

## Nominee Statements

### **Terri Warner**

I wanted to run for the BOD again, because I feel I am just starting to understand the inner workings of USBCHA and how I can be a better asset to District 2 if I continue. As many already know, Carol Clawson will not be running for President again, so I would like to assist with a smooth transition to whomever is elected as our new President.

I have tried with my decisions on the BOD, to keep the needs of District 2 the number one priority. Our region is so unique I feel we need the other district directors to understand our needs. I also, feel strongly about representing the overall membership of the association.

Future goals I would like to see USBCHA strive towards would be a strong training program for judges. It currently rests on motivated individuals and/or programs run by each District. Also, I would like to see more membership recruitment. Unfortunately I am seeing a high attrition rate due to handlers aging. Additionally, it is important to me to try to keep the members informed about important issues.

A little background on myself. I have tried to understand all aspects of our sport. I got my first Border Collie in 1993 and have been competing for almost 20 years. I have made the final cut in the Nationals and the final cut at Meeker twice; placed 11th in the Nursery finals; earned 2 qualifications to Soldier Hollow; won the District 2 Open championship and won and placed in several trials. I also have started to judge. In addition, I train my own dogs, I have hosted trials, worked all jobs at trials, hosted clinics and raised a commercial flock of wool sheep. I believe understanding all aspects of our sport and the animals helps in making good decisions for our district.

Finally, the most important thing for me, is that I have a deep....deep love of my dogs and the Border Collie breed.

### **Milt Scott**

I have ran dogs since 1989  
I manage a large farming operation east of Airdrie Alberta  
I continue to compete and train dogs

### **Laura Vishoot**

Greetings. I'm Laura Vishoot, your Director At Large.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been trialing and a member in good standing of the USBCHA for two decades. I live in Oregon with my husband Steve at our sheep farm, where I raise and train border collies. It's important to me to give back to the sport of sheepdog trialing which has given so much to me and effectively defined my life for so long. To that end, I host several trials and clinics each year as well as mentor and teach newer people coming along.

As a Director, I have brought a few ideas to the board for discussion; some of my own and others from HA members. That said, my primary jobs are to speak for the members whom I represent in my position and to advocate for the well being of our sport; not to push any personal agenda or use the role as a platform for self promotion.

My term is nearing its close and it would be a privilege to serve the USBCHA once again.

Thanks, and see you down the road!

### **Linda Tesdahl**

I have been raising sheep and working border collies for about 23 years. I love traveling, competing and meeting people all over the country. These dogs are my passion!