



Ontario Border Collie Club

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CBCA 2016 Championships – Double Lift Winners!

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: Teresa Castonguay, 716 Mitchell Rd, RR #2, Warkworth, ON K0K 3K0

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From the Editors

OBCC club members should be proud of the success of the Canadian National Sheepdog Trial that took place at Kim and Kevan Gretton's farm August 10-14. Despite the heat, followed by torrential rains, it was a spectacular event. Congratulations to Amanda Milliken and Corey Perry who won Champion and Reserve in Nursery, and Amanda and Beverley Lambert who were Champion and Reserve in Open. The various committees and armies of volunteers should be congratulated – all the work paid off for something this big to come off so well.

On another note entirely, thanks to Marie Sawford who noticed a small article in the Toronto Sun on May 27th with the headline "Baa baa stoned sheep". So it appears "a herd (sic) of stoned sheep – high as kites after feeding on the remains of an abandoned marijuana garden – went on a rampage through a Welsh village." Apparently they even broke into a home "causing a mess in the bedroom"! Would this be considered a legal use of marijuana in Canada given the countries future plan? (Of course we would never condone that...) Perhaps something to consider in future if we are looking for an added challenge for the dogs... A little Maryjane anyone?

Lynn Johnston



Cover L-R: Corey Perry, Mary Thompson, Tom Wilson (Judge), Kate Ash, Patrick Shannahan (Judge), Beverley Lambert, Amanda Milliken, Kevan Gretton, John Palmer, Bob Stephens, Ken Price

Missing: Fiona Robertson (pictured above)

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President's Message

I cannot express my gratitude towards the members of the Ontario Border Collie Club and excitement at the “buzz” of so many new opportunities within the club. Many members were involved with the most recent Canadian championships and the number of volunteers putting tremendous effort to the Championships. And to top it off what a show of Ontario members in the double lift! Congratulations to Amanda and Dorey topping off the Championships with a completed DL course and winning the CBCA Championships in both the open and nursery classes. Members in the double lift showed exceptionally well! Look to the list of people that helped make the CBCA Championships a success!

The other fantastic effort from OBCC members have been three novice-only trials hosted by three different farms this summer. There were two brand new trials (Cloudberry and Good Companions) and their efforts to support the opportunity for novice handlers and young dogs to get out on the trial field are just tremendous. I've heard wonderful reviews from all that attended. Grass Creek had the largest entry ever and is the largest trial in North America. There were many first time visitors who were so impressed with that tremendous trial.

Excitement is building for the fall series. All of the trials are oversubscribed showing what great trials, great sheep and great hosts we have. The learning committee is working on some mentoring opportunities at the Indian River fall trial, so more opportunities for volunteering and sharing the knowledge.

As this newsletter is going to press several of our members are travelling across the USA headed to Soldier Hollow, Meeker, Wisconsin, NEBCA Novice Finals and the USBCHA Finals. Good luck to our fellow competitors.

Thanks to everyone for making it such a great summer!

Cynthia



At the CBCA Championships

Photo by Michelle Lawrence



Duke gets relief from the heat

Photo by Beth Devereaux

2016 CBCA Championships

By Tracy Hinton

It's 8 am on August 15th..... It's the day after..... I came into my office this morning and couldn't believe the piles of paper. Feels like I have been away for a month...well maybe mentally it has been that long or longer. I had no idea when Dave Young said to me last year "Would you help me run the CBCA Championships?" just what that would entail! But we did it and I think it turned out great.

The African Proverb; "it takes a village to raise a child" is also very valid when it comes to "raising" a sheepdog trial. This one was no different. Our primary committee was fantastic. A great mix of talents and humour. I enjoyed working with each and every one of them. The committee consisted of:

- Teresa Castonguay
- Kevan Gretton
- Kim Gretton
- Tracy Hinton
- Cynthia Palmer
- John Palmer
- Dave Young
- Mary Ellen Young

In addition to that committee we had some key helpers who were invaluable:

- Anne Wheatley, who managed all of our volunteers,
- Helen Dunning, who managed our scribes
- Viki Kidd, who managed our announcing
- Michelle Lawrence, who managed our printed material
- Rebecca Lawrence, who managed our website
- Carol Guy, who procured our handlers bags
- Paul Gretton, Scott Gretton, Chris Gretton and Gordon Dunning in the set out pens.
- Tara Dier, dog sponsorships

On top of that we had a ton of generous, trial-loving volunteers who helped setup, assist during the trial, set out, scribe, announce, site cleanup and a number of other things. They included: Lene Band, Kristin Bryant, Dianne Buist, Tania Costa, Lori Cunningham, Ezra Gretton, Louise Hadley, Sandra Harkin, Mary Louise Heaton, Tim Hinton, Tom Hoeber, Lynn Johnston, Kris Kiviahio, Helen Knibb, Bruce Lawrence, Chad Marquis, Heather Millen, Roger Millen, Amanda Milliken, John Milloy, Sue Moore, Jim Murphy, Eleanor Peavy, Sheri Purcell, Catherine Rae, Lorna Savage, Marie Sawford, Wendy Schmaltz, Bob Stephens, Michelle Taliana, Marilyn Terpstra, Mary Thompson, Jim Valley, Cathie Vodden and Dick Williams. *(Ed. note: If we inadvertently missed someone, please let us know so that we may include their names in the next newsletter...in BIG font.)*

Finally, we'd like to reiterate our thanks to all our Corporate Partners, Sponsors, Dog and Handler Sponsors and In-Kind Donors.

THANK YOU to each and every one of you for contributing to the success of this event!

The event went well in spite of the weather challenges. We had unbearable heat on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The numerous dog tubs were refilled constantly, as were the coolers of water. We wanted to do all we could to help with the heat.



Wednesday we ran nursery. 17 dogs entered and ran in two rounds. The outrun proved difficult for more than one young dog. I don't think it was the distance, more the challenge of the field. A small ditch mid-way and gentle swales made it a bit more complicated than a flat field. Congratulations to the winners:

Nursery		 CANADIAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION 2016 Sheep Dog Championships			
	Handler	Dog	Round 1	Round 2	COMB TOTAL
1	Amanda Milliken	Quark	81	80	161
2	Corey Perry	Ruby	66	80	146
3	Mary Thompson	Teagan	67	75	142
4	Tracy Hinton	Lad	63	75	138
5	Dawn Boyce	Micah	70	65	135
6	Amanda Milliken	Zola	70	50	120
7	Fiona Robertson	meG	65	48	113
8	Peter Hall	Deke	52	54	106
9	John Palmer	Mara	45	48	93
10	Lori Cunningham	Lefty	RT	76	76
11	Corey Perry	Kate	RT	67	67
12	Beverly Lambert	Lee	59	RT	59
13	Charles Williams III	RC Lyn	RT	50	50
14	Dave Young	Tagh	44	DQ	44
15	Katy Ratliff	Teak	RT	RT	RT
16	Viki Kidd	Lynn	RT	RT	RT
17	Maria Amodei	Poe		SC	SC



Nursery Champions!

L-R: John Grant (Mayor of Township of Brock), Andy Letham (Mayor of City of Kawartha Lakes), Mary Thompson (kneeling), Bob Stephens, Amanda Milliken, Tom Wilson, Corey Perry, Patrick Shannahan, Dawn Boyce, Tracy Hinton.

Thursday we started Open 1. The course was made a bit shorter to ensure the safety of all. A misting tent was put up at the exhaust to cool the tired handler when they came off the field. Remarkably all animals and humans managed to hold up in the heat. For that I am grateful. We had some last minute scratches which brought the number of runs down to 70. Results from Open 1:

Open 1		 CANADIAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION 2016 Sheep Dog Championships							
	Handler	Dog	Outrun (20)	Lift (10)	Fetch (20)	Drive (30)	Shed (10)	Pen (10)	TOTAL (100)
1	Katherine Ash	Roxanne	20	10	18	25	9	10	92
2	Kevan Gretton	Sid	20	9	18	27	9	8	91
3	Amanda Milliken	BB Howell	19	10	16	28	10	8	91
4	Charles Williams III	RC Lyn	19	9	17	27	8	10	90
5	Viki Kidd	Macy	18	10	17	26	10	9	90
6	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	20	10	18	27	8	5	88
7	Tracy Hinton	Dax	20	9	14	28	9	8	88
8	Beverly Lambert	Joe	20	9	17	22	9	10	87
9	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	19	9	16	28	5	10	87
10	Wayne Hadley-Roberts	Drift	19	9	15	24	10	10	87
11	Corey Perry	Ruby	17	9	16	25	9	10	86
12	Dawn Boyce	Wilson	18	9	17	22	9	10	85
13	John Palmer	Spec	18	10	15	22	10	10	85
14	Ken Price	Syd	18	9	13	25	10	10	85

Friday lunchtime we had opening ceremonies and were pleased to have welcoming words from both Brock Township and Kawartha Lakes in addition to Bob Stephens, CBCA President. Friday afternoon was the start of Open 2. We changed the course to be a dog leg fetch and a Split/Pen/Single to up the challenge. The handlers and dogs met this challenge quite well.

Saturday brought a whole new weather challenge with thunder storms rolling in mid day. We stopped for the weather and were able to get back running about 3:30. Other than a couple of tents, there were no serious casualties from the storm. We ran late into the day and put the Handlers dinner on delay. We were able to get finished running Open 2 by about 7pm. The day wasn't over, however, as we had a tie! Kevan Gretton and Syd running second from last tied Dick Williams and Dave. A run off was required. Both did a silent gather of 10 sheep. I recall Dick Williams saying on the way to the post "Not sure I can stand here and say NOTHING". Well he managed it and came out the winner!

Results from Open 2:

Open 2			 CANADIAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION 2016 Sheep Dog Championships							
	Handler	Dog	Outrun (20)	Lift (10)	Fetch (20)	Drive (30)	Shed (10)	Pen (10)	Single (10)	TOTAL (110)
1	Dick Williams	Dave	20	10	18	28	9	10	10	105
2	Kevan Gretton	Sid	20	9	18	28	10	10	10	105
3	Mary Thompson	Mia	20	9	18	28	10	7	9	101
4	Beverly Lambert	Joe	20	10	17	28	10	10	5	100
5	Bob Stephens	RMS Black Lux	19	9	18	28	5	10	10	99
6	Wendy Schmaltz	CWS Ky	20	10	12	28	10	10	9	99
7	John Palmer	Spec	15	8	18	28	10	10	10	99
8	Corey Perry	Ruby	17	8	18	29	6	10	10	98
9	Heather Millen	Scout	20	7	16	28	7	10	10	98
10	Fiona Robertson	Fen	17	8	18	26	9	10	10	98
11	Ken Price	Tam	17	9	17	25	10	10	10	98
12	Viki Kidd	Macy	18	10	16	22	10	10	10	96
13	Marilyn Terpstra	Lola	20	10	19	27	9	3	5	93
14	Tracy Hinton	Soot	18	10	14	21	10	10	10	93

Sunday we brought back the top 12 combined for the double lift finals. The temperature was perfect for the 25-minute course. The fetch panels were moved up field with the drop cone being placed just north of the ditch. The dogs went to the left for the first gather, then right. The drive was lengthened and changed to go to the left. A nice sized drive that had its challenges. Only one handler/dog team managed to get the entire course completed. It was touch and go for a minute...the crowd went wild when they almost lost their collared sheep back to the flock at the pen. Congratulations to everyone!

Finals			 CANADIAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION 2016 Sheep Dog Championships									
	Handler	Dog	Outrun (20)	Lift (10)	Fetch (20)	Outrun (20)	Lift (10)	Fetch (20)	Drive (40)	Shed (20)	Pen (10)	TOTAL (170)
1	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	40	20	34	39	19	35	36	20	14	257
2	Beverly Lambert	Joe	40	20	34	40	19	22	43	0	0	218
3	Ken Price	Syd	36	17	34	24	17	31	58	0	0	217
4	John Palmer	Spec	39	20	33	2	19	29	70	0	0	212
5	Fiona Robertson	Fen	25	18	26	30	15	18	67	0	0	199
6	Bob Stephens	RMS Black Lux	37	17	30	2	13	25	49	0	0	173
7	Katherine Ash	Roxanne	39	18	9	36	18	7	39	0	0	166
8	Mary Thompson	Mia	32	16	30	3	16	21	46	0	0	164
9	Corey Perry	Ruby	19	19	20	17	16	31	36	0	0	158
10	Kevan Gretton	Sid	35	17	19	4	17	32	29	0	0	153
11	Viki Kidd	Macy	37	16	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	RT
12	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	39	15	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	RT

The Generosity of Volunteers made the Championships

By Anne Wheatley

About a year ago I was asked if I'd coordinate volunteers for the 2016 Canadian Border Collie Association Sheepdog Championships. I had done some work for the 2010 Canadian Championships which were also held at Shepherd's Crook. I guess that was long enough in the past that I'd forgotten how much work it was. Anyway, I readily agreed.

Our herding community is accustomed to helping out. Every trial and clinic or fun day that's held relies on the generosity of volunteers. The fact that the championships go on for 5 days and involve spectators and vendors requires that large numbers of volunteers do many different jobs.

My first job was to identify the work that had to be done. Last winter I started an excel spreadsheet - every job I could think of went down the left hand side of the sheet while the dates and frequency and time required to get them done went across the top. I sent the draft spreadsheet to the organizing committee of volunteers. Fortunately, they'd all been thinking along the same lines so had asked specific people (other volunteers) to be team leads responsible for the major areas of work. The major jobs were things like event advertising and promotion, grant application and event sponsorship, livestock planning and preparation, handler sponsorship, scribing, pen and set out design, set up and scheduling of staff (volunteers), course direction and preparation, score checking and posting, placing determination and prize preparation. Whew ! and I bet I forgot something too.



Three generous, hardworking and humble Lawrence family members were among those who worked on the Championships.

Photo by Anne Wheatley

As volunteer coordinator I needed to find people to help with some of these important jobs but mostly the organizers wanted to know that people would be there to help set up a couple of days in advance and that someone was feeding the judges and pen crew during the trial. The outhouses needed monitoring for cleanliness and TP. The garbage and recycling needed emptying. The grounds needed to be free of litter, and yes, dog poo.

A major event like the Canadian Sheepdog Championships is expensive to produce. Some portion of revenue comes from spectator donations. A personable greeter needed to be at the front gate most of each day asking tactfully for money. A parking point person was needed to make sure that cars parked in some semblance of order. Someone else kept cars from driving into the trial field area and helped to direct vendors.

Because it was so hot during the trial we badly needed ice brought to the site each day, and coolers of water set out and replenished in the handlers tent and water and Gatorade at the set out pens.

I was relieved, no make that over joyed with the response I received to the e mail I wrote a month before the Championships asking for people to help. There were easily 15 people on site to help set up the Tuesday before the event. Electronet and tarpaulins went up, water troughs were placed and caution tape mapped out the parking area. Countless signs were made and placed to help handlers and spectators get around. Garbage and recycling bins were lined with bags and placed appropriately. Then the event began and there were people to set and scribe and post scores.....

We who trial, know that volunteers make trialing possible. But let's face it, our attention is mostly on the field. We can see the set out people but may have less sense of the pen people, way up the field. Those who scribe and post scores are perhaps more obvious than those who pick up litter and clean up dog poo and empty garbage and recycling or arrange the handlers' dinner or the volunteer's thank you dinner. But we notice it all if it doesn't happen.

I thought it all went very well. Volunteers were all pretty busy but few of us missed seeing Amanda's 5 collared sheep book it for the exhaust and Dorey turn them back while we all held our breath.



CBCA 2016 Championships: Nursery, Open 1, Open 2, Double Lift. Champions and Reserve Champions.

“My First Trial Experience”

Novice/Novice Perspectives

By Rebecca Lawrence and Michelle Taliana

The board determined that a series of Novice Trials be held over the summer of 2016 with the goal of providing learning opportunities for our novice handlers. At time of writing, all 3 trials have been successfully held and there is great support to continue this newly established tradition. The first Novice Trial of the season took place at Indian River on June 4th. The second at Cloudberry Farm on July 9th. The third at Good Companions Farm on Aug 27th.

Thirty years and five border collies later, I finally took the plunge and attempted handling. Nerves didn't kick in until I reached the handler's post and made a proper muck-up of our first run. Things I've learned:

- it's a lot easier to watch it and figure out what should be done then it is to actually go out there and do it
- I *might* want to remember to use all the commands I've spent time learning and training with Key
- running backwards is never very elegant or easy
- don't forget to landmark before running backwards and, whatever you do, don't forget to do it a second time in the same trial
- how much fun it is to actually work with your dog and to try to figure out how to maneuver the sheep, your dog and yourself to complete a vaguely successful run
- how much you learn from your errors and want to work towards fixing your mistakes to become a better handler for your dog.
- ribbons are very pretty and addictive
- I can't wait to do it again!



Rebecca Lawrence and Key – NN2 – 2nd Place

Both Key and I had such a great time at the Good Companions trial, thank you Teresa for putting it on. A special thanks to Lorna for Key, and to Carol and Viki for their teaching, and a thank you to everyone who encouraged me to stop watching and start running! It's so much fun and I'm very sure I'm hooked! I might need to think about a second dog...



Michelle Taliana and Blake – NN1 – 2nd Place

My first experience competing at a sheepdog trial was surreal. I won't lie, I was nervous. I arrived approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of the trial. It turned out I followed Tracy Hinton in. I felt relieved seeing her and knowing that I had found the location. I was warmly welcomed by several handlers and the trial host, Teresa. It was great to see friendly faces upon arriving. One handler assisted me with some of the stuff I was carrying as Blake and I made our way to the trial field. I was happy that I knew the majority of the people competing. That made me feel more comfortable. The judge's briefing was clear and I did go over to check out the pen, in hopes of making it there during my run. Pro Novice went first. I scribed for the first part of Pro Novice. I was relieved to have more time to get focused on my upcoming run. Just before my run, an open handler gave me a couple of helpful tips, which I appreciated and followed. I entered the course with Blake and proudly announced my name along with Blake's to the scribe and judge. I watched the set out person and was pleased to see that the sheep were in place and settled. I have watched sheep herding for a few years and couldn't believe I was actually going to the post for the very first time. I have worked hard with Blake. As I approached the post, my mentor's voice entered my head. I couldn't believe I was actually standing

at the post with my dog, ready to send him. I was shaking and thought briefly that people could probably see that I was. For a second, I was hoping people were busy in their conversations, not noticing my dog and me. I took a deep breath and focused. I did the right thing to support my dog and help him to be successful. I lead out and took the 10 point deduction. Blake headed out and didn't cross, as I know he tends to do on bigger outruns. I was pleased with my decision. He lifted the sheep and they came running, really fast, too fast really. I had to think fast and attempt to keep as straight a line as possible. We missed the fetch panels and got the sheep around the post clockwise without losing the sheep. I chose to wear though the drive panels again trying to keep a straight line and made our way to the pen. I was very pleased that we made it there and did not lose the sheep along the way. I proudly opened the pen and attempted to be successful. Penning wasn't going well (my fault) however I did figure out what I was doing wrong. I gave it another attempt but ran out of points or time at the pen. I rewarded Blake for our teamwork and headed to cool him down. Upon exiting the course, other handlers were complimenting me on our run. There was a great deal of support and advice from the other handlers. It was a positive experience. Lunch was great and we headed out for a second go. Our run was better the second time. I appreciated all the support and encouragement from everyone throughout the day. Another experienced handler told me I did really well for my first time out and that I had a really good dog. I thanked her. That compliment meant a lot to me, as it wasn't just about me but the potential/ability she saw in my dog. Blake and I ended up coming in second place for Novice 1, which earned us our very first ribbon! The trial ran really well which provided a relaxed and stress free environment. I can't wait to try it all again soon!

Thank you everyone for your friendship, acceptance, encouragement and support on my journey to become an open handler. Special thank you to my mentor for her hard work getting Blake and I ready to compete. Good luck to others as they begin their journey competing.



Kelly Morrow and Dara



Liz Burden and Meg

Indian River Novice Trial

By Lynn Johnston

June 4th came early in the season for most of us and the sheep were feeling 'stropy', but a good time was had by all despite the heat. Thanks to Teresa Castonguay and Cynthia Palmer who took on the judging duties. It was a wonderful learning opportunity for all, with lots of sharing of expertise and insightful conversation over excellent food. Anyone who volunteered to do tasks and learn roles that they might never have at an open trial were able to take them on. The open handlers onsite were willing to help and advise, so the novice handlers were able to fully take advantage of the opportunity. A wonderful way to start the season in Ontario! Thanks to Cynthia and John Palmer.

Nursery – 2 dogs qualified:

John Palmer Mara
Fiona Robertson Meg

Pro/Novice 1

John Palmer	Mara	77
Fiona Robertson	Meg	76
Tracy Hinton	Laddie Lou	74
Stacey Rember	Teg	66
Helen Knibb	Gael	65
Helen Dunning	Kate	65
Marie Sawford	Jill	63
Emmanuel Neto	Flex	44
Stacey Rember	Shep	43
John Milloy	Calvin	42

Pro/Novice 2

John Palmer	Mara	73
Tracy Hinton	Laddie Lou	72
Marie Sawford	Jill	64
Helen Dunning	Kate	61
John Milloy	Annie	57
Emmanuel Neto	Flex	52
Stacey Rember	Teg	51
Fiona Robertson	Meg	47
Lene Band	Penny (NC)	39
Lene Band	Gypsy	17



Susan Moore and Jack Photo by Beth Devereaux

Novice/Novice 1

Susan Moore	Jack	67
Francois Le blanc	Joy	62
Patrick Gosselin	Max	58
Emanuel Neto	Roxie	54
Lene Band	Penny	38



Patrick Gosselin and Max Photo by Beth Devereaux

Novice/Novice 2

Emanuel Neto	Roxie	75
Francois Le blanc	Joy	68
Susan Moore	Jack	61
Lene Band	Penny	57

Eve at the ready

Photo by
Beth Devereaux



Putting on My First Trial Here at Cloudberry Farm (the Backstory)

By Andrea de Kenedy

How it went:

1. Buy the Farm

A surprisingly efficient process. Contact the realtor. Spend a day or two looking at (wholly inappropriate) listings over a week or two.

Week three: first day listing, same-day offer: 60 acres, mostly arable, some woods, right location, price is right. Deal.

2. Sell the City House

Again, quick but intense. Prepare for sale. List. First day open house. Nine viewings by 6 p.m. "Bully" offer in hand and accepted by 11p.m. The Toronto market is hot.

3. Move

Gruesome. Say no more.

4. Farming Stuff

First fall: corn is harvested.

Spring, following year: it's wet. Wait and wait for it to be dry enough to seed.

Late spring: seed with pasture mix and cover crop.

Fall: cover crop off. Sheep turned out for first time.

5. Meanwhile

Fence. Electrify sheep field. Build sheep shelter. Install water lines and hydrants. Buy hay. Buy sheep. Train on own fields for first time. Sell sheep: it's winter.

6. Onward

New year: Take first and second cut. Keep some, sell most. Re-cover hay coverall. Clear tree lines in proposed new trial field. Add more fencing. Train dogs. Buy and sell sheep as required.

7. 2016!

Buy sheep. Build setout. First cut: sold. Borrow more sheep. Announce trial. Trial prep: the usual.

8. Hold Trial July 9th 2016!

A great day, beautiful weather and a spectacular new trial field to add to the many eastern Ontario locations. Thanks Helen Dunning for taking on the judging role.

Pro/Novice 1

Tracy Hinton	Lad	77
Marie Sawford	Jill	68
John Palmer	Mara	65
Lorna Savage	Ivy	59
Helen Knibb	Gael	38

Pro/Novice 2

John Palmer	Mara	72
Tracy Hinton	Lad	72
Cathie Vodden	Finn	69
Lorna Savage	Ivy	62
Lynn Johnston	Eve	51



Helen Knibb and Sue

Photo by:
Beth Devereaux

Novice/Novice 1

Susan Moore	Jack	9
Liz Burden	Meg	6
Tania Costa	Jake	RT
Patrick Gosselin	Max	RT
Kelly Morrow	Dara	RT

Novice/Novice 2

Patrick Gosselin	Max	40
Tania Costa	Jake	35
Kelly Morrow	Dara	30
Susan Moore	Jack	RT
Liz Burden	Meg	RT

Good Companions Novice Trial: The Devil's in the Details

By Teresa Castonguay

I hosted my first trial this summer. Against all odds I had a blast doing it!

My field is quite small and I don't have a lot of sheep but after taking advantage of lots of Ontario trials hosted by my friends, it was time to step up to the plate. OK, it wasn't going to have all classes and maybe it wasn't going to look pretty (more on this later) but I would do my best to provide a challenging but manageable course and a friendly supportive environment for novice teams.

Luckily, I have years of experience in event planning so the details of putting on a one-day trial only required hours of planning and pages of lists! And that cliché is true ... the devil *is* in the details. I thought of every trial I ever attended and planned to re-create the ones I enjoyed the most. It really does take a lot of people to put on a trial and we are blessed in Ontario with a wealth of folks willing to spend long days putting up fencing, setting up panels, slogging across fields, snagging clothes and skin on wire, picking up, pounding in, manhandling sheep all of this in the hottest summer on record.



John Palmer and Mara

So there was lots of water for dogs and sheep, as much shade as was possible, rounds of applause after everyone's runs, advice, support, kindness and humour... as well as brilliant teams of people taking care of everything from set out to the pen to the exhaust to the really delicious food.

News flash – triallers have incredible sweet teeth...teeth? The deserts were outstanding.

OK, so the panels were just skids on T-bars and the pen was made of cattle panels but they worked... well... maybe the pen was tough...but was it the pen or the sheep?

My advice to others...try it..you'll like it!! There is a very helpful handbook on the OBCC website.

Pro/Novice 1 (14 dogs)

John Palmer	Mara	82
Anne Wheatley	Jesse	67
Tracy Hinton	Lad	66
Helen Dunning	Kate	61
Tara Dier	Nicky	59
Cathie Vodden	Finn	48
Helen Knibb	Gael	45
John Milloy	Annie	37

Pro/Novice 2 (14 dogs)

John Palmer	Mara	82
Tracy Hinton	Lad	71
Cathie Vodden	Finn	70
Helen Dunning	Kate	69
Stacey Rember	Teg	63
Tara Dier	Nicky	61
Kevan Gretton	Nate	60
Stacey Rember	Shep	50
Louise Hadley	Tug	44
Helen Knibb	Gael	43
Helen Knibb	Sue	31

Novice/Novice 1 (6 dogs)

Susan Moore	Jack	43
Michelle Taliana	Blake	38
Patrick Gosselin	Max	30
Stacey Rember	Nell	RT
Rebecca Lawrence	Key	RT
Patrick Gosselin	Drew	RT

Novice/Novice 2 (6 dogs)

Susan Moore	Jack	54
Rebecca Lawrence	Key	50
Patrick Gosselin	Drew	50
Michelle Taliana	Blake	45
Patrick Gosselin	Max	RT
Stacey Rember	Nell	RT

By the way, and speaking of great volunteers, in Tracy Hinton's article about the Canadian Championships you'll see the list of those who volunteered to help that event be such a success.

80 Acres Sheep Dog Trials

By Lorna Savage

This year 80 Acres had the largest number of entries it has ever had, a day was added to the trial to make up for the numbers. Handlers came from as far away as British Columbia and California.

The sheep were challenging and hard to set out. Penning proved to be very difficult. More than one set of sheep merrily made their way through the campers or managed to escape into the woods on the right side of the field. There were time outs while they were dug out of the brush.



Lorna and Kaylee

The trial was run to a standard as time was tight even with the extra day. First dog was on the field by 7 am and we finished in good time so as not to wear out the Judge, Johnny Robinson of Scotland.



Ken Price and Tam

The sheep settled a bit by the last day just in time to be moved over to Grass Creek for the Kingston Sheep Dog trails.

Saturday night a large crowd of handlers gathered for a fantastic meal. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely, it was a great trial.



Marilyn Terpstra and Lola

Open 1 (133 dogs)

1	Amanda Milliken	Howell	88
2	Ken Price	Syd	86
3	Jennifer L'Arrivee	Kinloch Bee	86
4	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	85
5	Linda Tesdahl	Royce	82
6	Barbara Ray	Stella	81
7	Steve Wetmore	Gile	81
8	Marianna Schreeder	Amy	79
9	Bob Stephens	RMS Black Lux	79
10	Marianna Schreeder	Nel	78

Open 2 (137 dogs)

1	Barbara Ray	Stella	96
2	Marilyn Terpstra	Lola	93
3	Cy Peterson	Erin	91
4	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	90
5	Beverly Lambert	Nan	88
6	Connie Brannen	Boz	88
7	Jennifer L'Arrivee	Kinloch Bee	85
8	Tom Wilson	Kate	82
9	Lori Cunningham	Matt	81
10	Joe Haynes	Keally	81

Kingston Sheep Dog Trials

By Viki Kidd

Thank-goodness the Kingston Sheepdog trials are held at Grass Creek Park right on the banks of the beautiful St. Lawrence Seaway. With scorching temperatures and long, sometimes very long wait times between runs due to the astonishing numbers of handlers this year, the cool clean waters were well used by dog and handler alike.

168 runs over 5 days is a record, I believe, for any trial in NA – requiring a lot of sheep and clear-headed and patient management. The City of Kingston and the trials committee delivered. This year's allotment of cagey ewes from Wapoos Island, some just weaned from their lambs, demanded excellent dog sense and delicate, yet certain handling. With such a number of good dog running to watch, it was disappointing, I'm sure, to the management that the blazing sun kept the usual great number of spectators from venturing to the park as in recent years – other than the die-hard fans who book their vacations for this annual event.



Bev Lambert and Nan

Double Lift Winners

1	Beverly Lambert	Nan	297
2	Barbara Ray	Stella	271
3	Beverly Lambert	Joe	260
4	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	244
5	Barbara Ray	Maverick	232
6	Christine Koval	Jimmy	231
7	Tom Wilson	Kate	219
8	Dawn Boyce	Slim	211
9	Wayne Roberts	Mick	210
10	Joni Tietjen	Ben	203
11	Joyce Geier	Jim	195
12	Joni Tietjen	Cap	188
13	Dave Young	Bess	173
14	Lori Cunningham	Matt	171



Tracy Hinton and Soot

Judges Patrick Shanahan from Idaho and Johnny Wilson from Scotland were in top form as they each spent 2 ½ days sorting the qualifying runs – conscientious workers both.

Remarkably, the ewes were less suspicious of the pen this year. Return volunteers knowing that the run ended there? Who knows for sure, but it certainly was a large contributor to the unusually high combined scores for the top 17 that went forward into Sunday's Double Lift.

Day winners were Tracy Hinton and Soot on a 90 and Barbara Ray and Maverick on a 92. (gone are the days when an 81 or 82 took the top spot – such is the competition now).

Bev Lambert and Nan went on to win the Double Lift followed by Barbara Ray with Stella.

Another year in the books.



Barbara Ray and Stella



2016 OBCC EVENTS

You'll want to mark the following dates on your calendar so that you don't miss these confirmed Trials:

September 24 –26	Fall Trial Series: Indian River, Village of Indian River
September 27 –29	Fall Trial Series: Swaledale, Blackstock
September 30, October 1 - 2	Fall Trial Series: Shepherd's Crook Farm, Woodville
October 21 – 23	Butternut Sheep Dog Trial, Kingston

Watch the website for further events.

NEW! Mentoring Program

At Indian River SDT on the Novice Day September 26th.

If you are an open handler and are willing to share your expertise, **consider mentoring** a novice handler at the Indian River leg of the Triple Crown. You will be asked to watch the novice run, debrief the run and provide feedback to the novice handler. Volunteer and help the novice handler improve his or her skills!

Anyone running on the novice day who has never competed in open is **eligible to be mentored**, all you have to do is sign up! The committee will facilitate finding you a mentor. This is an opportunity for novice handlers to benefit from open handlers who have volunteered to watch your run, provide feedback and share ideas on how to improve. For full details on how the pilot program will run, see the September 26th entry on the Trials Page of the OBCC website.

This is a pilot project proposed by the Education and Outreach Committee and approved by the OBCC board, and if well received, we will consider running it at future trials!

And a summer's end, a sighting to share!

"The rare tri-coloured, prick-eared beaver"

Photo by Peter Mohr

