

The Flatcoat Times

The Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club



OSCAR'S OFF TO COLLEGE

When Skylar Trcka enters Western Washington University this fall, his flatcoat Oscar will be by his side. Skylar, a recent graduate of Avante High School in Olympia, got special permission from Western's Accommodation's Center to have best friend Oscar live in the Alma Clark Glass residence hall.

What we do together: Oscar and Skylar enjoy being active and out in nature. They spend quite a bit of time at local trails going down to the water and hiking. Skylar says they have similar moods and read each other well, which makes Oscar a great companion and friend. Skylar says WWU was a good choice "because it is similar to the kind of education that works for me. Western has a smaller amount of students and has great programs in social sciences." Skylar hopes to study human services and psychology. What will Oscar study? Too soon to know, since he hasn't celebrated his first birthday yet.



Upcoming Events

Oct. 16

Supported Entry in Boise

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Oct. 1

WC/WCX

Greenleitch Training Grounds in Monroe, WA. Sponsored by the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club. Find the premium on a later page in this newsletter

OUR DOGS

From Vicki Peterson and John Lovegrove at Solstice Flat-Coats

Kashi (GCH CH Saudades' Kafta Khashkhash RN NF SAR-W CGC TKN) earned her grand championship at the Klamath Dog Fanciers show this May in Klamath Falls. This will mostly end her show career and let her concentrate on other things. Kashi continues to work with John in search and rescue for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. They have been on many missions across southwest Oregon and northern California. She has made some discoveries when assisting law enforcement that we can't really discuss. Kashi earned a water search certification in July to locate drowning victims. She now has three certifications: wilderness area, human remains detection and water search. Kashi also worked with Vicki to earn their rally novice title in Klamath Falls.



Kashi cools off in Lake Siskiyou after a certification test.



Popper (Ch Saudades' Jalapeño BN RA NAP OJP NFP THDN CGC TKI) and John are continuing hunt training with the Rogue Valley Sporting Spaniel Club. Their first hunt test was in April and they earned two qualifying scores. The next test will be in late August near Corvallis. Two more Qs will earn their junior hunting upland title. The spaniel test looks to the upland bird side of our flat-coats. It involves flushing and retrieving on land plus a water retrieve. Hopefully, the Hall of Fame powers that be will recognize this in the future. Popper really enjoys agility and needs one more Q in OAP to begin building double Qs for his PACH.



Popper and John practice quartering, an important skill for upland bird hunting and the Spaniel tests.

(To the left) Kashi and John with fellow flat-coat search dog Morgan and handler Karen Giese after a mission near McCloud, California.

NEWS FROM SOLSTICE, CONT'D.



Kashi and John participate in helicopter orientation in a U.S. Coast Guard H-65 Dolphin near Lakeview, Oregon.

Three flatcoats participated in a weekend training event for search and rescue K9 teams from around Oregon. It was hosted by the Douglas County Search and Rescue K9 Team.

In the photo from the left: John Lovegrove and Kashi (Jackson County), Karen Giese and Morgan (Josephine Count, and Michelle Shireman and Coal (Clackamas County).



Dax (GCH CH Saudades' Daily News Of Denmark BN RA AX OAJ OF THD CGC TKA) celebrated her 11th birthday on June 30th. She is enjoying retirement with dips in the pool and occasional runs with the agility equipment.

Breeze (Solstice Fly Away On My Zephyr RN NF CGC) continues to work with Vicki in agility. She recently was joined in her agility class by her dad, Popper. She has been showing with John handling and "just" needs her majors for a championship.

President's Message

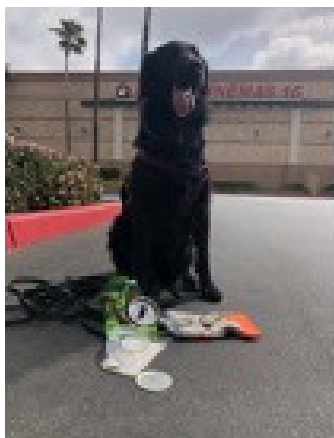
Our president Lizzy Ramhorst is currently trekking with club member Xan Latta in California. Look for communication from her when she returns.



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From Mary and John Aykens

The WaunaRun dogs have been very busy! Joe Cool is in California with Tracy Tennison Working on tracking titles. To date, Joe has completed his Tracking Dog (TD) and Variable Surface Tracking (VST). He is pictured below with his articles from an event and also shown are his trophies from his titles.



Gypsy has been busy in the show ring. With 11 points, she completed her championship at the Puyallup shows by taking Winners Bitch on Sunday for a 3 point major and then on Monday for that final point.

Meet CH WaunaRun's Gypsy Heart



From Linda Givler:

We attended the 2022 U.S. Flatcoat Specialty in Indiana. Much to my complete amazement Daniel, Itsawhat Make Mine A Double won Open Dog and then Winners Dog. My heart almost stopped. We owe so much to Dinah Baggenstos for handling him.

The drive to Indiana is long with varied terrain, changeable weather and bored dogs. A highlight was spending time with Daniel's sister Tarka and training with them before the Specialty. Both my boys earned their WCX at the Specialty Field event.



Our Dogs

From Karen Dolphin:

Ciri (Wingmaster Witchers Ward JH NA NAJ NF WC) is enjoying her status as senior agility dog. We've trialed about 4 weekends total now and she's managed to finish off all her novice titles, the most recent being jumpers this past weekend. This last weekend also saw the baby of the family, Kaya (Wingmaster X Games), make her agility debut. She felt it past time that she got to come along for the fun and put the pedal to the metal in all of her runs. She had a couple near misses in some classes and managed to come away with two legs in novice fast, and her first leg in novice standard. Not a bad showing for a 20 month old at her first trial! Best of all, both girls had a blast and let me know they'd like to play again soon. Sadly, Tag (Ch Wingover Ready Or Not CDX RM SH AX MXJ MXF WCX HOF) has had to retire from the sport due to a back injury, but he gave us all an enthusiastic welcome home and updates on how many times he convinced Dad to throw the Kong for him.

From Barbara Fowler:
Out of curiosity I checked who the 2022 AKC agility Invitational qualifiers were and Hiya was the preferred dog!



This free AKC Agility Invitational report will list the top five (5) dogs for the breed selected. If the Top 5 of a breed are all from the Regular class, then an additional SIXTH invite will be sent to the Top Preferred Dog during round 1 invites. Dogs are listed in alphabetical order.

Events are processed through June 30, 2022.

Select the Event: AKC Agility Invitational - December 2022 Select a Breed:

Flat-Coated Retriever

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Dog Name	Class
MACH2 Blacmoor Painted Blac MXG MJG MXF T2B	REG
CH MACH Flyway Farms Fly Over Water JH MXB MJB	REG
MACH Northern Lights Winds Of Denali MXS MJ5 MFB TQX T2B3	REG
MACH3 Saudades' Irish Mist CDX BN RE MXC MJB2 MF5 TQX T2B5	REG
MACH4 Stormwatch Nor'Easter VCD2 BN SH MXC MJC PJD DS CGC	REG
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TQXP T2B2 T2BP2 BCAT TKA	

From Jo Chinn:

The FCRSA National Specialty was super productive for the Chinn dogs. Glory finished her Junior Hunter title, passed the WC, won her Sweepstakes Puppy class, and earned a qualifying score in Rally Novice, earning the Three Rivers Award for versatility. She is now CH Rainshadow We Shall Overcome JH WC.

GCH Flyway Farms Down in the Valley (Valley) came into season on the trip so couldn't run in the field or participate in Obedience. That left Best of Breed competition for her, and with Dinah Baggenstos and Lillian Mueller on the lead, she earned a "Judges Award of Merit." It was such an exciting moment.



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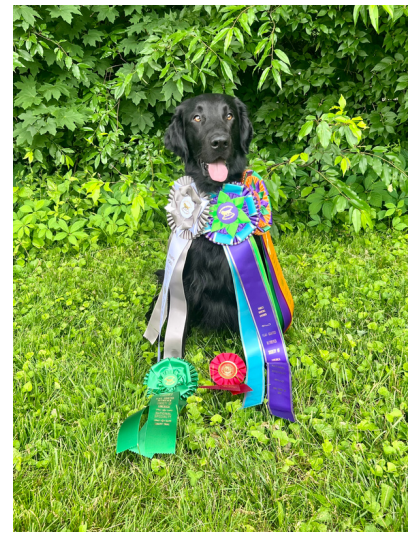
From Lura Dunn

After a long drive to Fort Wayne, IN for the FCRSA 2022 Specialty, both Coulson and Bueller were very tired after three days of field, on day of agility, one day of rally for Coulson and two days of conformation for Bueller.

Coulson demonstrated awesome skills in Steady Singles or Senior Hunter but we went out on the land series for both. The WCX title wasn't to be his after he broke to get the second bird. He ran well in agility but his handler screwed him up on one run and he DQ'd in the others. Rally was held in a very small space with lots of noise and distractions but he passed with a score of 97!

Bueller ran in Unsteady Singles and earned a Judges Award of Merit! And being so much like his dad Ronin, Bueller decided that he wanted to keep the bird on his Junior Hunter run, so failed after marking beautifully. He earned a Q in agility the next day and had a day of rest before conformation. Bueller was used as Lillian Mueller's Junior Showmanship dog, helping her to earn a second place in Open Senior. Lillian handled him to a fourth place win in Hunting Retriever Started out of a class of 16 dogs! The 3 wins in three events earned him a beautiful 3 Rivers Award for versatility.

The boys were lucky to swim in lakes and play in dog parks on the way home. At one RV camping area we took a little nature hike and saw an adult cougar on the dirt road ahead of us! They were happy to get home to their own back yard and a house bigger than a 24 foot RV!



NWFCRC AGILITY TRIAL

The NWFCRC supported an agility trial held in Central Point, Oregon the last weekend of April. Flat-coats from CA, OR, WA, ID and UT were present and running their hearts out in a well-run trial with Pat Boydston as trial chair, Lynda Spangler as assistant, Joyce Brackney organizing worker meals, Ann Richards and Kim Schultsmeier organizing the raffle, and Diana and Scott Rush helping with ribbons. In attendance and running dogs were Ann Richards and Kim Schultsmeier from Idaho, Lori Raczka from Utah, Diana & Scott Rush, Rick Oswald, Lura Dunn and David Kerschner from WA, Victoria Peterson, Pat Boydston, Lynda Spangler from Oregon, and Barb Fowler from CA. Not running dogs but there to help were Mary Beth Lamb and Joyce Brackney. Between 306 and 325 dogs were entered each day with everyone helping to create a fun experience for both dogs and handlers and their support crew.



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From Amy Petti

Blackfriar The Sky's the Limit (Angus) made his conformation debut in Anderson, CA. Handled by Luke Baggenstos and Baylee Lewis, he earned 5 points, including a three point major. Since then he's working on growing into his feet and tail and remaining a flatcoat pup on the prowl for fun and mischief. (See photo below of champion toilet paper shredding).



Angus Update:

So very grateful for the expert hands and mentorship of #SarahBrown # #MalloriSeifert and Vicki Aquino Ronchette to help me and my pup, Angus, on his road to a championship - we started a 3 week journey with a 4 pt major and 2 pt win in San Bernardino, CA.... Then.. 2500 miles, 14 nights round trip to a 4 day FCRSA National Specialty in Ft. Wayne Indiana....where Angus finished 1st in group - and won "Best Puppy", under the watchful eye of Judge Ann Katona. Earlier at the speciality Blackfriar The Sky Is The Limit (Angus) also picked up 4th place in Puppy Sweeps. Thank you Rachel T. Hill for breeding my handsome boy!

Another Angus update! He finished his championship at the Del Monte Kennel Club show.

He's shown below in official photo with Judge Dr. Steven Keating and handler Jessica Vetter. He won WD/BOW/BOB - a big thrill for us.



More from Amy Petti:

MAGGIE (Shasta's Marguerite May)

Sometimes 3rd place feels like 1st.... this is my pretty 5 year old liver girl Maggie (Shasta's Marguerite May) - the Flatcoated retriever who began my love affair with the breed - she's sweet, sometimes sassy, always ready to play, ALWAYS great with my 3 grandkids ...and she's had the burden of a rookie owner, late to the sport of conformation.... I'm so grateful to the mentors of breeder, Joyce Brackney, handlers Dinah Baggenstos, Luke Baggenstos, Sarah Brown and Mallori Seifert, and the steady guidance from Vicki Aquino Ronchette.... Maggie got her first win the weekend before COVID shut down California... then re-entered this year's season with a bad haircut from our pup Angus - who playfully chewed off her topline and one complete leg feather - while she frolicked and played, never dispensing any temper to the busy pup... The patience and support of Sarah Brown and Mallori Seifert kept me going as I pondered whether to pull her completely from conformation. They assured me her hair would grow back and she was worth the effort. Well she won her first major in San Bernardino - in Mallori's hands, and Sarah skilfully handled her at FCRSA National Specialty - where she placed 3rd in a very large Am Bred Group - I'm encouraged to continue the effort, and hopeful once again. The Baggenstos team helped me and Maggie in her early years in Oregon, as I learned how to feed her to keep her weight appropriate and groom her to show off that pretty liver hair. I just got the official win photos from Phyllis Ensley Photography...SB photo is Best in Show Photography.

Maggie update: She finished her championship at the Hurricane Ridge Supported Entry Show.



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