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The Editor's Creed:

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

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Picture of member Ben Evans from Tasmania with Aust Champion Kellick Criminal Intent (Merlin) who was photographed jumping for joy after winning Best Gun Dog in Group at a recent show.

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President's Report

SIMONE WILKIE



Winter is certainly here and my Flat Coats are surely enjoying romping in the mud and the rain. They do enjoy a good snuggle afterwards with noses tucked under their tails.

The Flat Coated Retriever Association of Victoria has had a small shuffling of the 'deck chairs' on our committee. Our committee continues to be made up of a small but committed group of breed and Gundog enthusiasts. Thanks especially to Peter Eley who has handed over the reins as President for this year, but continues in the role of Vice President. Thanks to Scott Farquhar who continues as Treasurer, Leanne Tormey as Secretary, Helen Eley as

Newsletter editor and special thanks to Noel, Kate, Sue and Jean for continuing as General Committee members.

Our AGM was held in March and I would like to congratulate all those who received annual awards and title sashes under what were very testing times. It's great to be moving into a 'somewhat' normal year for the club.

I was lucky to travel up to the Sydney Royal Show at Easter to catch up with some of our NSW and ACT Flat Coats and their families. It was fantastic to see a good entry and a great day was had by all. Congratulations to the winners. Following Sydney I headed to ACT and it was super to also catch up with some of our ACT Flat Coats and their families. More details later in the newsletter.

Our first event for this year was our Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs (RATG) held at the Conewarre Wetland Centre near Geelong. We had 20 entries in Novice and six in open with some scratching. Our whole committee turned up to help out and it was great to see some of our new Flat Coat friends come along to watch. Congratulations to the Eley's for Morgan's win in Novice. It was great to see six Flat Coats come along to participate or watch.

On the 15th October, the club is inviting members along to Rothwell Run at Little River for a fun day

out. Up to 20 Flat Coats are able to attend. More details in this newsletter.

The club is holding two Championship Shows over the Melbourne Cup long-weekend. It will be great to hold our specialities after last year's cancellations. The Cup weekend is a fantastic weekend of shows which includes the Victorian Gundog Club Championship Show (Sat 29th Oct), Flat Coated Retriever Association Shows x 2 (Sunday 30th October), Victorian Womens Dog Club Championship Show (1st November) and the Sunbury Championship Show (Tuesday 2nd November). I would encourage Flat Coat exhibitors and friends from across Australia to consider coming along to what will be a fantastic weekend.

That all from me, stay safe and warm

Simone Wilkie

YOUR COMMITTEE

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Newsletter Editor	Helen Eley

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Kate Eltringham (Retrieving Trials)
Noel Eltringham (Retrieving Trials)
Sue Farquhar (Assist Treasurer)

Webmaster: Deon Barylak.



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

With Covid and hopefully the restrictions associated are over and we can get on with our normal life.

Recently The club held a Retrieving Ability Test for Gun dogs (RATG) there were 20 entries in Novice and 6 in Open classes judged by Dean Furnell, the trial was managed by Committee member Noel Eltringham. There were two Flat Coats in Novice, Peter Eley competing with Kellick Here Comes the Sun who won the class with a score of 88 out of 100.



The venue thanks to Noel Eltringham was just out of Geelong at the Field & Game club grounds in Connewarre, the highlight of the venue was the flushing toilet in the club rooms, commonly this type of function are held up country in a remote areas and you have to find a large tree to hide behind for a toilet or the club provides a Porta Loo.



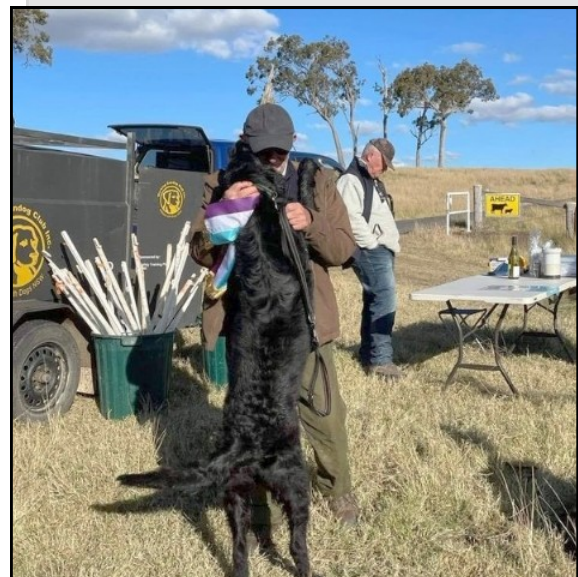
Thank you our judge Dean Furnell who officiated for both Novice and Open classes. Also to Shane Edmonds for being on the bird thrower for all events, Shane is a Geelong local and very generous with his time.



A group of Novice competitors getting briefed by the judge in what he wanted to see in the dogs .



Left to right:- Jodean Ross, Jean Ross, Helen Eley, Scott and Sue Farquhars.



Above Bill Frew and his Flat Coated Retriever Ch Peppatree Song of Ice and Fire (AI) NRA QND celebrating some success at a recent retrieving Trial at a Working Gundog Club trial at Singleton NSW.

PETER KINGS JOURNEY

Helen Eley

Aust: Ch. Blackregal Fastnet Rock "Lido"
S. Aust. Grand Ch. Flatterhaft Greysouthern Mind Games (Imp. SWD) D. Aust. Ch. Blackregal Little Miss Sunshine

Recent Show Results:

11-Mar-2022 Tallangatta A & P Society (VIC) R/Up in Group
18-Mar-2022 Cohuna & District Kennel Club (VIC)

R/Up in Group

19-Mar-2022 Cohuna A P & H Society Inc (VIC)

Best in Group

20-Mar-2022 Kerang & District Kennel Club Inc (VIC)

Best in Group

1-Jun-2022 Emerald Show Society Inc (QLD)

Best in Group

4-Jun-2022 Mackay Kennel Club Inc (Show 1) (QLD)

Best in Group

11-Jun-2022 Thuringowa City Kennel Club (Show 1)

(QLD) Best in Show

11-Jun-2022 Thuringowa City Kennel Club (Show 2)

(QLD) Best in Group

18-Jun-2022 Cloncurry & District Canine Club (Show 1)

(QLD) R/Up in Group

18-Jun-2022 Cloncurry & District Canine Club (Show 2)

(QLD) Best in Show Decarissa Dark Knight "Neo"

S. Aust. Supreme Ch: Almanza Double Action Dark Kiss (Imp

SWD) D. Aust. Ch: Decarissa Ahsoka Delight

Owned by: Sara Cassidy

Handled by: Peter King

05Jun22 Mackay Kennel Club (QLD) Runner-Up Best in Group

12Jun22 Thuringowa City KC (QLD) Best in Group

18Jun22 Cloncurry & DKC Runner-Up Best

in Group

19Jun22 Cloncurry & DKC Runner-Up Best

in Show

26Jun22 Atherton Tableland KC Runner-Up Best in

Group

Note: Neo has not previously been shown between Baby Class and now just into Intermediate Class due Covid lockdowns.

In addition to the above, with multiple Best of Breed & Class in Show wins also to his credit, Neo is very close to his first Show title.

Like his half-brother Aust. Ch: Alubyc the Artful Dodger

'Sweep' in Qld, Neo (Below) has a bright future ahead of

him !



The spoils of recent shows.

Introducing – Arangold Back To Blacq (IMP NZL) - Tosh



Tosh arrived September 2020 right in the middle of Covid – bounced out of her crate at Sydney Airport like nothing happened – and that’s pretty much how her life is. Never quiet always busy life is all about fun. So, as we know Covid ground everything to a halt – Tosh has never really been anywhere or seen much of anything.

Fast forward to Sydney Royal 2022 and we can finally get to a show – Toshs’ first show – I didn’t really expect much I just hoping that she would handle being in a crate all day and seeing lots of people stroll past. Meeting other Flat coats and lots of other dogs especially other Blacqlabel Dogs was just total fun to Tosh. Being on a lead very sparingly and meeting her handler for the first time that day was always going to carry a question mark.

Of the 2 girls I took Tosh really put her best feet to work – Harper who was yet to be confirmed in whelp really wasn’t in the mood for showing – and that was evident in the ring.

Tosh however charged around and strut her little self into a Ribbon – and what a nice ribbon to win – it’s always a privilege to win a Ribbon at a Royal – so there she was First Show – First Time Handler – Challenge Bitch Sydney Royal. As I have said many times it’s always nice to win a ribbon – and Challenge points are a bonus.

Gillian Holmes



Meaghan O'Shannassy was at the ACT Ladies and Canberra ABKC Winter Festival. We had both Ryder and Dev in both shows and they have been sharing the points and Best of Breed. Dev was Best of Breed at the AM show and Ryder at the PM show. The points this afternoon gave Ryder sufficient points for his Grand Champion title. So pending approval he will be Australian Grand Champion Skyhaven Ticket To Ride! So pleased to finally get those last points, it's taken a while with an 11 month break due to covid and Dev been shown as he didn't get out till he was into the puppy class.

Ryder has had many highlights over the years including Best of Breed at the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year, a Best in Group, 3 Runner Up to Best In Group, multiple classes in group, breed specialty class wins and in show and Best of Breed at the Victorian Womens show under a Swedish judge. He is a delightful ratbag and a delinquent. Thanks to Tina for allowing me to have him.



This is Charlie (Kellick the Girls got Rhythm) Charlie is 14 years old, she will be 15 in October this year. She has a bit of arthritis but apart from that no other health issues, her kennel mate Kellick Stroan Inish lived to the age of 13 years.



This is Ben Evan's Champion Kellick Criminal Intent (Merlin) 2 years old.

- 34 x BOB & Dog CC
- 3 x BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW (All Breeds)
- 5 x Best Exhibit in Group
- 6 x Runner Up Best Exhibit in Group
- 3 x Best Exhibit in Group 3rd
- 11 x Best Intermediate in Show
- 21 x Best Intermediate in Group



Merlin is getting very close to his Supreme Champion title, something that very few Flat Coats have achieved in Australia.



Merlin is Ben Evans first show dog and it has been quite a dizzying journey for someone so novice to the show ring, however the Tasmanian showing fraternity have supported, advised, coached and applauded his and Merlins efforts throughout his 20 months of showing. Backed up by Christine Clarke and Weimaraner shower Toni Drew.





CLASS: 5 - Flat Coated Retriever - Intermediate Dog
 Breed - 1 744 MISS M O'SHANNASSY GORDON ACT 2906
 CH. SKYEHAVEN DEVIL AT PLAY (5100116378)
 Breed - 2 743 MRS J L GREGG & MS G L HOLMES GUNDAGAI NSW 2722
 BLACQLABEL MISSION BLACQREGAL(AI) (2100538353)
 CLASS: 10 - Flat Coated Retriever - Australian Bred Dog
 Breed - 1 745 MISS M O'SHANNASSY GORDON ACT 2906
 CH. SKYEHAVEN TICKET TO RIDE (5100095884)
 CLASS: 11 - Flat Coated Retriever - Open Dog
 Breed - 1 748 MRS S WILKIE & MR D J WILKIE WINCHELSEA VIC 3241
 CH. BLACQLABEL STARES N WHISPRS(AI) (2100510547)
 Breed - 2 746 MRS J L GREGG GUNDAGAI NSW 2722
 CH. POWERON BAG FULL OF SILLY (5100094382)
 CLASS: S100 - (S100) - Flat Coated Retriever - Dog - Challenge
 Challenge - Winner 745 MISS M O'SHANNASSY GORDON ACT 2906
 CH. SKYEHAVEN TICKET TO RIDE (5100095884)
 CLASS: S101 - (S101) - Flat Coated Retriever - Dog - Reserve Challenge
 Challenge - Reserve 748 MRS S WILKIE & MR D J WILKIE WINCHELSEA VIC 3241
 CH. BLACQLABEL STARES N WHISPRS(AI) (2100510547)
 CLASS: 4A - Flat Coated Retriever - Junior Bitch
 Breed - 1 750 MRS S WILKIE & MR D J WILKIE WINCHELSEA VIC 3241
 WILGUNNDI INTO TEMPTATION (3100424537)
 CLASS: 5A - Flat Coated Retriever - Intermediate Bitch
 Breed - 1 751 MS G L HOLMES
 ARANGOLD BACK TO BLACQ (IMP NZL) (05993-2020)
 CLASS: 10A - Flat Coated Retriever - Australian Bred Bitch
 Breed - 1 752 MS G L HOLMES
 CH. BLACQLABEL SECRET WHISPR(AI) (2100510552)
 CLASS: 11A - Flat Coated Retriever - Open Bitch
 Breed - 1 755 MRS S WILKIE & MR D J WILKIE WINCHELSEA VIC 3241
 CH. SHEREPOINT OBSIDIAN (5100088524)
 CLASS: S102 - (S102) - Flat Coated Retriever - Bitch - Challenge
 Challenge - Winner 751 MS G L HOLMES
 ARANGOLD BACK TO BLACQ (IMP NZL) (05993-2020)
 CLASS: S103 - (S103) - Flat Coated Retriever - Bitch - Reserve Challenge
 Challenge - Reserve 755 MRS S WILKIE & MR D J WILKIE WINCHELSEA VIC 3241
 CH. SHEREPOINT OBSIDIAN (5100088524)
 CLASS: S104 - (S104) - Flat Coated Retriever - Best of Breed
 Best of Breed - Winner 745 MISS M O'SHANNASSY GORDON ACT 2906
 CH. SKYEHAVEN TICKET TO RIDE (5100095884)
 CLASS: S105 - (S105) - Flat Coated Retriever - Runner up Best of Breed
 Best of Breed - Runner up 748 MRS S WILKIE & MR D J WILKIE WINCHELSEA VIC 3241
 CH. BLACQLABEL STARES N WHISPRS(AI) (2100510547)

Flat Coated Retriever Assoc. Vic

**Sat 15th October 12-2 pm
Rothwell Run - Little River**



**Join us for a fun day out
Dog Pool, BBQ and
undercover seating area
next to the agility dog run.
Bring your own drinks/food.**

for FCRAV Members

First Dog Free

\$30 per extra dog

C5 Vaccination Required.

Only 20 Dogs allowed

Book today - RSVP

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Rothwell Run 135 You Yangs Road, Little River

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Signed _____ Dated ____/____/____

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

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