

Flat-Coat Times

The Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Winter 2011

President's Message

Hello all, I hope all of you had Happy Holidays spent with family and friends and maybe spending a little extra time with our four footed kids. I know my own dogs love this time of the year and the snowfall at Thanksgiving was fun for them. I spent it at my sister's in Rainier, OR and they had 7 inches of snow. The dogs of course had a blast playing in the white stuff. I hope the New Year will bring many happy new memories.

We had our second supported entry on Oct 30th at Vancouver, WA. We had a nice turnout of 7 in puppy sweeps, 4 in veteran's sweeps and 22 in the regular classes. We also had a very nice dinner right on the fairgrounds with around 20 people in attendance. The food was great. A big Thank you to Sheila Bradshaw for organizing the dinner and Heather Dawson for the raffle. We had a nice assortment of items to choose from. We did it a little different this time as we sold tickets and then you could put those in for the item you would like to have a chance to win. Most of us came home with lots of goodies.

Our next supported entry will be on April 2nd in Albany, OR. We will have our annual meeting and dinner on the fairgrounds, Hopefully with the same caterer we had for the national. Also we will be holding elections before the meeting. Trophies will be silver plated like those we offered last Jan. Heather Dawson is in charge of the dinner and raffle, so start gathering items for the raffle. She will also be accepting sponsorships on the trophies, so if there is a specific trophy you would like to sponsor please contact her at heather@northernlightsfcr.com.

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Important Dates:

April 2nd: NWFCRC
Supported Entry at Albany

July 28th thru the 31st:
NWFCRC Agility Trial in
Central Point Oregon

August 6th: Flat Coat Fun
Daze Hosted by Carolyn
and Joe Bersch on their
property in Washington.

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in the next issue September 15th,
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On Jan 15,2011, at Puyallup, Elgie and Coal Gentry earned there Rally Excellent title.

Coal is now "SHR UH Am/Int CH Vly Crst Diamond In The Ruff SH WCX RE".

Elgie and Elizabeth Gentry



Around the Northwest . . .

Looks like Boomer wasn't finished winning today. FowlPlay Life In The Fast Lane TD (CH Windraider's Of Legend 'N Song JH WC Am WC x SHR FowlPlay Just Here For The Party JH WC) won WD/BOW for a 4 point major (at the Rainer Sporting Dog Ass. Show) under judge Richard Byrd. Congratulations Jeanne and Tom! A very nice day for you!

Jennifer Stanley
FowlPlay

This weekend at the Albany show, Joyce Brackney's, Stoney went Best of Breed on Saturday and took a group 3 on Sunday.

CH MACH Shasta Brownstone CD
JH RA Hall of Fame "Stoney"

Way to go Stoney!



Pat Boydston hard at work in the hot sun
announcing for the Master National in
Corning California.

President's Message

Please think about running for an office or as a board position. We need some new input to run the club as smoothly as possible and having new people bring these ideas will help the club grow. If anyone is interested in running for an office please let me or any of the board know.

On a sad note Mike Keeter of Wyncrest Kennels passed away in Oct. He was a long time member who was always there to help in anyway he could. I will remember him for his laugh, smile and love of the flat coats. He loved to be ringside cheering the dogs on. He was always so proud of all of his dogs. He will be missed around the rings and at the 3 C's booth. While we are sad over his passing there were many of his flat coats that were happily waiting for him at the Rainbow Bridge.

Also my condolences to those who had dogs that crossed over the Rainbow Bridge this year. I lost Reba earlier this year, just before her 11th birthday. She was my little brown clown. Sometimes a little naughty but always nice. She lives on in her children and grandkids. They are never with us long enough, but leave pawprints forever in our hearts. Give each of yours an extra hug more for us then for them. They give so much and ask for so little in return. They make us smile when we are down and just live in the moment. A lesson we can learn from them. So take that extra walk, play ball or just sit with them somewhere quiet. They'll enjoy it and so will you.

Jeanne Allen,
President

Dear Dogs and Cats: The dishes with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Racing me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort, however. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out on the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, *there is no secret exit from the bathroom!* If, by some miracle, I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge in an attempt to open the door. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years - canine/feline attendance is not required.

The proper order for kissing is: Kiss me first, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough.

Finally, in fairness, dear pets, I have posted the following message on the front door:

TO ALL NON-PET OWNERS WHO VISIT AND LIKE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR PETS:

(1) They live here. You don't. (2) If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. That's why they call it 'fur'-niture. (3) I like my pets a lot better than I like most people. (4) To you, they are animals. To me, they are adopted sons/daughters who are short, hairy, walk on all fours and don't speak clearly.

Remember, dogs and cats are better than kids because they (1) eat less, (2) don't ask for money all the time, (3) are easier to train, (4) normally come when called, (5) never ask to drive the car, (6) don't hang out with drug-using people; (7) don't smoke or drink, (8) don't want to wear your clothes, (9) don't have to buy the latest fashions, (10) don't need a gazillion dollars for college and (11) if they get pregnant, you can sell their children

*Your presence is requested on April 2nd, 2011
to attend the Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club's
Spring Supported Entry and Banquet*

The Supported entry will be held at the Linn County Fairground/Expo Center in Albany, Oregon, which is a great venue (site of the 2008 National Specialty)! We will have puppy & veteran sweeps as well as the regular classes. We will be offering beautiful sterling silver trophies. Entries close on March 16th, 2011. To enter please visit: www.onofrio.com. This will be in conjunction with the Chintimini Kennel Club Show on Saturday, April 2nd & Sunday, April 3rd (with a rally & obedience offering on Friday, April 1st).

In conjunction with the supported entry we will be having our spring banquet. It is being held at Linn County Fairgrounds/Expo Center. We will offer a wonderful menu of Northwestern cuisine. We will also be offering a no-host bar. The club will be covering the bartender fee and a portion of the meal for each member. We will also be having an auction at the banquet. Attached is a form to reserve seating at the banquet and trophy sponsorship. The menu for the banquet, is below for your review.

This is one of the main events that our club does each year to say thank you to all of our members. We sincerely hope that everyone is able to attend.

We have trophies available for sponsorship.

In order to continue offering beautiful trophies to our members, we need your help in sponsoring them.

-A list of trophies available for sponsorship is attached-

-Trophy sponsorship is first come first serve-

Spring 2011 Banquet Fare

*Roast Sirloin of Beef - Au Jus with Creamed Horseradish
Apple Almond Stuffed Chicken with Light Chicken Gravy*

*Wild Rice Blend
Served with Buttered Vegetable of the Season and Dinner Rolls with Butter*

*Roasted Hazelnuts with Mixed Greens
Broccoli Bacon salad*

Coffee, Decaf, Tea and Raspberry Lemonade will be served

*Southern Chocolate Cake
Marion berry Crisp*

If you have any questions regarding the banquet, supported entry or trophy sponsorship, please feel free to contact :

Heather Dawson at 360.904.7299

heather@northernlightsfcr.com

Weave your way to the raffle table, says Cami.

It's only January, but it's already time to get ready for our annual four-day agility trial in Central Point, Oregon. This

year the trial will be from July 28-31, Thursday through Sunday.

This annual trial is a major fundraiser for the NWFCR Club and supports many club activities as well as contributing toward national FCRSA specialty expenses. An important factor in the financial success of past trials has been our always-popular raffle. All of the proceeds from the raffle go to our local club, so, to make it as much fun and as successful as it has been in the past, please donate as generously as you can. This year the raffle will be co-chaired by Marge Ryder (marger@mac.com) and Linda Schurer, who both live in the San Francisco Bay Area.

We want to make donating as easy as possible for you, so.....

If you are coming to the trial, please bring something for the raffle.

If you will not be attending the trial this year, you can still contribute by sending items to Lynda Spangler at: *Lynda Spangler/FCRC Trial, 1050 Hugo Road, Merlin, OR 97532*

Or, go shopping online and have the item sent to Lynda Spangler (konospan@cpros.com). If you do, please send an email to Lynda and Marge so we can keep track of the donation.

Or, if you don't have time to shop, you can send a check to Marge (made out to Marge Ryder) and we will happily purchase an item in your name. Economic times are still rough, but if you can donate even a small amount, we can combine donations to purchase highly desirable items.

Item tips:

Look through your dog closet (we know you all have at least one!) and see if you have any unused doggy training items such as utility articles, agility training equipment, or field training items. It's also fun to ask your friends in your training classes for items. They may well come up with some great stuff! Items do not need to be new – they just need to be in good condition.

Donations do not have to be dog related. Some popular non-dog items last year were an electronic weather station/clock, large and decorated flower pots, hand-painted sun-visors and tote bags, and a number of lovely baskets with wine and munchies.

Our federal numbers are 501(c)7 entity. Our Federal Employer Id (tax ID) number is 36-3109628.

Thanks for all your help. Your donations last year were absolutely fantastic!

Marge Ryder and Linda Schurer

Calendar of Upcoming Events

CONFORMATION

Club	City	State	Show Date
Linn County Kennel Club, Inc.	Albany	OR	11-Feb-11
Linn County Kennel Club, Inc.	Albany	OR	12-Feb-11
McKenzie Cascade Dog Fanciers	Albany	OR	13-Feb-11
McKenzie Cascade Dog Fanciers	Albany	OR	14-Feb-11
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.	San Jose	CA	20-Feb-11
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.	San Jose	CA	21-Feb-11
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.	Seattle	WA	12-Mar-11
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.	Seattle	WA	13-Mar-11
Santa Cruz Kennel Club, Inc.	Vallejo	CA	24-Mar-11
Kennel Club of Salinas	Vallejo	CA	25-Mar-11
San Mateo Kennel Club, Inc.	Vallejo	CA	26-Mar-11
Oakland Kennel Club	Vallejo	CA	27-Mar-11
Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.	Bremerton	WA	26-Mar-11
Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.	Bremerton	WA	27-Mar-11
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.	Albany	OR	2-Apr-11
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.	Albany	OR	3-Apr-11
Sacramento Kennel Club	Sacramento	CA	16-Apr-11
Sacramento Kennel Club	Sacramento	CA	17-Apr-11
Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers, Inc.	Lewiston	ID	22-Apr-11
Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers, Inc.	Lewiston	ID	23-Apr-11
Lewis-Clark Kennel Club, Inc.	Lewiston	ID	24-Apr-11
Lewis-Clark Kennel Club, Inc.	Lewiston	ID	25-Apr-11
Chief Solano Kennel Club	Vallejo	CA	23-Apr-11
Chief Solano Kennel Club	Vallejo	CA	24-Apr-11
Walla Walla Kennel Club	Walla Walla	WA	30-Apr-11
Walla Walla Kennel Club	Walla Walla	WA	1-May-11
Olympia Dog Fanciers Association	Elma	WA	7-May-11
Olympia Dog Fanciers Association	Elma	WA	8-May-11
Southern Oregon Kennel Club	Klamath Falls	OR	12-May-11
Southern Oregon Kennel Club	Klamath Falls	OR	13-May-11
Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc.	Klamath Falls	OR	14-May-11
Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc.	Klamath Falls	OR	15-May-11
Coyote Hills Kennel Club	Vallejo	CA	21-May-11
Coyote Hills Kennel Club	Vallejo	CA	22-May-11
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.	Lynden	WA	21-May-11
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.	Lynden	WA	22-May-11
Spokane Kennel Club	Spokane	WA	28-May-11
Spokane Kennel Club	Spokane	WA	29-May-11
Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers	Coeur D'Alene	ID	30-May-11
Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers	Coeur D'Alene	ID	31-May-11

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HUNT TESTS

Name	Location	Event Date
Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club	Los Banos, CA	19-Feb-11
Hills Ferry Hunting Retriever Club	Los Banos, CA	12-Mar-11
Nor-Cal Golden Retriever Club	Fairfield, CA	26-Mar-11
Nor-Cal Golden Retriever Club	Fairfield, CA	27-Mar-11
Marin Retriever Club	Corning, CA	2-Apr-11
Marin Retriever Club	Corning, CA	3-Apr-11
Lassen Retriever Club	Anderson, CA	9-Apr-11
Lassen Retriever Club	Anderson, CA	10-Apr-11
Rogue Valley Retriever Club	White City, OR	16-Apr-11
Rogue Valley Retriever Club	White City, OR	17-Apr-11
Idaho Retriever Club	Fruitland, ID	22-Apr-11
Sierra Nevada Retriever Club	Fallon, NV	28-Apr-11
Sierra Nevada Retriever Club	Fallon, NV	30-Apr-11

TRACKING

Club	Competition Type	City	State	Show Date
Redwood Belgian Tervuren Fanciers	TRACKING	Rancho Cordova	CA	February 06 2011
Redwood Belgian Tervuren Fanciers	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Rancho Cordova	CA	February 06 2011
Sacramento Sierra Norwegian Elkhound Club	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Sacramento	CA	February 13 2011
Two Rivers Agility Club of Sacramento	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Rancho Cordova	CA	February 20 2011
Sacramento Dog Training Club	TRACKING	Sacramento	CA	February 27 2011
Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.	TRACKING	Bow	WA	March 06 2011
Davis Dog Training Club	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Rancho Cordova	CA	March 06 2011
Wenatchee Kennel Club	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Palisades	WA	March 13 2011
Wenatchee Kennel Club	TRACKING	Palisades	WA	March 13 2011
Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.	VARIABLESURFACE TRACKING	Portland	OR	March 20 2011
Sacramento Dog Training Club	TRACKING	Rancho Cordova	CA	March 20 2011
Davis Dog Training Club	TRACKING	Rancho Cordova	CA	March 27 2011
Southern Oregon Kennel Club	TRACKING EXCELLENT	White City	OR	April 03 2011
Southern Oregon Kennel Club	VARIABLESURFACE TRACKING	White City	OR	April 03 2011
Southern Oregon Kennel Club	TRACKING	White City	OR	April 03 2011
Luckiamute Dog Training Club	VARIABLESURFACE TRACKING	Salem	OR	April 10 2011
Oakland Dog Training Club, Inc.	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Livermore	CA	April 17 2011
Oakland Dog Training Club, Inc.	TRACKING	Livermore	CA	April 17 2011
Emerald Dog Obedience Club, Inc.	TRACKING	Eugene	OR	April 17 2011
Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Yelm	WA	April 24 2011
Sacramento Dog Training Club	VARIABLESURFACE TRACKING	Sacramento	CA	April 24 2011
Inland Empire Collie Club	TRACKING	Sprague	WA	May 01 2011
Evergreen Golden Retriever Club	TRACKING	Fall City	WA	May 01 2011
Evergreen Golden Retriever Club	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Fall City	WA	May 01 2011
Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Association	VARIABLESURFACE TRACKING	San Jose	CA	May 08 2011
Spokane Dog Training Club, Inc.	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Sprague	WA	May 08 2011
Emerald Dog Obedience Club, Inc.	TRACKING EXCELLENT	Junction City	OR	May 22 2011

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AGILITY

Club	City	State	Show Date
Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club	Ridgefield	WA	February 04 2011
Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club	Ridgefield	WA	February 05 2011
Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club	Ridgefield	WA	February 06 2011
Gamblers Agility Club of Greater Las Vegas	Boulder City	NV	February 11 2011
San Francisco Bay Weimaraner Club	Santa Rosa	CA	February 12 2011
San Francisco Bay Weimaraner Club	Santa Rosa	CA	February 13 2011
Lizard Butte Kennel Club, Inc.	Caldwell	ID	February 18 2011
Evergreen Afghan Hound Club	Auburn	WA	February 18 2011
Puli Club of America, Inc.	Santa Rosa	CA	February 19 2011
Puli Club of America, Inc.	Santa Rosa	CA	February 20 2011
Puli Club of America, Inc.	Santa Rosa	CA	February 21 2011
Evergreen Afghan Hound Club	Auburn	WA	February 19 2011
Western Washington Hound Association	Auburn	WA	February 20 2011
Lizard Butte Kennel Club, Inc.	Caldwell	ID	February 19 2011
Lizard Butte Kennel Club, Inc.	Caldwell	ID	February 20 2011
Chuckanut Dog Training Association	Lynden	WA	February 25 2011
Chuckanut Dog Training Association	Lynden	WA	February 26 2011
Chuckanut Dog Training Association	Lynden	WA	February 27 2011
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.	Santa Rosa	CA	February 26 2011
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.	Santa Rosa	CA	February 27 2011
Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Club	Auburn	WA	March 04 2011
Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Club	Auburn	WA	March 05 2011
Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Club	Auburn	WA	March 06 2011
Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club, Inc.	Dixon	CA	March 05 2011
Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club, Inc.	Dixon	CA	March 06 2011
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.	Seattle	WA	March 12 2011
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.	Seattle	WA	March 13 2011
German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon, Inc.	Ridgefield	WA	March 18 2011
German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon, Inc.	Ridgefield	WA	March 19 2011
German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon, Inc.	Ridgefield	WA	March 20 2011
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.	Caldwell	ID	March 18 2011
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.	Caldwell	ID	March 19 2011
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.	Caldwell	ID	March 20 2011
Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club	Moses Lake	WA	March 25 2011
Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club	Moses Lake	WA	March 26 2011

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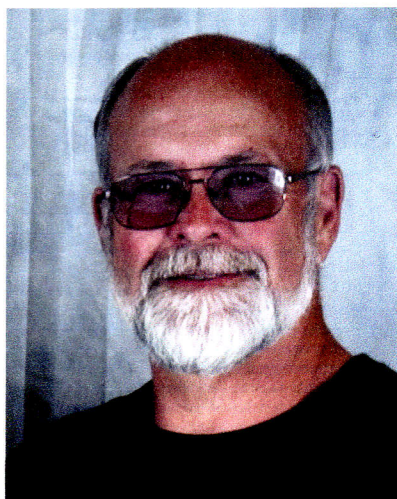
Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club	Moses Lake	WA	March 27 2011
Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington	Auburn	WA	March 25 2011
Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington	Auburn	WA	March 26 2011
Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington	Auburn	WA	March 27 2011
Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California	Dixon	CA	March 26 2011
Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California	Dixon	CA	March 27 2011
Columbia River Agility Club	Albany	OR	April 01 2011
Columbia River Agility Club	Albany	OR	April 02 2011
Columbia River Agility Club	Albany	OR	April 03 2011
Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.	Rigby	ID	April 01 2011
Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.	Rigby	ID	April 02 2011
Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.	Rigby	ID	April 03 2011
Western Washington Weimaraner Club	Auburn	WA	April 09 2011
Western Washington Weimaraner Club	Auburn	WA	April 10 2011
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.	Reno	NV	April 11 2011
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.	Reno	NV	April 12 2011
American Manchester Terrier Club	Auburn	WA	April 15 2011
American Manchester Terrier Club	Auburn	WA	April 16 2011
American Manchester Terrier Club	Auburn	WA	April 17 2011
Portland Agility Club	Ridgefield	WA	April 22 2011
Portland Agility Club	Ridgefield	WA	April 23 2011
German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon, Inc.	Ridgefield	WA	April 24 2011
Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers	Elk Grove	CA	April 23 2011
Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers	Elk Grove	CA	April 23 2011
Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers	Elk Grove	CA	April 24 2011
Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc.	Klamath Falls	OR	April 29 2011
Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc.	Klamath Falls	OR	April 30 2011
Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc.	Klamath Falls	OR	May 01 2011
Puget Sound Poodle Club, Inc.	Auburn	WA	April 29 2011
Puget Sound Poodle Club, Inc.	Auburn	WA	April 30 2011

In Loving Memory Rainbow Bridge

*This page is dedicated to Mike Keeter who joined our companions at the Rainbow Bridge.
A Man who will remain in all our hearts as the person who had gave such much to all of us in the
Flat Coat world! We will miss you Mike!*

*We dedicate our Supported Enrty to
the memory of*

Mike Keeter



Mike, a longtime member of the NW Flat-Coated Retriever Club and the Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, died suddenly last October of a heart attack. He left behind his wife Donna, two daughters, and many friends who miss him dearly.

Mike was a prominent face at dog shows, known by sight to nearly every dog show devotee. He was always there with a big smile and a hug to greet you. He loved dogs and their people, but especially his Flat Coats, and more than anything loved to watch them in the ring. He was so very proud of his dogs and always had a story or two to tell us about them.

We were saddened by his passing and miss him greatly. Those of us who knew him were blessed for having him in our lives and he left us with a legacy of wonderful memories that will bring us smiles every time we think of him. We know Mike is with his Flat Coats at the Bridge, no doubt relishing in all those happy doggy kisses!