



Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club

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FCRSA Specialty 2014: Spotlight on Field

Important Dates:

- Oct. 13: WC/WCX Test in Monroe, Washington. Contact: Sandy Rainaldo herrsm1@comcast.net
- Oct. 9: Entry Deadline for Vancouver Kennel Club. <http://www.On-ofrio.com>
- Oct. 26: Supported Entry at Vancouver Kennel Club in Ridgefield. Contact: Jeanne Allen, whatzthatfcr@earthlink.net, for dinner info contact Sheila Bradshaw, Shelenfcr@aol.com

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Albany, Oregon

Flat-coat owners who have not worked their dogs in the field are missing the adventure of their lifetimes! Field work excites our dogs and brings out the very best in them. Is it too late to train your dog for the field events at the National Specialty? Not at all!

At the specialty, you'll find two events for beginners—ordinary folks who have never hunted their dogs or entered them in tests before.

*Fetch Fever for Newcomers (novice handlers with novice dogs)

Fetch Fever is a fun contest, designed to showcase the natural marking abilities of Flat-Coats, and to welcome newcomers into field events. The stake consists of single marked retrieves on land and water. Neither steadiness nor delivery to hand is required. Eligible entrants are handlers who: a) have never earned a field title in any registry, with dogs who: b) have not earned any ribbon in a previous Specialty Singles competition, and c) have not entered any field event requiring steadiness.

The stake will be divided into bumper and bird divisions, with one winner chosen from each division, and Judges Award of Merit rosettes awarded to all finalists who successfully complete the marks. The marks for both divisions will be identical, and the bumper division will be run first. Handlers may choose which division to enter, but those dogs entered in other Specialty field stakes are not eligible for the bumper division, and must enter the bird division.

*Puppy Fetch Fever

Each puppy will have an opportunity to retrieve four straightforward marks, two on land, and two on water (weather and water temperature, permitting). Our judges are well-known for enthusiasm and experience at introducing young dogs to field, and the set-ups and "judging standards" will be left to their discretion.

Throwers will be hand-picked for their experience in throwing for puppies. Handler choice of attention-getting techniques: voice, arm-waving, duck call, starter pistol, thrower standing on head (just kidding).

Handler choice also on preferred retrieving objects: bumpers, birds, or toys. We will have on hand bumpers of all sizes, including puppy canvas bumpers, or handlers may provide their own. We will have ducks available for those who prefer birds, and ducks on water. Handlers may also provide toys of their (continued on page 3)

President's Message



Jeanne's champion and best friend, "Jedi."

"Hope to see you at the supported entry show in October"

Hello all.

I hope everyone has had a great summer. Wonderful times spent with family, friends and of course our flat coated retrievers and other furry kids. I hope many of you had success at the shows this summer, whether in the breed ring, agility, field, obedience or rally. I hope there were many new titles to brag about.

Fall is here and already we've experienced some of that wet stuff that we're familiar with here in the northwest. Dogs of course love it, but after a fairly dry summer, when the rains return we do like to groan a little. Out come the towels and making the fur kids wait at the door while we dry them off.

Our next event is the supported entry on Oct 26 at the Clark County Events Center. Dinner will be that evening at Jollie's Restaurant, which is across the freeway from the show site. More info can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Jack Onofrio is the superintendent and entries close on Oct 9th.

Also, information about the WC/WCX test hosted by the Evergreen Golden Retriever club can be found [here](#). Members of the NW club will be helping out. I hope that there are some FCR's that will be trying to get those titles, too.

After some discussion it was decided by the board to again host the agility trial for one more year in Medford. Joyce Brackney will be the chair again. She will have help from some of the members down there. I want to thank everyone again for working so hard to make the agility trials over the years a great success. Without the help of so many of the members we would not have been able to host not one, but what will be a second specialty. Whether you worked the trial or donated items to the raffle, it is greatly appreciated. Over the past 11 years the trial has raised over \$80,000 dollars. All the hard work shows in those numbers and will help with the 2014 specialty.

Things are going well for the specialty. I hope that many of you have seen the flyer included in the national newsletter. If you aren't a member of the national club, you might think of joining. Many of us would be willing to sponsor you. We are hoping to have a nice turnout and hope to see many of you there. For many this might be one of the few times to be able to attend a national.

My condolences to those who have lost their flat-coats this year. I know that Pat Boydston recently lost her beloved Riggs. He was her very special boy and she had many firsts with him. Also condolences to Kathy Adams on her loss of Kanyon, who was taken way too soon. She too was on the road of many firsts. We are a FCR family and we feel your pain at losing that very special member of your families. My heart goes out to you. I too felt loss, as Jedi's litter sister passed away in July. She may have been clear across the US, but she

President's Message, continued

was still one of my babies and she too left a hole behind. Give yours those extra hugs; we have them for too short a time and every minute with them mean so much.

Hope to see some you at the supported show. Have a great fall and those of you that are off on your hunting trips—please stay safe.

Jeanne

WC/WCX Test

Don't miss the WC/WCX test at Monroe on Oct. 13. This year the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club is hosting the test at Greenleaf Farms. Contact Sandy Rainaldo at herrsm1@comcast.net for information or go to the EGRC website at: <http://www.egrc.org/events.aspx>.

(Spotlight on Field, continued)

own. (Handlers supplying their own bumpers or toys should bring at least two, to supply two throwers. Toys used for water marks should be water-appropriate.)

All manner of helping and encouragement may be used for any or all aspects of the retrieve: finding the marks, picking them up, and returning to the general vicinity of the handler. This stake is intended to be a fun experience, with success and puppy rosettes for all entrants. For a fun element of competition, judges will choose a winner for each age category, based on keenness to retrieve, natural marking ability, and level of willingness to return toward the handler. (The choice of retrieving object will have no bearing on the selection of winners.)

Fetch Fever and Puppy Fetch Fever will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2014 at Scio, which is fourteen miles from Albany.

Beginners will also be interested in the Junior Hunter (JH) or the WC (Working Certificate), while the more experienced dogs and handlers will be interested in the Senior Hunter (SH) and Master Hunter (MH) tests, or the WCX. All tests will be offered at the specialty, at the Scio site. The JH, SH, MH are on Saturday May 31, and the WC/WCX will be Sunday, along with the Fetch Fever events.

Dogs can earn the WC title by successfully passing this one test! It consists of a land double (two birds are shot, dog retrieves first one, returns to handler, then goes for the second one) and two back-to-back water retrieves (one bird is shot, dog swims for it, returns to handler, second bird is shot, dog retrieves it). The dogs can earn a "leg" of their JH by successfully passing the test: two singles on land, two singles in the water. It takes four "legs" to earn the title, so your dog could be off to a good start!

Are you ready to get started with your dog? You'll definitely need advice from some experts. You can start by going to the FCRSA website to read about the WC, find articles about field training, and get connected to other resources. The website is: <http://www.fcrsfield.com>. Try contacting our club member Jennifer Stanley, who is our FCRSA Regional Field Rep. She can help you find the experts in your area. Her email is "fowlplayfcr@gmail.com"

Our Dogs



Jennifer Stanley shares this brag: Paris (SHR FowlPlay Just Here For The Party JH WC *Can WCX*) celebrated her 8th birthday summer bringing home some field ribbons! In July she passed her Can WCI, moved up, and passed her Can WCX the next day. In August she ran back to back HRC Seasoned tests, and passed both days! I treasure everyday with this talented veter-



Jennifer also informs us that puppy Jingle (Eagletarn FowlPlay Silverbells) passed her first HRC Started test. Trinket (SHR Coastalight FowlPlay LoveCharm JH *Can WCI*) passed her Can WC, moved up and passed her Can WCI the next day. Luna (Blazingstar Midnight Loon *Can WC*) passed her Can WC two days in a row.

CH Rainshadow's Rollin' on the River passed her first hunt test along with handler Jo Chinn. She is almost two years old, and since she's been field training, has developed an attention span for her obedience work!



Our Dogs

Boyd Ulsh also reports good news from the field: Coastalight Itza Pepper 2 (Pepper) now has a United Kennel Club Seasoned Hunting Retriever Club field title to go along with his WCX title he earned last fall in Monroe.

“One of the interesting things that happens when you title at an HRC test in our region is you sit in a chair and have water poured over you. Yes, everyone is very happy about it and sometimes the water has critters in it like pollywogs and moss for instance. This happened at the Whistling Wings August test this year for me. The following week at the Salt Chuck test on Vancouver Island it happened again even though I was judging both days. Seems like everyone involved thought I should have at least two dunkings since I'd been judging everyone for many years without running dogs and earning titles. The dunkings are all in good fun and part of going on to the next level of hunt tests. I'm on to HRC Finished next year with Pepper and hopefully we will both be on the same page and get some ribbons.

UKC has a total of at least 14 HRC tests a year in region 14A that encompasses Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. These tests are on weekends with one complete test with Started Seasoned and Finished levels on Saturday and another complete test on Sunday. You can get 2 legs on your title in a weekend if everything goes OK.

Hope to see more Flatcoats at HRC tests in the future.”

Kate Beevers has a lot to brag about! She and “Silly” Valley Crest Magical Silhouette ran their very first agility courses at the Central Point Agility Trial. At only fifteen months of age, Silly had three qualifying scores! She earned two in standard novice, with scores of 91 and 95, and one in JWW with a score of 98! Kate says it was a long, hot weekend, but they really enjoyed it. She says it was great to see so many flatties running agility!

GCH Shasta's Western Samurai has earned his bronze level GCh. He had a group 4 placement at the Yakima show and another 4th at the Centralia show.

Our Dogs



Maggie Minetti' also has lots to brag about from the agility ring. Her "Killer" Valleycrest Great Balls of Fire NA NAJ has both novice titles and 1 leg in open after only 3 trials.

And her Valleycrest Feudin' Fussin' and a Fighten' MX MXJ "Jasper" ended the year with 320 mach points and 10 double Qs. He also has 28 points and 4 Qs toward his Time to Beat title.



Our Dogs

Maggie's Excellent Adventure By Mary Aykens



In July of 2012, Maggie was having a great time hanging around with the other dogs at home. She was less than 2 years old and wasn't ready for the show ring since her "big girl body" had yet to arrive. We quickly discovered that she was a performance dog who needed a job. At the NWFCRC Agility Trial that July, she met her new handler and trainer, Tracy Tennison. Maggie had never seen agility equipment, but she headed off with Tracy to begin her adventure. By November of 2012, Maggie had her first agility trial and the adventure began.

Tracy and Maggie quickly became a team and here is the list of her accomplishments for her first year:

<u>2012</u>	
<u>TITLES EARNED</u>	
12/23/2012	NAJ
12/26/2012	NA

<u>2013</u>	
<u>TITLES EARNED</u>	
1/5/2013	OAJ
2/3/2013	OA
2/23/2013	AXJ
4/21/2013	AX
7/7/2013	RN
7/14/2013	MXJ
7/28/2013	MX

- 9/8/2013 Maggie earned her first leg towards her Junior Hunter title
- As of 9/19/2013, Maggie has earned 333 MACH points and 10 Double Qs towards her MACH 1

On September 29, 2013, Maggie will be 3 years old. When I saw her in July, her body had started to arrive. We had a great reunion and it was very hard to send her off with Tracy. She is staying and training with Tracy as she pursues that MACH 1 and her JH. While we miss her terribly, we know she is so happy competing. Here are a couple of links to recent qualifying runs she had:

"Tracy and Maggie Exc. Standard 3/31/2013" <http://youtu.be/yULvPtE3n4g>

"Tracy and Maggie Master Standard 9/13/2013" <http://youtu.be/nVvQAG8RZpo>

We look forward to the day our Maggie returns home. In the early spring we hope to have her out in our back yard giving the other three dogs a run for their money. She will then begin in the show ring. Having such a performance dog has been amazing, but we will all be ready for her to rejoin our pack!

Our Dogs

Note: Trish Olson's puppy Devin took over her computer, and sends us these greetings:

Dis is Devy or utter wise known as Devin, though my human mom says its really Tamturi's Dreamer at Tea Time. My birthday is May 1st. Does every May 1st mean I get a party? Can I celebrate with my 3 brothers and 6 sisters? (5 of us were black and 5 of us were liver or so mom says.)

Mom Trish says we live in Oregon City, OR. All I know is I have a corgi for a sister now and her name is Mae West. She plays with me a lot. But sometimes she says no to play. She really old! She is 8 years old! She also has told me about show ring stuff. I sort think I know what a ring is. Mae use to be in the ring a lot but didn't get that champ thing. She didn't really like the ring for some reason.

Mom Trish has a man fried I call Daddy/Uncle Mike. He buys me lots of toys and special foods to eat. He wants me to grow up so he can take me hiking. Whats hiking? Mom Trish takes me for walks at all kind of places and I hear and see some scary things. I tell Mae about them and she calls me a baby for being scared. We go to a park where kids on moving boards go flying around and to a big store with moving beepers making noises. I even went to a park with lots of people and heard a lot of noise. Mom Trish said it was a band call Johnny and Lugenuts? Humans say I act real calm at those places. Mom Trish wants me to stay by her side and not pull. Hey I have to see everything!

A month ago we went to see Aunt Sheila Bradshaw and my Uncle Rio and some doggy friends. Uncle Rio and Aunt Sheila were real nice. Uncle Rio said I would grow up to be just like him, only in black. Uncle Rio and my Daddy Mick are brothers. Uncle Rio said I still had some growing up to do. I had fun playing with Uncle Rio and his doggy friends. I slept all the way home that day.

I got all of my shots- they hurt but a nice man named Dr. Todd doesn't mean to hurt me. He says it is for my own good. Near the end of next month I get a rabies shot. Does that hurt? Mae says it will but not for long. Then all the other shots won't be so often as puppy ones. I get treats after I see Dr. Todd. He says I am gaining weight just fine. Mom Trish thinks she can hear me grow I am growing so fast. I wonder how big I will get?

Mom Trish has had dogs for years. All but 1 was a corgi. Luke was a springer x fcr and he died in 2005. Since then she has waited for the right time to get a full flattie. And I her full flattie! How neat is that. I love her and Mae and Mike a lot. I hope my siblings got such a great family too! Hope to meet all of you soon! I just love meeting everything and everyone!

Devin



I'm going to be too big for this before long!



I'm so lucky! Look at all my toys!



Here's Mike. He's a great guy!

Fun Day

Richard Harper wrote to tell of the successful Fun Day: What an awesome day! GREAT weather! Great dogs and great people! This year Heather Dawson drove up from Boise, ID and spent the night. Susan Krav-it drove her motorhome up and also spent the night. Not to mention Gary Simpson from Oregon and Barbara Fowler from San Jose, CA There was a total of 30 flatties of all ages and 6 "other" breeds in attendance and roaming the 166 acre property. A VERY special thanks to Joe & Carolyn Bersch for giving up their Rudder Ranch for the weekend.

We had several new attendees this year. Lots of sunshine, homemade brats, bbq chicken, side dishes and munchies. Did I mention we also had some brew? Heather Dawson took many pictures, albiet most of them are of her dogs... go figure! Here is the link to her pics - https://picasaweb.google.com/106982563619580374916/201308052013FCRFUNDAY?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCLa5hrPj39qg_wE&feat=directlink

Thanks to all of you for supporting our only DAZE goal of bringing Flatcoat owners and breeders together in a fun atmosphere to keep the breed strong, to network and share information, and to introduce new people to the breed and breeders.

Please mark your calendar for August 2, 2014 for our next Flatcoat DAZE!



Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss some-one very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...



Ch Shasta SGT Riggs MH 1-23-02 to 9-3-13

Owned and loved by Pat Boydston

“Riggs was my 2nd Flat Coat but my 1st hunt test dog. I managed to get him through Junior and Senior but had to hand him over to a pro to get him through Master. He lived to retrieve birds and bumpers and in his last moments he had his favorite bumper in his mouth. I learned so much from him and I will always have such great memories!”

Rainbow Bridge

CH Gondolin Misty Mountain
River Kanyon

10/5/07- 08/26/13

Owned and loved by Kathy
and Mark Adams



Dear Kanyon -

I know you are over the rainbow bridge now - because of you - we got to go on a wonderful journey.

Because of you I learned to groom and show FCR (the one thing I did not show in all my years of 4-H), I made many new wonderful friends, I shot my first riffle, picked up a frozen, dead, warm ducks, nasty pigeons too:) (thanks Matt Nolan).

Together we achieved a championship, the first grand championship for Gondolin- & 2012 CA Sporting dog national WB&BOS -- all owner handler!! We finished tied 51st national in 2012- pretty good for a liver bitch and just local show in Washington!!

You always had Mark and I laughing every nite after dinner!! You were so funny with your kitty imitations, collection of stuffies "meow" "bunny" which you always had one in your mouth. You loved being on you back no matter if it was on our bed with your back feet in our face!! You were the best snuggler in bed. I will miss that~

- I was told when you came into our lives- to luv you everyday because you never know when it's time for the journey to end ~ you were very special- I know how much you meant to all the lives that you touched~

I share these words from my friend Tonya ... "Don't cry because its over... Smile because she happened" Kanyon wouldn't want it any other way."

I miss you very much and treasure the journey:)

Xoxo

Kathy



NWFCRC

Supported Entry Dinner & Raffle & Meeting

Saturday October 26, 2013 6:30pm to 9:30 pm

Jollie's Restaurant and Lounge

17701 NE Union Road, Ridgefield WA 98642

<http://www.menuism.com/restaurants/jollies-restaurant-lounge-ridgefield-372253>

Please plan on joining us for dinner at Jollie's. Conveniently located just across the Interstate from the Clark County Fairground where the dog show is being held. Exit 9 off Interstate 5. Above link has directions and reviews.

We will be ordering and paying individually off the menu....beef, chicken and seafood etc.....prices range from \$8.99 to 14.99.....there is a Special: New York Steak for Two which is \$24 Jollie's is also well known for their scrumptious home made PIE!!

Lounge is available for those who want something stronger than tea or coffee!

We have the private dining area reserved....it is just off the main entrance to the restaurant. For those who attended in last year...it is the same room **This room is reserved for others before us so please remember our time slot is 6:30pm to 9:30pm**

I need an accurate count of attendees so room can be set up properly. **Send your response to: Sheila Bradshaw via e mail shelenfcr@aol.com OR via phone at 360 577-0890 leave voice mail if no answer**

Thank you,

Look forward to seeing you there

Sheila Bradshaw

Dinner Chairperson

FCRSA Specialty 2014: Spotlight on Tracking

With their keen noses, flat-coated retrievers make terrific tracking dogs. Those noses will be put to the test during the FCRSA Specialty in Albany next spring. Tracking tests for TD and TDX will be held on Sunday, June 1st, about forty miles south of Albany. Judges are Curt Curtis and Jill Jones.

To earn a tracking title, a dog needs to pass the test in which he is exhibiting only once. However, before entering a TD test, the dog and handler must be “certified” by an AKC-approved or provisional judge as to their competence.

The TD, or beginner’s test, requires the dog to follow a track that is not less than thirty minutes old, but not older than two hours. The TD track is between 440 and 500 yards, with 3-5 turns. The dog must indicate a leather object, such a glove or wallet, placed at the end of the track. For the TD, the track will not contain obstacles such as roads, ditches or fences. The track will be plotted in an open field with uniform cover.

The TDX track is longer, from 800-1000 yards, with 5-7 turns. It is aged between three and five hours. The track also contains “cross tracks” laid by a different track layer, as a diversion. Obstacles such as ditches, roads, or paths may be present, and there will be a change in the cover. In addition to the leather object at the end, these dog must find three more articles along the track.

The dog always wears a harness when tracking, and the handler follows behind with a 20-40 foot line. During the test, the two judges follow along behind the handler, noting that the dog stays on tracks and find the articles. There is no time limit, as long as the dog is working.

Whereas flat-coats take to the sport naturally, their handlers take longer! Frequently the dogs are ready to test before the handler has gained enough confidence that he is able to “read” his dog. Handlers must be able to determine when the dog is on track, when he is confused, and must be able to read his cornering behaviors.

Flat-coats also enjoy tracking because it gives them the opportunity to get wet, get dirty, and also enjoy some fresh air!

For more information, visit the AKC Tracking Site at <http://classic.akc.org/events/tracking/index.cfm>. They provide video clips and resources for beginners.



Dinah the flat-coat snapped this picture of her Portuguese Water Dog friend, Lucy, demonstrating her tracking technique!

Supported Entry Results

Our last supported entry was held at the Rainier Sporting Dog Show in Enumclaw on August 15. Judge was Marissa L. Clark.

Winners Bitch:

RAINSHADOW'S SUMMER BREEZE, Breeder: Jo & Steve Chinn. Owner: Chris & Claire Cornell

Best of Breed:

GCH MOONLIGHT WISH UPON A STAR RN, Breeder: Rici Morrill & R & D Baggenstos. Owner: Rici Morrill / Robin Briganti, Stephanie Morrill & Paul Briganti

Best of Opposite Sex:

GCH BLACKSTONE SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHENS WITH DINAH CD TD RE NA NAJ, Breeder: Jo Chinn, Steve Chinn & Andrea Evans. Owner: Jo Chinn / Steve Chinn

Select Dog:

GCH CITRUS HILL CAN AM'S ROCKET, Breeder: Tracy Tennison. Owner: Michele Winningham / Robert Winningham

Select Bitch:

CH HIGH VALLEY CHANTILLY LACE, Breeder: Donna Keeter & Stacy Ronan. Owner: Carla Harcum

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