Flat-Coat Times

2021 May

Upcoming Events:

July 31. Supported Entry at Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club (Seguim)

Sub-regional Committees to Plan Events in Their Areas

The Board is hoping that we can have at least three Regional Committees who will take on the planning of events each year in their area of our region. Our eventual goal is at least three events per region per year.

These might include such things as:

- *Supported Entry at a conformation dog show
- *Some sort of an annual achievement award

event

- *Training Event
- *Fun Day
- *Trial or match
- *Social Event
- *Introduction to one or more types of activities such as:

Dock Diving

Agility

Nose work

Rally

Obedience

Field work

Tracking

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Our Pogs

These events would be planned within each region with the help and support of the NWFCRC.

The idea is to provide activities for all of our members which are closer to home, giving incentive to join in and participate in club activities.

Now is your chance to get involved by joining the planning committee in your area. Please contact Linda Monroe at tamturifcr@gmail.com. She is collecting names of interested people.

Pandemic Pups

Member Mark McCaughan poses this great question: "We have a great 14-month-old-pup who's doing great at obedience and dry land retrieving but because of the pandemic we were never able to socialize him with other pups in the water, so he simply has no interest or even worse, a fear of the water. Any idea of what to do or who to contact for help? Thanks ."

Suggestions for Mark? Send in your suggestions to the newsletter editor (researcherjo@gmail.com). His family lives in the Anacortes area. Could anybody up north meet up with him?

More About Pandemic Pups

Thanks to Linda Givler, who shares her pandemic pup story:

Hooray, I'm getting a Flatcoat puppy! Those were my words in late 2019 when I talked to my breeder in Alberta, Canada. As it turned out my litter wasn't born until April 2020. As we all know, the Covid pandemic had just ramped up in March, 2020. Like others, I thought it would be a quick event. So, we've got at least 8 weeks until the puppies are ready to come to our homes. Of the 12 puppies, 3 were destined for homes in the U.S.

June rolls in, the border is still closed, how are the puppies going to get across the border? One of the other owners lives in Seattle like me, another is in Indiana. All 3 owners are making frantic calls to our respective border crossings. NOT looking good. We have zoom calls with Joan Grainger (the breeder) in Calgary, Alberta and try to figure out how to get the puppies into the U.S. We check with airlines, getting too warm to fly, Canadian airlines won't take the puppies. This is all happening before enterprising people started transport services to bring animals across the border. Joan is driving out to Vancouver Island to deliver other pups and we must get them while she is on the west coast. Pressure is mounting.

Suddenly we are saved! The other Seattle owners have a daughter with dual citizenship moving back to Seattle from Vancouver, B.C. She will delay her move and bring the 3 puppies across the border. Now we are frantically composing letters for the Border patrol stating that their daughter has permission to bring the puppies across the border for us, we are not smugglers, etc. etc.

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(Linda's Pandemic Pup, continued.)

The big day arrives. We are at the U.S. side of the Blaine border crossing. It's weird, we can see where cars usually drive through and it's empty. Occasionally, a border patrol vehicle drives around. We are on the beach, my other Flatcoat is running around like a maniac heading for Canada. He's from the same breeder and really should have dual citizenship. Border patrol finally has something to do, a dog is trying to run into Canada. I call, him comes back. Finally, we see her van coming to the crossing, chills and hair standing on end. She stops, we hold our breath, the van continues across, we all cheer like idiots and run to our cars. Three puppies safely cross the border. We carefully check Joan's notes to be sure we get the right boys to the right home; the girl is coming with me until we can get her on a flight to Indiana. That's another story but after a few days I was able to get her on a flight to Kansas City, Mo. where her new owners drove to get her.

Socialization wasn't nearly as hard as getting across the border. We were allowed to continue hunt test training so my boy Daniel went out with me weekly. He met adults, children and saw other dogs.

We also did short walks in the woods where he got exposure to walking on trails, lakes and splashing then trying to swim and seeing other people wearing masks. We also did a puppy class held outdoors where he was able to be around other young puppies and learn some basics. What really helped me was using the Bill Hillmann video "Training a Retriever Puppy" which teaches puppy basics as well as beginning retrieving.

Daniel has just turned ONE and seems happy and well adjusted for which I am very thankful. Daniel's name is Itzawhat's Make Mine a Double.





Northwest Flat Coated Retriever Club

Is putting on a 4 day agility July 29th to August 1st at the Expo in Central Point Oregon.

The Premium will be on this website: https://www.lyndatjarksagility.com/

We won't have a general raffle, but will have a workers raffle and we could use items. If you don't have items to donate you can send money.

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Search and Rescue Success

Jon Izant send us this account of a recent search and rescue success.

Lincoln (Swiftwater Jude's Phoenix) and I work with King County Search Dogs and were called out early last Friday morning by the King County Sheriff and Bellevue Police to help find an 87 year old with dementia who had been missing from her family's house for 5 hours. This type of search mission can be challenging because subjects can be sheltering in their own backyard, lost in nearby greenbelt, walk considerable distances or even hop on a bus and be miles away. Inclement weather often adds urgency. Search and rescue is a coordinated team effort and despite the hour over 25 members from different units of King County Search and Rescue Association responded to the call out. 4x4 and ground teams along with police officers quickly started searching nearby streets.

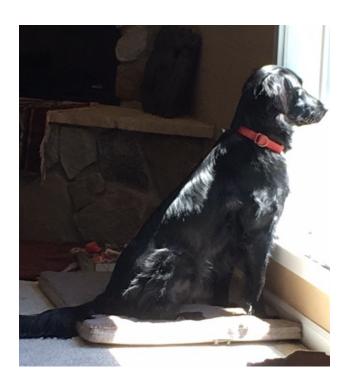
Starting at 2:15 AM Lincoln and I started searching the neighborhood with Lincoln excitedly racing house to house. Lincoln is an airscent search dog trained to work off lead to find any human and then return to me and indicate that he has found someone. Normally I would work him on a long lead in a residential neighborhood to keep him safe since he often ranges out 150 yards or more in wilderness areas. Because there was very little road or human traffic at the time and because we had two experienced support people with us, I was able to work him off lead and search more thoroughly. Meanwhile one of our trailing dogs, who get a sniff of a subject's belonging and then look for only that person, tried but was unable to find the subject's trail from among all the police activity in front of the house.

At 2:27 AM Lincoln focused on a house up the street from the subject's residence, energetically searched the front and then dsappeared down some steps around the back of the house. A few seconds later he ran back out to the street and enthusiastically indicated he had found something by tugging on a small ball attached to my belt. He was so excited he also jumped up on both support searchers since we probably all look alike at night with headlamps. We followed him back down behind the house where we found the missing woman who was frightened but in good shape and she was quickly reunited with her family.

Lincoln has state and national search certifications and has been deployed on over 45 search missions but this was his first 'live find'. It was wonderful to see his cheerful search game behavior be so successful despite the stress of a search mission environment. The subject's family were not the only ones with a few tears. Lincoln and I have fun training one to two times a week but outcomes like this really make it all the more worthwhile.

Flatcoats make excellent search dogs despite, or maybe because, they are enthusiastic independent thinkers. There are at least six flatcoats actively involved in search and rescue in the pacific northwest including Lynda Spangler's dogs who have had notable accomplishments. Both Lincoln and our other flatcoat Emmett (Blackstone Botany Bay) have been good problem-solvers when challenged with complex search scenarios. Nevertheless, flatcoats are always flatcoats and I once had a German Shepherd handler remark, "That dog does not look like it's working, he's having too much fun!"





Marianne Mason's Elle attends weekly nosework classes and recently passed her odor recognition test in all birch, clove, and anise. She's ready to compete! Marianne added that Elle comes from Linda Monroe's "Tamturi" kennel.

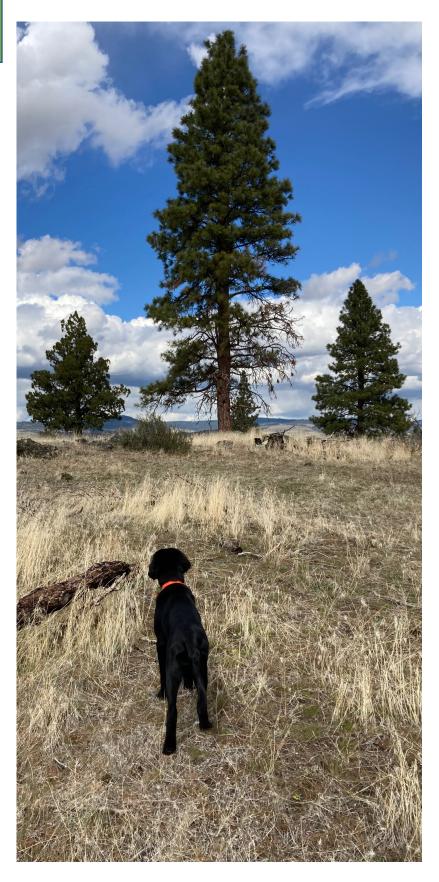
Speaking of Linda Monroe, she sends us this exciting information: Just wanted to brag about Tyme. She went out to her first show at Moses Lake and walked off with a 4 point major!

Next she showed in Lewiston and repeated the process! After a week off missing the Yakima show, she went to the Nisqually show and took a 3 point major. Three days later at the Olympic show she proudly trotted out of the ring with her Championship!

I wasn't sure how she would do, but she definitely made me proud!

lan Benson shares this stunning picture of his puppy Hank adventuring outdoors, and another of Hank relaxing. Ian recently got Hank from breeder Lynda Spangler.





News from Karen Dolphin:

It's been nice to start getting to some competitions again! Tag (Ch Wingover Ready Or Not CDX RE SH AX MXJ MXF WCX) started the ball rolling. We went to our first rally trial in a year and he picked up two more legs toward his RM. And in agility he got the last 3 Q's he needed to finish his MXJ.

More than eager to be on the competition team at last, Ciri (Wingmaster Witchers Ward), now 14 months old, ran very well in her first junior hunt test, coming away with a pass. Fingers crossed that we can get a second next weekend. Thanks to Mary Kirkness for taking the great photo of her en route with her first live flyer.

Six-month-old Kaya
(Wingmaster X
Games) has been
riding shotgun to the
competitions and is
letting me know that
she thinks it unfair she
hasn't had any turns
yet!



From Ann Richards:

While filling in the weekends from running agility we have been fortunate enough to have time to get our Shasta girls, Shasta Shawnika "Nika" and Shasta Sirius "Siri" Brownstone, into a few shows over the past couple months. We were able to participate in a local show in Caldwell where both girls won Best of Opposite in a 3 day show as a, very amateur, owner handler. When we went to the Lewiston show we were able to have Dinah, Rick, Lillian and Laura handle and groom our girls. With their professional assistance and expertise Nika was able to win 2 - 4 point majors and 1 - 5 point major, including Best of Opposite, at the 4 day show. We are so appreciative of all the time, effort, expertise and friendliness that we are always greeted with when we have the pleasure of working with Dinah and her crew. WE THANK THEM SO MUCH



Good news from Maggie Minetti:

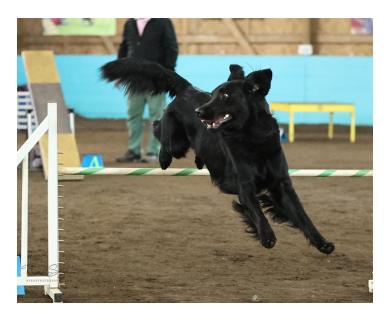
Mischief earned a dock personal best of 15.10 and is now PACH 3 Valley Crest Furricane's King of Cantrip MXP8 MXPG MJP9 MJPG PJDP PAX3 OFP T2BP2 RATO DJ TKN. He also made a trip to Nationals and qualified 2 of the 4 runs with a shoulder injury (which I didn't discover until after it was over). This dog has so much heart and drive, super proud of him. I cannot thank Donna Keeter and Stacy Keeter enough for the joy their dogs have given me!





Wait! Wait! There's more from Maggie Minetti!

Gigolo has earned his excellent standard title at the Sno-king agility trial in Auburn as well as a new personal best in Dock diving of 23.8 feet. He is a very special boy and I couldn't be prouder of him. He is Now CH Inspired's Guilty Pleasures TKN OAP OAJP NFP RATN DM AX AXJ





Our far-flung member* Barbara Fowler always has interesting news for us:

Hiya got her MACH on April 17th. Could we finish on the nice flat artificial-turf the week before? No, we had to finish in a lumpy fairground parking lot. (totally my fault that). We got our final points on a lovely jumpers course created by judge Jan Skurzunski.



Mole turned thirteen on May 5th! He has some arthritis and is hard of hearing (or pretending to be) but he still prances around at meal times. He wasn't a big show dog but I still have people admiring him whenever we go out. (Here's a link to a video of Mole retrieving a bumper in March. He certainly doesn't look or act like a 13-year-old.) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzDXpvgTZJO&authuser=0

^{*}Barbara lives near San Francisco.

Look at the news from Lisa Anderson in Idaho:

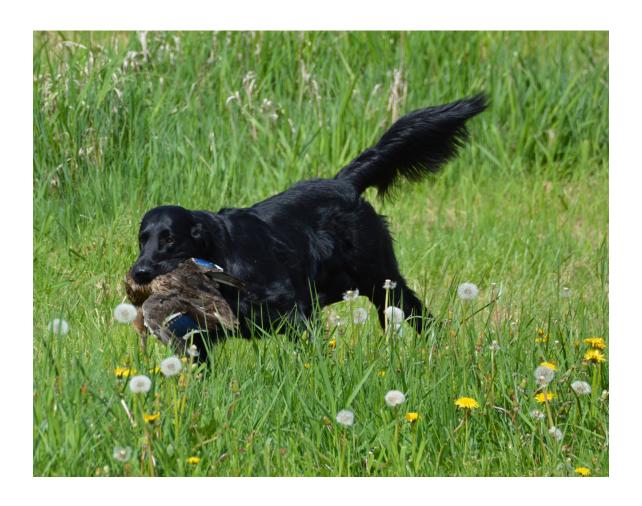
4/16-18 at the Lizard Butte Kennel Club in Caldwell, Idaho. Wick went BOW every day and Revan took BOB/BOBOH. On 4/18 Revan also picked up UDX leg #4.

4/25 at Idaho Retriever Club in Fruitland ID Wick got JH leg #1 and Revan got MH leg #2.

5/2 Revan for MH leg #3 at Wasatch Hunting Retriever Club in Salt Lake City, UT.

Pictured below: Revan and Wick at the IRC event.





Linda Givler's "Trapper" enroute with his bird to finish his Junior Hunter title. He is Birdzthewrd Welcome to Shangri-La. No doubt, there's ducks in Shangri-La!

Merrill Deming and Mary & John Aykens are celebrating Quinn's first Group placement. GCH CH Waunarun's Midnight Symphony, RN finished his grand-championship with a Best of Breed and Group 4 at the Apple Valley Kennel Club show in California. He has been awarded BOB several times due in no small measure to his lovely gait. His handler, Carlos Carrizo, turns that movement into a powerful, graceful dance around the ring.

Quinn's other job is as a nanno (a male nanny) for puppies. Those of you using "Puppy Culture" will recognize the term for a puppy-behavior shaper. He has helped nearly 100 puppies learn gentle, confident play behavior. He LOVES puppies and, obviously, they love him. We hope Quinn can someday visit his friends in the Northwest. For now: Congrats to Midnight Symphony !!!





From Susan Kravit: Swiftwater News

Several dogs from Swiftwater kennel have had some nice successes in the past month. Swiftwater Brilliant Design, Salem, showed for the first time as a special at the Tacoma Show and came away with two Best of Breeds and one Sporting Group 4!

Swiftwater Jude's Phoenix (Lincoln), who has been trained as a Search and Rescue Dog by his owner Jon Izant, had his first "find". Jon has described his experience elsewhere in the newsletter. Needless to say, we are ALL so proud of Lincoln and Jon. If I am ever lost, may I be found by a flatcoat!

Swiftwater Tom Foolery went back to the show ring after a very long break and finished his Grand Championship at the Elma Show with two Select Dog wins. All of this has been owner handled by Jude Fritts. Very proud of this team too!

Pics: Salem, below. Jude and Rolley to the right.





The editor speaks:

This newsletter is growing very long. I will save several items for next month, including an update on field work.

Joyce Brackney received some exciting news...stay tuned for the June edition.

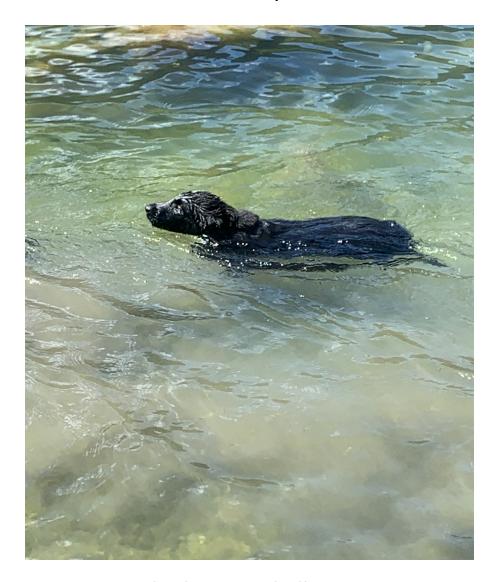
In the meantime, take a look at some pics Mary Kirkness took at the recent AKC Hunt Test. You can see our members Lura Dunn, Gary Simpson, Karen Dolphin, and Linda Givler with their dogs in action. Here's the link, which I suspect you will have to copy and paste:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16Zwl-KKLQylyaZ0ca04L3fqsPKJX1KOI?usp=sharing



Lura Dunn and David Kerschner's CH Wyncliff Taking the Day Off "Bueller"

OK. I couldn't resist. Please say hello to the newest Chinn:



Rainshadow We Shall Overcome.

Recalls to "Glory" or "Glory B" or "Morning, Glory", or being a pup,

she doesn't recall at all!

GCHB CH Wingmaster Splendid Prince Hairy JH CGC
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GCH CH Flyway Farms Down in the Valley CD BN RA TKI
(Yes, she's 10 weeks old and she swims.
She's a keeper.)

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