



THE FLATCOATED RETRIEVER ASSN.

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The Editor's Creed:

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

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Eight of the ten puppies born to Kellick Here Comes the Sun, sire Sherepoint Moonracker.

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President's Report

Peter Eley OAM



December newsletter and another year has gone and we face 2019 with a lot of work before us. We plan to have 2 retrieving Trials, a RATG with Beginners Test, an Open Show and a Championship show to organise. It will be done. I guess my main push in this newsletter is to remind everyone that applications for Title recognition and Annual Awards close on the **31st January 2019**.

Memberships are also now due, for those who elect to not rejoin then this will be your last newsletter, membership particulars can be found on the club web site.

I now wish to pay tribute to a Lady that will be sorely missed. I first met June Williams when Rhonda got her first Flatcoat from us. Over the years I got to know her better when she helped out with the club while providing back-up for Rhonda and giving us her time taking on the ticket writing for us at many of our Open and Championship Shows. Her beautiful handwriting and her habit of double checking that no award card was misspelt made life easy for the rest of us buzzing about trying to run a show and exhibits; too many dogs. I know there was much more that she did as well but I shall not dwell, June will remain a very pleasant memory in Helen and my hearts.

I hope all our members had a lovely Christmas and that 2019 is a happy and healthy year for them. Please attend to your membership renewals, we hate to lose members and our aim is always to grow. Happy Flatcoating.

Peter



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

Our Annual raffle has been drawn and won by Valerie Parker 1st prize and 2nd to Gary Methven. A big thank you to Gwen Methven for organizing it every year, it is sincerely appreciated. Gwen gets all the printing done and organises the tickets for postage, she quietly works away without little help from the committee and doesn't even ask for a Thank you. We sincerely value her efforts. December has been a exceedingly tough month for us so things like the newsletter have been pushed back, now it is nearly January as I type this things are settling down....



Above: Rhonda William's Seeker (Dual Grand Ch (TS) Dual Ch (T) Injitali Intriguing Secret.) has recently acquired her Grand Champion title in Tracking and Search.

Above Right: Lani, (Injitali Ch Treasure Seeker) was award Best Junior In the Gundog Group at the recent Bacchus Marsh Championship Show (thanks [Rik Fullerton](#) for the photo).



Below is Riverflat Keepsake (Cloud) owned by Julee & Steve Hosking. Julee says; Cloud is standing on a carpet of flowers from the Kurrajong tree in one of Alexandra's Parks. Julee says "Cloud has only been shown twice, has never done any formal obedience work, & is not fussed about swimming but loves a good paddle, has no idea about retrieving anything apart from one of her squeaky toys and will climb over broken glass for food. Is she the best dog in the world? Yes! She loves a cuddle, comes when she is called, plays happily with other dogs and gives my husband and I great enjoyment. She IS the best dog in the whole world and I'm sure that all of us have the same dog! Happy New Year!"

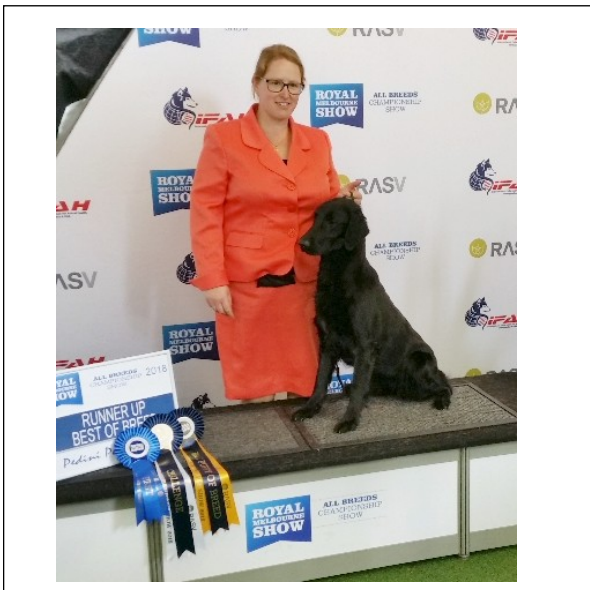


Congratulations to Simone Wilkie for her dog Grand Champion All I ever Need is You (Lachie) for being awarded Best of Breed at the Royal Melbourne Championship Show. We have recently received the Royal Melbourne Show judges critique for the Best of Breed and Runner up to the Best of Breed. the breed is as follows:-

Best of Breed: Correct head, nice expression, eyes could be a little darker, nice front, deep chest, excellent topline and tail set, correct rear angulation, nice coat condition and texture, moves with reach and drive.



Puppy of Breed: Beautiful feminine bitch very nice head and expression, nice eyes, well set ears, correct front, excellent chest for age, correct front and rear angulation, good coat condition and texture, movement and attitude.



Wide Bay Working Gundog Club QLD>

Restricted: Judge W Michalk

- 1st; Helen Cattermole with Waringahfarm Mr Percival NRD CCD CD ESS D 145pts
- 2nd; John Palu with Birdelhund Zac Lab D 142pts
- 3rd; Helen Cattermole with Glastonpark Summer Beauty ESS 139pts

All Age; Judge T Lodder

- 1st ; Marg Sullivan with Ch Kellick Pressure Makes Diamonds FCR B 117pts No final finishers (NFF)

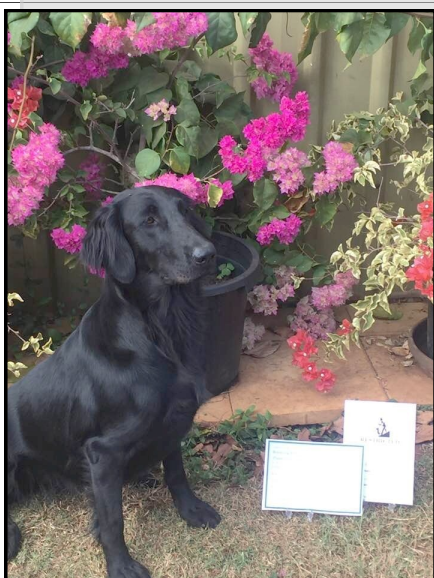
Marg Sullivan Kez (Ch Kellick Pressure Makes Diamonds RRD) is still flying the flat coat flag with a third in All Age at the Lab Club trial today at a lovely new property near Beaudesert 2 3rd places and 1st to end the year

Margaret says; "So proud of Kez. Our 4th and last run at this 'Chips' trial was conducted in a fierce thunderstorm. On the first leg (a mark neither the judge nor I saw the bird thrown) as she got out of the water on the other side of the dam there was an enormous clap of thunder. I think I could see the whites of her eyes but I instructed her to go 'left's and off she went. After she retrieved that bird there were 2 more to collect involving more swimming and she worked like a little Trojan. She was 3rd again today. It was a great way to finish the year - 1st, 3rd, 3rd in 3 trials. **Congratulations** Margaret and Kez what a way to compete with such overwhelming conditions, she should have been awarded extra points for the foul conditions she had.



Congratulations to [Helen Frew](#) and “Teddy” - TCH Kellick You Light Up My Life RN NRD ORA who were the well deserved winners of the 2018 Firebush Sergeant Pepper Memorial Trophy for most successful Flatcoat over the club’s show and RATG trials.

The trophy is donated by Christine and Bob [Clarke](#) and this year was a beautiful work of art by the very talented Maria Heskins



Congratulations to Wendy Michalk in gaining Ch Kellick Sunshine Tabu NRD’s Show and Novice Retrieving Dog title in short time, special thanks to Margaret Sullivan for showing Tabu to her Show title.





My lovely mother was not a dog enthusiast but embraced my love of Flat Coated Retrievers and our first two family dogs. Mum served on the FCRAV committee for a few years when we were short of committee members. She opened her home to our meetings. Mum did ticket writing at several of our club shows and was always worried that she might spell a dog name incorrectly. She often had to ask me to find her a quiet place when the winners were naturally excited and being somewhat noisy.

Mum helped me whelp 3 of my 5 litters and visited early the next morning with the other 2 litters. Elly's

second litter of 12 pups was particularly difficult as Elly developed pyometra and had emergency surgery a few days after the pups were born. Mum watched the vet show me how to tube feed

the pups and stayed with me for 2 weeks and helped me feed those pups around the clock.

Mum was diagnosed with Acute Leukaemia in May 2018 at age 90. Her life expectancy was 'some' months but according to her Internet research 2 months. Neil (my brother) and I were able to love and look after her for another 7 months.

My work place has been exceptional during these months and encouraged me to take time off work so that I could still trial/show my dogs on weekends. The smile on Mum's face when I took in a pretty ribbon was special. Mum didn't really mind which dog won which ribbon but she loved that it made me happy and that I had a day where I did something for me.

Neil and I have been loved unconditionally for around 60 years and we consider ourselves very lucky. Forever in our hearts.

Rhonda Williams

Dog news from Rhonda Williams

Tiger passed TSD9 in April and TSD10 in June and is now Dual Grand Ch (TS) Dual Ch (T) Injitali Intriguing Tale. He is 7 but still loves running around a show ring so he has been a regular at shows this year.

Seeker passed TSD7 in April and TSD8 in June. With Mum being ill, I messed up dates but with some help from some lovely tracking people we were allowed to enter and she passed TSD9 in September. Seeker had not been well in the few weeks before and I declined the option to 'track on' that night. Two weeks later we were entered at Ballarat for a night trial for her TSD10. I was with Mum most of that day and did not want to leave her. Typically, Mum said please go to the trial and hopefully you can bring me a pretty ribbon tomorrow. Seeker was Seeker, awful start but perfect finish. Seeker is now Dual Grand Ch (TS) Dual Ch (T) Injitali Intriguing Secret and Mum saw some

very pretty ribbons the next morning.

Lani, Ch Treasure Seeker has won quite a few ribbons this year in the show ring. She is busting to find out about tracking. I think she got her conformation title at age 9 months.

Booker, Dual Gr Ch (TS) Dual Ch (T) Injitali Sir Bouncealot has not competed in anything this year but has cheered loudly for my other 3 dogs. He has that 6th sense and has cuddled me all the way through Mum's illness.



Hello again from South Australia

Minty Ch Sherepoint Peppermint Crisp and I took a trip to Mount Gambier in October, she was the only flat coat there but as well as Best of Breeds she also won two Australian Bred in Groups. The weather wasn't wonderful, but these are always great shows, and the company was good. After a couple of local shows where she won Best of Breeds, we made a trip to Millicent. This proved eventful with the automatic transmission on my car playing up – and needing to be replaced. I was fortunate that friends helped out with transport daily and a couple of Clumber Spaniel friends brought me, my dog trailer and Minty all the way home. My car came home eventually and a new automatic transmission was installed – an expensive weekend. On the good side Minty picked up challenge points and another Australian Bred in Group. The Lakeside Caravan Park was great and owners so helpful.



Tucker made a good recovery from the broken bone in his leg (not his toe as I thought) and his movement has not been

affected – thank goodness. He had two months rest and returned to the ring at the end of November and took out 3 Best of Breeds at the All Breeds Dog Club Show on 23/24 November under Mr R Bettie (WA), Mr R Berwick (WA) and Mr G Vernon (NSW) with Minty taking out the bitch challenges. On most occasions we have been the only flatcoats at the show but Tucker and Minty have represented the breed well.

It is good to hear of the new litters that have been born, and still to come – congratulations to all the owners. It is also good to know that a couple of the litters were sired from imported semen from dogs not used here before – makes for interesting times ahead with new lines added to our gene pool. Congratulations to Jill Wake's boy Remus – Ch Foxpath Comus (Imp UK) who became a father in Australia – congratulations to Jamie Creagh too and her girl, and Remus has another litter on the way. We were proud to hear that Helen and Peter Eley's girl Morgan produced 10 health pups to our boy Sherepoint Moonraker – Raker is from semen from a UK dog Rainesgift Over the Moon (Remus).

It was sad to hear that Jill Wake's Bette had her leg removed, but she is as game as, and is doing fantastically well – so glad to hear that. Dogs are just incredible, and I am sure Jill's beautiful swimming pool is aiding with her recovery.

On December 14 at the Canine Fanciers Championship Show Minty gained her Grand Champion title under Mrs S Statyis – a long haul when challenges are small – but very rewarding. I have been so lucky with people handling her for me – she is quite a handful to show. On 16 December – my birthday we had our usual Christmas break up party – complete with Santa Claus for the kids and decorated gazebos. Our group only won 2nd place this year, after 3 years of 1st place – but the prize of several bottles of bubbly was much appreciated. Our lunch was great too, enhanced by a plateful of gorgeous ham off the bone after my son won a 9.45 kg leg of ham the day before (yes its now 10 January and we are still eating it).

We had a great Christmas with family about 20 people altogether, quite a warm 37 degrees, the little kids certainly enjoyed their time in the Spa. As some of you may have read of FC Down Under my pavlova I had taken and fortunately without the cream and fruit on – and also covered, got sat on by the family Pug cross puppy – about 2 kg wringing wet. It actually didn't do much damage, and it turned out well – thank goodness I had covered it with a teatowel and a towel. It caused a few laughs. A spell of really hot weather followed, making life difficult but so far no fire danger. Just before Christmas someone crashed into my car – so life is never boring – he did stop and exchange details.

I judged the Terrier Group in Adelaide and thoroughly enjoyed it, I had some really nice dogs to judge especially Puppy's and Junior's.

This is all from me, sorry its not very long.

Jean Bryant



Above

Aust. Grand Ch: Flatterhaft Greysouthern Mind Games (IMP SWD) "NORDIC" passed away in the early hours of 31 August. He went peacefully in my arms.

2. In the early hours of 31 August, John Aarts of Decarissa Kennels welcomed 7 x pups born naturally from semen that John & I have imported from Sweden's top FCR sire. Multi Ch: Almanza Burberry Goodiebag x Aust Ch: Decarissa Nania Delight

3. Ironically, on 31 August, we farewelled Johns' wife Linda. Linda passed away a few days earlier after a long illness.

4. A very sad day for many with Nordic's passing, Linda's farewell, yet in one way tinged with happiness at the safe arrival of some super puppies.

5. In late July, I had the pleasure of judging a number of Gundog & Non Sporting Breeds in Sweden.

An excellent entry of some 50+ Flatcoats at the Nordic Dog-show & Ransater KC Shows

Also judged Best Veteran in Show and awarded BIS to a super FCR oldie: Multi Ch: Kvicksans Colourful Life.

Amazing standard of organisation, outstanding sportsmanship, great sponsorship and prize table - puts Australian shows to shame !

6. Am contracted to judge in Canada and Belgium in 2019 and back to Germany, Italy & Spain again in 2020

7. Results:

Aust. Ch: Blackregal Fastnet Rock "Lido" had a fairly quiet year, taking a well earned break

for much of the time and allowing the 'young pretender' Joker to hold the limelight.

Lido still managed several excellent BoB, Class in Group

and Class in Show wins in two States and one Territory in 2019.

He will return to the ring on a more regular basis in 2019

Aust. Ch: Almanza Double Action Dark Kiss (IMP SWD) "Joker" continued his success since arriving

in Australia in March 2018.

Joker's successes include Multiple BoBs across two States & one Territory, multiple Best in Group wins,

Class in Group & Class in Show, plus a Specialty Show BIS and yet another BIS All Breeds success.

He will take a well earned rest over the summer months and will return later in 2019.

He finished the first months of his Australian adventure as the: No.1 Flatcoat Showdog Nationally; No.1 Flatcoat Challenge

Winner Nationally; No.1 Rising Star Flatcoat Nationally on the Australia-wide Dogzonline Points score.

Not a bad effort you a youngster - very proud owner and even prouder breeders in Sweden.

8. The Schedule for the 2019 Sydney Royal Show is now available - entries are available online

9. The Schedule for the 2019 Canberra Royal Show is also available - online entries close on 16Jan19

10. Litter: several litters currently on the ground in NSW - Blackregal and Blacqlabel

Thats about all ..

Cheers

Peter/~





Both processed/manufactured pet food and raw 'pet meat' products can contain preservatives. There may be no legal requirement to label pet food products as containing preservatives.

There are safety issues relating to sulphur dioxide and sodium and potassium sulphite preservatives - these can cause thiamine (Vitamin B1) deficiency, which can be fatal.

Products specifically marketed for pets such as commercial fresh 'pet meat'; 'pet mince' or processed/manufactured 'pet food rolls' may contain sulphite or potassium sulphite preservatives (sulphur dioxide 220, sodium sulphite 221, sodium bisulphite 222, sodium metabisulphite 223, potassium metabisulphite 224, potassium sulphite 225 and potassium bisulphite 228) that liberate sulphur dioxide.

Thiamine (Vitamin B1) deficiency can occur when dogs and cats are fed on a diet containing sulphite preservatives. Thiamine deficiency causes severe neurological symptoms and can be fatal. For decades, sulphite preservative induced thiamine deficiency has been frequently recognised by the Australian Veterinary profession. (Please note that thiamine deficiency can also occur when sulphur dioxide containing foods are fed in conjunction with foods not containing sulphur dioxide. This is because the sulphur dioxide in one food can destroy any thiamine present in the other food being fed at the same time).

The Australian Standard for Manufacturing and Marketing of Pet Food (AS5812-2017) contains clauses that address the sulphite issue by including a mandatory requirement that any product containing sulphur dioxide, sulphite or potassium sulphites must contain sufficient thiamine according to AAFCO guidelines, for the entire shelf-life of the product. This will help to prevent thiamine deficiency in relation to manufactured pet food.

The pet meat industry must ensure they take steps to safeguard pets from thiamine deficiency by including a mandatory requirement that any 'pet meat' product containing sulphur dioxide, sulphite or potassium sulphites

must contain sufficient thiamine according to AAFCO guidelines, for the entire shelf-life of the product. This will be the requirement for any 'manufactured pet food' that complies with the Australian Standard and should be the requirement for any 'raw pet meat' products or any food intended for cats and dogs as well.

Sodium benzoate (E211) is another preservative used in a range of pet food products and products for human consumption. Cats appear to have a significantly lower tolerance for benzoic acid compared to rats and mice.

At certain doses this preservative may be toxic to cats.

To minimise risks associated with preservatives the following precautions may be taken by pet owners:

- Choose high quality premium commercial foods (including wet food) that comply with the Australian Standard for Manufacturing and Marketing of Pet Food AS5812:2017.
- Ensure any raw meat/raw meaty bone products offered are human-grade only - You may wish to obtain these products from your local butcher, where appropriate legislation usually affords protection against the use of preservatives in human-grade meat products. However, avoid human-grade sausages, sausage meats and cooked manufactured meats as they can contain sulphites.
- Feed a varied diet.

Talk to your vet for more information

A list of common preservatives used in foods

- **Sodium Benzoate.** Sodium benzoate is a common food preservative used in many processed food products and drinks to prevent spoilage. ...
- **Sodium Nitrite.** ...
- **Sodium Sulphite** (E221) ...
- **Sulfur Dioxide** (E220) ...
- **Propyl Paraben.** ...
- **BHA** And **BHT** (E320)

To name just a few there are many more than those listed here.



FLATCOATED RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2019

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.

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Signed _____ Dated ____/____/____

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