

FLAT-COAT FILES

Newsletter of the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club

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Jill and Theresa's puppy Cruso

President's Message

I hope that you all have had a wonderful spring and summer! Our club has certainly been busy! The End of Summer gathering was great, despite having a small group in attendance. Those of us who were there had a wonderful time and several of our members and dogs left with bragging rights! I would like to thank all of the Board members and participants who helped to make the day so much fun. We also hosted the Adele Yunck obedience seminar which was a huge success. Our WC/WCX hosted with the YGRC was terrific. You can find details about all of those events later in this newsletter.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Ruth Sumner who has been terrific as our newsletter editor for the past six years. As we all know, this is not an easy job, but Ruth had worked hard to keep us informed about club events and member accomplishments. For many reasons, Ruth has decided that she will not be able to continue as newsletter editor. Lisa Foley will be assuming that task, at least temporarily. Please let me know if you might be interested in taking on the role of Newsletter Editor.

The fall season will continue to be busy with NEFCRC events. We have made some changes to our Fall Supported Entry. The performance Supported Entry will be in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Cluster shows. The Agility Supported Entry will be on Saturday, November 24th and the Obedience/Rally trophies will be offered on Sunday, November 25th. Agility, obedience and Rally competitions are held in the Mallary Complex. Please come see how much fun performance events can be. Our conformation Supported Entry will be on Saturday, December 8th, at the Eastern Dog Club show this year, which is also at the Big E. We will have our usual "pot luck" gathering after judging. Please join us, whether you have a dog entered or not. We always have a great time cheering on our beautiful dogs and visiting with friends.

Plans are moving forward for the 2021 National Specialty, which we will be co-hosting with the Mid-Atlantic club. We will keep you informed about the progress through email blasts. Please consider volunteering to help with this huge undertaking.

Please save the date for our annual meeting which will be held at Tails U Win on Saturday, March 23, 2019.

I hope to see you at our Supported Entries, but if you can't make it, I hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season.

Nancy Triou, President

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Calendar of Events

Fall Supported Entry:

Agility, Obedience, Rally – November 24, 25

Conformation – December 8

New Show with the Eastern Dog Club

Annual Meeting:

Saturday, March 23 at Tails-U-Win, Manchester, CT

Web

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

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Winter Deadline — Anytime before February 1, 2019

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Newsletter Editor Resignation

Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club Members,

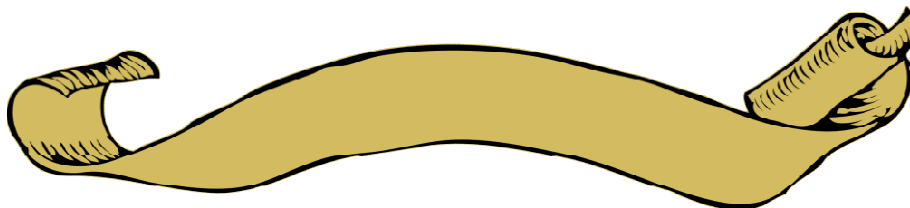
I am taking this opportunity to let everyone know that there is an opening for a creative person with a fresh perspective and enthusiasm for NEFCRC to become the new editor of our Newsletter, Flat-Coat Files. I started this job in 2012 and am stepping down as editor effective October 1st, 2018.

I've enjoyed this job very much over the years. It's fun, has kept me connected with all my friends and up-to-date on NEFCRC news. Now I find myself with back pain issues that don't allow me to sit at the computer for long without severe discomfort. I'm just not able to do that anymore, thus prompting my resignation. This may seem like an abrupt decision to many but I have been thinking about it for a long time.

The next editor can do it in his/her own style, perhaps simpler and easier. If you are interested, let our president, Nancy Triou, know right away. As I said, I've truly enjoyed being editor but I must relinquish this responsibility now and let someone else get the same satisfaction that I have since taking the job in 2012.

Sincerely,
Ruth Sumner

*Thank you for all you have done over the years Ruth !!
NEFCRC Board and Membership*



Competition Obedience Seminar at Tails U Win

On September 29 & 30, the NEFCRC hosted Adele Yunck to present her Competition Obedience: A Balancing Act seminar. The seminar was very successful and extremely well attended – we filled all 20 available working spots and also had 4 auditors. Among the attendees were several professional dog trainers who came to learn new ideas to pass on to their students, many teams already actively competing in the obedience ring, and quite a few teams that had never done any obedience training before and were looking forward to starting their training journey together with their dogs.

Although we did have many Flat-Coated Retriever owners in attendance, it was great to see so many other breeds represented, including Labradors, Golden Retrievers, Vizslas, a Bernese Mountain Dog, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Min Pin, Field Spaniel, Portuguese Water Dog, German Short-haired Pointer, Curly Coated Retriever, and an absolutely adorable Norfolk Terrier. Over the course of the weekend, teams learned various training techniques that could be used in both obedience and field work and could be used to train dogs and puppies of all ages.

At the end of the weekend we asked those who wished to give feedback to do so...and here's what some of them had to say:

"Thank you for hosting this seminar! It was an excellent foundation seminar and offered options for teaching the exercises...I will definitely attend if offered again in the future!"

"This was a wonderful class and opportunity to work with Adele. I would love to take other seminars that are specific to obedience"

"Adele gave an outstanding seminar...I feel excited to use the skills I learned!"

"I LOVED IT! This seminar covered all skill levels, so it was great for both newbie's and experienced dogs and handlers"



End of summer Fun Day

On September 9th we held our end of summer meeting. A fun time was had by all. During the day members could participate in taking the AKC Canine Good Citizen test. Members and pups who got their CGC are Sophie Brock and Cosette, Beth Brock and Bran, and Michele Fesen-Meyer and Jake.

A Trick Dog test was also held. The members and pups that got their Trick Dog Novice titles are: Kristen Sobanski with Banner and Bravo, Sophie Brock with Cosette, Lisa Foley with Riva, and Sally Bridges with Ditto.

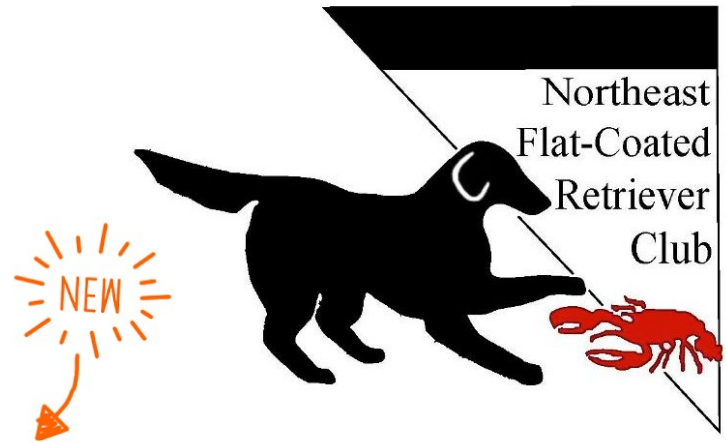
A delicious potluck lunch was had and the lunchtime entertainment was provided by Neal Goodwin and his wicked awesome name that tune game. After lunch was our annual Scurry: Gary McManus and Zuzu retained their title in the less than 7yrs old category while Sally Bridges and Ditto retained their title in the Veteran group.



Gary McManus with Ditto (L) and Zuzu (R)



Sally Bridges and Ditto



Please join us at our Supported Entry!

The NEFCRC has decided to move our Fall Supported Entry to a **NEW WEEKEND** (well, actually **two separate weekends**)! As in previous years, we have divided our Supported Entry into separate days in order to allow our members to participate in multiple venues and avoid ring conflicts and the stress of trying to be several places at once. Agility will be supported at the Talcott Mountain Agility Club show on Saturday, November 24th, and Obedience/Rally will be supported on Sunday, November 25th at the Holyoke Kennel Club.

This year, we are moving our CONFORMATION Supported Entry to an entirely different weekend. Conformation will be supported on Saturday, December 8th in conjunction with the Eastern Dog Club's show. This year, our Breed Judge is Betsy Horn Humer and our Sweepstakes Judge is our very own Donna Gilbert.

Agility entries close on November 3rd. Obedience and Rally entries close on November 7th. Conformation entries close on November 21th, and links to the online entry forms can be found by clicking the link on our website calendar page: <http://www.nefcrc.org/calendar.htm>.

We have some fantastic trophies to award, friends (both new and old) to share our love of our breed with, and (as always) a delicious pot luck after breed judging on Saturday, December 8th! Please bring something to share. You are welcome to join us whether or not you have a dog entered!

Please make sure to use the large crating space that has been reserved for members of our Flat-Coated Retriever family at the Eastern Dog Show event on December 8th – it will be clearly marked and will be available to use for that entire cluster.

We hope to see you there!



WC / WCX Test

The Northeast Flat Coated Retriever Club along with our great friends at the Yankee Golden Retriever Club held its annual WC/WCX Test on October 6 at West Thompson Dam, N. Grosvenordale, CT.

We could not have done this test without the judging talent, equipment and positive enthusiastic members from the Yankee Golden Retriever Club! Our NEFCRC trailer, at the last minute, was not able to come to the test. Our members ferried equipment, ammunition, popper guns, blinds, white shirts, radios and ribbons to the test from all corners of the Northeast while Yankee people pulled from their “closet” an array of tossers, popper gun holders, bird drier racks etc. I’ve often likened the process of putting on a hunt test as organizing a wedding, regardless of the weather. This year we had perfect weather for running dogs and a “country wedding” where all the friends and family brought the essentials!

Many stayed to celebrate at the barbeque and win some of the great donations to the raffle. Rosettes and bird bands were awarded to all qualifiers. Don’t forget to check out our photographer Jeremy Kezer’s website for action shots from the day! www.jeremykezerphotography.com

The comments post hunt test underscores its success. Judge Rainer Fuchs wrote ... “A quick thank you for having Judith and me judge the WC/X test. To borrow my co-judge’s famous words, we had a ‘wicked good time’ Great workers, great gunners, a fun crowd that cheered for everyone, and top weather for dog work. We did the best we could considering the ground conditions- not sure there’s much of any mowing going on at West Thompson anymore, plus the lake level was a high as I’ve never seen before- and we were glad to see so many dogs show us great hunting abilities and pass the test. All in all, it was a pleasure for me to be a part of this, and the day went by too quickly.”

WC: We had 17 dogs entered, with 15 started, and 11 passed; Four FCRs and seven Golden Retrievers.

WCX: We had 18 dogs entered, with 16 started, and 9 passed; Three FCRs and six Golden Retrievers.

Photo below of preparations for land setup. If anyone has shots of their dogs and water setups they would like to contribute we’ll create a photo gallery for the next newsletter!



Sally Young, WCX Co-Chair

WC Qualifiers

Wingmaster Up On The Housetop 'Comet' at 9 months old! Owner/Handler Joelle Prince

CH Wyndfield's Ball of Fire 'Cooper' Owner/Handler Bob Westcot

CH Bertschire Black Bird TKN, CGC 'Bran' Owner/Handler Beth Brock

CH Whatzthat's Sizzling Savina JH, WC 'Savina' Owner/Handler Joelle PrinceMirasol's

Owlternative Energy 'Twizy' Owner/Handler Roseann Mandell

Bounderhill Caoimhe Sweetbriar JH 'Keeva' Owner/ Handler Barry Conners

Topbrass Red Rambler Wray 'Wray' Owner/ Handler George Rowbottom

Broadway's the Show Must Go One 'Lucy' Owner/Handler Linda Boncek

Topbrass West Boalt 'West' Owner/Handler Peg Boalt Juckett

Royal River's Cadillac Mtn First Sunrise RN CGC JH 'Luxe' Owner- Sandra Walton, Handler - Frank McKane

Audeo's Toll Road 'Token' Owner/Handler Christine Marinelli

WCX Qualifiers

SHR Grousemoor Almosteden 1st Splash of Spring CD

RI 'Splash' Owner/Handler Sally Nettleton-Smilas

Hob-B's Thrill of the Hunt MH 'Hunter' Owner/Handler Susan Klein

Breezy Hill's Grand Slam JH 'Gotcha' Owner/Handler Ruth Sumner
Topbrass-Double Heliz Daisy JH WC 'Daisy' Owner/Handler Barbara Davis

Rio Ranch Seaside Perennial Favorite JH 'Sedge' Owner/Handler Deborah Houston

Garnetmine Dahlia Goddess of Fate MH 'Dahlia' Owner – Robin Montesi,
Handler – Frank McKane

Sunfire's Shoot for the Stars 'Star' Owner/Handler Patti Sullivan

Rio Ranch Force Five 'Breeze' Owner/Handler Don Stromeyer

St. Autumn's Saltmarch Lavender 'Lila' Owner/Handler Frank McKane

Member Brags

Beth Brock

On October 6th Bran earned his WC!! He is now CH Bertschire Black Bird TKN CGC WC!!



Field Committee Update

Sally Young

“The Times, they are a Changing” in Field Training sessions 2019

Sally Young, Field Coordinator, will be hosting an evening telephone conference call on Tuesday, January 15. *An eblast will be forthcoming!* There are several major shifts in the future of field training opportunities. After many years of generosity from Buck Shope, Sally Bridges, Priscilla Johnson, Becky Whitmeyer and the Youngs; the times are changing. Buck Shope will no longer be offering us the use of his property on Tuesdays to train. Sally B and Priscilla are not offering their Novice Class in 2019. This week Becky Whitmeyer and her FCR “Buck” are on their way to VA having sold her home in NH. The NEFCRC field trailer is in Cabot, VT for the winter, but a new home must be found which should be closer to the critical mass of field-interested club members.

Lest everything feels like it’s shifting, Sally Y will be petitioning the US Corps of Engineers for a field training date on April 27th at West Thompson and a possible WC/X on October 5th.

On a positive note, Buck Shope may be willing to offer an occasional Friday, when he’s traveling to field trails. In the past, Yankee Golden generously invited NEFCRC to sign-up for different training classes, pending available spots. Also Pat Perry has opportunities on Sundays for us. In addition, he would also be willing to hold one or two one day workshops. Susan Klein and I have been pursuing other places that we might be able to train next spring and summer. As for the trailer, any ideas will be contemplated. Perhaps a more local parking spot, even if we have to rent it. Please, if you have ANY suggestions or reactions to these issues, call Sally Y (802-862-2773)!

