a serious stroke in 2021. In 2022, with a combined age of 115, Sally and Hope completed the Century Club Ride, a judged dressage test for owner-horse pairs whose combined age surpasses 100. With concerns for her pony's future, Sally donated Hope to a children's riding academy in southern Vermont, and had one last ride on her 95th birthday.

Sally was an amazing woman and her border collies and devotion to the breed were a very meaningful part of her very full life.

Submitted to NEBCA by Gaye Symington, daughter-in-law of Sally.

From Nancy Phillips:

"Like Betty Levin and others, Sally led the way for women in the sport of Sheepdog Trialing. I would go to Sally's house when she moved to Vermont, to work dogs. She had access to a variety of challenging fields. She would have creative exercises for us to do and every time I left she would give me one piece of advice for me to think about. She was always spot on.

She was older than me yet would forge ahead, with me trying to keep up with her across hill and dale. One time we went to a field where there was a bull with his group of ladies. They were kept in by one strand of electric fencing. Sally thought nothing of it and would lead me through to another field to work our dogs as I was quaking in my boots. "



Sally Lacy, cont.



More memories and stories can be found on the NEBCA Facebook page

Words for Sally:

The following was submitted by numerous handlers.

Sally in a few words—

- ◇ One of a kind
- ◇ Great character
- ◇ A gracious lady
- ◇ A force
- ◇ Supportive
- ◇ Generous with her knowledge
- ◇ Tough love
- ◇ Kindness
- ◇ Love of dogs
- ◇ Very special

Sally in action—

- ◆ Good food artistically prepared
- ◆ A good cup of tea served in a proper China cup
- ◆ Making Stone Soup, Sally brought the stones
- ◆ Active well into her 90s with her gardens, border collies and riding her pony Hope
- ◆ Tubing on the Saint Lawrence River with friends
- ◆ Her driving skills
- ◆ Her talent as a handler and her dog Tru
- ◆ Held numerous clinics with a variety of instructors at her farm in New Hampshire
- ◆ Long time member of the NEBCA Calendar committee and drew drawings for the calendar
- ◆ Designed the logo for the Canadian Border Collie Association
- ◆ Worked tirelessly as the chair of the ABCA Health Committee with a focus on CEA
- ◆ Campaigned against AKC recognition of the Border Collie with a physical breed standard

NEBCA TRIAL CALENDAR 2025/ 2026
 See NEBCA website for most up to date info and entry forms

Dec 607	Belle Rose Kennels	Chestertown, MD	3 each of NN, PN, Ranch	Skylar Landis bellerosekennels@gmail.com
Dec 12-14	Wayside Farm	Hackettstown, NJ	2 Open, 2 Nursery	Teri Rhodes
Jan 3 2026	Maybrook Farm New Years Trial	Pittsfield, MA	1 Open, 1 Nursery entries permitting	Sue Schoen sbschoen@gmail.com
Jan 12-13 2026	PA Farm Show	Harrisburg, PA	2 Open Points & Time	Emily Falk Emily.falk@gmail.com

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