



# Ontario Border Collie Club

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*"Pithy sign at the World Trials in the Netherlands"*

## 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 Editor

Wow! What a busy Summer! There are more Ontario trials to cover and it's so good to see new trials popping up. We have tried to cover all the trials and I want to say a big thank you to all those who have written trial reports. The newsletter would not

happen without you,

This was a particularly exciting year as we celebrated 30 years of the Kingston trials which coincided with the Canadian finals being at Grass Creek. It was quite the event! But I will leave you to read Dave Young's report to get the full story.

These trials could not take place without a really dedicated group of volunteers. Looking around at Grass Creek I became aware of just how many people it takes to run this event. There are the many visible volunteers but also many who work behind the scenes. As a club, we want thank them all for giving so much time and energy to make these trials happen. I would like to give a special mention to our many new "Novice" handlers who have volunteered in so many capacities. They jump in and lend a hand wherever they are needed. We could not do this without their help!

Now on to the Fall trials. I hope to see you all there.

Helen Dunning



Helen and Dogs  
Photo by Gordon Dunning

## *A Message from the Board*

The OBCC was approached and asked to evaluate Ranch as an official class of OBCC. At the AGM, a motion was put forward to investigate the addition of Ranch.

The motion is as follows:

It is proposed that the board explore trial guideline changes that would include an official Ranch class. Prior to 2017 AGM these proposed changes will be presented to the membership at large for feedback and then a final draft will be presented at 2017 AGM.

The class outline would look as follows:

*Ranch*

*HANDLER: Any level of handler*

*DOG: Dog of any breed that has not competed at any higher level than Ranch with more phases of work anywhere with the exception of those dogs identified in section 2.0*

*The Ranch course shall consist of an outrun of at least 200 yards, a lift, fetch, full drive consisting of away, cross and return sections of at least 250 yards and a pen*

The main difference from the current status quo would be tracking points in Ranch classes and the inclusion of winning a trophy.

All current trial managers have the option to add the Ranch class and it is regularly run here in Ontario. Sanctioning Ranch within the OBCC will not make it any more or less available than it currently is.

Because we do not allow dogs to enter more than one class we would be at odds with NEBCA that allows cross entered Open and Ranch dogs. Currently, by not recognizing the Ranch class, trial managers have the option to include dogs that have run in Open and not placed, in either Open or Ranch or both. Because of the rules for moving up to the next class, there would be a disconnect in the way that OBCC and NEBCA handles moving up to the next higher class.

Additionally, in our guidelines we allow a new dog with a Novice handler to drop one level, so an Open level trained dog would now drop to Ranch rather than PN. This may be more difficult for our novice handlers as they begin to work with a new dog.

The cost of a trophy and perpetual awards would include a capital outlay of \$600 for a silverplated trophy or up to \$4000 for a trophy equivalent to the current trophies the OBCC owns. Annual awards would add an additional \$150 for 4-7 dogs that participate from OBCC members.

One of the reasons put forward to include the Ranch class is to allow more steps as a progression towards Open. Since Ranch is already offered at many trials there is already this option.

As a Board, we would strongly suggest to course designers that they make the PN cross drive a more reasonable length earlier on in the season.

The Board has spent a great deal of time reviewing the motion and the pros and cons of including an additional class. We believe there are already opportunities to participate in Ranch without adding an additional OBCC class.

*Cynthia, Werner, Sheri, Teresa and Tracy*

A look back from an original OBCC member: we will be making a regular column featuring some of the original members of the OBCC. We value these long-standing members and what they bring to the table in terms of the club history and experience. In this issue, we feature Bruce Smart who, I'm happy to say, is still a regular participant in many trials.

## A Look Back

By Bruce Smart



In the 1980's due to a heavy tax reassessment we were forced to sell our farm and herd of Herefords, so we downsized to sheep and a smaller acreage. We later moved to our present 50 acres but, as a concession to maturity, we no longer farm it ourselves. All that to explain why we acquired sheep and, of course, why we needed a sheepdog.



I knew very little about dogs but in 1987 I bought Skye as a pup from Alex McKinven in North Hatley. I wish I could say that we were great team right from the start. Unfortunately, that was not the case. A combination

of my ignorance and Skye's outrun meant that we were usually listed as "also rans". I can still remember her outrun at Evelyn Neuendorf's trial south of Ottawa. She left my feet with conviction well out to the away side, then her bad habit kicked in and at 9 o'clock she stopped and that was the end of the outrun in her opinion. Much later I gave Skye away and she died on the road. Her regretful

owners donated the Skye Memorial Trophy for the top Novice dog each year.

Nowadays quite a few people offer training services, which might explain why (in my opinion) the standard of trialing has improved so much when compared to thirty years ago. I first learnt training techniques from books and no doubt they are still a good source of information, particularly when supplemented by on the field coaching.

Jump forward 10 years, and in 1997 I bred Dyna to Sally Lacy's Tru and the result was Dolly. I also bought a pup from John Atkinson named Peg. That pair of dogs carried me through the turn of the century. They were always a threat in open although they differed completely in style. Dolly was wise and steady. Peg always responded to commands but was so fast that she was hard to keep up with. I often left the field exhausted. Those two dogs took me to Finals in Tulsa, Sturgis, Belle Grove, and to the world trial in Ireland.

Our sport would not exist without a lot of work by those who organize trials. I had a brief fling at that myself, so I speak from experience. The regional and national organizations also need support. Again, I speak from experience as a past director of USBCHA, and ex-president of ABCA and CBCA.

I no longer breed dogs or raise and train pups - that maturity thing again -- but I have managed to acquire some good dogs. From Mike Canaday I bought Ken. Hub Holmes sold me Link, and my present open competitor Hemp came from Kevin Evans in Wales. That is the beauty of this sport. As long as your legs can carry you to the post and you have breath enough to whistle, you can keep going.



All Photos by Michelle Lawrence

# Swaledale Novice SDT, Blackstock, Ontario, May 20, 2017

By Fiona Robertson



Fiona and meG turning the post Photo by Michelle Lawrence

Coming from the Eastern Townships, Quebec, it was a long drive to run one young dog in Ranch, but I am so glad I made the trip! The beautiful field and surroundings, the well cared for sheep and the relaxed atmosphere was enjoyed by all.

Jim Murphy, our judge for the day, dedicated the trial to his good dog Trim, who had passed on only a few days before. It was a poignant reminder for us to enjoy our dogs and not to take things too seriously.

Saturday's two competitive runs were followed by "fun runs", which gave everyone a chance at a Mulligan, have a go with a different dog, or to try a bigger course. The fun runs were mentored: handlers with more experience were paired with more novice teams to critique and coach. I think this is a fantastic way to encourage people who are new to the sport to learn the ropes in a less intimidating way than the "School of Hard Knocks", which is a tough classroom on the trial field!

Thank you to Sheri and Hugh for hosting, and to all the people who worked hard before, during and after the trial to ensure we all had an enjoyable time.

The long drive home on Sunday was made more interesting for me as I went to pick up 6 weaner Tamworth piglets from Cynthia and John Palmer. I had never loaded piglets into a trailer before (they have in the past gone into dog crates in the truck) and although they had been long weaned, let's just say it felt a little bit like I was stealing Momma T-Rex's children. Cynthia did inform me that Momma Pig settled down about 5 minutes after her kids left for summer camp and was likely happy to be able to get back to her soap operas and cocktail parties.

They are gorgeous pigs, so I am sure I'll be back next year for the trial and piglet pick up!

NOVICE-NOVICE 1		
Handler	Dog	Score
Rebecca Lawrence	Key	41

NOVICE-NOVICE 2		
Handler	Dog	Score
Rebecca Lawrence	Key	45

PRO-NOVICE 1		
Handler	Dog	Score
Anne Wheatley	Jess	71
Lorna Savage	Ivy	70
Catherine Rae	Glen	60
Louise Hadley	Tug	57
Sheri Purcell	Ziva	56
Lene Band	Gypsy	52

PRO-NOVICE 2		
Handler	Dog	Score
Lorna Savage	Ace	69
Susan Moore	Jack	66
Catherine Rae	Glen	55
Anne Wheatley	Jess	55
Helen Knibb	Gael	46
Sheri Purcell	Ziva	45

RANCH 1		
Handler	Dog	Score
Fiona Robertson	meG	78
Helen Dunning	Kate	73
Anne Wheatley	Dusk	72

RANCH 2		
Handler	Dog	Score
Fiona Robertson	meG	78
Anne Wheatley	Dusk	53
Kristin Bryant	Bea	33

# Holstein Agro Expo

By Tracy Hinton

On July 1st, a number of us made our way to Holstein, Ontario to participate in the Holstein Agro Expo International Sheep Shearing Competition and Sheepdog Trial.

Although the Sheepdog Trial was new this year, this was the 6th year holding the Shearing competition and competitors have come to this event from United States, British Isles, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Classes included both amateur and professional and the total prize purse was over \$7,000.00. Many made their way from this event onto Calgary to compete at the Calgary Stampede. I was fortunate enough to watch some of the competition. I understand that they had a speed event on Friday night and it was fantastic. I was sorry that I missed it. The technical event that I did see was very good. The quality of the shear and the speed were amazing to watch. I must admit I did find it quite funny to watch, with the judges in white coats leaning over watching every move, scribbling down notes on their clipboards. I was sorry that I did not get the time to understand all the classes nor to see everything but what I did see was excellent.

The sheepdog trial was organized by Viki Kidd along with the Agro Committee. The committee and Viki did a fantastic job with setup and made us all feel welcome. The completely fenced large "arena" type field was constructed by the committee. Sheep set out pens and exhaust area were built with tents for shade and rain. Viki's flock of 70ish sheep were trucked in for the event.

The event ran with Nursery 1 on Friday night. On Saturday we ran Nursery 2, Open 1, Novice, Pro Novice, Ranch and then Open 2. The top 5 Open dogs ran back in the Open Finals at end of day. The format for all classes, other than nursery, was arena time plus points. The Nursery class with USBCHA rules guidelines was judged the same as a field trial. The complexity and number of obstacles on the course changed with the classes. Novice handlers could still move to assist in their single drive/wear leg. For the Open course, it meant having to be able to stop your dogs short on the outrun to go around a barrel prior to bringing through fetch panels. The competitors were working with the pressure of the arena and sheep that didn't want to go between the fence and a Y chute. Different challenges than a field trial...but challenges just the same. Having the time clock ticking made you do things just a little bit more rushed than normal and not always with the best outcome! For me the circle on the ground that the handler was instructed to stay in seemed to be so much more restrictive than standing next to a post! Why was that? I don't think I normally move around that much, but draw a white circle on the ground and tell me to stay in there seemed to mess with my head a bit!

The spectators were enthusiastic and most handlers got into the competition and the "show" that we had become a part of. I spoke to many people who had come out just to "see the dogs" which was super, given that it was the first time for the trial.

Kudos to the committee, Viki and the volunteers. It was a fun way to spend Canada's 150th birthday!

## OPEN 1

Handler	Dog	Pts	Time
Tracy Hinton	Lad	18	2:37
Viki Kidd	Macy	18	3:21
Tracy Hinton	Dax	18	3:25
Viki Kidd	Reed	18	3:45
Katy Ratliff	Slate	18	3:55

## OPEN FINALS

Handler	Dog	Pts	Time
Tracy Hinton	Lad	42	3:41
Viki Kidd	Macy	42	3:57

## OPEN 2

Handler	Dog	Pts	Time
Viki Kidd	Reed	18	2:42
Tracy Hinton	Lad	18	3:07
Kevan Gretton	Sid	18	3:07
Viki Kidd	Macy	18	3:27
Katy Ratliff	Slate	18	3:54

## PRO-NOVICE

Handler	Dog	Pts	Time
Victoria Lamont	Dram	15	3:10
Louise Hadley	Tug	15	3:16
Ken Steepe	Mac	15	3:30
Anne Wheatley	Jesse	11	3:30
Lene Band	Gypsy	9	3:30

**RANCH**

Handler	Dog	Pts	Time
Kelly Knowlton	Pepper	14	4:00
Chris Knowlton	Spot	12	4:00
Anne Wheatley	Dusk	12	4:00

**NOVICE-NOVICE**

Handler	Dog	Pts	Time
Cindy Ghent	Spinner	9	3:00
Kelly Morrow	Dara	6	3:00
Lene Band	Penny	6	3:00

**NURSERY 1**

Handler	Dog	Score
Victoria Lamont	Dram	72
Lynn Johnston	Eve	65

**NURSERY 2**

Handler	Dog	Score
Viki Kidd	Lynn	73
Victoria Lamont	Dram	69

**Handy Dog SDT***By Stacey Rember*

Shep, Nell, puppy Peat & I headed down the 401 in absolute pouring rain. Our destination was Victoria Lamont's first ever sheepdog trial rightfully named Handy Dog.

We've had an incredibly busy spring at home, at times a bit of a blur. I was looking forward to our first trial of the year and doing some catching up with friends.

Thankfully the weather cleared on the other side of Toronto. Up until this point I was not looking forward to a night in my tent! The weather held and Saturday evening was beautiful, complete with fireworks, a cannon (naughty neighbors) and strawberry shortcake courtesy of the Lawrences to help celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny. The Nursery class ran first which I enjoyed with fresh coffee and breakfast in hand courtesy of Rebecca.

The sheep were challenging and dog savvy. A great opportunity to work different sheep on a new field...it was definitely a learning experience.

All classes ran twice during the day with a lovely BBQ lunch provided in between.

It really warmed up in the afternoon. We hadn't seen that much sun for weeks at home and Victoria's fantastic pond was appreciated by many of the dogs after their runs.

A huge thank you to Victoria and John for opening up their farm, especially on such a busy weekend.

**RANCH 1**

Handler	Dog	Score
Kevin Grettan	Kai	60
Marie Sawford	Jill	56
Kristin Bryant	Bea	27

**RANCH 2**

Handler	Dog	Score
Kevin Grettan	Kai	67
Anne Wheatley	Dusk	65
Katy Ratliff	Teak	27

**PRO-NOVICE 1**

Handler	Dog	Score
Victoria Lamont	Dram	70
Catherine Rae	Glen	57
Louise Hadley	Tug	57
Kelly Morrow	Spot	44

**PRO-NOVICE 2**

Handler	Dog	Score
Catherine Rae	Glen	69
Victoria Lamont	Dram	61
Anne Wheatley	Jess	52
Stacey Rember	Shep	35
Susan Moore	Jack	34
Kelly Morrow	Spot	28

**NOVICE 1**

Handler	Dog	Score
Kelly Morrow	Dara	49
Stacey Rember	Nell	49
Rebecca Lawrence	Key	49

**NOVICE 2**

Rebecca Lawrence	Key	30
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## Two Perspectives: Shepherd's Crook Farm Summer Novice Trial

*By: Kelly Morrow; Cathie Vodden and Lynn Johnston*

I have just returned from my first time at the Shepherd's Crook summer trial and what a great weekend it was. The weather gods were on our side. It was bit overcast with a breeze and only a short shower on Sunday afternoon. Due to the wet season, we could not park on the field so a big thank you to the gracious hosts, Kevan and Kim, who allowed us to park on any available dry piece of land around the house. Thank you to the judges Lorna Savage (Nursery and Ranch) and Helen Dunning (NN and Pro Novice). Thanks to Viki Kidd for organizing and keeping us on track.

The trial started on Friday night with a Nursery trial and a young group of sheep that provided some fun for the handlers.

On Saturday, the NN had eleven competitors and a run off for first place. It is very encouraging as a NN handler to be able to help your dog out when needed, in order to get some success, even if you have to forfeit your run. During the Pro Novice class, the sheep were finding creative ways to leave the field (mine included!)

The afternoon event was Agility Sheep Snooker which was entertaining and just a little bit competitive. The interesting thing was that the team that won did so by

calmly and efficiently completing the greatest number of obstacles and not only high point obstacles. I hear they are already tweaking the rules for next year. Following the Agility Sheep Snooker the pool party commenced and the water was "very" refreshing. The potluck dinner was a feast to behold and so tasty.

Sunday saw a full day of runs and great progress for a number of dogs and handlers. NN handlers Patrick and Francois moved up to PN (N/C) and had great runs. There were many great scoring runs and as a Novice handler, being able to watch how it is supposed to look, is so helpful and inspiring.

I don't have many trials under my belt yet but trying to make progress with each run is important to me. I look forward to the day when it all comes together but in the meantime, I need to remember to stay calm, keep my voice calm and do what I need to do in order to help my dog. "Calmly"...yes there is a pattern here.

A big shout out to the folks who set out and worked in the pens both days. It is greatly appreciated. I cannot wait until next time.

Kelly Morrow

There were two opportunities to qualify Nursery dogs at the Shepherd's Crook Nursery Trial in late July. The first on Friday night saw seven dogs challenged by largely undogged yearlings. This was repeated on Saturday morning. Several dogs got qualifying legs for the finals. Older ewes were introduced to the mix for the NN, PN, and Ranch classes which followed. This settled things down a bit.

Saturday afternoon featured an Agility-style Sheep Snooker Game in which every dog/handler team on a team of 8 was challenged with choosing one of seven elements with varying points assigned. Each team was allowed 15 minutes to complete elements such as a gather, shed, various drives, a chute, a pen, and a split. One group of sheep allowed themselves to be penned multiple times for maximum points. The rules may be adjusted in the future!

The traditional pool/cocktail party followed with an amazing banquet (thanks to hosts Kevin and Kim for the turkey and beef, and contributions from participants to round out the table!) which topped off a day of challenges and laughs.

Sunday dawned overcast and with a breeze, perfect conditions for running dogs and sheep. Everyone was pumped after the sheep games on Saturday and eager to get back at the trial course. Some handlers with novice dogs or novices themselves took the opportunity under judge Helen Dunning to walk out from the post and help their dog where it was needed. This is one of the advantages of this wonderful relaxed, collegial trial. A couple of our novice members from Quebec (Patrick & Michel) took the plunge and ran their dogs in PN for the first time. They ran non-compete and discovered they could have been there all along! This group of new members will be a force to be reckoned with.

The sheep needed a reason to respect the dogs proving a challenge to hot, zippy dogs, but Kevan's sheep have become good trial sheep. The weekend was relaxed, well organized, and filled with lots of laughs and good fun. This is a marvellous trial to get runs under your crook!

Many thanks to Kevan and Kim, Viki and Tracy, judges Helen Dunning and Lorna Savage, and all who helped set out and otherwise volunteered.

Cathie Vodden and Lynn Johnston

## SHEPHERD'S CROOK NOVICE TRIAL RESULTS

NURSERY 1		
Handler	Dog	Score
Kate Ash	Kate	72
Louise Hadley	Tug	61

NOVICE-NOVICE 1		
Handler	Dog	Score
Patrick Gosselin	Drew	67
Francois LeBlanc	Joy	67
Patrick Gosselin	Max	61
Stacey Rember	Nell	57
Tania Costa	Jake	38

NOVICE-NOVICE 2		
Handler	Dog	Score
Stacey Rember	Nell	71
Patrick Gosselin	Drew	64
Patrick Gosselin	Max	59
Francois LeBlanc	Joy	58
Michel Bombardier	Jack	54

NOVICE-NOVICE 3		
Handler	Dog	Score
Rebecca Lawrence	Key	61
Stacey Rember	Nell	55
Patrick Gosselin	Max	52
Michel Bombardier	Jack	51
Amy Hershberger	Sue	41

NURSERY 2		
Handler	Dog	Score
Lynn Johnston	Eve	49

RANCH 1		
Handler	Dog	Score
Kevan Gretton	Kai	70
Helen Dunning	Kate	67
Pam Wataha	Ace	58
Jean-Louis Bigourdan	Kelso	52
Lynn Johnston	Finn	42

RANCH 2		
Handler	Dog	Score
Kevan Gretton	Kai	81
Pam Wataha	Ace	79
Cathie Vodden	Finn	65
Lynn Johnston	Finn	58
Tara Dier	Nicky	51

RANCH 3		
Handler	Dog	Score
Cathie Vodden	Finn	82
Kevan Gretton	Kai	76
Pam Wataha	Ace	67
Hilary Flower	Floss	67
Kristin Bryant	Bea	66

PRO-NOVICE 1		
Handler	Dog	Score
Kate Ash	Kate	78
Lorna Savage	Ace	77
Stacey Rember	Shep	71
Cynthia Palmer	Pippy	70
Louise Hadley	Tug	65
Lorna Savage	Ivy	65

PRO-NOVICE 2		
Handler	Dog	Score
Cynthia Palmer	Pippy	84
Victoria Lamont	Dram	81
Lorna Savage	Ivy	80
Sheri Purcell	Kelly	76
Louise Hadley	Tug	69
Catherine Rae	Glen	69

PRO-NOVICE 3		
Handler	Dog	Score
Lorna Savage	Ivy	80
Bruce Smart	Spice	78
Lorna Savage	Ace	78
Hilary Flower	Tan	75
Kate Ash	Kate	73
Victoria Lamont	Dram	73



## 80 Acres and Kingston Sheep Dog Trials Results

The 80 Acres trial is the prelude to the Kingston trials. The sheep arrive from Wapoos Island and the brave competitors at 80 Acres try to calm these wily creatures for the event at Grass Creek. The sheep are always a challenge to work and set, but that's part of the reason why people enter this trial. It's a real test for dogs and handlers so special congratulations to the winners Amanda Milliken with Howell and Kevan Gretton with Kai.

### 80 Acres SDT Results

OPEN 1					
Handler	Dog	Score	Handler	Dog	Score
Amanda Milliken	Howell	91	Beverly Lambert	Nan	79
Barbara Ray	Stella	90	Luanne Twa	Glen	77
Kevan Gretton	Kai	86	Cy Peterson	Erin	76
Leslie Gamble	Bob	85	Cy Peterson	Reba	75
Tracy Hinton	Lad	83	Beverly Lambert	Joe	73
Lee Lumb	Gus	83	Lorna Savage	Kaylee	72
Sue Schoen	Cora	83	Wendy Schmaltz	Kai	72
Ken MacKenzie	Grace	82	Kristi Oikawa	Bar	71
Marilyn Terpstra	Lola	81	Linda Tesdahl	Royce	71
Barbara Ray	Maverick	80	Cheryl Williams	Fleet	70
Luanne Twa	Gus	80			

OPEN 2					
Handler	Dog	Score	Handler	Dog	Score
Kevan Gretton	Kai	91	Nancy Obernier	Nell	79
Cy Peterson	Erin	90	Lise Anderson	Nellie	78
Luanne Twa	Gus	90	Chuck Dimit	Joel	77
Beverly Lambert	Joe	89	Barbara Ray	Maverick	77
Amanda Milliken	Dorey	88	Mary Thompson	Teagan	75
Ken MacKenzie	Grace	87	Kathy Keats	Davy	75
Mary Minor	Feist	85	Lori Cunningham	Matt	74
Sallie Butler	Roo	84	Lorna Savage	Tyler	74
Carol Nelson	Tiki	82	Lorna Savage	Kaylee	73
Mary Minor	Monty	80	Beverly Lambert	Nan	73
Mary Thompson	Jake	79			

### KINGSTON SHEEP DOG TRIAL 2017 RESULTS

OPEN 1					
Handler	Dog	Score	Handler	Dog	Score
Dawn Boyce	Slim	92	Amanda Milliken	Howell	76
Kathy Keates	Dang	88	Mary Minor	Feist	75
Cy Peterson	Reba	88	Warren Mick	Eddie	74
Louanne Twa	Gus	87	Barbara Leverett	Bob	74
Jeanine Henigan	Bo	87	Jeanine Henigan	Jag	74
Robin French	Cain	86	Dick Williams	Dave	74
Louanne Twa	Glen	85	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	74
Joe Haynes	Keally	84	Beverly Lambert	Nan	73
Pam Boring	Jim	84	Dave Young	Pic	73
Lee Lumb	Gus	83	Mich Ferraro	Mawde	73
Fiona Robertson	Fen	83	Chuck Dimit	Trace	73
Jim Valley	Twix	81	Brian Cash	Neul	72
Charles Williams	R.C. Lyn	79	Sally Malloy	Gyp	72
Linda Tesdahl	Royce	79	Gord Lazarotto	Drift	71
Lori Cunningham	Gideon	78	Cheryl Williams	Ruby	70
Barbara Ray	Stella	78	Barbara Ray	Maverick	70
Linda Tesdahl	Glyn	77	Diane Barrentine	Bella	70

OPEN 2					
Handler	Dog	Score	Handler	Dog	Score
John Palmer	Mara	92	JimValley	Twix	79
Amanda Milliken	Dory	91	Tracy Hinton	Lad	79
Wendy Schmaltz	Floss	90	Sue Schoen	Spy	78
Nancy Obernier	Nell	89	Billie Richardson	Dan	78
Beverly Lambert	Nan	87	Dawn Boyce	Micah	77
Barbara Ray	Maverick	86	Dawn Boyce	Slim	77
Cy Peterson	Reba	85	Mich Ferraro	Mawde	76
Warren Mick	Eddie	84	Lori Cunningham	Gideon	75
Ken McKenzie	Grace	84	Kristi Oikawa	Bar	75
Lori Cunningham	Matt	83	Cy Peterson	Erin	73
Barbara Ray	Stella	83	Mary Ann Duffy	Jill	73
Lorna Savage	Tyler	83	Sam Furman	Brooke	72
Joe Haynes	Pepper	83	Dave Young	Pic	72
Amanda Milliken	Howell	83	Robin French	Spot	72
Mary Minor	Monty	80	Nancy Phillips	Dot	72
Carol Nelson	Kale	80	Christine Koval	Jimmy	72
Joe Haynes	Keally	80	Chris Chalmers	Pearl	71

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kingston Sheep Dog Trials CBCA 2017 Championship

By Dave Young



The Moutie keeping watch over Dave and Pic in the DL Shedding Ring

30years. Wow. I have been fortunate enough to have been there for twenty-seven of them. When I was asked to write something about this trial my mind began to race. I will try to give you a vision of how I saw the past years. The beginning was the Pittsburgh township sheepdog trial. Running on Saturday and Sunday only, with 40 dogs on the slate. "Imagine" I said to my co-workers "40 dogs!" There was a double lift on Sunday with the top 6 running back. My first Shim got in with a completed course. Eight sheep were the used for the gathers, penning four for the finish.

The new fencing was installed roughly where it is now except along the waterfront. You think the turn at the post is tricky now...I will leave the rest for your imagination. Yes, the sheep can swim!

Saturday night parties were somewhat more lively than the last few years. We must be getting older. Some nights the festivities would last well past midnight. Country bands, country rock, handler jam sessions, I remember doing a harmonica blues gig with Walt Jagger on the sax. Afterward he said, " well that was good although I never played blues in the chord of E!". All things aside nothing holds a candle to the annual rendition of SEVEN SPANISH ANGELS by the one and only Ralph Pulfer. We would all howl and throw change into an open guitar box. Priceless.

As the years passed by, the entries grew. Challenges about sheep numbers, days of running logistics with the city of Kingston were readily handled by the team of

Amanda, Karen Curtis and Randy Dire. Their success is ours. No words can thank them enough. Our thanks, I hope, is our participation in this great trial.

One other memorable moment was 11 years ago. I am sure by now that all of you are aware of Amanda's affection for the RCMP. She attended two musical rides, one in Quebec and the other in Alberta two weeks later. One sharp officer in Alberta quickly recognized our friend and said "Hey! Didn't I see you in Quebec!" To sum up the year of the Mounties, Mary Ellen and I rented a Mountie and horse costume. After the Saturday night supper Carol did an intro to SGT La Juenuess of the RCMP. Years later the famous Mountie reappeared in a more "solid" form.

2017, thirty years, over 160 dogs, handlers from across America and the largest number from Western Canada to date. New friends and great laughs all around. The field was as green as ever, making a beautiful contrast with the white panels and sheep. Michelle Lawrence has captured what words cannot. See her work on FaceBook.

AMANDA MILLER	DOREY	277
PAM BORING	JIM	270
MARY MAJOR	FRIST	262
BARBARA RAY	MARRICK	246
LEE LUME	GRAS	238
AMANDA MILLER	HONDA	235
DEVERLY LANGER	MAN	232
JOE HAYNES	KEALLY	231
JAN DICE	SCOTT	229
ROBIN FRENCH	CAIN	221
MICHI FERRARO	MARCO	220
WARREN NICE	EDDIE	217
DAVE YOUNG	PIC	211
KATHY KEATS	DAVE	204
CY PETERSON	REBA	201
WENDY SCHARITZ	FLOSS	193
LOKI CUMBERBAM	MARY	175
JIM VALLEY	TRAVIS	RT
LOKI CUMBERBAM	TRAVIS	RT

Double Lift Score Board

Ok , down to the running. Shall I say ...tough? Tough to turn, pen or shed, choose one or all. But the sheep sorted us out. The top 20 from the combined scores of the two trials ran back on Sunday. It was a twenty five minute course. I have to say the quality of the runs was amazing. There were more completed runs this year than ever before. Everyone had their game face on and no lead was safe. I was fortunate to see my new friend Pam Boring of Pink Mountain BC lay down the performance of a lifetime. The shed was a clinic. Eight minutes were left on the clock after the pen closed. She did not catch Amanda and Dorey who won the championship. Pam and Jim were reserve.

This trial is a surreal event. It seems my year begins and ends with it. I urge all of you to participate and volunteer in what has become Canada's and North America's top sheepdog trial.

*It seems that almost everyone has a new puppy this year! We asked two of our most experienced breeders and puppy raisers to explain how they raised their puppies in the first few months before taking them to sheep. Everyone has their own ideas about how this should be done but I think we can all agree that we hope to raise a well-mannered, well socialized, happy and obedient puppy who is ready to meet the challenges of working sheep.*

## Raising Puppies

*By Lorna Savage*

Raising puppies can be a pleasure. There is a sense of pride and accomplishment to raise a puppy to be a working Border Collie. It is also a lot of work and you must be consistent in your training.

I have had a number of litters in the past, some easier to take care of than others. The easiest one I had was born in the spring and when they were old enough I was able to move them to a large horse stall. The ones I found more difficult, were born in the dead of winter and had to spend their first eight weeks in the house. My pups are born in a double closet in the back room of the house. As they grow I build a pen for them, enlarging it as they get older. The first three weeks are easy as they mostly eat and sleep and the mother cleans up after them. At three weeks, I introduce them to kibble softened with a bit of goats' milk. This is when I add newspapers to the pen and the clean up gradually becomes more my job.

When the pups are eight weeks they will have their first shots and microchip and are ready to go to their new homes. During the eight week period they have been handled by different people and introduced to a large number of different toys. They are allowed out of the pen to experience different types of footing. If the weather is nice I take them outside for a runabout and I also work on calling them to me and following.

Now all the pups are gone except for the one I kept or in some instances the one I purchased. I begin crate training. I want the pup to be comfortable and relaxed!

while in it. I start by feeding them inside so there is an association of good things. I have not had a pup yet that has not taken easily to the crate. I also have other dogs crated nearby for company.

I like to have the pup out and with me most of the time. Housebreaking starts right away. I teach them a "That'll do" and their name. At this stage, I also start working on a lie down and sit. I introduce them to the leash and take them on walks. Bad habits such as food protection are discouraged. Puppies also need a lot of sleep time.

Socialization is very important. Introduce them to new situations, noises such as the vacuum cleaner. Take the Puppies for car rides and meet other people. Once the pup has all his shots I sometimes take them to stores such as Pet Smart where dogs are welcome.

When the pup is about four months old or so they are introduced to the sheep. This is usually more of a fun chase and I am careful

to use sheep that will not injure or scare him. No commands, just seeing how he reacts. They are then left for a month or so and taken out again.

When the pup is eight months old and I feel he is ready I start on some formal training on the sheep. These sessions are short usually about ten minutes or so. The bones in their legs are not completely grown at this point so I try to not put too much strain on them. Some dogs are not ready until they are a year or even older. Don't push them too hard, it may come back to bite you



*Kaylee Savage X Jim puppies*

*Photo by Lorna Savage*

## A Border Collie Puppy – From Selection to Trial Field

By Mary Thompson, Hawk's Landing Border Collies & Training Centre



Kiara Snow

Photo by Mary Thompson

The most important thing to do before purchasing a Border Collie puppy for herding might be to look honestly at yourself and your abilities. Are you in good physical shape or limited to what you can do? Can you be tough if needed, or are you a marshmallow when it comes to a puppy? Your personal characteristics should play an important role in how you choose a puppy. If you are an outgoing, robust, enthusiastic, aggressive type, a bold pup might suit you. Or if you are a laid back, quiet, gentle, reserved individual, a calm laid back pup might be your choice. Most certainly if you are brand new to the sport of herding, you need to buy a pup from a biddable sire and dam. Do your research; ask the breeder lots of questions about the sire and dam, and their line of working dogs. Choose wisely.

Once you get your border collie home, enjoy the puppy time, bond with them and spoil them a little, but you must also begin to correct the behaviour that you don't like right away. I advise clients to expect their young puppy to act like an adult. Even though you will find it difficult, a strong reprimand at a young age is better than the requirement for more severe correction later. What you might think is cute behaviour from a small puppy, like biting the water

coming out of the hose, will not be so funny when the dog is fully grown and is lunging at the hose and sinking his teeth into it.

As your puppy begins to grow make sure you teach him a very good recall. Tiny food treats work well, and eventually won't be needed. When you call your young pup, make sure it comes immediately, and if not, make sure it doesn't ignore you! Do not allow your young pup to dismiss your authority just because he may be sniffing something interesting. You will require this immediate obedience as time goes on.

This may not be possible for everyone, but I like to show my puppy livestock at ages 12 weeks, 14 weeks, and 16 weeks. I believe it sparks their instinct and gets them interested in stock. If it's safe, I often allow them to interact briefly to reinforce their interest. Depending on how physically grown the young border collie is, I will begin light training at 7 to 9, months or older. Often males begin later as they may still have more growing to do and don't mature as fast as females.

If you don't have the ideal setup to begin training with your young dog, don't hesitate to send it out to a reputable trainer to have it started. It's much easier for a trainer to begin with a clean slate than it is to have to correct something that has gone wrong due to a faulty beginning.

Good luck.....and keep on herding!



Paris at six weeks

Photo by Mary Thompson

# The World Trials – Being There in Person

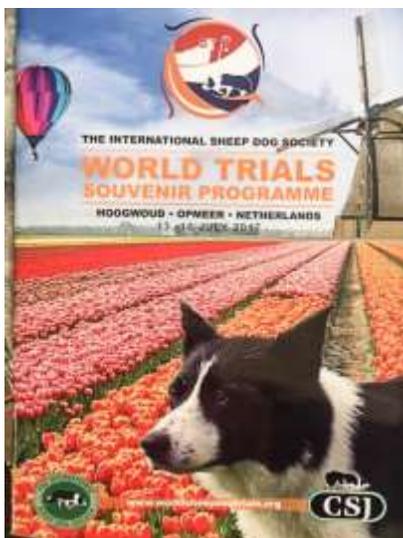
By Anne Wheatley

The Netherlands are partly below sea level and very flat. That makes the land perfect for bicycle riding and people of all ages get around that way. It also creates a country of canals that form a perfect barrier to keep sheep on their grazes. The people are friendly and very proud of their properties. It's beautiful there.



Thirty countries competed in the 2017 World Trial, July 13th to 16th, and for the first time the trials were held outside of the UK. The World Trial has been held every three years since 2002.

Watching world class Sheepdog handlers is a joy and a learning opportunity for me. Add in watching three world class handlers from Canada and a special excitement mixes with the joy. The feeling started on Wednesday afternoon when competitors marched down the main streets of the village of Hoogwoud in the opening ceremonies parade. I saw the Canadian flag coming and I felt like I was at the Olympics - red pants, red jacket and a Hudson Bay pullover left no doubt I was looking at the home team. The five dog Canadian team was made up of Scott Glen from Alberta and his dogs Alice and Anne, Lee Lumb from British Columbia and her dog Gus and Amanda Milliken from Ontario and her dogs Howell and Monty.



The running to qualify for the semi finals began on Thursday and continued to the end of Friday. Competition was on three fields, all flat with outruns about 400 yards in length. It was necessary to drive or bicycle between fields. Vendors selling whistles, crooks, clothing and food were set up beside field One, along with a grandstand, a tent

for the Saturday night gala dinner, and a small stage for live entertainment. Handler and vendor camping were beside fields 3 and 2.

The course was the same on each field. Five sheep, a left hand drive followed by a shed of two uncollared sheep, a pen, and a single from one of two collared sheep. The time allowed was 15 minutes. There were many well known names on the running orders but if I talk about all the great handlers who were there I will never get this article submitted in time. So, I will focus on the very talented Canadians.

Amanda and Howell ran first for Canada. They had a good go but missed a panel and came back through - score 156. Lee ran 25th on field 1 and did some very nice outwork, but then the sheep missed the cross drive panel and started running. It took Gus a few minutes to get them back but then the shed, pen and single were good - score 140. Scott ran Anne on field 3. It was a good run with only a couple of bobbles - score 164. The next day Scott ran Alice. She did some beautiful work. The only real issue was that she turned back looking for another packet of sheep when she was just above the fetch panels. Scott got her back and the run went on nicely - score 186. Last to run in the qualifiers was Amanda and Monty. It was a very good run with straight lines and tight turns. There was a failed attempt at the shed, likely because Monty didn't see it on his blind side. The score surprisingly was only 172.



Scott & Lee watch Michael

All Photos by Anne Wheatley

It was very close but none of our Canadians made it to the semi finals. But at the end of the semis and the finals it was announced that team Canada were reserve team point winners. As far as I could gather that meant that the sum of all their scores added to a number that was just a bit less than the English team who came first and a little more than the third place team.

The winners of the double lift finals were: Jaren Knive and Gin from Norway, Kevin Evans and Ace from Wales and Serg Vander Zveep and Gary from the Netherlands.

## The Bluegrass Classic 2017

*By Tara Dier*

This was my fourth Bluegrass trial. It is a classic, the Open field is spectacular, the sheep are tough but far from impossible, and it draws handlers from all across North America.

This year the heat was oppressive and we all worried about our dogs' wellbeing. Due to the number of cooling tubs no one seemed to suffer any ill effects. The handlers, however, were wilting.

The Bluegrass runs two Open trials and the top combined scores go on to the Double Lift on the final day. This year was Tom Wilson's year, as he and Kate pulled off as smooth a run as I have seen for a score of 143 out of 170. That man and that dog know how to pull off an international shed, with time left to spare.

But the Canadians did well: Amanda Milliken and Howell were not far behind Tom with a score of 139.5, and Scott Glen was third with Alice (133) and sixth with young Anne. They were no doubt gearing up for their excellent showing at the World Trial in July.

The Bluegrass runs many Novice runs on a second field and several OBCC members competed. Victoria Lamont and Dram pulled off a second place finish in Pro-Novice.



*Amanda DL Pen*

*Photo By Tara Dier*

Lynn Johnston and Finn, in their first Ranch runs, on very difficult sheep, did a very workmanlike job.

But the heat—oh. Paul Tucker asked after the event what I had thought of it. I told him to turn down the furnace. He said I should have brought cool air from Canada. I told him it had been turned back at the border.



## 2017 OBCC EVENTS

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

September 16

Good Companions Farm Novice Trial

October 7 - 9

Shepherds Crook Fall Triple Crown Trial

October 10 - 12

Triple Crown Indian River Fall Trial

October 13 - 15

Triple Crown Swaledale Fall Trial

***Watch the website for further events.***