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May 29 - Supported Show,
Sweepstakes and General
Meeting

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President's Message

Ed Ferner, GWFCRC President - May/June 2004

My recollections of this year's Specialty cover a broad range of areas. It's funny how the memories can be small things that really have nothing to do with the main events, but nonetheless they are a part of what you remember. For example, I'll always remember sneaking away from the show for an hour and a half to rush over to the field practice grounds to get a few retrieves in only to get back to the show and find that I and my dog were covered with ticks and foxtails. Oops...bad call on that outing.

I'll always remember Karen Sack watching her little portable TV held out in front of her at the proper focal distance. "Days of Our Lives", I think it was, she was watching.

I'll always remember racing around after a long day the first day of the field events trying to get all the new signs placed just right so that everyone would be able to find the right place for the next day's events, only to be relaxing later that evening at the hotel and realize that I had the signs all wrong and would have to fix them early in the morning.

I'll always remember Frank Holbert and his aggravating method of bidding at the silent auction. No Frank, going from \$100 to \$100.01 is not a legitimate bid!

I'll also remember a few of the main events when my dogs triumphed and we had our moment of glory. I hope that all of you that went had a few of those kind of moments.

Congratulations to all of the Great Western club members for your achievements and your camaraderie.

Hope to see you all at the Mission Circuit Shows, General Meeting, and BBQ/Potluck on May 29th. See the advertisement in this issue for the details.

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**SPECIALTY AGILITY AND OBEDIENCE WINS AND PLACEMENTS****AGILITY**

Ch Folly's Jazzin' It Up CD JH WC MX MXJ and Teresa Rodney
Qualified/1st Place in ExB JWW and High in Trial

Ch Hardscrabble Hoop Dreams UD SH MX MXJ HoF and Debbie Brooks
Qualified/1st Place ExB Standard 24"
Qualified/1st Place ExB JWW (only DQ in Trial)

Bristol's Clean Em Up and Cindy Stratton *New NAP!*
Qualified/2nd Place in Novice P Standard Class

Shasta's Belstar Legacy SH owned by Cynthia Trotter/Handled by Teresa Rodney
Qualified/1st place in Novice JWW
Qualified/2nd place in Novice Standard

HIGH IN TRIAL

Ch Folly's Jazzin' It Up CD JH WC MX MXJ

OBEDIENCE**Novice Class B**

1st 196 **Ch Folly's Jazzin' It Up CD JH WC MX MXJ** (Teresa Rodney)

2nd 193 **Tag Along To Model Creek** (Barb and Fred Anderson) *New CD!*

Open B

1st 199.5 **Ch OTCH Folly's Fairytale Come True JH UDX** (Lance Kruse & Sarah Messick)

2nd 199 **Ch OTCH Folly's Jokes On You UDX** (Kruse, Kerns, Messick)

4th 197.5 **Ch Folly's Just Kidding CDX** (Bonnie Berhman & Sarah Messick)

Utility B

1st 198 **Ch OTCH Folly's Jokes On You UDX** (Kruse, Kerns, Messick)

3rd 195 **Ch OTCH Folly's Fairytale Come True JH UDX** (Kruse & Messick)

Brace Competition

1st 196.5 **Ch OTCH Folly's Jokes On You UDX** and

Folly's Moving Violation CD with Lance Kruse

Veteran's Class

Q189 **Holly Creek Bristol Topsail Express CDX JH**

HIGH IN TRIAL

Ch OTCH Folly's Fairytale Come True JH UDX

HIGH COMBINED

Ch OTCH Folly's Jokes On You UDX

Specialty Memories

This was our first national specialty (a time of many firsts for us), we looked forward to the trip for months. Both nervous and excited, filled with anticipation of competing in conformation and field; we were not disappointed. It is an awesome sight to see hundreds of beautiful Flat-Coats groomed to perfection in the show ring. Although we did not place in the ring this time, it was a fantastic experience that we would not have wanted to miss.



Having the opportunity to compete for the first time in any type of field event was a heart stopping experience. Fortunately my partner in the field, a gorgeous little 7 month old bitch named Amy was non-plussed by all of the excitement. Doing what she enjoys best, she focused on the work and was able to place in unsteady singles. Unfortunately, the next day I let my partner down in the WC, we had a no-bird (our first) and when we re-ran being just a bit on the hyper side I turned her before the memory bird hit the ground. I felt bad for her because she would have enjoyed the water portion of the test. That failure will ultimately turn out to be a blessing in the long term for both of us as "not rushing" will be etched in my memory, a small price to pay for that important lesson.

We especially enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow participants at the field events, where everyone was cheering everyone else on. The Specialty was a special time, filled with times with good friends, making new friends, a time of learning, a time to make us thankful to be owners of such a wonderful breed of dog. On that note a big thank you to my co-owner Candy and my buddy, Ed!

B. Scott Creamer

My first comment about the specialty was how nice it was to be able to drive there with all the dogs in one day! I had to laugh at people whining about the trip since most of us from the left coast have had to do considerable traveling the last few years. PA was 2200+ miles!

Jordan had a great agility trial with a first in both jumpers and standard in the 24" excellent B class and picking up 26 MACH points (which puts her at 742.) At 8.5 years I feel so lucky that she is happy and healthy and still running even if not as fast as she used to. She got high in trial from the standard class, was the only excellent dog to qualify on standard, and had the only double Q. This was her last specialty in regular classes as she will retire after she finishes her MACH. Mambo had a nice jumpers run and was very close, as was Emma on the standard course. But close isn't good enough in excellent agility.

My baby girl Panda gave me a big thrill by winning the 9-12 sweeps class and placing 4th in the regular class. She is out of pure field breeding but is very sound even if she doesn't have the best head. Tracy showed Panda, but I showed Mambo myself and made the cuts in open bitch. Mambo also earned both her WC and WCX on Saturday - her first

triple and first honor. The water double on the WCX was the stiffest one I can remember running in the WCX's that I have done too.

It is still a honor to take the dogs in the for Ring of Honor and I am blessed to have two Hall of Fame



girls with me now. It is funny that a lot of people talk about how it is easier to get into the Hall of Fame now, and it isn't that big a deal, but standing around ringside I heard an awful lot of the same people talking about how they wanted to get their dogs in. While it is different than it was years ago when Jade went in, it still isn't that easy as you have to get to advanced levels in more than one performance venue. And if most of the points come from conformation, the dog still has to perform at an advanced level in one venue or be very, very versatile.

One of the most fun classes for me was showing Jordan in veterans sweeps - she had such a good time, jumping around and barking and acting like a fool. So fun to see all the veterans out there. I mistakenly thought the rule had changed and entered her in field trial, but could not show her since she is spayed. She was disappointed since she can bark and be silly and eat in the breed ring.

I got to watch Lance with Nala and Jag - wow - they make such

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CLUB MEMBER SPECIALTY WINS AND PLACEMENTS IN CONFORMATION

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

15-18 Month dog
4th **Wingmaster's Harrier** and Cris Waller

9-12 Puppy Bitches
1st **Hardscrabble Pandemonium** and Debbie Brooks & Tracy Kerns

12-15 Month Bitches
1st **Quillquest Jubilant Joyride** and Neal Goodwin

Best Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes
Quillquest Jubilant Joyride and Neal Goodwin

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

9-11 Year Dogs
2nd **Ch Woodland Petersfield Jericho CD SH WCX** and Ed & Candy Ferner

7-9 Year Bitches
1st **Ch Folly's Heads Above the Crowd** and Tracy Kerns
2nd **Ch Grousemoor Mischievous Trick CDX JH OA OAJ** and Tom & Tanya Roche'

11 and Over Bitches
3rd **Ch Goodtime Annie Oakley JH WCX** and Debbie Fields

REGULAR CLASSES

9-12 Puppy Dogs
3rd **Bristol's Fall Creek Native JH** and Pam Gray & Lowell Martindale

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs
4th **Bristol's Firecracker** and Nanci Hanover and Loretta Samaniego
Open Dog
1st **Coastalight Wayward Wind** and Neal Goodwin

Reserve Winner's Dog
Coastalight Wayward Wind and Neal Goodwin

9-12 Puppy Bitches
4th **Hardscrabble Pandemonium** and Debbie Brooks & Tracy Kerns

12-18 Month Bitches
2nd **Goodtime Woodchip** and Karen Aughinbaugh & Debbie Field

Novice Bitches
2nd **Bertschire Cool Beans** and Kathy Schneider

American Bred Bitches
4th **Bristol Candle Lights The Way** and Chris Karnes & Nanci Hanover

7-9 Veteran Bitches
4th **Ch Grousemoor Mischievous Trick CDX JH OA OAJ** and Tom & Tanya Roche'

9-11 Veteran Bitches
2nd **Ch OTCH Folly's Fairytales Come True JH UDX** and Amanda and Patty Kruse and Sarah Messick

11 and Over Bitches
1st **Ch Goodtime Annie Oakley JH WCX** and Debbie Fields

Field Trial Dogs
2nd **Shasta's Belstar Legacy SH** and Cynthia Trotter
3rd **Ch Light Foot's Topsail CDX SH WCX MX MXJ AJP** and Barb Armstrong
4th **Ch Woodland Petersfield Jericho CD SH WCX** and Ed & Candy Ferner

Field Trial Bitches
1st **Ch Sanderling Love Never Fails SH** and Ed and Candy Ferner

Working Retriever Bitches
3rd **Ch Folly's Jazzin' It Up CD JH WC MX MXJ** and Teresa Rodney & Tracy Kerns

Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
Ch Tavion Fly Away Home bred by Tanya & Tom Roche'

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unbelievable teams and are so fun to watch! I so admire Lance for his dedication and hard work to get where he is with both dogs. And I was so thrilled for the old chick to beat out her son for HIT! Watching Teresa Rodney and Jazz is also a blast - they are a spectacular agility team, Jazz is soooooo fast! But they put together a great run in novice obedience (I was stewarding) and Jazz was the only dog to place in all four venues!

Neal had an unbelievable week too -going BOS in sweeps and RWD in the regular classes.

It was great to get to meet people I have communicated with via email over the years and to see some of the dogs I read about. Some of the dogs were not nearly what they were hyped up to be by the owners. Some dogs were much more than I had expected. I though Lori Kunz did a wonderful job with her sweeps, was so easy to follow her. I did not find Brenda Phillips to be as consistent. Will be interesting to compare their critiques in newsletter.

All being said, I am glad to be home and the girls are happy to be back in their pool.

Oh my! Almost forgot my most memorable specialty moment. My friend Marilyn Little came over to watch and for the mentoring ring. After sweeps I introduced her to Lori Kunz, and later that night a small group of us went to Stuart Andersons for dinner. The next day was Lori's birthday so we told the waiter and the staff arrived with a brownie-ice cream thing with a candle and sang to Lori - she was actually speechless for a few minutes and even though the room was dark, she turned red. Making Lori turn red is something I would never have dreamed could happen!

Debbie Brooks

LET'S PARTY!

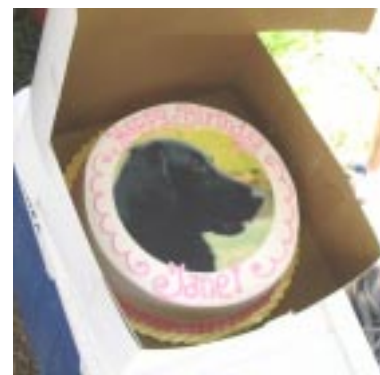
A while back Cynthia Trotter got a phone call from some nice ladies from New Jersey who were getting ready to take their sister on a cruise departing from Long Beach. The cruise was in honor of the sister's (whose name is Janet Mines Krings) birthday. As much as they knew Janet would enjoy the cruise, they knew she would REALLY enjoy spending her birthday with some Flat-Coated Retrievers, because Janet really loves Flat-Coats! So Cynthia and some other GWFCRC members planned a party in honor of someone they had never met before! And this event turned out to be great fun for Janet, her sisters & cousins, club members who attended and of course, the Flat-Coats.

The party started with the guests getting to meet the dogs and their owners one at a time. Janet had heard of a few of our club members and their dogs from her involvement in the FCR internet list, but she seemed particularly pleased to meet "The Teresa Rodney".

Next, a herd of flat-coats was formed as everyone emptied their cars of dogs. The herd ran amuck in the field at Prado and caused mayhem as they visited and frolicked. After the herd was put up, the food came out. It was truly a tailgate affair as a couple of tailgates came down to provide tables. Chips & salsa and veggies came out as the chicken and Polish sausages went on the grill. Just as we were thinking it would be nice to have a little dessert, Kathy Schneider showed up with an incredible Birthday cake that had a picture of a Flat-Coat on it. The picture was even edible.

The final event for the day was a field demonstration. Everyone ran their dogs on a couple of retrieves, so our guests could watch.

It seemed like the day just "clicked". Everyone from the club had a great time, and apparently so did our guests. Subsequent to the event, GWFCRC received two separate thank you notes from our guests, both of which included generous donations to our club. Thanks Sisters!



SO...HOW TALL IS YOUR DOG?

By Aaron Harwick

Well we have successfully made it back from my first ever Flat-Coated Retriever National Specialty. Many who know me know that I married into this alternate world of blow-dried and groomed dogs with manicured feet. I was not entirely sure what to expect from this national event. I had an idea in my mind of what I thought it was going to be like. I had visions of booths and shops and merchandise and people celebrating the Flat-Coated Retriever. I envisioned a gala only something like Westminster or the Presidential Inauguration could rival, instead I saw 5 booths and a ring so shaded I needed night vision goggles to see the dogs at



high noon. I will admit that my first impression was "Are you kidding me?"

On Sunday morning we made it to the show site and staked out a little piece of land and temporarily annexed it as "Southern California north". We were able to share our land with John and Karen Sack, Ed and Candy Ferner, Tom and Kathy Schneider and Scott and Cheryl Creamer. A better group of people

to keep company with could not be found. We made it to the agility ring and were able to watch some flat coats doing some impressive running, jumping and weaving. I had never watched an agility event and am impressed.

Monday through Thursday were filled with early mornings getting to the set-up and washing and grooming dogs. My days were mostly filled with watching the youngest members of our club Nichole, Loren and Seth while the other adults discussed shampoo types, trimming techniques and which dog would make a good "boy friend". Having very little knowledge about the aforementioned topics I mostly steered clear of them.

Neil Goodwin had asked if we could help out in the obedience ring and Michelle quickly and quietly volunteered me. So Wednesday I reported for duty to Neil. Like agility I had never even watched an obedience event and did not know what to expect. With a little guidance I was able to help out. The dedication and training that must go into those dog/handler teams is phenomenal.

Wednesday afternoon was a guy's day out. Tom, Ed, Scott and myself packed up our shotguns and went out to Birds Landing for a little Sporting Clay fun. We shot about 420 clays between us and generally had a good time. It was good relief from the show.

On Thursday I got my first look at the Ornbaun's Ranch, site of the field events, and was green with envy. To be able to walk out your front or rear door and start training would be a dream. Not having a dog

to run in the field events I was eager to help. On Friday I threw the duck at the live bird station for the steady singles and watched the dogs do the hard part. On Saturday I threw the bird at the live bird station for the WC and watched as dog after dog was successful. Those dogs love to work in the field.

After taking a little time to reflect on my first impressions of the National I had a change of heart. I learned that despite the fact that there was no "hoopla" surrounding the show and there were not hundreds of booths or tons of merchandise these people came from all over the country for the personal satisfaction of showcasing their dogs in front of other people that loved the Flat-Coated Retriever as much as they do and that was impressive enough for me.

You may be wondering where the title to the story came from. I was sitting ringside one afternoon with my daughter Nichole. I was watching the "action" and she was quietly petting a dog lying nearby. The dog became excited and stood up and I saw a dog big enough for her to ride. I struck up a conversation with the owner making several general inquiries about her dog while trying to find a polite way to ask her the size of her dog. Throwing caution to the wind I said, "So...How big is your dog"? She seemed a little stunned at first. She sat there a few seconds in silence and then quietly responded, "He was 24 inches last time I measured him". I asked myself in my mind if his last measurement had been at birth and then told her that she had a beautiful dog, excused myself and Nichole and walked away.

FANTASTIC FLAT-COAT FEATS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Carrie Ryberg and Foxy (Windsor's Sweet Black Angel) for getting her first two points out of the bred by exhibitor class on March 22, 2004 at the Twin Brooks Kennel Club Show in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Not bad for her first show and my first time in the ring in about 2 years.

Bonnie Behrmann and Kiddo (CH Folly's Just Kidding CDX) (Behrmann/Messick) for winning first place in Utility A and their second UD leg with a score of 197 under Judge Dorothy McCauley at Lake Matthews KC on April 25, 2004.

Lowell Martindale and Cowboy (Bristol's Fall Creek Native *JH*) for getting the last two legs of his Junior Hunter title at the Southern California Retriever Club Hunt tests on April 10th and 11th. Four legs in only four tests and Cowboy isn't a year old!

Tracy Tennison & Magic (Shasta Belstar Magic Happens) [Tennison/Trotter] for winning a five point major at the Lake Matthews Kennel Club show under Anne Katona on April 24th.

Debbie Field and Cherry (Goodtime Cherry Hill Park) for winning a four point major at the Saturday Lake Matthews show.

Tracy Kerns and Jag (Ch/OTCH Folly's Joke's On You) [Kruse, Kerns, Messick] for winning Best of Breed at the Saturday Lake Mat-

thews show.

Lowell Martindale and Pam Gray and Cowboy (Bristol's Fall Creek Native JH) for going Winner's Dog on Sunday at the Lake Matthews supported Show for his first Major!

Kathy Schneider and Sprout (Bertschire Cool Beans) [Schneider/Holsinger] for going WB, BoW, BoS for her first major at the Sunday Lake Matthews show under Lowell Davis.

Stephanie Niznik and Walker (Ch Cordova Johnny Walker Black) for winning Best of Breed at the Sunday Lake Matthews show.

Lester Grossman and Angee (Ch Dexmoor's Thrill of Grohunt) for winning Group 1 under Paula Nykiel and Group 4 under Judy Doniere at the Rio Hondo shows on May 1st and 2nd.

Cindy Stratton and Kirby (Bristol's Clean Em Up *NAP*) At the FCRSA National Specialty in Vallejo, California, Kirby earned her 3rd Leg in Novice P Standard Agility with a 2nd Place earning her a NAP title.

Barb Anderson and Splash (Tag Along To Model Creek *CD* CGC) Splash finished her CD at the speciality with a 2nd place and a score of 193 under judge C.Z. Pat Alvarez.

Candy Ferner and Constance (Ch Sanderling Love Never Fails SH *WCX*) Constance passed the Working Certificate test at the speciality under judges Wendy Pennington and Grant Orbaum.

Debbie Brooks and Mambo (Folly's Mind Over Matter JH OA OAJ *WC* *WCX*) [Brooks/

Kerns] Mambo passed both the WC and the WCX tests at the speciality.

Ed Ferner and Howie (Wingmaster Heaven and Earth JH *WCWCX*)** Howie also passed the WC and the WCX at the speciality field events.

Barb Armstrong and Breaker (Estrella Nautical Memories *WC*) for passing the Specialty WC test under judges Barbara Orbaum and Don Shaw.

Kathy Schneider and Gabby (Bertschire's Spilled the Beans JH *WC*) for passing the WC test at the speciality.

Lowell Martindale and Cowboy (Bristol's Fall Creek Native JH *WC*) for getting his WC at the speciality.



Teresa Rodney and Jazz (Ch Folly's Jazzin' In Up CD JH WC MX MXJ) for qualifying in FOUR events at the Specialty to bring home a California Gold Rush Rosette.

Cynthia Trotter and Favor (Shasta's Belstar Legacy SH WC) for qualifying in THREE EVENTS for a California Gold Rush Rosette.

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GWFCRC MEMBER SPECIALTY FIELD SUCCESSES

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Judges Award of Merit

Shasta Belstar of Boldwind SH WCX

Owner/Handler Dave Terry

Wingmaster Heaven And Earth JH

Owner/Handler Ed Ferner

Ch Sanderling Love Never Fails SH

Owner/Handler Candy Ferner

Shasta's Belstar Legacy SH WC**

Owner/Handler Cynthia Trotter

UNSTEADY SINGLES A

1st Bertschire Spilled The Beans JH

(Schnieder/Holsinger)

Handler Kathy Schnieder

2nd Ch Folly's Jazzin It Up CD JH MX MXJ WC

Owner/Handler Teresa Rodney

3rd Sanderling Amen To That

(Creamer/Ferner)

Handler Scott Creamer

(Note: Amy is 7 months old!)

4th Hollycreek Bristol Topsail Express CDX JH WC

Owner/Handler Kari Mueske

Judges Award of Merit

Goodtime Singin' In The Rain

(Aughinbaugh/Field)

Handler Karen Aughinbaugh

UNSTEADY SINGLES B

3rd Estrella's Nautical Memories

Owner/Handler Barbara Armstrong

Judges Award of Merit

Bristol's Fall Creek Native JH

Owner/Handler Lowell Martindale

WCX QUALIFIERS

Shasta's Belstar of Boldwind SH WCX

Owner/Handler Dave Terry

Ch Sanderling Love Never Fails SH

Owner/Handler Candy Ferner

Folly's Mind Over Matter JH OA OAJ

Owner Debbie Brooks & Tracy Kerns

Handler Debbie

Ch Dexmoor's Quixote of Boldwind SH WCX

Owner/Handler Dave Terry

Wingmaster Heaven and Earth JH

Owner/Handler Ed Ferner

WC QUALIFIERS

Folly's Mind Over Matter JH OA OAJ

Owner Debbie Brooks & Tracy Kerns

Handler Debbie

Wingmaster Heaven and Earth JH

Owner/Handler Ed Ferner

Estrella's Nautical Memories

Owner/Handler Barbara Armstrong

**Ch Dexmoor's Shoot The Moon CDX JH OA OAJ
WC**

Owner/Handler Kari Mueske

Bertschire Spilled The Beans JH

Owner/Handler Kathy Schneider

Bristol's Fall Creek Native JH

Owner/Handler Lowell Martindale

Hollycreek Bristol Topsail Express CDX JH WC

Owner/Handler Kari Mueske



GOOD TIMES AT THE SPECIALTY





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SUPPORTED SHOW, BBQ/POTLUCK, & GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday May 29
San Fernando Kennel Club
Los Angeles County Fairplex Pomona, California**

**9:40 Ring 6 Deborah Edwards
Puppy Sweepstakes 4-5
Veteran Sweepstakes 2-3**

**10:30 Ring 6 Ann Yuhasz
11-15-2VD-1VB (5-3)**

**12:45 BBQ/Potluck, followed by General Meeting in the Rose Garden Area
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