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President's Message

I hope everyone had a great holiday and Happy New Year! Thank you to all our volunteers and members that made 2022 a successful year. Congratulations to everyone's achievements whether a new title or trying a new activity with your FCR.

2023 is expected to be a really exciting and busy year; especially during the month of May. MAFCRC will have a supported entry and the show is only a few days before Westminster! The **BIG** event of May 2023 will be the National Specialty in York. The specialty committee is working hard finalizing the details and getting ready to host the event. Volunteers are needed to make it a successful and memorable event. In this newsletter Vivian Koontz has some fantastic reasons to attend. Let us know if you will be attending and if you are participating in any of the events so that we can come and cheer our fellow club members on.

Please remember to renew your membership. Your membership dues goes toward our supported entries and other activities. Memberships are the foundation of our club and the MAFCRC depends on your continued support. The Board will be planning this year's activities soon. If you have any ideas for activities just let a board member know or include your idea on your dues form.

I hope to see you and your Flat-Coats very soon!

Janet Herrington, President

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**Membership Dues Renewal is
March 1st**
Please remit your dues ASAP.
**Payment can be made by check
or Venmo. More details & re-
newal forms can be found on
the website: MAFCRC.org**

FAST CAT—NOV. 12 & 13TH

BY JANET HERRINGTON



MAFCRC hosted another very successful Fast Cat event in Barto, PA at the Orchard Hills Training Center. The weather was much better than last year; Saturday was around 60 and Sunday was in the 40s. Even though it was windy, the dogs and their owners did not seem to mind.

Over the 2 days about 130 dogs ran as fast as they could. There were so many dogs to watch from tall to short, rare breeds, conformation dogs and canine partners. We had very elegant and graceful dogs (Scottish Deerhounds and Afghans), dogs breeds that don't see very often (Xoloitzcuinti, Belgian Laekenois), happy Border Collies, including an adorable puppy. The Terriers were all on a mission (Rat Terrier, Cairn Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Soft-coated Wheaten Terriers). There were dogs with short legs (Pembroke Welsh Corgis and Pomeranians), furry breeds (Old English Sheepdogs), Mountain dogs (Bernese and Greater Swiss), and really fast Whippets. Not to be missed were the Standard poodles, Belgian Shepherds, Portuguese Water Dogs, Dalmatians, and a group of Belgian Malinois participated. From the sporting group we had German Shorthaired pointers, Vizslas, Goldens, Labs, Curly-Coats and our favorite Flat-Coated Retrievers!

The biggest character was a Bedlington terrier who made off with the "tail" of the lure and wouldn't give it up. Best name was



Cont. FAST CAT

definitely Hellcat. Silly and Tater tot were runners-up. The fastest dog was a canine partner who was clocked at 32.42mph.



Thank you, Amanda Sypniewski, for ordering the ribbons, people absolutely loved them!



This was the last Fast Cat event in PA for the year and we enjoyed giving out 13 BCATs, 10 DCATs and 5 FCATs ribbons.

The event cannot happen without volunteers. A big thank you to MAFCRC club members Andy Abramowitz, Chuck Dykes, Brian and Laurie DeBiasse and our new member Taylor Glietz. A special thank you to Laurie Danaher from the NEFCRC who drove over 3.5 hours, stayed at a hotel and worked both days- we couldn't have done it with you!



We look forward to next years event on November 11th and 12th. We hope that you will volunteer, maybe give Fast Cat a try and come cheer on all the enthusiastic speedy dogs.



ACHIEVEMENTS



JUBILEE'S STARS AND STRIPES CGC, TKN, BCAT—"BETSY"

This fall, Betsy earned her BCAT title. She's now, Jubilee's Stars and Stripes CGC, TKN, BCAT. She's been doing very well in Obed and rally class and will be entering trials soon.

She's been amazing, along with Piper, comforting my mother in law, who is in hospice. My mother in law has always loved our dogs. It's heartwarming to see how gentle the dogs are and the joy they bring mom.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year everyone!

Patty Johnstone



CH FREESTYLE THE PATH UNWINDING CGC "TIMON"

I am happy to report that Timon, finished his AKC Champion title at the Winter Blast Classic Cluster in Oaks , PA the week of December 7th.

Thank you to Karen Bowens for handling character Timon to his title.

Timon looks forward to doing performance venues while he finishes maturing and will then return to the breed ring to work for his Grand Champion title.



Photo by JC Photography

Lori Baycar

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Beau earned his Master Rally 2 at The Valley Forge KC in Oaks with a High Combined and High Triple
And his RAE at Lehigh Valley KC also High Combined and High Triple.



"BEAU"

GCHB CH Stormwatch Beaufort's Record
Wynds UD RAE RM2 OA AXJ CGC TKI



He is 1 point and 1 triple Q away from his RACH.

Hopefully in January.

CAROL WYATT

CORRECTIONS—OBEDIENCE/RALLY RESULTS— FALL SUPPORTED

QUALIFIERS OPEN A - No FCRS QUALLIFIED

RALLY ADVANCED Listed as qualified but NOT ENTERED-

GCHS STORMWATCH JET STREAM CDX RE JH AX AXJ CGC TK

RUSSEL & PEG FORTE, CAROL.WYATT

VETERAN BIRTHDAYS



Abby

CH Windy Hill Maybe I'm Amazed
celebrated her 7th birthday January 11th. Abby is enjoying her new veteran status by teaching the youngsters to swim & lounge in the yard. Abby hopes to attend some dock diving events this year.

Jeff & Viv Koontz

HOLIDAY GATHERING

On Saturday, December 17th, members of MAFCRC had a holiday breakfast at the Ritz Barbecue after completion of judging at the Lehigh Kennel Club Show.

Lauren Weidner, Brian and Laurie DiBiasse, Chuck Dykes and Lori Baycar along with former member Kathy Poole -Price, Lauren's sister Valli, plus Lori's guest Stacy Hanzl enjoyed time discussing flat-coat antics and plans with our dogs for the future. Thanks to Lori Baycar for organizing the event!



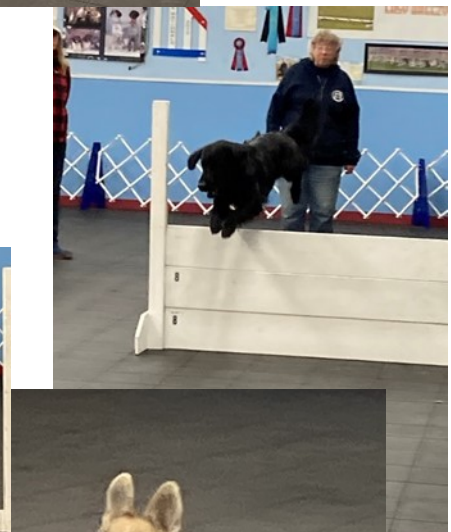
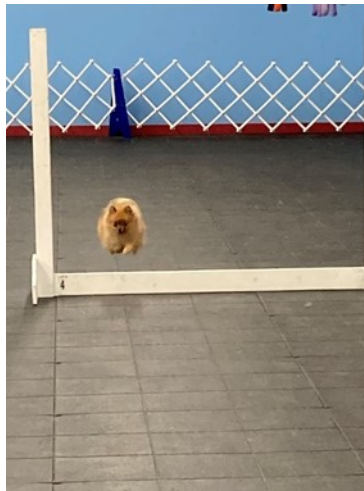
OBEDIENCE FUN MATCH



The club had another great MAFCRC obedience fun match at the Golden Rule School for Dogs. Thank you to all the great teams that came.

A special thank you to our terrific judges Amanda Sypniewski, Valerie Bernhardt and Carol Ann Wyatt. Be sure to attend our next event.

Janet Herrington



WHY ATTEND A NATIONAL SPECIALTY?

A national specialty is a collection of events dedicated to celebrating the breed. This year the Flat-Coated Retriever National Specialty will be held at the York Fairgrounds. (more details in the newsletter). Whether you are a breeder, competitor or just enjoy the company of a Flat-Coated Retriever, there are many reasons to attend a National Specialty, just a few are listed below.

- The National Specialty is largest gathering of Flat-Coated Retrievers in 2023. It is truly an amazing site to see hundreds of FCRs gathered together. You will see beautiful puppies, seasoned show dogs and older retired dogs enjoying doing something they love.
- Time to visit with other FCR owners. Many attendees have more time to chat ringside with you about FCRs. You can share antics, discuss habits & training techniques.
- Evaluate the "State of the Breed". As you watch the conformation judging, you can see breed trends, things that need to be improved and solid foundation of breed traits in comparison to the breed standard.
- Compare your breeding stock to others. Evaluation and reflection of our dogs is the best way to maintain purposefully breed dog.
- Find a Stud dog or new line bloodline. Many breeders participate in Stud Dog and Brood Bitch competitions, which allow you to see dogs with their sons & daughters. Often grandparents are also present. What a wonderful way to meet your next future family member.
- Support the parent club. The national breed club is always striving to maintain the breed. The FCRSA supports many health initiatives (cancer research etc), promoting our breed at events, and the breed's purpose as a hunting retriever.
- See a dog you haven't seen before. Maybe a dog you have only seen in photos or watched on TV will be present and you can visit them. Maybe you will meet your dog's daddy that lives across the country.
- Learn something you didn't know about FCRs, your dog's bloodline or see an event you didn't know existed.
- Visit long time friends in the breed. Covid has taken a toll...it will be great to gather together in person.
- Remember a long time FCR fancier and see where their bloodline is today. Toast the great departed protectors of our wonderful breed.
- Shop vendors for many hard to find & custom FCR specific items.
- Watch a performance event (obedience, rally or agility) and see how smart & funny FCRs can be.
- Attend an education seminar to learn about a trending topic.
- Participate in the available health clinics, DNA databases etc. all help to improve future breedings.
- Celebrate our wonderful breed. Wagging Tails, slurpy wet kisses and the never grow up attitude of our Peter Pan of dogs is definitely something the world needs more of....pure FCR joy.

I hope to see you there!

Viv Koontz

Truffle Sniffers

by Peg Forte

The Legato Romagnolo is a breed that was developed in Italy specifically to sniff out truffles.

What are truffles you might ask? They are the fruiting body of fungi (think mushroom) that grow underground on and around the root systems of trees. They are considered a culinary delicacy, enjoyed by people around the world. They are a very expensive delicacy. A pound of truffles can cost over \$1000 a pound.

Originally pigs were used to locate the truffles, but a 400 pound pig can be very difficult to manage, and they enjoy eating the truffles. Dogs weigh far less and are much easier to train and handle.

The dogs can find the ripe truffles with their noses and do less damage to the environment and the fragile layer of the soil that is disturbed when the truffles are collected.

Any dog and any breed with the right kind of training can be trained to find truffles. German Shepherds, Labrador Retrievers, Spaniels, Newfoundlands, American Staffordshire Terriers, Great Danes, French Bulldogs and even Chihuahuas have been trained to find truffles. The training is much like any other training for scent work, when the dog is successful they get a treat as their reward.

Weather conditions and the climate in Washington and Oregon in the United States have the right conditions for truffles to grow.



Visit the websites of the Truffle Dog Company in Seattle and the Truffle Underground in Salem Oregon to learn more. Both companies offer classes and training dogs to find the truffles. And at the end of a truffle hunting day a chef will prepare a gourmet meal using the delicacies they have found.

FCRSA 2023 NATIONAL SPECIALTY NEWS

Judges

WC/WCX - Judge TBD

**Steady Singles /Unsteady Singles—
Judge TBD**

Agility—Sherry Jefferson

Rally—Danette Chorney

**Obedience - Linda Morris & Sandi
Atkinson**

Sweepstakes—Gillian Impey

Junior Showmanship—Angela Lloyd

**Regular & Non-Regular Classes—
Gemma Jacobs**

COME JOIN US FOR A

ROARING GOOD TIME

IN YORK, PA



2023 FCRSA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Specialty Fundraising Raffles are ongoing.
Visit Facebook - [FCRSA Specialty Fundraising](#)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED-

2023 FCRSA National Specialty in York, PA

The success of any specialty is dependent upon volunteers.
Experience is NOT necessary and amount of time is appreciated

General information contact: Patty Johnstone at pattyj416@gmail.com

Health Clinics: Eye Clinic & DNA blood draw Volunteers
Contact: Janet Herrington at irishome@embarqmail.com

Vendors Wanted

Have a favorite dog show vender?
Please submit your suggestions for vendors to attend the
FCRSA National Specialty in York, PA to Vendor Chair,
Donna Sickles
973-886-7785 flatcoat927@yahoo.com

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



Sharing some JOY!—Happy Holidays from our wonderful dogs!

Kimber, Ruger, Piper & Betsy (Patty Johnstone) pictured above left ready for presents

Beau & Cappy (Carol Wyatt) picture above right

Archer (Amy Bergstrom) waiting for Santa to fill his stocking

Travis (Peg & Russle Forte) pictured below left with Santa



Cont. HOLIDAY GREETINGS



Corky pictured left (Janet Mines-Krings) Della & Carosn pictured right(Linda Barnes)

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Taylor Glietz

I live in the suburbs of Philadelphia, PA with my husband, Josh, three chickens and 3 dogs. I have an old Great Pyrenees mix, Molly, a 2 yr. old Old English Sheepdog, Riker, and a 6 month old flat-coat, Miles. Some people may have met us already, Riker took part in the FCRSA Fast CAT and Miles won a Puppy Group 4 at the Ramapo KC show, Oct 16th in the 4-6mo puppy competition.

Miles is my first Flat-Coat. I wanted a friendly, playful dog that would love to participate in a variety of sports. I especially wanted a dog with a strong affinity for water to compete in dock diving events. Miles shows up to every class and event with a cheerful smile and bouncing with enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing him grow into an active jolly dog.



Weathervane's Stardust Speedway—MILES

Mid-Atlantic Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Award application for Titles Earned in 2022

Eligibility: MAFCRC Member in good standing

Flat-Coats only

AKC, UKC, CPE, NADAC, NAHRA, CKC, USDAA, Fly Ball, APDT, NADD, CDSP Titles

Application should be made IN WRITING no later than February 1st, 2023 to:

Patty Johnstone

8037 Wilkins Road

Lincoln, Delaware 19960

Pattyj416@gmail.com If emailing title information, I will respond within 48 hours. If you do not hear from me, please resubmit information.

PLEASE CHECK ONE;

APPLICATION FOR ROSETTE (ONE PER DOG) **OR** CERTIFICATE (ONE PER DOG):

Member's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title Earned: _____ Date Finished: _____

Title Earned: _____ Date Finished: _____

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Title Earned: _____ Date Finished: _____

Title Earned: _____ Date Finished: _____

Dog's Registered Name as you would like it to appear; (please print legibly)

EVENTS CALENDER



January 28-29—Meet the Breeds
Javits Center, NYC
Volunteers needed contact
Andy Abramowitz
andynabramowitz@gmail.com

May 6 — Spring Supported Show with Sweepstakes
Bucks Kennel Club Show ***NEW LOCATION*******
Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp, NJ
Sweepstakes— Kass Goulding Breed Judge— Judy Gladson

May 6-9 Westminster Kennel Club Show
USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
Flushing, NY

May 19-26 FCRSA National Specialty
WC/WCX Rebel Ridge— Elkton, MD
Steady & Unsteady Singles
Agility—Bella Vista Training Center, Lewisberry, PA
Rally—York Fairgrounds, York, PA
Obedience—York Fairgrounds, York, PA
Conformation - York Fairgrounds, York PA

Fall Supported—TBD

Nov 11-12 —Fast CAT— two events each day
Orchard Hills Training Center in Barto, PA

BREEDER JUDGE EVENTS

Conformation

2/4 Atlanta, GA Conyers KC of Georgia
Ann Yuhasz

3/5 West Friendship, MD Maryland
Sporting Dog Association
Donna Gilbert

3/10 Kerrville, TX Greater Kerrville KC
Sid Marx

3/16 York, PA Lancaster KC
Sid Marx

4/8 West Springfield, MA Troy KC
Ann Yuhasz

4/9 West Springfield, MA Trap Falls KC
Sid Marx

4/28 Morgantown, WV Mountaineer KC
Ann Yuhasz

4/29 Valley Center, CA Del Sur KC
Keiko Shimizu

5/6 West Windsor Township, NJ Bucks
County KC
Judy Gladson

(5/19-5/26 FCRSA National Specialty)

5/21 Turlock, CA Coyote Hills KC
Sid Marx

5/26 Fletcher, NC Hendersonville KC
Hector Hector

5/27 Fairbanks, AK Tanana Valley KC
Sid Marx

6/3 Longmont, CO Flatirons KC
Ann Yuhasz

6/11 Midland, MI Mount Pleasant
Michigan KC
Ann Yuhasz

Hunt Tests and (*FT) Field Trials

2/7 Tylertown, MS Bourbon Hills Retriever
Club of Kentucky
Mitch White

3/25 Emporia, VA Old Dominion Retriever
Club
Mitch White

4/1-2 Kevil, KY Central Kentucky Retriever
Club
Kathy Poole-Price

4/8 Oroville, CA Lassen Retriever Club
Ed and Candy Ferner
(*FT) = Field Trial

Obedience and Rally

3/18-19 DeForest, WI Badger KC
Jan Anthes

3/31 El Reno, OK Oklahoma City Obedi-
ence Training Club
Jan Anthes

Scent Work—Aleks Woodroffle, judge

2/4-5 Cedar Park, TX Capitol Dog Training
Club of Austin

2/10-12 Phoenix, AZ Jumping Chollas
Agility Club of Greater Phoenix

3/11-12 Sunland-Tujunga, CA Scent Work
Club of San Gabriel Foothills

4/1-2 Chino Hills, CA South Coast Vizsla
Club

4/15-16 Prescott, AZ Chino Valley Canine
Training Club of Arizona

4/22-23 Sedona, AZ Copper State Scent
Work Club of Maricopa County

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MAFCRC Newsletter Deadlines

Spring Newsletter

Deadline—March 15th
Publication - April

Summer Newsletter

Deadline—June 15th
Publication— July

Fall Newsletter

Deadline—September 15th
Publication—October

Winter Newsletter

Deadline— December 15th
Publication—January

***Please submit your news to:
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MAFCRC Newsletter in Subject***

MAFCRC—Mission Statement

To encourage and promote the responsible breeding of healthy purebred Flat-Coated Retrievers, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Flat-Coated Retrievers shall be judged.

To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dogs shows, obedience trials and field trials; and, to have fun with our dogs.

To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials, and field trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

To educate MAFCRC members and other interested parties as to health, natural qualities and training of the breed; and to conduct training sessions for MAFCRC members.