

COLDSTREAM CLASSIC SDT

The annual Coldstream Classic was held July 1 and 2 hosted by Lee Lumb and Brian Revel at Stirling Acres. The trial followed a two day training clinic for handlers and dogs of all levels. The clinic training sessions were presented by four well qualified open handlers; Randy Dye, Louanne Twa, Peter Gonnet and Lee Lumb. The clinic provided a friendly, learning atmosphere which carried over to the trial.

Hot, dry weather provided pro-novice, nursery and novice handlers ideal conditions for their runs each day. Lynne Schweb did a fine job of judging all the runs. The set out and take pen crews did a great job working the hair sheep flock in very warm conditions.

It was encouraging to see 15 novice handlers from BC, Alberta, Washington and Oregon competing. The aggregate champions were Carolann Mickels and Drift from Camano Island with wins on both days. Eight nursery runs and 30 pro-novice runs each day featured dogs from the same regions as well as Idaho and Saskatchewan. Jennifer Macdonnell and Harold dominated the pro-novice field with winning runs marking 85 and 84. Lorne Landry and Reis edged out Lee and Nico by one mark to win the aggregate nursery title.

Saturday afternoon featured a team herding contest with dogs and handlers from all levels evenly distributed among 10 teams. *The Bombers* (Ian Ripley, Jennilee Tarasoff, Laura Grafton, Bill Crawford) used their superior strategy and skills to collect the cash.

Potluck supper Saturday evening brought the contestants together for socializing and fun. In honour of Canada Day, Cathie Morrison led us in a rousing rendition of "O Canada". Day awards were presented following supper. The highlight of the evening was the "Bald Boys" contest with Peter Gonnet winning a lovely hair sheep pelt toupee.

Thanks to Lee and Brian for hosting a great trial and clinic. Complete trial results are posted on the *Trial Results* BCSDA web page. Click on the link below to view a slide collage of dogs and handlers.