



# NEBCA inc. News

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## *A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT--*

*It occurred to me that this being volume 20 of the NEBCA News, our organization must be at least 20 years old. But when did it really start and who started it? And what was it like back then? What were the trials like, who was competing? Well, I could think of no better person to answer these questions than our friend Betty Levin. As long as I've known Betty she has never said no to someone asking for help. And here too she's come through. So I'd like to thank her not just for telling us a little of how things were, but also for all she's done over the years to help steer NEBCA and the future of the border collie in the right direction.*

*Good Shepherding,  
Warren*

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## NEBCA: A Pre-History

by Betty Levin, with help from Nancy Hayes & Steve Wetmore

In the sixties and early seventies there were at most a dozen sheep dog trials in the northeast. The best attended ones depended on the presence of handlers outside New England, men like the Pulfer brothers, George Conboy, Lewis Pence, Thurman Platfoot, Paul Coy, Carroll Schaffner, and, later on, Bob Childress, Ivan Weir, and Jim Bob McKewen. During those years a regional Border Collie club was formed, but it didn't last.

At that time most concerns centered around judging, entry fees (\$5.00 per dog), and the sheep used, (especially when undogged or when familiar to only one handler). The Trial for the Codman Community Farm Sheep Dog Trial held every fall in Lincoln, Mass. between 1973 and 1979, shows that its managers sought to level the playing field by putting sheep together from different flocks several weeks before the event. But invariably some dog ended up at the wrong end of the crook. As with most trials in the seventies, Codman's Saturday event was a qualifying run for Sunday's final trial. But any dog that had placed in the top six spots in any

open trial that season might run Sunday without qualifying Saturday.

In April of 1977 Nancy Hayes began a publication called the New England Sheep Dog Letter. At first only a single page, it soon grew. This newsletter contained information about trials and clinics. It also placed free ads for puppies and presented editorial commentaries on matters relating to handler conduct and dog health. In less than two years the newsletter grew from twelve subscribers to one hundred.

The need for guidelines and consistency was increasingly evident, especially after a trial in New Hampshire in September 1977, sponsored by a rod and gun club, unexpectedly shared space and time with a turkey shoot. When the shooting started and handlers scrambled to secure their terrified dogs, some sheep bolted from the unfenced course, only to be lost in a nearby river.

One pressing issue that could only be resolved through an organization that had an

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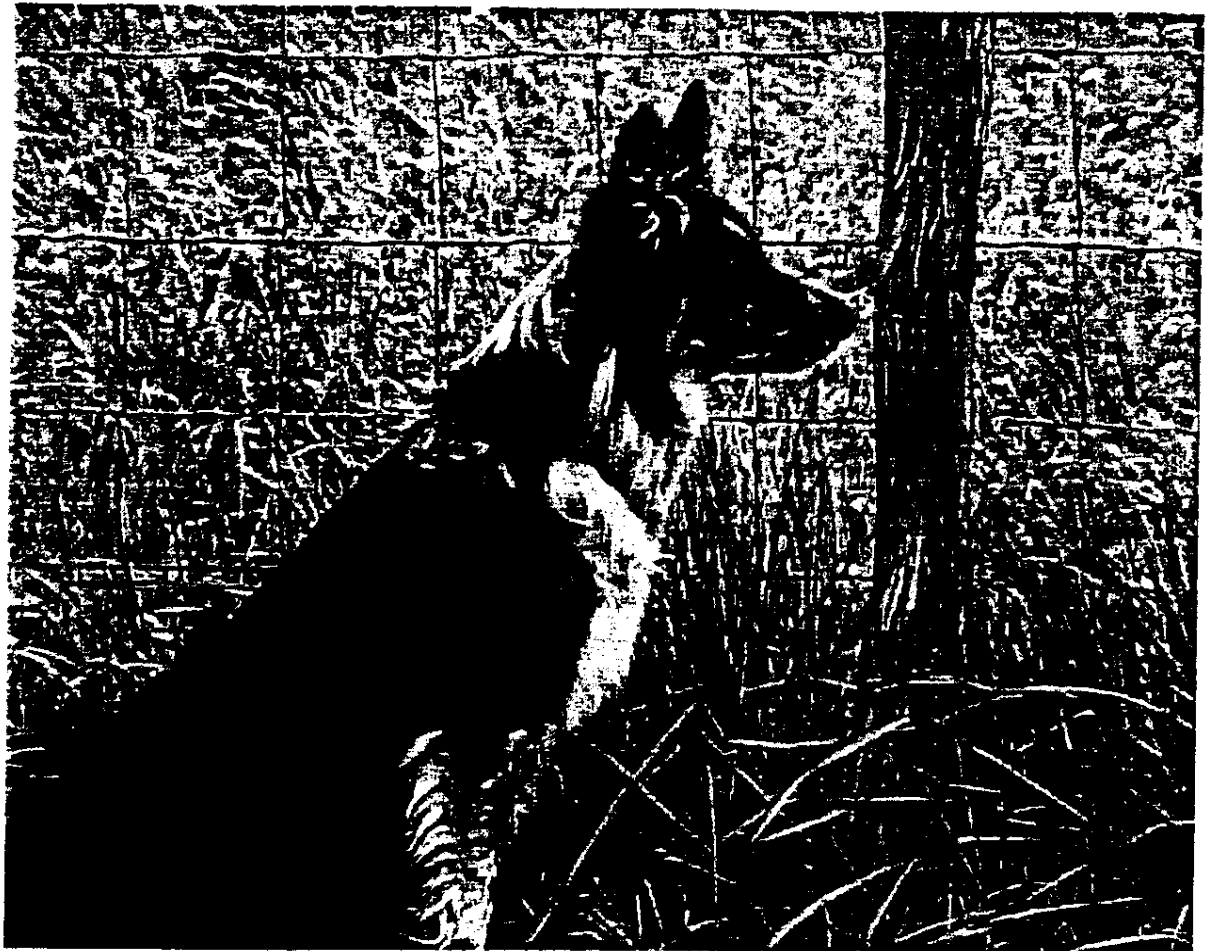
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Janet Harvey's Liza watches the competition at the Borders on Paradise SDT

*photo by Doug Drago*

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acknowledged authority to set rules and guidelines was the need for the mandatory posting of scores during the course of a trial. This was after years of questionable practices during which some placings had a tendency to be shuffled and reshuffled before the final announcement and presentation of awards.

In addition to problems of this nature, gender discrimination reared its ugly head (not for the first time) when another annual trial, previously open, was announced as a men-only affair on the grounds that the management wanted to make sure that it ran smoothly and made a good impression on the audience. Crawford Taisey and Betty Levin responded with a chart of placings in all New England open trials between 1974-77, which showed that at least one female handler (Denise Taylor - now Denise Leonard- or Ellen Raja or Betty Levin) placed in the top three spots in every trial. The matter came to a head when it was discovered that the U.S. Department of Agriculture was supporting the trial and therefore could not exclude any qualified adult. It was gratifying, at least to those who fought this discrimination, that two women handlers and their dogs cleaned up at that trial. Some time afterward Nancy Hayes' editorial delivered a final judgment on the whole question. "Folks," it said, "the days are long gone when you have to take a physical to run a dog in a trial."

Spurred by Nancy Hayes' efforts, several handlers decided to form a club again. Word went out in the newsletter, and on April 1st, 1978 a meeting was held at the home of Ellen Raja, at which the precursor to the Fall Foliage Trial was organized. It was then known as the Roundup Trial. Out of that meeting came the first gathering of the newly formed New England Border Collie Club, which was held at Half and Half Farm in New Boston, NH, the home of Tom and Carolyn Mohan. Present at this meeting were Maurice MacGregor, Crawford Taisey, Edgar Gould, Alex McKinven, Nancy Hayes, Fran Wilson (Wheeler), Betty Levin, Ellen Raja, the Presburgs, and the Mohans.

A word about the first regional Roundup Trial in October 1978 at Shelburne Farms in northern Vermont. It occurred during a torrential, wind-driven rainstorm during which waves from Lake Champlain sent spray over spectators and handlers alike. Score sheets were soaked, visibility was nil, and the judge, Preston Davenport, was so drenched and frozen that he had to be pried out of his sopping things and wrapped in a blanket before he could speak, let alone deal with placings and comments.

Another early effort of the club was the sponsorship of novice trials to encourage new handlers. The first of these was held on June 30, 1979 with only 8 dogs entered. Handlers included Janet Larson, Carole Presburg, Ceacy Henderson, Denise Taylor, Tom Mohan, Anne Tracy, Dorothy Shagoury, and Nancy Hayes. It was only as the number of novice entries increased over the years that a distinction came to be established between novice and pro-novice.

The name of our organization evolved during its formative years, finally becoming NEBCA with the drafting (and membership approval) of its first written by-laws. Its first president was Maurice MacGregor, who was followed by Vergil Holland and then Cheryl Jagger Williams. The first NEBCA sheep dog calendar (for 1983), the result of much consideration and collaboration, marked a major departure for the organization.

The Roundup Trial also evolved, becoming the Fall Foliage Roundup on its way to being the Fall Foliage Finals. A few survivors of those developing years still have dogs, and a very few still trial. But anyone who attended the Fall Foliage Roundup in Topsfield, Mass. isn't like to forget the wild Saturday night pot luck feast during which Doug Lamb, our judge from overseas, along with Alex McKinven, polished off a bottle of scotch, rendering the Sunday trial at best problematical. Nancy Hayes, who clerked for the judge, sat with him in a truck cab through the day and did her best to ensure that the trial wouldn't collapse. Doug was so painfully hung over that he had to close his eyes

against the glare of even muted daylight. "Did you see that?" he would ask Nancy as she sat poised with score sheet and pen. "Yes," she'd reply. "Did the sheep go through?" he'd ask. "Three did, two didn't," she would inform him. Doug, holding his head, would say, "Twelve points," and shut his eyes again.

The good old days?!

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**LACEY:**

**Desperately Needing Work, Love, a Home.**

Lillie Goodrich of Sweetbriar Border Collie Rescue contacted me to help her with her summer camp. Unable to do that, I offered to help in other ways—so she asked me to evaluate a few dogs for herding. Last Fall, she brought Lacey, a 2-3 y.o., small, tri-color, prick-eared, short coat. I liked her looks before she was on sheep. Once she saw sheep, that was her total focus. She was very intense and liked to use her mouth, but eventually, I was able to get myself into the picture! She has a marvelous sense of balance and I was finally able to get her to lie down. I told Lillie I would put some training on her to help get her placed. This Spring, Lillie brought Lacey to stay with us. A bit hard for her to do as all her dogs, when they get placed—stay. We were only to be a training camp.

Lacey is ready now to go home with someone. Bernie and I have both been working her. If you train with a clicker & food, she's not the dog for you. If you like to "rough up" a dog, you need not apply. She does need an Alpha person to define what she can & can't do. She likes to chase anything that moves—sheep, dogs, lawnmowers, cars. We're working on containing that behavior. She is extremely loving, good with kids. She loves water & might make a good goose dog, once she knows who is in control. I think she'll progress much faster if she lives inside with someone and has a job and is worked A LOT!

For more information, you can contact me, Barb Armata, at 518-875-6471, or [Taffaway@aol.com](mailto:Taffaway@aol.com). I will, in turn, contact Sweetbriar Rescue.

**THE CLASSIFIEDS--**

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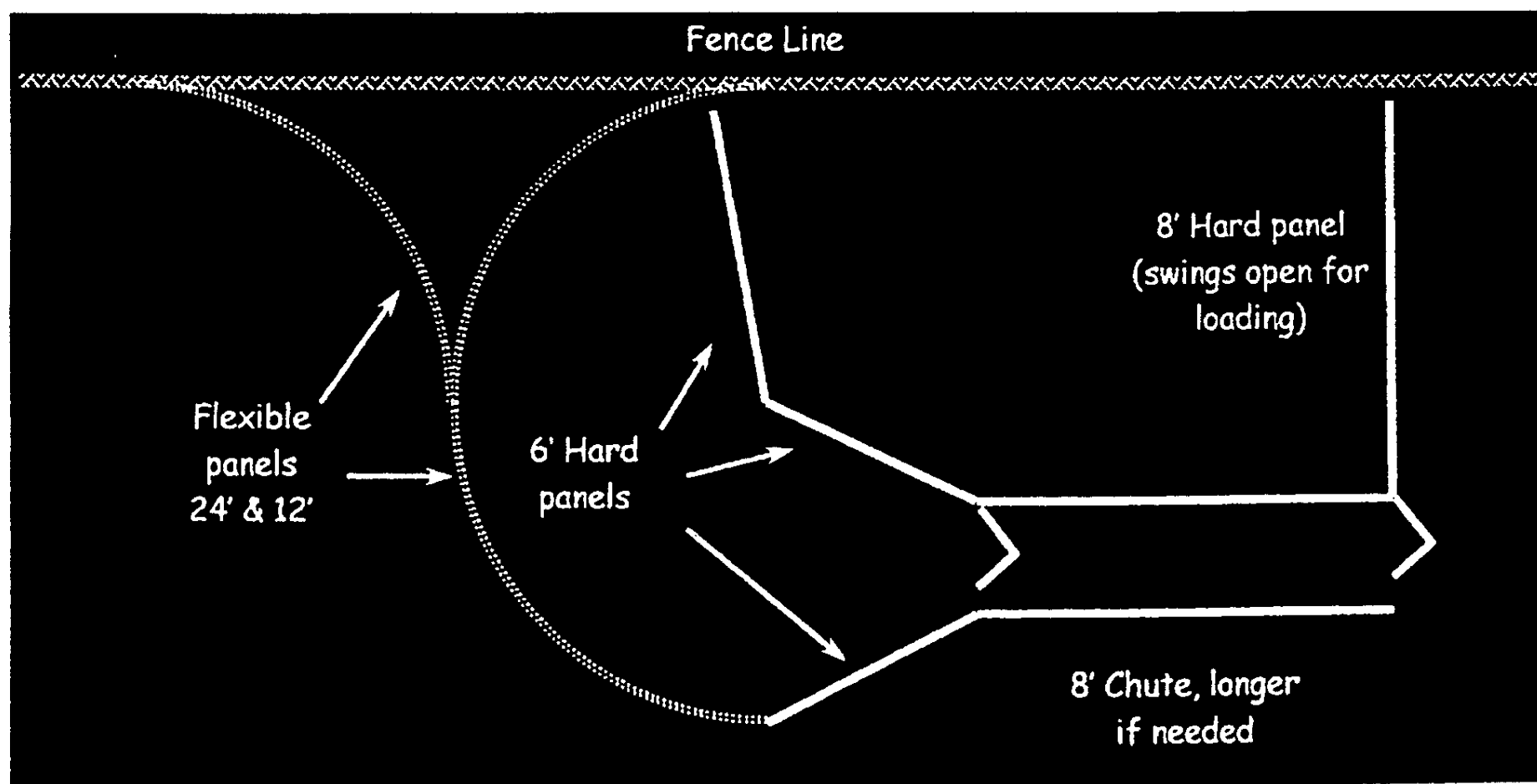
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## A Good Let-Out Pen Design

submitted by Warren Mick

A good let-out pen should permit the efficient and safe movement and sorting of the stock. I've seen a lot of let-out pens at trials and no two were alike. A few were well thought out, but most were more like sheep wrestling arenas than sorting pens. Typically, the let-out pen is an after thought, designed during construction as the sun is going down the day before the trial. The typical pen is usually made from a hodgepodge of farm leftovers usually including a piece of an old barn door and a scrap of plywood. Now, no trial manager wants to spend more time or money than they have to but there is a pay off for having a good let-out pen. Most importantly, the sheep are less likely to be injured during loading and sorting. But also, they will be less stressed and so stay fresher and run better and more evenly and that makes the trial better.

The sketch below shows one of the better let-out pens I've seen and the credit for this design goes to Mark Bustard. The pen has three different areas: a chute for the next run, a crowd pen for feeding the chute, and an open area where the sheep can have more room water and feed. The chute tends to be easy to load as the sheep in the adjacent holding area act as a draw. The large 8' wide entrance prevents a crushing stampede as the flock is brought in. Setting the pen up along a fence line works better as the let out sheep cannot circle around back. Mark used a commercially build system for the curved crowd area and chute was but this could also be made from some flexible panels and generic hard panels. If you use wire (hog) panels, only use those with the small openings so legs don't get snagged. The system shown will hold about 30-40 sheep. For more, just lengthen the chute or make a double chute.



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1995 Nationals  
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who expressed their  
sympathy to Bernie and I. I  
was overwhelmed. At this  
most difficult time, it helps  
to have so many hearts to  
uplift mine.**

**Barb & Bernie Armata**

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## Longshot Farm Sheepdog Trial

April 7-9, 2002

Church Hill, MD

### Novice-Novice #1

1. Emma Court & Marshall
2. Julie Poudier & Boy
3. Victoria Renz & Kip
4. Gina Morris & Blake
5. Debbie David & Benn

### Novice Novice #2

1. Emma Court & Marshall
2. Gary Miller & Zeb
3. Dave Turner & Belle
4. Nancy Obermier & Wattie
5. Julie Poudier & Boy

### Pro-Novice #1

1. Dan Turner & Shep
2. Gene Sheniner & Chip
3. Kim Baker & Becky
4. Doug Brewer & Queen
5. Randy Mumford & Vic

### Pro-Novice #2

1. Barb Klein & Marty
2. Sam Furman & Chase
3. Randy Mumford & Vic
4. Eileen Stein & Gyp
5. Cheryl Williams & Rudy

### Ranch #1

1. Tom Lacy & Megan
2. Gene Sheninger & Jen
3. Doug Brewer & Reilly
4. Mary Brighoff & Ned
5. Bev. Lambert & Bree

### Ranch #2

1. Tom Lacy & Megan
2. Merry Klimek & Lad
3. Linda Tesdahl & Jaffe
4. Barry Moyer & John
5. Mary Brighoff & Ned

### Nursery #1

1. Bev Lambert & Bree
2. Sam Furman & Becky

### Nursery #2

1. Bev Lambert & Bree
2. Sam Furman & Chase

### Open #1

1. Sharon Nunan & Jim
2. Allan Lynch & Joe
3. Bev Lambert & Pippa
4. Mary Brighoff & Ned
5. Sam Furman & Tucker
6. Tom Lacy & Peg
7. Mary Brighoff & Val
8. Sam Furman & Grace
9. Bev Lambert & Kirk
10. Cheryl Williams & Ben

### Open #2

1. Bev Lambert & Kirk
2. Sam Furman & Grace
3. Sam Furman & Tucker
4. Bev Lambert & Pippa
5. Cheryl Williams & Ben
6. Linda Tesdahl & Jayce
7. Robin French & Spottie
8. Sharon Nunan & Jim
9. Sherry Smith & Cap
10. Allan Lynch & Joe

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## CLINIC & PRIVATE LESSONS WITH DAVE SYKES

Dave Sykes will be visiting the Northeast in August & will be available for training help. Dave has a great deal of experience with dogs and the ability to communicate his knowledge. He is driven to bring out the best in every dog.

**August 10-11**, clinic/lessons in Esperance, NY. Contact Barb Armata, 518-875-6471, [taffaway@aol.com](mailto:taffaway@aol.com)

**August 13-15 & 19**, lessons in Altamont, NY. Contact Warren Mick, 518-861-5854, [mickwa@capital.net](mailto:mickwa@capital.net)

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About Dave: Dave has been running and training sheepdogs for 25 yrs. He is based in Nottinghamshire and balances the shepherding of 400 sheep with training dogs for work. He has had a great deal of successes with dogs who have found themselves wrongly placed in the pet environment, training them and placing them in a working environment. Dave continues to organize his own annual open trial and offers his sheep to other trials in the area as well as ensuring that he does his share of judging at the nursery, novice and open level each year.



Dave Sykes



**Borders on Paradise SDT**

**Turbotville, PA**

**April 20-21, 2002**

**Judge: Dick Williams**

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Borders on Paradise SDT, held at Dave & Debbie Fetterman's Border on Paradise Farm. Early trial-season good spirits and good sportsmanship were abundant, even though, if anyone was "keeping score" some might conclude that the sheep won, and the dogs lost! Those teams who gamely fought their way through and completed the courses usually earned their way into the top ten! Many thanks to Dick Williams for judging some difficult courses, as well as to Lorna Savage and Kim Baker, for doing a great job of setting out sheep at the top, and everyone who helped with the duties of scribing and posting scores. Results follow:

**Saturday, April 20**

**Novice Novice**

1. Linda Fossetta & Jean
2. Emma Court & Marshall\*\*
3. Joanne Murphy & Maude
4. Alix Cleveland & Rob
5. Dave Fetterman & Chief

**Pro-Novice**

1. Joyce Geier & Clue
2. Jim Murphy & Megan
3. Mary Brighoff & Moss
4. Joan Worthington & Sam\*\*
5. Heather Millen & Spy

**Ranch**

1. Cheryl Williams & Bull
2. Tom Lacy & Megan
3. Walt Jagger & Maid
4. Tom Lacy & Moss\*\*
5. Linda Tesdahl & Toss

**USBCHA Nursery- 14 dogs**

1. J. Geier & Clue
2. Cheryl Williams & Rudy
3. Carol Guy & Piper

**Open**

1. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Aquilla
2. Lori Cunningham & Tess
3. Cheryl Williams & Ben
4. Lorna Savage & Dot
5. Tom Lacy & Jill\*\*
6. Jim Strohecker & Ring
7. Roger Millen & Tripp
8. Walt Zieser & Belle
9. Allan Lynch & Joe
10. Linda Tesdahl & Peg

**Sunday, April 21**

**Novice-Novice**

1. Emma Court & Marshall
2. Alix Cleveland & Rob
3. Joanne Murphy & Maude
4. Dave Fetterman & Chief
5. Paul Dragunas & Cookie

**Pro-Novice**

1. Cheryl Williams & Rudy
2. Carol Guy & Piper
3. Michele Higgins & Swift
4. Joan Worthington & Sam
5. Lori Cunningham & Riff

**Ranch**

1. Mary Brighoff & Ned
2. Maggie Chambers & Joy
3. Tom Lacy & Moss
4. Barb Levinson & Lass
5. Joan Worthington & Tess

**USBCHA Nursery- 13 dogs**

1. Joyce Geier & Clue
2. Linda Tesdahl & Jaffe
3. Cheryl Williams & Rudy

**Open**

1. Tom Lacy & Jill
2. Allan Lynch & Ralph
3. Linda Tesdahl & Peg
4. Lorna Savage & Dot
5. Lori Cunningham & Tess
6. Jim Strohecker & Rudy
7. Walt Zieser & Belle
8. Roger Millen & Tripp
9. Joyce Geier & Tait
10. Vicki Kidd & Ella

\*\* Two Day Overall Champions

*Professional Photographer Tom McEvoy, ACE PHOTOS, spent Sunday at the trial taking action shots of the dogs. You may browse and purchase the photos at [www.winnerschooseace.com](http://www.winnerschooseace.com).*

*There are over 450 photos of the trials on the site, so if you ran on Sunday, you and your dog are probably there!*

*To contact Tom McEvoy about taking action shots at your trial, visit his website, or call him at ACE PHOTO at 1-800-432-7014.*

**Springton Manor SDT**  
**Glenmoore, PA**  
**April 26-28, 2002**  
**Judge: Carol Calhoun - NN & PN**  
**Scott Glen- Ranch & Open**

We were happy to be able to provide two different flocks of sheep for all of the competitors at Springton Manor again this year. Each class was able to run once on Allan and Peg Lynch's Kathadin's and then try their hand at our savvy flock of wool crossbreds for something completely different during their second run of the weekend. The trial field at Springton always gets the competitors hearts beating a bit fast as they look over the rolling, rocky terrain! Although the course is small, the draw of the exhaust area always keeps the dogs and handlers on their toes.. Most handled it well. A stock trailer was used instead of a pen on the last day of the trial for Ranch and Open. This thankfully proved easier than most handlers thought. Judges Carol Calhoun (NN and PN) and Scott Glen (R and Open) were "in the hot seat" this year and both applied consistency and fairness thought out all the runs. Most importantly, we want to thank all the individuals who so generously gave of their time, whether it was days or minutes to lend a hand with the setup, fencing, exhaust, set-out, push out, sheep pen, and scribing duties. Those hard-working people were: Gary Miller, Art & Jeanne Irvin, Malanie Chang, Sue Asten, Barbara Starkey, Louise DiMarcello, Dan Turner, Richard Brewer, Maggie Chambers, Jim Strohecker, Peg & Allan Lynch, Paul Dragunas, Michele Higgins, Richard Rogers (Exhaust Director Extraordinaire!), Gene Sheninger, Lori Cunningham, Heather Millen, Thom Conn, Barb Armata, Terry Sheaffer, Deb Mickey, Deb Kramer, Mark & Rene Billadeau, Mary Brighoff, Heather Nadelman & Andrea deKenedy.

By Sharon Nunan

**NN#1**

1. Emma Court & Marshall
2. Dan Turner & Belle
3. Julie Poudier & Boy
4. Harry Baum & Toss
5. Linda Fossetta & Jean

**NN#2**

1. Dan Turner & Belle
2. Gary Miller & Zeb
3. Harry Baum & Toss
4. Nancy Obernier & Wattie
5. Linda Fossetta & Jean

**PN#1**

1. Barb Klein & Marty
2. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Al
3. Merry Klimek & Midge
4. Barb Armata & Rhett
5. Joan Worthington & Sam

**PN#2**

1. Sherry Sheldon & Win
2. Lena Bailey & Spot
3. Michele Higgins & Swift
4. Thom Conn & Mirk
5. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Cassie

**USBCHA (8 dogs)**

1. Tom Lacy & Megan
2. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Al

**RANCH#1**

1. Mary Brighoff & Ned
2. Joan Worthington & Tess
3. Sally Molloy & Zac
4. Merry Klimek & Ace
5. Maggie Chambers & Joy

**RANCH#2**

1. Tom Wilson & Pearl
2. Tom Lacy & Moss
3. Mary Brighoff & Ned
4. Mark Billadeau & Blue
5. Doug Brewer & Reilly

**USBCHA (8 dogs)**

1. Tom Lacy & Megan
2. Barbara Ligon & Queen

**OPEN #1**

1. Merry Klimek & Tweed
2. Tom Lacy & Jill
3. Tom Lacy & Peg
4. Barbara Ligon & Rock
5. Mary Brighoff & Mirk
6. Jim Strohecker & Ring
7. Tom Wilson & Ken
8. Tom Wilson & Dot
9. Lena Bailey & Gus
10. Janet Harvey & Jay

**OPEN #2**

1. Tom Lacy & Jill
2. Merry Klimek & Tweed
3. Allan Lynch & Joe
4. Mary Brighoff & Mirk
5. Barb Armata & Taff
6. Jim Strohecker & Ring
7. Merry Klimek & Lad
8. Tom Lacy & Peg
9. Walt Zieser & Belle
10. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Aquilla

**Steppingstone Sheepdog Trial**  
**Havre de Grace, MD**  
**May 9-12, 2002**  
**Trial Managers- Steve & Kathryn Paxton Hill**  
**Judge: Warren Mick**

**NN#1**

1. Nancy Obernier & Wattie
2. Dan Turner & Belle
3. Nancy Obernier & Ben
4. Linda Fossetta & Jean
5. Gary Miller & Zeb
6. Melanie Change & Fly
7. Victoria Renz & Kip
8. Deb David & Benn
9. Art Irvin & Meg
10. Elayne Holbrook & Zak

**NN#2**

1. Nancy Obernier & Ben
2. Nancy Obernier & Wattie
3. Dan Turner & Belle
4. Gary Miller & Zeb
5. Deb David & Ben
6. Victoria Renz & Kip
7. Linda Fossetta & Jean
8. Elayne Holbrook & Zak
9. Jacqueline Winch & Bobby
10. Art Irvin & Meg

**PN#1**

1. Amanda Milliken & Mabel
2. Steve Paxton Hill & Kiss
3. Pam Gardner & Ferrell
4. Barbara Ligon & Queen
5. Amanda Milliken & Bart
6. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Cass
7. Joan Worthington & Sam
8. Michele Higgins & Deigh
9. Mary Felegy & Becky
10. Heather Millen & Spy

**PN#2**

1. Amanda Milliken & Bart
2. Heather Millen & Spy
3. Michele Higgins & Deigh
4. Gene Sheninger & Chip
5. Richard Brewer & Jenny
6. Dan Turner & Shep
7. Lori Cunningham & Riff
8. Nancy Ortiz Sharp & Al
9. Amanda Milliken & Mabel
10. Barbara Ligon & Trim

**RANCH#1**

1. Sally Malloy & Zac
2. Linda Tesdahl & Jaffe
3. Gene Sheniger & Jess
4. Mary Felegy & Becky
5. Polly Matzinger & Charlie
6. Steve Paxton-Hill & Cai
7. Sandra Hornung & Meg
8. Heather Nadelman & Phyl
9. Barbara Starkey & Jenny
10. Monroe Williams & Jack

**RANCH#2**

1. Gene Sheniger & Tess
2. Bev Lambert & Bree
3. Linda Tesdahl & Toss
4. Kathryn Paxton-Hill & Pepper
5. Steve Paxton-Hill & Cai
6. Linda Tesdahl & Jaffe
7. Merry Klimek & Ace
8. Sherry Smith & Nap
9. Heather Nadelman & Phyl
10. Richard Brewer & Pepper

**USBCHA#1 (14 dogs)**

1. Barbara Ligon & Queen
2. Bev Lambert & Bree
3. Amanda Milliken & Bart

**USBCHA#2 (13 dogs)**

1. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Cassie
2. Lori Cunningham & Riff
3. Amanda Milliken & Mabel

**OPEN#1**

1. Bev Lambert & Pippa
2. Amanda Milliken & Grace
3. Barbara Ligon & Rock
4. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Aquilla
5. Sharon Nunan & Jim
6. Amanda Milliken & Eucher
7. Gene Sheniger & Jess
8. Merry Klimek & Lad
9. Walt Zieser & Belle
10. Bev Lambert & Kirk

**OPEN#2**

1. Amanda Millken & Eucher
2. Merry Klimek & Tweed
3. Barbara Ligon & Zip
4. Steve Paxton Hill & Bob
5. Gene Sheninger & Jess
6. Heather Nadelman & Phyl
7. Polly Matzinger & Lilly
8. Gene Sheniger & Jen
9. Bev Lambert & Rue
10. Gene Sheninger & Gwen

**Bright Water Challenge**

**Winner-**

“Most Talented Dog under 36 months”- Elayne Holbrook & Zac

**Two Day Open Champion-**

Amanda Milliken & Eucher

***Correction-***

Credit for writing the “Dog Rehab in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” article in the Spring Nebca News should have been given to Janet Lindsey.

Denise Leonard submitted the photos and owns “Jessie”.

**Genesee Sheepdog Trial**  
**Mumford, NY**  
**May 18-19, 2002**  
**Judge- John Atkinson**

**NN#1**

1. Linda Fossetta & Jean
2. Kym Edwards & Driver
3. JoAnne Murphy & Maude
4. JoAnne Murphy & Lady
5. Dave Fetterman & Chief

**NN#2**

1. JoAnne Murphy & Maude
2. Linda Fossetta & Jean
3. JoAnne Murphy & Lady
4. Dave Fetterman & Chief

**PN#1**

1. Gene Sheninger & Chip
2. Kym Edwards & Jack
3. Carol Campion & Bart
4. Joan Worthington & Sam
5. Shay McMullen & Josie

**PN#2**

1. Gene Sheninger & Chip
2. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Al
3. Joan Worthington & Sam
4. Joyce Geier & Clue
5. Dave Fetterman & Leah

**RANCH#1**

1. Warren Mick & Jinty
2. Merry Klimek & Ace
3. Michele Higgins & Ace
4. Gail Jaffa & Slew
5. Dave Sharp & Rigel

**RANCH#2**

1. Merry Klimek & Ace
2. Warren Mick & Jinty
3. Gail Jaffa & Slew
4. Michele Higgins & Ace
5. Dave Sharp & Rigel

**USBCHA#1 (10 dogs)**

1. Joan Worthington & Sam
2. Lori Cunningham & Riff

**USBCHA#2 (10 dogs)**

1. Jim Murphy & Kit
2. Brooks Parrot & Patch

**OPEN#1**

1. Merry Klimek & Tweed
2. Gene Sheninger & Jen
3. Gene Sheninger & Jess
4. Maria Mick & Ben
5. Walt Jagger & Nan
6. Brooks Parrot & Moss
7. Allan Lynch & Joe
8. Joyce Geier & Troy
9. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp & Aquilla
10. Joyce Geier & Tait

**OPEN#2**

1. Gene Sheninger & Jen
2. Joyce Geier & Troy
3. Warren Mick & Glen
4. Merry Klimek & Lad
5. Joyce Geier & Tait
6. Brooks Parrot & Rush
7. Gene Sheninger & Gwen
8. Maria Mick & Beb
9. Lorna Savage & Dot
10. Mary Thompson & Coca

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**NEBCA Meeting Minutes  
Cummington SDT  
May 25, 2002**

Meeting called to order at 5:27p.m. by Warren Mick, 27 members present

Treasurer's report – Warren Mick stated that the taxes have been filed but we still need to conduct an audit for last year.

Secretary's report – Maria Mick stated that there are currently approximately 318 members in NEBCA. Of that, there are 62 family memberships.

Open Trials Committee report – George Northrup stated that the Fall Foliage trial is set for the Cooperstown Leatherstocking SDT location on Columbus Day weekend. The judge is to be announced. Help will be recruited to take down fencing, etc. after the trial.

Novice Trials Committee report – Warren Mick stated that the site for the Novice Finals has been narrowed down to Cooperstown, NY, or the Soule Homestead trial site in Middleboro, MA. Sheep for the MA location would be provided by the flock on site. The committee is still considering how to limit entries for the Novice Finals in 2003. One proposal, is to increase the points required to qualify from one to between 3

and 5. The committee (Elizabeth Phillips, Nancy Ortiz Sharp, Bud Ames, and Joyce Geier) is seeking input in making this decision. There may be a vote at the next meeting.

Calendar committee – Kate Collins stated that 540 calendars for year 2003 were purchased for the price of 500 (approximately \$2030). They will be sold for \$5 each and are now currently available for distribution. See George Northrup for details. Suggestions for selling – sell to students; bring to trials including flyball and agility trials.

Fund Raising Committee – Barb Armata stated that new NEBCA long and short sleeve T-shirts and caps are now available. Michelle Higgins provided artwork on the T-shirts. Volunteers are needed to bring and sell items at trials. Anyone interested in doing the artwork for next years fund raising project should contact Joanne Krause.

Fall Foliage Mugs were distributed to participants in last years Fall Foliage.

Joanne Krause motioned to adjourn the meeting and Betty Levin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Mick, secretary

**“HARLEY”**

**born February 7, 1994**

**died- January 3, 2001**

**We love you Harley.  
You are in our memories.  
With our deepest sorrow.  
Love, Mom & Dad**

**Lorraine & Robert Murawski**



## 2002 TRIAL SCHEDULE

### June 7-9 \*\*

Newark Valley Spring Festival SDT  
Newark Valley, NY  
Two novice & open trials  
Roger & Heather Millen, 607-835-6584  
rhm1@cornell.edu

### June 13-16 \*\*

PA State Championship SDT  
Sheepy Hollow Farm, Hop Bottom, PA  
Two novice & open trials  
Cheryl Jagger-Williams, 570-289-4733  
culley@epix.net

### June 22-23 \*\*

Country Heritage Park SDT  
Milton Ontario  
Two NN, PN & open trials  
(only open is NEBCA)  
Viki Kidd, 416-652-0892  
vkidd@sprynet.com

### June 30 (Tentative)

Mountain Meadow Farm Trial  
One day novice trial  
Mary Ames, 603-448-5429  
bcsandewe@aol.com

### July 4-7 \*\*

Lynch Mob SDT  
Pottsgrove, PA.  
Two novice & open trials  
Allan & Peg Lynch, 570-649-6212  
lynchmob@sunlink.net  
\*\* Site of NEBCA Meeting on 7/5 \*\*

### July 13

Strafford Novice Trial  
Strafford, VT  
One novice trial  
Steve Wetmore, 802-765-4466

### July 14

Bittersweet Novice Trial  
Hampton, CT  
One novice trial  
Carol Campion, 860-455-9416  
Campionbc@aol.com

### July 20-21\*\*

Highlands of Durham SDT  
Uxbridge, Ontario  
Two novice & Open Trials  
Larry & Sylvia Forster, 905-344-8375  
larsyl@eagle.ca

### July 20-23 \*\*

Bloomfield SDT  
Bloomfield, CT  
Two novice & open trials  
Beverly Lambert, 860-742-5300  
blambert@mac.com

### July 27-28 \*\*

Lennoxville International SDT  
Lennoxville, Quebec  
Two open trials  
Fiona Robertson, 819-842-4277  
creekside@videotron.ca

### August 3-5 \*\*

Nation Valley SDT  
Navall Farm, Winchester, Ontario  
Two novice & open trials  
Werner Reitboeck; 613-448-3266  
werner@magma.ca

### August 6-8\*\*

Renaissance Farm SDT  
Sydenham, Ontario  
One novice & two open trials  
Lorna Savage, 613-541-0296  
lsavage@kingston.jkl.net

### August 9-11 \*\*

Kingston Sheep Dog Trials  
Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ontario  
One PN trial & two open trials  
(only open is NEBCA)  
Amanda Milliken, 613-531-9405  
milliken@post.queensu.ca

### August 16-18 \*\*

Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial  
Cooperstown, NY  
One novice & two open trials  
Chalmers Means, 607-432-4903  
meansbar@dmcom.net

### August 24 \*\*

Vermont State Championship SDT  
Scottish Festival, Queechee, VT  
One day open trial  
Steve Wetmore; 802-765-4466

### August 24-25\*\*

Palmerston Agricultural Society SDT  
Palmerston, Ontario  
Two novice & open trials  
Margaret Lambkin, 519-343-5573  
rival@wightman.ca

### August 25 \*\*

Spring Valley Open Trial  
Strafford, VT  
One open trial  
Steve Wetmore, 802-765-4466

### August 29

Lancaster Fair Sheep Dog Trial  
Lancaster, NH  
One open points trial  
Roger Deschambeault, 603-939-2255  
nearfieldfarm@pivot.net

### August 31 - September 1

Blue Hill Fair  
Blue Hill, ME  
Two open points trials  
Jim Davidson, 207-677-2224

### August 31 - September 2

New Jersey State Sheep Dog Trial  
Fosterfields, Morristown, NJ  
Two novice & open trials  
Gene Sheninger, 201-299-9785  
esheninger@worldnet.att.net

### September 7-8 \*\*

Green Lane Park SDT  
Perkasie, PA  
Two novice & open trials  
Jim Strohecker, 215-453-0201  
jstrohecker@snip.net

### September 7-8\*\*

Common Ground SDT  
Norwich, VT  
Two Novice Trials  
Sarah & Michael Nunan  
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msnunan@valley.net

### September 13

NH Highland Games SDT  
Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH  
One open points trial  
Must pre-register and get an entry pass.  
Lynn Deschambeault,  
merlynn@pivot.net

### September 14-15 (TENTATIVE)

NEBCA Novice Finals  
Location TBA

**September 16-17**

Eastern States Exposition SDT  
 West Springfield, MA  
 Three separate open trials  
 Dee Woessner, 978-582-7682  
[tofteast@ma.ultranet.com](mailto:tofteast@ma.ultranet.com)

**September 17**

Last day of 2002 open trial season

**September 28-29 (TENTATIVE)**

Brush Run Farm SDT  
 Charleroi, PA  
 Two novice & open trials  
 Ed Gebauer, 412-483-7432

**September 28**

NH State Championship SDT  
 East Conway, NH.  
 One open trial  
 Roger Deschambeault, 603-939-2255  
[nearfieldfarm@pivot.net](mailto:nearfieldfarm@pivot.net)  
**\*\* Site of NEBCA Meeting on 9/28 \*\***

**September 29**

Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial  
 Fryeburg, ME.  
 One open trial  
 Gabrielle Merrill, 207-935-2520  
[gabe@pivot.net](mailto:gabe@pivot.net)

**October 5-6, 2002\*\***

**Janet Larson Memorial Novice Trial**  
 Lamprey River Farm, NH  
 Cokie Hamm, 508-375-0300  
[CokieH@aol.com](mailto:CokieH@aol.com)

**October 12-13 (TENTATIVE)**

NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial  
 Location TBA

**October 19-20 (TENTATIVE)**

Butternut Creek SDT  
 Kingston, Ontario  
 Two NN, PN & open trials  
 (only open is NEBCA)  
 Mark Bustard, 613-531-9405  
[milliken@post.queensu.ca](mailto:milliken@post.queensu.ca)

**Oct 26-27**

O.C. Sheep Herding Company Open  
 Old Chatham, NY  
 Two open trials  
 Warren Mick, 518-861-5854  
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**2002 Clinic Schedule****June 15-16, June 22-24**

**Aled Owen Clinics**  
 June 15-16- Advanced Clinic/ \$175  
 June 22-24- Training Clinic/ \$200  
 Bittersweet Farm  
 Hampton, CT  
 One Advanced, One Beginner  
 Contact Carol Campion, 860-455-9416  
[campionbc@aol.com](mailto:campionbc@aol.com)

**June 24, 2002**

Barbara Ligon Training Clinic  
 Milton, ON, Canada  
 Carol Guy, 416-766-3405  
[cguy@city.toronto.on.ca](mailto:cguy@city.toronto.on.ca)

**June 29-30**

**Cheryl Jagger Williams Training Clinic**  
 Greenfield, MA  
 Denise Leonard, 413-773-5232  
[dal@shaysnet.com](mailto:dal@shaysnet.com)

**July 10-14, 2002**

**Bittersweet Sheep Intensive with Kathy Knox**  
 July 10 & 11 focus on sheep handling.  
 July 12 & 13 focus on dog handling.  
 July 14<sup>th</sup> is a Novice trial.  
 Contact Carol Campion, 860-455-9416  
[campionbc@aol.com](mailto:campionbc@aol.com)

**August 18-19**

**Border Collie Workshop with Mac MacGregor**  
 Kelmscott Farm  
 Lincolnville, ME  
 Jennie Ashlock  
 207-763-4088

**October 16-22, 2002**

**Bobby Dalziel Clinics**  
 Keswick Farm, New Hampshire  
Oct. 16 & 17- Private lessons for all levels  
Oct. 18 thru 20- Tune up for National Finals (current or future!), a 3day intensive. Focus on precision handling, international shed and double lift.  
Oct. 21-22- Mini clinic for intermediate & adv. dogs.  
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