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FLATCOAT NEWS



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

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Gillian Joosten Holmes's two youngsters

Left is Blacqlabel In A Whispr (AI) .Idrus .(boy)

Right is Blacqlabel Secret Whispr (AI) .(.Harper girl)

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President's Report

Peter Eley OAM



Well I am going to start this Presidents report with hearty congratulations to the NSW Flat Coat Club for their positive endeavours toward getting more of our favourite breed involved in the Retrieving scene. Unfortunately down here where it all started we are unable to build on the present, but we live in hope. Well done all involved.

We held our first retrieving Trial for the year at the end of June; a good entry was received, with the assistance of the Gippsland Retrieving Club the day went well. 2

Flatcoats were entered however, we could only realize a 4th placing this time, not like the last trials where we had 2 first places in respective trials and on one of those days took 1st and 2nd place in Novice.

Planning is well underway for our Open and Championship shows on the 4th of November at the Bulla Dog Exhibition Centre and we are really hoping the weather gods are kind to us on the day. November is notorious for coming up with rain, programmed I think to keep the race track nice and soft for the Melbourne Cup but one nice day shouldn't be too much to ask for.

Our second retrieving trial for the year will be held on 4th August and a RATG and Beginners Test on the 13th October and I would invite any of our Victorian members that are free on those dates to come along and have a look at what they might be able to do with their dogs or what they may be able to offer to assist the Club.



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

I love the cover photo of Gillian Joosten Holmes's two youngsters, the one on the left is begging me to put a humorous caption on it, the photo is priceless.

Congratulations to Christine Clarke for winning our last raffle of one of Marilyn Dawson's beautiful quilts and 2nd prize to Rhonda Williams. Peter always takes the raffle draw to the local Wyndham Police station for one of the boys in uniform to draw the winners.

There was a strong entry to the Sydney Royal Easter Agricultural Show in April. I believe there were 16 entries, Sydney is leading all states with their numbers. A huge congratulations to Kirsty Blair's Rollo, (Lionsfield Berri Black N Bold) in winning BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW. I have failed to count the number of baby puppies exhibited at this year's Sydney's Royal Easter Show but I think there would be huge numbers. We all bask in the glory of a breed win regardless of whether we own the dog or not

He was also Best Baby Puppy in Group for the third time in a row and Best Baby Puppy in Show at the Liverpool & Districts All Breeds Kennel Club



Also Bill and Helen Frew's puppy Saga was awarded Best Minor Puppy in Show at the Kangaroo Valley A & H society show recently.



Above is two competitors who were competing in the Easter Retrieving trial at Gippsland in Victoria dressed as 'Bananas in Pyjamas' to raise funds for the Children's Hospital, they were Greg Playdon and Rick Johnson, fellow triallers donated funds for the cause, plus the guys were charging \$10 if you wanted your dogs to be photographed with them. They raised well over \$1100.00.

Recently Jean Bryant from Adelaide travelled up to Sydney to judge the Gun Dog and Terrier groups, thanks to Jillian Joosten Holmes for entering 4 of her dogs. One of Gillian's Puppies was awarded Best Puppy in Show? It is doubtful there were any photos taken as I poured horrendously with rain and poor Jean got drenched and ended up with a cold out of it. Nonetheless she enjoyed the appointment in spite of the weather made more comfortable by Peter Kings generosity by opening his home to Jean for her stay.



CH Sherepoint Green Ivy (Ivy)

Congratulations to Christine Murray who recently competed with Ch Sherepoint Green Ivy (Ivy) in Ivy's first Novice retrieving trial and got all her birds in the back, great start for a beginner dog. According to Marilyn Dawson she did a great job of her retrieves over some very different terrain and the water runs into a huge dam that has a lot of dead trees in it but great to see she wasn't put off by any of it.

Terrible day weather wise with light showers all day and a freezing cold wind but glad I braved the weather to go and take photos. Above is Ivy working.



Helen Eley



NRWP Novice & Restricted 27 April 19
Retrieving Club of W.A.

In Perth ANRWP held their first trials for the season with their Novice and Restricted trials run at a property in Goomalling. Results - Novice

6 Started - 2 Finished.

Judge: Mrs Catherine Thorburn

Chief Steward: Mr Allan Bartram

2nd - GRCH Kellick Song Sung Blue RN (FCRD)
(Vader) handled by Christine Murray



Kellick Here Comes the Sun (Morgan) on the 25th and 26th May won Novice class with a score of 156 & 162 respectively, 14 dogs entered . On the 9th June she came 4th after losing a minimum of 20 points for breaking to shot, which is a cardinal sin in retrieving, the dog must wait until told to retrieve.



A great weekend for Teddy (T Ch Kellick You Light Up My Life) (brother to above dog) at the Labrador Retriever Club trial at Hartley in April Coming second on Saturday and third on Sunday in the restricted class Thank you to the club for organising a wonderful trial and organising perfect weather .



Sherepoint Moonlite in Georgia 25th May came 2nd in the Novice class with a score of 159 points, 14 dogs entered, then on the 9th June she won the Novice stake with a score of 148.

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

Helen Eley



Best of Breed - Winner 903 MRS J L GREGG
CH. POWERON BAG FULL OF SILLY)



Best Bitch & Runner Up Best of Breed - MRS K BLAIR
CH. ONE SHINING TRUE HERO NRD. ORA. RA.
(IMP SWE)

Right:- Big Congratulation to Kirsty Blair whose Baby Puppy LIONSFIELD BERRI BLACK N BOLD(AI) was awarded BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW beating every Baby Puppy that was exhibited over the period of the Sydney's Royal Easter Show, I am sure all members will join me in Congratulating Kirsty on such a wonderful success.



CLASS: 1 - Baby Puppy Dog
Best Baby Puppy of Breed - Winner 897 MRS K BLAIR
LIONSFIELD BERRI BLACK N BOLD(AI)
Best Baby Puppy of Day - Winner 897
LIONSFIELD BERRI BLACK N BOLD(AI)
Breed - 1 897 MRS K BLAIR
LIONSFIELD BERRI BLACK N BOLD(AI)
Breed - 2 896 MRS S BATCHELOR
LIONSFIELD HUCKLE BERRI FINN(AI)
Breed - 3 899 MS G L HOLMES
BLACQLABEL IN A WHISPR(AI)
CLASS: 1A - Baby Puppy Bitch
Breed - 1 904 MS G L HOLMES
BLACQLABEL SECRET WHISPR(AI)
CLASS: 3 - Puppy Dog
Best Puppy of Breed - Winner 900 MR J W AARTS
DECARISSA WIZARD NORSE(AI)
Breed - 1 900 MR J W AARTS
DECARISSA WIZARD NORSE(AI)
CLASS: 3A - Puppy Bitch
Breed - 1 906 MR B FREW
PEPPATREE SONG OF ICE AND FIRE(AI)
Breed - 2 905 MR J W AARTS
DECARISSA KORRA DELIGHT(AI)
CLASS: 4 - Junior Dog
Breed - 1 901 MS G L HOLMES
BLACQLABEL SVIAR IMBLACQ (2100487459)
CLASS: 5 - Intermediate Dog
Breed - 1 902 MISS M O'SHANNASSY
CH. SKYEHAVEN TICKET TO RIDE

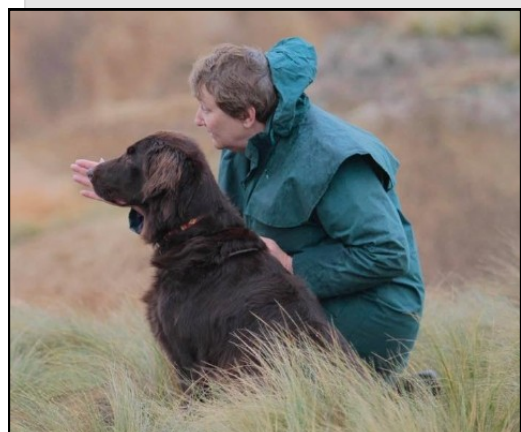
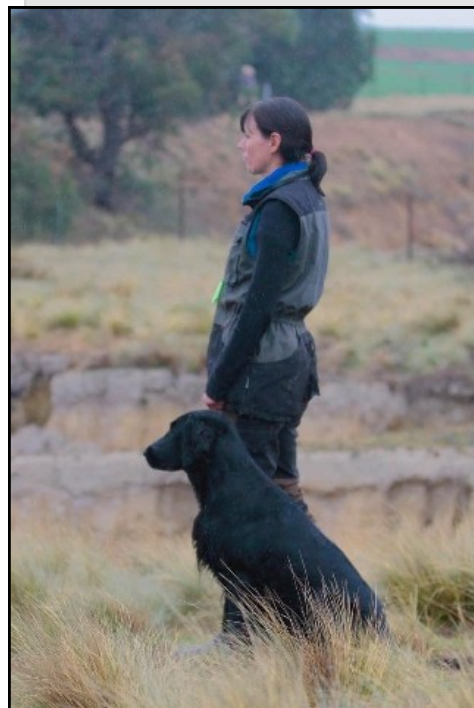
Challenge - Runner Up 902 MISS M O'SHANNASSY
CH. SKYEHAVEN TICKET TO RIDE
CLASS: 10A - Australian Bred Bitch
Breed - 1 909 MS A S DEAN
CH. SHEREPOINT PEPPERMINT BERRI(AI) RN.
Breed - 2 908 MR J W AARTS
DECARISSA AHSOKA DELIGHT
Challenge - Runner Up 909 MS A S DEAN
CH. SHEREPOINT PEPPERMINT BERRI(AI) RN.
CLASS: 11 - Open Dog
Best of Breed - Winner 903 MRS J L GREGG
CH. POWERON BAG FULL OF SILLY)
Breed - 1 903 MRS J L GREGG
CH. POWERON BAG FULL OF SILLY
Challenge - Winner 903 MRS J L GREGG
CH. POWERON BAG FULL OF SILLY
CLASS: 11A - Open Bitch
Breed - 1 910 MRS K BLAIR
CH. ONE SHINING TRUE HERO NRD. ORA. RA. (IMP
SWE)
Bitch Challenge - Winner 910 MRS K BLAIR
CH. ONE SHINING TRUE HERO NRD. ORA. RA. (IMP
SWE)
Best of Breed - Runner Up 910 MRS K BLAIR
CH. ONE SHINING TRUE HERO NRD. ORA. RA. (IMP
SWE)
Breed - 2 911 MRS J L GREGG
CH. BLACKREGAL LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
Best Puppy of Breed John Aarts puppy dog - Decarissa Wizard
Norse.

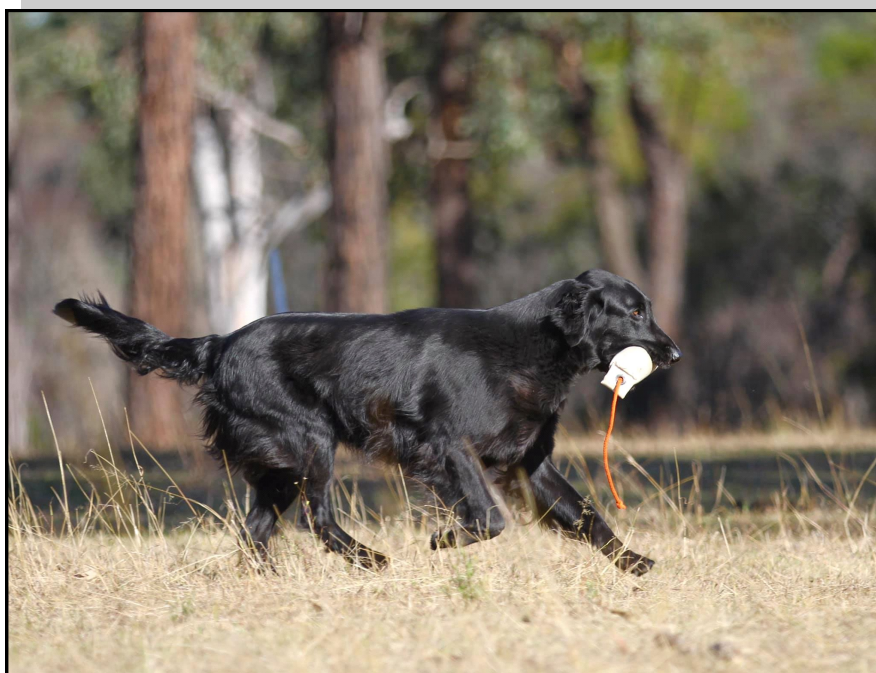
NSW RETRIEVER TRAINING DAY

Bill Frew



Photos from the Flat Coated Retriever Club of NSW very successful training weekend. Twelve handlers and 16 dogs including eight Flatcoats.





FCR Club of NSW Retrieving training weekend

The FCR Club of NSW held a retrieving training weekend on a property near Marulan, South of Sydney in June. The weekend was for club members with dogs participating or actively training for retrieving or RATG trials. It turned out to be a highly successful training and social event, as well as attracting a number of new Club members. More than a dozen members attended including 12 handlers running a total of 16 dogs, 8 of which were Flatcoats.

The property is the venue for regular retrieving trials hosted by the NSW Gundog Society and provided the opportunity for handlers and dogs to gain experience in a wide range of challenging terrain including eroded gullies, deep ravines, rocky hillsides and thick ground cover as well as a variety of water runs. Some cold wintery weather on Sunday seemed to bring out the best in many of the dogs.

The weekend was rated as a great success by all those who attended.



The Club's annual Double Retrieving Test for Gundogs held at Wilton on Sunday proved once again to be a highly successful event attracting a record entry of 32 and 34 dogs. Running more than 60 dogs was a challenge but thanks to the efficiency of our judges, Sandra Goldsmith and Ray Temple, along with hardworking club members and competitors who pitched in to help, the day went smoothly and both trials finished in good time.

Especially pleasing were the high numbers Flatcoats and FCRNSW club members taking part in the event. Six Flatcoats were entered - the highest entry for any breed apart from Golden Retrievers. 12 FCRNSW club members accounting for almost half the total entries took part. Flatcoats took 2nd place in Open in both trials and 3rd in Trial 1 Novice. Club members accounted seven of the ten place getters.



Trial 1 Judge Sandra Goldsmith

Novice:

- 1st Sue Gale CH Degel Dance with Me CCD CD RM Labrador Retriever dog
- 2nd J Robinson Zirius Scout n About CCD Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever dog
- 3rd Bill Frew Peppatree Song of Ice and Fire (AI) Flat Coated Retriever bitch



Open:

- 1st Laraine Frawley Dual CH (neuter) (RO) Morningmyst Lord of the Isle CDX RAE ORA SPDX SD AD JD GD Golden Retriever dog
- 2nd Helen Frew T CH Kellick You Light Up My Life RN NRD ORA Flat Coated Retriever dog
- 3rd Laraine Frawley OB CH RO CH TWIGWORTH Jasper (inp NZ) UD RAE RRDORA ADX JDX SD SPDX GDX JDO ADO Golden Retriever dog .

Trial 2 Judge Ray Temple

Novice:

- Sue Gale CH Degel Dance with Me CCD CD RM Labrador retriever dog
- Sue Batchelor Kenzanne Miss Congeniality Golden Retriever bitch



Open:

- 1st Laraine Frawley DUAL CH (neuter) (RO) MORNING-MYST Lord of the Isle CDXRAE ORA SPDX SD AD JD GD Golden Retriever dog
- 2nd Kirsty Blair CH One Shining True Hero NRD ORA RE CD (Imp Swe) Flat Coated Retriever bitch 3rd .



Below is the breed judges critique from Sydney Royal Show, I have copied it verbatim & because of this there are some words written out of context but it is his words I cannot change them

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW 2019

BEST OF BREED— JUDGES CRITIQUE

Well solid Bone and good muscle. Good substance and well sounding dog. Beautiful head expression with clean and enough width, Well shoulder as well as good upper arms. Nice hind legs and beautiful long neck. Nice and clean top line with good proportion. Well movement indeed. His tail represents wonderful character.

RUNNER UP TO BEST OF BREED.

Beautiful head. Correct upper arms and good shoulder. Beautiful and clean out line with smooth finish. Nice flowing and active movement. Well tail set and represents her wonderful temperament. Well hind legs and nice free active movement

BEST PUPPY OF BREED.

Back length is a bit longer due to his shoulder placement but beautiful head expression with a nice skull. Would be better once he has good training. Comments: Very promising baby, very beautiful head and well shoulder angle. Beautiful and lock (long) arched neck with quality body. Good powerful movement and well balanced conformation

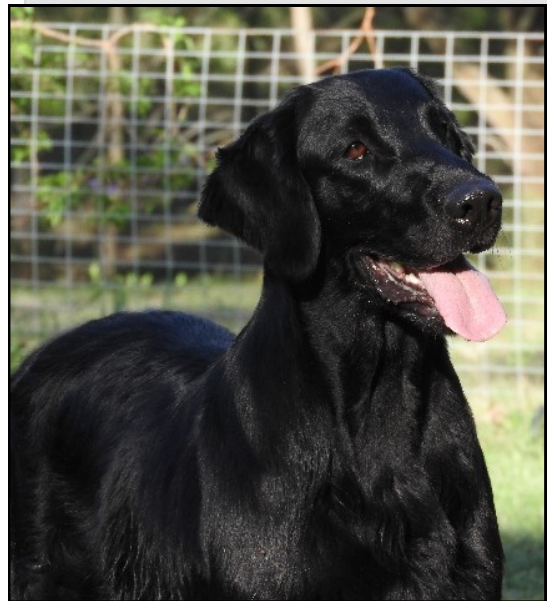


Things from Blacqlabel in NSW

We always seem to be busy but you can never really put your finger on what has been happening. I did some shows at Gunnerdah and it was nice that both Idrus and Harper the 2 newest Blacqlabel babies had some time in the ring with Sweepstakes and Breed classes and they seemed to think it was just another few days out having fun. I was lucky enough to get some photos done of these 2 babies while we were there.. and they didn't disappoint with the challenges of getting photos of Flat Coats . I am happy to say I have a new Champion Blacqlabel Sviar Imblacq – Griff for short - who really hasn't had that much time in the ring. It's always nice to win a ribbon and a title.



On another note another Blacqlabel – NZ CH Blacqlabel Sviar Imsolsken gained a spot in the Puppy of the Year Competition in NZ - having to first qualify and then compete in the competition.. It was such a nice thing to be able to enjoy seeing how much effort has gone into the life of one of the puppies I have breed perform so well in such great company.



I can confirm it is a challenge to keep 2 puppies from one litter .. the mischief is doubled so is the work. Blacqlabel Secret Whisper (AI) – Harper has managed to win a Second in Puppy Sweepstakes and a first in Puppy Sweep-stakeand Blacqlabel in a Whisper (AI) (Idrus) has won Best Puppy in Show at the northern Gundog Show in Newcastle.....not to be ignored I bought Gr Ch Hawksdale Positive Whisper (Charlie) out of retirement to show under Breed specialist Jean Bryant SA Charlie was awarded Best of Breed in absolutely pouring rain. Not to forget Blacqlabel Stares N Whispers in Victoria winning a place in Puppy Sweepstakes recently.

It's also nice to see 2 of my Blacqlabel bred dogs having success at "Sniffy" school in WA .. for those of you who follow dogs on Flat Coats Down under .. Both 'Fish' and 'Penelope' are really enjoying their outings and success in their learning There are also another dog I need to mention here that has taken to his job with quiet delight. 'Shadow' – who works as a support /service dog for his owner who owns a Business that provides work for a workforce with special needs – Shadow brings smiles to faces every day .. and receives text message good nights from his friends ..

I am still very sure there are many ways to enjoy a Flat Coat





Hi everyone

Once again I don't have much to report as I haven't been to many shows. I was busy in May raising a litter of two Golden Retrievers for a friend, it was so enjoyable, a lovely boy and girl, they stayed here until they were 3 weeks old, so much quieter than Flat Coated Retrievers particularly at night. We did go to a show on 23 June 19, under judge Di Fenton at the Gawler Kennel Club show— our Tucker, Gr Ch Sherepoint Kentucky Bluegrass was Best of Breed. Bitch Challenge and Runner Up Best of Breed was Tina Corbell's Ch Skyehaven Handful of Tickets, not bad for Tucker who is nearly 9 years old. In the afternoon show under judge Mrs Langford Tina Corbell's Ch Skyehaven Man on Fire was Best of Breed, and Bitch challenge and R/Up Best of Breed was Tina Corbell's Ch Skyehaven Handful of Tickets. We were entered, but scratched our dogs. The next day Ch Skyehaven Man on Fire was Runner Up in Group under judge Mrs Shannon Lancaster, with Ch Skyehaven Handful of Tickets bitch challenge – the only Flat Coats there that day.

A fabulous win for Tina Corbell at the Saturday show of our Winter International Show was Best in Group 2nd under Mr David Miller of the USA with Ch Skyehaven Man on Fire – this boy is looking lovely, lots of ring presence. Sadly no flatcoats entered at the FCI show on the Friday. I was disappointed to miss that weekend of showing as I was judging in NSW. These shows are fabulous, drawing entries from all states – time for catching up with interstate friends, and seeing some lovely dogs, lots of stalls giving us the opportunity to spend money on our beloved dogs.

It is great to hear of some of our dogs interstate doing well in retrieving, something our dogs love. Helen and Peter Eley's Sherepoint Moonlite in Georgia winning 1st place, in a Novice Retrieving Trial, and her sister Sherepoint Lunar Eclipse at Firebush owned by Bob and Christine Clarke gaining her show championship title. Christine Murray in Perth with Ch Sherepoint Green Ivy getting all her birds back in her first Novice Retrieving Trial. Kathy Cocks's boy Ch Sherepoint Marco Polo gained his ET – well done Kathy – all that cycling. Congratulations to Angela Dean (the breeder) and Kirsty Blair (the owner) on Lionsfield Berri Black N Bold taking out a fabulous win of Baby Puppy in Show at Sydney Royal – can't help a little brag here as we bred his mother, that was so exciting.

It was good to have a trip to NSW and judge at the Newcastle and Northern District Kennel Club show in the morning with an entry of 80 Terriers, and there were some lovely quality dogs there, Group winner was a Cairn Terrier. In the afternoon I judged the Northern Gundog Championship I had a lovely entry of 116 dogs, and the weather was atrocious – I got soaked to the skin. I had some lovely dogs, including 4 Flatcoated Retrievers – which was great to see – and to have a short catch up with Gillian Holmes after the show. My Best in Show winner was a German Shorthaired Pointer, the breed we used to have for many years. I was pleased to award the lovely Flat Coat baby – Baby in Show. I also got to meet Valerie Parker with Jacob, and her friend with Merlin. After the show I got to meet Ziggy – Lionsfield Huckleberri Finn – one of Berri's pups.

What a treat it was to see the Flat Coated Retrievers livestreamed at Sydney Royal, and to watch the Group and Best in Show judging. Currently Ross and I have a Field Spaniel staying with us, we whelped her on Monday and she produced 10 healthy pups so easily – a couple I didn't even see born – no contractions at all. She is a fabulous mum and very attentive to her babies.

That's all from us – best wishes to everyone competing with their dogs, and to the majority who own their loved family pets, keep the pics and stories coming on facebook, we love them.

Jean Bryant



FLATCOATED RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

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