Jean-Louis Bigourdan should be congratulated for his straight driving whilst taking the above picture.

But, you can’t judge a book by its cover. We have plenty of delights inside. With trial season well underway, we meet a group of Canadian handlers who live and breathe for trialing - with marked success. We go inside the ropes to discover what makes them tick.

In the meantime, Trial Results are pouring in. Make sure you keep up with this year’s movers and shakers in the Reports & Results section.

Sadly, another faithful NEBCA legend passed away recently. But Maria Amodei’s Cato lives on in memory as well as in a couple of photographs that captured the essence of a special dog.

The future is being taken care of by a brand new Novice Trials Committee. Chaired by Joyce Wescott, they have already pulled off a remarkable coup in getting Derek Scrimgeour to judge the Novice Finals in October.

We also have an eyewitness report of Carol Campion, ex-editor of early nineties NEBCA News narrowly surviving a vicious attack in Cummington.

The highlight of the year is always the release of the Cummington Meeting Minutes. These can be read on Page 18.

Joe Evans
Editor
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Canadian imports by Joe Evans

Canadians have long been deeply involved in NEBCA’s affairs making it a thoroughly functional international organization.

But there is a new group of Canadian handlers moving quickly through the ranks with characteristic poise, purpose and ability. Mary Lou Campbell, Kathy Keats, Linda Comeau and Alastair Simpson train together in the outer suburbs of Toronto. They travel far and wide in search of competition and experience. They are all relatively new to the herding way of life; all have seemingly disparate backgrounds.

Mary Lou Campbell has been competing in trials for 13 years, the longest in the group. She competed in Open and instructed herding students for several years and then took a hiatus from sheepdog competition while still continuing to teach and hone her skills. She has made quite a comeback to competition, especially as she has travelled further afield in the last twelve months with several placements in large trials. Dyna, her new young home-bred bitch won 1st and 2nd place at Fetch Gate last year. They were ranked sixth in NEBCA’s High Points.

But there was little in her background that would even faintly suggest a life in the down-to-earth world of soggy sheep meadows, pastures and sheepdog trial fields. She started her career as a beauty consultant before becoming a marketing executive for Clinique. But she appears to have made the transition from the rarefied atmosphere of polished glass counters and glamorous packaging to the musty smells of dank wool and sodden dogs with remarkable aplomb.

Kathy Keats is steeped in competition. She played basketball at international level, representing Canada and won a National Championship at the University of Victoria. She coached Women’s basketball at college before other interests caused her to reconsider her future. So, she took her sports motivational skills and eye for talent into Agility. Within a short time, she had won the 2004 IFCS 22” World Agility Championship with her Border Collie, Mojo. As a result of this victory and her coaching background, she is in great demand as an Agility trainer. Yet, she had long been fascinated by the challenges of herding. She now brings the same set of training principles and disciplines that won her such honours in the speedier arena to the field of sheepdog trial ing . But speed still courses through her veins when timing the rate of her advancement in our sport. She ran her first Open in 2009, won two Open trials and placed 12th in NEBCA points in her first year as an Open handler.

Linda Comeau works in Pepsico’s legal department. Once again, she brings a sense of purpose and a keen student’s eye to the task. In her first year as an Open handler, she also won the NJ State Championship last year with Bet. All three ladies work in a relaxed, yet focused style that is pleasing on the eye and easy on the dog. But their dogs know just what is expected of them. Their results prove the case. Outside of the NEBCA area, they won three of the four Open trials held at the Chaffin Sheepdog Trials in Wisconsin. Mary Lou Campbell with Dyna, Linda Comeau with Bet and Kathy Keats with Moss all performed this admirable feat with scores of 90+.

Alistair Simpson, the fourth in the group is different. For a start, he is male. Then he is British, albeit uprooted and transplanted to Canada as a teenager. He only picked up his first whistle and dog two years ago. But, he already runs two dogs in Open with a hunger to learn, a keen eye and a determination to win. As an attorney who specializes in patent law for a large Toronto-based firm, he drives himself hard to find the time to train and trial.

These four Canadians have an abundance of talent, focus and discipline. As they go about their tasks, there is an enjoyment and an understanding that is a pleasure to watch.
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NEBCA 2010 Trial schedule

August 13-15  
**Leatherstocking Sheepdog Trial**, Cooperstown, NY  
1 day novice, 2 days Open  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Barbara Armata  
518-875-6471

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August 21  
**Maine Highland Games SDT**  
Topsham Fairgrounds, Maine  
1 Open & USBCHA Nursery Points Trial  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Lynn Deschambeault  
207-452-2898

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August 21-22  
**Fetch Gate Farm Benefit Trial**  
Cortland, NY  
2 Novice Trials  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Roger & Heather Millen  
607-835-6584

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August 21-22  
**Bromont SDT**  
599 Chemin Racine (Racine Road), Bromont, Quebec Canada  
2 Novice & Open Trials  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Paul & Claire Garwood  
450-539-5090

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Aug 26-29  
**2010 Canadian Border Collie Association Championships**  
Shepherd’s Crook Farm, Woodville, Ontario  
Open & USBCHA NURSERY  
Cynthia Palmer  
705-295-3351

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Aug 28  
**Vermont State Championship SDT**  
Scottish Festival, Quechee, VT  
1 Open Trial  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Steve Wetmore  
802-765-4466

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Aug 29  
**Spring Valley Open SDT**  
Strafford, VT  
1 Open Trial  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Steve Wetmore  
802-765-4466

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Sep 2  
**Lancaster Fair SDT**  
Lancaster, NH  
One Open Points Trial  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Roger Deschambeault  
603-939-2255

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Sep 4-5  
**Blue Hill Fair SDT**  
Blue Hill, ME  
Two Open Points Trials  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Jim Davidson  
207-677-2224

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Sept 4-6 (CANCELLED)  
**Endless Mountains Classic**  
Harford, PA  
Open & Double Lift  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Cheryl Jagger-Williams  
570-289-4733

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Sept 18-26  
**USBCHA National Finals**  
Middletown, VA

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Oct 2  
**NH State Championship SDT**  
East Conway, NH  
One Open Trial  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Roger Deschambeault  
603-939-2255

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Oct 3  
**Fryeburg Fair SDT**  
Fryeburg, ME  
One Open Trial  
USBCHA/NEBCA  
Gabrielle Merrill  
207-935-2520

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Oct 9-10  
**NEBCA Novice Finals**  
Sand Creek Farm  
Mendon, NY  
Hostess: Joyce Geier  
Judge: Derek Scrimgeour  
Joyce Westcott  
westcott@gmavt.net
Trial Reports & Results: Long Shot, MD, March 26-28 submitted by Sherry Smith

We had our 13th Annual trial here at our farm this past weekend and ran a total of 222 dogs. The weather was a little nasty with wind and rain on our first day but then Saturday and Sunday were perfect dog working weather - 50's and sunny. I was worried how the sheep were going to run since our weather was so bad beforehand, but they offered a nice challenge for the dogs. The dogs that kept just a little pressure on and were in control had great runs. Bev Lambert laid down 2 great runs with her Mirk dog, scores of 94 and 93. So she won the overall. Her prize was a hand-made crook by John Butler from Tenn.

There were lots more great runs, too, many to mention.

Thank you to Lisa Basial and Pat Koons for helping with the finals silent auction. We are happy to say we raised $879.50 so thank you all for your generous donations of things and money.

I have to say thank you to our judge, Virgil Holland from Kentucky, who did a great job over the three days. I know I repeat this every trial but without the help of Deb Crowder, sheep sorter at the top, Julie Poudrier, sheep setter and Sandy Horning, my right hand who tends to all the scores, Angie Herscher and Suzanne Gansky who also helps Sandy, also Sherry Sheldon who always is ready to help with the top pushing sheep out or setting, we would not have such a well run trial. Thanks again for being such good friends!

Open Class Friday (67 dogs)
Bev Lambert, Mirk 93
Gene Sheninger, Jen 90
Jim Murphy, Kit 89
Nancy Obernier, Nick 89
Barbara Ray, Job 89
Walt Zeiser, Rose 88
Lori Cunningham, Matt 87
Barbara Ray, Britt 86
Pam Gardner, Rusty 83
Nancy Obernier, Ben 81
Lori Cunningham, William 80
Julie Poudrier, Pip 80

USBCHA Nursery 1 (8 dogs)
Sherry Smith, Queen 67
Nancy Starkey, Soot 61

Open 2 (66 dogs)
Bev Lambert, Mirk 94
Mark Billadeau, Peg 89
Polly Matzinger, James 88
Barbara Ray, Britt 87
Gene Sheninger, Jen 86
Lori Cunningham, Matt 85
Joan Worthington, Sam 82
Rob Drummond, Cub 79
Barbara Ray, Job 78
Renee Billadeau, BJ 77
Linda Teshdahl, Ryan 77
Peggy Stein, Kit 76

Open Overall Winner Bev Lambert/Mirk

USBCHA Nursery (8 dogs)
Sherry Smith Queen
Maria Amodei, Dunstable

Ranch 1 (14 dogs)
Mark Billadeau, Nell 68
Sherry Smith, Hannah 66
Sandy Meilahn, Troy 60
Nancy Starkey, Drift 59
Barb Klein, McKenna 58
Doug Brewer, Tess 2 57
Dave Sharp, Sagittta 55
Gwen LeFever, Mirk 48
Mark Sheldon, Jaff 38

Ranch Overall Winner Mark Billadeau & Nell

Pro Novice 1 (23 dogs)
Sally Glei, Sid 74
Alice Urguhart, Chip 72
Angie Herscher, Rhyme 62
Linda Tesdahl, Juno 61
Liz Sharp, Gift 61
Sylvia Broderick, Danica 61
Pam Helton, Bonnie 60
Liz Sharp, Joss 58
Joanne Murphy, Speed 55
Suzanne Gansky, Lil Cap 53
Lisa Basial, Gem 52

Ranch 2 (12 dogs)
Barb Klein McKenna 74
Sandy Meilahn Troy 72
Mark Billadeau Nell 65
Doug Brewer Tess 2 62
Karen Karkow Jade 58
Mark Sheldon Taff 48

Overall Pro Novice Winner Sally Glei & Sid
Sherry Smith
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Church Hill MD
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Trial Reports & Results: CT Sheep & Wool Festival, April 24-25 submitted by Ellen Rusconi-Black

Come Bye Photographs (clockwise left to right): 1. The war room with all the tools of the trade (including chocolate raisin cookies!)
2. Bill Pimental, a very proud new Novice handler wins his first trial - and is now in search of a camper
3. Management, meaning business!

All photographs by Nancy Phillips
### Trial Reports & Results: Sand Creek Farm, Mendon, NY, May 1-2

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I'd heard the Fetterman trial was a goodun and it was. Beautiful rolling Amish/Mennonite countryside and Friday had painterly light and mild temps. The field rose for a 400 yard outrun. Outrun either side. The eighty sheep were sound, mixed age, Dorset and Dorset crosses from a commercial flock. Even, sensible, easy penning, fairly easy shedding sheep. Freethinkers were few. Early Friday Dick Williams and Lass set a blistering pace which was only improved upon by Barbara Armata's Jill.

Saturday was rainy early, very windy later on and the handsome tent collapsed. The sheep memorized the exhaust at the bottom of the field and the turn around the post became perilous. Only two dogs managed to get into the 80's: Bev Lambert's Mirk and Fly.

At Sunday's nursery, the sheep tested the young dogs but novice dogs had a much easier time on a smaller course.

Trial management was hospitable and calm of heart. Spotting was uniformly good and Judge Wendy Cole got the rankings right. A lovely trial.

Donald McCaig

May 7 Open 1 (80 dogs).

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Novice-Novice. May 9 (12 Dogs - Max Points: 80)

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Trial Reports & Results: Borders on Paradise Photographs by Eric Muhlhansen - “the Corgi Guy”

Bordering on paradise indeed!

Dave Fetterman, Trial Manager chugging cranberry juice. Dogs unimpressed!
The New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Festival SDT was held on Mothers Day Weekend at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds in Contoocook, NH.

Novice classes were capably sorted out by Maria Mick of Altamont, NY. In each of these classes, the best dog for the weekend was clear as we had the same winner on both Saturday and Sunday. Bill Pimental and Jem were the Novice Novice Champions. Eileen Wilentz and Hattie gave them a run for their money, placing 2nd both days. But, Eileen was not to be denied in the Pro Novice class where she and her dog, Ray, took top honors each day. In the Ranch class, it was Kate Collins and Ela who took home the blue ribbons. USBCHA Nursery was won both days by Rich Seaman and Rem.

The Open Class was run as a Points Trial with a perfect score of 27 and ties broken by time. Score keeping was done by Valerie Pietraszewska and Rose Redick. They saw 8 perfect scores each day.

When Patty Kallen stepped to the post with Jet for the last go of the day on Saturday, Roger Deschambeault and Trim were sitting on what appeared to be an unbeatable run with a time more than half a minute faster than the next best full point run. But, Patty surprised her friend and mentor by laying down a perfect run herself in a time that topped his by 13 seconds. The crowd roared!

Sunday was a day for the old hands to show their stuff. Roger Deschambeault and Steve Wetmore shared the top four spots. Roger and Ken took top honors with a perfect run in a blazing fast time of 2 minutes, 24 seconds.

The weather was not too kind to this year’s festival. Saturday was a rainy day and Sunday brought high winds and cold temperatures. While it probably kept many of the spectators home, it did little to dampen the spirits of the handlers. Most all of us had trialed in much worse. Veterans of the Hopkinton trial reminisced about the Sunday several years ago when 6 inches of rain fell during the course of the trial, creating a pond in front of the pen that made completing the course nearly impossible.

Bud and Mary Ames provided the sheep. Their flock of Katahdins provided more than enough challenges for all handlers. As with most NEBCA events, the trial would not have functioned without the tremendous volunteer efforts of the handlers. My thanks to all who contributed.

Chris Bowen
Trial Manager

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**Novice Novice Saturday - 12 dogs**
1. Bill Pimental - Jem - 69
2. Eileen Wilentz - Hattie - 59
3. Danielle Eriksen - Quinn - 56
4. Valerie Pietraszewska - Blush - 52
5. Lorna McMaster - Sadie - 52
6. Valerie Pietraszewska - Rose - 50
7. Sally Butler - Sky - 47

**Novice Novice Sunday - 11 dogs**
1. Bill Pimental - Jem - 73
2. Eileen Wilentz - Hattie - 72
3. Valerie Pietraszewska - Kep - 55
4. Rosemary Redick - Kensa - 55
5. Valerie Pietraszewska - Blush - 54
6. Sally Butler - Sky - 51
7. Lorna McMaster - Sadie - 48
8. Danielle Eriksen - Quinn - 29
9. Eileen Wilentz - Celt - 26

**Pro Novice Saturday - 12 dogs**
1. Eileen Wilentz - Ray - 75
2. Nathalie Lobelle - Nan - 71
3. Patricia Hammel - Bob - 60
4. Eileen Wilentz - Jamie - 59
5. Jim Perkins - Jake - 56
7. Bruce Smart - Lucy - 51

**Pro Novice Sunday - 11 dogs**
1. Eileen Wilentz - Ray - 69
2. Denise Leonard - Emmie - 57
3. Elizabeth Phillips - Moss - 55
4. Eileen Wilentz - Jamie - 55
5. Bruce Smart - Lucy
6. Jim Perkins - Jake - 51
7. Nancy Phillips - Dot - 51
8. Patricia Hammel - Bob - 43

**Ranch Saturday - 6 dogs**
1. Kate Collins - Ela - 71
2. Anne Devine - Doc - 69
3. Sharon Perkins - Roy - 68
4. Valerie Pietraszewska - Jess - 63
5. Bud Ames - Cash - 45

**Ranch Sunday - 6 dogs**
1. Kate Collins - Ela - 80
2. Valerie Pietraszewska - Jess - 65
3. Sharon Perkins - Roy - 58
4. Bud Ames - Cash - 51
5. Deborah Donahue - Dart - 40

**Two Day Champion - Kate Collins - Ela**

**Two Day Champion - Bill Pimental - Jem**

**Two Day Champion - Eileen Wilentz - Ray**
Trial Reports & Results: NH Sheep & Wool Festival

(contd. from previous page)

NH Sheep & Wool (contd.)
April 24-25

USBCHA Nursery, Saturday - 5 dogs
1 Rich Seaman - Rem - 73
2 Denise Leonard - Emmie - 67
3 Jim Perkins - Jake - 57

USBCHA Nursery, Sunday - 5 dogs
1 Rich Seaman - Rem - 73
2 Jim Perkins - - 57

Open, Saturday - 38 dogs (Points & Time Trial)
1 Patricia Kallen - Jet - 27 points - 3:16
2 Roger Deschambeault - Trim - 27 points - 3:29
3 Bruce Smart - Link - 27 points - 4:00
4 Denise Leonard - 27 points - 4:26
5 Anne Devine - Annie - 27 points - 5:05
6 Maria Mick - Doc - 27 points - 5:12
7 Roger Deschambeault - Ken - 27 points - 5:27
8 Peter VandeCar - Katie - 27 points - 3:54
9 Lynn Deschambeault - Chip - 24 points - 3:15
10 Maria Mick - Kit - 24 points - 3:08

Open, Sunday - 37 dogs
1 Roger Deschambeault - Ken - 27 points - 2:24
2 Steve Wetmore - Pace - 27 points - 2:47
3 Roger Deschambeault - Trim - 27 points - 2:54
4 Steve Wetmore - Gile - 27 points - 3:01
5 Carol Campion - Floss - 27 points - 3:57
6 Anne Devine - Tip - 27 points - 4:04
7 Rich Seaman - Ki - 27 points - 4:07
8 Nancy Phillips - Susie - 27 points - 5:10
9 Peter VandeCar - Russ - 25 points - 2:18
10 Chris Bowen - Jake - 25 points - 3:10

Two Day Champion -
Roger Deschambeault - Trim

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Sharon Perkins’s Roy going about the business of being Top Dog before his run. Photographed by Carol Campion

Kate Collins & Ela.
No need for ribbons & bows when Carol Campion is there to capture the moment for Ranch winners, Kate Collins & Ela.
Trial Reports & Results: Nearfield Farm & MA Sheep & Wool Fair, Cummington, MA

Nearfield Farm, NH
May 14-16
Friday Open - 40 dogs
1. Roger Deschambeault/Ken 83
2. Sue Schoen/Brook 83
3. Roger Deschambeault/Trim 82
4. Amanda Milliken/Clive 79
5. Amanda Milliken/Roz 79
6. Carol Campion/Floss 75
7. Maria Amodei/Song 74
8. Steve Wetmore & Pace 74
9. Werner Reitbock/Tara 72
10. Vicki Wilcox/Pat 71

Friday Nursery - 8 dogs
1. R. Deschambeault/Maddie 72
2. Sue Schoen/Peat 58

Saturday Open - 41 dogs
1. Maria Mick/Kit 92
2. Roger Deschambeault/Ken 92
3. Amanda Milliken/Roz 89
4. Amanda Milliken/Monty 86
5. Maria Mick/Doc 84
6. Carol Campion/Floss 82
7. Carol Campion/Tam 80
8. Steve Wetmore/Pace 78
9. Roger Deschambeault/Trim 76
10. Rich Seaman/Ki 76

Saturday Nursery - 9 dogs
1. Sue Schoen/Peat 51
2. Amanda Milliken/Purdy 20

Sunday Open - 38 dogs
1. Maria Amodei/Song 86
2. Roger Deschambeault/Ken 85
3. Amanda Milliken/Roz 85
4. Werner Reitbock/Tara 81
5. Roger Deschambeault/Bob 81
6. Carol Campion/Floss 75
7. Steve Wetmore & Pace 75
8. Amanda Milliken/Monty 75
9. Carol Campion/Tam 74
10. Sue Schoen/Brook 71

Sunday Nursery - 6 dogs
1. Roger Deschambeault/Maddie 72

Cummington, MA
May 29 - 30
Saturday
Open
1. Barb Armata/Jill 94
2. Carol Campion/Floss 93
3. Warren Mick/Nick 89
4. Peter VandeCar/Katie 86
5. Chris Bowen/Jake 85
6. Carol Campion/Tam 84
7. Warren Mick/Dale 80
8. Rob Drummond/Cassey 80
9. Peter VandeCar/Ras 80
10. Sue Schoen/Brook 78

Ranch
1. Val Pietraszewski/Jess 81
2. Jan Berger/Moss 72
3. Joe Evans/Peg 72
4. Sue Schoen/Peat 72
5. Joe Evans/Chip 63
6. Kate Collins/Ela 61
7. Mel Hanchett/Vic 61
8. Joyce Westcott/Mali 56
9. Edie Overly/Drew 52
10. Martha Walke/Moss 52

Pro-Novice
1. Carol Campion/Beca 75
2. Barb Leverret/Kit 74
3. Carolyn West/Abe 73
4. Maria Amodei/Levi 68
5. Joyce Westcott/Mibs 64
6. Jim Perkins/Jake 62
7. Becky Peterson/Peg 59
8. Mary Ann Fallan/Toss 59
9. Bruce Smart/Lucy 57
10. Edie Overly/Zacarena 55

Novice Novice
1. Jan Berger/Ivy 72
2. Val Pietraszewski/Kep 70
3. Joanne Krause/Gert 70
4. Val Pietraszewski/Rose 69
5. Carolyn West/Blush 67
6. Rose Redick/Kensa 62
7. Danielle Erickson/Quinn 62
8. Martha Walke/Cal 61
9. Celia Morgan/Nash 58
10. Bill Pimentel/Jem 45

Cummington, MA (contd.)
Sunday
Open
1. Steve Wetmore/Pace 91
2. Chris Bowen/Jake 88
3. Maria Mick/Kit 88
4. Barb Armata/Meg 87
5. Barb Armata/Jill 86
6. Pat Kallen/Net 86
7. Sue Schoen/Augie 83
8. Carol Campion/Tam 83
9. Warren Mick/Nick 81
10. Carol Campion/Floss 81

Ranch
1. Carolyn West/Abe 79
2. Joe Evans/Peg 74
3. Jan Berger/Moss 62
4. Sue Schoen/Peat 61
5. Emily Yazwinski/Teal 60
6. Kate Collins/Ela 60
7. Mel Hanchett/Vic 60
8. Joyce Westcott/Mali 54
9. Susan Allen/Ash 53
10. Martha Walke/Moss 51

Pro-Novice
1. Maria Amodei/Levi 75
2. Carolyn West/Abe 74
3. Bruce Smart/Lucy 74
4. Barb Leverret/Kit 66
5. Becky Peterson/Peg 65
6. Liz Phillips/Moss 63
7. Jim Perkins/Jake 61
8. Carol Weigand/McDuff 59
9. Edie Overly/Zacarena 59
10. Denise Leonard/Emmie 58

Novice Novice
1. Carol Weigand/Simon 74
2. Val Pietraszewski/Kep 73
3. Bill Pimentel/Jem 72
4. Carolyn West/Blush 72
5. Danielle Erickson/Quinn 71
6. Val Pietraszewski/Rose 67
7. Rose Redick/Kensa 65
8. Celia Morgan/Nash 61
9. Joanne Krause/Gert 60
10. Karen Gorman/Ticket 59

Cummington, MA
Trial report
The bar was set on Saturday’s Open by Barb Armata and Jill with Carol Campion’s Floss giving them a close run for their money.

Val Pietraszewski and Jess stormed away with 81 points in ranch - fully seven points clear of the rest of the pack.

Denise Leonard judged a tight race at the top of a talented Pro-Novice class with Beca, Carol Campion’s stylish little black import edging ahead of Barb Leverett and Kit.

Jan Berger won Novice with a sizzling 72.

Sunday was a different day altogether. Berni Amoreta took the judge’s chair quietly in the two junior Novice classes where youth and experience prevailed.

However, as the Ranch handlers took to the field he announced that the course would be toughened for Ranch and Open with a longer cross drive, the second drive panel being set cunningly on a rise with the turn home facing into the woods. However, he set the sphyonan task of turning round the handlers post into the giant sucking pressure of the exhaust.

To add to the fun, a devilish wind decided to blow the cobwebs out of the sheep’s ears.

Canaday’s newly invigorated sheep made the most of this with many a foot-race towards, into, through and over the exhaust gate which suffered more than a right ear in the ring with Mike Tyson.

In Ranch, Carolyn West’s Abe was the only dog to execute that turn as smoothly and tightly as a run on a traffic circle. Hence, she won by a country mile with a run of astonishing beauty.

Many an Open dog crashed and burned at this the handler’s post, but Steve Wetmore set the pace by being the only one to break ninety.

All in all this was a thoroughly entertaining trial with a studious crowd all managed with quiet authority by Kate Collins and George Northrop.

Reported by Lynn Deschambeault
The judge's canopy took off in strong winds at the Massachusetts Sheep & Woolcraft Fair Trial in Cummington, MA.

Stumbling head-over-heels like giant robotic tumbleweed, it bore straight for the back of Carol Campion's splendid cowboy hat. She was standing at the post gazing in oblivion at her new bitch Beca's re-run (courtesy of some wind-affected sheep in the previous packet).

Luckily, Carol heard the cries of alarm from the crowd as Bernie Armata and his astonished scribe watched the canopy's ungainly, but purposeful scuttle towards her.

Carol deserted her post with the speed and agility of a skilled shedder. Upfield, Beca stopped in her tracks to stare back in horror at the unfolding drama. Like all good Border Collies, she looked perplexed and guilty, somehow responsible for this massive, spindly-legged sheep that had tried to ram her partner.

The errant tent jumped straight over the handlers' post before Bernie Armata and Steve Wetmore lassoed it to prevent it running down the fetch line towards Mike Nunan in the set-out pens.

Judge Armata generously offered Carol a third re-run. Both Carol and Beca decided they had seen enough drama for the day.
Cato - gone but not forgotten by Joe Evans

We all have a dog that belongs to someone else that steals a little bit of our hearts. Maria Amodei’s Cato was just such a dog.

I first met him through a photograph in NEBCA News. He was tied to a fence at a small trial in Wales in preparation for the 2008 World trial in Llandeilo. He appeared to be taking it all in his stride.

Seeing him at trials back home, I could tell why. Yes, he was very focused on his work; yes, he was very capable. But so are plenty of other dogs. What set him apart was his “dude, I’m cool, relax and take a pill” attitude. Other dogs tug, pull, bark and whine in an effort to get to work; Cato would lounge in the chair until his turn came along.

My favourite memory of this wonderful little big dog was at a monstrous training field the size of Nebraska to which Maria had invited me. Cato’s job was simple, he just had to hold the sheep - unassisted - whilst six other dogs were put through their paces. Maria didn’t have to say a word. Cato just did what was expected of him with an air of dutiful resignation. “Go ahead, you guys have your fun with the other dogs; I’ll just sit here and hold sheep - all day long!”

As we were leaving after the fiftieth lift and fetch, there he was, way out in the distance on his own still waiting his turn. This sort of dog doesn’t come along too often. He is missed - deservedly so.

Two pictures that captured the essence of Maria Amodei’s Cato. A study in concentration above. The image of relaxation to the left. Cato sleeping in Maria and Cato’s famous double lift chair next to Darlene Hutchins’s empty chair.

Both pictures by Sharon Perkins.
Members’ Meeting Minutes: Cummington. May 29, 2010

Called to order by Denise Leonard at 6:12 PM. There were 27 members in attendance.

The minutes from the January Annual Meeting as published in the March newsletter were approved.

Secretary’s Report – given by Maria Mick
The membership now stands at a total of 252 memberships including 54 family, 5 Life and 1 Honorary. This is up from the 188 at the Annual Meeting. Approximately 31% of the membership opted to view the newsletter electronically rather than receive a paper copy.

Treasurer’s Report – given by Maria Amodei
The current balance in the treasury as of 5-28-10 is $14,074.36.

Board of Directors Report – given by Warren Mick
Warren reported that the Board is currently working on (3) projects: i) Guidelines for trial managers ii) procedures for elections and nominations iii) procedure for requesting funds from the club.

Novice Trial Committee Report – given by Joyce Wescott
The members of the committee include Eileen Wilentz, Annie Palmer, Kate Collins, and Joyce Wescott as chair. Joyce reported that the Novice Finals will be judged by Derek Scrimgour on Columbus Day weekend at the farm of Joyce Geier in Mendon, NY.

Open Trial Committee Report – given by Barbara Leverett
The Open Trial Committee welcomes suggestions for the location of the 2011 Fall Foliage Finals.

A question has arisen as to the manner in which trial running orders are drawn. It was noted that NEBCA does not currently have a procedure/recommendation for the process nor does it require one to follow the USBHCA guidelines. The committee will discuss this issue more and decide whether they will recommend the club follow the USBCHA guidelines.

Newsletter Editor’s Report – given by Joe Evans
The June newsletter will be issued after the Cummington meeting. Joe has requested assistance in putting together the September issue since he will be working on a project for the USBHCA finals then.

Fund Raising Report – general discussion
The club discussed ways to transport the fund-raising items from trial to trial.

Calendar Report – given by George Northrup
2011 calendars are available for sale. There are approximately 25-30 of the 2010 calendars left.

New Business
The group discussed the possibility of having a booth at the USBCHA finals in Virginia. More discussion is needed to resolve issues such as how to man the booth, when the booth will be open, and if the club will sell USBCHA merchandise, too.

The club will be placing a ½ page ad in the brochure for the USBCHA Finals. Carol Campion volunteered to prepare the ad.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53PM

Minutes submitted by Maria Mick.
Announcements

Novice News......

........The Novice Trial Committee has a new chair and new members:

Chair: Joyce Westcott, 802-496-2459
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Kate Collins, 978-249-4407
george01368@yahoo.com

Eileen Wilentz, 860-919-6118
ewilvet@sbcglobal.net

Anne Palmer, 570-289-4902
bootleggerfarm@epix.net

The committee has established a date, a venue and booked a world-class judge for the Novice Finals. They are:

NEBCA NOVICE FINALS
October 9-10
Sand Creek Farm
Mendon, NY
Hostess: Joyce Geier
Judge: Derek Scrimgeour
Joyce Westcott
jwestcott@gmavt.net

Open Trials Committee
Peter VandeCar has been replaced by Michelle Brothers. Contact details:
michellebrothers@mac.com
732-670-4252

Butternut Creek Farm Trial will take place.
Entry forms and trial information are up on the NEBCA and OBCC websites.
Two desperado Nursery trials: July 30-31.
Two Open trials: July 31-August 1.
Entries open June 10th.
Pro-Novice trial on Monday is pending.
See Trial Schedule, Page 4.

Photograph of Maria Amodei and Song by Judy Jo Drake
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