



# THE FLATCOATED RETRIEVER ASSN.

## FLATCOAT NEWS

Sept 2018



### **The Editor's Creed:**

Mistakes are made deliberately. Some people are always looking for errors..... and the Editor aims to please everyone.

Inside this  
Issue

**President's  
Report**

**Editor's  
Report**

**News from  
NSW**

**News from  
SA**

**Royal Show  
Results**

**NSW Show  
Judges  
Critique**

**Working Gun-  
dog  
Retrieving  
Results**



These are two Flat Coats from Finland RT CH Touho Taka-Tapiolan Fiun Tahvo and his daughter Sisu

### INPORTANT NOTICE

The Editor of the Flatcoated Retriever Assn of Victoria Inc. welcomes freelance contribution to the newsletter. Submissions should be typed or neatly written. The authors name should appear on each page. Whilst the editor exercises every care, no responsibility is accepted for errors or omissions that arise during the publishing process, The Association accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of statements nor necessarily agrees with the opinions or statements expressed by freelance contributors



# President's Report

Peter Eley OAM



Hi all, another Newsletter rolling out from unde Helens fingers, haven't seen her for a few days as she has been buried in the computer room banging away on the keys to get it out.

First I would like o personally thank Marilyn Dawson and Jean Bryant for the beautiful prizes that were donated for our recent raffle. With a Champ Show and Open show, two Retrieving Trials and a RATG to run next year the money raised either helps with the running of the events or equipment.

In the past we have conducted our Retrieving Trials in concert with the Central Highlands Working Gundog Club. The generous contribution from this club allowed us the access to equipment, trial grounds and manpower and we will always be grateful. Unfortunately this partner ship has come to a close.

In 2019 we will continue to run two trials, one with the assistance of the Labrador Retrieving Club and the other working with Gippsland Retrieving Club. Thanks go to Noel and Kate Eltringham for paving the way with this partnership and a long time member Greg Playdon for bringing us onboard with the Gippsland club.

Being such a small club we could not conduct these events without the generous sharing of equipment from the other clubs.

Needless to say that wherever we go these days with the dogs we are on high alert for snakes. Now is the time they are emerging after their winter sleep, hungry and fully loaded with venom. Our eldest Sons dog is currently in the Melbourne University Vet Hospital fighting to stave off the effect of what we believe to be slight strike and not a full bight.

On a personal side we are having a lot of fun at the moment with our pup Whoa Black Betty, Simone Wilkie and her friends provide the legs to trot her around the ring, bathing, grooming and delivery is our job as the legs just don't want to run any more.

That's it for me, keep all those tails wagging and the fun times a Flattie

Best wishes, Peter Eley



## YOUR COMMITTEE

### Office Bearers

President	Peter Eley OAM
Vice President	Kate Eltringham
Secretary	Leanne Tormey
Ass Secretary	Helen Eley
Treasurer	Scott Farquhar
Newsletter Editor	Helen Eley

### Committee

Kate Eltringham (Retrieving Trials )
Noel Eltringham (Retrieving Trials)
Sue Farquhar (Assist Treasurer)
Simone Wilkie (Conformation)

Webmaster: Deon Barylak.



**My Life is perfect....as long as I'm in it.**

Just a comment on litters of puppies, at certain times of the year (less in winter) the club gets several puppy inquiries a week. If breeders have informed me or I hear on the grapevine that there is a litter pending I have no way of passing on those inquiries to the breeders. Therefore I refer the inquirer to <https://www.dogzonline.com.au> but I note on this site there is sometimes no advice as to projected dates of litters with 2 current exceptions. Unless you want to keep the litter a secret let me know and I will pass on the inquirer.

Congratulation to Jill Wake whose dog Remus won Dog CC and Best of Breed at the Brisbane Royal (EKKA) A further congratulations to Kimmie Brett whose bitch was awarded R/UP BOB, Bitch CC & Intermediate of Breed: Aust Ch Alubyc Flyin Without Instruments (AI) CD RA



Congratulations to Simone Wilkie whose dog Grand Champion Kellick All I Ever Need is You f was awarded Best of Breed, further congratulations to Pete & Helen Eley's for their young bitch Kellick Whoa Black Betty (AI) being awarded Runner up to Best Of Breed, bitch CC and Puppy of Breed. There were 6 Flatcoats entered.

Details of the Adelaide Royal will be included in Jean Bryant's SA Report .



Marilyn Dawson's Quinn (Sherepoint Once In A Blue Moon (AI)) has had a great weekend On the Saturday WA held their first FCI Winter Festival Championship Show and under Mrs E Ty (Philippines) got a breed grading of EXCELLENT. The following day at the West Australian Kennel Club's Winter Festival Championship Show under Mr S Watson (Cyprus) was Junior of Breed, Res DCC and RU BOB and JUNIOR IN GROUP.

Thank you Christine for running him and also Carla for helping out and staying in the freezing cold to run him for his class in show. And Congratulations on gaining his Champion status title.



Meaghan O'Shannassy Ryder's had a few very good weeks and very pleasing results for the year. He picked up 88 points over 3 weekends and the Runner Up in Group was his second for the year. Very good going for a young boy who is not quite 2 yet and very immature still. Let's hope there is many more wins around the corner for Ryder.



Winners are Grinners; Ch Sherepoint Green Ivy was awarded Bitch Challenge and Best of Breed. Grand Ch Kellick Song Sung Blue Dog Challenge and Runner up to Best of Breed at Perth Royal Show for 2018



Big Congratulation to Rhonda Williams on her young girl Lani's multiple in group wins, she is doing so well in the show ring, I hope she continues her winning ways...a lovely young bitch.

Below some more of Marilyn Dawson's wonderful photography.

A double headed Flat Coat!



Copyright: Marilyn Dawson

Below:- Christine Murray's Jaffa the liver head and Vader the black.



For Christine Murray's Ivy it's been a long day at the Perth Royal, she has to turn my back on the crowd so they don't talk to her.



Copyright: Marilyn Dawson



Once again, hello to Flatcoat enthusiasts

Not a lot to report from SA - I didn't do many shows since the last newsletter, with Ross having surgery, and Jade having 7 pups. Everything went well for both Ross and Jade. In the middle of this part of one of our shed walls blew off in a terrible storm - so life has been eventful and expensive as it was asbestos and the insurance wouldn't pay out. It is finally repaired. Jade had 4 boys and 3 girls, first time she has ever had more boys than girls. The pups started to leave home on 10 August, so life almost came back to normal. Only one of the pups went to people who hadn't had Flat Coated retrievers before. Kirstin Gurner's bitch Ch Poweron Here Comes Trubble also had pups, 14 of the them, wow - Kirstin showed her two babies, a dog Poweron Never Been Better and a bitch Poweron Never Look Back at a couple of shows and I believe the bitch got baby in group at the Junior Kennel Club show on 15 July The boy is liver and the girl black - both as cute as and looking nice. It was very sad to hear that Trubble died recently.

At the end of September I was in Perth to judge the Gundog Championship show. I stayed with Christine Murray - thanks Chris for a lovely weekend. Marilyn Dawson came to dinner on the Friday night and the next night I went out to dinner with Chris and Rob, Jan Burgess and Eleanor Hodgson (Golden Retrievers). I hadn't met Jan before, so that was a real treat for me. Jan has always had Flat Coated Retrievers from Joy Gregg of Blackregal Flat Coats. Her young bitch showed well under me handled by a friend of Jan's. Both Christine and Marilyn didn't show under me as they have dogs from me.

Sunday morning we were off to the river for some fun with their dogs. What a beautiful spot they go to. It was lovely to spend the weekend with Flat Coat people and talk dogs. I had 106 entries at the champ show, and some really nice dogs to judge. The weather was perfect and the club looked

after me well. At the end of the show several people brought their Flat Coats for me to see which was good - and the club had organised a Meet and Greet, with nibbles and bubbles. It was good to catch up with Sue Shrigley of Ghostwind Weimaraners, and George and Sharon Koutsantonis of Durers German Shorthaired Pointers. My Best in Show went to an English Springer Spaniel Ch Cardhu Dare to Dream and Runner Up Best in Show was the Golden Retriever Sup Ch Ralun Flying High, two lovely dogs.

At the SA Poultry and Kennel Club Championship Show on 17 August Tucker Gr Ch Sherepoint Kentucky Bluegrass was BOB and Minty Ch Sherepoint Peppermint Crisp was Bitch CC under Mrs P. Lanctot from Canada, and this was repeated on 19 August under Ms K Furk from South Africa. The 3 days shows with international panels are mostly drawing good entries - both from SA and interstate, and the stalls around the grounds are proving very popular. Pet Network being one of them.

On 22 September Tucker was Best of Breed and 4<sup>th</sup> in Group under Mrs C. McCreevy from Qld, and in the second show of the day he was BOB and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Group under Dr Robertson from NSW, picking up 15 nice challenge points at the Murray Valley Shows. Sadly overnight he managed to break a toe on his back foot, so stayed home the next day and left it to Minty to get BOB.



After surgery two days later and a hefty bill (less than the quote thank goodness), he came home with a plate and screws in his toe and splints. He has had a return visit to have the dressing changed and should have all bandages removed this week (10/10/18) fingers crossed it has healed well.

Lovely to hear of Peter King's new import - and of John Aarts litter from Ch Almanza Burberry Goodiebags - (semen imported by Peter King). But on a different note, it was sad to hear of John Aart's wife passing away after a long illness. I only met Linda once but what a lovely lady. I spoke to John only a few weeks ago and he and their son Liam are just about coping. He has great support from Peter King which is good. So much has been happening with Flat-Coats from other states, I look forward to reading about their successes



Ch Sherepoint Peppermint Crisp  
(Minty)

At the Adelaide Hills Kennel Club 4 champ shows Mr Ronnie Tolson from Ireland judged the first day and Ch Sherepoint Cracked Pepper was BOB and Minty was Bitch CC and RUBOB – we were the only Flat Coats there. Ms Carmen Heller from Canada judged the 2<sup>nd</sup> day and Ch Skyehaven was DCC& BOB and Ch Skyehaven Handful of Tickets was BCC. Next day was Ms Eva Nielsen from Sweden – she awarded Ch Skyehaven Handful of Tickets BOB and Ch Skye Power Black Brianta (Imp Cz) was Dog CC and RUBOB.

The last day our judge was Ms Jurate Butkiene from Lithuania – winners that day were Ch Skyehaven Man on Fire BOB and Ch Skyehaven Handful of Tickets was BCC. Ch Skyehaven Man on Fire went on to take out Best Exhibit in the Gundog Group – he looked lovely and behaved beautifully – a great win. Not sure if he got anything in show as we were packing up.

On 6 October, we had an Agricultural Show at Port Elliott, two shows on the one day – Minty was the only Flat Coat entered – so was awarded two BOBs. I showed her for the first show, about 2 or 3 years since I had been able to do that, and got a nice cheer from my group of friends. The next day one of my young friends took her in. There was lots to see at this show, plenty of stalls with yummy food, and things to buy. I went home with a lovely plant and a kilo tub of honey for Ross. Lovely weather, good company – what more could you ask for – well getting up at 5 am is a bit much.

## Adelaide Royal Show Results 2018

Adelaide Royal was no different for us this year, we just can't win there. Congratulations to Tina Corbell whose dogs took out both challenges under the Portuguese judge. Once again Group and Best in Show judging was live streamed – lovely to watch.

### Open Dog Class

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ch Skyehaven Man on Fire - T. Corbell Dog CC & BOB
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr Ch Sherepoint Kentucky Bluegrass – R & J Bryant Reserve Dog CC & RUBOB
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ch Skye Power Black Brianta – T Corbell/K Gurner

### Open Bitch Class

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ch Skyehaven Handful of Tickets Bitch CC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ch Sherepoint Peppermint Crisp Reserve Bitch CC

Jean Bryant

## VALE

On sad note Meaghan O'Shannassy has had to say good bye to her beloved English Springer Spaniel Shout, aka 'Grand Champion and Neuter Champion Coranderrk Wild One '



Run free Shout

# JUDGES CRITIQUE from NSW FCR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2018

Claire Trevelyan

I would like to thank the Flat Coated Retriever Society of NSW for the invitation to judge. I would also like to thank the Show Committee, the Steward and Exhibitors for making it such a very enjoyable experience. Thank you for taking my decisions with such good sportsmanship. I was pleased with my principle winners; overall the quality was good with some lovely heads and happy dogs. I wish The Club all the very best for the future. Claire Trevelyan

## Junior Dog

**1st. (No 2) AUST CH ALMANZA DOUBLE ACTION DARK KISS (IMP SWD).** A very bright and active, medium sized dog showing enthusiastic tail action. Correct well moulded head with dark, almond eye giving a pleasing expression. Correct length of neck into good lay of shoulder. Straight legs with good bone and feet, level top line, with a gradual spring of rib, loin short, tail well set on, well muscled hind quarters, moved well. Happy to award him **BD, BOB & JIS**

## Intermediate Dog

**1st. (No 3) CH SKYEHAVEN TICKET TO RIDE.** Happy dog, full of energy with lovely one-piece head, almond eye with gentle expression good length of neck and lay of shoulder, good tight round feet, correct length of loin, would prefer to see hocks a little more let down. Moved OK.

## Australian Bred Dog

**1st (No 4) POWERON BAG FULL OF SILLY.** Head nicely moulded, correct length of neck and good lay of shoulder, good bone and feet, moderate bend of stifle well let down, held top line well on the move. Moved well

## Open Dog

**1st (No 5) AUST CH BLACKREGAL FASTNET ROCK.** Happy dog, well moulded head with medium sized dark almond eye, correct length of neck well laid shoulders, good bone and feet, had a slight roll on the move, good tail set, well developed second thigh and well let down. **RD OIS**

**2nd (No 6) GRCH SKYHAVEN ALL GUNS BLAZING.** Head long and well moulded, gentle dark almond eye, correct length of neck and good lay of shoulder, good bone and feet, held top line well, correct moderate angulation. Prefer to see him carry a little less weight, not as sound as first place.

## Minor Bitch

**1st (No 7) BLACK REGAL BAG FULL OF SUNNI.** Very pretty, elegant bitch, head nicely moulded & well balanced with correct, dark, almond eye with intelligent expression, good lay of shoulder, straight legs and good feet, held top line on the move, loin short, moderate angulation. Correct for her age. Would like to see her moved better. Would be interested to see how she matures. **MPIS**

## Intermediate Bitch

**1st (No 8) BLACKREGAL KEEPER OF THE FLAME.** Medium sized bitch with well moulded head would prefer a darker eye, correct length of neck and good layback of shoulder, good top line and short loin, moderate angulation. Prefer to see her carrying a little less weight, moved well. **RB & IIS**

## Australian Bred Bitch

**1st (No 9) AUST CH SHEREPOINT PEPPERMINT BERRI (AI) RN.** Happy medium sized bitch, long, nicely moulded head, correct kind dark eye with pleasing expression, correct length of neck and good lay of shoulder good bone and feet, good top line and gradual spring of rib, correct moderate angulation, would prefer to see a better tail carriage on the move as this spoilt her elegant outline. Happy to award **BB, RBOB & ABIS**

## Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

**1st (No 7.)**

## Open Bitch

**1st. (No 10) U ARE TOO CUTE BLACK BRIANTA (IMP CZE).** Medium sized happy bitch with correct long balanced head, correct dark, almond eye, correct length of neck and good lay of shoulder, straight legs with good bone and feet. Held top line well. Would prefer to see a more muscled hind quarter, also prefer to see her carrying less weight.

**2nd (No 11) CH SHEREPOINT PRINCESS PHOEBE.** Good moulded balanced head, slightly rounder, lighter eye than 1st, correct length of neck, would prefer a better lay of shoulder, good bone and feet, held top line well. Adequate turn of stifle. Moved OK

## Neuter Dog

**1st (No 12) T.CH KELLICK YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE RN.QND.ORA.** Happy boy, correct moulded head and dark, almond eye good reach of neck and lay back of shoulder, good bone, would prefer tighter feet, held his top line well, correct moderate angulation. Happy to award Neuter Challenge & **NBIS**



The Flat Coated Retriever Club of NSW held its second breed specialty show on the 18th of August. We were fortunate to contract a breed specialist judge from New Zealand, Mrs Claire Trevelyan, who presided over the event. Claire was subcontracted by the Gundog Society who held their group specialty shows across the same weekend so she was kept very busy despite our small entry.

The weekend itself presented an opportunity for Flatcoat exhibitors to participate in 3 shows, an obedience trial and two retrieving ability tests. The Golden Retriever Club of NSW also held two breed specialty shows on the same grounds attracting a huge entry both days. For those who attended, it truly was a Gundog Gala event.

Claire very generously donated beautiful Flatcoat pins (all the way from England) to the overall winners. They were absolutely stunning. In addition, Claire made a separate donation to the club along with limiting costs to the club associated with her appointment. The committee is exceptionally grateful for the kind and gracious way in which our judge engaged with the club, competitors and dogs.

The weather was fine and very windy but it certainly didn't bother the dogs who were presented beautifully, tails wagging, by their handlers.

Top honours went to Peter King's Swedish import "CH Almanza Double Action Dark Kiss (IMP SWE)" with RUBIS being awarded to Angela Dean's "CH Sherepoint Peppermint Berri RN (AI). Congratulations to owners and breeders of these lovely breed representatives.

Thank you so much to our generous sponsors who supported what turned out to be a pretty super trophy table. Thank you also to Sue Batchelor who worked tirelessly to pull everything together for the event.

The next breed show for the NSW club will be held in 2020. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

A Big Thank you to the sponsors of the Show they as follows:-

- Vets All Natural
- Easy Dog Entries
- Marilyn Dawson
- Dianna Cooper
- Simone Wilkie
- Ross and Jean Bryant
- Peter and Helen Eley



Best In Show Peter King's Swedish import CH Almanza Double Action Dark Kiss (IMP SWD)



Runner Up to Best in Show; Angela Dean's CH Sherepoint Peppermint Berri RN (AI).



Reserve Dog CC; CH Blackregal Fastnet Rock - Owned & shown by Peter King





**Joy Gregg's; Best Minor Puppy in Show & Best Bred by Exhibitor in show Blackregal Keeper of The Flame**



**Best Neuter in Show; Helen & Bill Frew's TCH Kellick You light up My Life RN,NRD, ORA.**



**Joy Gregg's Reserve Bitch CC & Best Intermediate in Show Blackregal Bag Full Of Sunni**



**Property Classes:-**

Judge by Mrs Robyn Williams (NSW)

**BEST GAIT**

**Joy Gregg's Blackregal Keeper of The Flame**

**BEST COAT**

**Helen & Bill Frew's**

**TCH Kellick You light up My Life RN,NRD, ORA**

**BEST HEAD**

**Angela Dean's CH Sherepoint Peppermint Berri RN (AI).**

**BEST INTERSTATE EXHIBIT**

**Meaghan O'Shannassy Ch Skyehaven Ticket to Ride**

**BEST TRIALLING DOG**

**Helen & Bill Frew's**

**TCH Kellick You light up My Life RN,NRD, ORA**

Teddy and Grace finished their 2018 Retrieving trial season with some excellent results in trials over the last two weekends. At the Labrador Retriever Club trial at Hartley in the Blue Mountains Teddy came first in Restricted on Saturday, also gaining his Novice Retrieving Dog title. Gracie followed up with 2nd on Sunday. At the ACT Gundog Society trial at Peak View near Cooma both dogs qualified on both days, Teddy in third place on Saturday and Gracie third yesterday.

A wonderful weekend in the Blue Mt Labrador Retriever Clubs trial at Hartley. Teddy came 1st in restricted on the Saturday. Gracie came 2nd on the Sunday

**Bill Frew**

# Inaugural SSAA WGAA NSW Working Gundog Retrieving Trial

JIM JEFFREY—QLD

Five families and their dogs left Qld on a Wednesday to both compete in and judge at the inaugural SSAA WGAA New South Wales Gundog Retrieving Trial held in the Bendemeer area of North Western NSW.

We camped for a day and a half at a friend's property near Tenterfield and had the opportunity to hunt a few rabbits and introduce our new Flat Coated Retriever pups to their future main target animal...rabbit.

Then a quick pack up and we head out to the trial site arriving after lunch with enough time to have a look around and plan some runs for Saturday's Trial. The trialling property although very dry furnished us with good challenging areas to fully test our dogs over the land and water runs.



Above Rad Miramon's Liver Flat Coated Retriever dog "Chevy" worked creditably over both days in the Advanced Stake.



Kirsty Blair's Flat Coated Retriever "Freya" achieved a second place in the Intermediate competition with three very nice retrieves



Ruby the Irish Setter Retrieving from the water



The Kindergarten! Some weeks old pup 'Salt' retrieving from the water like the big dogs.

Retrieving trials always give an opportunity for ourselves and our dogs to meet new friends, catch up with some old friends and indulge in an activity that has reinforced the bond between a handler and their dog for decades.

Although we scored two third places in the advanced competition against formidable teams, with our Irish Setter "Ruby" it is the social atmosphere of these events that continues to attract us to Working Gundog Trials.



# FLATCOATED RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2018

The membership year is 1 January – 31 December of the year that you join. Memberships received from 1 October will be valid until 31 December of the following year.

If paying by Direct Debit use Member name & Post Code as reference.

This form is not required if paying via Direct Debit unless particulars change.

<b>NEW MEMBER-SHIP</b>			
NAME			
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS			
SUBURB		POSTCODE	
POSTAL ADDRESS			
SUBURB		POSTCODE	
TELEPHONE		MOBILE	
EMAIL			
WEBSITE			
DOGS VICTORIA MEMBER (V.C.A.)	Y/N	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	BREEDER PREFIX (IF APPLICABLE)
OTHER CLUB MEMBERSHIPS?			
NEWSLETTER OPTION	I would like to receive the newsletter via POST / EMAIL. (please indicate)		

### SUBSCRIPTION FEES

<b>DUAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$25.00	\$
<b>SINGLE MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$20.00	\$
<b>JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$15.00	\$
<b>PUPPY BUYER MEMBERSHIP</b> Only applicable to breeders who are applying for membership on behalf of those who have purchased one of their puppies and is only valid for the first year of their membership.	\$10.00	\$
	<b>TOTAL</b>	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Payment can be made through Direct Debit, Cheque or Money Order:

**Account Name: Flat Coated Retriever Association of Victoria**

BSB Number: 033-689 Account Number: 37-0802

**Please include your name & post code when depositing through Direct Debit.** Cheques and Money orders payable to:

**“FLATCOATED RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA”**

**Any Changes of particulars must be forwarded to:**

The Treasurer, 5 Pigeon Bank Road, Warrandyte, Vic, 3113 ph 9844 4617