



THE FLAT-COAT FILES



A Quarterly Newsletter of the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Winter 2013

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FCR atop 30 inches of Winter

President’s Message

This issue plus all the inserts are loaded with Club news and information, especially about our upcoming Winter Meeting on Saturday, March 9th (See page 4). I hope to see you there!

This year’s meeting will be a *fun* but busy affair. The “business” segment will be more important than usual. We will elect a new Board for the 2013-2015 term. A “ballot” listing the nominees is on page 6. As a reminder, only members in good standing may vote, so please be sure you have paid your dues.

I’m very excited about the Winter Meeting special program. Jeremy Kezer, a professional canine photographer, will talk about the ins-and-outs of photographing your dog. For those of us who how hard it is to take a decent photo of our black-furred friends, this is welcome news. Jeremy is a long-time friend to our Club; he is regularly asked to photograph our WC/WCX tests, and was a field photographer for our 2009 Specialty. During our program, Jeremy will demo with a Flat-Coat and pass on valuable tips and tricks. Jeremy owns and breeds Irish Water Spaniels, and has run his dog in one of our WC/WCX tests. Jeremy will also be available to take individual portraits of your dogs. You can sign up for a timeslot at the meeting. Proofs will be posted on his website 2 or 3 weeks after our meeting and purchases of your favorite photos can be made online.

The Winter Meeting raffle will be extra-special this year. Richard Silpe, and his wife, Christina, have decided it’s time for them to retire as our premier auctioneer team. In honor of all the years they have served our club in this way, and entertained us, let’s make this raffle the best yet! Our dogs will have their turn for fun with Elaine Van Briggles’ hilarious retrieving game. Sometimes it’s impossible to tell whether it’s the dogs or their handlers who make us laugh.

This is my final President’s column. It has been an interesting but intense two years. I’m deeply grateful for my two pillars, Ruth Sumner and Don Bierer, whose support and assistance was truly bottomless. To the other Board members, thank you. Your efforts, willingness, and thoughtful input were appreciated. Since most of you will be returning, keep up the good work. Richard Silpe will be assuming the helm. The club will be in good hands.

Above all, dear friends, appreciate and love your wonderful Flat-Coat. Take to heart our club’s purposes - promote our breed’s welfare and do so with courtesy and sportsmanlike attitudes.

Deb Westcot

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Calendar of Events

Winter Meeting March 9, 2013 Tails U Win
FCRSA Specialty April 19 – 27th Georgia
Field Training May 1, 2013 through August 24, 2013
WC/WCX September 21, 2013 West Thompson
Summer Meeting TBA
Supported Entry TBA

Web Site

Check our website (NEFCRC.org) for results, events, forms, and photos. Web master **Terry Uminsky** (webmaster@nefcr.org) would love to include your photos and news, so send them in!

Address Changes

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Member News

Sally Bridges has news about Ditto.



“Ditto” aka *Fossilcreek Destiny A New Skywalker* placed third in the Qualifying at Maryland Retriever Club's Fall trial last October. This was the second Qualifying run for Ditto. There were 17 starters. She was handled and trained by Patti Roberts. Owned by Sally Bridges and Susan Foster. Bred by Sandra Reusing and Deborah Edwards.

In Memory

Paulette Swartzendruber

As her shirt says, “Outstanding in Her Field”



From photo by Annie Catterson July 2012

“Paulette left us on Christmas Day leaving a huge hole in many lives as she was the driving force and prompting hand that led us to goals probably not thought of. Paulette was always there to help solve a training glitch, set up tests or courses, constantly looking for excellence in both the dog and handler. Her high standards earned her many OTCH, MACH and MH titles with many different dogs and different breeds. She was a joy to train with and expected you to train as hard as she did - be prepared and enjoy the journey.

Paulette's courage, strength and generosity sharing herself with anyone needing help or support was amazing and wonderful. She was a total hero throughout her whole cancer ordeal, determined to make the most of every day, which she did! I doubt anyone else could have kept going for as long as she did, packing so much living into those last two years.

There will never be another..... Oh, how I miss you Paulette and how grateful I am to have known you so well.”

Bunny Millikin

NEFCRC Memorial

In memory of Paulette the NEFCRC is sponsoring the High in Trial Obedience Trophy at the 2013 Specialty in Georgia. The Board feels this is particularly appropriate because Paulette believed obedience was the foundation for success in all dog competition.



NEFCRC Winter Meeting

Saturday, March 9, 2013

10 am – 3 pm

Tails-U-Win Canine Center
175 Adams Street
Manchester, CT

9:30 am: Set up. Bring crates or x-pens for your dog(s).

10:00 am: General Meeting, Elections, and Versatility Awards Presentation.

Please note: only members in good-standing (dues paid) may vote.

11:00 am: PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR FLAT-COAT by Jeremy Kezer, Canine Photographer.

Pocket/phone cameras; Black Fur Challenges; Tips & Tricks; Dogs in Motion; Demos; Q & A

Noon: Potluck Lunch. Last Names **A-J: DESSERT** and **K-Z: MAIN DISH OR SALAD**

Drinks, plates, utensils and napkins will be provided.

Raffle: PLEASE BRING AN ITEM FOR OUR (IN)FAMOUS RAFFLE. Richard Silpe, Auctioneer

If you or your Flat-Coat would love to win your donated item, then it's perfect for the raffle!

Note: Richard is retiring, so this will be his final auction. Let's make it a record-breaking event!

2:00 pm: Flat-Coat Fun & Games. Elaine Van Briggles's hilarious retrieving game for our dogs. Prizes galore!

ATTENTION: Jeremy Kezer will be available to take personal portraits of your dog(s).

Weather permitting, outdoor setting to be used; otherwise, an indoor backdrop.

Proof viewing & purchase info will be available on his website.

NOTE: If you have not already paid annual dues, our Treasurer, Don Bierer, will gladly take your check and renewal form. (Membership renewal deadline is March 9th.)

CANCELLATION: If Mother Nature dictates that we cancel the meeting, it will be posted on the NEFCRC website (www.nefcrc.org) by 8:00 pm on Friday March 8th. You can also call one of the following members for that information after 8:00 pm on Friday:

Deb Westcot: 207-985-2826 or 207-468-2287

Ruth Sumner: 860-669-6959

Directions to Tails U Win:

From the East: Take 1-84 West to exit 62. At the light at end of the exit, take a right. Proceed to the light at Buckland Street and turn right. Go straight, under the railroad bridge, and bear left onto Adams Street. Tails -U-Win is on the left - #175 - after Adams Mill Restaurant. Entrance is in back.

From the West: Take 1-84 East to exit 62. At the end of the exit, take a right onto Buckland Street. Go straight under the bridge and proceed as above.

From the North: Rte 91S-Exit 35A onto 291S or E. Get off at Exit 5 (Tolland St.). At end of exit, turn left. At the fourth light (Manchester Honda will be on your right) turn right. 175 Adams St is a short way down on the left, immediately after Adams Mill Restaurant. Entrance is in back.

From the South: 91N to 84E and follow "From the West" directions above.

From Rhode Island: Route 6 West to Route 44 West to 384 West. Take the 84 East Exit. Follow signs for Buckland Street. At the stoplight at end of the exit take a right. 175 Adams St. is a short way down on the left, immediately after Adams Mill Restaurant.

There is a small grassy (or snowy!) area behind the building to exercise dogs. Please remember to clean up.

Please JOIN US and COME HAVE FUN!!!

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Field News

Joe Juza and Chris McCluer have graciously and ably taken over the field planning for the club. For many years our former chairperson, Joelle Prince, set a high bar with her excellent, quiet, organized handling of this important job but Chris and Joe are up for the task. They report —

We have invested in some new equipment, added a second flyer day, and a mock WC/X test to our summer training sessions. To enhance this training, in addition to new equipment, we have purchased ducks for the sessions for those that want to practice with birds rather than just bumpers. We are also planning on a WC/WCX test in September and are in the planning stages for a seminar with Buck Shope of Swift River Retrievers. Stay tuned for more information. It promises to be a busy summer!

If you have a puppy or know anyone with one, encourage them to introduce it to field by joining us at training. It's fun to see your dog doing what he was bred to do.

The Schedule for the 2013 Summer Training Sessions

Day	Date	Location	Field Goddess	
Wednesday	May 1	West Thompson, CT	Bunny Millikin	
Saturday	May 18	Becky's, Deerfield, NH	Becky Whitmeyer	**Flyer Day**
Wednesday	May 29	West Thompson, CT	Bunny Millikin	
Tuesday	Jun 4	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Becky Whitmeyer	
Tuesday	Jul 2	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Priscilla Johnson	
Tuesday	Jul 30	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Sally Bridges	
Tuesday	Aug 6	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Sally Bridges	
Tuesday	Aug 13	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Priscilla Johnson	**Mock WC/X**
Saturday	Aug 24	West Thompson, CT	Bunny Millikin	**Flyer Day**



AKC Advanced Retriever Judges and Handlers Seminar

In this newsletter envelope you will find a flyer for an AKC Advanced Judges Seminar offered by the Black Creek Retriever Club. This will be beneficial both to those wanting to judge and to handlers wishing to gain insight into the judging process. The flyer has all the details.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.entryexpress.net and look under "seminars" at the bottom of the list on the left.

Nominating Committee News



The 2013 Nominating Committee, composed of Sally Young (Chair), Pat DeBree, Tina Mohr (not pictured), and Jenn Tower, have submitted the following slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors for the 2013-2015 term, which shall be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, March 9th.



Officers

President – Richard Silpe
Vice-President – Sally Young
Secretary – Patricia Temple
Treasurer – Don Bierer
Membership Secretary – Don Bierer

Directors

Deb Westcot – Immediate
Past President
Beth Brock
Kate Horgan-Burke
Anne Cotton
Shirleen Roeder
Ruth Sumner
Elaine Van Briggie

Thank you to our nominating committee for the tremendous time and effort they put into this process.

Specialty News

Websites for the FCRSA National Specialty

The FCRSA Specialty Premium is on www.foytrentdogshows.com/

<http://www.foytrentdogshows.com/upcomingshows.html>

http://www.foytrentdogshows.com/forms/PL_Flat_Coats_2013v6.pdf

Conformation and Obedience entries close April 3, 2013

Agility Opening date is March 1, 2013, closing April 12, 2013

The Field Events Premium is at www.entryexpress.net

Be sure to type “Specialty” in the **Find Event** box. This will bring you to four separate listings for our Specialty; the two **Fetch Fever** events, **WC/WCX**, **Hunt Tests** (Junior, Senior and Master), and **Field Trial** (Qualifying and Derby).

All field events close April 1, 2013

Descriptive **Fetch Fever** information can be found for —
Newcomer Stake at <http://www.fcrcspecialty.us/index.php/dogs/field>

This address also includes the field events schedule and all contacts for committee heads
Puppy Fetch Fever Stake at <http://galatea.meccahosting.com/~a0000e45/puppy.html>

Conformation Committee Request



Dear NEFCRC Club Members,

It is now time to start thinking about next year's Supported Entry! We would like you all to put on your thinking caps – this year, we are asking for help in coming up with a list of who YOU would like to see judge sweepstakes at a future Supported Entry.

Do you know someone who you think would make an excellent choice? It may be a breeder...it may be a person trying to become a judge...it may be a professional handler...it may be just someone who LOVES and has knowledge of our breed...there are so many wonderful choices, and we would like to hear about all of them!

Please fill out this nomination form and bring it to our NEFCRC meeting on March 9th at Tails-U-Win in Manchester, CT. If you can, please indicate the reason for your nomination ie. John Doe - has been breeding FCRs for 25 years). Can't come to the meeting? No problem! Please e-mail (or snail-mail if you prefer) your nomination form to Beth Brock (see bottom of form for addresses). **All snail-mail nominations must be received by March 8th, and all e-mail nominations must be received by March 9th in order to be considered for this year's judge.**

Thanks for all of your judge suggestions in advance!

Kristen A. Sobanski
Conformation Committee Chairperson

2013 NEFCRC Sweepstakes Judge Nomination Ballot

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Please feel free to nominate more people if you wish! All nominations will be considered for future Sweepstakes Judge assignments. The top 5 nominations will be brought to the Board of Directors for final consideration and invitation to judge the 2013 Supported Entry Sweepstakes in November.

WE ARE JUMPING FOR JOIE !

BISS GCh Blazin's Joie de Vivre CD JH WC

By Ch Flat Castle's Happy Hour x
BOSS GCh Blazin's Gardez La Foi CD GN RE OA OAJ NAJ NJP NF



"New Bronze GCH"

2011 Best in Specialty Show

Group Placements: 2 firsts, 3 seconds, 1 third, 1 fourth

Rudy ended 2012 with another milestone earning his Bronze GCH at the Thanksgiving Cluster. The Northeast contingent did itself proud with the largest entry of Flat-Coats we have seen short of a specialty. Rudy is now whiling away the winter with obedience classes and bumper drills pining for birds and water again!

Owned by: Don and Susan Bierer

Handled by: Deirdre Dunbar — **Bred by:** Dawn Buttion and Martin Archambeault

2012 DONOR LIST

The Club thanks those who donated to the *Trophy Fund, **Jim Greene Memorial Fund, or ***Both Funds in 2012. Thank you for your generosity!

Kurt & Maureen Anderson*
Linda Arble*
Lawrence Baker***
Valerie Bernhardt***
Don & Susan Bierer***
Meghan Blake***
Dawn Bourget*
Sally Bridges***
Beth & David Brock***
Nancy & Jim Brown***
Greg Brzoska***
Kate Horgan-Burke***
Dawn Buttion & Marty Archambeault*
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Cliff Williams***
William & Sally Young***

NORTHEAST FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB
Statement of Cash Flow
January 1 - December 31, 2012

GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE:				<u>TOTALS</u>
G&A Income				
Renewals	\$ 2,740.00			
New Members	175.00			
Late Fees	<u>110.00</u>	\$ 3,025.00		
Raffle Income		505.00		
Merchandise Sales		-		
Newsletter Ads		<u>25.00</u>	\$ 3,555.00	
G&A Expense				
FCRSA Annual Dues		(10.00)		
Gifts and Awards		(383.97)		
Donations		(551.00)		
Newsletter & Postage		(2,055.05)		
Dues & Event Notices		(254.56)		
Other Postage		-		
Supplies		(67.82)		
Website Renewal (prepaid 3yrs)		(251.64)		
Annual Meeting (prepaid 2013)		(375.00)		
Annual Meeting (2012)		<u>(495.42)</u>	<u>(4,444.46)</u>	\$ (889.46)
EVENTS:	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net</u>	
Field Training	\$ 1,484.00	\$ (1,554.63)	\$ (70.63)	
WC/WCX Test	1,875.00	(1,948.35)	(73.35)	
Field Seminar	2,475.00	(2,332.54)	142.46	
Supported Entry	<u>-</u>	<u>(534.47)</u>	<u>(534.47)</u>	
	5,834.00	(6,369.99)	(535.99)	(535.99)
RESTRICTED FUNDS:	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net</u>	
Trophy Fund	\$ 1,080.00	\$ (382.43)	\$ 697.57	
Jim Greene Fund	<u>865.00</u>	<u>(833.05)</u>	<u>31.95</u>	
	1,945.00	(1,215.48)	729.52	<u>729.52</u>
CASH INFLOW (OUTFLOW)				(695.93)
Beginning Cash (1/1)			<u>18,637.76</u>	
ENDING CASH (12/31)			<u>\$ 17,941.83</u>	

Prepared by: Donald S. Bierer, Treasurer

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**NORTHEAST FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB
CASH FLOW SUMMARY
January 1 thru December 31, 2012**

Total Revenues	\$ 11,334.00
Total Expenditures	<u>(12,029.93)</u>
Cash Outflow	(695.93)
Beginning Cash (1/1)	<u>18,637.76</u>
Ending Cash (12/31)	<u>\$ 17,941.83</u>

	<u>1/1/12</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>12/31/12</u>
Free Cash	\$ 11,150.67	\$ 9,389.00	\$ (10,814.45)	\$ 9,725.22
Trophy Fund	3,261.34	1,080.00	(382.43)	3,958.91
Jim Greene Fund	<u>4,225.75</u>	<u>865.00</u>	<u>(833.05)</u>	<u>4,257.70</u>
Total Cash	<u>\$ 18,637.76</u>	<u>\$ 11,334.00</u>	<u>\$ (12,029.93)</u>	<u>\$ 17,941.83</u>

**NORTHEAST FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB
MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY
As of December 31, 2012**

2012 Membership Activity		Geographic Distribution	
Members - 1/1	155	CT	31 21%
New Members	7	MA	35 24%
Resignations	-14	ME	8 5%
Members - 12/31	148	NH	17 11%
Regular	144	NY	23 16%
Lifetime	4	RI	6 4%
Membership	148	VT	10 7%
Trophy Fund	63	Other	<u>18</u> <u>12%</u>
Jim Greene Fund	<u>47</u>		148 100%
Contributions	110		

TREASURER'S REMARKS:

As you can see above, our club gained 7 members and lost 14 members in 2012. This compares to 6 new members and 18 resignations in 2011. We are obviously suffering from attrition. As a private member club, it is incumbent upon all of us to solicit and encourage other flat-coat owners, especially puppy buyers, to join NEFCRC and to support our breed activities. It's fun!

Back to the numbers. We sustained a \$696 cash out flow in 2012. If you consider \$168 that was prepaid for 2013 and 2014 website registration; \$375 that was prepaid for 2013 annual meeting space; and a \$74 loss on the WC/WCX that will be reimbursed in 2013 by FCRSA, then NEFCRC had near break-even operations in 2012.



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