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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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President's Report

Peter Eley OAM



Well the end of the year has arrived and membership renewals are upon us. The club had had a productive year, conducting 2 Retrieving Trials, a RATG and Beginners test, a Championship Show and an Open Show. Sashes for BOB and RUBOB were donated for Royal Shows in Queensland, New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and of course Victoria.

After reviewing our Championship and Open Show participation it has been decided that in 2021 we will not conduct an Open Show. However, we will hold two (2) Championship Shows, back to back using a local judge for one and an overseas judge for the other. Some changes have also been made to our Annual Awards. These will come into effect immediately and the particulars can be found on the club website flatcoated.org.au A big thank you to Rhonda Williams, Jillian Holmes, Jean Bryant, Christine Murray, Marilyn Dawson, Robyn Brock and Jill Wake for your wonderful contributions towards the trophy table.

EDITORS REPORT



Ch Kellick Whoa Black Betty, 3rd place in Beginners stake, her first retrieving attempt in 2019.

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

On the 13th October 2019 the Flat Coated Retriever Club of Victoria held their annual Retrieving Ability Test for Gun Dogs also a Beginners Test for Gun Dogs.

The weather was kind to us giving a lovely calm 20c day. There were two Flat Coats competing one in the RATG and the other in Beginners, not brilliant results with only a 4th place in Beginners for Ch Kellick Whoa Black Betty. But we wanted to have the breed represented. Commonly at RATGs you get a cross section of breeds



Our Open and Championship Shows were again successful, we had competitors from W.A. NSW, ACT and S.A. The weather tried to be kind to us... we had a few drops of rain but nothing too harassing Congratulations to all the winners especially to Simone Wilkie and her dogs breeder Gillian Holmes, Simone's dog was consistent over the 5 Shows inclusive of our Open and Championship Shows. The collection of shows over the Melbourne Cup week-end attract people from other states who are not afraid to compete against some of the top dogs in their breed.
Ch Blaqlabel Stares and Whispers (AI) Nakia



Above is the trophy table for the Open Show which was judged by Mrs Rebecca Malseed. A big Thank you to Simone Wilkie who did a wonderful job acquiring trophies for both shows. A big thank you to Christine Murray from WA who donated the embroidered towels, a further big thank you to Marilyn Dawson who embroidered a Flat Coated Retrievers head on every one of them. The President has listed and thanked all the trophy contributors.



Above Simone Wilkie and Ch Blaqlabel Stares and Whispers (AI) Nakia

Best in show in the Flat Coated Retriever Open and Championship Shows & best of breed, short listed for best in Group and Puppy in group (Gundog Club of Vic.) Runner up to Best of Breed Vic Women's Dog show. Best of breed and Puppy in group at Sunbury Canine club show. What a little show man.

What a wonderful idea Jean Bryant had; she donated a Flat Coated Retriever broaches with varying colours & finishes for every competitor, a little memento of the show

Thank you to Gillian Holmes, Rhonda Williams, Jean Bryant, Marilyn Dawson, Christine Murray and Jill Wake for your wonderful donations towards the trophy table, the committee felt blessed by your generosity.



FLAT COATED RETRIEVER OPEN SHOW 2019

Judge Mrs. Rebecca Malseed (Vic)



Simone Wilkie & Ch Blacqlabel Stares in a Whisper Best Exhibit & Best Puppy in Open Show



Julee Hosking & Riverflat Keepsake Runner Up to Best in Open Show & Best Open in Show.



Jean Bryant & Gr Ch Sherepoint Kentucky Blue Grass Best Champion Dog in Show.



Rhonda William's Ch Injitali Treasure Seeker Best Opposite Sex in Show.



Ms. Gillian Holmes Ch Blacqlabel in a Whisper Best Junior in Open Show



FLAT COATED RETRIEVER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2019

Judge Mrs. S. Dillion (U.S.A)



Simone Wilkie's Ch Blacqlabel Stares in a Whisper Best Exhibit in Championship Show and Best Puppy



Christine Murray & Ch Sherepoint Green Ivy was awarded Best Opposite and Best Australian bred in Show.



Rhonda William & Ch Injitali Treasure Seeker



Gillian Holmes Junior dog Blacqlabel In a Whisper was awarded Best Junior in Show



Meaghan OShannassy & Ch Skyehaven Ticket to Ride

The photos taken were all over the place, we could not identify some of the dogs in correlation to the catalogue, I hope I have got them correct.





I think it's fair to say that going away to shows like Sunbury when you live in another state is no simple task. Organising accommodation with dogs is always the first challenge – and it's always better travelling with someone in case things go wrong – just as a bit of a backup plan. This year I was lucky enough to have my friend Sam with Brittany's who stepped in at the last minute when plans changed for others. Can't thank her enough – added bonus Sam took lots of photos for me – and got to see some lovely Flat Coats and other Brittany's.

I'm sure there will be a full list of results in this Newsletter – so just saying this is an unashamed brag on my behalf – Well done to all the Winners and place getters over the 4 days of shows. It was a great time to catch up with people from all over and make some new friends too. I know I couldn't have done it without the handling help of Frank Mooney (Vic) Seecar Weimaraners Amy French Junior Handler Rebecca Valletta (Vic) Welsh Springers and I really needed that help with another bung knee to get fixed – the life you have when you get old.

Day 1 - The first show was the Victorian Gundog Show – and my Blacqlabel team faired fairly well - Blacqlabel Stares N Whispers – Nakia (Owned by Simone and Darren Wilkie) was Challenge Dog and BOB – and Blacqlabel Sviar Imblacq –(Griff) was Res Challenge Dog – on the Bitch side of things Blacqlabel Secret Whispr (Harper) was Reserve Bitch. Going on from there Nakia was short listed for BIS and went onto win Best Puppy In Show. Total number of entries 464.

As always the weather was a bit of a challenge it rained on and off all day and the wind was ever present. So much so that our Judge Mr Richard Bott (UK) didn't want to judge the dogs in the rain and had everyone squish in under the marshalling area cover to judge the dogs. In my opinion it didn't really give every exhibit the best opportunity to shine – he judged a lot of breeds like this .. maybe packing a raincoat could have been an option.

Day 2 – Flat Coated Retriever Association of Victoria Inc – Open and Championship Shows. I must say for a relatively small club the trophy tables were impressive thanks to the generous donations of many.

Open show Judge Mrs Rebecca Malseed (Vic)

BIS – Blacqlabel Stares N Whispers - Junior in Show – Blacqlabel In a Whispr (Idrus)

It was nice to meet Julee Hosking and her 2 Lovely girls one of which Riverflat Keepsake winning RUBIS and Open in Show and well done to Jean Bryant winning Best Champion in Show with GR CH Sherepoint Kentucky Bluegrass.

Championship Show Judge Mrs S Dillin (USA) - Full list of results elsewhere in the Newsletter

This Show runs smoothly thanks to the very capable Ring Steward Robyn Brock

The highlight for me was seeing Blacqlabel Stares N Whispr (Nakia) Win Best In Show as well as Best Puppy in Show Best Coated and Best Movement in Show – and at this show Nakia had earned enough Points to be known as Australian Champion (pending Dogs Vic) well done To Simone and Darren Wilkie.

All 4 Blacqlabels did well Blacqlabel In a Whispr – Idrus – Junior in Show and Blacqlabel Secret Whispr – Harper Bested Headed – and Harper and Idrus Taking out the Best Brace In Show – superbly handled by Frank Mooney – Dropped in the deep end for this class. Once these 2 pups worked out humping each other wasn't required they managed to get their act together around the ring in a synchronised fashion – much to my surprise and delight. Last but not least Ch Blacqlabel Sviar Imblacq - Griff Reserve Challenge Dog

Once again Congratulations to all The Winners and participants – and Special thanks should also go to Leanne Tormey Show Secretary and Ticket Writer. And also to Jean Bryant for the lovely personal gift given to every exhibitor. I certainly brought home some lovely trophies.

Day 3 Victorian Womens Dog Club Inc

Judge Mrs N Lonner-Anderson (Sweden)

This lady liked to watch the dogs a little longer going around and often wanted twice around the ring – thank goodness I wasn't on the other end of the leads that day.

Blacqlabel Stares N Whispr – Nakia was Reserve Challenge Dog and Runner up Best of Breed and Blacqlabel Sviar Imblacq – Griff Inter of Breed

Day 4 Sunbury

Thankfully the weather was kind for this 4th and final day the biggest One Day show in Australia this year total entries 1699 – considering there is also some kind of Big Horse Race on this day in Melbourne – I think that's pretty impressive.

By Day 4 – I had Stuffed up my good knee – sprained a wrist .. and broken a brand new Gazebo

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NEWS FROM BLAQLABEL KENNELS

Helen Eley

Flat Coat Judge Ms P Cruz (Mexico)

This lady had a very particular way she wanted the exhibits move around the ring – and you would be forgiven (if you were like me watching ringside) in thinking she was directing traffic.

Blacqlabel results did not disappoint Blacqlabel Stares N Whisprs – Nakia was Best of Breed and Puppy of Breed – and went on to Win Best Puppy In Group – Total number of Gundogs 320.

At this show there is always lots of vendors and it seems easy to spend some money buying a new thing or 2 or stocking up on something when there is a bargain to be had.

The Best of Breed Prize is always a nice bottle of Bubbles that was thoughtfully chilled this year for immediate enjoyment and that we did!!

Photos are also a ‘Must’ at this show – however I think hindsight) to photographing the 4 Blacqlabels – having to negotiate the big platter of cheese and biscuits just inside the photographers tent with 4 dogs in tow took some fancy manoeuvrings. But the biggest challenge was getting ‘that’ shot of the 4 Blacqlabels – and getting back past that platter with our dignities intact.

Needless to say one of the photos has ended up on her webpage!!

The Flat Coat show and Sunbury 4 days always provides lots to think about. It was nice to be a part of a very friendly atmosphere over the 4 days and see some lovely dogs. Hopefully I will be able to do it all again in 2 years – well done to ALL the winners and ALL the Committees helpers and organisers – there is no show without them.

As a foot note – I managed to get a full refund for my broken Gazebo when I got home – so now I have to find a new one. The Wrist is better – the knee needs work and I have also managed to break a bone in my foot since I got home – as they say – it never ends.

Gillian Holmes

Blacqlabel Flat Coated Retrievers

NEWS FROM FIREBUSH KENNELS

Chris Clarke TAS



We went to quite a few shows earlier in the year to gain the final points for Jazz and Paddy to qualify for their show titles. Jazz is now Ch Sherepoint Lunar Eclipse at Firebush and Paddy is Ch Kellick Limited Edition at Firebush.

Paddy gained some lovely class in group wins along the way to his title including a Runner Up to Best Exhibit in Group and Best Junior in Group at an Open show in May under G Cullen. A huge thank you to those who helped with

handling along the way, especially Amelia Blake. We have not been to any shows since May and have enjoyed the break.

We had Paddy's hips, elbows and eyes scored earlier this year with excellent results all round.

A highlight for us was the visit in June of Gillian Holmes and Simone Wilkie. We had a great weekend of dog talk, photos, grooming and plenty of good Tasmanian wine and food. It was good fun.

We saw our first snake in the garden last week so have been on high alert. Best wishes to all flatcoats and their humans over the hot season. Stay cool and safe.

Christine Clarke

Firebush Flatcoats



FLATCOATED RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

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