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President's Message

Ed Ferner, GWFCRC President - July 2004

Mission Circuit was once again a great time. Thanks to everyone who helped to make our supported show, BBQ and Club Meeting a great success. The trophies were once again outstanding. They were lovely ceramic bowls painted with a flat-coat silhouette in a colored field background. Thanks for getting the trophies Candy. Our Sweepstakes judge, Deborah Edwards, did a great job judging. She came all the way out from Texas to judge and covered her own costs. Deb also joined us for our BBQ and proved to be an asset to the Girls music trivia team. The guys almost won this year. There was a point at which we had a substantial lead, but then we got a run of obscure songs that we just couldn't come up with. We could have used a few more guys to help us out. Thanks again Neal for doing such a professional job with the game. However, next year don't feel like you need to go further with the costume portion of the game, if you get my drift. The food was awesome this year, every one generously contributed to the potluck and we ended up with a feast. A special thanks to Aaron Harwick for hauling up his BBQ and for doing the cooking with John Sack. I am sure that I have forgotten to thank someone, but I will just say that it was neat to see everyone sharing their X-pens, easy-ups, grooming tools, or whatever was needed with everyone else.



I want to take a minute to honor the achievements of a couple of our club members. On behalf of the club, I would like to congratulate Laura DeWald and Jacki (Ch Paradise Gambling On Jacks CDX SH *MX* *MXJ* WCX *HoF*) who announced at the Mission Circuit that she had completed her MX title on April 18th which got Jacki the final points needed to enter her into the Hall of Fame. Second, I would like to congratulate Debbie Brooks and Jordan (Ch *MACH* Hardscrabble Hoop Dreams UD SH MX MXJ WCX HoF) who recently became a Master Agility Champion. Jordan is only the 3rd Flat-Coat ever to earn a MACH, and the first breed champion. Wow! See the article in the newsletter about Jordan so that you can get the details on what a MACH is so that you can rightly appreciate Debbie and Jordan's achievement.

In June our club hosted a Gonioscopy clinic at the Advanced Veterinary Clinic in Lawndale. The examination performed at the gonioscopy clinic identifies eye defects that indicate the likelihood that a dog will develop glaucoma. There have been a few occurrences of these defects in our breed in the US. According to some, the prevalence of this defect is a little higher in European dogs. We just want to stay on top of this, and the clinic allows us to do that. Dr. Barbara Steele ran the clinic. We had a good turnout. Thanks to Chris Coleman for coordinating the event.

Finally, I want to congratulate Aaron Harwick for putting a Junior Hunter title on his Golden Retriever, Tonka (Dalane-Marado's Sandbox Toy *JH*). This is Aaron's first AKC performance title of any kind. Aaron is now eagerly training his (& Michelle's) Flat-Coat, Asher, for his JH. Way to go Aaron. Make sure you see the rest of the brags in this issue, since there are a lot of other achievements that are worthy of notice.

Our next Club meeting will be held following Flat-Coat judging at the Riverside Kennel Club all-breed show on September 25th. Hope to see many of you there.

Ed

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My First National Specialty

by Kirby Stratton aka Bristol's Clean Em Up NAP

One Saturday morning in early May I was loaded up into the van with lots of other stuff and I took a long car ride with my mom. My favorite part was the stop at McDonald's where I got to have a hamburger! Boy, will my brothers and sisters at home be jealous when I tell them! We arrived at the Holiday Inn in Vallejo late Saturday afternoon. I was super excited to see all the other Flat-Coated Retrievers and all the nice people that they were with. Throughout the trip my mom had to remind me why we were walking around behind the hotel - apparently I was supposed to be going potty, not visiting with everyone. And here I thought it was a social call.

Sunday morning my mom overslept. For the first time in my life I didn't wake her up. I had a hard time getting to sleep the night before in a strange place so I was still tired early the next morning. We headed over to the Solano County Fairgrounds where we got to do Agility. I had a great time as usual. I made my mom very proud when I got my 3rd Leg with a 2nd Placement in the Novice P Standard Class earning me my NAP title. I was pretty cute in my Jumpers run too but I knocked a bar towards the end of the course. My mom seemed real excited about the title and the pretty ribbons. I was more excited about the new gorilla toy my mom gave me. It makes funny noises.

On Monday I hung out in my crate with my new octopus toy (by this time I was getting pretty tired from all the excitement of visiting dogs and people) while my mom watched the Sweepstakes. She loves those Veterans.

Tuesday we competed in Novice A Obedience. The nice lady who raised me from the day I was born, Pam Green, and her friend Chris Karnes, along with my brother, Rush, and my sister, Tali, from Boise, Idaho came to watch my Obedience debut. It didn't start out too well as I decided to track alongside my mom. By the way, my mom hasn't trained me to track; I'm just a natural! I track in Agility competitions too! Anyway, mid way through the Heel On Lead exercise I got with the program and did some heeling the way mom wanted me to. My only big mistake was laying down on the Long Sit exercise. I got bored sitting there and decided it would be more interesting to lie down and sniff the floor. Before the competition my mom told me that as tempting as it was I was not to play with the other dogs in the ring. I was a good girl and didn't do that. My performance wasn't stellar, but my mom was very proud of me regardless. I slept in my crate while my mom went to the Educational Seminar which she enjoyed.

On Wednesday and Thursday I again spent the day at the Fairgrounds, visiting more dogs and more people, and my mom watched the Conformation. This visiting thing really suits me. Wednesday night my mom went to the Annual Meeting and heard Dr. Terri King talk about her studies of cancer in Flat-Coated Retrievers. My mom said her talk was very informative, but it made her kind of sad. Too much cancer in our genes.

We headed home early Friday morning. For some unknown reason we didn't stop at McDonald's this time. I was a little disappointed to say the least. We had a great time at the Specialty and are so glad we had the opportunity to go. Hope you all had a great time too.

PRESENTING THE THIRD FCR MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION, JORDAN!

BY DEBBIE BROOKS
PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BUTLER

To be a MACH (Master Agility Champion) a dog must earn 20 double Qs and earn 750 points. To get a double Q the dog must qualify in both standard and jumpers in Excellent B on the same day with no faults. Points are awarded for every full second the dog is under standard course time. If you win the class, you get double the points. If you are second, you get to multiply the points by 1.5.

Jordie is my first agility dog. My good friend Kay Guetzloff talked me into giving it a try. Needless to say, it has been quite a ride. Jordan had finished her MX and had 7 MXJ legs before they started keeping points and double Qs, so she did not get any points from when she was her youngest and fastest. The first weekend the AKC did start keeping points, she picked up a double Q. Then another one in her next trial. Then I blew out my knee on an agility course. I was out for about a year with surgery and rehab.

I took time away from agility to finish her UD and SH, then went back to agility to get her last elusive MXJ leg. I tried to retire her after finishing her MXJ and did not trial her for about 6 months. But she made it very clear that she really was not ready to retire. About the time we got on a roll again, I had to have an-



other surgery. We got it rolling a third time then Jordan got hurt. Her injury was so unusual that I had to take her to Texas A&M for a diagnosis. She had surgery a week before the Chicago specialty and was laid up all summer. I considered retiring her again, but finished her rehab and she was ready to go.

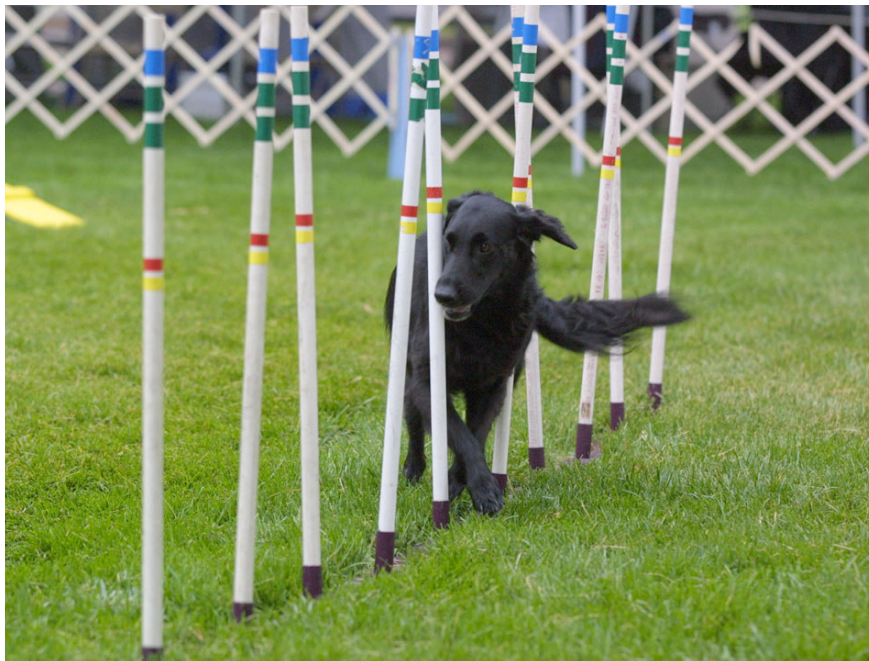
Today is very bittersweet - as excited as I am to finish, it also means the end of an incredible partnership. Jordan is not the most driven dog on the planet, but she is the ultimate team player and she is quite concerned that I approve of her. At 8.5 years, Jordie will now retire. She can continue to swim, and she can do agility at 16" like Boss so she thinks she is getting trained. But I need to focus on my younger dogs and she has more than earned her

retirement. I have promised her that if she wants, she can do novice preferred at the specialty.

We have had some spectacular runs, some absolutely horrible runs, and a bit of everything in between. There were several really good runs she had in which I made a handling error which cost her the run - I would get so frustrated with myself as she was trying so hard and I was not doing my job. She never seemed to notice but I sure did. I had to remind myself how incredibly lucky I was that she was happy and healthy at age 8, let alone still running with the big dogs. A MACH is not for the faint of heart because you can come so very close, but not quite good enough on that day. There are a lot of really fast dogs with plenty of

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points but not consistent enough to get the double Qs, and a lot of steady eddy really slow dogs that have plenty of double Qs but don't get many points. Even this year at 8 years of age, Jordie was placing with a few wins. Besides the run that finished her today, the highlight of the spring would be her winning both standard and jumpers at the specialty for the only double Q and for High In Trial from standard.

During the GWFCRC hunt test, the specialty, and the Mission Circuit, I spoke to a lot of Flat Coat people who want to get into the Hall of Fame or finish a MACH. Having had the incredible good fortune to put three dogs into the Hall of Fame, I would offer some suggestions. If it isn't fun - don't do it! Sometimes we are so busy pushing for a destination that we forget to enjoy the journey. I know some people

who have calculated exactly what titles they need to get for the HOF. The last few points are the hardest (kinda like those last 5 pounds!) - ask the others who have been there. Sometimes pushing the dog harder is the worst thing you can do and you need to take a giant step backwards and reassess your training and your goals. One of the more

surprising questions I was asked this year is why I continued to run Jordie and Emma in agility when they were already in the Hall of Fame! My response was because I enjoy running them and training them. My goal was for them to go as far as I could take them and the HOF was just icing on the cake.

Not all dogs will qualify for the HOF but that doesn't make them any lesser dogs. I count my blessings every night that Jordan and the others are happy and healthy. I am thankful to all my great friends who have been so supportive of the quest for Jordan's MACH - Tracy, Teresa, Lance, Laura, Tonya, and never forgotten Sarah - there is no doubt in my mind that Sarah was smiling down on us today.

So the next time you come up a little short, count your blessings for what you have rather than fret about things you cannot change. There is no doubt in my mind that today I took home the best dogs at the trial.



MISSION CIRCUIT 2004

Going to the Mission Circuit set of dog shows is a club tradition. I don't think hard core club members plan on doing anything else on Memorial weekend except washing their Flat-Coats and getting them to Pomona with the hope of winning those majors.

At least that is how it is for me. Now, since I don't always win at these shows, I like the fact that after our supported entry we have a BBQ/Potluck and Music Trivia Game. Having fun with your friends helps one get over being beaten by them!

This year not only did we have a great BBQ feast prepared by super chef Aaron Harwick, we also got to celebrate Booker's birthday, visit with our new friend Deb Edwards, eat good food, play the Music Trivia game, eat good food and relax after a tough day of grooming and showing dogs. Did I mention there was good food?

A big thanks to Karen Sack for organizing the club parking thing again this year, Aaron Harwick for overseeing the BBQ, and Neal Goodwin for putting together another great Music Trivia Game.

This year Neal out did himself, not only coming up with songs both familiar and unfamiliar to several age groups, but also entertaining us with some alarming costume changes.

Thank you to Deb Edwards who came all the way from Texas to judge our sweeps.

And thanks to Keith and Marianne for taking the pictures and bringing the cakes for both people and pooches.

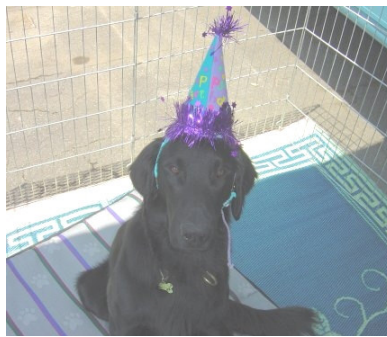
Candy Ferner



Nanci, Karen, Ed, Tanya, Jacki & Laura



Tracy, Kate, Elizabeth, Tanya, & Eric



Booker, the birthday boy



Candy & Tanya



Cynthia, Dave, Laura, Kari, Pam & Deb



Booker's Birthday Cake for Canines



The people cake



Adrienne, Debbie, Elizabeth, & Kate

*Puppy and Veteran Sweeps
Mission Circuit Supported Entry
May 29, 2004*

I just wanted to take an opportunity to thank all the members of the GWFCRC for showing me such a good time. In addition to seeing so many nice Flat-coats I got to meet many people that I have spoken to but never met in person. A special thanks to Keith and Marianne for taking me out to dinner and for all the effort Neal put into the potluck entertainment. It was a pleasure to see competitors having such a good time together.



Candy asked me to write a few words regarding my observations and what I was looking for during the sweeps. First let me state that I was very impressed and thankful for the high quality of the competition that was presented to me. My decisions were difficult and based on minor differences in the dogs. In general on the first go around one gets a good idea regarding reach and drive and balance in the front and rear. As other judges will tell you; a lot of times the dogs that impress you most on the go around ends up in first. When a judge starts to go over the dog the first thing he or she sees is the head and Flat-coats are a head breed so it's hard to get past a bad head. However, I didn't have a bad head and the difference in the heads was not the deciding factor in my selections. I also observed a nice length of back and nice angulation in all of the dogs. During the up and back one can truly see the front and rear in isolation. In general the rears that I observed were great although closeness in the rear figured into one of my final selections. In general the fronts were good as well. However, the fronts are often where my decision was made in classes and also in my other final selection. Overall the quality was better than in other supported entries I have attended; heads, fronts, bone, rears and coat were what I was looking for. I thank you again for allowing me to judge your sweeps and see so many nice dogs.

*Del Edwards
Beachcliff Flat-Coats*

GONIOSCOPY INFO

On June 18th our club held it's second gonioscopy clinic with Dr. Steele. It was encouraging to see how many club members brought their dogs out to be checked. This procedure, which is quick and painless, lets you know if your dog has the potential to develop glaucoma later in life.

In hereditary glaucoma there is a problem with drainage from the anterior chamber of the eye. This condition is called "goniodysgenesis". This can be detected at an early age, before problems develop, through the examination of the eye with a special contact lens which allows the filtration angles to be seen.

There are two reasons to have this procedure done on your dogs.

Studies have shown that goniodysgenesis is highly heritable. If one breeds from a Flat-Coat with no, or very limited goniodysgenesis, then their pups will most likely not suffer from glaucoma. So breeders should be checking their breeding stock.

The other reason is that if you know your dog is likely to develop glaucoma you'll take eye injuries much more seriously than for the average dog.

To learn more about
Glaucoma in Flat-Coats
visit

<http://www.fcrsainc.org/glaucoma.html>

FANTASTIC FLAT-COAT FEATS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Kathy Schneider and Sprout (Bertschires Cool Beans) [Schneider/Holsinger] for going Winner's Bitch on Friday and Sunday of the Mission Circuit for two majors.

Nanci Hanover and Jake (Huntlover's Jumping Star of Bristol) [Hanover/Sizemore] for being selected Best of Winners on Friday and Sunday for two five point majors at the Mission Circuit. Handled by Mike Kurtzner.



Cynthia Trotter and Piper (Applegarth Belstar Highlander) for winning Best Opposite Sex to

Best in Sweepstakes under Deb Edwards at the Supported show on May 29th.



Ed and Candy Ferner and Jericho (Ch Woodland Petersfield Jericho CD SH WCX) for winning Best in Veteran Sweeps under Deb Edwards.

Tracy Kerns and Nala (Ch OTCH Folly's Fairytale Come True UDX JH HoF) [Kruse/Messick] for winning Best Opposite Sex to Best Veteran in Sweeps at the Supported Entry.

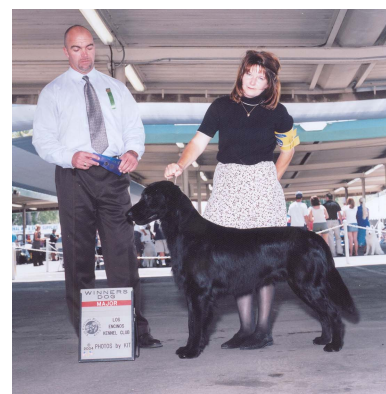


Michelle and Aaron Harwick and Asher (Sanderling Asher) for winning his first points, a five point major, from the 6-9 puppy dog class at the Supported entry under Ann Yuhasz.

Debbie Brooks, Tracy Kerns and Mambo (Folly's Mind Over Matter JH OA AXJ WCX) for going Winner's Bitch/Best of Winners at the Supported Entry under Ann Yu-

hasz for a five point major. She won again on Monday under Donald Sturz for another major. The following weekend in Arizona Mambo went WB both days, acquiring 13 points in two weekends of showing.

Tracy Kerns and Jag (Ch OTCH Folly's Jokes On You UDX) [Kruse, Kerns, Messick] for winning Best Opposite Sex at the Supported Entry under Ann Yuhasz.



Lowell Martindale, Pam Gray and Cowboy (Bristol's Fall Creek Native JH WC) for taking Winner's Dog on Monday of the Mission Circuit for a five point major. Shown by Bonnie DeMille.



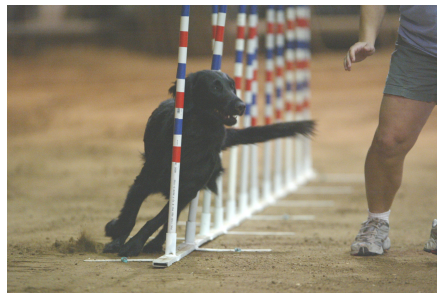
Carrie Ryberg and Foxy (Windsor's Sweet Black Angel) for getting another 2 points at The Bryn Mawr Kennel Club Show under judge Sam Draper. Foxy also went on to win BOW and BOB out of the

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Bred By Exhibitor Class.

Debbie Brooks and Jordan (Ch *MACH* Hardscrabble Hoop Dreams UD SH MX MXJ WCX HoF) for becoming the first **MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION FCR** on the west coast and the first breed champion to finish the title.



Laura DeWald and Jacki (Ch Paradise Gambling On Jacks CDX SH *MX* *MXJ* WCX *HoF*) Jacki finished her MX title on April 18th which qualifies her for the **FCRSA HALL OF FAME**.



At the Mission Circuit, Jacki finished her MXJ, accumulated 57 MACH points, earned her 5th DQ and passed JWW and/or Std all four days. A big accomplishment was getting 2nd place in JWW on Monday - beating 60 dogs in the 20" jump height class in the process. A couple weeks later, at the Weimeraner Club Agility Trial in Albuquerque she picked up 2 more DQ's (to bring her total to 7 of the 20 needed for her MACH) and she earned 74 more MACH points for the weekend. This was all despite

Laura badly pulling a calf muscle the first day and having to hop/limp through most of Jacki's runs the rest of the weekend!



Tracy Kerns and Tease (Am/ *Mex* Ch Folly's Kid You Not OA AXJ CGC) on June 5th Flagstaff Kennel Club Tease went Best of Breed and SPORTING GROUP ONE. The next day he again won Best of Breed and a Group 3 June 6th Flagstaff Kennel Club, Best of Breed and Group 3. In May he completed his Mexican championship with several group placements.



Dave Terry and Bella (Shasta Belstar of Boldwind SH WCX) for getting her second **MASTER HUNTER** leg at the Lab Club test on June 5th and 6th.



Aaron Harwick and Tonka (Dalane-Marado's Sandbox Toy *JH*) Tonka, who is an honorary Flat-Coat, got his fourth Junior Hunter leg at the Saturday Lab club test, and then picked up a bonus leg the following day.



Neal Goodwin and Rue (Riverly Rainbow Sky WC) for earning a JAM in the Unsteady B Singles stake at the National Specialty.

Neal and Rue again (Riverly Rainbow Sky WC *JH*) for qualifying in back-to-back stakes at the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California's June Hunt Tests, to complete her Junior Hunter title.

SEND YOUR BRAGS TO THE EDITOR AT EDCANDY@TNS.NET CARDS AND LETTERS WORK TOO

AND SEND ALONG A PICTURE OF YOUR TRIUMPH IF YOU HAVE ONE!

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 29, 2004
AT THE MISSION CIRCUIT**

Submitted by Candy Ferner

I ROLL CALL - Ed Ferner, (President, presiding) Kate Myers, (Vice-President), Dave Terry, (Treasurer), Pamela Gray, (Board Member), Candy Ferner, (Board Member), Michelle Harwick, (Board Member), Scott Creamer, Neal Goodwin, Elizabeth DeMars, Adrienne Ayles, Frank Holbert, Kari Mueske, Aaron Harwick, John Sack, Karen Sack, Cynthia Trotter, Keith Edleman, Deb Edwards

Guests: Anthony Creamer, Kerry Forni

II MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - M/S/A as published in March Newsletter

III REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT - Club members did well at the Specialty. Also, many club members were instrumental in making many of the events at the Specialty happen. Good job to everyone.

IV REPORT OF THE SECRETARY - No report

V REPORT OF THE TREASURER - We have around \$3900.00.

VI REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

- 1) Trophy (Candy Ferner) Thanks to all the club members who are so generous in donating money to the trophy fund.
- 2) Conformation - We discussed the possibility of having a SFCWBP show at KC Riverside on September 25th.
- 3) Membership - 2nd reading for Scott Creamer, Linda Cain, Loretta Samaniego and Elizabeth DeMars. M/S/A to welcome these folks into the GWFCRC.
- 4) Eye Clinic (Chris Coleman) - Gonioscopy clinic scheduled for June 18th.

VI OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Hunt Test Profit: Profit in the \$800-\$1000 range.

VII NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Club Trailer - Has been stored at Frank and Adriennes (Thank you!). Discussed relocating the trailer to Prado. There will be an annual storage fee of \$150.00. M/S/A for the field committee to look into moving the trailer to Prado.
- 2) Nominating Committee - The board has asked Neal Goodwin, Chair, Aaron Harwick, Kathy Schneider, Teresa Rodney, (alternate) to be on the nominating committee. The committee will present the slate of officers for 2005 to the club secretary by August 1st.
- 3) Donations from the Janet Mines Birthday Party. The club has received two generous donations from Janet and her sisters. It was M/S/A for us to donate 50% of this money to the Flat-Coat Foundation in memory of Janet's dog Hudson, who recently passed away. The remaining 50% will be set aside for local rescue. A thank you card will be sent to Janet.
- 4) Lifetime Members - There was discussion of establishing lifetime memberships for the founding members and long time contributors of our club. It was M/S/A to look into this further.

NEXT MEETING: RIVERSIDE KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 25TH



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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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