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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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The weekly play date hosted by Jan Burgess in WA, the girl on the back left is Isabel from Blackregal, the girl at the back right is Pip from Hawksdale and the boy in the front is Gus from Kellick. Three kennels represented. Jan takes them to Sunnyside which is alongside the Blackwood river in Bridgetown WA for a play date. Gus is owned by Tracey Applin, Jan picks him up on her way, there were 9 mixed dog breeds on the play date the day this photo was taken.

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President's Report

SIMONE WILKIE



We've had a super start to spring, after a wet and cold winter. Not that our Flat Coats cared of course, there were lots of opportunities for them to get muddy, wet and swim in the ample puddles.

The committee have been working hard preparing for our double championship shows, which are planned for 30th October. In previous years, the club has run an Open Show and a Championship Show, but the committee decided that two Championship Shows was a better outcome for interstate exhibitors who make such a big commitment to travel every two years for this exciting event. The shows will be

held as part of the Melbourne Cup Weekend of Shows at the Bulla Exhibition Centre, Calabria Club in Bulla. The weekend includes the Victorian Gundog Show (29th Oct), FCRAV (30th Oct), Victorian Womens Dog Club (31st Oct) and the Sunbury Canine Club (1 Nov). Sunbury is the biggest single day dog show in the Southern Hemisphere with over 2,000 entries normally expected. We look forward to welcoming our local and interstate exhibitors and of course our members and friends. The weekend is a great opportunity to see 20 – 30 Flat Coats in the one place.

I also like to congratulate the many Flat Coat exhibitors across Australia who have been excelling in a number of dog sport disciplines. From our Royal Show winners, to our Scent Dog, Tracking Dogs, Retrieving Dogs and Retrieving Ability Test Dogs, Flats have been in the placings. Congratulations to all and thanks for promoting and supporting our wonderful breed in all of these disciplines.

Lastly, I would like to highlight our upcoming day out at Rothwell Run – Little River. This is a great venue with a dog pool, agility equipment, BBQs and lots of other dog friendly activities. The club would like to give back to our members so are offering this event free for up to 20 dogs (1 per family). A reminder that C5 vaccination is required. We will have experienced dog people on board in case we have some over excited Flats, with spaces set up for puppy time out. We would love to see some of our

members there. We would also welcome new members to join us, and take up this opportunity.

That's it from me for this edition. Give your Flats a big hug and I look forward to seeing some of you in November and April.



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

The year is flying by however it is a better year than the last couple years influenced by Covid, but I am still wearing a mask in crowded places ie chemists where sick people go!

As usual I am running late with this issue, the cause; Pete is in hospital recovering from major spinal surgery he will be home shortly after 3 weeks infirmed.

There have been a variety of activities in the breed over the past few months most prominently in the show ring with Peter King and his pair competing in shows in the far north and Ben Evans in the far south, so the breed has both ends of the country covered.

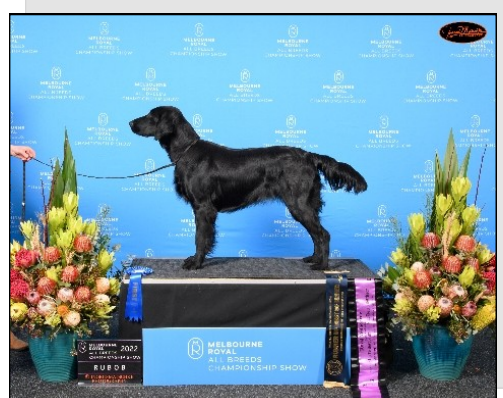
Perth as recently had their Royal Agricultural Show Adriana Lewis is so proud of Ollie, Wilgunndi Distant Sun, she said; we made it through our first Perth Royal Show! He got RUBOB both shows, with some nice comments from the judge of the first show, Mr Trainor. I was very happy with how well he behaved, considering all the noise and busyness, it was a lot to take in. Thanks goes to the Flat Coated Retriever Association of Victoria for our beautiful sashes! It was so nice to feel support from our fellow Flattie lovers over East! Ollie wore himself out by licking everyone he could, including both judges, and loved all the pats from the public .



Christine Murray has been competing in the Perth Royal Shows, this year they had two Championship shows at their royal this year and Christine and Rob Murray's home bred girl Ch Starflatz Crimson and Clover (AI) was awarded Best of Breed at both



This years Royal Melbourne Show had a promised entry of 8 dogs however, one of Simone Wilkie's girls decided to have her puppies the night before the show, so no sleep in that house on the night. Representing the breed was left to Rhonda Williams and Alys Mayes. Rhonda Williams Ch Injitali Forever Young (AI) was awarded Bitch Challenge and Best of Breed. Alys Mayes puppy Peppertree Ohtheplacesyouldgo (AI) was awarded reserve challenge and Runner up Best of Breed. There were 5 bitches exhibited, 3 males were scratched.





Lovely day at the Dogs Victoria Open Shows. Jim 'Wilgunndi Midnight Rambler' in his second show is Runner Up Best in Group and Puppy In Group under Gundog specialist Gerald Munroe . In the second show Jim was Best of Breed and his sister Ella 'Wilgunndi She's a Rainbow' was best bitch and RUBOB.

Lovely to spend the day with Ella's family Scott Farquhar and Sue Farquhar. Scott did a super job. with his girl Ella



The weekend's Cradle Coast Kennel Club shows at Sheffield gave us a taste of Tassie's traditional spring weather with downpours and gale force winds taking gazebos down with ease great effort by the club, stewards and judges to forge on with the show.

Our main man Merlin wasn't fussed by the conditions and had a successful weekend. We thank our experienced judges for their compliments regarding Merlin's conditioning, structure and temperament. He is maturing absolutely beautifully.

MBIS MRUBIS Aust Ch Kellick Criminal Intent - 26 months

AM show

Best Exhibit in Group 1st under Mrs Sue E Bownds (NSW)

RUNNER UP BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW under Mr Jim Black (NSW)

PM show

Best Exhibit in Group 2nd under Mr J Black (NSW)

Sunday show

Best Exhibit in Group under Ms Lesley Fairhall (VIC)

RUNNER UP BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW under Mrs S Bownds (NSW)

Our beautiful Saffy - Aust Ch Arangold Living the Dream (IMP NZ) - scored a Best Intermediate in Group under Ms L Fairhall (VIC) on Sunday

Our Tassie bred Frenchie boy Ollie - Aust Ch Asplendour P La Pierre - won a Best Intermediate in Group under Mrs A Bowe (NSW) on Sunday

We tried to take judge photos but every one (dogs and humans) looked wind blown and ready to go home so here's a cheeky wind blown photo of Merlin in the BIS lineup today taken moments after our gazebo almost turned into a parachute.

A big thank you to the club for the prizes, and to the stewards and fellow exhibitors for a great weekend.



Pictured here is Ben Evans and his boy Ch Kellick Criminal Intent (Merlin) after winning his 5th Best in Show at the age of 26 months. Merlin is Bens first show dog who has taken the fast track to learning on how to present a dog in the show ring, further to that is the required grooming of the dog and here he has excelled, taking advice from everyone who was prepared to give it.



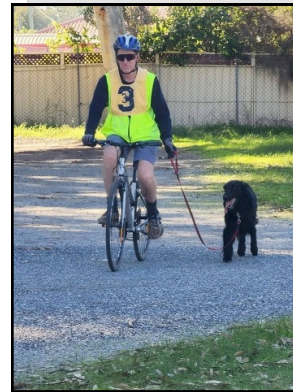


As I have lived in the beautiful South West corner of W.A., 300 kms from Perth, for the past 18 years, opportunities to participate in dog sports are much more limited than previously when I was in the hills around Perth and able to enjoy Conformation, Obedience, Agility, etc. with my dogs at the excellent facilities of the DogsWest complex. Oh ... and also because I am a good many years older and running round a ring has become a distant memory! My nearest dog club now is 100 kms away and although I have shown Isabel intermittently, she is so smart that I felt I must find a new challenge for us both – hence the idea of entering an Endurance Test came up. Isabel already had a good fitness base to build on – I walk her along our numerous bush tracks in the forests several times a week; she doesn't chase anything, she has a very good recall, so it's not a problem to let her run through the bush which she loves to do oh and she's also done snake awareness training – very important. My daughter walks her 6 kms or so on lead two or three times a week along by the river or through town and my son-in-law, Patrick, practices his golf chipping with her tennis balls which she speeds off to retrieve for him!

The German Shepherd Dog Club of W.A., under the auspices of DogsWest, used to run these Endurance Tests twice a year in July and September, but now hold one in July only as September is becoming too uncertain weather-wise in terms of heat, thanks to climate change. The Test is called off if the temperature reaches 24 C and I understand one year, this occurred and the Test had to be abandoned just before the final km. How frustrating that must have been for all! The Endurance Test involves covering 20 kms in stages of 8 kms, 6 kms and 6 kms, with a 15 or 20 minute break in between each stage, together with a Vet check, and the whole Test is preceded and completed with a short Willingness test, basically some heeling and a recall. The test needs to be carried out at a speed of 10 kph and be completed within 2 hours, excluding the compulsory breaks and is conducted at the Club's spacious grounds in Southern River, near Perth.

Numbers have dropped in recent years since the time when there were 20 or so participants and when I received my catalogue on arrival, I discovered there were only 4 entries – an Australian Shepherd, a Border Collie, Isabel and a German Shepherd, to run in that order. The Australian Shepherd was scratched before we started and the Border Collie dropped out in the first 5 or 6 kms, so that just left Isabel, who is 4 ½, and a 6 year old German Shepherd named Delta. Handlers have jogged, or used

a scooter but the most popular way is to cycle and my lovely son-in-law, Patrick who is an avid cyclist, offered to accompany Isabel in the Test. He was later complimented by the judge on keeping up a perfect pace of 10 kph.



It was a cold morning when we arrived at the grounds at 8 am, but it gradually warmed up to about 17C or 18 C and no wind, so pretty well ideal conditions. A friend, Sonja Pfister, had completed the Test with her Flat Coat, Kajsa, some years earlier and she gave me lots of very good advice and tips on how to tackle it - many thanks for that help, Sonja. The bit about walking the dog in long, wet grass to help bring down a slightly elevated temperature was especially useful! During the Vet check in the first two breaks, Isabel's temperature was slightly high but quickly reduced after a gentle walk through wet grass and, to my amazement after the Vet check at the conclusion of the event, her temperature was absolutely normal as were all her other checks So she was all warmed up after 20 kms and ready for the next big thing?!! In fact, that afternoon we went for a walk in the Perth hills, and she was hThere was a small group of members present for the event, watching and encouraging and then there was meengrossed by it all, and probably more stressed than the handlers and dogs combined! However, I needn't have been Isabel, ably guided by Patrick, was magnificent and completed the Test with flying colours, as did Delta, the German Shepherd. So now Izzy has a Certificate and Badge, and the letters, E.T., after her name which is more than I have!

The three of us very much enjoyed our visit to Perth for this event; it brought back many memories of the fun I've had over the years since I had a puppy from Joy Gregg's "Blackregal"'s first litter in 1997 and we took part in Conformation together which led on to Obedience, some Agility and Jumping trialling and a little bit of Retrieving. Izzy is my 7th Flat Coat – all such special and beautiful dogs, in temperament as well as "glamour". A big 'thank you' to Joy, who remains a dear friend, for all the wonderful times I've enjoyed over the years, tinged, of course, with the deep sadness when they inevitably depart for the "Rainbow Bridge".

My daughter, Jacky, is interested in doing Obedience with Isabel so the future looks full of fun and excitement. Watch this space!

Jan Burgess

happy to continue running around.

Flat Coated Retriever Assoc. Vic

Sat 22nd April '23 - 12-2 pm

Rothwell Run - Little River



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Flat Coated Retreiver Assoc of Victoria Inc



Championship Show
AM & PM
BULLA EXHIBITION CENTRE

Sunday 30th October 2022

Judges
A.M.
Ms Stephanie
Rickard
P.M.
Ms Beverley Watt



Online Show Manager Entries Close 21st Oct
Postal Entries Close 14th October to
Ms L. Tomney 112 Argye St. Fawkner Vic 3060
Full Schedule available on
Dogzonline - Events Calendar
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Postal Entries close Friday 14th October 2022
Online entries close Friday 21st October 2022

FLAT COATED RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW (A.M.) Bulla Exhibition Centre, Uniting Lane, Bulla SUNDAY 30th October 2022

Schedule of Classes: 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11
1a, 3a, 4a 5a, 10a. 11a

Special Classes 12 Veterans 7 & under 10 years), 12a Veterans 10 years and over,
Best Headed, Best Coated, Best Movement

Entries to the Secretary: **Postal Entries – Close 14th October 2022**
Ms Leanne Tormey, 112 Argyle Street, Fawkner, Vic 3060
Ph: 0421358301– after 6 p.m
Cheques made payable to Flatcoated Retriever Association of Victoria Inc.

Online Entries – Close 21st October 2022
with Show Manager

Judge: Mrs Stephanie Rickard

Catalogue: [\\$5.00 \(one catalogue for both a.m. and p.m. shows\)](#)

Entry Fee: \$ 15 Members, \$20.00 Non-Members
Baby Puppies & Special Classes \$10

Judging Time: 10.00 a.m.

Exhibit Numbers: To be collected on the day.

Catering: Light Catering Available

Special Prizes: Trophy and Sash for all In Show awards.

Postal Entries close Friday 14th October 2022
Online entries close Friday 21st October 2022

FLAT COATED RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW (P.M.) Bulla Exhibition Centre, Uniting Lane, Bulla SUNDAY 30th October 2022

Schedule of Classes: **1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11**
 1a, 3a, 4a 5a, 10a. 11a

Entries to the Secretary: **Postal Entries – Close 14th October 2022**
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Online Entries – Close 21st October 2022
with Show Manager

Judge: Ms Beverley Watt

Catalogue: \$5.00 (one catalogue for both a.m. and p.m. shows)

Entry Fee: \$ 15 Members, \$20.00 Non-Members
Baby Puppies \$10

Judging Time: 1.00 p.m.

Exhibit Numbers: To be collected on the day.

Catering: Light Catering Available

Special Prizes: Trophy and Sash for all In Show awards.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2022

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.

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

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