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Linda Bohm's Roo working sheep at the Angie Driscoll clinic at Wayside Farm in Hackettstown, NJ.
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From the President - Warren Mick



Hi Members,

The NEBCA calendar is filling up with numerous repeat trials, a few new ones, and several clinics and learning trial activities. Dates and venues have been announced for the Novice Finals and Fall Foliage trials, and preparations are underway.

Please offer you help to the open and novice committees if you can. Please also welcome our three new trials committee members: Pam Wataha, chair of the novice committee, and Diane Cox and Christine Koval on the open committee.

The NEBCA high points competition has been around since the 1982. Dogs earn points in NEBCA open trials according to their placement and the points are tallied over the trial season. Early on, Eleanor Jagger tracked high points for the club. She did this by hand on a huge poster I recall hanging from the side of Walt and Eleanor's camper. Around 1996, Gene Sheninger took over the points work from Eleanor, also doing it by hand. As the internet blossomed in the late 90s, the NEBCA website was born, and soon after, Gene created an online system for tracking high points. Gene maintained and updated this online system for NEBCA, and also created a similar system for tracking USBCHA points. Gene's system was a great asset to both organizations, and we thank him again for his efforts as he steps aside.

Maria Amodei has taken over as point system guru and has totally revamped the online point system. (See article on page 8.) The new system has all the same features as the old system, and adds a few new ones. It is built using up-to-date database and web techniques, and includes improvements for validation of trial results and to uniquely identify handlers and dogs. The new system is accessible though the NEBCA website or directly at trialpoints.com. The new point system was a year-long project for Maria, and we are very grateful for

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From Your Editor

NEBCA members have asked for a new feature, "Lookin' Back," and I'm pleased to fulfill your request for reprints of articles from past NEBCA issues. We reprint here Barb Armata's article, "Trial Etiquette," as we enter our trial-dense summer season. Please tell me what you'd like to re-read from past newsletters, available in the NEBCA News archive <http://www.nebca.net/newsletters.html>

It's vital to observe caution in Summer's heat while working and trialing, and importantly, NEBCA's Humane Rules are reprinted here.

The updated catalogue of NEBCA's library holdings is in this issue. Please borrow and learn!

Please welcome Pam Mueller, who will try out the volunteer task of Layout Editor in the next issue, Autumn. Our present volunteer, Lori Tsuruda, retires as Layout Editor after this issue. Thank you, Lori, for your splendid efforts. Thank you, Pam, for stepping forward to help.

Thank you, readers, for sending content for this newsletter. Continue to send photos of your working border collies, JPEG or TIFF format, in-focus, and at high-resolution (greater than 500 kb file size; preferably several Mb file size), and don't forget to describe the subject of the photo and provide the photographer's name. Send your writings by mail or email, either in the body of the email or attached as a Word document.

And, if you see an article on social media of interest to members, get the original poster's permission, and send evidence of permission with the article.

NEW NEBCA merchandise is available for sale at Summer trials.

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Trial Etiquette. A Collection of Thoughts

By Barbara Armata

Now, I hope this title doesn't stop everyone in their tracks! At the annual meeting, there was a suggestion an article be written about what is common sense, courteous behavior when attending trials to help the many new handlers as well as a refresher for the "big" and "little hats."

I volunteered...What was I thinking? NEBCA is not stating these guidelines as rules, nor is it overseeing my thoughts. This is compiled from discussion both at the meeting, emails with handlers and trial managers, and my own experiences.

Responsibilities of Competitors

Be gracious and respectful of the trial hosts. You may not agree with how things are being run — the course, the hold out, the sheep...the list can go on and on. Just remember, the trial hosts are putting on trials to supply a venue for competition, not to make money, and certainly not to have to take verbal abuse or criticism. If you have *constructive* criticism, then after the trial, maybe call or write with your *suggestion*. As one of a group of trial managers, we try to put on a fair and worthwhile competition but there is a lot to doing it and things won't always be perfect.

Clean up after yourself, and take your garbage home with you! It is an added expense for the trial if you leave it.

Keep your dogs as quiet as possible. It is annoying to both competitors and judges to have to listen to incessant barking.

Some dogs can be very aggressive being tied to the campers. Tie such dogs as far as possible from foot traffic or keep them in a crate. The other option used by some handlers is to put electronet around their site. This keeps loose dogs from getting into the tied dogs' space and the aggressive dogs from reaching the foot traffic. Use it as a visual barrier, not electrified. Keep aggressive or uncontrollable dogs on leash when you are out exercising them. Hopefully there is a good place to run your dogs, but keep them under control till such area is reached.

Once the dogs are off playing, don't ignore them as you chit- chat with friends. Keep an eye so play doesn't turn into something serious. For myself, I prefer to take my dogs out when there aren't a lot of packs of dogs loose. My own pack knows how to move and play, but add a strange pack to the mix and dogs can and will get hurt. Don't throw balls or toys to your dogs in the camping area. This will be very unfair to dogs that are tied.

If you see treatment of dogs that isn't appropriate, please go to the trial manager. They may not realize this is happening, and will want to have a word in private with that individual. Trials can be very high profile, especially when a trial is open to spectators. Such behavior threatens all of us who like to compete. Most of all, we have a responsibility to those dogs.

Keep competition in perspective. No one is going to live or die if their dog doesn't perform well that day. No one has ever died of embarrassment. Our dogs are not vindictive; their mistakes are not on purpose. More often, the mistake results from the handler and the training. Also, the health and fitness of a dog can play an important part in how well it performs. So, don't blame the dog! Many trials need spectators in order to finance everything that involves putting on the competition. A positive impression is important by the representatives of the sport, whether out and about or under the tent.

Responsibilities of Trial Hosts/Managers

Responsibilities of trial hosts are a separate discussion. This falls into an involved discussion about putting on a successful dog trial. Anyone wanting to put on a trial should contact the managers of trials you enjoy going to. They can offer good suggestions and ideas to guide you.

Scribing: This is an important volunteer position. First and foremost, it is the scribe's job to track the points the judge is giving them. It is *not* the time to be chatting to the judge and picking their brain. Some judges will explain why the points are



Deb Sherman

Barb Armata's Bett

being deducted; some don't wish to talk at all. Remain quiet and attentive. If a judge is willing to answer questions, do so only after the run is completed and scored and before the next dog is ready to run. Never question or argue about the points with a judge.

Exhausting Sheep: Many novice handlers wish to "work" their dogs by helping out. For most experienced handlers, they know this work can mess up their next run. If your dog is experienced enough and/or you won't be running again, then you can offer to help take sheep off the field. Most sheep are easily taken off the field once they know where the exhaust is. Sometimes a dog isn't even necessary. If a dog is necessary, this dog should have a good stop and be under control. The last thing these sheep need is a dog that is harassing them or getting into the exhaust pen.

Hold Out: The person doing this job can make or break a run. The dog being used for this job *must* have a perfect stop and be willing to release the sheep to the competing dog. It is not the time to take your dog out to get them "settled" for their run or to get your dog to see where the hold out is. It is common courtesy not to use your dog before it is going to run. The exception to this is when a

person has been hired by the trial to do all the holding out. The agreement with the trial manager may be that they can run their dogs as well.

Regarding the trial managers, it is up to them to select handlers that can do this job to give every competitor a fair chance.

Regarding the handler, the judge will sort out a situation where the sheep can't be held. Due to the variables in this job, not every hold will be perfect. Don't complain about the hold out; it could be you messing up a run just as easily!

Sheep Pen: Most trials try to have a crew lined up to handle their sheep. Should the trial use volunteers, these people need to treat the sheep with kindness. Sheep that are handled quietly and not stressed will be in a much better state of mind when they go onto the field. Remember, the sheep are really not willing volunteers and must work long days. Treat them with the respect they deserve, for without them, there is no reason to have Border collies.

Trial season is soon upon us. Hopefully, with this reminder of old fashion values of common sense, courtesy and respect, our trials will continue to be pleasant (if not successful) experiences for all.

Scribing Best Practices from NEBCA website http://www.nebca.net/Scribe_best_practices.pdf
 By Rose Redick and Mary Ellen Young

Many thanks to Ontario Border Collie Club (OBCC) for collaborating with NEBCA on this, as well as Rose Redick and Mary Ellen Young for coordinating the work and doing the writing, and Tara Dier for permitting use of the original scribe document.

SCRIBING TIPS

Scribing is a great way for inexperienced handlers to help out at a trial and learn about more aspects of trialing. You have the best seat in the house to watch each handler run and can see first-hand how the runs are scored. Your job is to run the clock and write down the scores so the judge doesn't need to take his/her eyes off the run. While an important task it does not require much if any prior experience.

Here are some pointers you will need to know.

You will be provided with a stack of score sheets, a running order and a time clock. Make sure that the dog and handler are as marked on the running order. Most handlers announce their name and their dog's name. However, if you aren't sure who is coming to the post just ask the handler (or the judge or course director). Most likely someone has been assigned to collect the sheets and post the scores and that person will quietly approach you every few runs. Hand that person the sheets of completed runs

THE CLOCK

Usually the scribe operates the clock/timer. Some judges like to do it themselves and some run their own clock in addition to the official one. The clock/timer runs down to zero from the maximum time allowed. Start the clock the moment the handler sends his/her dog from the post and don't touch it unless the judge tells you to.

If the time runs out before the run is complete, usually the judge (but sometimes the scribe) calls Time. If something unexpected happens during a run (e.g. a loose dog on the field, sheep goes down)

make a note of the time remaining but leave the clock running.

As soon as a run is complete, reset the clock to be ready for the next handler. Please reset the timer before you do anything else, including tallying the scores of the last run, because the next handler will approach the post promptly. If you aren't ready with the clock when the next handler is at the post, say so and ask the handler to wait until you have it set.

SCORE SHEETS

The scribe keeps track of the judges point deductions and totals these points at the end of the run. Some judges give the clerk the points off at the end of each phase of work. Some judges will give you the points off with each infraction and rely on the scribe to total them up for each phase. Write big and bold. For any changes, cross out the entire incorrect entry and write in the correct number.

If time expires before a run finishes, write "Time" in the phase of work where time ran out on the left side. All available points for that phase and all subsequent phases will be lost but a total score is still given. If a run ends due to a retirement or disqualification, write "RT" or "DQ" in the phase of work where it occurred on the right side and also in the total score box. There is no need to record the elapsed time if the run is finished before the time runs out.

At the end of the run, total up the points off and subtract from the total available for the final score. Double check it, or make sure whoever takes them from you double checks them. If there is something you aren't sure about in the scores, ask the judge before you give the sheet to the person assigned to collect them. Some trials require the judge to review and initial each score sheet before it leaves the judge's tent and some judges insist on doing this. If this is the policy, do not release a score sheet until a judge has reviewed it.

Every trail manager should provide to every person scribing an example of the score sheet for each class and how the points off, retires, D.Q.'s, etc. are to be recorded on the score sheet so that consistency is maintained by everyone scribing and that it is clear to the person recording the scores on the board and the judge how everyone is recording the points off.

A FEW MORE POINTS

During runs, the scribe should intercept and respond to anyone coming into the judge's tent (e.g., questions, delivering food, etc.).

Scribes should not discuss anything that they observed or heard while scribing with anyone including comments made by the judge.

One more thing... Judging takes concentration. Some judges like to chat, some don't. Take your lead from the judge and don't initiate conversation during a run. If you have questions, save them for between runs or the end of the day. Don't comment on a run or fill the judge in on a dog and handler you know unless they ask. Judges appreciate the help scribes provide and recognize that it is a learning opportunity.

Special thanks to Tara Dier, author of the original OBCC scribing guidelines document.

Sample Score Sheet for Double Lift:

HANDLER: _____	DATE	
DOG: _____		
JUDGE: _____		
	Points lost	Points Earned
Outrun-1 20		
Lift-1 10		
Fetch-1 20		
Outrun-2 20		
Lift-2 10		
Fetch-2 20		
Drive 40		
Shed 20		
Pen 10		
Total Points Possible		170
Total Points Lost		
Score		

Sample Score Sheet for Open:

Open	Date	
Handler: _____	#	
Dog: _____		
Judge: _____		
	Points Lost	Points
Outrun 20		
Lift 10		
Fetch 20		
Drive 30		
Pen 10		
Shed 10		
Total Points Possible		100
Total Points Lost		
Score		

New Open Points System for NEBCA and USBCHA

By Maria Amodei

<https://trialpoints.com/>

Note: The "About/FAQs" page link on the upper right of the website <https://trialpoints.com/About> should cover most of your questions. Several Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are printed here.

All results going forward will be entered in the new system only. Points for the current trial year have been validated. Prior years have also been imported, but not subjected to the same validation process.

This is a new, custom system. It is likely to have some struggles, which we will deal with as they happen. I have plans for improvements to make it work better for both the handlers and the organizations. But for now, the goal was to get a new system up and running on current technology. We will be adding Nursery for USBCHA and the novice classes for NEBCA, but that will take time.

The organization secretaries, Martha Walke and Linda DeJong, have spent time validating, inserting, and updating membership information so points will be awarded correctly, also validating imported points data. Elizabeth Smith-Fries and Liz Shaw converted submitted trial results to the new import format for multiple trials so I could test the loading process. Warren Mick and Werner Reitboeck also spent time validating the points data. And that awesome logo? Thanks, Michelle Lawrence!

In particular I would like to thank Gene Sheninger, who setup and maintained the old system. Gene provided 20 years of history to load. Most of you have probably never thought twice about having access to your points to check online. You didn't have to because Gene provided this service for many years for both NEBCA and USBCHA.

Excerpted Answers to FAQs from the Trial Points website, <https://trialpoints.com/About>:

Do I need to register and login? No.

How do I know which trials are included in the results? From the points page (USBCHA Sheepdog or Cattledog, or NEBCA) look at the selector just above the points data. Click the circle next to "Trial". That will take you to the trials section. The trial dropdown will show you which trials in the trial year selected above have results and are included. Make sure you have chosen the trial year you are looking for.

Why do I see results for a different calendar year than the one shown on the Trial Year drop down?

The trial year is different from the calendar year. Right now, both USBCHA and NEBCA have a trial year of 1 August - 31 July. The trial year that begins in August 2018 and ends in July 2019 is Trial Year 2019. Note that NEBCA had a different trial year before 2014, ending in mid-September.

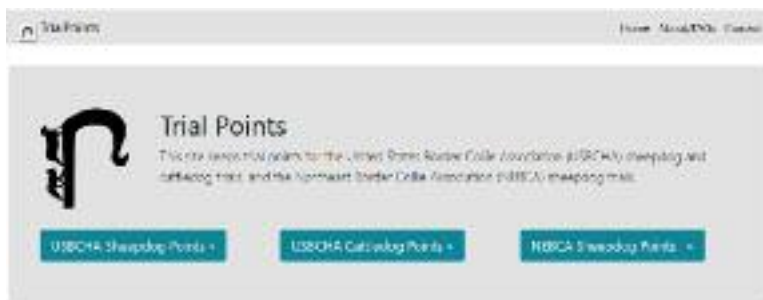
What if I placed at a trial but don't see my points?

First, make sure that trial is included in the results. Second, while many trials only award placements/ribbons/payout to two dogs per handler, one handler

can earn points on more than two dogs. If there were handlers with 3 dogs in the top 10, that may have pushed you to a placement that did not earn points. Go to Trial on the selector underneath the organization logo on the points page, find the trial you are looking for and see where you fall in the results. Still think there is a problem? Check with the organization points keeper (USBCHA or NEBCA; available on their respective web sites) or ask the trial host.

I think I found an error in a past trial year, what do I do?

We made our best effort to load all historical point data. Over 10 years of history of accomplishments of dogs and handlers is valuable information. However, this is old data from a system that is structured quite differently. It is not perfect and there are discrepancies. If you find a major problem, please let the points person for the organization know. Otherwise, we are quite busy making sure the current year is up-to-date and an accurate record.





Pennsylvania Farm Show

Gene Sheninger competing at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in 2018.

2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show Sheepdog Point and Time Trial

By Debra Mickey

The 3rd annual Pennsylvania Farm Show Sheepdog Point and Time Trial is now history. On two days in January, the sheepdog community joined up with the 103rd annual Pennsylvania Farm Show (PFS) in the state's capital of Harrisburg.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is held every year for eight days in January and is the nation's largest indoor agricultural event. Think of it as a county fair on major steroids! The event showcases Pennsylvania's agriculture industry, offering visitors a view of the industry that employs nearly half a million people and brings \$185 billion to the state's economy annually. Housed in its own complex, the PFS showcases and holds competitions for over 6,000 animals of all shapes and sizes, has 10,000 competitive exhibits, and has over 300 vendors in one million square feet of indoor space. The Farm Show Complex and Expo Center includes three arenas, and houses 24 indoor acres in 11 buildings. Have I mentioned the PFS is huge?

Thousands of spectators come from all around to see judging of livestock, produce, wool, wine and beer, bees and honey, and many other Pennsyl-

vania products, various demonstrations and lectures, competitions with draft horse hitches, sheep to shawl, and even tractor square dancing (yes, you read that right – tractors square dancing). Along with a huge and yummy food court offering good foods from Pennsylvania, one of the special events is the unveiling of the butter sculpture.

Through the work of Emily Falk and Sue Asten, the first sheepdog point and time trial was organized with the PFS committee in 2017, requiring lots of behind-the-scenes work, planning, and coordination. The trial has been popular with spectators, and each year has been offered better time slots. This year we were before the very popular draft horse hitch completion, and we had quite a crowd. Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) broadcasts many activities, and this year included part of the trial live with Sue Asten and Deb Mickey as commentators.

Competitors came from as far away as Canada, New England, Michigan, and throughout the mid-Atlantic. Held Saturday and Sunday in two sepa-

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2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show Sheepdog Trial — *continued from page 9*

rate arenas, the trial this year was organized to be one trial a day with each day having its winner, then the scores of the two days combined to determine the five finalists. The five finalists then ran again to determine the overall champion. Peggy Simpson and Boone won Saturday's trial, and Mike Polites and Taff won Sunday's trial. The five finalists were Mike Polities and Taff, Lori Cunningham with Matt, Susan Rhoades and Brass, and Emily Falk with her two dogs Gabe and Lena. And the 2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show Sheepdog Points and Time Champion was Mike Polities and Taff, with a speedy yet efficient final run.

The competitors and local sheep handlers were immense help moving equipment, providing very informative commentary to the spectators, handling the sheep, and doing whatever was needed to help the trial run as smoothly as possible in these unique circumstances.

We took a break mid-way on Sunday, while Gene Sheninger and his dog Sweet gave an educational crowd-pleasing demonstration working ducks provided by Susan Rhoades. The dogs competing did a fine job showing the crowd what border collies (and one kelpie!) can do, and the sheep were even and fine in this crazy environment.

A big thank you to Mark & Renee Billadeau for providing the sheep, and to Mary Brighoff for her help transporting them. Our thanks to Jim Strohecker for being our judge, and kudos to our announcers, timekeepers, scribes, sheep wranglers, and sponsors. I'd be remiss if I didn't especially thank Emily's dad, Rick, a man who was everywhere, anywhere, and always ready to help.

With another Pennsylvania Farm Show Sheepdog Point and Time Trial in the books, Emily can relax and take on other projects, but I know she's already started organizing the 2020 PFS trial. Hope you can join us next year

NEBCA's HUMANE RULES v 1.0 from NEBCA website http://www.nebca.net/humane_rules.pdf 1/11/2016

1. A veterinarian shall be in attendance or reasonably available at every trial.
2. No stock belonging to contestants, trial managers/hosts, or stock contractor should be confined to vehicles beyond a period of twenty-eight (28) hours without being unloaded and properly fed and watered. If animals are carried in conveyances in which they do have proper food, water, space and opportunity to rest, the provision for unloading shall not apply.
3. No sick or injured animals, discovered before or after the draw, may be used in competition. To the extent possible, animals will be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated before drawing. Judges, trial managers, and course directors will be responsible for inspection.
4. At the recommendation of the veterinarian or at the discretion of the judge, sick or injured dogs will not be allowed to compete.
5. It is recommended that, particularly in warm weather, water always be available on the field, at set out, and at the exhaust for cooling a dog. Handlers should be allowed to direct a dog to the water and the dog use the water with no points penalty. Handlers should not leave the post to go to the water with the dog. However, if the handler is moving to the shedding ring or moving to the pen, he/she may detour to the water. The clock will not be stopped. Actions of the stock are still being judged and may result in a loss of points, up to disqualification if the stock leaves the trial area.

Sheepdog Training Opportunity with Angie Driscoll

By Linda Bohm and Sallie Butler

April weather cooperated for another sheepdog clinic and series of lessons by Angie Driscoll. Hosted and organized by Wayside Farm owners Gene Sheninger and Teri Rhodes, students had opportunities to participate in a two-day clinic and/or scheduled private sessions.

Returning to Hackettstown, NJ, for her third time, Angie offered positive improvements to the student-dog teams who participated last year. She demonstrated new approaches for those training as “first time teams” at her clinic.

It didn't matter whether a handler and his/her dog were competing in Novice or Open – Angie offered each student specific points of consideration for improving their herding skills.

As we all know, it's team work – a great dog needs a great handler and Angie manages to help every student regardless of prowess level to strive to achieve “greatness” on the herding field.

Last year and this year, Angie described her F-word philosophy of training: Fair, Firm, and Fun. She believes that herding should be “fun” for both the handler and the dog. Sometimes handlers lose sight of this.

It was common to hear a lot of hoots of encouragement from both instructor and student on the training field. The result – well, the dogs showed a definite increase in good attitude during their out-runs. But every team is different and Angie made sure to carve out specific points of improvement specific to each team's needs.

Angie's belief.... It all comes from training rules which need to be consistently and intelligently applied to create that successful team.

So, she added to her alphabet of training. Using the letter “P” she focused on Progress.

Many students reported progress after six months of applying Angie's philosophies to their training since she was here last summer.



Linda Bohm

P is another letter for:

Patience (Always)

Practice

Perseverance.

And that results in Progress.

And then the letter “E” that expresses training goals,

Effervescent

Excellence.

Currently, together with her husband Kelvin, she is busy raising and training Border Collies and managing a 70-acre farm in Wales. But in a short time, she has accrued more herding accolades than most could ever dream of. She credits Bobby Dalziel for teaching her about schooling young dogs and teaching driving early on in a dog's education. But her success as an instructor and trial competitor stems from the many aspects of her earlier life.

As an enthusiastic runner, a PhD University Professor, marketing consultant, and published author, Angie knows that it takes every ounce of perseverance and strength – both physically and mentally to succeed in this sport.

That's why Angie was able to demonstrate and encourage meticulous attention during her clinic. Angie's enthusiasm and directness helped students understand her concepts during the week – and many came off the field smiling from ear to ear.

With only 12 years trialing experience, Angie has earned many titles and awards including winning the 2017 Welsh National Championships with her two-year old Kinloch Pippi. Her students are truly blessed to be able to listen and learn from this international star.

News from the NEBCA Library

By Martha Walke, NEBCA Librarian

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Thank you for your continued use of the NEBCA library.

Items new to the NEBCA Library holdings are marked with an asterisk (*).

BOOKS	
Training	
E. B. Carpenter	The Border Collie: Basic Training for Sheepwork
Iris Combe	Border Collies
Katy Cropper	A Dog's Life in the Dales
Laura De La Cruz	The Herding Resource Book
Bruce Fogt	Lessons from a Stockdog (3)
Eric Halsall	Sheepdog Trials (2)
Julie Hill	The Natural Way (Rev. Ed.)
Vergil Holland	Herding Dogs: Progressive Training (2)
John Holmes	A Farmer's Dog (3)
Tony Iley	Sheepdogs at Work
ISDS	Training a Sheepdog: A Guide for the New Handler
H. Glyn Jones	A Way of Life
Scott Lithgow	Training and Working Dogs for Quiet Confident Control of Stock
Tim Longton & Edward Hart	The Sheep Dog: Its Work and Training (2)
Thomas Longton & Barbara Sykes	Training The Sheepdog (2)
Sue Main	Hints and Tips for the Trial Field
	S is for Sheepdog: Gwyn Jones Penmachno's "ABC's" of Sheepdog Training and Handling
Luke Pasio	Heather Jean: The Working Sheepdog (not bound, 2 copies)
Marjorie Quarton	All About the Working Border Collie
Pope Robertson	Anybody Can Do It (2)
Derek Scrimgeour	Talking Sheepdogs (3)
Julie Simpson	The Natural Way (2)
Barbara Sykes	Understanding Border Collies
Mari Taggart	Sheepdog Training: An All Breed Approach (2)
John Templeton	Working Sheep Dogs: Management and Training (2)
Top Trainers Talk About Starting a Sheepdog (2)	
Delta Society	Professional Standards for Dog Trainers: Effective, Humane Principles
American Humane Society	Guide to Humane Dog Training

Shepherd's Life	
G. M. Anderson	Times Remembered
John Barrington	Red Sky At Night
Charles Bowden	The Last Shepherds
*Joan Jarvis Ellison	Shepherdess: Notes From the Field
Louis Irigaray & Theodore Taylor	A Shepherd Watches, A Shepherd Sings
Phillip Keller	Lessons from a Sheepdog
David Kennard	The Dogs of Windcutter Down: One Shephard's Struggle for Survival
	A Shepherd's Watch (3)
Michael Mathers	Shepherders: Men Alone
James Rebanks	The Shepherd's Life
	The Illustrated Herdwick Shepherd
Roy Saunders	Sheepdog Glory: The Story of a Working Border Collie (2)
Iain R Thomson	Isolation Shepherd (2)
General	
American Rescue Dog Association	Search and Rescue Dogs-Training Methods
Barn Plans and Outbuildings	(orig. printed 1889)
*Don Blazer	Nine Secrets of Perfect Horsemanship
*Joan Bray	Border Collies
Jane Burton	A Dog's Life, A Year in the Life of a Dog Family (photos)
Geri Byrne	Sheepdog Champions of North America
E.B. Carpenter	The Blue Riband of the Heather, The Supreme Champions 1906-1988
Betty Cavanna	The First Book of Wool
Raymond & Lorna Coppinger	Dogs
Gail Demerow	Fences for Pasture and Garden
	Barnyard in Your Backyard
Phil Drabble	One Man and His Dog
Angie Driscoll	The World of Sheepdogs: A Photographic Tribute (coffee table book)
Carol Ekarius	Small-Scale Livestock Farming
Noel Flanders	The Joy Of Running Sled Dogs
Bruce Fogle, DVM	The Dog's Mind: Understanding Your Dog's Behavior
James M. Giffin & Lisa D. Carlson	Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook
*Angela Goode	Working Dogs: Stories From All Around Australia
*	More Great Working Dog Stories
Colin Gordon	One Man's Opinion, An Approach & Guide To Judging Sheepdog Trials (2)
Leo Gowan	The Craft of Stickmaking
I.F. Grant	Highland Folk Ways
Sheila Grew	Key Dogs from the Border Collie Family (3)
Eric Halsall	Sheepdogs, My Faithful Friends (2)
David Hancock	Old Farm Dogs
Edward Hart	Jim Cropper: The Dog Man
Pat Hastings	Puppy Development
Jeremy Hunt	Small-Scale Sheep Keeping
Bob Kennard	Much Ado About Mutton
Janet Larson	The Versatile Border Collie (2)
Bobbie Mammato, DVM	Pet First Aid
Donald McCaig	*A Useful Dog
	An American Homeplace (2)
	Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men (3)

James Herries McCulloch	Border Collie Studies
*	Sheep Dogs and Their Masters
Olivia Mills	Practical Sheep Dairying
Monks of New Skete	The Art of Raising a Puppy
The Pill Book Guide to Medication for Your Dog and Cat	
Robyn Powley	Border Collies
Anne Priest	Trafficking in Sheep: A Memoir
Karen Pryor	Don't Shoot the Dog! The New Art of Teaching & Training
Angela Sayer & Edward Bunting	Border Collies (handbook)
Paula Simmons & Carol Ekarius	Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep
Jane Simmons-Moake	Agility Training- The Fun Sport for All Dogs
Smith, Aseltine & Kennedy	Beginning Shepherd's Manual
Christine Smith	Your Secret Coach
Eddie Straiton	Dog Ailments: Recognition & Treatment
Barbara Swann	The Complete Border Collie
Katharine Stewart	Crofts & Crofting: Past, Present & Future
Elizabeth Marshall Thomas	The Social Lives of Dogs
Jim Wight	The Real James Herriot: A Memoir of My Father
Ann Williams	Backyard Sheep Farming
Fiction and Memoir	
James Herriott	All Things Wise and Wonderful
	Dog Stories
	Only One Woof
Jon Katz	* A Dog Year: Twelve Months, Four Dogs, and Me
	A Good Dog (2)
	*Dog Days
	*The Dogs of Bedlam Farm
	*Running to the Mountain: A Journey of Faith and Courage
Dick King-Smith	Babe: the Gallant Pig
Betty Levin	Away To Me, Moss
*	That'll Do, Moss
Donald McCaig	Nop's Trials
*	Nop's Hope
*Vanessa Mitchell (ed.)	Best-Loved Dog Stories
*Eugene O'Neill	The Last Will and Testament of an Extremely Distinguished Dog
*Marjorie Quarton	One Dog and His Man
	One Dog, His Man and His Trials
*Patricia M. Sherwood (ed)	The Greatest Dog Stories Ever Told
Clara Stites	Sand and Gravel
VIDEOS/DVDs	
Trials	
	1988 International Supreme Pt. 1 & 2 (VHS)
	1989 British International Supreme Pt. 1 & 2 (VHS)
	1991 British International Championship(VHS)
	1992 British International Sheepdog Trials(VHS)
	1993 International Supreme Sheepdog Championship(VHS, 2)
	1994 International Supreme Championship(VHS)

	1994 USBCHA/ABCA National Finals, Top 20 (4 set VHS)
	1995 British International Supreme Championship(VHS, 3)
	1995 National Finals (VHS)
	1996 International Supreme Championship(VHS)
	1996 USBCHA/ABCA National Finals, Top 20 (4 set VHS)
	1998 International Supreme Championship(VHS, 2)
	1998 USBCHA/ABCA National Finals, Top 20 (VHS)
	1999 U.S. Border Collie Handler's Finals (VHS, 2)
	2000 USBCHA Finals (VHS)
	2001 International Supreme Championship(VHS)
	2001 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals (VHS)
	2001 Bluegrass Classic Sheepdog Trial (DVD)
	2001 & 2004 In the Mind of a Champion: Scott Glen & Alasdair MacRae & Their Winning Runs (DVD)
	2001 National Cattledog Finals (VHS)
	2002 British International Supreme Championship (VHS)
	2002 ISDS Bala World Sheepdog Trials (VHS)
	2002 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals (VHS)
	2003 ISDS International Sheepdog Trials (VHS)
	2003 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals (VHS)
	2004 ISDS International Sheepdog Trials (VHS)
	2005 ISDS World Sheepdog Trials, Tullamore, Ireland (VHS)
	2005 ISDS World Sheepdog Trials: Semi Finals (DVD) & Top 5 Runs (DVD)
	2006 National Sheepdog Finals: Top 2 Runs (DVD)
	2007 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals (2 DVDs)
	2010 National Finals Sheepdog Trials (6 DVD set)
	2011 National Finals Sheepdog Trials (8 DVDs)
	2012 National Sheepdog Trials: Semi Finals (4 DVDs); Finals (4 DVDs)
	2013 National Sheepdog Trials: Semi Finals (5 DVDs); Finals (4 DVDs)
2017 National Sheepdog Finals	Open Semi-Finals (2 DVDs); Open Double-Lift Final (2 DVDs)
*2018 National Sheepdog Finals	Open Semi-Finals (2DVDs); Open Double Lift Final (2DVDs)
Instructional	
	Away to Me (2 DVDs)
Faansie Basson	Laying the Foundation (DVD)
Charles Bowden	The Last Shepherds (DVD)
Tony Collins	Training the Working Border Collie, Pt. 1 & 2 (VHS; DVD)
Katie Cropper	One Woman And Her Dog (VHS)
Gary Erickson	Training the Working Stockdog (VHS)
*Derek Fisher	Welcome to Whistling with Derek Fisher (DVD)
Julie Hill	The Natural Way (DVD, 2)
Mike Hubbard	Stockdog Training Fundamentals (VHS, 2)
	Training Your Dog for Cattle (VHS)
	SDTF Out Work & Drives (VHS, 2)
H. Glyn Jones	Come Bye! And Away! The Early Stages of Sheep Dog Training (VHS, 2; DVD)
	That'll Do! Widening the Sheepdog's Experience (VHS, 2; DVD)
	Take Time! (VHS, 2; DVD)
Elvin Kopp	Training the Working Stock Dog:
	Pt. 1 Developing the Natural Instinct (VHS)
	Pt. 2 Mechanical Training (VHS, 2)
	Pt. 3 Practical Applications (VHS, 3)

Scott Lithgow	How To Get the Most From Your Working Dog (VHS, 2)
Andy Nickless	First Steps in Border Collie Training: From Chaos to Control (DVD, 3)
Alasdair MacRae	A Shedding Clinic With Alasdair MacRae (DVD, 2)
Chuck O'Reilly	Learn How to Train Your Stockdog the Right Way (VHS)
Aled Owen	"Time Well Spent," with Aled Owen (DVD)
Phil Phillips	How to Handle Cattle with Cowdogs (VHS)
Derek Scrimgeour	A Hill Shepherd Trains His Border Collies (VHS; DVD, 3)
	The Shepherds Pup (2 VHS set; 2 DVD set)
	Training Secrets of a Hill Shepherd (2 DVD set)
Patrick Shannahan	Building a Winning Team: Off to a Good Start (DVD)
	Building a Winning Team: Headed in the Right Direction
	At Hand with Patrick: Putting Penning Pressure into Perspective
	At Hand with Patrick: Sharing the Secrets of Shedding
The Sheepdog Video	The Training & Handling of a Sheepdog for the Better Management of a Small Flock (VHS, 2)
	Starting Your Border Collie on Cattle, Sheep and Ducks (VHS; DVD)
Christopher Timothy	The Year of the Working Sheepdog (DVD; VHS)
	Training and Working a Border Collie (VHS, 3)
University of Guelph Series	Pt. 1: Selections and Early Training of Border Collies (VHS)
	Pt. 2: Basic Training for Sheep Work (VHS)
	Pt. 3: Advanced Training for Sheep Work (VHS)
Stuart Walton	A Look at Judging Sheepdog Trials (DVD)
General	
	Babe (VHS)
	The Basics of Good Sheep Management (DVD)
	British Sheep Fairs and Crafts (VHS)
David C. Henderson	Lamb Survival (VHS)
Pryor & Wilkes	Sit! Clap! Furbish! How to Teach Cues & Establish Behavioral Control (VHS)
AUDIO MEDIA	
Hubert Bailey	Stock Dog Training Whistle Commands (Tape)
Ann Feitelson	The Art of Fair Isle Knitting (CD)
Derek Fisher	Welcome to Whistling with Derek Fisher (CD)
Kent Kuykendall	Gaining the Winning Edge with Whistles (CD) (2)
Alasdair MacRae	Whistle While You Work (Tape, 2; CD, 2)
Charlie Ridener	Whistle Commands (CD)

Colleagues in the News

Tim and Lisa Molinero of Heart Stone Farm in Milton, NH, brought their Heritage-breed Gulf Coast sheep to Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH, in April, as part of the nine-day festival, which was the fourth annual, "Baby Animals: Heritage Breed," exhibit. Tim Molinero demonstrated both shearing and sheepdog work while Lisa was on the microphone, educating onlookers about the sheep, dog and wool. Tim worked with his border collie Finn, who was runner-up for American Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year.

<https://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20190420/strawberry-banke-opens-baby-animals-exhibit>

At Weir River Farm in Hingham, MA, in April while sheep shearers practiced their craft, **Denise Leonard** demonstrated and **Kristen Whittle** described to onlookers how border collies herd sheep. Original article in *Boston Sunday Herald*, April 28, 2019, p. 15.

About the Dogs: Fall Foliage Double Lift Winners, 10/14/2018

Champion, Amanda Milliken and Dorey (141 points)

Reserve Champion, Amanda Milliken and Howell (137 points)

Editor's note: Amanda kindly submitted the following information about Howell. We hope to highlight Dorey in an upcoming issue.

Reserve Champion Howell Howell came to me as a leftover. Barbara Ray said she couldn't sell one and I had to take him as a service pup. My Monty was the sire. I had seen another from the litter that looked OK, so I agreed, and someone delivered him a couple of weeks later. No wonder no one wanted him. He was a hang dawg. He lacked sense: He wouldn't come in from the extreme cold. As the winter wore on, he was not on the road to sheep-dog scholarship. I nearly sold him.

Everything comes to she who waits. On a single weekend, he trained up. In one month of work, he was winning pro-novice trials. In many respects, he was easier to run as a nursery dog, accepting direction readily, "Like this?" "Yes, like that."

He emerged from his first winter with an empowered confidence that made him more of a challenge to control than he was the year before. His unruliness remains true to this day, when he is a seven-year-old. Howell takes charge in a free-wheeling sort of way that would not please everyone. When the sheep are difficult, it is his time to shine, as on western fine wools. He has proven to

be a bit much for re-run katahdins. There is no dirty job he will not do at home. Pen and chute work are his forte. He loves managing the sheep while I put out hay - no talking required between the two of us. Loading stock trailers. He rules at big flock moves, freely running up the sides to catch breakaways, and immediately back to the rear to pick up the pace. He is a wonderful outrunner in many different settings that could challenge a dog's imagination. He is nowhere tougher than at the pen, where he knows the job - "we can do this the nice way or the hard way." He instills lots of confidence and when the sheep have looked unpennable - he usually can.

He has bred a few nice youngsters including my Quark, now with Terry Folsom in California and my Hazel, reserve National Nursery Champion in the US and reserve Open Champion here in Ontario, after her first outings as an Open dog.

Editor's note: Thanks to Michelle Lawrence and Kris Kiviahio, Editors of the Ontario Border Collie Club newsletter, for permission to reprint the OBCC article about Howell.

An Old Sheepdog by the Fire

By Donald McCaig

Note: This poem was written by the late Donald McCaig (1940-2018) and shared via Patti Kallen from its appearance on a border collie forum on 12/24/ 1998. I think Donald would not mind if we read it afresh or for the first time.

An Old Sheepdog by the Fire

Perfect he was not. His old gray snout
has hit many a contrary ewe on nose or
flank (once at the Nationals as you went for the shed.

"Thank you" that little judge said.)

Oh, he won a few trials,
helped wean a thousand lambs,
ran countless miles.

Lord, he was keen!

But somehow he got old.

His eyes, once so bold, are blurred.

These days when he doesn't listen
he doesn't hear.

Forgive him his flaws, he's
forgotten yours. See his sleeping paw
twitch. He's racing toward those gates
behind which eternities of work
and the Perfect Handler wait.

TRIAL SCHEDULE as of 6/20/2019<http://www.nebca.net/trialschedule.html>

Date	Sheepdog Trial Name	Location	Contact Person	Telephone
June 20-23	Caora Farm, NY Triple Crown Leg 1	Millerton, NY	Mich Ferraro & Kak Weathers	518-592-1320
June 23	Swaledale Novice	Blackstock, ON	Sheri Purcell Helen Dunning	289 314 0999 416-371-4239
June 29-July 1	Cascade Farm	Bath, NH	Mary Ames	603-838-2018
July 4-7	Fetch Gate Farm	Cortland, NY	Roger & Heather Millen	607-745-1883
July 5-6	Holstein Agro Expo	Holstein, ON	Viki Kidd	416-277-1883
July 7	Handy Dog Novice	Agatha, ON	Victoria Lamont	519-497-0765
July 11	Ossipee Valley Fair	South Hiram, ME	Lynn Deschambeault	207-452-2898
July 13-14	Dancing Fwe Farm, NY Triple Crown Leg 2	Granville, NY	Joanne Krause	518-642-1580
July 20-21	Maxville Fair Ground	Maxville, ON	Cynthia Palmer	705-295-3351
July 26-28	Fetch Gate Novice	Cortland, NY	Roger & Heather Millen	607-745-1883
July 27-28	Spring Valley Open	Stratford, VT	Steve Wetmore	802-765-4466
Aug. 3-5	80 Acres	Kingston, ON	Amanda Milliken	613-540-4845
Aug 7-11	Kingston Sheep Dog Trials	Kingston, ON	Amanda Milliken	613-540-4845
Aug. 17-18	Ox Creek Open	Canandaigua, NY	Paul Batz	585-298-0789
Aug. 24-25	Leatherstocking, NY Triple Crown Leg 3	Cooperstown, NY	Rose Rxdick	518-465-6808
Aug. 31- Sept. 1	NEBCA Novice Finals	Hackettstown, NJ	Amy Hershberger	954-270-9487
Aug. 31	Blue Hill Fair	Blue Hill, ME	Lynn Deschambeault	207-452-2898
Sept. 1	Northeast US	Blue Hill, ME	Lynn Deschambeault	207-452-2898
Sept. 14-15	Heart Stone Farm	Haverhill, MA	Tim Molinero	603-765-9443
Sept. 20	NH Highland Games	Lincoln, NH	Lynn Deschambeault	207-452-2898
Sept. 29	Fryeburg Fair	Fryeburg, ME	Gabrielle Merrill	207-935-2520
Oct. 3-6	Shepherd's Crook	Woodville, ON	Viki Kidd	416-277-4313
Oct. 12-14	Fall Foliage	Millerton, NY		
Nov. 2-3	HerdFwe Farm	Kensington, NH	Sharon Barrette	603-772-0221

2019 Novice Finals on August 31 and September 1

NEBCA's Novice Finals will be held at Wayside Farm in Hackettstown, NJ, and judged by Ron McGettigan. Trial contact is Amy Hershberger, nebcr.amy@gmail.com and 954-270-9487. NEBCA's rules for eligibility to enter the Novice Finals are below, and can also be found at <http://www.nebca.net/noviceguidelines.html>

To be eligible to compete, the handler must be a member of NEBCA. The handler dog team must have earned at least three points in a NEBCA Novice trial since the previous year's Novice Finals and have earned those points while a member of NEBCA.

The dog and the handler run in the highest class in which that team has earned at least three points that year.

Teams which have moved up in class at trails but haven't scored any points in the new trial class would be "grand-fathered" to run the lower class only if they achieved three points in that class in the current trial season.

A dog that has run in Open competitively may not run in the Pro-Novice class in the Novice Finals.

If a qualifying Ranch dog places in an Open trial before the Novice Finals, that dog may not compete in the Novice Finals.

Any dog who has placed in an Open trial is not eligible to run in the Novice Finals. The only exception is a dog(s) who has changed hands and moved down a class from Open to Ranch.

From the President - Warren Mick

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her time and efforts and for sharing her expertise. Going forward, Pam Davies will continue to receive open trial results from managers. Pam will pre-check the results, add them to a spreadsheet, and hand them off to Annie Palmer who will enter the data into the database.

It would be great if more of our members put pen to paper and contributed material to the newsletter. There's such a broad range of experience and expertise among our membership that would be worthwhile sharing. It could be a personal experience, a trial write-up, a dog or sheep health topic, a book or clinic review, a bit of verse or humor, artwork, or anything you think other members would enjoy reading or seeing. Sallie, our editor, has the final say about accepting items so if you're not sure a topic is appropriate, ask her before you start.

I wish you all a healthy, productive and enjoyable summer.

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Erratum

The donation to ABCA's Health and Education Foundation (*Spring Issue, p. 18*) was from the after-expense funds of the NY Triple Crown. Apologies from your Editor.

2019 Breeders' Directory

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973-615-9053
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Dick & Cheryl Jagger Williams

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570-289-4733; 570-499-0318 (cell)
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235 Sharon Rd.
Millerton, NY 12546
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Dan Weeks

P.O. Box 511
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Note: Not all breeders listed here are necessarily handlers.

This listing of Border Collie breeders is for informational purposes only and in no way represents an endorsement of these breeders by the North East Border Collie Association (NEBCA).

When making inquiries into purchasing a pup, NEBCA strongly recommends selecting from sound, proven, working stock. We suggest that you see both parents work. If you are unable to see the parents working at a farm, do attend trials and see them working there. Also watch for trials results and seek the advice of experienced handlers.

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*Don't Forget to Renew Your NEBCA Membership!
Form on page 21.*

**NEBCA's 2019 Fall Foliage competition is scheduled for
October 12-14 at Caora Farm in Millerton, NY.**



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NORTH EAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 So. Strafford, VT 05070
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Anyone joining NEBCA after October 1 will receive membership for the rest of that year and the following year.

PAYMENT

- Check or money order (USD) payable to NEBCA** **PayPal (includes processing fees)**

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

	<u>Check</u>	<u>PayPal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25	\$26.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual plus Calendar	\$35	\$36.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$30	\$31.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Family plus Calendar	\$40	\$41.50

(A Family is 2 or more people with 2 votes.)

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Breeders Directory Listings	<u>Check</u>	<u>PayPal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Calendar	\$10	\$10.50
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Member Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The contact information provided on this form will be used solely within the organization for the purpose of managing your participation in the club and providing you with the benefits of membership.

Instructions: Complete form, save it, then mail or email it to Martha Walke with enclosed check or money order or proceed to PayPal payment page http://www.nebca.net/Membership_Paypal.html