



# Ontario Border Collie Club

## *Celebrating 30 Years!*

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### WANT TO JOIN US?

On September 22, 1984, the Ontario Border Collie Club was formed near King City, Ontario. An enthusiastic group had gathered for a trial near Winchmore farm, and they sat down after supper on Saturday night to draw up the aims and objectives of the new club.

The primary objective of the club is to promote the traditional herding ability of the Border Collie by holding trials and training clinics. The club also encourages obedience and other non-traditional uses of the dog.

It was decided to publish a newsletter a few times each year to keep members up to date on upcoming activities. The club members are mainly farm people with a high regard for and a common interest in the Border Collie. We want to maintain the dog's natural working instinct and hope to prevent it turning into nothing more than another show dog,

If you have an interest in working dogs on stock, or are interested in being an informed spectator at sheep dog trials, please fill out the online membership form and send it along with your cheque to: Cynthia Palmer, 2556 Indian River Line, RR #2, Indian River, ON K0L 2B0

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## From the Editors



How fortunate are we to be enjoying the fine weather this Fall. Recall last year when it snowed in November and never seemed to stop. Let's hope the coming winter brings opportunities to work dogs on occasion - if not outdoors then at the arena trials.

This issue of the newsletter wraps up 2015 and we want to say what a great reporting year it has been.

Thank you to all who have written articles and reports. Thank you to Michelle Lawrence for her wonderful photographs.

The paper is made better by your suggestions and contributions. What subjects would you like to see covered in future editions? Please feel free to write the editors.

Wishing all of our readers the very best for the remainder of 2015.

Anne Wheatley & Lynn Johnston

Kathy Farcos with early morning visitor at Indian River



Photo by Anne Wheatley

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## *Message from the President*

With the beautiful fall weather we have had, what a pleasure it has been to participate in the fall trials. Yes, there were a few wet and cold days but the high spirits and warm hearts made this time splendid.

Congratulations to all the handlers for an outstanding season of running. The fall running began with the Stirling Novice Trial followed by Indian River and Shepherds' Crook. While the sheep at the Grettons' and the Palmers' continue to be wily they were ably managed by most teams. Then at Butternut the sheep were cooperative and the handlers made things look almost too easy!!

You will see that the AGM is right around the corner. As announced in August the AGM is taking place November 21 at 1 pm. Helen Dunning will be hosting the meeting this year. Please go to the "Members" section of the website for details, directions, forms, etc.

The nominating committee of Tara Dier & Tracy Hinton has been busy and a new slate of directors will be up for election. Both Andrea deKenedy and myself are stepping down.

My energy this coming year will be focused on helping with the 2016 CBCA National Sheepdog Championships being held at Shepherd's Crook.

It has been a huge pleasure serving on the OBCC Board. I made many new friends and learned a great deal. Thank you to all the members - you made my time memorable.

Regards,  
Teresa Castonguay  
President, OBCC

# Novice Trial at Tara Dier's Farm

*By Lynn Johnston*

There is an old saying that it never rains but it pours. But not all day, right? So when September 13<sup>th</sup> was scheduled as a 'rain day', I was sure that meant some rain, but not all day. Wrong, it literally rained – and rained hard at times – all day...



Thanks to Tara for hosting and providing a yummy lunch where we could warm up and get dry. Special thank you to Gordon Dunning who spent the whole day in the pens – he went through two sets of rainproof clothing. Nothing could keep out the elements! Thanks, Gordon, for your continued dedication to our sport



But OBCC members were not deterred. The novice trial went ahead with no complaining about the weather and a good time was had by all. Cynthia Palmer presided as judge and did an excellent job although there were moments when she struggled to see through rain and mist on the truck's windshield! A number of novices gained some valuable experience at push out and scribing, another advantage of a novice trial. Some of the sheep did not want to participate in the rain running back to set out, providing a special challenge to the dogs.



Here are the results:

NN 1 (5 dogs)	
Stacey Rember	Shep
Lene Band	Penny

PN 1 (17 dogs)	
John Palmer	Dutch
Victoria Lamont	Ellie
Tracy Hinton	Lad
Hélène Lawler	Kess
Stacey Rember	Teg

NN 2 (5 dogs)	
Lene Band	Penny
Kristin Bryant	Bea

PN 2 (17 dogs)	
Victoria Lamont	Ellie
Lene Band	Gypsy
Hélène Lawler	Kess
Helen Dunning	Kate
Helen Knibb	Sue

The overall Novice/Novice winner was Lene Band and Penny, and the overall Pro/Novice was Victoria Lamont and Ellie. Congratulations to all the winners!

# Interviews with 5 Judges from the Double Diamond

*Compiled by Lynn Johnston*

The OCBB Outreach and Education Committee devised a set of questions to put before the judges who participated in the Double Crown this year. The following judges responded. Please note not everyone answered all questions.

Richard Smith (RS)



*Do you always approach judging a trial in the same way or do different circumstances require a different approach? Can you identify the highlights of your approach?*

RS: I always try to judge consistently, following the ISDS rules no matter how small or large the course, each element of the trial should be judged as if looking for perfection, ie straight lines and good turns etc,

MEY: I try to always approach judging a trial in the same way but some circumstances can alter the way that I judge such as how difficult the sheep are and how much pressure there is on the field.

Tracy Hinton (TH)



TH: I have only judged a couple of trials so I'm not sure I can answer this question yet! My first trial judging I concentrated on ensuring that I knew the "rules" and followed the USBCHA, OBCC and NEBCA judging guidelines. I quickly learnt that those are just small pieces to judging a run. You have to take into account the level that you are judging ie Novice Novice vs Open and also the sheep and field challenges.

Mary Ellen Young (MEY)



RM: In general I approach how I judge a trial the same. I will judge novice trials using wider lanes than an open trial. Before the first run I will create a grid pattern on the trial field and use that as my guide for deducting points. The majority of my system is based on the movement of the sheep along that pattern. There will always be circumstances that need to be taken into account such as keeping a close eye on how the sheep are being held, how to judge the one unruly sheep that won't stay with the rest, or whether a grip is warranted or not. That is where I would say the judgment part of the job comes in.

Roger Millen (RM)



TL: When judging, I think you have to understand what needs to be achieved-as in you're trying to give an opinion of which run was the best, so in one sense yes-it's always the same approach, although there is still room for tact and diplomacy when judging beginner handlers and/or beginner dogs as I feel a terrible score will dishearten some people and make them think everything they did was wrong-which isn't necessarily the case.

Tom Lawrenson (TL)



Another small point I would make is that there has to be discretion on the judge's part for how good or bad the sheep are, especially at the shed because if the sheep are liable to go over the dog in an unreasonable fashion then I would accept the single sooner than if the sheep were easier to hold. You can still give credit to the best sheds but you don't have a long list of DQs just to be awkward and prove a point.

### *What are your 'must-haves' in a top run?*

RS: "A top run" should flow and have a pace to it, steady and controlled but not boring and weak, a dog that focuses and listens well, each element of the course in a great run is completed impressively, the outrun pear shape not hedge or fence hogged, the lift steady and controlled, the fetch as straight as an arrow with flow, no stopping or turns, drive should be straight with tight turns around obstacles, the shed clean and decisive and the pen clean, no round and around "straight in".

MEY: I want to see a dog under control, responding to commands, and a dog that feels its sheep. Also, I want to see a dog that will lean into the sheep when there is pressure and does not flank off or goes too wide and still remains fluid in its response to commands from the handler. I like to see a dog who reads and reacts to the environment of its course and adjusts according on its outrun. The pace in which the dog moves the sheep around the course is also very important, this demonstrates that the handler and dog are working together and that the dog remains focused with the task at hand. All of this can and/or will lead to a high scoring run with straight lines around the field and sheep that are being moved in a workman-like manner.

TH: A top run must have control both on the part of the handler and the dog. I like calm, tidy work.

RM: I like to see a dog stay in contact with the sheep and keep things moving at a nice even pace, keeping the sheep in a nice straight line. I focus on the movement of the sheep as opposed to the movement of the dog unless, of course, the dog circles the sheep or crosses the course. I like to see the dog put the sheep in the pen and will deduct points if the dog is not in a position to help with the job. On a shed I need to see the dog hold the sheep for a bit before I will call it.

TL: For me a top run is smooth and flowing and the dog will keep the sheep calm throughout the course, never rushing or sitting idle-I just like it to be efficient and without fuss. (I don't feel it necessary to mention the obvious specifics of tight turns and straight lines as I'd imagine this is a given).

### *What do you not like to see in a run?*

RS: "What don't I like" - the opposite to above or a dog that is slack and obviously not enjoying the job at hand.

MEY: I do not like to see dogs that are not listening to their handler, dogs that race sheep around the field too fast, and dogs that harass sheep around the course.

TH: Lots of shouting and chased sheep! Lol

RM: I don't like to see sheep being harassed or chased. As a judge though, you need to try to determine if it is the fault of the dog or the sheep. I do have one pet peeve – I

don't like to see the pen door slammed shut. I also don't like a dog that goes way too wide and loses contact with the sheep.

TL: I hate with a passion seeing handlers blaming their dogs for mistakes made by themselves. Usually, if the dog makes a wrong move, it's either because of a wrong command being given or a lack of proper training at home beforehand and so whatever happens, it always comes back to the handler to take the blame and people would have much more success if they realized that.

### *In what circumstances do you DQ a dog?*

RS: DQ's - aggressive or unnecessary grips, sheep leaving the course, interference from others or an unfair advantage.

MEY: I will DQ a dog for a grip that is not caused by a ewe challenging the dog, or if I feel that the dog is out of control.

TH: I have limited experience here. I personally have DQd for gripping either when not required or doing so a bit too enthusiastically. Going 'off course' is another reason.....I had a handler loose the sheep into the parking area and I felt that it was out of control. Lack of progress is another reason, in my mind, for asking a handler to retire.

RM: Most DQ's are a result of mistakes by the handler instead of the dog. But a dog will get a DQ for an unneeded grip, if it needs to be called back to the post to resend on the outrun, or loses the sheep and they go off course.

TL: I would DQ a dog if it gripped, but if it had justification (as in the sheep came head first attacking the dog) then I would 9 times out of 10 not take any action provided the dog did not then carry on and take revenge as the sheep retreated. Other disqualifications would be for handler leaving the post before they were supposed to do so, taking the wrong course, dog leaving the field and dogs handling sheep roughly (even though they didn't actually grip the sheep).

### *If you have judged in different areas, like east or west North America or the UK, what are the significant differences, if any, in what you see on the trial field?*

RS: In Wales, 3 sheep are often used. Their sheep tend to be lighter and faster moving. North of England they use Hill type breeds that are usually difficult close at hand and in the South heavier down land breeds (sometimes beating the dog).

TL: The big difference I noticed from the UK compared to Canada is the different classes to accommodate all levels of handler and dog. In my opinion, trials in the UK don't offer enough opportunity for beginners and so they have

to go straight in at the deep end against top class handlers with experienced dogs.

*What characteristics are you personally looking for in a dog and why?*

RS: A dog that wants to move forward is my type, good eye with good ears and a natural strength, I like a dog with scope that will use his head, "It's far easier to stop one than start one" and the naughty ones I have found often make the best dogs.

MEY: I like to see a dog that understand the task at hand and works with the handler as a real team player. Also, it is very important to me that the dog is biddable and responding to its handler's commands.

TH: I like a dog that is biddable and has a good feel for its stock. One that has a good calm head and has tremendous courage. I need to trust it to make decisions when I can't command. I want a partner I can work with and trust.

TL: The main things I look for in a dog are desire to work and honesty. The rest can be taught if need be but those two things are born traits.

*How do you personally benefit from judging? What motivates you to do it?*

RS: I think everyone should judge a trial, it's very easy to criticize judges' decisions when looking on but if you're really honest about your own trials you can learn a lot from a good judge, plus I get to see who in my opinion has a dog with the most potential. In Canada I see dogs that will remind me of dogs we know well at home. There are no short cuts to becoming a good dog handler but by

watching people carefully you can pick up a lot of unspoken tips!!

MEY: I enjoy seeing good runs that demonstrate team work, and good stockmanship. Judging can be a learning experience, it forces one to focus on all of the runs, good or bad which I personally feel that I can learn from when training and handling a dog. Judging allows me to see the many different ways that handlers run their dogs and how they deal with different situations which allows me to learn from their success or failure.

TH: This is a good question. I am not sure that I really like judging yet! My initial motivation was twofold. 1) to be a better handler, you need to understand what the judges are looking for. I thought that I needed to take the time to understand and figure out what I think makes a great run... Taking the time to take the judging clinic, pouring over the rules, discussing judging with longtime handlers and then finally judging a trial has helped me tremendously. 2) It was a way for me to support the trials. Without a judge, you don't have a trial. I believe that we need to step up (or jump up, in this case!) to the task. I don't have a farm where I can hold a trial. But I can support the trials in other ways, I felt this was one of the ways.

RM: I consider it an honor to be asked to judge and take the job seriously. Judging a trial gives me the opportunity to really focus on every run and think about how I run my own dogs and the mistakes I make, which make me a better handler.

TL: I prefer to run rather than judge but I do find it's good for me to watch others and notice their mistakes in order for me not to make the same mistakes and judging makes me do exactly that, so in that respect I like judging.



Judging the Judge? Tom Lawrenson and the sheep at Indian River



Post trial discussion with Judges Richard Smith and (Anthony) Boggy Warrington

# Report: Double Diamond Indian River

*By Marie Sawford*



Saturday September 26, 2015 marked the start of four days of trialing at Cynthia and John Palmer's farm. Called the Double Diamond this year to replace the Triple Crown of previous years, the entire series was held between JohnCyn Farm (Indian River) and Kevan and Kim Gretton's farm (Shepherd's Crook).

Due to being oversubscribed, five available ranch dogs ran on Friday night. Tracy Hinton judged this class which was completed on Saturday morning. The weather was beautiful and sunny for both Friday and Saturday. Mark Billadeau and Eve were the eventual Ranch 1 winners scoring a 78. The second round of Ranch was run on Sunday morning. There were many scores that were tightly bunched together in the 60's for round 2. The winner of Ranch 2 was Marianna Schreeder and Amy with a 72.

Mary Ellen Young judged the Novice Novice and Pro Novice competitors who had four minutes to complete their course. One handler in particular seemed to take time as part of the challenge. Chad Marquis entertained the crowd by sprinting almost the entire course running both backwards and forwards trying to beat the sheep to the pen and not let them escape to the exhaust. One comment from the crowd was, "The dog has put the pace on the handler!" However this seemed to work and Chad and his dog Apex won the first go round with a 55. While I was clerking the first round there was a very curious visitor. A male blue jay landed on my head and then hopped onto the back of the judge's chair and sat there for the remainder of the class. For round 2 the solo survivor was Kristen Bryant and Bea with a 41.

In Pro Novice the sheep were getting more challenging and really heavy to the exhaust. The eventual winner of round 1 was Anne Wheatley and Dusk (aka Twi) with a score of 80. Round 2 was won by Mary Thompson and Teagan with an 89. Both rounds of Pro Novice were finished in time for the handler's dinner held at the Palmer's house. The food was plentiful and delicious. The drink was also plentiful, ranging from drams of scotch, Tequila and to the pina colada and margarita machine Cynthia and John provided.

Day two, Sunday was the first of two Open days. The sheep seemed to be co-operating and there were many fantastic runs over the course of the day. The judge for the rest of the weekend was Tom Lawrenson from Lancashire, England. The winner of Open on Sunday was John Palmer and Spec with a 92. During the evening those that stayed up late enough witnessed the blood moon eclipse. It was pretty spectacular to watch and the clouds co-operated so that we got to see most of it. On Monday, the second day for Open the judge decided to change things up a bit and had the handlers turn an obstacle that was approximately 50 yards in front of the post, before starting the drive. This proved challenging and was quite fun to watch the dogs that did it smartly. The winner of Monday's Open was Tracy Hinton and Soot.

The last day of the Indian River trial was not very pleasant weather wise. The cold and rain did manage to hold off until about 11:00 and then it rained steadily and quite heavy at times until about 2:30, leaving only about an hours worth of running free of rain at the end the day. It felt more like a fall trial and the rain gear laden handlers were a stark contrast to the t-shirt wearing handlers who started out on Friday night. In the first go of Ranch there was a tie for first which resulted in a run-off between Marianna Schreeder/Amy and Cathie Vodden/Rose. Marianna/Amy were the victors of that class. The final Ranch class was also won by Marianna Schreeder and Amy with an 82. Kristen Bryant and Bea won both Novice Novice classes. Mary Thompson/Teagan and Jim Valley/Charlotte traded places to each win a Pro Novice class.

Many thanks to John and Cynthia Palmer for being such welcoming hosts. To everyone working up in the pens, the set out people and to the many others who worked at the trial, thank - you for making it possible for us to compete and enjoy time with our dogs and friends.

## Indian River Trials Special!



Novice - Novice 1		
Chad Marquis	Apex	55
Stacey Rember	Shep	36
Lena Band	Penny	8

Novice - Novice 2		
Kristen Bryant	Bea	41

Novice - Novice 3		
Kristen Bryant	Bea	71
Stacey Rember	Shep	62
Chad Marquis	Apex	56

Novice - Novice 4		
Kristen Bryant	Bea	74
Chad Marquis	Apex	67
Stacey Rember	Shep	61



Pro - Novice 1		
Anne Wheatley	Dusk	80
Tracy Hinton	Lad	78
Victoria Lamont	Ellie	73
Victoria Lamont	Pepper	66
Jim Valley	Charlotte	66

Pro - Novice 2		
Mary Thompson	Teagan	89
Werner Reitboeck	Molly	81
Anne Wheatley	Dusk	77
Chris Knowlton	Spot	71
Kathy Farcos	Halle	66

Pro - Novice 3		
Mary Thompson	Teagan	78
Jim Valley	Charlotte	77
Eleanor Peavy	Emmy	76
Roger Millen	Jessie	74
Tracy Hinton	Lad	71

Pro - Novice 4		
Jim Valley	Charlotte	79
Mary Thompson	Teagan	77
Anne Wheatley	Dusk	70
Kathy Farcos	Halle	67
Cathy Vodden	Finn	66



Ranch 1		
Mark Billadeau	Eve	78
Cathie Vodden	Roo	75
Marianna Scheeder	Amy	74
Jim Valley	Twix	71
Marianna Scheeder	Shep	69

Ranch 2		
Marianna Schreeder	Amy	72
Jim Valley	Twix	65
Mark Billadeau	Eve	65
Cathie Vodden	Roo	64
Pam Gardner	Bowan	64

Ranch 3		
Marianna Schreeder	Amy	78
Cathie Vodden	Rose	78
Marianna Schreeder	Amy	74
Jim Valley	Twix	76

Ranch 4		
Marianna Schreeder	Amy	82
Mark Billadeau	Eve	80
John Palmer	Dave	79



Open 1		
John Palmer	Spec	92
Lorna Savage	Kaylee	85
Viki Kidd	Macy	85
Mark Billabeau	Nell	84
Carol Guy	Will	84
Marianna Schreeder	Lass	82
Marianna Schreeder	Nel	81
Jim Valley	Dot	80
Werner Reitboeck	Roy	80
Helen Dunning	Cap	78



Open 2		
Tracy Hinton	Soot	87
Mike Schragel	Zak	85
John Palmer	Spec	83
Helen Dunning	Cap	81
Kevan Gretton	Clint	80
Dave Young	Bess	80
Viki Kidd	Macy	79
Paul Tucker	Reb	78
Dave Young	Pic	78
John Palmer	Preacher	77



# Report: Double Diamond Shepherd's Crook

*By Anne Wheatley*



The Shepherds Crook Farm Trial followed Indian River to become the second leg of the Double Diamond Fall Trial Week. It included three Open classes and two classes each of Ranch, Pro novice, and Novice. It was to begin with Open on Thursday morning at 7:30, but on Wednesday afternoon, trial manager Viki Kidd received a call to say that the judges, who were scheduled to arrive from England that evening would be a day late due to a flight cancelation. There was experienced judging talent in the group of competitors and when asked, Paul Tucker from Kentucky agreed to judge the first day. Thank you Paul!

Given the uncertainty of the shoulder seasons the weather during the Fall trial series is often worthy of attention and comment. The leaves were in beautiful colour as it was October 1<sup>st</sup>. Although it wasn't that cold the wind made it feel that way. In fact, the wind which blew right at the post for a number of days, some argued made it hard for their dogs to hear. It certainly drove most of us to shelter in our cars rather than sit in the handlers' tent for at least some of the time.

The sheep were especially challenging on Thursday given they were not warmed up. Almost 35 percent of competitors retired. A clean quiet lift was an absolute requirement for a decent run. A number of dogs managed it well and scored high. The day belonged to Amanda Milliken and her dogs Monty and Howell who placed first and second.

Richard Smith from Cotswold England and his buddy Anthony (Boggy) Warmington finally caught a plane and arrived in Canada Thursday evening. Boggy judged the classes on Friday. The day was action packed with Ranch, Pro Novice and Novice classes each run twice. The sheep were still challenging and the wind persisted but some nice runs were laid down.

Marianna Schreeder won both Ranch classes. Stacey Rember placed first in both Novice Novice classes. Amanda Milliken and Mary Thompson won the Pro Novice classes.

Saturday dawned windy again and as the day went on it rained some as well. It was Open day number two. Richard Smith judged. On days like that I often overhear someone question out loud whether we are all quite nuts to be trotting sheep around a field. Sure we are, but there is nothing else we'd rather be doing.

Michelle Lawrence photographs many OBCC events and has a very smart Border Collie who knows how to watch a sheepdog trial in the wind and rain.



*Photo by Anne Wheatley*

Paul Tucker scored an 88 that stood up for a long time before Renee Billadeau reduced his run to second place later in the day.

The Handlers dinner was held on Saturday evening in Kevan and Kim's insulated drive shed. It was nice to be warm and dry and among friends with high spirits after an exciting day of trialing. As usual the food was really good and I for one ate way too much. Awards were presented. Gifts of appreciation were also given to the judges. Much good conversation and laughter was enjoyed. At the end of the evening judge Richard Smith was convinced to sing as rumour had it he was quite good. Sure enough he sang very well.

The last competition day of the Double Diamond Fall Trial week was overcast, and finally a little less windy and marginally warmer. Boggy Warmington judged this Open day. Handlers greeted sheep that were a combination of well warmed up and sick of working. John Palmer won it with Preacher and a score of 90.

Shepherds Crook is a fine trial venue with sheep that are never dull. Kevan and Kim Gretton are generous hosts. Viki Kidd's trial managing skills result in smooth running every time. Thank you to all who helped out.

Novice - Novice 1 (am)		
Stacey Rember	Shep	48
Chad Marquis	Apex	46
Kristin Bryant	Bea	43
Lene Band	Penny	43

Novice - Novice 2 (pm)		
Stacey Rember	Shep	48
Chad Marquis	Apex	47
Lene Band	Penny	29
Kristin Bryant	Bea	Rt



Ranch 1 (am)		
Marianna Schreeder	Amy	74
Mark Billadeau	Eve	70
Kathy Farcos	Win	68
Mary Thompson	Mia	62
Victoria Lamont	Diz	60
Cathie Vodden	Rose	55
Denise Leonard	Chloe	53
James Valley	Twix	52
Mary Thompson	Jake	47
Jim Murphy	Hemp	46

Pro - Novice 1 (am)		
Amanda Milliken	Puppa	75
Victoria Lamont	Ellie	61
Mary Thompson	Teagan	56
Cathie Vodden	Finn	47
Anne Wheatley	Dusk	47
Helen Dunning	Kate	46
James Valley	Charlotte	41
Lene Band	Gypsy	34
Tracy Hinton	Lad	33
John Palmer	Dutch	32

Ranch 2 (pm)		
Marianna Schreeder	Amy	82
James Valley	Twix	76
Victoria Lamont	Diz	74
Kathy Farcos	Win	72
Marianna Schreeder	Shep	63
Mary Thompson	Jake	63
Mary Thompson	Mia	61
Eleanor Peavy	Lad	56
Denise Leonard	Chloe	49
Cathie Vodden	Roo	47

Pro - Novice 2 (pm)		
Mary Thompson	Teagan	79
Victoria Lamont	Ellie	74
James Valley	Charlotte	68
Amanda Milliken	Puppa	66
Anne Wheatley	Dusk	64
John Palmer	Dutch	57
Kathy Farkos	Halle	56
Dick Williams	Roy	51
Tracy Hinton	Lad	50
Eleanor Peavy	Emmy	47





Thursday Open 1		
Amanda Milliken	Monty	91
Amanda Milliken	Howell	90
Bev Lambert	River	90
Viki Kidd	Macy	84
Bev Lambert	Nan	82
Mary Thompson	Paris	82
Marianna Schreeder	Lass	80
John Palmer	Spec	80
Dick Williams	Dave	79
Tracy Hinton	Soot	79



Saturday Open 2		
Renee Billadeau	Bette	89
Paul Tucker	Reb	88
Bev Lambert	River	87
Bev Lambert	Nan	80
Andrea deKenedy	Moss	77
Dick Williams	Dave	77
Marianna Schreeder	Nell	76
Viki Kidd	Merle	75
Marianna Schreeder	Lass	74
James Valley	Dot	73



Sunday Open 3		
John Palmer	Preacher	90
Marianna Schreeder	Nell	89
Bev Lambert	Nan	89
Viki Kidd	Macy	87
Bev Lambert	River	86
Dave Young	Pic	85
Denise Leonard	Emmie	84
Mary Thompson	Paris	82
Mark Billadeau	Nell	81
Tracy Hinton	Soot	81



# Report: Butternut Creek

*By Tara Dier*



For as long as I have been in the sheepdog business, Amanda' Milliken's Butternut Creek Trial has ended the trial season in Ontario. Being late October or early November every year, weather is iffy and participants hardy. A friendly fire is traditional. This year was no exception.



Two Open trials were held with about 40 dogs, maybe 20 handlers, running their last of the season. Many were Ontario locals, but they came from New York State and Virginia and New Jersey too. They were judged by Ontario sheep farmer and handler J.P. Lalonde.

The scores were high because the dogs ran well. This field is long and flat and it is often difficult for the handler to see the lift, and so you need a dog who will look after you at the top. The sheep were more cooperative than I remember them from other years, but they provided a good test of the dogs.

In the end, Beverly Lambert & Nan, from Connecticut, won the day on Saturday and Amanda's young dog Howell took the second trial on Sunday.



Open 1		
Beverley Lambert	Nan	93
Amanda Milliken	Dorey	91
Mary Lou Campbell	Dyna	90
Beverley Lambert	Joe	89
Amanda Milliken	Monty	88
Amanda Milliken	Howell	87
John Palmer	Spec	86
Werner Reitboeck	Roy	86
Sue Schoen	Peat	85
Barbara Ray	Maverick	83

Open 2		
Amanda Milliken	Howell	97
Mary Lou Campbell	Dyna	94
Beverley Lambert	Joe	92
Kathy Keats	Craig	90
Mary Thompson	Beauty	89
Beverley Lambert	Nan	89
Mary Thompson	Paris	89
Amanda Milliken	Dorey	89
Sue Schoen	Peat	88
Sally Molloy	Sid	87



# OBCC 2015 Standings

## Novice/Novice

Dog	Handler	Points
Bea	K. Bryant	22
Shep	S. Rember	16
Apex	C. Marquis	14
Penny	L. Band	13

## Pro/Novice

Dog	Handler	Points
Puppa	A. Milliken	31
Bryn	K. Knowlton	29
Ellie	V. Lamont	28
Teagan	M. Thompson	28
Dusk	A. Wheatley	26
Lad	T. Hinton	12
Dutch	J. Palmer	10
Pepper	V. Lamont	8
Kess	H. Lawler	7
Spot	C. Knowlton	7
Sid	K. Gretton	6
Teg	S. Rember	5
Gypsy	L. Band	5
Carly	V. Kidd	4
Kate	H. Dunning	4
Nicky	T. Dier	3
Finn	C. Vodden	3
Jessie	R. Millen	3
Ed	V. Lamont	2
Sue	H. Knibb	2
Finn	L. Johnson	2
Mac	S. Rember	1

## Open

Dog	Handler	Points
Howell	A. Milliken	97
Monty	A. Milliken	95
Dorey	A. Milliken	70
Soot	T. Hinton	60
Preacher	J. Palmer	57
Macy	V. Kidd	50
Spec	J. Palmer	46
Beauty	M. Thompson	40
Paris	M. Thompson	37
Clint	K. Gretton	33
Dave	D Williams	22
Cap	H. Dunning	22
Kaylee	L. Savage	21
Dax	T. Hinton	19
Frost	M. Thompson	15
Pic	D. Young	14
Merle	V. Kidd	13
Bess	D. Young	10
Will	C. Guy	8
Moss	A. de Kenedy	8
Roy	W. Reitboeck	5
Jake	K. Gretton	4
Reed	V. Kidd	3
Finnegan	R. Millen	3
Hank	C. Guy	1

**In the News... Congratulations to Amanda Milliken**

**Who topped off an outstanding trialing season with:**

- **Soldier Hollow, Gold winner with Dorey**
- **Soldier Hollow, Silver winner with Howell**
- **Meeker Champion with Howell**



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