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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 FCRSA National Specialty Albany, OR **May 31 - June 7, 2014**
<http://flatcoat2014.us/>

Michigan Dog Sporting Association Sporting Group Show **Friday, July 4, 2014**

The Michigan Dog Sporting Association will be holding its second annual Sporting Group conformation show at the Monroe, Michigan Fairgrounds on Friday July 4th. This will be in conjunction with the Ann Arbor Kennel Club Shows July 5th and 6th.

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 3rd 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. We are looking forward to getting together for the annual meeting that evening!

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.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST



The following article was taken from Paw Prints, January 2004 issue written by Jeff Swedran:

BUMPERS – IS THERE A RIGHT ONE?

Are you getting ready to start field training or are you planning on restocking your missing or damaged bumpers? Are you perusing the dog catalogs or window-shopping at your local dog supply store for replacements? Lots to choose from. Small ones, large ones, colored ones, plastic ones and canvas ones. Still confused? Excerpts from THE RETRIEVER JOURNAL article by Butch Goodwin may help you with your final selection.

Butch points out that for the value, plastic bumpers are the best buy. The major advantage of plastic bumpers is their availability in assorted colors. White is the most popular color for training while orange is used for handling experienced dogs to blind retrieves. Plastic bumpers come in two sizes, 2”x12” and 3”x12” (there may be an inch or so difference in the length or diameter, depending on the manufacturer). Cleaning is a snap by just hosing bumpers off after a training session. The large white bumpers are excellent for teaching basic lining and handling as the dog can immediately see the bumpers when cast to the pile.

Another advantage of plastic bumpers is that they have significant weight behind them so they will land in your target area and are least affected by light breezes. You will need a bunch of bumpers to start with so you may as well look for a deal where you can start off with at least a dozen.

The downside of plastic bumpers can be inconsistency in how firm or how soft they are, even from the same order from the company. This results in varied weights of each bumper, which leads to inconsistent throws. Dogs tend to squeeze or roll the softer ones, especially on long water retrieves. If the bumper develops cracks, it tends to “breathe”, encouraging the dog to squeeze or roll the bumper on retrieve.

Canvas bumpers have their advantage in field training. They feel much more comfortable in a dog’s mouth on the retrieve. Also, canvas holds its own shape and consistency in cold weather where plastic bumpers tend to get hard. Canvas bumpers hold scent better. All the better when training in the snow or in tall grass where the dog has to use his nose. A major disadvantage to canvas is that when it gets dirty, you can never really clean it up. Canvas bumpers are also lighter than plastic ones, which will affect the distance that it is thrown. Wind also has a greater effect on the canvas ones.

As you can see from the article, both canvas and plastic have their advantages. A good mix of small and large plastic bumpers and a few canvas ones are probably a good mix when selecting training equipment but don’t forget the most important secret from the pro trainers. Birds. Live birds, dead birds. Ducks, pigeons, chukkers. Dead birds can be wrapped in newspaper after they are dry and stored in plastic bags and placed in the freezer for future use.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings everyone. It appears spring is really trying to break through last season's winter vortex. We are just days away from our WC/X being held in Albion, Indiana. It should be an enjoyable day spent with our dogs and fellow dog people. The judges are sure to provide us with a lovely test, and the grounds are beautiful.

The MWFCRC Board of Directors has been meeting regularly via a conference call, and this format is allowing us to get things done! I encourage any of you who are interested to dial in and contribute your thoughts, or just listen in. They last 1 hour. The next call is June 2nd at 9PM EST.

Tick season is upon us – be careful and check both yourself and your dogs. ICK!

I look forward to seeing you here and there this summer, and hope that together, we can socialize with each other, learn from each other, and come up with some great ideas for the MWFCRC to do!

Also, you won't want to miss Labor Day weekend in Lexington, KY. Our 2014 Supported Entry committee is hard at work planning some fun for us all. We think there will be a good turnout, including opportunities for majors, socializing, and SHOPPING! ☺

See you around,
Kate Barton

WC/WCX QUALIFIERS

The following teams passed the Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent Test held on Saturday, May 10th, 2014 at Grassy Creek Kennels in Albion, Indiana hosted by the Midwest Waterways Flat-Coated Retriever Club:

WCX Qualifiers:

1. CH HR Fireside Center Line UD JH RE WCX "Dash" handled by Deanna German
2. CH SHR UCD Fireside LOL Always BN GN CD SH RA WCX "Lola" handled by Kate Barton
3. Coastalight Primetime CD BN GN RD SH WCX "Sonic" handled by Adele Yunck
4. Kistryl I Spy BN RN SH WCX "Little" handled by Adele Yunck

WC Qualifiers:

1. CH SHR UCD Fireside LOL Always BN GN CD SH RA "Lola" handled by Kate Barton
2. CH Blackgem Bostons Private Eye CDX GN RE WC "Spencer" handled by Sherry Augustine

Many thanks go out to our judges, Ed Zawodny and Pete Zimmerman, our test co-chairs, Adele Yunck and Kate Barton, our test secretary, Mike Nootz, our gunners and bird throwers, Kathy Dullaghan and Harry Ellis. We could not have held this test without your help! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

♡ BRAGS ♡

From Kathy Petroni:

MACH Bertschire Ultimate Guy CD OF and Kathy Petroni recently competed at the 2014 AKC Agility Nationals. Guy ran clean and the team finished in the 12th percentile of the 24 inch class.

From Adele Yunck:

Adele Yunck and Sonic **Coastalight Primetime CD BN GN RE SH WCX** finished Sonic's CD in February, and the following weekend, had an amazing trip to the Strawberry Cluster in Lakeland, Florida, earning 1st place in Novice B and High in Trial in all 4 trials, plus Reserve Winners Bitch in conformation on the last two days. The 9 days of field work that followed was the best prize of all. It was a fabulous break from the Polar Vortex enveloping the north. We showed 17 times in Novice B, earning four HiTs, seven 1st places, eight 2nd places, and one 4th place.

From Shannon Kiley:

"Reagan" **GCH Pemberly Whistle While U Work SH RN BN WC** finished her Grand Championship in 4 months with 5 majors. She has owner handled to all her titles. Her father, 10 year old "Keaton" **CH HRCH UH Pemberly's Go the Distance CDX MH RE WCX** handled by "mom" won the Indiana Rough Grouse Society's Flushing Dog Division Fun Hunt in March in Muncie, Indiana.

From Diane and Jerry Constable/Oakwood Kennels:

Oakwood's Depth of Field "Nikon" debuted in the show ring at the tender age of 6 months/8 days at the Progressive KC Dog shows at Birch Run Michigan April 26-27. She had a wonderful time, entertaining spectators because she wanted to carry around her ringside grooming brush. We had some very nice judges, including a former FCR breeder. Sunday, not only did Nikon win 'Best FCR Puppy' but went on to achieve a Group 4 in Puppy Group!

From Sherry Augustine:

CH Blackgem Bostons Private Eye CDX GN RE "Spencer" earned his third leg in Open A to get that elusive CDX at the Cleveland All Breed Training Club obedience trial held March 8th and 9th. Finally, no more sits and on to Utility we go! "Bode" **Exotic Black Diamond** took Best of Breed at the Medina Kennel Club Show in Columbus on Saturday, April 19th for the first point towards his CH at the age of 11 months.

From Marijo Nootz:

Endeavor Cornhusker In the Deed the Glory "Lincoln" - took Winner's Dog and Best of Breed at the Fort St. Clair Show on Sunday, April 27th. This gives him 8 points including a 4 point major.



MORE BRAGS



From Janet Olson:

CH Blackflat Eastcapade on Canvas “Paynter” finished his CH at Louisville on 3/15/14 with his 4th major, all from the BBE class. He then went Select Dog on 3/16/14 to get his 1st major towards his Grand CH. Paynter is a beautiful boy and a real sweetheart. We’re looking forward to having a lot of fun with him!

GCH Alidar Effervescing “Arlington” has been burning up the agility courses. She now has 5 QQ’s and over 300 points towards her PACH, and the two of us are having a blast.....and keeping in shape!

From Deanna German:

Cal is a new GCH! He earned the final point needed for his Grand Champion title on March 8, 2014 in Auburn, Indiana. Cal finished easily, with 4 majors and many than needed competition wins over specials (all of which were professionally handled). Cal is now ***GCH* CH Gamekeeper's Iron Man RA JH WCX** and is completely amateur owner trained and handled by his owners, Ed Zawodny and Deanna German.

Also, Kate, Cathy Martin, Kim Holmes and I with our all Flat-Coat team had a blast showing in Team Rally at TKC on Feb.2, 2014, earning a second place based on time. We looked good! And our dog's had a blast too.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING

MWFCRC members have a wonderful opportunity to participate in a Conformation Judges Education Weekend!

This is YOUR opportunity to help educate breed judges on the conformational nuances of our wonderful breed. The Michigan Dog Sporting Association will be holding their well-received annual Judge’s Education Weekend, and Flat Coated Retrievers will be participating on Sunday June 22.

For those of you not familiar with the venue, each represented Sporting Dog breed will have its own ‘ring’. Judges pre-register for up to 4 breeds to study each day. Judges will visit their selected breeds to learn of their history and breed standard from the participants and their dogs. The participants will ‘show’ their dogs for the judges who will go over each dog to learn proper structure, faults to watch for in the breed, and to discuss the functionality of each breed. It is a very informative, relaxed setting for both Judges and Exhibitors. During the lunch period, the judges have an opportunity to observe the dogs’ working aspects with field demos on land and water.

Location for this event is Fish Lake Unit off of Oakwood Road [Ortonville Recreation Area](#) 5779 Hadley Road, Ortonville Michigan 48462.

If you are interested in participating, and/or would like further information, please contact Diane Constable at oakwoodfcr@gmail.com or call at 734-735-7544.

PHOTO GALLERY



Top and Bottom: Diane Constable's Nikon and Kelsii showing off their retrieving skills!
Left: Nikon with her Puppy Group 4 Ribbon!



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MIDWEST WATERWAYS FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB MINUTES March 24, 2014

Telephone conference meeting called to order at 9:00 P.M.

In attendance: Kate Barton, President; Sherry Augustine, Vice President; Kathy Petroni, Treasurer; Mary Ann Abbott, Secretary; Adele Yunck, Field Liaison; Diane Constable, Membership; Marijo Nootz, 2014 SE Co-Chair.

Reports

2014 Supported Entry (Marijo Nootz)

Information has been submitted to LKC, Onofrio. Committee has requested a 10:30 Sweepstakes Ring time. No conformation of that time yet. The committee is suggesting an educational seminar by Christina Colgate DVM following the Annual Meeting about food, vaccinations and immune systems. They would like to offer this as a free seminar and perhaps open it up to the LKC to help insure a larger audience. There was discussion about the possibility of applying for a Grant from the FCRSA Educational Grant Program to cover the cost of the \$300 room rental. Marijo and Janet to discuss and come up with a budget and description of the speaker/program to submit to the FCRSA Board.

Minutes (Mary Ann Abbott)

MOTION: Petroni/Constable to approve minutes of 2/24/14.

Passed Unanimously.

Report of the President (Kate Barton)

Kate would just like to thank everyone for their participation.

Membership (Diane Constable)

We have two new members that bring our current totals up to 26 members. Diane has identified 50 FCRSA members within our region and she will compose a letter informing them of events being planned by MWFCRC and encouraging them to join.

Treasurer (Kathy Petroni)

Kathy submitted a Treasurer's Report (attached at the end of these minutes). Our current balance is \$5888.00.

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

Passed Unanimously

501(c) 7 (Mary Ann Abbott)

The application for reinstatement of the 501(c) 7 status has been completed and sent to Kate Barton for review and mailing. It may be a few months before we hear anything from the IRS.

Newsletter (Sherry Augustine)

The next newsletter deadline is April 30th. Sherry hopes to get it out the first week of May. She will be sending an email to the membership encouraging them to get bags and other information in before the deadline.

Awards (Sherry Augustine)

Sherry is going to put an Awards information and application in the next newsletter.

FCRSA Education Grant (Kate Barton)

Discussed under 2014 SE

Annual Audit (Kate Barton)

Discussion occurred about the requirements of review under the by-laws and the dynamics of getting this planned out. Kathy Petroni willing to submit statements and perhaps it can be reviewed at the annual meeting.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

WC/X (Adele Yunck)

Pete Zimmerman/Ed Zawodny will be our judges at the WC/X. A later start time is planned so that they can just drive over in the morning. Test Application is being submitted to Leslie Phillips and the Insurance Application to Chris VanByssum.

2015 Supported Entry (Mary Ann Abbott)

Nothing to report at this time.

Nominations (Mary Ann Abbott)

Discussion that the current board may be willing to continue on in their positions for another term as we continue to get our feet back on the ground. Members of a nominating committee should be considered. Voting could take place at the annual meeting or we have done an e-mail vote in the past.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

No new Business.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON April 28, 2014 AT 9:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Abbott, Recording Secretary



MIDWEST WATERWAYS FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB MINUTES April 28, 2014

Meeting called to order at 9:07 p.m.

Present: Diane Constable, Membership Secretary; Kathy Petroni, Treasurer; Kate Barton, President; Adele Yunck, Field Liaison; Sherry Augustine, Vice President; Mary Ann Abbott, Secretary

Minutes from previous meeting

MOTION: Petroni/Constable to approve minutes from March 24, 2014 as emailed.

PASSED UNAN

Secretary Report (Mary Ann Abbott)

No correspondence.

IRS notification on processing 501 (c) 7 reinstatement letter was mailed to Diane Constable as Resident Agent stating that they are processing our Reinstatement application.

Membership (Diane Constable)

Diane reported that she has received two new memberships and two renewals this month. She is going to send an invitation to FCRSA members in our region to join. She will also submit an updated membership listing. Currently there are 42 members.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

Treasurer's Report (Kathy Petroni)

Current balance is \$5,922.00. Paperwork is completed so that either the President or the Treasurer can write checks on the account.

MOTION: Abbott/Barton to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Newsletter (Sherry Augustine)

Sherry encourages everyone to get his or her brags and information to her, as she will be preparing the next newsletter. She will hold the publication until after the WC/X so that she can have the results. There was discussion on putting the newsletter on the website. It was decided that once the current newsletter has been sent –the last newsletter will be posted on the website.

Awards (Sherry Augustine)

Sherry is also encouraging people to get their award information to her. She will be including a copy of the Awards application with the newsletter.

Supported Entry 2014 (Janet Olson/Marijo Nootz)

No report. However there was an email that they may not be able to get the speaker they hoped for. The Grant Application is currently on hold.

WC/X (Adele Yunck)

Final checklist was the topic of discussion. There are 4 WCX entries and 2 WC at the moment. Entries close on April 30th.

New Business

Diane Constable reported on two upcoming events:

The Michigan Dog Sporting Association will be holding their well-received annual Judge's Education Weekend, and Flat Coated Retrieves will be participating on Sunday June 22.

The Michigan Dog Sporting Association will be holding its second annual Sporting Group conformation show at the Monroe, Michigan Fairgrounds on Friday July 4th. This will be in conjunction with the Ann Arbor Kennel Club Shows July 5th and 6th.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED ON JUNE 2, 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.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Abbott, Recording Secretary

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.



Name

Address

Phone

Email:

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