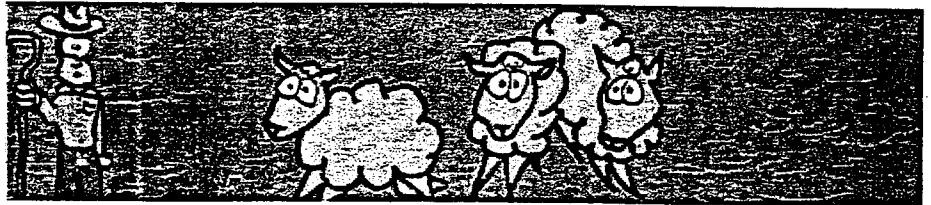




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FOR 2003 NEBCA NOVICE FINALS
SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2003
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Nebca member Heather Nadelman has created a new web site aimed at helping novices get started in USBCHA-style sheepdog trials. The site includes articles and information for beginners, lists of breeders and trainers of working border collies, lists of upcoming clinics, information about sheep care, and profiles of top handlers and great dogs. In addition, LittleHats has an online forum that includes an "Ask the Expert" section in which newbies can ask questions of experienced Open handlers. The URL of the website is <http://www.littlehats.net>, and any comments can be sent to heather@basset.net

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Attending a Sheepdog Trial

by Debbie Crowder

If you are interested in attending a sheepdog trial, here are some things to know that might help you the first time:

- *** Bring a chair to sit in—these trials are from sunrise to sundown and everyone brings their own seats.
- *** Check with the trial hosts to see if you can bring your dog. If it's OK to bring him, do not let him loose at any time. Have a firm hold on your leash. The dogs you may see walking off leash are seasoned trial dogs and know how to behave around stock. If your dog makes a fuss, as in barking or in being overly active regarding the sheep, remember that the sheep don't care whether the dog is on the field or not, it's a worry to them. You and your disruptive dog will not be popular with the handlers, and that's important if you want to get into trialing.
- *** Weather is not an issue, except for parking. The worse the weather, the more fun it is. To a point. Dress appropriately for weather.
- *** Bring some food & drinks for yourself and water for your dogs. Most trials don't have concession stands available unless it's a trial held in conjunction with a festival or public event. Try to get to both kinds of trials to see the difference. Farm trials are usually pretty low spectator events, and often the most fun. You will be welcome at them.
- *** Feel free to ask for clarification of anything you don't understand. Dog people love to talk dog. You will give someone a chance to share what they love! If they don't seem to be the type, ask if there is someone else, like an officer of a local club available to help you. That's kind of their job.
- *** If you get into Border collies and trialing, start out doing volunteer jobs at the trials. You will be loved and admired for your interest and help, and you will learn SO much more than just sitting and watching behind a fence.
- *** Join a Border collie club. Attend the meetings.
- *** Find someone to help you get your feet wet. There are people who give lessons and organize clinics. You may have to do some traveling, but clinics are invaluable for learning and networking with people like yourself. Keep your ears and eyes open and realize it takes many years to get as good as the clinicians, but they all started somewhere. Ask around for recommendations of good clinics. Trial advice above goes for clinics too. Have FUN!

Longshot Farm Sheepdog Trial

April 3-6, 2003

Church Hill, Maryland

Judge: Scott Glen

Once again I need to thank everyone who pitched in helping to make this trial run smoothly and successfully. We could not have this trial without all these good people!

Open 1st Class

1. David Henry/Holly	92
2. Mary Brighoff/Val	90
3. Tom Wilson/Pearl	88
4. Christine Schultz/Rook	87
5. Carla King/Taz	84

Open 2nd Class

1. Stu Ligon/Nap	90
2. Carla King/Taz	89
3. Mary Brighoff/Val	88
4. Gene Sheninger/Jen	88
5. Jeanne Weaver/Don	87

Ranch 1st Class

1. Sharon Nunan/Gael	78
2. Lena Bailey/Spot	74
3. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp/Cassiopeia	69
4. Merry Klimek/Ace	69
5. Sherry Smith/Edge	56

Ranch 2nd Class

1. Merry Klimek/Ace	76
2. Nancy Ortis-Sharp/Cassiopeia	75
3. Pam Gardner/Ferrell	75
4. Sharon Nunan/Gael	75
5. Linda Tesdahl/Toss	70

U.S.B.C.H.A. Nursery Class

1. Sherry Smith/Edge	67
2. Cheryl Williams/Scott	53
3. Carla King/Maid	44
4. Nancy Obermier/Ben	43
5. Sally Lacy/Robin	31

Pro-Novice 1st Class

1. Suzanne Craddock/Jon	61
2. Julie Poudrier/Jill	59
3. Jeanne Weaver/Jack	51
4. Mary Felegy/Becky	50
5. Julie Poudrier/Boy	48

Pro-Novice 2nd Class

1. Victoria Renz/Kip	65
2. Mary Felegy/Becky	62
3. Sue Asten/Katy	59
4. Randy Mumford/Vic	56
5. Nancy Obermier/Ben	53

Novice 1st Class

1. Victoria Renz/Gage	64
2. Elayne Holbrook/Zak	54
3. Debbie Collison/Kip	50
4. Lois Meyers/Rio	46
5. Debbie Crowder/Turk	42

Novice 2nd Class

1. Elayne Holbrook/Zak	64
2. Tina DeAngelo/Joe	56
3. Lois Meyers/Rio	52
4. Debbie Collison/Kip	49

Overall Champions

Open- Mary Brighoff/Val
Ranch-Sharon Nunan/Gael
Pro-Novice-Mary Felegy/Becky
Novice-Elayne Holbrook/Zak

Old Chatham Sheep Herding Company Open Trial

April 26 & 27, 2003

Judges: Joyce Geier and Steve Wetmore

A forecasted washout on Saturday ended up with just a little drizzle and Sunday turned out nice. The farm generously provided over 200 older ewes for the trial and so the sheep ran just once each day. In spite of being through the course only once before the pressure to the exhaust on Sunday made the dogs work to hold the lines on the fetch and the drive away. Joyce sorted out the runs on Saturday and Steve took over on Sunday. Both did a spot on job of it. Paul Garwood from Quebec managed the holding pen, Lois Urda and Carolyn McKissick did most of the scribing, and many handlers helped at both ends of the course. Thanks everyone - Warren

Saturday, April 26
41 dogs ran

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Amanda Milliken | Eucher |
| 2. Amanda Milliken | Grace |
| 3. Ellen Skillings | Jack |
| 4. Cheryl Williams | Andy |
| 5. Ellen Skillings | Paige |
| 6. Michael Dathe | Cooper |
| 7. Lori Cunningham | Tess |
| 8. Walt Jagger | Bob |
| 9. Mary Felegy | Tam |
| 10. Walt Jagger | Kitt |

Sunday, April 27
45 dogs ran

- | | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Warren Mick | Glen |
| 2. Cheryl Williams | Andy |
| 3. Amanda Milliken | Grace |
| 4. Amanda Milliken | Ethel |
| 5. Linda Tesdhal | Jayce |
| 6. Polly Matzinger | Lily |
| 7. Lori Cunningham | Riff |
| 8. Joyce Geier | Troy |
| 9. Linda Tesdhal | Peg |
| 10. Lori Cunningham | Tess |



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Borders on Paradise SDT

April 11-13, 2003

Turbotville, Pennsylvania

Judges: Open- Nathan Mooney - Novice classes- Bernie Armata

NN #1-

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1. Dave Fetterman & Chief | 32 |
| 2. Elayne Holbrook & Zac | 31 |

NN #2

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|---------------------------|----|
| 1. Dave Fetterman & Chief | 57 |
| 2. Mike Churcher & Dan | 54 |
| 3. Elayne Holbrook & Zac | 11 |

PN #1

- | | |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Cheryl Williams & Scott | 66 |
| 2. Jim Murphy & Kit | 61 |
| 3. Jim Murphy & Megan | 61 |
| 4. Dave Fetterman & Leah | 48 |
| 5. Renee Billadeau & Rae | 47 |

PN #2

- | | |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Nancy Obernier & Ben | 70 |
| 2. Cheryl Williams & Scott | 66 |
| 3. Jim Murphy & Megan | 60 |
| 4. Gene Sheninger & Tweed | 59 |
| 5. Pam Gardner & Kia | 56 |

Ranch #1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| 1. Barb Armata & Rhett | 74 |
| 2. Mark Billadeau & Blue | 73 |
| 3. Dan Turner & Belle | 66 |
| 4. Maggie Chambers & Lace | 64 |
| 5. Steve Paxton-Hill & Kiss | 63 |

Ranch #2

- | | |
|--------------------------|----|
| 1. Dan Turner & Shep | 81 |
| 2. Linda Tesdahl & Toss | 76 |
| 3. Mark Billadeau & Blue | 72 |
| 4. Barb Armata & Rhett | 66 |
| 5. Dave Sharp & Rigel | 65 |

USBCHA Nursery- 8 dogs

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|----------------------------|
| 1. Cheryl Williams & Scott |
| 2. Nancy Obernier & Ben |

Open #1 (61 dogs)

- | | |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Barb Levinson & Lass | 89 |
| 2. Linda Tesdahl & Jace | 86 |
| 3. Warren Mick & Glen | 86 |
| 4. Scott Glen & Tala | 85 |
| 5. Polly Matzinger & Lilly | 83 |
| 6. Mary Brighoff & Val | 82 |
| 7. Mary Thompson & Hawk | 82 |
| 8. Joyce Geier & Clue | 82 |
| 9. Ron McGettigan & Clue | 80 |
| 10. Cheryl Williams & Ben | 79 |

Open #2 (63 dogs)

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|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Linda Tesdahl & Peg | 93 |
| 2. Walt Jagger & Kitt | 89 |
| 3. Linda Tesdahl & Jaffe | 87 |
| 4. Polly Matzinger & Lilly | 86 |
| 5. Ron McGettigan & Clue | 86 |
| 6. Dan Turner & Shep | 83 |
| 7. Warren Mick & Glen | 83 |
| 8. Gene Sheninger & Jen | 83 |
| 9. Barb Levinson & Ivy | 82 |
| 10. Mary Brighoff & Val | 82 |

**Congrats to overall Open Champions:
Linda Tesdahl & Peg**

STEPPINGSTONE results, continued...

Sunday, 6/1/03 – Open – 72 dogs to the post

1. David Henry & Zoie 89
2. Allan Lynch & Joe 88
3. David Henry & Holly 86
4. Linda Tesdahl & Jaffe 85
5. Barbara Levinson & Ivy 84
6. Amanda Milliken & Eucher 83
7. Polly Matzinger & Lilly 82
8. Mary Brighoff & Mirk 81
9. Sharon Nunan & Jim 80
10. Linda Tesdahl & Peg 79

Overall Open Champion – David Henry & Zoie 168
Overall Reserve Champion – Sam Furman & Grace 167

Bright Water Challenge Winner (Most Promising Young Dog) – Nancy Obernier's Ben

Most Promising Young Handler – Melanie Chang

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DIRECTIONS TO NEBCA NOVICE FINALS

**September 13-14, 2003
Alex Cleveland's Branch Brook Farm
Nicholson, Pennsylvania**

Directions

From the north on I-81:

Take exit 211/Lennox/Rt. 92. Take 92 South to Nicholson. Go ten miles, pass under route 11, continue for about 100 yards and turn right on Main Street. Take Main Street for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto State Road 2004. Go 1.5 miles to driveway on the left.

From the south on I-81:

Take exit 206. Take route 374 West to the intersection of 374 and 92. Take 92 South until you pass under route 11 (maybe 5 miles?) then continue about 100 yards and turn right on Main Street. Take Main St. for 2.5 miles. Turn left on State Road 2004. Go 1.5 miles to driveway on left.

From the west:

Get to Tunkhannock, Pa and go east on Rt. 6. About a mile or two out of town, turn left onto Rt. 92 east. Take 92 to Nicholson. Turn left on Main St. Take Main St. for 2.5 miles. Turn left on State Rd. 2004. Go 1.5 miles to driveway on the left

Steppingstone Sheepdog Trial
May 29-June 1, 2003
Havre de Grace, Maryland
Judge: Jack Chamberlain

The second annual Steppingstone Sheep Dog Trial was held May 29-June 1, 2003, on a beautiful stone-walled field overlooking the Susquehanna River in Havre de Grace, MD. Trial hosts Steve and Kathryn Paxton-Hill did a superb job of organizing everything connected with the four-day trial, which attracted an Open entry double the size of last year's. Jack Chamberlain of Wales judged all classes except USBCHA Nursery, which was judged by Warren Mick. The cross-bred hair sheep were independent-minded, looking for escape at every turn, and the field's strong pressures, varied topography, and strategically-located trees made the runs very challenging. The weather, as has been typical this spring, offered a little bit of everything, including rain, sun, clouds, and on the last day, gusty blustery wind.

A highlight of this trial is the beautiful prizes crafted by Kathryn Paxton-Hill, who is a talented artist. Unique, handpainted mugs and plates were awarded to the winners of each class each day, and the overall Open Champion received a beautiful bowl showing sheep grazing on a pale green field. In addition, there are special awards for the most promising young handler (a crook handpainted with dog and title), and the most promising young dog under 30 months of age (a crook handpainted with dog and title, plus \$100).

Thursday Novice-Novice – 16 dogs to the post

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|--------------------------|----|
| 1. Patricia Warne & Neil | 59 |
| 2. Elayne Holbrook & Zak | 56 |
| 3. Melanie Chang & Fly | 55 |
| 4. Darleen Muhly & Jesse | 52 |
| 5. Tina DeAngelo & Joe | 51 |

Thursday Pro-Novice – 35 dogs to the post

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1. Linda Tesdahl & Corrie | 72 |
| 2. Nancy Obernier & Ben | 70 |
| 3. Emma Court & Marshall | 69 |
| 4. Eileen Stein & Grace | 67 |
| 5. Mary Felegy & Becky | 66 |

Thursday Ranch – 35 dogs to the post

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|-----------------------------|----|
| 1. Steve Paxton-Hill & Kiss | 74 |
| 2. Merry Klimek & Ace | 73 |
| 3. Dave Sharp & Rigel | 72 |
| 4. Pam Gardner & Ferrell | 68 |
| 5. Heather Nadelman & Phyl | 67 |

Friday Novice-Novice – 15 dogs to the post

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|--------------------------|----|
| 1. Melanie Chang & Fly | 75 |
| 2. Lisa Basial & Willie | 69 |
| 3. Elayne Holbrook & Zak | 65 |
| 4. Victoria Renz & Gage | 60 |
| 5. Tina DeAngelo & Joe | 56 |

Friday Pro-Novice – 34 dogs to the post

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|--------------------------|----|
| 1. Robin French & Jet | 63 |
| 2. Mary Felegy & Becky | 62 |
| 3. Dave Fetterman & Leah | 61 |
| 4. Sally Lacy & Robin | 58 |
| 5. Carol Calhoun & Bill | 58 |

Friday Ranch – 33 dogs to the post

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|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Merry Klimek & Ace | 80 |
| 2. Sharon Nunan & Gael | 76 |
| 3. Michele Higgins & Swift | 75 |
| 4. Sam Furman & Maddie | 75 |
| 5. Debra Mickey & Jill | 74 |

USBCHA Nursery and Open classes were run on Saturday and Sunday. Late in the morning on Saturday it became necessary to impose a standard in Open, and even with the standard in effect the running continued til almost dark. On Sunday the time allotted for Open runs was cut by 30 seconds, and no standard was imposed.

Saturday, 5/31/03 – USBCHA Nursery – 14 dogs

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|---------------------------|----|
| 1. Amanda Milliken & Bart | 75 |
| 2. Sherry Smith & Edge | 75 |
| 3. Sam Furman & Maddie | 71 |

Saturday 5/31/03 – Open – 74 dogs to the post

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|------------------------------|----|
| 1. Sam Furman & Grace | 90 |
| 2. Sam Furman & Tucker | 85 |
| 3. Mary Brighoff & Mirk | 84 |
| 4. Barbara Levinson & Lass | 84 |
| 5. Christine Koval & Rook | 83 |
| 6. Warren Mick & Glen | 83 |
| 7. Linda Tesdahl & Jayce | 82 |
| 8. Polly Matzinger & Charlie | 82 |
| 9. Linda Tesdahl & Jaffe | 80 |
| 10. David Henry & Zoie | 79 |

Sunday, 6/1/03 USBCHA Nursery – 5 dogs to the post

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|-------------------------|----|
| 1. Nancy Obernier & Ben | 58 |
|-------------------------|----|

2003 NEBCA Novice Finals

Novice/Novice, Pro-Novice, and Ranch Classes
September 13th and 14th, 2003
At Alix Cleveland's Branch Brook Farm, Nicholson, PA
Judge: Bernie Armata, Esperance, NY
Entries must be received by August 31, 2003

Time: Ranch class will run first on Saturday, September 13, with a handler's meeting no earlier than 6:15. Pro/Novice and then Novice/Novice will follow.

Qualifying: To qualify for the Novice Finals, a dog must have earned at least three points in the current trial season in the class entered and the handler must be a current NEBCA member. The exact trial format (such as the number of runs per dog) will be determined based on the number of entries.

Trial Managers: Sally Molloy (609) 279-9728, Michele Higgins, Liz Philips, and Bud Ames

Entry Fees: The entry fee is \$35 per dog

Food: We will arrange a catered barbeque dinner for handlers and their families on Saturday night. Details and cost will be posted on <http://www.nebca.net>

Camping: Tents, campers, and motor homes will be permitted on the farm; no hookups will be available.

Lodging: Lodging is available in Clarks Summit, PA (approximately seventeen miles south of the trial site, at exit 194 off of I-81) at the following locations:

Days Inn: 570-586-1141

Ramada Inn: 570-586-2730

Summit Inn: 570-586-1211

Other options include:

Colonial Brick: 570-879-2162 (Exit 223 off Rt. 81 at Hallstead) No dogs in rooms.

All Seasons Motel and Campground: 570-465-3900 12 or so miles north on Rt. 11.

Prizes: There will be special prizes for the 1st and 2nd place winners in each class. In addition, if you have owned your dog since it was six months of age or younger and trained it yourself, you will be eligible for the "Long Road Award." Sign up on your entry form.

2003 NEBCA Novice Finals

Entries must be postmarked by August 29, 2003.
Send entries with payment to:
Sally Molloy, 80 Sycamore Lane, Skillman, NJ 08558

HANDLER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Dog	Handler	Class	Long Road Award Eligible?	Fee

TOTAL FEES: _____

About how many for Saturday's dinner? _____

We need volunteers to make this trial happen. How would you like to help us?

Push Out <input type="checkbox"/>	Set Out <input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaust <input type="checkbox"/>
Scribing <input type="checkbox"/>	Score Keeping <input type="checkbox"/>	

I certify that I am the owner or duly authorized agent of the owner(s) of the dog(s) entered in the above named trial. I agree to hold the sponsors(s), sanctioning part(ies), host(s), the trial committee, agents, or the property where the trial is held harmless from claims of loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person, dog, stock or thing by act of this dog, while in or upon the trial area or near the entrance thereto, and I assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for damages or injuries to the dog incurred due to negligence of any of the aforementioned parties, or by negligence of any person or any other cause. In case of injury to any stock because of the dog, I assume financial responsibility for any damages. I will pay \$150 for any killed or seriously injured stock at the time the incident occurs.

Signature _____ Date _____

Soule Homestead Sheepdog Trial
Middleboro, Massachusetts
May 1-4, 2003
Judge- Warren Mick

Novice1

1. Pat Murphy & Jack
2. Susan Cullen & Buck
3. Elayne Holbrook & Zak
4. Connie Weller & Jet
5. Susan Cullen & Li

ProNovice 1

1. Connie Weller & Penn
2. Susan Cullen & Nick
3. Michale Dathe & Trot
4. Cokie Hamm & Breeze
5. Rob Drummond & Andy

Ranch 1

1. Merry Klimek & Ace
2. Merry Klimek & Midge
3. Sharon Nunan & Gael
4. Rob Drummond & Spot
5. Betty Levin & Bryn.

Open 1

1. Amanda Milliken & Grace
2. Jean Kennedy & Beth
3. Beverly Lambert & Bill
4. Beverly Lambert & Pippa
5. Denise Leonard & Kate
6. Sally Lacy & Chess
7. Rick Seaman & Luke
8. Greg Hamm & Gaelen
9. Ed Hobart & Angel
10. Ron McGettigan & Clue

USBCA Nursery 9 dogs

1. Rick Seaman & Jake
2. Connie Weller & Penn

Novice 2

1. Elayne Holbrook & Zak
2. Cokie Hamm & Zeb
3. Patricia Murphy & Jack
4. Connie Weller & Jet
5. Jean Fary & Rory

ProNovice 2

1. Beverly Lambert & Sean
2. Cokie Hamm & Breeze
3. Connie Weller & Penn
4. Cokie Hamm & Lola
5. Beverly Lambert & Floss

Ranch 2

1. Sharon Nunan & Gael
2. Rob Drummond & Ben
3. Ed Hobart & Bonnie
4. Greg Hamm & Maya
5. Brenda Buja & Bronco

Open 2

1. Greg Hamm & Gaelen
2. Amanda Milliken & Bart
3. Rick Seaman & Zoe
4. Ron McGettigan & Clue
5. Beverly Lambert & Bill
6. Beverly Lambert & Rue
7. Rolf Knight & Jewel
8. Merry Klimek & Tweed
9. Merry Klimek & Lad
10. Amanda Milliken & Grace

Top 10 Runoff & Overall Champ-
Amanda Milliken & Grace

Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association Sheepdog Trial
April 26-27, 2003
Vernon, CT
Judge: Chris Smart

The day after who knows what number annual Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association (CSBA) Sheepdog trial (my second year of being trial manager), I can say enthusiastically (albeit exhaustedly) that I will do it again. This is a wonderful little spring trial that helps those of us up in the northeast, shake out the kinks and start of the trial season with warm feelings about our fellow handlers and their dogs and even about some sheep.

This is a kind of trial that just wouldn't happen without people showing up and saying, "what can I do?" and we get these people in droves. First of all, I'd like to thank the people from CSBA who worked so tirelessly to make this happen: Sylvia Murray who runs the sheep pen year after year, showing up early on the Friday to help set up, working all day long both Saturday and Sunday in the pen, then is one of the last people to go after tearing the whole thing down again; and Jo and Kirby Judd who didn't give up on the trial and were the first ones there to set up and the last ones to leave after the tear down. Next I'd like to thank our judge Christopher Smart who patiently, ably, shivering in the wet and cold, sorted out all our runs, the good, the bad and the ugly. Chris along with his Sheepscapes partner, Bill Fosher, supplied sheep (and their fabulous handling equipment) from their grazing project. These crossbred wool sheep provided a wonderful challenge to our dogs (and the set out crew) and I heard many handlers comment on "how fun they were". Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help make this trial run, but especially: Emily Yazwinski (scorekeeping), Ellen Rusconi-Black (scribing), Sue Hobart (scribing), Carol Campion (for many things including bringing the panels and pens), Beverly Lambert (coordinating set out people) and all the dedicated people who stood out in the rain holding out sheep for their fellow handlers (Sharon Nunan, Bev, Sally Lacy, Denise Leonard, Betty Levin, Brenda Buja, etc, etc). If I have forgotten to list your name here, please forgive me as I am very tired, but truly grateful to you all. Following are the scores and placing of the highest scorers in the class, but not all the milestones and achievements of the weekend and the "learning experiences" that sent us all home hungry for more:

Saturday, April 26th, 2003 (Cold Rainy Day)

Open Ranch (16 dogs total)

1) Rob Drummond	Spot	64
2) Carol Campion	Storm	63.5
3) Sharon Nunan	Gael	62
4) Gregg Hamm	Maya	57
5) Michelle Higgins	Deigh	54.5
6) Maria Amodei	Cato	53
7) Michelle Higgins	Swift	46.5
8) Sally Lacy	Jean	45.5

USBCCHA Nursery (9 dogs total)

1) Denise Leonard	Jessie	70
2) Ed Hobart	Bonnie	63

Open (35 dogs total)

1) Beverly Lambert	Pippa	91.5
2) Denise Leonard	Rose	89
3) Beverly Lambert	Rue	88
4) Sally Lacy	Jean	87.5
5) Jean Kennedy	Beth	86.5
6) Betty Levin	Maddie	86.5
7) Ed Hobart	Joy	86.5
8) George Northrup	Kyp	84
9) Denise Leonard	Kate	81
10) George Northrup	Moss	81

Sunday, April 27th, 2003 (Sunny to Partly Cloudy)

Open (31 dogs total)

1) Beverly Lambert	Pippa	97.5
2) Betty Levin	Kyle	95
3) Sally Lacy	Jean	89.5
4) Betty Levin	Folly	89.5
5) Beverly Lambert	Bill	84.5
6) Joan Worthington	Sam	83.5
7) Sue Schoen	Willy	77
8) Denise Leonard	Kate	76.5
9) Sharon Nunan	Jim	75.5
10) Carol Campion	Patch	75

Pro-Novice (23 dogs total)

1) Beverly Lambert	Floss	72
2) Rob Drummond	Andy	67
3) Cokie Hamm	Breeze	66.5
4) Ed Hobart	Bonnie	65.5
5) Dianne Baumann	Jill	61
6) Beverly Lambert	Sean	58.5
7) Sally Lacy	Robin	57
8) Emily Yazwinski	Nip	54.5

Novice-Novice (8 dogs total)

1) Nancy Phillips	Abby	53
2) Joan McGrath	Amos	39

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NEBCA Meeting Minutes, Cummington, MA
May 24, 2003

Meeting called to order at 5:24pm by Warren Mick. Twenty-eight members were present.

1. Secretary's Report by Maria Mick – There are currently 237 members, 62 of which are family memberships. Total membership for 2002 was approximately 308 members.
2. Boards of Directors Report by Sue Schoen – There are no issues before the board.
3. Open Trials Committee Report by Barbara Armata – The Fall Foliage Championship trial held on Columbus Day weekend will be in Pennsylvania at the site proposed by Allan Lynch. The trial committee is considering Dal Kratzer to judge the event. Barb suggested that there be no awards for all the participants, just the top 10 finishers. George Northrup suggested raising the number of qualifying top ten trial finishes to four instead of three. Allan Lynch suggested that the trial be extended to three days, with Friday and Saturday being the qualifying days for the double lift final round on Sunday. A flock of wool sheep will be used for the trial.
4. Novice Trials Committee Report by Warren Mick – The current committee consists of Bud Ames, Liz Phillips. New members include Sally Malloy of New Jersey and Michelle Higgins of New York. The site of the Novice Finals will be held at Alix Cleveland's farm in Pennsylvania on September 13 & 14. The judge will be Bernie Armata.
5. Calendar Committee Report by Kate Collins – The 2004 calendars have been printed and are available for sale at \$5. A total of 500 calendars were printed for a cost of \$270. The club thanks Gabe Merrill and Betty Murray for selling the most 2003 calendars last year.
6. Library Report by Emily Yazwinski – A total of \$200 was approved at the annual meeting for new purchases for the library and Emily is considering purchasing the following videos for purchase: the 2002 Bala World Trial, the 2002 international and possible the USBCHA 2003 sheepdog and cattle finals videos. Emily also mentioned that the current library holdings need to be included in the next newsletter.
7. Membership Committee Report by Warren Mick – the membership committee has asked to postpone its report until the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Betty Levin suggested that no award plaques be given to the novice dogs of open handlers.
2. Brochures – The new club brochures will be printed in the next couple of weeks. It is expected to cost approximately \$3-400.
3. Nominating Process – Those who nominate individuals for club officers and board of directors are usually appointed. The club needs suggestions on how to open up the process to get more input from the membership for nominations. It was suggested that this could be accomplished through general solicitation via the newsletter. Those nominated must approve of their nominations.
4. In the letter from the president that appeared in the last newsletter, the membership was requested to offer more novice trials. Already there have been two offers.
5. It has been suggested that the 2004 Fall Foliage and Novice Finals be in the eastern part of the NEBCA region. The club is open to suggestions for potential sites.
6. NEBCA fund raising – T-shirts and baseball caps are available for \$15 each. The artwork on the T-shirt is by Barb Armata. Thanks to Jodi Somers for his efforts in getting these items produced and ready for sale.
7. Nancy Phillips motioned for adjournment, seconded by Kate Collins. Meeting adjourned at 5:44pm.

Submitted by
Maria Mick

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