

FLAT-COAT FILES

Newsletter of the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Fall 2016

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Fleetwing's Fiona Fair

President's Message

The planet is slowly tipping toward the sun again! Time to think about getting through the winter by planning the spring and summer activities and remembering our fall.

The WC/X Committee with Joe Juza, Ruth Sumner, Chris McCluer and Jeannine Vieten put on a fun and successful event. Kris Sobanski gathered some really spectacular prizes for the Supported Entry in November in memory of Pat DeBree. Our newsletter editor Ruth Sumner's entire article commemorating Pat DeBree was published in the FCRSA's fall newsletter. Thanks to all of you.

We all agreed that the Gala event was such fun that the board is planning a Summer Fun Day at the Thompson Rod and Gun Club. It will be a pot luck and mostly social event for dogs and people. Stay tuned.

The folks interested in field had a conference call in early November. Sally Bridges and Priscilla Johnson are planning another Novice Handler and/or dog series of training days. We are also planning additional training days for any and every one at Buck Shope's, depending on his schedule. A training day for all is being planned at West Thompson on April 29th. Sally Bridges and Bunny Millikin are going to co-chair the WC/X which we will be doing jointly with the Yankee Golden group on October 7th. More later.

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Calendar of Events

Field Training Day - April 29, 2017 - West Thompson Dam

Annual Meeting - April 30, 2017 - Tails-U-Win, Manchester, CT

Field Training Sessions - TBA

Novice Handler/Dog series of sessions - TBA

Training Days at Buck Shope's all levels - TBA

WC/WCX w/ Yankee Golden - October 7 2017

Website

Check out our website (NEFCRC.org) for results, forms, events, and photos.

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Winter Deadline — February 1, 2016

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NEFCRC Annual Meeting April 30th

Put it on your calendar!

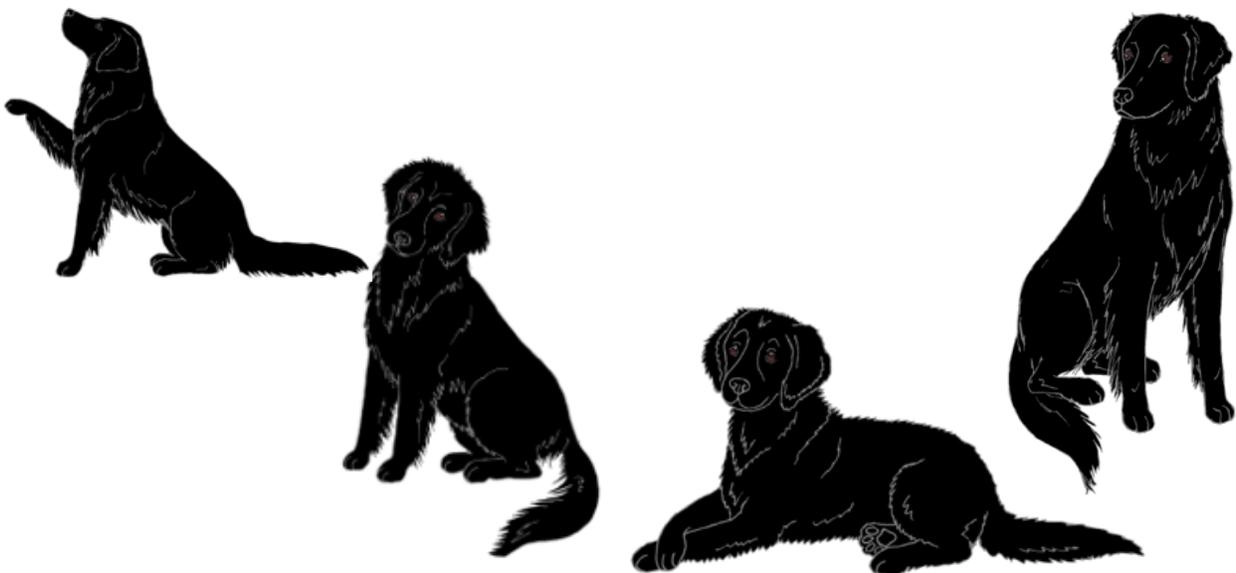
Your Board of Directors met in November at Kate Horgan-Burke's house. Many items were discussed but most importantly a new set of bylaws is nearly ready for the general memberships' consideration at the *Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 30th at Tails-U-Win in Manchester, CT*. The significant areas of updating include increased and more inclusive categories of membership, time staggered terms for board members to insure institutional continuity and history, clarity of language regarding disciplinary measures that the club may take and codifying the fact that much of the club's official business is now conducted via electronic means. I believe that you will agree with your board that Susan Klein, with some help from Patty Temple, has brought our bylaws into this new century.

We will be sending the new bylaws out for your review well before April 30th. This is an election year and the Nominating Committee of Kate Horgan Burke, Nancy Triou, Dana Crevling, Tina Mohr and Wendy Jones will have a slate of directors ready.

We, of course, will be having our traditional potluck luncheon. The variety and bounty of this feast is legendary and it all happens with the contributions of each of us. As usual, paper plates, cups, utensils, and beverages will be provided.

Thanks to Gary McManus we will have another entertaining raffle to participate in. Please bring item/s to contribute to the success and the fun.

Other activities are still in the planning stages but this is a great time to socialize with flat-coat people and their dogs, sharing stories and laughs about our creative pals. Stay tuned for more information.



A Very Special Award — Congratulations to Margot and Mitch

Wendy Jones alerted us to this news and Don Bierer sent the article. Permission to reprint in our newsletter was graciously offered by www.retrieverresults.com Margot Brown was one of our original field mentors (with Bunny Millikin, Sally Bridges, Priscilla Johnson and Becky Whitmeyer) until she and Mitch moved to Georgia for greener training grounds. They have been missed but are still members of NEFCRC. We're happy to hear this news of their continued success and to pass it on to the membership.



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AKC BREEDER OF THE YEAR BY SPORT

Three years ago the AKC introduced a new award -- AKC Breeder of the Year by Sport. Since then, three members of the retriever community have been named winners: Mary Howley (2013), Judy Aycock (2014) and Mary Tatum, DVM (2015).

For 2016, the winners are **Mitchel and Margaret Brown**, a couple whose breeding program has produced a number of notable labrador and flat-coated retrievers in both the field trial and hunt test venues.

Their Labrador Retriever breeding program has been founded on two strong bitches with impeccable pedigrees:



Mitchel & Margaret Brown

- **FC-AFC Tailwind's Hurricane**
(NAFC-FC Gusto's Last Control x FC-AFC Custer's Tailwind Toots)
- **FC-AFC M&M's Buns of Steel**
(NAFC-FC-NAFTCH-FTCH Ebonstar Lean Mac x NAFC-FC Hattie McBunn)

In the Field Trial arena:

- FC-AFC Great Buns of Fire
- NAFC-FC Hardscrabble Roxie McBunn
- FC-AFC Hardscrabble Carbunnation
- FC-AFC Hardscrabble's Storm Warning
- FC-AFC Hardscrabbles Powder My Buns
- FC-AFC-FTCH-AFTCH Laird's Cynfuil Wisdom
- FC-AFC Hardscrabble's Mojo
- Fc-AFC Hardscrabble Blowin in the Wind
- FC Hardscrabble Ride the Wind
- FC Hardscrabbles Captain Morgan
- AFC Beat the Rush
- FC Hardscrabbles One of a Kind
- FC-AFC Puff Daddy

In the Hunt Test arena:

- Hardscrabble Play With My Buns MH-MNH4
- Hardscrabble After Shock MH
- Trumarc's Up and Atem MH
- Seaside Monster's, Inc. MH
- Peakebrook's Carbon Steel MH
- M and M's Second Time Around MH
- Hardscrabble Kaotic Peterpan JH
- Hardscrabble You're It MH
- CH Hardscrabble Talk of Tsunami SH
- CH Hardscrabble Paradise Aruba MH

A Very Special Award (cont.)

Lest you think Margot and Mitch only raised and trained labs to these titles or that they only trained for field trials, here is a list of Flat-Coats from their Hardscrabble breedings and their titles.

FCRSA Field Trophy Winners

- 1977 Hardscrabble Utopia
1978 Hardscrabble Experience
- 1983 - Ch CRC CAFC Curlee Hill Blac Pacinko, CD
1984 - (repeat)
1985 - (repeat)
- 1992 Hardscrabble's Thornfield
2000 Hardscrabble's Doesn't Miss, MH
2004 Hardscrabble's Paradise Jam
- 2007 Hardscrabble's Kaotic Kosmos
2008 - (repeat)



The Field Trophy, presented to the Society in 1975 by Edward and Dorothy Moroff, is a silver punchbowl and tray with 12 individual presentation cups. The non-retiring, traveling Field Trophy as well as the individual presentation cup is awarded each year at the FCRSA Annual Meeting.

Other Hardscrabble FCR Field Notables

- Hardscrabble's Wingover Zip – QAA in AKC & CKC
CFC Hardscrabble's Blac Glory – QAA
Hardscrabble's Mikado
Hardscrabble's Blac Mitsu
Hardscrabble's Blac Sumo, all age placements in AKC & CKC
Hardscrabble's Hugga Mugga Max
Hardscrabble's No Trouble
Hardscrabble's Talk of Tsumi
Ch Hardscrabble's Paradise Aruba, MH
Hardscrabble's Shasta Mao-Tai, Derby Win
Hardscrabble's You're It
Hardscrabble's Dementia, QAA
Hardscrabble's Feath'r Fetch'r, MH
Ch Hardscrabble's Rein of Belstar, SH
Ch Hardscrabble's Taz of Wynflat, MH, QAA
FC AFC Esprit's Play'n for Keeps
FC AFC Sugarfoot's Trial'n Travis
FC AFC M&M'sBuns of Steel
AFC Beat the Drum
AFC Hickory Sticks Personal Ensign
FC AFC Hardscrabble Powder My Buns
FC Hardscrabble Seaside Shutterbug
FC, AFC Hardscrabble's Storm Warning

WC/WCX Test

On October 8, 2016, the NEFCRC held our annual WC/WCX test at West Thompson Dam in North Grosvenordale, CT. Although not a sparkling day weather-wise, the cloudiness gave way to sun by afternoon and our dogs' happy, excited performances made it a bright day.



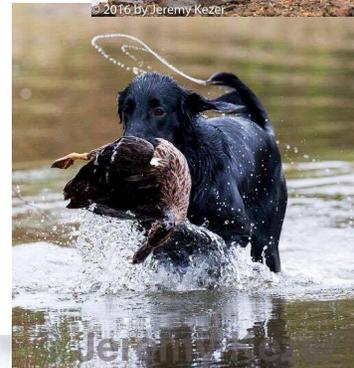
Our judges were long-time flat-coat owners and field trainers, Priscilla Johnson and Sally Bridges both NEFCRC members.

The land series was run first. WCX dogs were followed by WC entrants to conserve birds. We then moved on to the water where our dogs put on a great, enthusiastic show.



To see more pictures of individual dogs go to our event photographer Jeremy Kezer's website to view them all. This link will take you right to the WC/X event page — <http://jeremykezer.com/tests/2016/20161008-NEFCRC/index.html>

During a break in the action workers were happy to gobble up the excellent lunches provided by Jeannine Vieten. We've lost track of how many times she has taken on this "vital" task.



WC/WCX Test (cont.)



Back at the pavilion, the test secretary (Ruth Sumner) and her volunteer Sally Nettleton-Smilas began the task of double-checking and compiling the results while Kate Horgan-Burke's husband Russ prepared the grill for the barbecue and proceeded to cook for all. Everyone brought a dish to add to the delicious spread.



Ribbons and congratulations were awarded to —

Flat-coat Qualifiers – 2016 WC/WCX

WC

8	Grousemoor Almosteden Ripple CD, AX, AXJ, MH, WCX	Ripple	Sally Nettleton-Smilas & George Smilas
9	Blackgamin Jacob	Jake	Gwenyth Jones & Andrew Leinoff
11	Fossilcreek Storm's Colleen	Zuzu	Gary McManus and Teresa Drew

WCX

1	MACH2 Fox Creek Hob-B's Jett Sett SH, MXG, CA, WCX	Jett	Susan Klein
3	Ch Coastalight Itsa Wingover Teal	Teal	Elizabeth Millikin
5	HRCH OTCH Victory Fair at Anahorishm UDX, OM2, MH, WCX •••	Maude	Annie Catterson
8	Ch Killyglass Cash and Carry, JH, WC	Carrie	Sally S. & William M. Young
10	Coastalight Anahorish Quinn, CDX, SH, WCX	Quinn	Annie Catterson
11	Breezy Hill's Grand Slam JH, WCX	Gotcha	Ruth & Kingsley Sumner, Susan & Samantha Stilwell

Golden Retriever Qualifiers

WC

3	GreatBay Party Girl, JH, CCA	Kiki	Jeannine Vieten
4	Ch Comstock's Gift of the Magi, JH, TD	Magic	Kathy Eddy, VMD
10	Rio Ranch Force Five	Breeze	William & Elizabeth Stromeyer
13	Sunrunner's Northern Star	Zoe	Audie Gould
14	Real Gold Sagamore's Iris	Iris	Armine Hovnesian

WCX

9	SHR Pebwin Girls Gone Wild SH CCA	Josie	Jeannine Vieten
16	Adirondac Tippy Canoe, ECX	Canoe	Carol Lantiegne

Irish Water Spaniel Qualifier

WC

6	GR Ch Mallyree Here Comes the Son	Harley	Alice Getchell
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NEFCRC Supported Entry - Conformation Committee Report, from Kristen Sobanski

The NEFCRC Supported Entry was held at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA on November 26, 2016. This supported entry marked the 40th anniversary of the NEFCRC, and the event was dedicated to the memory of Pat DeBree.



Trophies by Kristen Sobanski

Best Puppy in Sweeps: Heirborn Proud Mary (Jonas/Jonas/Richter)
 Best Opposite Puppy: Stormwatch Noreaster (Juza)

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Best Veteran in Sweeps: Ch. Knightcastle Modi D'Avignon MH RN WCX (Dewey)
 Best Opposite Veteran: GCh. Bertschire Light As A Feather BN (Brock/Holsinger)



Best Opposite Puppy - Granite
 Photo by Joe Juza



BVIS (Modi)
 Photo by Spencer Blake



NEFCRC Supported Entry (cont.)

The Regular class judge was Mrs. Ann F. Yuhasz. The results were as follows:

Best Of Breed:	GCh. Beachcliff Seminole Wind	(Edwards)
Best Of Opposite:	GChB. Fishercreeks Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh RN BN CGCA	(Kuchinos/Kuchinos/Harrison)
Best Of Winners:	Fossilcreek Storm's Colleen	(McManus/Drew/Reusing)
Select Dog:	GChS. Timberblac's True Brew	(Martin)
Select Bitch:	GCh. Bertschire Light As A Feather BN	(Brock/Holsinger)
Winners Dog:	Valhala Blackline Midnight Ryder	(Schlink/Doheny)
Reserve Winners Dog:	Altair Johnny B Goode	(Goodwin/Gilbert)
Winners Bitch:	Fossilcreek Storm's Colleen	(McManus/Drew/Reusing)
Reserve Winners Bitch:	Fishercreeks Take A Chance On Me	(Kuchinos/Kuchinos/Harrison/ Harrison)
Working Dog:	Ch. Breezy Hill Christmas Punch MH	(Sumner/Sumner/Stilwell/Stilwell)
Working Bitch:	Coastalight Itza Wingover Teal JH	(Millikin)

Best of Breed Owner Handled:

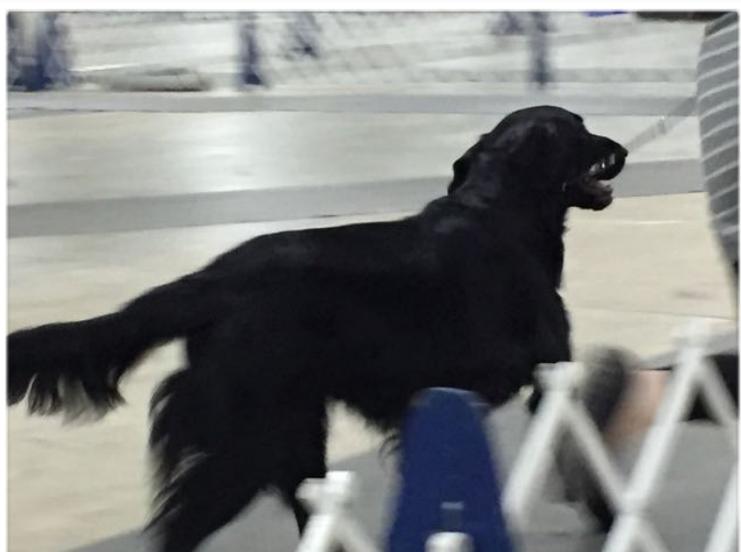
GChB. Fishercreeks Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh RN BN CGCA
(Kuchinos/Kuchinos/Harrison)

Best Puppy (Non-Regular): Timberblacs Wild Heart Soaring

Trophies, once again, were provided by Kristen Sobanski. Each trophy was given in honor/memory of a notable Petersfield dog, which was reflected both in the catalog and on a card attached to each trophy.

As usual, we had a “discrete” pot luck for our NEFCRC members back in the crating area. Thank you to everyone who brought food to share – everything was delicious!

We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Red Cats

Okay, if you are here, you are probably wondering—why cats? This is a publication about Flat Coats for God’s sake. A-hah! Forgot that cats can’t read, didn’t you? Neither, for that matter, can FCR’s, though they can do many other wonderful things outside their strict realm of breed activities that we associate with...well... them. Which is why certain cats... Oh, let me illustrate this seemingly indistinct connection I am trying to make.

Red Skelton , our puny boy cat, arrived seven years ago—a present from our vet. Beginning as a waif fraught with uncertainty, they found him one morning on their doorstep caked in his own filth. His Pamper box cradle contained a rough nine page letter begging for mercy, forgiveness and charity. Following the vet’s contribution of hundreds of dollars in palliative drugs and expert care, and expecting a promising pet, I—a novice ignorant of feline ways—purchased box, litter, Fancy Feast, a Kickeroo and a water bowl, and brought him home. He had not reached his “fighting weight” of 7.7 lbs., and our complement of Flat Coats at the time did not think much of him, just enough to tolerate him to please us. On the other hand, Red’s tiny imagination had been unexpectedly fired up. We caught the strange new gleam in his eye—like the boy who faces a tall ship for the first time sailing up the harbor. Forgive him as his imagination soars, and he dismisses the impediments of mastering lines, spars and sheets, while resolving to become master, sailor, or pirate—Red similarly fixated on his own future career. Said he, I mean to become a *gen-you-wine* Flat Coat! Hmmm?

The vet said cats never drink from the dog’s bowl. Red had not heard of this, and drinks exclusively from anything where the dogs do their slurping. By our choice, he is an indoor cat because of sporadic but swiftly moving traffic out on East Hill Road, so his heiny squats inside over clumping pine and natural citrus litter. Still, he must go out with his dogs. Highly insulted if the door is shut in his face when no time allows for foolishness, he sneaks by when he can to brave rain, sleet or snow for a hot minute or two, just to say he did to maintain his status as one of “the breed.” “The breed” now consists of two litter mates—brother and sister, Huckleberry, and Elsa. Their father, Pat DeBree’s Arlo, and mother, Sue Stilwell’s Windy, produced this sweet Breezy Hill combo. These are the best Flat Coats we have ever had in the woods. They come back swiftly to reconnoiter without being called, and except for sampling bonanzas—Grandma’s candy bowls—of snowshoe hare scat, have never tangled with skunks or porcupines. I will take the mixed blessing. A second red cat has joined us—Rufus, a peaceable fellow rescued by the same caring vet. A third again the size of Red, he patiently puts up with the little Napoleon’s futile attempts to dominate. But, he loves Huckleberry—will do anything for Huckleberry’s attentions—and, in some inscrutable cat strange dimension, wants to *be* Huckleberry. Red resents his trying to horn in on the Flat Coat thing that Huckleberry, Elsa, and he share. “No damn way you are good enough for that,” I think I heard him declare, once! The tufts of Rufus fur we find on the rug in the morning we attribute to enforcement attempts by our diminutive resident bully.

“It ain’t always easy bein’ a Flat Coat,” says the card message aimed at humor. That extends to when people ask whether your FCR is a Lab or a black Irish Setter. It becomes elaborately confusing when red cats pretend to be Flat Coats. It can be a rough world, indeed. Thankfully, Christmas is upon us, and many of us think of sugarplums and other distractions that keep us smiling along with our pets. Sincerely, have a merry one, and a very happy follow up year.

A Very Special Flat-Coat

Of course, all our flat-coats are special but Phil Dewey's Modi stands out. Maybe it's because Phil is such a quiet guy that we don't hear about his accomplishments. The only other mention of Modi (Ch. Knightcastle Modi D'Avignon MH RN WCX) in this newsletter is that he was Best Veteran in Sweeps at our Supported Entry in November and there is a photo of him in the ring. However, there are many more pictures and more to tell —



Photo by Karen Hocker



Photo by Mark Atwater



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The Master National Hunt Test is the Westminster of hunt tests. (Field trials are a separate area of field skills in which to participate and are not part of the Hunt Test system). Of the thousands of retrievers and owners who qualified to run the Master National Hunt Test in 2015, 916 chose to enter 736 of whom ultimately ran. Phil Dewey and Modi were one of those teams. The entries are divided into four flights of 184 each. Those 184 run in a series of 5 challenging hunting situations. A failure means the dog/handler team is out of the test.

Ten flat-coats ran in the event. Modi was the only flat-coat to pass the Oct 2015 event. Modi's win gave him the needed points to be inducted into the Flat-coat Hall of Fame. Another interesting statistic: in Modi's Flight (C) of 184 dogs, Modi was the only non-Labrador to pass. For further info on Modi, please see his page in the 2016 FCRSA Specialty Newsletter where the newest inductees to the HOF for 2015 are listed; Modi is on page 12.



Photo by Mark Atwater

Tillie Page Laird and Hunter Brown



Fleetwing's Fiona Fair

March 17, 2010 - October 11, 2016

On June 6th, we met breeder and NEFCRC member, Kathy Howland of Nova Scotia who blessed us with the most wonderful puppy whom we called Kenzie.

From day one, she made us laugh from the moment we woke her up till we put her to bed. She was a typical Flat Coat - goofy, fun-loving, boisterous, full of beans, and incredibly smart. She would do anything for food, and was a champion counter surfer; we had to put our food on tops of toaster, toaster oven, Hunter's coffee roaster, and refrigerator where she couldn't get it. As she got bigger, she caused diversions - barking at the front door so we'd get up to see what was there (of course, nothing) and she would race into the kitchen to get our food on the table.

We got wise to this tactic fairly quickly and it was fun watching her look around for the goodies that "had just been there".



While we never showed her, she still wowed many who met her. She was the better, and prettier, half of a superb therapy dog team. She loved everyone of all ages, and they loved her. We were licensed by the "Good Dog Foundation" which sent us to various places that needed her. At the Connecticut Junior Republic which helps troubled teenagers, we were assigned to boys who abused dogs for fun. They all fell in love with her, and I had to keep reminding them "She isn't your usual dog." She also touched elderly patients with dementia in nursing homes. Many had few

visitors and they would smile, say "doggie" and pet her. She really had that sort of "touch".

We live in a valley next to a lovely school for kids from kindergarten to 9th grade. Every September, we would visit the new kindergarten for "show and tell", so over the years, many children knew her. The school's mascot is a "blue dog", and in September, faculty members' dogs would be in a parade between the lower and upper school kids lined up on both sides of a path. Kenzie wore a blue t-shirt with "Blues" on the back and was mobbed by the over 300 strong students, especially those in the lower school. After she died, the lower school children took up a collection and sent over \$500 in her name to our local Animal Welfare shelter. They gave us a huge sympathy card with a photo of Kenzie and me from September's parade; inside were several hundred signatures from students and faculty.

Always in our hearts (cont.)

She had the shiniest coat, and during our walks around our little village, drivers would roll down their windows and remark how beautiful she was. Her tail never stopped wagging and she was in heaven when little kids would want to hug her. Her wet kisses were too numerous to count.

We live on a dairy farm bought in the 1930's by my grandparents. The cows left for Utah 15 years ago and we now have a tenant's beef cattle. During the fierce 2010-2011 winter with snow banks taller than I, I put some vanilla extract on a bumper and put it in a big snow bank across the road near the barns 100 yards away. I put some more extract on a cloth and had Kenzie sniff it, then attached a 30 foot leash to her as I knew she was faster than I. She took off, coning to keep the scent, and found the bumper in 2 1/2 minutes. She was only 10 months old and hadn't been trained to do this. When the weather was bad, I put peanut butter in "Kongs" and hide them all over the house. She has no trouble finding them all.

We miss her every minute and look forward to getting another puppy in the spring, hopefully from one of our fellow club members.

Tillie and Hunter



Kensie watching the up-to-the minute forecast . . .

. . . as well as keeping up with Westminster.



Do You and your Flat-Coat Qualify for a NEFCRC Versatility Award?

Please read the qualifications, and if you are eligible to receive this award, send the following information to:

Sally Bridges
285 Forest Street
Methuen, MA 01844
skywalkFCR@verizon.net

Name of Dog and Titles earned (as it is to appear on the award)
Dates that the Titles were earned.

NOTE: Deadline March 1st

Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club's Versatility Award

The Purpose:

This award is to encourage NEFCRC members to train, work, and show their dogs in more than one area of interest. This award will honor the dog who has proven his ability as a multi-purpose dog. At the same time, it will give the owner incentive to pursue new areas of interest and stretch the dog's talents. Although the Flat-Coat is a breed that prides itself as a multi-purpose dog, we are in danger of splitting into two groups (show vs. working lines). This award is one small effort to try to keep the breed together, and foster exchanges in expertise among club members. Although most useful for motivating new owners, this award will hopefully inspire more senior members to continue to work with their dogs in multiple venues.

To Qualify:

The Flat-Coat must have earned AKC titles in two separate areas, and the Owner must be a club member in good standing during the time the dog has achieved the two required titles. For first-time qualification, the club will award a Versatility Plaque. Thereafter, the club will provide add-on plates as the dog continues to earn titles.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!!

AKC Title Areas That Qualify:

Conformation Championships (**CH, GCH**)
Obedience Titles (**All current AKC titles**)
Field Titles (**WC, WCX, All current AKC
Hunt/Field Trial/Upland Titles**)
Tracking Titles (**All current AKC titles**)
Agility Titles (**All current AKC titles**)
Therapy Dog (**All current AKC titles**)

Title Areas that Do Not Qualify:

American Temperament Test
Canine Good Citizen Certificates

To receive a plaque or add-on plate, please fill out the form on back of this page, and return it to the designated person. The plaques and add-on plates will be awarded at the winter meeting.

Versatility Award Eligibility Form

Please PRINT CLEARLY!

Full Registered Name of Dog (including all titles)

Dates of Titles Received:

Title: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Owner of Record:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please circle one:

Need Plaque (for initial award); Need add-on Plate (for additional titles)

Full Registered Name of Dog (including all titles)

Dates of Titles Received:

Title: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Owner of Record:

Name: _____

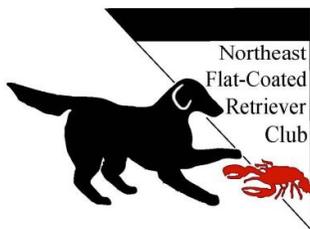
Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please circle one:

Need Plaque (for initial award); Need add-on Plate (for additional titles)

Return by March 3rd to: Sally Bridges 285 Forest Street Methuen, MA 01844
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2017 NEFCRC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please **print legibly**. It is imperative that you provide a current email and advise the Membership Secretary of any changes to your contact information as they occur. This will ensure you receive timely notifications of Club events and news. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NAME(S): _____ **MEMBER SINCE:** _____ Year

ADDRESS: _____

CITY STATE ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____ Required for all club communications*
No email? Call Susan Klein 508.776.1457

KENNEL: _____ **Has information changed? Yes** ___ **No** ___

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CODE OF ETHICS
As adopted by the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club on February 8th, 1992

The welfare and protection of the Flat-Coated Retriever breed is the duty of all who are in any way associated with it. This includes pet owners, breeders, hunters, competitors, trainers, handlers - any and all who are in contact with the breed in an ongoing manner. The Flat-Coat is a breed that has been carefully nurtured over the years in the hands of a few dedicated breeders and owners. As a result, we have a generally sound, healthy breed that is able to function in most aspects of canine activity. It is a dog that is a source of pleasure to his/her owner and asks only a close human bond, and that we understand and accept this need.

OWNERS RESPONSIBILITIES:
ROUTINE ATTENTION TO YOUR DOGS GENERAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF DOG OWNERSHIP

- I. HEALTH:**
- Yearly checkups and maintenance are a must.
 - Whenever signs of unexplained illness occur, see your veterinarian.
 - Do not expose other dogs to your unhealthy Flat-Coat.
- II. CARE:**
- Make sure that fresh water is always available.
 - Provide warm, dry quarters in cold weather, and plenty of shade in hot weather.
 - Set aside a daily period for "quality time" with your Flat-Coat.
- III. SURROGATE CARE:**
- Know your caretakers, whether as kennel operators or as sitters, that come to your home.
 - Be sure these people understand the Flat-Coat and its needs.
 - Keep in constant touch with them.

- IV. GOOD NEIGHBOR:**
- Train early and consistently.
 - Confine your Flat-Coat to his/her own property, preferably in a safe enclosure.
 - Never tie a dog out unless under close supervision.
 - Control unnecessarily long periods of barking.
 - Always clean up after your Flat-Coat whether at home or away.

BREEDERS:
DO NOT PLAN TO BREED YOUR FLAT-COAT AT ALL UNTIL YOU KNOW THE BREED WELL, AND HAVE BEEN IN IT FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

- I. Planning:**
- Only consider breeding if your Flat-Coat has the potential to contribute to the preservation and improvement of the breed.
 - Always work within the framework of the breed standard.
 - Thoroughly research pedigrees.
 - Consult knowledgeable people who have many years of Flat-Coat experience and who are in a position to know what is behind the dogs in your planned breeding.
 - Consider physical and mental health, as well as temperament.
 - The owners of the Stud Dog and Brood Bitch should be completely willing to discuss all positive and negative traits of their respective dogs, and not suppress information that might be to the detriment of the breed.
 - Be sure all breeding stock is in excellent physical and mental health with no discernible inherited defects.
 - Hips should be certified after the age of two, patellas checked, and any other known physical problems cleared up before breeding.
 - Eyes should be checked annually by a qualified veterinarian.
 - Breed only after the age of two when the bitch/dog has matured and is old enough to withstand the stress of breeding.
 - Breed a bitch once a year at the most.

II. Puppy Placement

- Breed only if you have responsible buyers for the pups who understand the needs of this special breed.
- Use spay/neuter contracts, or limited AKC registrations for those Flat-Coats that have nothing to add to the gene pool.
- Breed only if you are willing to be responsible for your pups from birth to death.
- Send off a puppy to its new home with all pertinent papers:
 - o AKC registration application.
 - o Health record with all shots and wormings.
 - o Four-generation pedigree.
 - o Information on general care and feeding instructions.
 - o Put all agreements in writing - even with your best friend.
 - o Keep in touch with your puppy people. Be a good listener and keep careful records.

EXHIBITOR/COMPETITORS:

- REMEMBER THAT YOUR FLAT-COAT IS NOT JUST A POSSESSION THAT ALLOWS YOU TO BASK IN THE REFLECTION OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
- Always keep your Flat-Coat's physical comfort and mental well being uppermost in mind.
 - Train humanely, reward meaningfully and let him know how pleased you are.
 - Do not confine your Flat-Coat in a crate for hours on end. Give him some release time to stretch his/her muscles and mind.
 - Always put his/her needs before yours during times of stress such as a weekend of shows or a week of intense field competition.
 - Know your trainers and handlers. Be sure they understand those idiosyncrasies of the breed that help to make it special.
 - Do not tolerate any unnecessarily harsh training methods or living conditions.
 - Keep in frequent touch.
 - Accept your dog's limitations and, if necessary, place him in a home better suited to his mental and physical requirements.

Above all, do not keep a constant parade of Flat-Coats going in the front door and out the back because you can't find one to fit your ambitions. Better to get another breed.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP:

- Quite simply, observe the golden rule - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".
- Be both a kind winner and a generous loser.
- Do not talk or gossip about people, and especially about their dogs.
- If you have a comment to make in the spirit of helpfulness, take the owner/exhibitor aside to do it.

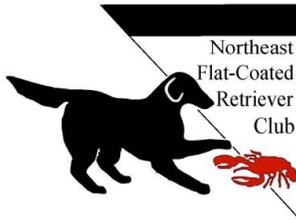
As a member of the Flat-Coat fraternity it is also our duty to be willing to lend a helping hand if it need be; to be ready to help those in dealing with a Flat-Coat problem. If not able to help, be ready to refer someone more experienced for assistance. To be aware of any known unethical breeders, or of any known abuse or abandonment, and upon documentation, be willing to report all such activities to those most able to deal with them. We are all in this breed together and must stand as one for the good of our beloved Flat-Coats.

I/We have read and agree to abide by the NEFCRC Code of Ethics

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Because this newsletter is so late we get to say “Hi” to 2017.

What a puppy pile!

Jan. 2, 2017

