

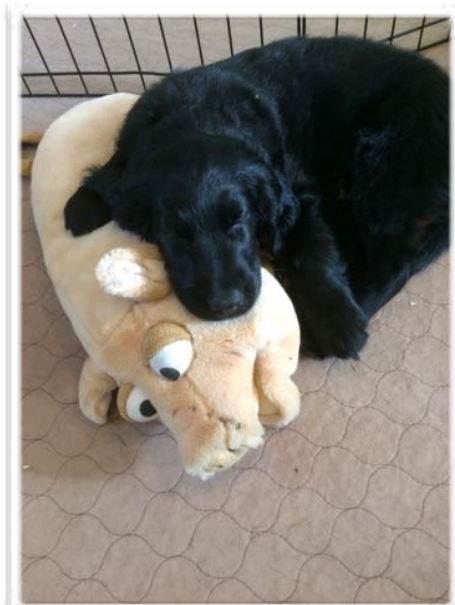
FLAT-COAT FILES

Newsletter of the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Winter 2018

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Killyglass Otter Creek

President's Message

Annual Meeting on March 17, 2018 at Tails-U-Win! In Manchester, CT. Bring a main dish or side (no desserts, please. I've arranged for two of our experienced bakers to contribute) for the famous potluck luncheon, wear green and bring your Irish luck and money for the Leonhardt Raffle!

On a more serious note, **Nancy Triou** and the Nominating Committee has a roster of Officers and Directors for your vote. Remember to send in your dues renewal so you can vote! We must tinker with the bylaws with a short housekeeping amendment. **Sally Bridges** will be awarding the Versatility Awards.

The Winter Walkabout/Pot Luck in Burlington, VT is rescheduled for April 7th. **Sherry Walker** has offered to host a Walkabout at her home on February 18th. Host one in your area, it's an easy way to meet old and new FCR friends. Contact me.

The field people are developing a busy and fun schedule commencing on April 29th and culminating in the WC/X on October 6th at West Thompson with the Yankee Golden Retriever Club. There will be a free Novice Class, all-level training days, a Flyer day in NH, an Upland Game Workshop with Pat Perry, and two One Day seminars offered by Buck Shope. Schedule and sign up forms, inside.

Lisa Foley and the Kuchinos women have arranged trophies for our breed at the Northeast Sporting Group Association Show on June 1 in Wrentham, MA. This will be two shows in one day!

Save **September 8th** for the **End of Summer Fun Day** at the Thompson Rod and Gun Club.

I want to thank **everyone** in club who has worked with me over the past several years. I know that the club will be in experienced hands with Nancy as President for the next year, especially as we anticipate hosting the FCRSA 2021 Specialty.

Sally Young, President

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Calendar of Events

Annual Meeting—March 17th at Tails-U-Win, Manchester, CT

Training Day—April 29, 2018 - all levels, West Thompson

Upland Training Seminar w/Pat Perry June 16 & 17

Buck Shope Training Seminar July 14 & 15

End of Summer Gala—Sept. 8, 2018, Thompson Rod and
Gun Club

WC/WCX— Oct. 6, 2018, West Thompson Dam,
N.Grosvenordale, CT

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

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2018 Field Plans

* Day	Date	Location	Host/Trainer	Notes
Sun	Apr 29	West Thompson, CT	Bunny Millikin	AM Training/PM Fun Singles*

We're jumping ahead here to the first training day on our schedule. **This day requires more explanation.**

NORTHEAST FLAT COATED RETRIEVER CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP West Thompson Dam, N. Grosvenordale, CT – April 29, 2018

We are reintroducing club members and their flat-coats to the concept of a single elimination competition using single marks only. The competition will allow our dogs to showcase their marking abilities. The intent of the singles championship is to reward those dogs who do the best job of marking during this particular day. The championship is divided into two categories - **Steady Singles** and **Unsteady Singles**. The judges will select one First Place winner and JAMS for each section. The generous awarding of JAMS is encouraged to all dogs that have successfully and honestly completed all of the series. The decision of the judges is final.

Steady Singles: Dog must be at least six months of age on the day of the test.

The Steady Singles consist of single marked retrieves of graduated difficulty on land, with a process of elimination determining one winner, the Steady Singles Champion, on the basis of exceptional marking ability. Other finalists shall be awarded Judges Awards of Merit (JAM) without ranking.

Unsteady Singles A: Novice handler and novice dog.

Unsteady Singles B: Experienced handler with young or novice dog.

Unsteady Singles: Dogs must be at least six months of age on the day of the test. Dog must not have earned any ribbon in any previous Unsteady Singles stake. Dog may not have run in any field event requiring steadiness.

The Unsteady Singles is a stake to introduce novice and young dogs, and their handlers to field work. The stake consists of single marked retrieves of graduated difficulty on land, to access a dog's natural marking abilities. As with the Steady Singles this stake is a process of elimination determining one winner. Other finalists shall be awarded Judges Awards of Merit (JAM) without ranking.

Description of Stakes: Each stake will consist of land retrieves only. All marks will be single marked retrieves, using white bumpers. Marks will be clear visible throws. After all dogs in the stake have completed their attempt at the mark, the judges will determine which dogs may continue in the competition and which are eliminated. A test dog shall be used for each test/series. Decoys may be used in the Steady Single only. Gunners shall wear white jackets or shirts. Gunners shall precede each throw with a popper shot or shotgun shot. Gunners shall not use any bird calls. Handles should be prepared for the possibility of one retired gun mark, as the successive series increase in difficulty in the steady series only. Gunners may use wingers, or other devices, to ensure consistency of marks.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Rules, Guidelines and further explanations of these test may be viewed or downloaded from www.FCRSA.org. Viewed under "Field Events", with links to the Steady Singles Championship and Unsteady Singles Stake.

The judges for these tests will be loosely referring to these rules and guidelines during this test. The decision of the judges is final.

Bitches in season will not be allowed to run in these tests.

2018 Field Plans

NEFCRC 2018 Field Training Schedule All sessions are between 8:30 am and 3 pm

Our field training sessions are for **ALL** levels of handlers and dogs, with the exception of the four Novice Classes. Please confirm your attendance with the following Host or Trainer. Plan on volunteering or working at all sessions. Come join the fun and expertise that the NEFCRC has to offer.

Day	Date	Location	Host/Trainer	Notes
* Sun	Apr 29	West Thompson, CT	Bunny Millikin	AM Training/PM Fun Singles*
Sat	5/12	Whitmeyer, Deerfield, NH	Becky W	Flyer Day: Order Birds 4/29
Tues	Jun 5	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Sally Nettleton-S	1-860-614-4980
Sat	6/16	Pat Perry Upland Game	Pat Perry	Register by June 1
Sun	6/17	Two Day Workshop in Royalston, MA		
Tues	6/ 19	Novice Class, Buck Shope's	Bridges/Johnson	Register for all 4 classes by 6/8
Tues	6/ 26	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Annie Catterson?	
Sat	July 7	Whitmeyer's, Deerfield, NH	Becky W	**Bring equipment
Tues	7/ 10	Novice Class, Buck Shope's	Bridges/Johnson	1-978-857-7620
Tues	7/17	Novice Class, Buck Shope's	Bridges/Johnson	1-978-857-7620
Tues	7/24	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Gary McManus	1-860-984-5158
Tues	7/31	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Chris McCluer	1-508-409-7753
Sat	Aug 4	Whitmeyer's, Deerfield, NH	Becky W	**Bring equipment
Tues	8/14	Novice Class, Buck Shope's	Bridges/Johnson	1-978-857-7620
Tues	8/21	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Sally Nettleton-Smilas	1-860-614-4980
Tues	8/28	Buck Shope's, Templeton, MA	Gary McManus	1-860-984-5158

*April 29th: Bunny will lead an all levels training in the morning. After lunch she and Sally Nettleton-Smilas will have a Fun Steady and Unsteady Singles competition

NEFCRC FIELD TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and send with check (payable to NEFCRC) to **Sally S Young, PO Box 626, Burlington, VT 05402-0602 (Before May 1, 2018)**. After May 1, 2018 send to: **Sally Young, PO Box 1, Cabot, VT 05647**. Or, bring this form & check with you if you are registering on the day of training.

Please circle level training for each dog by call name

Dog #1 _____	Novice	WC/JH	WCX	SH	MH
Dog #2 _____	Novice	WC/JH	WCX	SH	MH
Dog #3 _____	Novice	WC/JH	WCX	SH	MH

Name: _____ NEFCRC Member: Yes No

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please circle dates you are attending. Daily registration fees for NEFCRC members are **\$15 for the first dog** and **\$5 for each additional dog**. Non-member dogs will be charged **\$20 for the first dog** and **\$10 of each additional dog**. Please pre-register at least one week in advance of each training date. Better yet, pre-register for multiple dates in advance. You may register on day of training if you must at the same daily rate. Please pre-register at least two weeks in advance if you want to purchase birds for flier days; birds are not required to train those days. Cost is **\$18 per bird**; 2-bird maximum per dog; 4-bird maximum per handler.

Apr 29	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
May 12*	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
	# Birds _____ @ \$18 each	\$ _____
Jun 5	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
June 16 & 17		
Pat Perry Workshop**	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
Jun 26	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
Jul 7*	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
Jul 24	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
Jul 31	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
Aug 4*	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
Aug 21	# Dogs _____	\$ _____
Aug 28	#Dogs _____	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

*At Becky’s Whitmeyer’s training, please bring holding blinds, pistols, RADIOS, bumpers, and dead birds, if you have them.

** Pat Perry’s Upland Game Workshop has its own Registration form. It is \$200 for NEFCRC members and \$250 for non-members. NEFCRC Auditors are \$100 for both days. Non-member auditors are \$125.

2018 NEFCRC Novice Field Training Class

With Sally Bridges & Priscilla Johnson

Sally Bridges and Priscilla Johnson are organizing another Novice Field Training Class for this summer:

June 19, July 10, July 17 and August 14

The emphasis of the four sessions will be an introductory experience for NEFCRC handlers who have never experienced the fun of field work with their flat-coated retriever old or young. Participants are strongly urged to attend all four sessions for maximum benefit. There may be a couple of handler/dog team slots for handlers who have some field experience but presently have a puppy (less than 2 years old.) Sally and Priscilla will be teaching the classes as long as they have at least 5 handler/dog teams by mid-June. Come join the fun in the field at **Buck Shope's, 205 Pail Factory RD, Templeton, MA.**

Contact Sally Bridges to register: skywalkFCR@verizon.net

Novice Class Registration Form

Dog's Name _____ **Call Name** _____ **DOB:** _____

Owner's Name _____ **NEFCRC Member:** Yes
No

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone #:** _____

June 19	# of Dogs _____	No Charge
July 10	# of Dogs _____	No Charge
July 17	# of Dogs _____	No Charge
Aug 14	# of Dogs _____	No Charge

A New Training Opportunity with Pat Perry

Two Day Upland Game Seminar
June 16 & 17, 2018
8:30 AM - 3 PM
Pat Perry – Hedgerow Kennel and Hunt Club
268 Athol Richmond RD
Royalston, MA 01368
(978)249-7115



Pat Perry is known to a number of NEFCRC members who do upland hunting with their dogs. Flat-coated Retrievers were recently allowed to participate in the AKC Spaniel Hunt Tests to be able to title in Junior, Senior and Master. Additionally the North American Hunting Retriever Association (NAHRA) and the Hunting Retriever Club (HRC) incorporate upland game hunting skills in their hunt tests for our dogs.

He is offering us a two day workshop which ambitiously starts at the very beginning on Saturday with training equipment, trainer's role, yard work, advanced yard work, line steadiness, steady to shot, forced retrieve, force to pile, single marked retrieves, and honoring retrieves. On Sunday he will be focusing on teaching double retrieves, pattern blinds on land, memory blinds, on land, cold blinds on land, pattern blinds on water, memory blinds on water, cold water blinds, finding and flushing game, hunting and quartering, adjusting range and steady to flush. He will guide us through Junior, Senior and Master level expectations to qualify.

Working Teams (priority will be given to NEFCRC members)

NEFCRC Members	\$200
Non Members	\$250

Auditors

NEFCRC Members	\$100
Non-members	\$125

Remember to wear something with hunter orange: Vest, shirt or hat.

Remember to bring those items that will make your day more comfortable for you and your dog: crates. food. water. lunches. weather informed clothes.



***Focus: Just what our dogs need
for successful field training!***

A New Training Opportunity with Pat Perry (cont.)

Pat Perry Testimonials

Sam Mitchell — Returning, long time NEFCRC member, gunner and former Gun Capt.

“Pat Perry's been training our flat-coats for over a decade. He has a very gentle and positive way with the dogs which is extremely suitable to our breed. The training is done in a friendly and fun manner for the owners also. He'll begin at the beginning and take us up to and including the kind of work the dogs do in senior hunter. There are about 200 acres including a beaver pond for water retrieving, and lots of live birds if you want a flyer (someone will be there to shoot, so you don't need a shotgun unless you'd like to shoot yourself). Pat's also patient -- amazingly so -- with trainers.

Come to him and get your dog trained to retrieve! Your dog will think he's died and gone to heaven! There is nothing in the world our dogs love more than the work they were bred for!”

Joelle Prince — Long-time member of NEFCRC, former Field Chair

“Pat knows dogs! Pat’s training approach includes respect and fairness to the dog and training the handler along with the dog. The result is a handler with a better understanding of and relationship with her dog along with the skills to take the dog/handler team to the next level.”

Jennifer Tower and **Sally Bridges** who also train with Pat Perry, speak very highly of him as well. Jenn has advocated our offering this workshop for the past three years. Sign up and prove her right!

Our FCRs were bred to do Upland as well as Water Fowl work and to show in the Breed ring. In the past couple of years, AKC has added flat-coats to the list of eligible breeds for the Spaniel Hunt Tests, offering our field-loving dogs and owners new titles to have fun earning. They have recognized them as an upland hunting breed, something those who hunt over FCRs have known since the formation of the breed.

Come join us for a fun-filled and information-rich weekend on June 16 and 17!

Check out Pat’s Website (www.Hedgerow.com) for more information about him and his work. Under “Contact Us” you will find a link to area hotels for your convenience.

Registration Form for Pat Perry Workshop

Dog: _____ Call Name: _____

Color: _____ Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current level of field training/accomplishments: _____

Owner: _____ Handler: _____

Address: _____

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Email address: _____ Cell or best phone # _____

For your team, what would you like to have addressed in this workshop?

Working Teams:

NEFCRC Members: \$200 Non Members: \$250

Auditors:

NEFCRC Members: \$100 Non-Members: \$125

Please send this registration form as well as your check (made out to NEFCRC)

to Sally Young, PO BOX 626, Burlington, VT 05402-0626

NEFCRC Members will be given priority up until May 26, 2018

Final deadline: June 1, 2018

Keep this part of this form for your records and future reference

Pat Perry Workshop
268 Athol Richmond RD
Royalston, MA 01368

June 16 and 17, 2018

Please remember to bring HUNTER ORANGE hat, vest or shirt. If you don't have any hunter orange clothing just email me: sally.young@uvm.edu I'm sure that we can outfit you. Also remember to bring those items that will make your day more comfortable for you and your dog: crates, food, water, lunches, chair and weather informed clothes (rain gear/umbrella).

Questions: Sally Young (802-324-3292) or email: sally.young@uvm.edu

Jennifer Tower: (413-388-1749) or email: slipstreamfcr@gmail.com



NEFCRC Winter Meeting



Our Annual meeting is a great place to meet, talk, get acquainted/reacquainted, laugh, describe our favorite FCR antics, compare notes, and most of all have fun. Watch for e-blasts with more information as plans develop.

Please Join Us for our NEFCRC Winter Meeting

Saturday, March 17th 10-4

Tails U Win

175 Adams St, Manchester CT

9:00 – 10 Set up – Bring Crates for you dogs or plan to crate them in the car during the General meeting and Nose Work talk. Dogs will have an opportunity to try Nose Work later.

10:00 – 10:15 Vote on By-Laws Amendment

10:15 – 11:15 Election of new Officers and Board of Directors

General Meeting

Presentation of Versatility Awards

Presentation of Friend in Deed Award

11:15 – 11:30 Demonstration of stress free nail trimming – Gary McManus and Terry Drew

11:30-12:30 Lunch — Please bring a dish to share (Main dish or salad). Water and dessert will be provided.

12:30-1:30 - Discussion of AKC and other Scent Work titling venues with Laurey Weiner - National Association of Scent Work competitor, instructor, and AKC Scent Work judge.

1:30-2:30– Try Its

Intro to scent work

Grooming clinic - \$5 to have your dog's feet and ears groomed by a skilled club member

**Remember both raffles! The more people who participate,
the more fun for us all.**



The Vote —The first item to be presented and voted on will be the Proposed By-Laws amendment. It is an important housekeeping task that will bring our club up to speed with the other regional clubs and insurance requirements .

Proposed By-laws Amendment

I was recently contacted by a member of the FCRSA board and it was confirmed by Monica Stephens, FCRSA Treasurer that all our Officers and Directors of the NEFCRC need to be members in good standing of the regional club but also members of FCRSA. It is critically important as our regional club looks to and gets insurance coverage from FCRSA. Therefore it is recommended that all voting members of NEFCRC who are present at the Annual Meeting positively adopt the added language in Article II, Section 1 as follows: **of the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever and the Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America.** Sally Young, President

Current

ARTICLE II: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. General management of the Club' affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. Toward this end, the Board shall establish policies and develop procedures to be codified and updated as necessary.

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of a minimum of seven and a maximum of twelve individuals, all of whom shall be members in good standing.

Directors shall be elected at the Club's Annual Meeting, as provided in Article III and shall serve until their successors are elected. The immediate Past President shall be granted a position on the Board of Directors, serving a term of three years.

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Annual Meeting (cont.)

The Other Vote —The other item to be voted on is our slate of Officers and Board for 2018. The nominating committee has done an outstanding job in finding willing, talented, committed candidates for all positions. Read on and smile!

NEFCRC Proposed Slate of Board of Directors

2018

Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Position</u>
Nancy Triou	2 years	CT	President
Sally Nettleton-Smilas	1 year	CT	Vice President
Lisa Foley	2 years	RI	Treasurer
Gary McManus	1 year	CT	Secretary

Board of Directors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>State</u>
Beth Brock	1 year	RI
Susan Klein	1 year	MA
Neal Goodwin	2 years	CT
Kristen Sobanski	2 years	CT
Sherry Walker	3 years	MA
Jennifer Tower	3 years	MA
Tina Mohr	3 years	VT
Ingrid Sarelius	3 years	NY

After the vote, give them all the support and help you can to make 2018 another great NEFCRC year!

Fabulous Raffle Prize

At the Annual Meeting —

Our featured **raffle** prize will be an original Kathi Leonhardt pastel portrait of your dog taken from the favorite photo that you submit to her. You can see below what she is able to do with her pastels! The lucky winner will have a treasure. We are very fortunate to have such a generous and talented member willing to donate her art.

Tickets will be available soon for purchase through Sally Nettleton-Smilas as well as at the meeting.

Ticket prices are as follows —

\$5 for one ticket
\$20 for five tickets
\$100 for 30 tickets

Buy more, save more with more chances of success!!

Sally's contact information:

Address: P.O. Box 99

Haddam, CT 06438

Phone: (860) 3445-2995



Show News from Lisa Foley



The New England Sporting Group Association at Ladies' Dog Club show weekend

NESGA will be holding two back to back shows on Friday, June 1, 2018 at the Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham, MA. Gun Dog classes will be offered for all breeds and a Gun Dog Group for both shows. An Owner Handled Group and 4-6 Month Puppy Competition will be offered at one of the shows. With the Ladies Dog Club Show, this is a great opportunity to earn points at four shows in three days. The NEFCRC has historically supported this club's shows and continues to do so by contributing to the purchase of trophies for both shows along with Lisa Foley, Theresa and Jill Kuchinos.

News of 2018 Winter Walkabouts

Winter Walkabouts can be wonky weather-wise! **Bill and Sally Young** were going to host a Walkabout, which is a potluck lunch on a weekend, followed by an on lead or off lead walk in the neighboring area. A blizzard blasted all but two Walkabouts in 2016. This year VT was beset with a blizzard on January 13th. We had a couple of NEFCRC people who were going to come and a larger number of FCRs and their owners whom we knew. **Ann Cady** and **Ingrid Sarelius** were going to host one in Avon, NY on February 17th but it was cancelled as there was only one other person who was available that weekend.

Sherry Walker is offering a Walkabout at her house, 43 Gayland RD, Needham, MA, in April. sherryebw@gmail.com.

The Vermont contingent will be meeting on **April 7th at Bill and Sally Young's house**, 28 N Williams ST, Burlington, VT followed by a walk on the Burlington Country Club. RSVP to me, sally.young@uvm.edu.

If you'd like to host a Walkabout don't hesitate to contact me and we'll promote it! It's a great way to get together in the winter/spring in an informal way.

Sally Young



Member Brags

Beth Brock has an exciting 2017 Supported Entry brag for her boy, Bran.



Bran, Bertschire Black Bird TKN, won Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a 5pt major at the Windham County Kennel Club supported entry show on Nov. 25, 2017 in West Springfield, MA. Beth is so proud of her handsome boy and wants to thank our judge Kathi Leonhardt for this huge win.

Beth Brock



Princess

By Henry F. Stocek Jr.

A reminder worth stating here is that it has been going on for tens of millions of years (give or take a few million), presumably according to a formula established near when the process began. Scratching your head? It's the male-female thing: Breeding, coupling, tying, *sexual* reproduction—the continuance of the survival of a species through a proscribed act involving physical unification of opposite genders. Any greater clarity risks offending the tender minded reader.

Elsa, you see, our three year old FCR princess, is in “heat.” Aside from the general messiness of the condition, made more manageable by dog diapers, complication arises from the presence of her littermate, Huckleberry—our “fixed” male. Being fixed is not as reliable as it would appear. Huckleberry refuses to recognize that surgery has eliminated an elemental function—that is, ability to reproduce. He can't, but he still insists on showing off his ability to “perform.” Frankly, I am eaten up with admiration over this, especially considering the neutering handicap, but I digress. Huckleberry's canine medical phenomenon only manifests itself during what my wife calls “Elsa's hussy phase.” She signals when she is “ripe” to conceive by commencing to tease, overtly invite, shamefully wheedle—in general, behave like that very flirtatious date at the Saturday night dance. Here I must emphasize that personally I have only second hand knowledge of such things. Anyway, Pat DeBree referred to the next step as “Humpty-Dumpty.” If allowed to continue, that is when Mr. Huckleberry might achieve his apex of medical marvelousness, and get himself into a determined state.

Humpty Dumpty means taking turns. Bear in mind that even with Elsa's secure diaper, Huckleberry gamely forges ahead and goes first. He mounts—sometimes from in back, oft times in front, oblivious to confirmed protocols. We scold, he stops. Then, nonchalantly, acting as if our ship is delayed a couple of parsecs out, or that we are invisible, Elsa mounts—from in back as she is so much smaller. We hear, we see, we scold. It re-begins. One of them has to go into the kennel. Of course, it would be much worse if Huckleberry were intact.

Which brings me to real breeding: Pat DeBree used to arrange for it on her lawn in front of the pond. My wife would usually go over with our female of the moment. There would be lawn chairs, a chaise, wine and proper glasses—very nice, really. Pat liked a relaxed ambience. Helped to calm her male, she said. After FCR preliminaries, the ladies would take to the furniture, but only after a tie was achieved. Time and Nature did the rest, and if all went well, puppies could be expected down the road. Meanwhile, the “tie” must go on; and on and on—sometimes for two glasses of wine. Must you ask, “Why?”

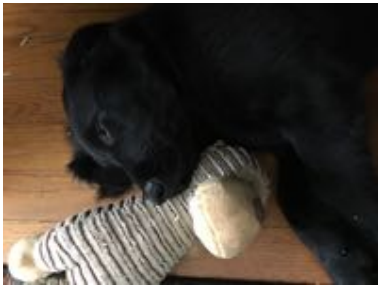


This is the place! See the pond in the background. The chairs for relaxing.

Member Story by Henry Stocek (cont.)

Like me at the time, you may have no eye witness experience. The “*Why of the Tie*” ranks up there with: “When will gravitons be proven,” “Why pentadactylism,” and “Where does the Higgs Boson hide?” Heady stuff, indeed—probably explains why vets do a brisk insemination business.

When will Princess Elsa be bred you may be wondering? The question exists as yet with an undetermined answer. She is beautiful and from a well-established background. Her sire was Pat DeBree’s *Petersfield Fiddles and Flutes*, aka Arlo, and her dam was Sue Stillwell’s *Breezy Hill Fourth Element*, aka Windy. Sue established Elsa’s personality by tenderly loving her up often, and we carry that forward every day. We keep her intact in the hope that she will produce fine FCR puppies before too long. Of course, we intend to keep one of them.



Kris Sobanski’s recent litter photos

Puppies!

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Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club's Versatility Award

Do You and your Flat-Coat Qualify for the 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

NOTE: Deadline is February 28th

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

Dates that the Titles were earned.

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 the next page, and return it to the Sally Bridges. 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 FEBRUARY 28th to: Sally Bridges 285 Forest Street Methuen, MA 01844

NEFCRC Dues Renewal Form



2018 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 ___

2018 Annual Dues is **due upon receipt**. Additional contributions to the Trophy Fund, Jim Greene Fund, and Seminar/Workshop Fund are always appreciated. Payment and this form must be received no later than the Annual Meeting on March 17th to avoid a late fee. *Newsletters are now produced in color and archived on the website. Notice of current issue will be provided by email. *Please note there is a surcharge if you wish to receive black and white hard copies mailed to you via USPS.*

2018 Dues (circle appropriate membership category and enter dues amount) Individual (Adult)-\$20; Individual (Junior)-\$10; Family-\$25	
Newsletter - Color archived on website	0
*Newsletter - B&W by USPS (circle \$10 surcharge and add)	10
Late Fee - after March 17 (circle \$5 penalty and add)	5
Trophy Fund Donation (for event trophies, awards)	
Jim Greene Fund Donation (for field related costs, equipment)	
Seminar/Workshop Fund Donation (for educational activities)	
Total Enclosed (not tax deductible)	\$

Please make checks **payable to NEFCRC** and mail with this form to:

Susan Klein, Membership Secretary
 NEFCRC
 PO Box 817
 East Dennis, MA 02641
sklein1@capecod.net

2018 Field News

Buck Shope announces two exciting one-day seminars for more advanced field training opportunities! He supports us. Now it's NEFCRC's turn to support him. These seminars are going to be widely promoted among several retriever clubs, so sign up early.

Buck Shope

www.swiftriverretrievers.com

Swift River Retrievers
205 Pail Factory RD
Templeton, MA

July 14 and 15, 2018

Saturday, July 14	Transition/Senior Blind Work (dead birds only)
NEFCRC members	\$200
Non-Members	\$220

This workshop is intended for teams that have finished a Working Certificate or Junior Hunts or equivalent. The focus will be on teaching blinds and transition work towards Working Certificate Excellent or Senior level work.

Sunday, July 15	Senior/Master Marks & Blinds (dead birds, 1 live flyer)
NEFCRC members	\$230
Non-members	\$250

This workshop is intended for teams that are entering Senior and Master Level Hunts or equivalent. The focus will be on Senior and Master level marks with the addition of appropriate level blinds. There will be a live flyer this day.

Auditors are welcome either day for a fee of \$60 per day.

Buck Shope has been a professional retriever trainer for over 20 years and given generously to the NEFCRC by allowing us to use his property on several Tuesdays during the spring and summer. We have held other workshops as well on his land. Last but not least, he allows us to leave the NEFCRC trailer on his property all season for our use. Thank you, Buck!

Use the registration form on the next page to enter —

Registration Form for Buck Shope Seminars

**Saturday, July 15, 2018. Transition Training – blinds and steadiness
(dead birds only for the day)**

For JR and WC teams contemplating SR or WCX

Fee: \$200 for NEFCRC members \$220 for Non-members \$60 for Auditor

Sunday July 16, 2018. Senior/Master Marks & Blinds (dead birds & 1 Flyer)

For teams entering Senior and Master level tests

Fee: \$230 for NEFCRC members \$250 for non-members \$60 for Auditor

Circle one fee for each separate day indicating your membership status for the day that you want to attend. Make out your check(s) to “**Swift River Retrievers,**” mail check(s) and registration form to: **All registrations must be postmarked by July 5, 2018:**

Sally Young, PO Box 626, Burlington, VT 05402-0626 before May 1, 2018

Sally Young, PO Box 1, Cabot, VT 05647 after May 1, 2018

Dog: _____ Call Name: _____

Color: _____ Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current level of training/
accomplishments: _____

What would you like Buck Shope to focus on with your team? Problematic behaviors? New skill?
Buck would like to tailor-make the seminar to meet your individual needs:

_____ use reverse side of this page if needed.

Owner: _____ Handler: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell or best phone # _____

Questions: Sally Young

Email: sally.young@uvm.edu

cell: 802-324-3292

The FCRCSA Lending Library has the Dennis Voigt dvd “Training Alone” available to loan to FCRSA members.



JUNE 1-3, 2018 DENNIS VOIGT RETRIEVER TRAINING

RETRIEVER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Dennis will teach us procedures and philosophies that have produced top competitive dogs with both style and control in field trials in the US and Canada. Dennis will briefly review early puppy work, Basics steps and then pursue more advanced topics with a focus on Transition challenges leading to Advanced work. He will demonstrate some things with his own dogs, but selected participants at various levels will be chosen to run set-ups and drills to best illustrate various lessons. This will allow us to discuss handling and training issues.

There will be sessions on ways to improve the handlers' teamwork and developing and maintaining standards. Day three will focus on problem-solving and addressing your special concerns. Our goal will be to help advance your dogs to be the best they can be!

Bridget Bodine of DeCoverly Kennels is the Workshop organizer. This 3-day workshop will cost \$300 with no additional fee for those chosen to run their dog.

Contact Bridget for applications for the limited entry.

Bridget Bodine discoverly@discoverlykennels.com 578-378-3357

DECOVERLY KENNELS, 175 DECOVERLY LANE, FALLS, PA.
WWW.DECOVERLYKENNELS.COM

Canadian Dennis Voigt has over 45 years' experience in training, hunting, field trialing and judging retrievers all across Canada and the United States.

Dennis has trained 9 Field Champions and won 3 National Championships while training alone the majority of the time. He hunts waterfowl and upland game with all his dogs.

Dennis occasionally does training and judging workshops and has teamed up in the past with Mike Lardy, Pat Burns, Ray Voigt and Andy Attar on some.

Dennis has produced two DVD's, **Training Retrievers Alone** and **25 Essential Retriever Training Drills for Handling**. (www.ybsmedia.com).

He published Retrievers Online magazine for 25 years- one of the most comprehensive sources of retriever training information available today. His new website has much valuable information (www.retrieveronline.com).

This workshop will have much content for training with and without e-collars and geared to hunt tests as well as field trials!!

