

# The Flatcoat Times

## March 2022

### Upcoming Events!



April 29,30, May 1st: Agility Trial put on by our club.

Details: Event held at Jackson County Expo in Central Point, Oregon

Closing date: April 15, 2022.

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NOTE\*\*\* Anne Richards is coordinating the raffle and needs raffle items. Dog items, non-dog items, gift cards, money donations are welcome. You can send items to Anne or Joyce Brackney:

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June 3-11 FCRSA National Specialty, Fort Wayne, Indiana



July 29, 30, 31 Supported Entry at the Hurricane Ridge All Breed/Rally/Obedience Show in Sequim with Saturday evening social event. Baray is the superintendent. For more info contact Jo Chinn at [researcherjo@gmail.com](mailto:researcherjo@gmail.com)



August 6 Flatcoat Daze. For more info contact Rick Harper at [rhharper2@gmail.com](mailto:rhharper2@gmail.com)



October. Supported Entry in Boise . Information in next newsletter.

# Past President's Message

I have officially exited my position as President of the NWFCRC and look forward to working with Lizzy Ramhorst as the new President as well as the rest of the board for the year in my position as Past President. Despite having been a member since 1986, I didn't join the Board of Directors as a member at large until sometime in maybe 2008. I then moved to Recording Secretary and to President in 2015. It's been a long time on the board but it was time to move on. I am excited to participate in my Western subregional committee so I can still volunteer with our club.

I want to thank all who have taken time from their busy lives to volunteer with the board and in supporting roles. Linda Monroe leaves her position as Membership Secretary. She spent much time creating a spreadsheet of members and sending out membership books to all. Mary Aykens has spent many years as our club Treasurer as well as Specialty Treasurer. A club Treasurer role can be challenging, and Mary has stepped up to that challenge. Our field events couldn't happen without the expertise from Pete and Kate Szilard and former member Boyd Ulsh (he no longer has a FCR). Jo Chinn has been the newsletter as long as I can remember. It's not easy to create a newsletter that appeals to all members but she consistently varies the content so we learn more about our dogs and members. Joyce Brackney has been a Specialty Chair for two shows and for numerous years has chaired the agility trial held in Medford. Those events take years of planning and plenty of sweat and maybe a few tears. So many others have volunteered to plan events for our members and I thank you for your time and commitment to our club. Please consider volunteering to help our club if asked. No special skills are needed and the only requirement is a love of Flat-coated Retrievers!

Thanks again to all our dedicated volunteers that have kept our club going for all these years.  
Lura Dunn



# Meet Our Board Members

## Kathy Adams, Membership Secretary

Hi I am Kathy Adams - I started in flat coats in Oct 2007 - Kanyon She was a beautiful liver I finished all owner-handled to Gondolin's first GCH -I met so many great friends who share the love of this breed because of her and Sandee and Chris Butler introducing me to this breed and friends.

I know have had two other girls - Talle and her daughter Kollins - Kollins goes back to Kans - so in a way I still have a piece of my first flat coat - which I treasure!

My husband and I also have a golden retriever who is Kollins BFF - and she has been teaching Gin the flat coat way!

I do love to bake, sew, embroidery and photography -thank you Chris Butler for all the private lessons -When I get the chance to shoot pics I may have to juggle being in the ring and then grabbing my camera!!



Editor's Note: Kathy left out a few facts: she lives between Woodinville and Snohomish, works from home, and for flatcoat events serves as the project manager. She organizes potlucks in her sleep.



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## Kevin Malloy, Chair of the Eastern Sub-Region

My name is Kevin Malloy and I was first introduced to flatcoats in 1998 or 1999 by Pam Green. My wife and I were volunteers in the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit (with our beagle named Spud) along with Pam and her flatcoat named Inca. I was struck by the elegant style and hard work ethic that Inca displayed while performing her searches. The beauty is what attracted me to the breed initially but I quickly realized there was much more to this breed than great looks.

We were blessed with our beagle Spud for 17 wonderful years. Upon his passing, I decided that I would like to get a flatcoat. With the help of friends (Pam Green and Chris Karnes) we were on the list for a puppy. While both my wife and I have been training and showing dogs for many years, Eddy (my first flatcoat) was MY first serious "competition" dog. Together, Eddy and I have trained in everything from obedience to field work to conformation and Eddy's favorite, dock diving. Out of all of the titles Eddy has, I think I am most proud of the Championship that Eddy earned, because I was not really that interested in conformation. My contract with the breeder (Kari Mueske) required that we at least try to finish his championship. I decided that if it was going to happen, I was going to be the one to do it with him. I learned a lot about the breed this way, had a TON of fun earning the points and met some really fantastic people along the way. I stepped outside my comfort zone and ended up having a bunch of fun while doing it.

We have had so much fun with Eddy that we decided to get another flatcoat named Skyler. Our 10 year old Yorkie was not impressed. Eddy is now 8 and still going strong, Skyler is 4 and is the sweetest dog I have ever met. I think that's what I love the most about this breed. Their ability to not take life so seriously, reminds me to take it a little easier on myself and others around me. Might as well have fun while we're here.



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## David Kerschner, Recording Secretary

I retired after 35 years of Federal Service in 2014, and then along with my wife Lura Dunn, spent another 3 years doing consulting work. I have had Flat Coated Retrievers in my life since meeting Lura 23 years ago. Dog related activities have exponentially increased since retirement. We have helped them participate in nearly any organized competition a Flat coat might enjoy. I have dabbled a little in running dogs in field work and have been in the conformation ring only when no one else was available. While I enjoy doing both activities, but I am totally content in supporting roles, like driving the dogs to events in their Motor Home, throwing dead ducks in a rain-soaked field, or holding dogs outside the conformation ring while trying to shoot video with my iPhone. It is all part of the dog show “Gypsy” life I love.



# Our Dogs

From Barbara Fowler: In January Hiya finished her CDX with a 2nd and 3rd place at the Sacramento Dog Training Club shows in Lodi. Hiya just got her first Senior Hunter leg at the NORCAL Golden Retriever test.

Last weekend, we got the last double Q we needed for PACH at the Canine Agility Club of Fresno under judge Mark Upshaw, so Hiya is now CH MACH \*PACH\* Shasta Meet and Greet \*CDX\* RAE TD JH MXF T2B BCAT TKA WCX



From Gayle Sackett: "Hunter" - CH Favors Your Song (CWhizzbang's Billi Bi x GCHB CH Almanza The Bitch is Black JH) (CHIC# 159392) finished his Championsip at the Puyallup shows with 4 majors and is now half way to his Grand Championship. Thanks to the breeders Kerry Forni and Keli Martin for this



Lura's news: Coulson FINALLY made it out of the Open Standard class in agility at the Linn County show in Albany, OR and now has his OAP. I had been handling in the conformation ring and ran over to agility thinking I may miss the class. I hadn't walked it and only looked at the map once. I arrived in my show dress and walked into the ring where he had a clean run and finished first in the class! To add to that success, Bueller also had a clean run and finished second! During the standard run the day before, Coulson leapt up onto the table and then off. He jumped back on and slid off the side. Even the judge laughed. At least he has fun with agility!



# Our Dogs

New definition of “bird dog”? Karen Giese sent these two pictures of her Search and Rescue dog, Morgan. Karen explains that Morgan loves her two chickens, Cinnamon and Ginger. She frolicks with them during the day, and at nighttime herds them into their corral.



Karen Dolphin sends up an update: Ciri (Wingmaster Witchers Ward NA JH WC) has started her agility career in fine style, finishing her novice agility title in four days of trialing. She's fast, focused, and fun to run. It's good to be back to competing!





# Our Dogs

## Meet the New Champions!



CH Brighton's Purple Reign "Reign".  
Bred, owned, and handled by Pat Boydston.  
Whelped 6/19/2019.

By CH BLK Diamond Mr Knightly at Heronbeck X CH Brighton's Diamond in the Ruff OA NF JH



CH Rainshadow We Shall Overcome "Glory"  
Bred, owned, and handled by Jo Chinn.  
Whelped 3/1/2021.

By GCHB Wingmaster Splendid Prince Hairy WC CGC  
X GCH Flyway Farms Down in the Valley CD RE TKI JH  
WCX



CH Flyway Farms Living in a State of Grace SWN SWA  
SHDN DMA DSA CGC AS AM HDM TKI L1C L2C L3C  
L1H L2I L1E L1V NW1 NW2 NW3x3 NW3ELT ELT1  
ELT2 ELT3 ELT-CH

Bred by Gina Spadafori/Alexandra Latta/Eric Christensen/Michelle Boytim. Owned by Marcella and Jim Winslow. Handled by Marcella Winslow.  
Whelped 8/2/2018.

By CH Keep Going Oasis Of Peace - GCHB CH Flyway Farm's Una Nuova Vita RN DMA AM AS HDJ CGC TKN.



# Our Dogs

More news from Marcella Winslow: Our Flyway Farm girls have been busy!

2021 and 2022 have been productive for these two.

Flyway Farms Saphire girl SWN SCA SEA DJA NW1 NW2 NW3X3 NW3ELT ELT1 ELT2 ELT3 ELT-CH

Sophie earned her dock diving junior advanced title and her ELT-CH in the summer of 2021. At 9 years old she still can hold her own on the dock and doing nose work. Looking forward to doing some Summit trials with her.

3 yr old CH Flyway Farms Living in a State of Grace SWN SWA SHDN DMA DSA CGC AS AM HDM TKI L1C L2C L3C L1I L2I L1E L1V NW1 NW2 NW3x3 NW3ELT ELT1 ELT2 ELT3 ELT-CH has been on a roll. In early 2021 she earned her CGC. She was also surprising me by rocking the Elite level in nose work. From Jan to Oct Grace earned all 3 Elite titles. Accumulating over 700 points. Each trial is worth 100 points. And to earn a championship she needs 1000 pts.

Grace's first love is the dock and spent her summer in the pool earning her Air Retrieve Master title and being the fastest Flat coat in hydro dash, she earned her Hydrodash Master Title. At the beginning of 2022 she also earned her Dock Master Advanced title. Earning her an invite to Regionals.

If this isn't enough we also took some time to get into the breed ring. We started 2021 with 5 pts and 1 major. In July we picked up our 2nd Major and by the end of the summer we had 12 points and we also earned a group 2 owner handled. In the beginning of the year in Surprise, Arizona and Fresno, Ca she picked up 2 more points. I fully expected to spend 2022 chasing her last point. That ride would end sooner than expected.

March was Grace's month, at the Malibu Kennel club show in Pomona, Grace would earn her championship with a 3 pt major going WB and BOS.

Not done yet, just two weekends later Grace would earn her NACSW ELT-CH, placing 2nd overall out of 30 teams.



# Our Dogs

More marvelous adventures of John Izant and Lincoln:

Flatcoats are so much more than pretty faces! Lincoln (Swiftwater Jude's Phoenix CGC) passed the National Search Dog Alliance (NSDA) Land Human Remains Detection certification test last weekend. It is a demanding challenge with five timed parts including a building search, searching a set of vehicles, searching a road and two wooded area searches. It is particularly diabolical for the handler because the number of scent items is not known so you have to have confidence that your dog has found every one of the 0 to 3 sources in each segment without false indicating. Search areas that turn out to have no scent items at all are a real mental challenge. Moreover, anything less than a perfect score is a failure.

Lincoln was a classic flatcoat; he excitedly raced around and completed the vehicle search in under 30 seconds even though he was allowed 6 minutes. He completed the building search (just three rooms) in 90 seconds even though allowed 15 minutes. He promptly found and properly indicated on each of the area and road searches (30 minutes each) and even stayed disciplined in an area without any scent items. We did have to repeat the road test because I second guessed his behavior incorrectly demonstrating once again which is the smart end of the leash. Lincoln thought the whole day was great fun. I was exhausted!





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