



# Ontario Border Collie Club

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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: Kim Gretton, 309 Lorneville Road, Woodville, ON K0M 2T0.

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## From the Editor

Spring. New beginnings. Lambs in the fold and hay stalks wafting in the freshening breezes. Handlers and their dogs eager to get out to the fields and back into practice for the trial season. If only the winter season didn't seem to stretch so long!

Some of our members were fortunate enough to put in some time on trial fields in more clement locales; Amanda and Tracy share their travel adventures with us. An arena trial was a welcome respite to the dreary days and, as always, a fun way to in get some practice in good company. There, we got to see some of the new up-and-coming young dogs that are featured in this issue.

Now we head into the summer with trial schedules posted and plans being made on which ones to go to and where. This becomes a special consideration when you have a farm and stock that must be cared for in your absence. Cynthia shares her point of view on how she and John do this. For anyone who feels ready and wants to dip their toes in to test the farming waters, farm sitting, if even for a brief period, may be an option. Gaining or enhancing stock sense can be useful on the trial field too.

Every two years, the Most Promising Novice Handler is recognized with an award. Nominations are open from now until the end of August so check out the criteria in the notice on the next page and email Tracy with your nomination.

The CBCA Championships are being held out west this year, near Medicine Hat, AB. To all our handlers who are going, we hope Lady Luck smiles on you and wish you clear weather, good sheep and clean runs! We look forward to hearing all about it from you.

Thank you to all the people who contribute by submitting ideas and writing articles for the newsletter. We could not do this without you!

Happy Trials to You.

*Michelle & Kris*

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### NOTICE

**The new password for the Members' page access on the website is:**

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## Message from the President

After what seems like the longest winter ever (quick someone check back and see how many times I've said that), spring has passed us, and we are into summer. On the farm, the lambs are growing; management of the grazes and grass is in high gear and first cut has been done or will be soon for those of us without our own haying equipment.

As we head into trial season, it is hard here to jump into trialing so late when many others have had a dozen or so trials under their belt. But with the limited number of flocks to trial on, lambing happening in the spring, and the ice/ cold we must do our best with what we have. I was thinking about how valuable it is and how I love to watch someone good with stock, work and move livestock without a dog. They have an innate ability to move amongst them without bothering the animals until they catch the one they want, or calmly move the group while sorting at the same time. I think that is something everyone can become better at. Being a better stock manager. Being better at reading stock. Being better at understanding our pressure and presence on stock.

Move the livestock as calmly and gently as possible, without letting them run over you. That applies to our dogs too. It is our responsibility to teach our dogs to respect the sheep and work them with nice calm authority. It doesn't always work for me, but I sure try! Yesterday I had a group of 8 lambs that were stuck in a pen, with the opening the opposite side of where their moms were. My first thought was...why didn't I bring a dog but my second was, well I can do this. I only had to pick up one and put it over the fence. And that one was a bottle baby. I would like everyone to think about how they can manage their stock with the least stress to the stock, the dog and themselves.

We are coming up to the first trials of the year here in Ontario. I hope everyone enjoys Holstein and Handy dog trials coming up after the long weekend. Then come some local trials and Grass Creek. Consider volunteering even if you don't run a dog. There are opportunities to work in pens, scribe, set up fields and just generally enjoy the outdoors with good friends. Be a good student of our sport. Watch the open runs, ask other handlers if you don't understand why or how someone is doing something. Thanks to all that have contributed articles to the newsletter. Any and all articles are welcome! Have fun out there and see you on the road!

*Cynthia*



## MOST PROMISING NOVICE HANDLER AWARD

The Board of the Ontario Border Collie Club is very happy to announce the 2018 Most Promising Novice Handler. Congratulations again to Lynn Johnston, our 2016 winner!

This award is given out bi-yearly and recognizes novice handlers who demonstrate:

- Good sportsmanship
- A willingness to learn and improve
- Concern for the welfare of stock
- A willingness to volunteer
- Awareness of and respect for the tradition and history of our sport

All trialing members of OBCC are welcome to nominate a Novice Novice or Pro Novice OBCC member. Nominations can be sent via email to Tracy Hinton at [vicepresidentobcc@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresidentobcc@gmail.com) by the end of August 2018. Nominators are asked to briefly describe the reasons why they believe the identified member meets the above criteria.

The list of nominations will be shared with all members in September. Votes on these nominations will then be accepted at [vicepresidentobcc@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresidentobcc@gmail.com) until the end of October.

The presentation of the award will be at the 2018 AGM.

## On Deerplay Hill

*By Amanda Milliken*

I have spent a year mulling over who might be my favoured stud dog to which to take my even more favoured bitch, Hazel. She hadn't been in heat for a year, since her last litter. When she did come in heat on a Monday, I had to act fast, starting on Tuesday, to prepare the paper work and head over to Manchester to use Ricky Hutchinson's International dog, Jock.

My vet was incredibly helpful, arranging all paperwork, and providing it to the cargo carriers in Toronto and broker in Manchester. I had to take one annoying trip to Brockville, in a snow storm, to get the signature of an Ag vet. By Tuesday morning, I was all set to fly out on Thursday, reaching Manchester on Friday morning.



*Megs Jenkins, Ricky Hutchinson, Alf Kyme*

Alf Kyme and Ruth Newsome picked me up. They couldn't have been kinder. I cannot stand driving on the wrong side of the road. They took me everywhere. Ricky Hutchinson and Megs Jenkins drove down to Alf's for the breed and dog running demo of the world's top border collies. Ricky complained that he had no sheep at home as it had been so wet, they moved them all to higher ground than his place was. Alf had sheep. I chose Jock. His pedigree, his win, his presence, his black. He was the one. I ran Hazel for them. I hope he meant it when he said he liked her. Timing is everything and she was ready to breed on the Friday, just like I thought.

Next day was a Nursery for the Holme Sheepdog Society with a Championship for the first-place dogs at its conclusion. It was a miserable weather day—rain, mixed with snow and sleet, intermittent fog. I ran early, with a good run outside a poor outrun, which needed redirects.

I finished second in the trial to Jim Cropper, but as he had previously qualified, I got to run in the Nursery Championship at the end. It might have felt like a dream because I was so out of it from the travelling the day before. She ran better the second time out and I finished up second in the Championship to Katy Cropper and Bute. The whole day was a thrill.



*Katy Cropper & Bute; Amanda & Hazel*

*Photos Courtesy of Amanda Milliken*

Sunday, it was our turn to go up north. We went to a trial. I am still not sure which one. It was I think a North Westmoreland Nursery. It was run on Herdwicks—a first for me. The out run was tricky and my four lambs kept splitting up for a not very good, if finished, run. We had gone to see a dog but it had run and gone by the time we arrived, so we missed it. Next stop was Ricky and Jock. All of us had a wonderful Sunday lunch. And Hazel had her final breed.

On Monday, Deerplay Hill was the main attraction. Ever since I saw that hill, thirty some years ago, I have wanted to gather it. Jim Cropper made that possible, spotting a few sheep for me, and Hazel showing us what she was made of, careening through the snow and the gorse to reach the handful of Hebridean sheep six hundred yards out. I have had lots of outruns. If there were some more unforgettable, I am not sure which they were.

# Heading South

By Tracy Hinton



Five out of the last six years I have headed south in search of warmer temps in February. What started as a mad dash being away from home for only 10 days has changed to a meandering trip stopping with friends along the way and begrudgingly coming home after 3 weeks!

It isn't easy to get away, taking my work commitments on the road is always a challenge and the winter weather at home rarely cooperates to allow me to leave on time. This year was no exception. Many times I said to myself, Kevan and Kim Getton (my travelling partners) "Is this really worth it?!?" Yet we did set out...albeit 2 days behind schedule. A snow storm the day previous had me up at 5:30am plowing the drive so that the truck and trailer could get out. Although I was pretty sure that I could drive right through...I am on a hill...and gravity should work...but sigh, I didn't want to take the chance! I also learnt that morning that the headlights on my tractor do not work..."who knew?" apparently I never plow in the dark! A note made on the To Do list for when I returned.



My view for the drive!

In any case we left with the truck telling me that the temp was -14c but the sun was shining, and the roads were good. First stop was Starbucks, of course! Our course was set.

Our first official stop was at friends Brian Cash and Blake McDonald in Gay, Georgia. We arrived late afternoon and were made welcome in true Brian and

Blake style. "Where are we going to dinner?", is always the first question asked! Cupcakes purchased first, which seems to have become a tradition now...then on to a great dinner. My first of many memorable seafood pleasures on my trip!

The next couple of days were spent working dogs on Brian's wily hair sheep. Trying to stretch our dog's legs and getting ready for our first trial.

## Summerlin Open 1 Results

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Brian Cash	Neal	90
2	Cindy Good	Meg	90
3	Sherry Lee	Banks	85
4	Cindy Good	Rock	85
5	Kevan Getton	Kai	84
6	David Saunders	Jill	84
7	Hubert Bailey	Cole	79
8	Tracy Hinton	Lad	76

The first trial was Sumerlin Farm, held in Waycross, Georgia. We met up with fellow OBCC members Dick and Cheryl Williams. Dick introduced me to Pecan trees! I was thrilled to pick pecans and munch on them. Who knew?!?!? Open was run on the Saturday and both Kevan and I managed to place. We were rusty, but the dogs did well.

From Georgia we headed to Dick and Cheryl Williams in northern Florida to socialize and work dogs. We had a great time!



Kevan and Kim; Cheryl and Dick



We celebrated Valentine's day with a seafood feast and managed to make a couple of day trips to see some sights. We made our way to the west coast of Florida to Cedar Key one day for lunch, watched the birds, ate lunch and of course had a Margarita! It was nice to have a couple of days to relax.



Our final week was filled with trials, food, laughter and a swamp boat ride too! Fantastic food at many restaurants but highlights of the week were our favorite restaurant Yellow Dog and a new fun place introduced to us by Dick and Cheryl, "the tiki hut"! The swamp boat ride took us through Three Forks Marsh to see the sights and even a couple of alligators.



*Catherine Rae and Anne Wheatley*

Next, we all headed to Malabar, Florida to participate in the three Florida trials; C54, Asher Dell and That'll Do. We arrived and hooked up with fellow Ontarians Anne Wheatly & Catherine Rae! The Florida week was great...weather was fantastic. By the time we reached this point of the trip the thought of snow and ice was far from our minds and we couldn't even imagine why we would not have come! Did we really think it wasn't worth it?!?!



Warning to all who take this tour...hold onto your phone...else you could lose it. Just ask Dee Pentatzer Bailes!



Dessert at Yellow Dog!

The final trial of the week, That'll Do, was bittersweet for us as there is a good chance that it will be the last one as Mark and his wife may retire from trial hosting. Perhaps we were sad also because we had to pack up and head home directly after. I guess all good things must come to an end eventually!

The OBCC crew represented well in the Florida trials placing in every trial! Results are below

All Article Photos Courtesy of Tracy Hinton



Dax, Lad and Mead

**That'll Do Open 1**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Hinton, Tracy	Lad[3818]	93
2	Bailey, Hubert	Cole[3864]	92
3	Watt, Gordon	Hawk[4462]	89
4	Ehlers, Sabine	Jim of Caninatur	89
5	Watt, Gordon	Storm[4220]	89
6	Saunders, David	Curtis[1397]	88
7	Cash, Brian	Reilly[4170]	88
8	Brannen, Connie	Boz[3645]	87
9	Watt, Kerry	Reba[4133]	86
10	Hickenbottom, Allen	Bodie[3243]	84
11	Brothers, Michelle	Sky[3236]	84

**That'll Do Open 2**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Watt, Gordon	Hawk[4462]	90
2	Gretton, Kevan	Kai[4117]	89
3	Good, Cynthia	Meg[4146]	89
4	Hinton, Tracy	Lad[3818]	89
5	Zimmerman, Barry	Flip[3814]	87
6	Good, Cynthia	Jess[3794]	85
7	Watt, Kerry	Flo[4132]	84
8	Williams, Cheryl	Fleet[2579]	81
9	Schragel, Mike	Jaff[3566]	81
10	Cash, Brian	Neal[3887]	80
11	Zimmerman, Barry	Storm[1377]	79

**That'll Do Pro Novice**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Elliott, Chris	Fleet[4433]	81
2	Rae, Catherine	Glen[4118]	76
3	Laub, Logan	Kip[4498]	74
4	Carrington, Cindy	Wyatt[4368]	71
5	Carrington, Cindy	Tia[4367]	70
6	Penatzer, Dee	Kiwi[4440]	68
7	Ballantyne, Stuart	Cap[4450]	66
8	Penatzer, Dee	Millie[4441]	65
9	Laub, Logan	Devon[4352]	60
10	Anderson, Beth	Erin[4454]	59

**Asher Dell Open 1**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Bailey, Hubert	Cole[3864]	96
2	Hinton, Tracy	Dax[2585]	96
3	Schragel, Mike	Jaff[3566]	95
4	Watt, Kerry	Flo[4132]	94
5	Cash, Brian	Neal[3887]	94
6	Gretton, Kevan	Kai[4117]	93
7	Eddy, Joyce	Wren[3835]	92
8	Penatzer, Dee	Queen[2613]	91
9	Hinton, Tracy	Lad[3818]	90
10	Kom, Joanne	Jetta[1973]	89
11	Hunt, Pam	Styx[3560]	87

**Asher Dell Open 2**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Hinton, Tracy	Lad[3818]	96
2	Watt, Kerry	Flo[4132]	93
3	Watt, Gordon	Hawk[4462]	93
4	Bailey, Carol Anne	Max[3811]	91
5	Cash, Brian	Reilly[4170]	91
6	Ehlers, Sabine	Nell[4429]	90
7	Williams, Richard	Dave[3700]	90
8	Watt, Gordon	Storm[4220]	90
9	Brannen, Connie	Boz[3645]	89
10	Elliott, Chris	Bounce[3291]	89
11	Penatzer, Dee	Queen[2613]	87

**Asher Dell Pro Novice**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Penatzer, Dee	Millie[4441]	82
2	Kelly, Judith	Ceilidh[3853]	81
3	Penatzer, Dee	Kiwi[4440]	79
4	Anderson, Beth	Erin[4454]	78
5	Laub, Logan	Kip[4498]	77
6	Carrington, Cindy	Tia[4367]	76
7	Elliott, Chris	Fleet[4433]	76
8	Carrington, Cindy	Wyatt[4368]	74
9	Wheatley, Anne	Jesse[3557]	67
10	Gretton, Kim	Clint[4453]	65

**C54 Open 1**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Cheryl Williams	Fleet	97
2	Cindy Good	Jess	94
3	Cindy Good	Rock	93
4	Gordon Watt	Storm	84
5	Sabine Ehlers	Nell	84
6	Dick Williams	Dave	83
7	Mike Schragel	Jaff	83
8	Scott Johnson	Hope	83
9	Dee Bailes	Queen	80
10	Cindy Good	Meg	78
11	Allen Hickenbottom	Craig	78

**C54 Open 2**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Sabine Ehlers	Jim	93
2	Tracy Hinton	Dax	90
3	Cindy Good	Rock	89
4	Dick Williams	Dave[3700]	89
5	Cheryl Williams	Ruby	82
6	Cindy Good	Meg	81
7	Kevan Gretton	Kai	81
8	Gordon Watt	Storm	81
9	Connie Brannen	Velvet	80
10	Allen Hickenbottom	Body	80
11	Dawn Boyce	Micah	79

*\*My apologies; I have misplaced the pro novice scores! (Tracy)*

# Winter Relief Fun Trial

*By Rebecca Lawrence*

On March 25, Viki Kidd assembled an arena trial at Seven Pines Stables. The set up contained 6 obstacles with an initial time of 3 minutes per run. The event was well attended with more than 30 runs each during the morning and afternoon sessions. It looked like Jim Murphy was going to win the furthest distance travelled title until Kristin Bryant and Joanne Unrau arrived from Michigan. They were in turn beaten by Stacey Rember's new dog Hawkeye who had just arrived from Ireland!



*John Palmer's Mara – winner of the morning Open*

The morning had a lot of excitement as many of the handlers and dogs were just getting back into their rhythm. It was fun to watch as a lot of new dogs made their debut in the arena. Andrea de Kenedy and Moss were the first to make it through the fetch panels while Louise Hadley and Tug were the first to achieve all the obstacles! The morning Open category was won by John Palmer and and Mara while Andrea de Kenedy won the Non-Open with her dog Dylan.



*Andrea de Kenedy's Dylan – winner of morning Non-Open*

When it was time for potluck lunch, the handlers, as usual outdid themselves with quite the spread. No one was going to go home hungry!



*Tracy Hinton's Lad - winner afternoon Open*

After quick course change, we were back at it! This time Tracy Hinton and Lad took home first place for the afternoon Open category while Louise Hadley and Kate won the Non-Open Category.



*Louise Hadley's Kate – winner of afternoon Non-Open*

A special thank you to Viki for arranging the event, to Kevan and Kim Gretton for the sheep and panels, and to Chris and Jackson Gretton for taking care of set out!

*All Article Photos Courtesy of Michelle Lawrence*



## Leaving the Farm

By Cynthia Palmer

No, this isn't about a child growing up and leaving the farm, or a couple retiring and deciding to sell the farm. It is about a regular occurrence around here: how in the world do John and I, or either of us, leave for a weekend, a week or longer?

Yep, it was a lot different when we owned just a couple dogs. The dogs would head to the kennel, we would lock up the house and head out on vacation. Most vacations then were without dogs.

That was then. Since 2003, John and I have had only one vacation without any dogs. For shorter trips, like running up to the family cottage overnight, we will take just 4 or 5 dogs. Easy trip, the dogs that come with us have a blast, and dogs at home can be let out once or twice by a friend or neighbor (once they have passed the scrutiny of the white dogs). Nevertheless, I still worry.

I don't think about the farm being complicated until I have to write instructions down for a farm sitter. I inherently understand the electric fencing and where my shut-offs are; how to use the tractor; what to do if an animal is sick, where the meds are to treat an animal, and who to call if I need help. Three pages later, I realize how complicated the farm can be. And while it may seem a great opportunity for someone to farm sit, since you get to work your dogs and do my chores, it is difficult. In winter, there is putting out hay and keeping water unfrozen; in summer, it's moving nets, making sure that the white dogs are staying with the sheep (which...ask Lynn...is a big challenge), watering, and making sure the sheep are in grazes that have shade in really hot weather.

And so, for John and I, planning for trials begins early in the year. We try to plan to lamb so that the likelihood of having any lambs born while we are away won't happen. We often lamb earlier than we would like for the weather, because one or both of us would like to go to the Bluegrass. Additionally, we want to plan to lamb so that we have enough fit sheep for a good fall trial.

Once lambing is done, when we look at going away, we look at how many groups of sheep we have. Are the rams, the ram lambs, the ewe lambs and the ewes all separate enough so that if there is a power failure, and the fences aren't electrified, there won't be a giant free for all? Disaster! There are just so many things to think of prior to leaving and planning time away. Often John and I will go to separate trials, or one of us will commute to a trial to do the chores at home, as that seems easier than preparing the farm and hiring a farm sitter.

John and I plan our grazes months in advance for where they will be when we are away. We consider how to get a

particular paddock back to productivity, so we can use it again when we are away. Access to water, depending on the time of year, can be difficult. It takes us two full days to get ready to leave and as my friends can attest, we almost never leave on time. It can be a stressful marital event when John and I both leave for a trial. It can be almost humorous when things don't go quite as planned. We're not a well-oiled machine yet – but there's nothing a few thousand dollars in fencing won't solve eventually.

We are lucky to have very good friends that will take our dogs for us (split up of course because no one wants all 15!) and a good farm sitter. Our regular farm sitter can do any of our chores. She is super competent with sheep, cattle, horses, chickens, ducks, pigs and even the white dogs. She does not, however, do the border collies. Over the years, John and I have evolved from having a Noah's ark, and have pared down to just the sheep, three horses, a few chickens, and the dogs. Honestly, the biggest problem is the white dogs. My current ones aren't a problem around people: wary yes, but I don't worry about them biting people on the property. I have had some in the past that I couldn't trust with people. However, the current white dogs are not quite as good at staying inside fences. They don't leave the property (yet) but containment continues to be a struggle. (Again, ask Lynn!)

I asked some friends about finding farm sitters. Some are close to vet schools, where there are people looking to get farm experience, some have children that are willing to pitch in (for a fee), or husbands that don't trial, but the common thread throughout is: treat your farm sitter well! You want to keep them happy. Cultivate relationships with your neighbours so they know you're away and will keep an eye out just in case the once a day visit isn't enough. Maybe they have kids that want to do a little farm sitting. Start off easy, with an overnight, when they need only make sure there is water and feed everywhere; gradually move up to longer stays, but always, always make it as easy as possible for the farm sitter.

All the people that have farm sat for us, or let our dogs out, or helped out setting up grazes, or boarded my dogs have done a fantastic job. All the same, I never stop worrying that something will go wrong. That's just the way it is.

If you want to farm sit, let someone know. Even just a night sometimes helps. You will learn lots, maybe too much occasionally, but we have a great community and people who will help out if there are issues.

So that's farm sitting from the farmer's perspective. I'm grateful we can get away and that there are people out there that want to experience farm life!

## 2018 Up-and-Comers

*Compiled by Andrea de Kenedy*

*We're all curious when our friends show up on the trial field with a new young dog, so I took it upon myself to "interview", via email, people who I knew were planning to debut new partners at the trials this year. The following is the result. Those that haven't made the first cut, be warned; I still expect to receive something from you for a subsequent issue and will be following up. Enjoy, all!*

### **Helen Dunning and Bob**

In 2016 I unexpectedly found myself with just one Open dog. I had to make a decision. Did I want a puppy, a started dog or a fully trained dog? In the past I have tried each of these routes. I ruled out the puppy as I'm not getting any younger, and I wasn't prepared to wait another year or two to see if I had a dog who would suit me. Fully trained dogs are very hard to find. In the past I have really enjoyed bringing along a 2 - 3-year-old who has been started well and whom I can grow with. I know the kind of dog I like to work with and this age range gives me a chance to see what a dog is like, but there is still room to bring the dog on and grow together. So the search began.

In 2017 I was going to England to visit my family and decided to go up to Northumberland to see David Henderson of Burndale Border Collies. A friend had a couple of his dogs and highly recommended both David and his dogs.

David was very welcoming and spent an afternoon with me showcasing his dogs. We discussed what kind of dog I liked to work and other criteria that were important to me. My dogs are largely housed in the house, and it's very important to me that my dogs get along with each other and other people.

After seeing several dogs work I narrowed it down to two. I particularly liked watching David work his main dog Star, who took him to the Worlds and the Supreme International. I jokingly offered to buy her but one look from David gave me the answer! I asked David to put a little more training on the 2-year olds I liked and we agreed to assess their progress later in the year. In October 2017 I again went overseas to see my family and bring home Bob. I worked Bob at David's and he was very willing to work for me. Bob is the same way bred as David's main dog Star. His sire is Bobby Dalziel's Spot and the dam is a dog bred by Aled Owen named May. David had done a lot of farm work with Bob and I liked his calm, patient,

willing manner. He is also good with other dogs and people.

Because of our harsh winter we didn't have the opportunity to do much work together in Ontario. However, I went south a couple of times and was able to work Bob at a friend's place for a total of four weeks. We continue to grow together. I really enjoy this dog both on and off the field. Bob has had very little experience on the trial field so this year will be an adventure!



*Photo Courtesy of Helen Dunning*

David Henderson is a very honest and straightforward person to do business with. He cares about his dogs and still enjoys hearing about my work with Bob, as well as answering any specific working questions I have.

Regardless of what happens on the trail field I really enjoy this gentle dog with his soft eyes and calm demeanor.

### Joanne Murphy and Kinloch Shaq (ISDS no. 336549)



*Photo Courtesy of Joanne Murphy*

You know the basketball player, Shaquille O'Neal? Well, that's my new boy. He's three years old and was bred by Angie Driscoll (P. William's Sweep, ISDS No: /277391 x Kinloch Penny ISDS No: 00/305855). Shaq was running in Nursery in Germany.

My adventure started in March when I asked Angie if she had a dog suitable for me. She said yes, and that she could get him to me in two weeks, on 28 March. She got him from Germany but then found out that Manchester wouldn't accept a German health certificate. So, she had to drive one hour in the other direction to get a Welsh health certificate. Then she drove him to Manchester -- a total of eight hours' drive. Oh, by the way, this was the day before Angie was due to fly to the USA to run a clinic.

So, on 29 March, Good Friday, at 11 am I headed to the Montreal Airport full of jitters and excitement. Of course, I never get hyper. I stopped on the way to pick up a good friend, Nathalie Labelle, as she knew where to go and what to do. I let Nat do the driving. We drove to Dorval Airport Import Arrivals department. There we had to wait for Shaq's arrival to receive the paperwork and pay the import fee. The girl behind the counter informed us that we had to take her papers to Customs and have them sign exactly beside her stamp and no other place. Of course, being Good Friday, Customs was closed, so we were sent into the main terminal at Arrivals. Nat parked the car as she thought there would be a long line-up. I headed into

the terminal. I went right to customs -- no line-up. The officer asked, "is this your personal dog?" I said yes. He read the papers and signed in the correct place. I headed out to meet Nat. She said, "haven't you gone in yet?" "Sure, I'm done." From now on, Nat is going to pick up any imported dogs on a holiday! We went back to the arrivals and picked up Shaq. This was the first time I had seen him. Wow, what a guy. He's a big muscular tri-coloured boy. Just beautiful.

After a quick pit stop for Shaq, we headed for home. I dropped Nat off at her car and went on my way. I arrived home at 11 pm. I took him in the house. He took one look around and said, "Okay, I like this place". He acted as if he'd been here all his life.

The next day, we took Shaq out to see our sheep. He's like a jet engine and I'm an old lady. He's very biddable. I just must work on slowing the jet engine down.

He has a few quirks:

- 1) After the lift, he used to flip back and forth. But I've worked that out.
- 2) I'm working on slowing him down with "Hey!"
- 3) His lie down is better, but I don't want to use that crutch "Lie Down".
- 4) He seems to be one-sided on the outrun, on the away side. I'm working on that by just using a piece of baler twine and walking up each time as if I'm going to the post.

He does his daily run with Jim and all the other Murphy kids. Shaq will head out in front but turn around and say to the others, "Come on slow pokes". He's a very smart dog. While running with the pack, he makes sure the mule isn't turning for home. If so, he immediately gets in first position. Of course, that has nothing to do with the fact that dinner is waiting.

I just must tell you I love my basketball player, Shaq, and he loves me.

When we get on the same page, I plan to start him in Pro-Novice. Hopefully, that will be Fetch Gate on 1 July. But of course, I also want to run in the Ontario Triple Crown this fall.

## 2018 Up-and-Comers

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### **Tracy Hinton and Mead**

My Pro-Novice dog and Nursery dog this year is Mead. She will be two in October of this year. Mead is out of an Alaskan farm bitch called Zoeyko and by James McGee's Sid (Seth). I heard about the litter from Brian Cash at the 2016 USBCHA Nationals. The timing was perfect, as I was in the market for a puppy, after having just discovered that my Open dog Soot was deaf. It seemed like a good breeding to take a chance on. I was looking for something that had no anxiety and read sheep well.

Zoeyk is a calm, natural farm dog. Sid, of course, is the sire of James McGee's 2014 Supreme International winner Glencregg Silver. James has described Sid as "a tremendous work dog ... and an absolutely fantastic lambing dog ... who has proved himself to be a tremendous breeding dog as well."

I started Mead slowly last summer, really started to train her in the fall, and started up training again in April. She has a good head and feel, but prefers to go fast, and will nip heels if I let her! So far, I like her a lot. It's always exciting starting a new one — nothing but promise!



*Photo Courtesy of Tracy Hinton*

I hope to run Mead in Pro-Novice this summer, and then Nursery in the fall.

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### **Anne Wheatley and Dan**

I bought Dan in April from Alf Kyme, who lives in Lancashire England. Many will remember Alf judging Grass Creek last year. Dan was bred by Alf and born on his farm in late 2014.



*Photo Courtesy of Christine Koval*

Dan is off Alf's current Moss, a grandson of Cropper's Sid. His mostly English and Irish pedigree includes many nicely-bred dogs. Of interest to me is Ceri Rundle's description of her dog Bwich Hemp (the sire of Cropper's Sid) in an older ISDS magazine article. Hemp was Dan's

great great-grandfather (which is really too far back to have much impact). Nonetheless, I found it notable that Ceri described Hemp as "having the winning combination of good temperament, 'class', looks and working ability", with "a consistent ability to pass these qualities down to his offspring."

Alf trained Dan and had some success with him in the Nurseries. Too many dogs at Alf's Higher Wall Farm made Dan available to me. I liked the video of this dog working. He is kind to his sheep, has clean flanks and good feel. He likes to stop on his feet, which is fine because he has some eye, so it's good to keep it all flowing.

At home Dan is a joy, (apart from the fact that he was never house trained and thinks he can pee anywhere he likes). He's friendly with other dogs. Even Dusk seems oddly happy to ignore him and not try to start anything.

At 53 lbs, Dan is a big boy. In England they would call him a bare-skinned. Here we call him smooth coat -- although in fact, he's got some coat. There they refer to him as black white and tan. Here, he's a handsome tri.

I haven't had Dan long and have been spending time learning to communicate with him on sheep and building a bond. I look forward to the trial season and running two dogs in Open.

### **Carol Guy and Bud**

Now a two-year-old male, Bud was bred by David Henderson and imported from England as a young pup. He is a smooth coated black and white border collie with the absolute worst ears I have ever seen on a BC but put them on a Labrador & they would be **magnificent**.

I purchased him when he was just over a year old and already started on sheep. Bud has a nice way with his stock and a very natural balance and pace. I need a dog I can live with – they all live in the house so they must get along. Bud has fit in well with the group. In fact, he has convinced his housemates and the sheep to do his bidding.

Bud has been fun to train and bring along – he lives to work so the winter months were not happy ones for either of us. However, like many young dogs – he is often reluctant to do tasks that he isn't comfortable with yet – for example – pushing sheep just put out on green pasture or coming between two groups of sheep. Bud still starts to panic when sheep are running but a few times every session – I let them go and he is learning that when he is calm – he will be able to fetch them without his world ending. Bud has had a few temper tantrums over the past year, but we have spent much time working close at hand doing variety of tasks and building his confidence.

We have the beginnings of a great team and looking forward to what is to come next.



*Photo Courtesy of Christine Koval*

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### **Tara Dier and Kip**

It's not the least stressful or least risky way to buy a working dog: sight unseen. But I did the things you can do at a distance. I watched and re-watched videos of the dog working. I watched videos of the dog's sire running at the 2016 Supreme International. I talked to the current owner who didn't much like the dog. I talked to an Open handler who had worked with the owner and with the dog himself at great length; she had some insights into what went wrong. I considered the price. I considered the fact that the dog was currently in Oklahoma, not the UK. I bought the dog.



*Photo Courtesy of Tara Dier*

The dog is Kip (formerly Chip), sired by James McCloskey's Sweep, now just over 4 years old. McCloskey bred the dog and trained him, running him in Nursery trials in Ireland. He's been mine for about 8 weeks. We lost a couple weeks to a badly sliced pad but he's back now. Much as you start your run at a trial with 100 points to lose, Kip still has all his points in my books. He's quiet and calm on his sheep but has not backed down. He's quick and pressure sensitive, but biddable. He's beginning to settle in with me.

Who knows what will happen when we go to our first trial. I'm betting it will be all right

## 2018 Up-and-Comers

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### ***Cynthia Palmer and “the new dog” Jake***

Well, Jake isn't actually that new, we've had him for 18 months. He's a dog that I'm hoping will be able to step up to PN with me this fall. He came to us via a phone call from Amanda Milliken. "Cynthia, John is always up for a challenge, isn't he?", she said. "I have a puppy from Kern/Bev's Joe that was sold to a woman in Kingston who was a regular spectator at the Kingston sheepdog trials. He's been deemed aggressive, but I think he just needs a little more structure." So, after a day of John shearing sheep in Kingston, we met a lovely lady who had a 10-month-old working border collie that was just a little too much for city living. (On a side note...I hadn't actually told John about this until we were finished shearing, so this was all news to him!) While well intentioned, the owner really hadn't done best she could with Jake. Much of his bad behavior was just some misdirected excitement and a lack of rules enforced. He pulled on the leash, he wouldn't come when called (especially if the fun was about to end), didn't really like his crate, mouthed your hand, and did a full body slam as a "HI HOW ARE YOU!!!!" But he was enthusiastic and looked at sheep like they were the most thrilling thing he had ever seen.

Once we had started work on some of Jake's behavior problems, John started him on sheep and I took him over last fall. He quickly came along: his driving is fantastic and he is learning his flanks well. Did I mention he is a great



*Photo Courtesy of Michelle Lawrence*

driver? Well, as of this writing, his outrun has completely fallen apart (as is known to happen), but I shall persevere.

Jake will be three in November. He is Amanda's Kern (Gallagher's Flo/ Cap) X Beverly's Joe. His nickname is Jerome the Giraffe (remember the Friendly Giant?) because of his long spindly legs, the result of being neutered at 6 months of age.

So, what with one thing and another, Jake has been quite challenging, but we shall see how it goes this fall.

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## **2018 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

It's that time again! If you haven't sent in your renewal yet, please don't forget to do so! The annual costs are:

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Membership is required for eligibility for championship points. Points for a dog may be accumulated toward the year-end awards only by OBCC members in good standing at the time of the trial. Points will not be awarded retroactively.

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## 2018 OBCC EVENTS

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

Aug 4 to 6	80 Acres, Kingston
August 7 to 12	Kingston Sheepdog Trial at Grass Creek Park
September 1 to 3	Shepherds Crook Labour Day SDT, Woodville
September 29 to October 1	Fall Triple Crown: Swaledale, Blackstock
October 2 to 4	Fall Triple Crown: Shepherds Crook, Woodville
October 5 to 7	Fall Triple Crown: Indian River, Village of Indian River

*The following series of Events and Novice Trials are scheduled:*

July 6 and 7	Holstein Agro Expo Points & Time Trial (USBCHA; Non-OBCC)
July 8	Handy Dog Novice Trial, St. Agatha
July 21	Cloudberry Novice SDT (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Roseneath (Fun Trial)
August 25	Good Companions SDT, Warkworth
September 16	Cloudberry Novice SDT (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Roseneath

**Watch the website and the Summer newsletter for more details!**

The Canadian Sheepdog Championships will be held this summer in Cypress Hills, near Medicine Hat, AB, on August 23 to 26. The Championships are sponsored each year by the Canadian Border Collie Association, the only registry in Canada for purebred Border Collies. Usually the Championship is held in alternate years west and east. It has been held for two years now in the east and it is the turn of our western handlers to host the event this year.

The trial host and manager is Chris Jobe of Canine Solutions, an experienced handler and trainer. It is a significant challenge to put on an event of this caliber and plans and fundraising have been underway for several months. The judge will be Patrick Shannahan of Caldwell, Idaho—well known across North America and to Ontario for having judged Grass Creek and the Championships in Ontario in 2016.

Given the size of our country, it is always a challenge to get handlers from across the nation to attend. Several western handlers have shown their dedication by attending our eastern Championships in 2016 and 2017 (and going home with some silverware) and I hope several Eastern handlers are able to make the trek out west. I'll be making the four-day drive with two dogs.

The Championship consists of two qualifying runs. The top 12 combined scores will be invited to run the double lift, the winner of which will be crowned the 2018 Champion. In addition, a Nursery Champion will be crowned.

More information will be available at [www.caninesolutions.ca/cbca.html](http://www.caninesolutions.ca/cbca.html) and on the Championship's Facebook page: @2018sheepdogchampionship.

Tara Dier; CBCA Secretary

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