



# PAW PRINTS

NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST  
WATERWAYS FLAT-COATED  
RETRIEVER CLUB

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## Mark Your Calendars!

Your club officers and members have been busy planning some exciting events especially for you and your flat-coats. Make plans to join us for some fun, fellowship and flat-coats. You can catch up with some old friends and make some new ones while spending time with your best friend.

### 2014 Supported Entry

**Saturday, August 30, 2014**

Spread the word and make plans now to join us for the Supported Entry in Lexington, KY on Saturday, August 30, 2014. The location is the Kentucky Horse Park at AllTech Arena. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that the dog show has been indoors – it’s a lovely location with plenty of room for both exhibitors and spectators, and the climate is wonderful indoors no matter what’s happening outdoors! Our Sweepstakes Judge is Nancy Schenck, DVM from Terre Haute, IN. Our regular judge is Barbara Pepper from Swannanoa, NC.

### MWFCRC Annual Meeting

**Saturday, August 30, 2014**

The MWFCRC annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2014 in Lexington, Kentucky. There will be a casual gathering one hour following the completion of the FCR judging. The location on the grounds is still to be determined. All are welcome -- so please feel free to bring your friends and family. Please bring along you chairs and snacks to share. Water and soft drinks will be provided. We look forward to spending time with you.

### 2015 FCRSA National Specialty

**April 5 - 12, 2015**

Purina Farms, St. Louis, MO

### 2015 Supported Entry

**June 20, 2015**

Mary Ann Abbott is inviting us to Traverse City, MI. Should be a great time!

### 2014 and 2015 Field Training Dates

We would like get together for some field training within the next several months. All suggestions welcome. Please send your ideas to a Board Member.

## Club Officers

### President

Kate Barton (IN)

### Vice President

Sherry Augustine (OH)

### Secretary

Mary Ann Abbott (MI)

### Treasurer

Kathy Petroni (MI)

## Board of Directors

Jim Price (OH)

Darlene Knapp (OH)

John Knapp (OH)

### Field Liaison

Adele Yunck (MI)

### Membership Secretary

Diane Constable (MI)

### Newsletter Editor

Sherry Augustine (OH)

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Judge's Clinic in Michigan

A big SHOUT OUT to Diane Constable and the Michigan Sporting Dog Judges clinic the weekend of June 21-22. Diane coordinated dogs and owners and presented to 20 or more prospective judges on the history and purpose of our breed, along with what the judges should be looking for in our FCR ring, per the standard. We were fortunate to have some nice dogs – all with faults too – but we could show and explain what was good, what could be better, etc. We had a good laugh during one of the 4 sessions about “if only we could play Mr. Potato Head” when we were picking our dogs. LOL

Lola and I were fortunate enough to get to do the “field demo” for the prospective judges. These folks got extra points if they attended the demo. It was interesting to see the various breeds “do their thing”. So many different styles were displayed. We did a steady water double with bumpers and a starting pistol, and Lola “wowed” the crowd with her big water entry for both marks.

The weather was perfect until late afternoon when it got a bit warm. Many thanks to Diane and also Helen Szostak for giving such a great presentation plus bringing their dogs. We even had a “guest appearance” by Kurt Anderson, who was at the clinic learning about other breeds.

It would be great if any of you could attend the next clinic – it is nice to have a variety of dogs to show these people.

## Supported Entry

The supported entry in Lexington, KY on August 30<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner! May want to make your hotel reservations ASAP – it's a big show cluster and hotels will likely be filled.

Speaking of big show clusters, won't you join us in Fort Wayne in October-November for the Old Fort Cluster shows? It is a 5-day cluster starting Wednesday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> and concluding on Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a big raffle, bathing stations, plenty of parking. Let me know if you are coming and I will try to save you a crating/grooming space! There is a great little Italian restaurant we could walk to for lunch one day (if ringtimes allow), and nice areas to walk with the dogs nearby as well.

## Nominating Committee

I am a bit tardy on getting my nominating committee pulled together this year. If you are interested in helping, I still need one member and one alternate. While most of the current slate of officers/board are running for their same positions, we do have some Board positions that need filled. If you would like to be on the Board, please let us know! We meet approximately once a month for a one-hour conference call.

## 2015 National Specialty – Purina Farms

Be sure to put <http://www.2015flatcoat.com/> in your browser's favorites, and check back often for updates to everything from lodging to judges to Ring of Honor to vendors! The 2015 specialty will be held April 5-12, and should be a well-attended event since it is in the middle of the country. Volunteers are always needed, and this Specialty's planning committee likes to “plan ahead” – so if you plan on going, and would be able to volunteer to help out, please sign up!

MWFCRC donated some money to get this Specialty started. Some of our MWFCRC members are also playing key roles (THANK YOU)... For instance, Mary Ann Abbott & Marijo Nootz are sharing in the Hospitality Committee – and if you saw what they did for us at the 2010 National, just think what they will do in St. Louis!

I hope to see you and your dog's soon,

Kate Barton

MWFCRC President



# BRAGS



From Kate Barton:

Lola, **CH SHR UCD Fireside LOL Always, CD, RE, JH, WCX** earned her Rally Excellent title at the May 3rd Fort Wayne trial, and then her WCX the following weekend at the MWFCRC test.

Lola has received several awards from our local obedience club this June – Lola earned her U-CD, CD, RA, RE and WCX during the club’s award year.

**CH U-CDX SHR Fireside LOL Always, BN, GN, CD, RE, JH, WCX ---"Lola"** owned by Kate Barton finished her U-CDX on July 19. Then much to Kate's delight, Lola was invited to compete in the AKC Classic (obedience) in Orlando in December!



From Diane Constable:

The Oakwood 'Photo' litter had a great weekend at the UKC shows in Ann Arbor -

Saturday, June 7, **Nikon (Oakwood's Depth of Field)** won Winners/Best of Breed over her brother Sabre and took a Group 2 -Sabre turned the tables on the second show and would up with Best of Breed and a Group 1 placement! (**Sabre is Oakwood's Double Exposure** owned by Rick and Ada Tishma and Fred Staugh who also shows him.)

Cheryl Ertelt brought Daddy **Cosby (UJJ,CA , SHR, RO2 GRCH GCH Fireside Stand-up Sitcom RE, JH, AX, AXJ, WC, CGC)** ...and brother **Camo (Oakwood's Shoots from the Blind)** up for the Sunday shows- Sabre wasn't entered. , Nikon won over Camo the first show, with Cosby going Best of Breed for more Top 10 points!

Second show, again a bit different.Nikon took Best of Winners over Camo which finished her UKC Championship -and then went on to Best of Breed over her dad! But the fun didn't end there -she took a Group 1 placement, and went on to win Reserve to Best in Show! All that in the first 6 weeks of an 'official' show career!

At the UKC Premier Shows June 13-14th, Nikon also tried dock jumping for the first time and came away with her first 'working' title - she is now **UKC CH Oakwood's Depth Of Field UNJ** (United Novice Jumper)! We are looking forward to more adventures with Nikon!





## MORE BRAGS



From Mike and Marijo Nootz:

Mike Nootz and Lincoln earned their HRC Started title at the Backwater HRC test in June. **Lincoln** is now **SHR Endeavor Cornhusker In the Deed the Glory WC**

Mike and Marijo have welcomed "Siren" into their family this year. Siren is from a litter of nine that their girl Truly had in March. Truly was bred to Melody Daniel's "Boone". **Siren is officially Endeavor Doppler Storm Alert.**

From Sherry Augustine:

Sherry is pleased to announce that **"Bode" Exotic Black Diamond** earned his CH at the tender age of 14.5 months. Bode took Best of Opposite Sex at the Michigan Sporting Dog Specialty in Monroe, MI and Best of Winner's at the Mahoning Shenango Kennel Club show in Canfield Ohio on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to earn both majors and finish his AKC championship.

## OBITUARIES

John Belknap, husband of Anne Belknap passed away June 9th. He and Anne bought their first Flatcoat in 1969 and were active in conformation shows and obedience, and bred several litters. They went for a period of time without a Flatcoat, but returned to the breed in the early 90s and currently have 3 from their own breeding. They bred under the Vines prefix. John and Anne had been members of the MWFCRC for many years. He was an avid proponent of the breed and loved recounting stories of his dogs and shows from 'way back when'. Donations are being accepted in his memory to Paws with a Cause.

Kate Barton lost her bitch "Pia" over the Memorial Day weekend. Pia was a grand champion, earned her CDX and JH and WC – way more, I think, than anyone ever expected her to do. Once I found her "buttons", she showed me she could play my (dog show/trial/hunt test) games. Our household is much quieter without her, and this is weird.... but the toys aren't getting chewed up anymore (one of her favorite pastimes)!

In loving memory,

**GCH CH U-CH U-CD SHR Fireside Back Seat Driver, CDX, JH, WC, CGC**

January 1, 2005 – May 24, 2014

# PHOTO GALLERY



## MWFCRC WC and WCX qualifiers with judges

Left: From l-r, Adele Yunck, Kate Barton, Deanna German, Judge Ed Zawodny, Judge Pete Zimmerman and Sherry Augustine

Picture courtesy of Cheryl Ertelt

Right: Mike Nootz,  
our test secretary,  
running Lincoln as test  
dog.

Picture courtesy of  
Cheryl Ertelt



Left: Kate Barton in the  
holding blind with Lola.

Picture courtesy of Cheryl  
Ertelt.



# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MIDWEST WATERWAYS FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 2, 2014

Meeting called to order at 9:00 P.M.

Present: Kate Barton, President Sherry Augustine, Vice President; Diane Constable, Membership; Mary Ann Abbott, Recording Secretary; Kathy Petroni, Treasurer, Darlene Knapp, Board Member; and Adele Yunck, Field Liaison.

**Minutes** (Mary Ann Abbott)

MOTION: Petroni/Barton to approve minutes of the meeting on April 28, 2014.

PASSED UNAN

**Secretary's Report** (Mary Ann Abbott)

A condolence card was sent to Susan Atkinson over the passing of her husband. A condolence card was also sent to Anne Belknap over the passing of her husband.

**Membership** (Diane Constable)

Deanna German & Ed Zawodny have rejoined MWFCRC.

Diane will send out a membership plea and copy of the last newsletter with a link to the website.

Diane also suggested that we have Membership applications at the Supported Entry.

**Treasurer Report:** (Kathy Petroni)

Adele would like to correct the Treasurer's Report to read a WC/X test rather than Hunt Test.

MOTION: Abbott/Constable to accept the Treasurer's Report with correction.

PASSED UNAN

**Supported Entry 2015** (Mary Ann Abbott)

Helen Szostak has agreed to judge our sweepstakes.

**Supported Entry 2014** (Janet Olson)

Darlene Knapp reported that grooming may be limited. She is going to check on the cost of reserved grooming and perhaps the club can purchase a couple of reserved grooming spaces. Darlene will check it out for us.

There will not be a speaker so therefore we will not be applying for the FCRSA grant at this time. The meeting will be in the grooming area. Darlene will check out another area for the meeting. There will be 5 days of conformation—4 days of obedience and a Meet the breed.

**501 (c) 7** (Mary Ann Abbott)

Nothing new.

**Newsletter** (Sherry Augustine)

Next Deadline is July 30<sup>th</sup>. Sherry needs photos.

**WC/X** (Adele Yunck)

Every one was happy that we had a WC/X. Kate and Adele to talk offline and bring a date back to the board.

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

## **Audit**

Prior to the annual meeting Kathy Petroni & Diane Constable will co-ordinate for Diane to review our checkbook and records.

## **Unfinished Business**

Diane Constable reports about Sporting Dog Seminar on Sunday, June 22. Also the Second AKC Sanctioned show for Sporting Breeds on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in Ann Arbor.

## **New Business**

Adele Yunck to delete the "About us" Page on the website as it has no content.

Kate Barton suggested that we think of an idea to pass out at the 2015 Specialty to promote the Supported Entry in Traverse City.

## **NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED ON July 21, 2014 AT 9:00 P.M.** **PLEASE ENCOURAGE ANYONE TO JOIN THE CONFERENCE CALL**

August 18, 2015 will be the next scheduled meeting after that.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:58 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Abbott, Secretary

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## MWFCRC MINUTES July 21, 2014

Meeting called to order at 9:08 P.M.

Present: Kate Barton, President; Diane Constable, Membership Secretary; Mary Ann Abbott, Secretary; Marijo Nootz, 2014 Supported Entry; Darlene Knapp, BOD

## **Minutes** (Mary Ann Abbott)

MOTION: Petroni/Constable to approve minutes as presented. Passed Unanimously

## **Secretary Report** (Mary Ann Abbott)

Nothing to Report

## **Treasurer's Report** (Kathy Petroni)

Current balance is \$5417.00. Date on report to be corrected from 6/2/14 to 7/21/14.

MOTION: Abbott/Barton to approve Treasurer's Report with changes. Passed Unanimously

## **Committee Reports**

### **2014 Supported Entry** (Marijo Nootz & Janet Olson)

Marijo Nootz will send a note to those who sponsored trophies concerning payment of sponsorship.

Darlene Knapp suggested a possible room for the meeting by the obedience area, Barn, or under pop ups,

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

but would not know what may be available until the show began. Decision was made that that the "Meeting will begin One Hour following the completion of the Flat-Coated Retrievers. Location to be determined. Ask board member for more information."

Also we are going to try to hold some grooming space so look for the MWFRC Banner.

## **2015 Supported Entry** (Mary Ann Abbott)

Mary Ann Abbott reported that Helen Szostak would be judging Sweeps and Charlotte McGowan would be selected to judge regular and non-regular classes.

## **WC/X** (Adele Yunck)

No Report

## **Nominations** (Mary Ann Abbott)

Mary Ann Abbott reported that Cheryl Ertelt has agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee as well as the Board of Directors. Suggestion of Jill Griffet was enthusiastically received. She will be contacted.

## **Membership (Diane Constable)**

Diane Constable reported that she sent out emails to former members.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

Kate Barton reported that the 2015 Specialty Committee is looking for people to be in charge of the Hotel grounds. She was wondering if as a club we could take on one of the hotels. She is going to talk to Cheryl Kistner about this idea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED ON August 18, 2014 AT 9:00 P.M.**  
**PLEASE ENCOURAGE ANYONE TO JOIN THE CONFERENCE CALL.**

## **Free Conference Call**

Conference Dial-in Number: 7124321500

Participant Access Code: 334084#

When prompted enter the access code that has been assigned, followed by the # key. Once connected to the conference, you will be able to talk and have access to the touch tone commands listed below.



# MWFCRC AWARD APPLICATION

## *MWFCRC Award Information and Application*

The main purpose of the Midwest Waterways Flat-Coated Retriever Club is to educate and encourage members to participate in activities that promote our breed. Each club member will have different goals for themselves and their dogs but achievements deserve special recognition. The awards committee created a unique acknowledgement for members who complete the requirements for each accomplishment. The awards are attainable for all levels of participation including new members as well as novice and seasoned competitors. The awards are as follows:

**New Horizons** – for those members who title their dog in a venue that is new to the owner/handler. The title is to include any title presented by any governing body including Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Therapy Dog International (TDI- with 20 hours of visitations in a 6 month period). The intent of this award is to offer recognition to those who try something new with their dog. The award will be a wine-type bottle full of dog treats and with a label reflecting the accomplishment.

**Golden Whistle** – for the first advanced field title earned by a member to include SH and HR (UKC) and including advanced titles earned immediately following the inception of this award. The award is to encourage and recognize those members who are doing what our dogs are bred to do: hunt and retrieve. The award will be a gold-colored whistle presented in a velvet lined wooden box with the achievement reflected in the lid of the box. The award will be presented to owner/handlers or amateurs handling someone else’s dog but not to professional handlers handling a dog he/she has trained professionally for another person.

**MWFCRC Enthusiasm Award** – awarded to any member who attends all club sponsored events during the year including but not limited to any supported entries, seminars, field days and WC/WCX. The award shall be a fleece throw blanket with an embroidered MWFCRC logo. This award can be earned only once per member.

**WC/WCX Award** - duck bands awarded to any member passing a WC/WCX test regardless of the host club.

Awards for the previous year will be presented at the current year’s annual meeting. No awards will be mailed. Please fill out the form below for each award.



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Name

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Address

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Phone

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Email:

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Dog’s registered name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dog’s call name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title earned

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date title earned

Award being applied for (circle one):

New Horizons

Golden Whistle

MWFCRC Enthusiasm Award

WC / WCX Award

Send completed form with proof of title earned to:

Sherry Augustine

3330 Banyan St. NW

Massillon, OH 44646

Ph. 330-837-3850 or email info/photos to [blackgem@sssnet.com](mailto:blackgem@sssnet.com)