

Northwest Flat-
Coated Retriever
Club

Flat-Coat Times

Specialty Special Edition

Austin and Sarah Win the National Specialty

Judge Helen Stozak awarded “Best in Show” at the 2019 FCRSA National Specialty to northwest dog BISS RBIS GCHG Artic Sun’s Pursuing the Dream JH HOF “Austin” and his owner/handler, Sarah Brown. He also won Best Gun Dog in Sweeps. Austin currently ranks #1 flatcoat in Breed Standings, and #3 flatcoat in All Breed Standings.



A Note from the Editor

We're six months post-specialty and this newsletter is about five months overdue. I apologize for the huge delay, but I am a supreme procrastinator. And what a nice time to reflect on the fabulous week we spent together in Albany, and celebrate our successes. I realize I have deleted photographs from my phone that should be included, and I apologize to anybody whose achievements I've overlooked.

On behalf of co-chairs Lura Dunn and Joyce Brackney, I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to all who worried, planned, worried, planned some more, and went without sleep to make this specialty a success.

As I was looking through the pictures that members sent for inclusion, I thought, "WOW. We had the most awesome ribbons!" Thanks to Sandee Butler and Mary Kirkness for their work on the ribbon selection. Then I saw the picture of Sarah with her beautiful BISS glass plate. Thanks to Kathy Adams and Lizzy Ramhorst for the memorable prize.

My friends always comment when I wear my black rain jacket with the awesome logo, and I remember all Suzanne Eberfield's hard work.

Do you have an awesome towel with the specialty logo? Thank Linda Monroe and Susan Kravit-Smith.

I look at the 2020 Specialty website, and say, "Thanks Jon Izant, your work lives on!"

Remember the good times at the social events? And the good food? Thank Ragan and Patricia.

The list goes on and on. Behind the scenes...Jeanne Allen, Nancy Harger, Pat Boydston, Lynda Spangler, Barbara Fowler, The facility folks Ron Colyer, Steve Chinn, and David Kerschner. Thank Adora, Vicki, and Trish for all their behind the scenes work, too. Who was waaaaayyyyyy behind the scenes? Our treasurer, Mary Aykens.

So many folks commented here and on Facebook about the Sasquatch Award. Thank Margo for her record-keeping! And thank Lura and David for bringing that awesome Sasquatch for a photo backdrop. David took all those pictures that people posted on social media. Huge thanks!

Some events were easier to manage than others. Susan Shingleton proved to be one tough lady when dealing the many issues dock diving threw at her. Thanks, Susan.

Lura and I co-chaired the field events, and barely knew what we were doing. We were totally rescued by Boyd Ulsh, Pete and Kate Szilard, Candy and Ed Ferner., and Xan Latta. We are indebted to them for the rest of our lives (do you want my first-born child? He's pretty much a genius.) We also must thank Lisa Anderson, Salomeja Garolis, and Karen Dolphin who, among others, worked tirelessly at the events.

We tried some new approaches to the specialty...search and rescue demo...genetic testing discussion, the photoshop presentation during the banquet...thank s to all who were willing to put in a little extra effort to make this specialty a little extra special.

Northwest Dogs Specialty Successes

Northwest Club members celebrated their dogs' successes with these brags:

Lisa Anderson sends us this celebration for her dog, Revan (CH Wingover's Potentium Philosophy UD SH CGCA WCX).

In the field:

First Master Hunter pass! Passed the WCX,

In obedience:

Utility B—2nd place and UD title!

Open B—3rd place and first UDX leg (and OM points, too)

Rally Novice B—1st place in a large class with a perfect score of 100

Part of Rally Team Sasquatch—2nd place

In conformation:

4th in Gun Dog Intermediate Sweepstakes

3rd in Gun Dog Intermediate Non-Regular Class

Sasquatch Award Qualifier



Revan poses with his specialty ribbons

Specialty Successes

From Cathy Johnson:

“The National was a great, we had so much fun loved the Black Dog Casino Night, over all it turned out fantastic you all did an amazing job!! “

“At the National Kasey won Select Dog, and awarded a Third Place in Stud Dog with his daughters. Also won Fourth Place in Veteran Sweepstakes. In Canada this summer he received a Reserve Best In Show, 3 Best In Show Veteran, and a Best In Show Gun Dog. He got his Dock Diving Senior Title last year but jumped his all time in Enumclaw this year at 18.7. Also got his Trick Dog Title on 7-27-19. We are super proud of Kasey, looking forward to seeing what’s next!! “



More Specialty Successes

From Susan Shingleton:

I am just so proud of my boy that I needed to share:

Ch Wyncliff's Lock Up Your Daughters RN JH WC BCAT DEX AMX CGC TKN (Henry) and I had a wonderful time at the specialty with family, friends and lots of activities.

He was a busy boy earning his Dock Elite Excellent title, his Air Retrieve Master Excellent title, 3rd place in elite dock finals competition, earned his Rally novice title, received 3rd place in RN, got the Sasquatch award and received JAM for unsteady singles.

This huge ribbon Henry is wearing is first place for the farthest jump by a FCR at the specialty. Henry got a new personal best, establishing a new FCR record (breaking his old one) with a jump of 28'1". In finals competition, he bested his best with a final jump of 28'2" to take third place .



The Dolphin pod had a great time at the Specialty, although I'm pretty sure the boys thought retrieving bumpers on the beach was the best part. But they certainly earned their playtime.

Tremendous thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make this Specialty happen - it was fantastic!



More, More, More Specialty Successes

From Barbara Fowler:

Both Hiya and Mole qualified for Sasquatch awards at the specialty. The old guy did a great job in field, obedience, rally and show. I wish he would impart some of his heeling expertise to Hiya.

At the specialty Hiya finished her Excellent Fast agility title and her Rally Excellent title. Since then she has gotten her MX and CD titles. She is now CH Shasta Meet And Greet BN CD RE TD JH MX AXJ XF T2B BCAT TKA WCX. Mole is CH MACH Shasta Cinco de Mayo CDX RAE JH MXB MJS MXP2 MJP2 MXF T2B2 WCX {USDAA APD} HOF

Here's Hiya and Mole in brace obedience where he is looking at Barbara and Hiya is looking for playtime. At the end of a long hot day, Hiya and Mole amused everyone with their antics, that is Mole was being good and Hiya just wanted to play.



Plus More, More, More Specialty Successes

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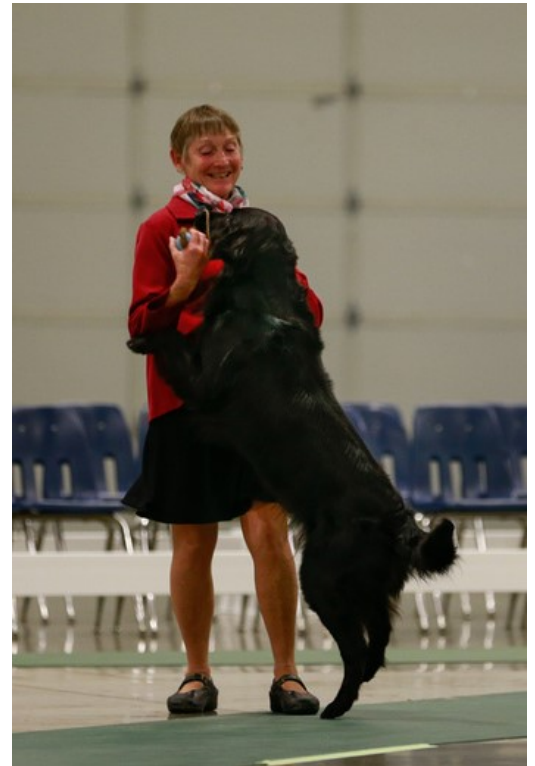
Morgan did the dock diving with NADD at the Specialty ... she went on to get her Senior Dock Diving title:.



Heronbeck's Morgan flies through the air with the greatest of ease!

And from your editor:

It's just a blur. I'm pretty sure Valley (GCH Flyway Farms Down in the Valley BN RN JH WCX) passed the WCX, made the cut in BOB, was on the 2nd place rally team, and got the Sasquatch Award. Flo (GCHB Rainshadow's Rollin' on the River BN CDX TD RE AX OAJ JHU SH WCX) placed 2nd in Gun Bitch Sweeps Intermediate, made two cuts in BOB, and participated on the 2nd place Team Sasquatch in obedience. Most importantly, she entered the FCRSA Hall of Fame. Her HOF dance is pictured to the right.



And More, More, More Specialty Successes

From Judd Gallagher:

Swiftwater Fool in the Rain "Bowen" and Swiftwater Two Hearts "Rennie" have been super busy. Early in this Summer Bowen was in an intermediate trick dog class while Rennie was in "Baby Steps"-their version of Puppy-K. When they completed those classes we were feeling ambitious so we enrolled both dogs in an active engagement and obedience class. In June, we attended the Flat Coat Specialty in Albany, Oregon where Bowen did some dock diving and Rennie hit the show ring with Susan- Kravit Smith as her handler. After all of the excitement at the Specialty we headed to the charming town of Gearhart, Oregon so Rennie could see the ocean for the first time. Since then, we have been hiking and taking road trips to Bainbridge Island, WA to visit family.



Susan Kravit-Smith adds:

At the Specialty Swiftwater Brilliant Disguise, owned and novice handled by Zachary Erz, took 2nd place in his baby puppy class at 4 months. Zachary is also beginning field training with Salem.

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Shasta wishes to congratulate all the Specialty Winners and especially two
liver dogs out of Stoney,

BIS GCHG MACH Shasta Brownstone JH CD RA HOF 5-18-04 to 9-10-17



Stoney's son, Austin, won
Best in Specialty and
Best in Gun Dog Sweeps

***BISS GCHG Artic Sun's
Pursuing The Dream JH
HOF***

DOB 9/21/2013

Owned by Deb and Sarah
Brown, handled by Sarah.

Stoney's grandson,
Cooper, won the 2019
Steady Singles
Championship and
earned his 4th MH leg

***CH HRCH Shasta
Barreloflaugh's
SH WCX***

DOB 12/7/2015

Owned and handled by
Christopher Sprout



Joyce Brackney



Yreka, CA

Specialty Highlights

Genetic Diversity

Barb Krieger and Liz Saunders welcomed a standing-room only crowd to their Fireside Chat about DNA testing, Better Bred, and genetic diversity. Their interesting and lively presentation included a “hands-on” demo of the fundamental laws of inheritance. Special thanks to northwest club member Nancy Harger for arranging for this presentation.

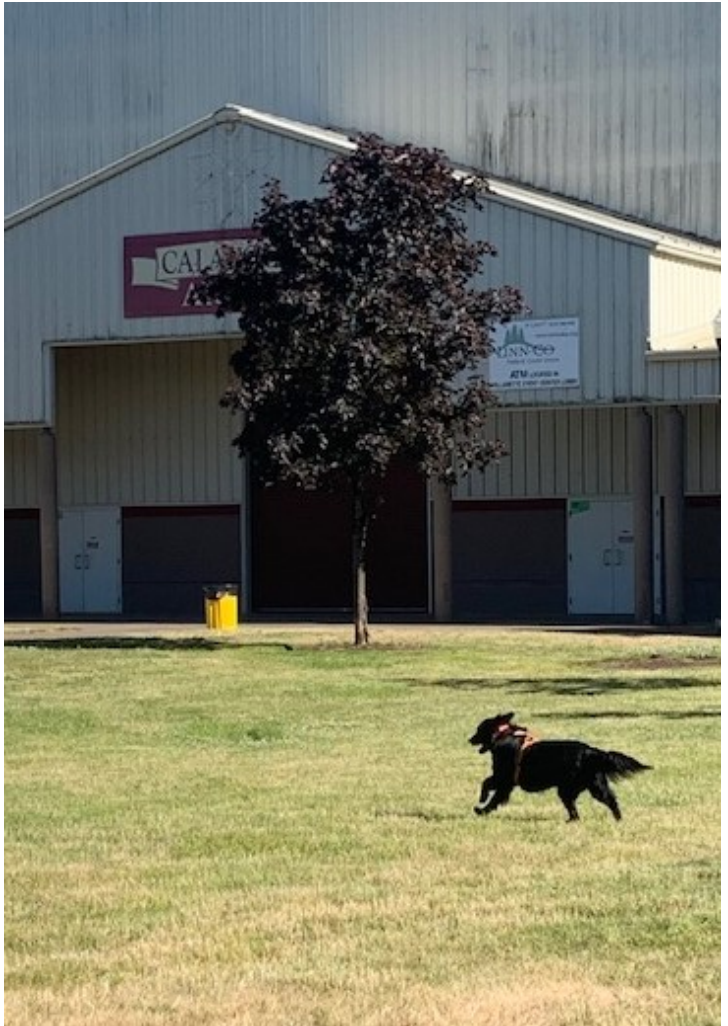
2019 AKC Sportsmanship Award

Congratulations to northwest club member Xan Latta, recipient of the 2019 AKC Sportsmanship Award from the FCRSA. She was tapped for her positive and encouraging ringside support of fellow exhibitors, her support of the amateur handler in the field, her volunteer work on field endeavors, and her work in rescue. In the northwest, we know Xan as the organizer of our fantastic field training camp in Montana. Hats off to Xan!



Search and Rescue Demo

Unique to the 2019 Specialty was the impressive search and rescue dog demonstration, produced by members of the northwest club. Jon Izant, Lynda Spangler, John Lovegrove, Victoria Petersen, and Karen Giese demonstrated the various searching techniques and skills utilized by search and rescue dogs. Their highly trained and highly capable dogs work with various sheriff departments and agencies in Washington and Oregon. Also impressive, the handlers' dedication to learning and training.



Above left, Lynda, John, Karen, and Jon with their search and rescue dogs. Below left, Lynda works Beasley (?) or Knightly (?) . Above, what appears to be a crazy romping dog is actually Beasley (?) or Knightly (?) on a mission.

Junior Showmanship

Junior handlers eagerly took the ring on Wednesday to show under Judge Ryann Grady. The audience enjoyed the junior' enthusiasm and accomplished handling skills. Northwest juniors were Curtis Butterfield with CH Heirborn Rock Eyecon, Keira Noyd with Black Amandas Tempting Chocolate, Lillian Mueller with Wynclyff's Autumn Splendor, and Jeannette Mueller with GCH Wynclyff's Lucy in the Sky.



Quick Notes

From Ann Richards:

We were able to attend our First Flat Coat National Specialty in June. We got our first Flat Coat a couple years ago so we were excited to attend.

We did not enter anything at the time because we had just begun agility training and knew we were not ready but wanted to see Joyce and show her how beautiful the puppy she trusted us with was doing.

Since the trial we have completed our ACT 1 and ACT 2 tests with perfect scores on the second run of each and well within the time allowed. She accomplished this even though she has a Very Novice handler, me. This is the first canine events I have ever trained for or entered.

We also entered the Salty Dogz agility trial in Farmington, Utah in early August and went to see friends run at the trial and to use the venue as our "timed and organized" training runs. To our excitement she had a qualifying run and also earned a first place ribbon.

We want to thank Joyce so much for giving us the opportunity to work with such an incredible puppy and introducing us to the Wonderful World of Flat Coats. Side note, we are already addicted and put our name on the list for another puppy.

I am so excited I wanted to share with you.

From Salomeja Garolis:

Headliner Stuck on You (Wrigley) finished her Junior Hunter title.

Headliner Double Save (Gracie) finished her beginning novice obedience and novice rally title. Gracie was on the first place rally team and took second place in 12-15 month puppy confirmation. She earned the Sasquatch award. She also showcased her lightning quick approach to taking contraband items to her hotel roommate.

Editor's Note: Didn't I publish a note last year about this girl Gracie stealing food at the dock diving event? Hmnn. . I see a pattern emerging!

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