

The Live Flyer



The Newsletter of the Great Western Flat-Coated Retriever Club

February 2004 Edition

Upcoming Events

- Feb 21 - Supported Show & General Meeting
- Feb 28 - Board Meeting and Hunt Test Planning
- April 3-4 AKC Hunt Tests
- May 29 - Supported Show, Sweepstakes and General Meeting

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1/4	\$2.50	\$3.75
1/2	\$5.00	\$7.50
Full	\$10.00	\$15.00



President's Message

Ed Ferner, GWFCRC President - February 2004

Exciting times ahead! Our big supported entry at the Silver Bay all breed show in Del Mar is this month. There is going to be a great turnout, so be sure and make this one. We will also be having a club General Meeting after the Flat-Coats show.

Also just around the corner is our club's Hunt Test which will be the weekend of April 3rd and 4th. Just 8 more weekends to train. Be sure and read the "Interview with the Catledges" in this issue. The Catledges are coming out from Tennessee to be judges at our Hunt Test. They are very qualified judges who have accomplished a lot with their own much-loved Flat-Coats. We thought you might enjoy getting a sneak-peek into who they are, so that when you get a chance to meet and talk with them at the Hunt Test that they can seem like old friends already. So don't forget to read the interview.

I had a "first-time" this last month that was an accomplishment for me, in that at least I got out there and tried. I ran my Howie in his, and my, first derby. The derby was held out by the Salton Sea in the Imperial Valley and was put on by the San Diego Retriever and Field Trial Club. I guess I can say that we made it through the first series, which was fortunately a pretty straight-forward single retrieve. The gnarly converging double in the second series ate us up. Still had a good time though. Made the long drive out with new club member and old friend, Scott Creamer, who brought his new FCR pup along for the ride. I had a lot of people come up to me and say that they appreciated the fact that I had my Flat-Coat entered and sincerely



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wished me luck. They commented on the fact that Flat-Coats are a rare sight at field trials. This particular Derby had 25 dogs entered, 23 Labradors, 1 Chesapeake, and Howie. I can't say that I am a field trial convert, my focus is still on the Hunt Test program, but I've still got 4 months before Howie turns 2 (the age limit for a Derby Dog). Maybe we'll take a crack at the Derby that's going to be held at Prado in May.



See you ringside at Silver Bay,
Ed

AKC HUNT TESTS, APRIL 3RD AND 4TH



We need poppers, throwers, marshalls, gunners, and people to make lunches



This is a great opportunity to not only learn more about retrievers but to help the club raise money!



Contact Ed at (760)
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NEW KIDS IN TOWN

By Aaron Harwick

In November 2003 we were blessed with a new arrival to our family. He was short, black and furry, he was *Sanderling Asher*. "Asher" was one of ten puppies born to *Ch Woodland Petersfield Jericho CD SH WCX* "Jericho" and *Ch Sanderling Love Never Fails JH WC*, "Constance", both owned and loved by Ed and Candy Ferner.



We were only eight months into our recent Golden Retriever puppy purchase when Candy approached us and asked if we were interested in a new puppy. My first thought was "No Way", we were just finishing breaking one in. Michelle was not so quick to say no. Michelle was, as she always is, excited about the prospect of owning another dog to show. We thought about it and talked about it and finally agreed to consider it. The day finally came when Ed and Candy invited us over to see the litter. They were ten of the cutest little fur balls we had ever seen. We petted them and played with them and Michelle and Candy did their best to "stack" their little uncooperative bodies. They were talking eyes, legs, feet, noses and tails and I had been reduced to shuttling puppies between the backyard and their pen. Not all together bad duty to pull if I say so myself. After several more visits and lots more

talk about strength of muzzle and sets of tails we had come to an agreement and before we knew it we were owners again.

Michelle has been raising, showing and participating in Flat-Coat litters for a long time. She was introduced to the Flat-Coated Retriever by the late Sarah Messick. Sarah saw something in young Michelle that she wanted to nourish into a full blown love of the Flat-Coated Retriever and she did just that. Sarah asked twelve year old Michelle if she wanted to co-own "Ducky", *Ch Folly's That's Just Ducky CD JH WC*. Michelle jumped at the chance and with a shuffle of paperwork it was done. Michelle helped show Ducky to her championship and competed with her in Junior Showmanship. Ducky was Asher's Great Grandmother. When Ducky had her first litter of pups Sarah sold Michelle *MEX/AMER/CAN CH. Folly's Energy in Motion*, "Flyer", for the steep price of \$1.00. It doesn't seem like a lot but with allowances the way they were back then it probably took weeks to save up that kind of money. Flyer was Asher's Great Uncle.

When Sarah passed away we were honored that Tracy Kerns (Sarah's niece) asked us if we would take the then one year old *Ch. Folly's Legal Alien*, "Cozy", to live with us. We accepted Cozy into our household knowing that having her would be a constant reminder of everything that Sarah did for Michelle and for the Flat-Coat breed. Cozy is Constance's sister and Asher's Aunt.

Between Michelle and me, our daughter Nichole, our Golden Re-

triever Tonka, Cozy and now Asher we have a full house and full life. If we are not spending our time at a dog show we are spending it at Prado dog park training. We are constantly throwing balls and bumpers, playing tug or fighting over bed space. We are always having to explain to friends why we would drive 4 hours each way to a dog show for only a ribbon or why we have dead birds in the freezer or that a bumper is not that chrome thing on the back of your car. But we would not have it any other way.



Asher has fit into our family perfectly. We love him because he looks great and Michelle is excited about showing him in the conformation ring. We love him because it looks like he is going to love field work. We love him because he likes to snuggle on the couch. We love him because he reminds us of Sarah.



UPCOMING LOCAL SHOWS

Date	Show	Breed Judge	Group Judge	Closes
February 21 Saturday	Silver Bay Kennel Club Del Mar, CA	Mrs. R. Thomas FCRSA	Mr. N. Moore	Feb. 4 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
February 22 Sunday	Silver Bay Kennel Club Del Mar, CA	Mr. N. Moore	Dr. R.I. Spritzer	Feb. 4 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
February 27 Friday	Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Scottsdale, AZ	Mr. E. Blake	Dr. J. Engel	Feb. 9 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
February 28 Saturday	Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Scottsdale, AZ	Mr. E. Bergishagen	Mr. E. Bergishagen	Feb. 9 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
February 29 Sunday	Superstition Kennel Club Scottsdale, AZ	Mr. D. M. Booxbaum	Mr. J.R. Cole	Feb. 9 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
March 1 Monday	Superstition Kennel Club Scottsdale, AZ	Mrs. J.G. Kay	Mr. D. M. Booxbaum	Feb. 9 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
March 6 Saturday	Lost Dutchman Kennel Club Queen Creek, AZ	Miss M.A. Schwartz	Miss M.A. Schwartz	Feb 18 (\$20.00) Onofrio
March 7 Sunday	Lost Dutchman Kennel Club Queen Creek, AZ	Mrs. D.J. Buxton	Mrs. J. Webb	Feb 18 (\$20.00) Onofrio
March 6 Saturday	Apple Valley Kennel Club Victorville, CA	Dr. Dale D. Simmons	Mrs. Rosalie Anderson	Feb. 18 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
March 7 Sunday	Apple Valley Kennel Club Victorville, CA	Mr. Carl J. Anderson	Mr. Simmons	Feb. 18 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
March 13 Saturday	Coso Dog Fanciers of CA Ridgecrest, CA	Mrs. Linda Riedel	Mrs. George John Wanner, Sr	Feb. 25 (\$22.00) Bradshaw
March 14 Sunday	Coso Dog Fanciers of CA Ridgecrest, CA	Mrs. Judy Webb	Mrs Riedel	Feb. 25 (\$22.00) Bradshaw
March 27 Saturday	Kern County Kennel Club Bakersfield, CA	Mrs. B.F. Fox	Mr. E.M Gilbert, Jr	Mar. 10 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
March 28 Sunday	Kern County Kennel Club Bakersfield, CA	B. DiDonato	Lt. Col C. W. Ruppert	Mar. 10 (\$23.00) Bradshaw
April 24 Saturday	Lake Matthews Kennel Club Chino, CA	Mrs. A. Katona SFCWBP	Mrs. L.K. Davis	Apr. 7 (\$23.00) Bradshaw

SFWBP - Some FCR's will be entered, Majors Possible FCRSA - Trophy Supported Entry

Point Schedule for California effective May 13, 2003: **1 pt** 2 dogs/2 bitches **2 pts** 4 dogs/5 bitches
3 pt major 5 dogs/ 7 bitches **4 pt major** 7 dogs/9 bitches **5 pt major** 10 dogs/12 bitches

Class K9 List

This is a list of some of the dogs & bitches currently working on their championship. Please contact the editor to update this list.

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Gabby (Schneider)	SidekickFlats@Sbcglobal.net
Seeker (Hanover/Jensen)	Nhanover@aol.com
Joy (Goodwin)	doggone1@mindspring.com



AN INTERVIEW WITH SHERIE CATLEDGE

Editor's Note: Clint and Sherie Catledge of Tennessee will be judging our GWFCRC Hunt tests on April 3rd and 4th. We thought you'd enjoy reading about Clint and Sherie and their Flat-Coats.

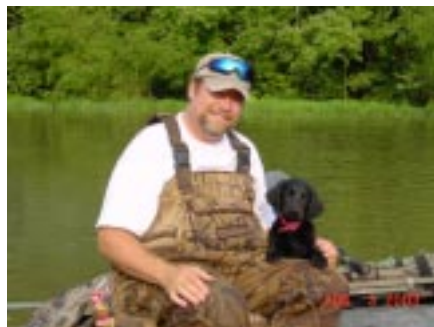
We are looking forward to having you judge at our upcoming Hunt Tests. Every year we try to bring at least one judge who own Flat-Coats. When and how did you and Clint first discover Flat-Coats? Who are your current dogs? What has been your favorite achievement with a Flat-Coat?

Clint and I both started showing Golden Retrievers in conformation and obedience. I actually managed to show my friend's golden to Winner's Dog at a Golden Retriever Club of Amer-



Renaissance Tropical Storm CD MH WCX (Windy) owned & trained by the Catledges

ica National Specialty despite a severe case of nerves. One of my golden friends, Patty Kennedy Pace, got into FCR and offered to co-own one with me. I was intrigued that the breed was the predecessor to the golden and I



Clint Catledge with Jayda, Paradise Bear Country Ms Savvy

thought they were beautiful. To make a very long story short, *Ch Sandpiper's Lickerish Stix CDX JH WC* (Rodney) was my first success story. Went to the Garden with him twice and he was ranked #3 in the country at one point in time.

We currently are owned by two adult FCR and several of their kids (including my favorite liver bitch, *Bear Country's Peppermint Pate'*): *Renaissance Tropical Storm CD MH WCX* (Windy) and *Ch Hardscrabble Feather Fetch'r MH WCX* (Jamie). Heather Stewart also graced us with a Ping x Kosmos baby this winter named *Wynflat's Titan On A Rolle* (Samari).

I guess my favorite achievement would have to be the high I felt when Windy got her Master title. Clint and I both cried actually.



Sherie and Jamie, Ch Hardscrabble Feather Fetch'r MH WCX

But, though Windy was the first one to take us to this next level, Jamie was completely owner trained and trialed, so in many ways we consider him our greatest accomplishment. Also, when Rodney was shown in the group ring against some of the nicest dogs in the country, to see him turned on and flying was a sight to behold. If we knew then what we know now, he really could have done well in the field work as he was such a natural. I do have him collected though and he will be bred to just the right bitch sometime in the near future.

You are known for working your FCR's to advanced hunt titles and competing in Field Trials. How did you become interested in field work?

I was the President of the Everglades Golden Retriever Club in Florida when a new "hunt test" club was formed, the South Florida Retriever Club. We were trying to encourage our club members (comprised of mostly

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conformation people) to get out and see what their fluff balls



Jamie, Ch Hardscrabble Feather Fetch'r CD MH WCX

would do. I have pictures of myself holding ducks by the beak (as in yucky). My golden Champion, (who was 110 lbs at the time), was my first experiment. Clint and I were founding members of that club and became very active in the hunt test program during the early years.

With our foundation in the obedience ring (earned several CDX and Utility titles and Clint was involved in Tracking for awhile), it seemed like an easy transition from a training standpoint. Repetition and positive reinforcement; be able to take steps backwards in order to move forwards, etc.

Here in Southern California many of us travel over an hour to get to an area where we can train. How far do you have to travel for training and tests in Tennessee? How frequently do you train?

Clint and I live on 40 acres an hour north of Nashville. We both travel over an hour to work and our club's test grounds are at least an hour away. We do have access

to some nice fields and ponds by the house that we use for training as well. I am President of the Middle TN Amateur Retriever Club here in Nashville and we hold two AKC Hunt Test and two AKC Field Trials each year. We also travel to several other loca-



Ch Twin Oaks Spring Fever MH WCX***

tions during the season within TN as well as the surrounding states. But, I have to say that it is much better than the grounds we had access to in Florida, as we had to always check out the water for gators. And, geesh, we would have to travel 8 hours just to get out of the state. Sound familiar?

Clint is the main trainer in the family as his schedule is more accommodating for daylight hours (he is an Air Traffic Controller at the Nashville airport). He has attended the Mike Lardy Basic Workshop as an observer and was able to take Jamie to the Advanced Workshop this past summer as a participant. He follows Mike's program pretty in-

tensely, but likes the Dobbs method of force fetching which goes a bit slower. Now that duck season is officially over, he will again be back into the training mode (as much as we can due to winter weather conditions). Our club is hosting a Jim Van Engen workshop this spring, and I am hoping to get some of the youngsters out for that.

How did you come up with your kennel name, Bear Country? How many litters have you bred?

The Bear County kennel name came as a result of having our first litter of golden puppies. As you all know, there is nothing cuter and furrer than a golden puppy at six or eight weeks. We have bred several golden litters in the past and have bred four litters of FCR; two out of Windy and two out of Fever. Both of these bitches were bred at 8 years old as we were just having too much fun testing and trialing, and finally realized we better do something or we would run out of



Clint and Mac

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FANTASTIC FLAT-COAT FEATS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Barb Armstrong and Breaker (Estrella's Nautical Memories JH) for qualifying at the HAHRA Hunt tests at the end of November. Started legs 1 and 2 were earned under judges, John Brunjes, Brent Bouldin, Dale Harmeyer and Karen Foster.

Barb Anderson and Splash (Tag Along to Model Creek CGC) for going Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners at the Palm Springs Saturday show under Charles Trotter.

Lance Kruse and Mickey (Folly's Moving Violation *CD*) two first places in Novice B, with scores of 199.0 & 198.5 at the Palm Springs shows. At the Orange Empire shows he again won his classes and went High in Trial with a score of 199.

Tracy Tennison and Magic (Shasta Belstar Magic Happens) [Tennison/Trotter] for getting his first points by

going Winner's Dog at the Sunday Palm Springs show under judge Patricia Trotter.

Neal Goodwin and Joy (Quillquest Jubilant Joyride) for taking Winners Bitch/Best of Winners at the January 4th KC of Palm Springs show. This was Joy's fourth show where she had competition, and from the Puppy Classes she has 3 Winners and 1 Reserve (and Best Flat-Coat puppy the day she took the Reserve).

Debbie Brooks with Jordan and Emma (Ch Hardscrabble Hoop Dreams and Ch Hardscrabble Hurricane Emma) Emma got her 16th double Q at the Amarillo Obedience Training Club trial on Jan 3 and more recently Jordie picked up some more MACH points with a 4th in jumpers the first day and a second in standard the second - not bad for an 8 year dog! So nice not to have to worry about getting those darn double Q's with her anymore.

Debra Field and Cherry (Goodtime Cherry Hill Park) for going Winner's Bitch both days at the Orange Empire Dog shows on January 24th and 25th.

Teresa Rodney and Jazz (Ch Folly's Jazzin' It Up CD *JH* MX MXJ WC) for being the number one Flat-Coat in Agility MACH competition for 2003 according to the American Kennel Club

Louise Meyer and Hannah (Ch. Shannara's Balinor Buckhannah UD SH OA WCX HOF) for passing a rigorous examination for the Delta Society to qualify as a service dog. Hannah (accompanied by Louise) is now volunteering in a Tucson public school as a Reading Education Assistance Dog (a program popularly known as "Reading to Rover"). Hannah, who turned ten years old last November, has a real talent for her work and the kids love her. The whole idea is that reading to a dog is less stressful for children that are having a hard time.



**DON'T FORGET TO SEND
YOUR BRAGS TO THE EDITOR AT
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CARDS AND LETTERS WORK TOO!**

The Great Western Flat-Coated Retriever Club is proud to have six dogs listed in the American Kennel Club's Top 24 for Agility dogs in MACH Competition.
Congratulations to the following dog/handler teams.

1. Ch Folly's Jazzin It Up CD JH MX MXJ owner/handler Teresa Rodney 737 pts and 7 Dbl Q's
7. Ch Hardscrabble Hurricane Emma CDX SH MX MXJ owner/handler Debbie Brooks 296 pts, 10 DQ
10. Ch Hardscrabble Hoop Dreams UD SH MX MXJ owner/handler Debbie Brooks 261 pts, 11 Dbl Q's
11. Ch TwinOaks Belstar Firecracker CDX SH MX MXJ owner Cynthia Trotter, handler Tracy Tennison 229 points and 4 Dbl Q's
16. Ch Paradise Gambling on Jacks CDX JH AX AXJ owner/handler Laura DeWald 119 pts, 0 Dbl Q's
21. Ch Windfall's Glory Days UD JH MX MXJ owner/handler Laura DeWald 81 pts, 3 Dbl Q's

Note that all the above dogs are not only agility stars, but breed champions. All of them have obedience and field titles as well, most of them advanced. What a remarkable group!

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time. It is a very gratifying experience, but because I put so much time and effort into raising a litter within my own standards, we don't breed that often. We also wait until the dog has reached full maturity so we know if it is truly what we want to reproduce (i.e. temperament, structure, trainability).



Bear Country Little Guy "Cub"

John Goudge's "Allie" as well as our own dearly departed Ch Twin Oaks Spring Fever MH WCX*** It is gratifying to see how many FCR folks are truly trying to keep the retrieving desire and instinct alive, and I am proud that Jamie is part of their breeding program.

Are there any non Flat-Coat members of your family? Do you have other interests besides dogs? (Is that possible?)

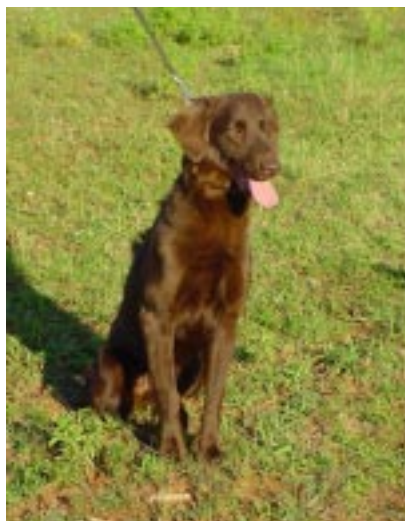
We did get a Labrador retriever out of Lean Mac x Free Trade that was a learning tool for both of us. He had some of his basics already when we got him and we had a lot of incentive to continue his training as he was the product of two National Champions.

Also, it is nice to have a hairless

dog to hunt in those underbrush places that mean I don't have to comb out cockleburrs for an entire afternoon. Mac has qualified and run at two Master National events, one of which I covered for AKC in Oklahoma City.

As if the dogs are not enough, we have four Quarter Horses as well. Clint told me when we lived in Florida that when we got someplace that I did not have to pay someone else to board them, I could fulfill a childhood dream of looking out my window and seeing horses grazing in my pasture. We both have studied a bit of the Pat Parelli method of natural horsemanship and have come to a new understanding and respect for these wonderful animals.

Clint and I both share a passion for duck hunting and his friends tease him that "you must be a red-neck if you buy your wife a shotgun for Christmas". Yep, new Beretta camoed out in the new Advantage Max 4. Now, I just have to buy some accessories to match.....



Bear Country's Peppermint Pate' (Patty), owned and bred by the Catledges

We have been blessed that some of the nicest bitches in the country have been bred to Jamie including the Gevers "Caymen",

Silver Bay Kennel Club Dog Show

Del Mar Fairgrounds - Del Mar, California

Saturday, February 21st

FCRSA Trophy Supported Entry

GWFCRC General Meeting after FCR judging
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AKC TopDogssm
in Agility MACH
Competition for
Retrievers (Flat-
Coated)

**Considering Events Held
Between January 1, 2003
and Ending December 31,
2003**

**But Limited To Events
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Wednesday, December 31,**



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Watch for Teresa
Rodney on Animal Planet!

GWFCRC member Teresa
and her Aussie will be
the first run of the show
that will air on February
8th at 8 p.m. on Animal
Planet. Tune in to watch
Teresa and Smokey at
the AKC Agility Nationals
Finals.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, February 21, 2003
At the Silver Bay Kennel Club
Dog Show in Del Mar, California

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Saturday, February 28, 2003 5:30 pm
At Frank & Adrienne's home in
Ontario, CA