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The Squeak of the Wheel *President's Report*

Hi all,

The very first thing I want to do is to thank Billy Trent for becoming the new newsletter editor. It's been a while since we've put one out and Billy stepped up to the plate to get this going.

I am saddened to report the passing of Pam Cornell, a great supporter of both our club and the sport. The board has been in communication with the management of Pam's ranch in Pescadero and we are

hoping to put on an event there this summer.

The club will be putting on the trials at the Caledonian Club Scottish Games in Pleasanton again this year. We do plan some format changes, so stayed tuned for more details. John Grey continues to be our liaison to the Cali Club. He always does a great job for us.

Hope to see you at a trail soon.

-Rusty

Don't know where to go to find the latest news
on ewes (and dogs)...?

Stay up to date!

Visit www.norcalsheepdog.org

*for entry forms, the latest SDT results, contact
information, resource links, and more information!*

2011 World Sheep Dog Trial and Food and Country Festival, 15-18 September

The 2011 World Sheep Dog Trial will be held at the Lowther Estates in Cumbria, England.

The team representing the USA has been chosen:

Peg Anderson
Michele Brothers
Claire Burson
Carol Campion
Joyce Geier
Lyle Lad
Anne Mock
Tom Wilson

District 1 and more specifically, Northern California, are well represented with two local handlers, Claire Burson and Anne Mock. NCWSA sends its congratulations and best wishes along with Claire and Anne as they compete in England for the US in September.

These two handlers are well acquainted, having enjoyed friendship for many years. A little known fact is that Claire sold Anne her first border collie!

Anne will be going to Scotland early in order to spend time with Bobby Dalziel. They plan on going to some local trials which Anne says are always fun. Bobby is also hosting a trial for only out-of-the country competitors the week before the World Trial.

Claire will be traveling to the UK early as well, participating in many of the local trials that are planned to get all of the competitors prepared.

Claire is very proud to be on the US Team, saying, "the opportunity to be in with Lad will never come up again. I hope to do right by him."

That pretty much says it all!

We are all very proud of you both!

You can follow along with news, details and results of the event here:

<http://www.worldsheepdogtrials.org/>

Report of NCWSA Board Meeting April 9th

The NCWSA Board met on April 9, 2011, in Zamora. The weather cooperated with a beautiful sunny day for our gathering. The intent was to hold a face-to-face board meeting and to discuss our future plans for the club and the Northern California sheepdog community.

One of the things that we talked about was a reminder of how our club is an “umbrella” of sorts. We encourage others to put on events with our ability to help. The board can provide guidance, and the club carries insurance coverage for events that have board approval. Let us know your ideas!

Other topics of discussion included consideration of various events that we have been invited to help with this year. We're looking for some volunteers for key positions at these events, so please let any board member know if you want to learn about a specific job.

We will put on the sheepdog trials at the Caledonian Games in Pleasanton again. Stay tuned for what we hope will be an improved format and challenging courses that will reward good stockmanship.

We are also planning another fun trial in July to be held at Willowside Ranch in Pescadero. The format will be similar to the fun trial in October 2010. On Saturday afternoon we will hold the NCWSA Annual Meeting immediately following the trial. The club will provide refreshments for the meeting, so be sure to plan to attend and make your voice heard.

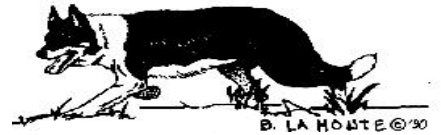
We will form a Nominating Committee in order to be able to elect a full slate of officers for 2012. The Board is also seeking input as to what other types of events the members would like to have. Thanks to Leslie Pfordresher and Bill Berhow for hosting our board meeting at their home.

Sheepdog Trials...



Upcoming Events ... Mark Your Calendar!

- April 29-May 1: Dunnigan Hills Spring SDT, Zamora, CA
- May 14: Ron Curran/Ken Blake Memorial Sheep Dog Trial, Ione, CA
- May 15: Fifth Annual Pt. Pleasant Mother's Day Sheep Dog Trial, Elk Grove, CA
- May 28-30: Dry Lake SDT, Tulelake, CA
- June 11-12: Novice Fun Trial, Porterville, CA
- July 16-17: Novice Fun Trial, Pescadero, CA
(and NCWSA Annual Meeting July 16)
- September 3-4: Caledonian Games, Pleasanton, CA
- October 1-2: Novice Fun Trial, Porterville, CA
- November 5-6: SJVBCA Fall Trial, Porterville, CA
- November 11,12,13: UC Hopland Research Center SDT, Hopland, CA
- December 3-4: SJVBCA SDT Trial, Coalinga, CA



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