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Mid-Atlantic Flat-Coated Retriever Club

President's Message

Happy New Year to all MAFCRC members,

I am pleased to welcome in the New Year with a new Treasurer for the club. Effective immediately, Janet Herrington replaces Larry Zimic as Treasurer.

As many of you know, Larry retired from his company at the end of December. In the hope that he can spend all his free time fishing in Maine, he also asked to be relieved of his Treasurer and Board responsibilities. We thank him for his efforts on behalf of MAFCRC and wish him lots of fun and relaxation in retirement.

Janet Herrington, husband Bob and their boy Prince have become very active in MAFCRC activities. Janet recently organized our owner/handler clinic. We are confident that Janet will do a wonderful job for us as our new Treasurer. Any checks or requests for reimbursement should be sent directly to Janet at irishome@embarqmail.com and 7 Haldiman Ln, Blairstown, NJ 07825.

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Meet the Breeds

Our club will be participating in MTB during Westminster Weekend. This event is a great way to show dog lovers the wonders of our breed. The dogs love the attention and visitors get the chance to meet our beautiful dogs. Those wishing to participate should contact Mary Jane Koren or Andy Abramowitz for details.

Details on all Westminster events @ Www.westminsterkennelclub.org

Continued PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





NEW EMAIL

Catherine Elder lilyfieldfcrs@gmail.com

Lisa DiStefano— Imdimt4@gmail Please continue to send any dues checks to Peg Forte, our Membership Secretary.

Janet is also a member of our Conformation Committee. She has agreed to act in a new capacity as our Conformation Title Promoter. As our CTP, Janet will help keep track of members working on conformation titles with their flat-coats. Titles to be included are champion, grand champion and GCH levels. Janet will work on getting the word out on upcoming events in the club area and encouraging entries. She will be reaching out to everyone with more about this soon.

Please join me in welcoming Janet to her new positions and thanking Larry for his past efforts.

Our club is busy preparing for our annual events including Meet

The Breeds at Westminster, Spring Supported at Bucks Kennel Club, Fun Day & Field Day. We hope you can attend one of our events.

Keep Warm,

Donna



FLAT COAT DATA

Flat Coat Data is a online database of FCRs. It is free to FCRSA members. Flat Coat Data brings together data on Flat-Coated Retrievers throughout the world - both past and present. Join us now and add your own dogs to this international database. Dogs and health data are being added daily.

Go to https://www.flatcoatdata.com and see if you dogs are included in this database. Add photographs and health data of your current and past dogs and record health issues which you may not be able to record elsewhere. If we all provide accurate information it will make this a very powerful and invaluable tool.

Health Testing

OFA-CHIC Health Testing Requirements

- Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist
- Patellar Luxation OFA Evaluation
- Hip Dysplasia OFA Evaluation
- Permanent identification via microchip or tattoo

CHIC numbers generate automatically once all requirements have

been recorded at the OFA. More information is available at www.ofa.org



Genetic Tests: UGL/Better-Bred vs Embark

Despite our best research and breeding efforts, health concerns and cancer in Flat Coats seemed to be on the rise. However, new DNA tests and solutions to these health concerns are slow in coming and very costly. So what can we do to tackle these problems in the meantime, when our dogs' lives depend upon the decisions we are making today? An option for us was to seek to maintain our breed's genetic diversity while waiting for more disease-specific tests and health-data entry into FlatcoatData. Genetic diversity has been studied in many species, including dogs. It has health, reproductive, and adaptive benefits both to individuals and to populations (breeds). Of the

Genetic Diversity Program Goals	VGL/BB	Embark
 Provide our membership with an accurate assessment of our breed's actual genetic diversity. 	Yes	No
 Provide our membership with updates on our breed's genetic diversity as new information becomes available. 	Yes	No
 Provide an owner with an assessment of the state of each individual dog's actual genetic diversity. 	Yes	Yes
 Provide the dog owner with a means to analyze their dog's data so they can make meaning of it. 	Yes	No
 Provide breeder's with means to analyze genetic diversity test data to assist them with their mate selection, possible litter outcomes, and puppy selection. 	Yes	No
 Assist breeders in maintaining the genetic diversity that will help to preserve the health of our breed. 	Yes	No
Bold above = most important		

two options for genetic testing, only UC Davis VGL/ BB meets all of the goals of a breed's genetic diversity testing program. By comparison, Embark only meets one of our six goals and neither of the most important. UC Davis VGL/BB is more expensive over time for those who use the breeding tools but is only one third the price for owners wanting to submit their dogs.

See more information at

ACHIEVEMENTS!



NEW CHAMPIONS

My girl Honey - Blacfriar Honey Crisp At Ebonaire attained her Championship on Dec 14th at the Delaware Water Gap show by going WB/BOW/BOS for a 4 pt major and at the Delaware Water Gap show on Dec 16th she was BOB for 5 pts toward her GCH

GAYLE HAAK

Honey's Best of Breed



Sadie finished her championship on 12/2/18 at the NE Maryland Kennel Club in W Friendship MD under Dr Steven Herman. She finished her OAJ title on 1/5/19 and her OF title on 1/9/19 here in Raleigh NC. Sadie is now CH Indulgent Sassy Sadie BN RA OAJ OF. We've joined the Sandhills Retriever Club and begin field work on 2/2/19. I think she'll love it!

CHRISTINE & SAM TAYLOR

THERAPY DOG

We finally counted Coal's therapy dog visits and, as he has made 66 so far, have applied for his THD title, which should arrive any day.

Sadie's Championship handled by Michelle Deluca

Depending on the cir-

Please submit veteran birthdays, brags, new additons etc. with photos, and other news to:

vivekoontz@yahoo.com

Include MAFCRC

Newsletter in Subject

He is doing VERY well in Nose Work and is a very happy and mellow Veteran. Coal is Indulgent Nutall's Char-Coal CD RE

CHRISTINE & SAM TAYLOR

OBEDIENCE & SCENT WORK

Lehigh Valley KC December 14,2018- Ch Meadowrue Two To Tango BN CD RA JH CGC -finished her CD with a 3rd Place

Morris Hills Obed Club scent work trial- December 29 GCH,CH Darkflame Mountain Meadowrue RE,CDX,TKI,CGC NW2,SH,WCX,UD-C got his second novice container leg and his first leg in buried with a first place.

VALERIE BERNHARDT

AKC RULE CHANGES

Obedience – Amendment to the Open Class, Stay-Get Your Leash Exercise – Effective 01/01/2019

Currently, in the Open class, the "Stay – Get Your Leash exercise is made up of two-parts. First the handler must leave the dog in either the sit or down position when commanded to do so by the judge for a period of one-minute, then after one-minute, the judge orders the handler to return to the dog, and then to leave the dog again to go get the leash, which is outside the ring. The handler picks up the leash, re-enters the ring, stops at the ring gate entrance facing the dog, and waits for the judge's order to return to the dog. The AKC Board of Directors approved a change to this exercise to make this a single-part exercise with a "Stand" Stay – Get Your Leash. Changing the exercise to a single-part exercise will save time over the course of the Open judge's assignment. It is important that the exercise demonstrate the dog's ability to control its impulses and maintain the worthiness of this practical exercise.

OPEN I-VI Stand Stay - Get Your Leash

Section 17. Stand Stay - Get Your Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position. The orders are: "Stand your dog," Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog's collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position.On further order to "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the ring gate designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge's order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. Judging Procedures: Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide where the leash will be placed outside the ring on a chair or similar leash holder. The leash will be placed outside the ring by the steward after the dog and handler have entered the ring for judging. When positioning the dog and handler for this exercise, the judge should ensure that such positioning will permit the dog to keep the handler in its direct line of vision as the handler leaves and returns to the ring, and that the handler, when reentering the ring, is at least 15 feet away from the dog until ordered to return. During this exercise the judge must be in position to watch the dog and see the handler leave and return to the ring. Once the exercise is finished, the judge must watch the dog and handler exit the ring together.

Section 18. Stay – Get Your Leash, Scoring. A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for <u>a dog</u> that does any of the following: Fails to stand on the first command and/or signal, moves a substantial distance away from the place it was where it was left, <u>sits or lies down before</u> the handler has returned to heel position, or repeatedly barks or whin<u>es</u>. Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that <u>sits or lies down</u> after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

2018 BREED STANDINGS FLAT-COATED RETRIEVERS



TOP 40 DOGS Year: 2018 Per Canine Chronicle

1 GCHG Beachcliff Beast Of The Southern Wild D Edwards Bitch

2 GCHG Artic Suns Hot Pursuit S BILES/L Mihm-Kunz Dog

3 GCHS Artic Suns Pursuing The Dream JH D Brown/S Brown Dog

4 CH Kistryl Telltail Fandango JH C Kistner/M Wilcox Bitch

5 GCHS Blacfriar Bartholomew Cubbins CD BN GN RE JH NA NAJ DJ R Grimm/R Hill Dog

6 GCHP Windy Hill God Of Fire RN JH CGC K Johnson/C Johnson/R Rickert/S Rickert Dog

7 GCHP Flatford Ruffles And Flourishes MH M Farwell/M Farwell/K Welke/T Farwell Dog

8 GCHS Beacons God Of Thunder DJ C Zelbst/C Zelbst/T Knox Dog

9 GCHG Jubilees Curveball Legend JH OA OAJ DS P McClain Dog

10 GCHG Athercroft Inquesoemergency D Slavin/C Albott/D Turkelson/R Marsh Dog

11 GCHB MACH Citrus Hill Stone Mason RN JH MXB MJS T Tennison Dog

12 GCHG Fishercreeks Gold, Frankincense + Myrrh CD BN RN CGCA J Kuchinos/T Kuchinos/B Harrison Dog

13 GCHG Shannaras Boston Legal W Heikes/M Burrows/T Spires Dog

14 GCHS Fishercreeks Dragons Breath J McNaughton/D McNaughton/B Harrison/J Parker Bitch

15 GCHB Argons Purple Rain RI CGC TKI J Herrington/B Herrington Dog

16 GCHB Nicholcity Revere A Abramowitz Dog

17 GCH Jubilee Swing Low Sweet Chariot BN RN CA THDN DJ CGCA CGCU TKI C Mimms/P McClain Bitch

18 GCHS Butterblacs Dragon Girl CD BN RN JH CGC Margaret Minkiewicz & Gary Minkiewicz Bitch

19 GCH Kistryl Tempest Andrea Holsinger & Kass Goulding Dog

20 GCHS Flyway Farms Templeton Rye BN RE JH CAA DS DJX CGC TKN Eric Christensen & Michelle Boytim Dog

21 CH Heirborn Yule Remember Me J Warren Dog

22 GCH Grousemoor Winter Dancer C Iannuccilli/L Iannuccilli Dog

23 GCH Wingmaster Splendid Prince Hairy JH CGC J Prince/E Moores/B Moores Dog

24 GCH Blacfriar Miss Kittys Pioneer Spirit CGC TKI R Crocker Bitch

24 GCHB Stormwatch Jet Stream CD RE OA NAJ CGC TKN P Forte/R Forte/C Wyatt Bitch

26 GCHG Rockyhill N Follys Walk On The Wild Side BN RA AX AXJ CGC TKN T Kerns/S Kerns/S Hughes Dog

27 GCH Almanza The Bitch Is Back JH Kerry M Forni & Keli Martin Bitch

28 GCH Swallowsflight Icecool-Cyclone CA DS DJ CGC Kathy Z. Poole-Price & John Price Dog

29 GCH Almanza Euphoria CGC TKN E Reck/T Reck/M Reck Bitch

30 GCHB Whitland Barley Mow SH CGC M Smith Bitch

31 GCH Kistryl Clocks Fall Back CDX BN RM RAE JH CGC TKI J Ressler Dog

32 GCHB Timberblacs Wild Heart Soaring RN J Martin Dog

32 GCH Meadowrue Shadow Of Quillquest D Sickles/L Zimic/G Impey Dog

32 GCH Butterblacs Ice Princess D Windsor/W Schira Bitch

32 GCHS Destiny Counter Cruising Caleb DN K Sgroi Dog

36 GCHB Almanza Strike A Pose CGC TKN H Dawson Bitch

37 GCH Shalyns Belle Bottom Blues CD BN RE JH OA OAJ S Lilley-Peck Bitch

37 CH Fair Winds And Following Seas At Slipstream CD BN RE J Tower Bitch

39 GCHS Grand Mere Just Perfect RA DS DJ CGC D Sandoval/A Prehn Cepela/S Dwight Dog

40 GCH Morrini Dublins Kalevala M Jonas/J Vilmo/P Jonas/A Richter Dog

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Meet the Breeds

NYC Feb. 9th

Board Meeting Mar. 10th 7pm

Spring Supported & Membership Meeting

Bucks Kennel Club May 4th

Fun Day - May 19th

Board Meeting June 9th, 7pm

Board Meeting -September 8th, 7pm

Fall Supported & Membership Meeting TBD

Board Meeting - December 2nd, 7pm

FUN DAY QUESTIONAIRE

The majority (of interest) will dictate the schedule so please let us know your requests. Please fill in & Email by March 15th

What would you like to do on Fun day?

What time do you want to start?

Would you like an obstacle course?

Do you want to work Obedience? Agility? Rally?

Would u like CGC or Tricks testing? Or learn how to become a Therapy dog?

Would you like an intro to Obedience, Agility or Rally?

Does anyone have time to demo Scent work?

Would you like to have swim time? Would you like to introduce your dogs to water? Would you like a water retrieve for field demo?

Would you like to bring your own lunch, BBQ, or have a pot luck? Would you like to volunteer to help with any of the above?

Add any other ideas:

YOUR NAME

YOUR EMAIL_____

This is YOUR club fun day Email to me by March 15 PLEASE

Carol Wyatt carol@wyattmail.com

MID-ATLANTIC FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB, Inc. (MAFCRC, INC.) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

your membership with MAFCRC and to make a donat help us maintain up-to-date records, please take a mo ed as a member and return it, along with your annual below). Also, please update your contact information.	s from January 1 through December 31 so now is the time to renew tion if you are able. Dues are payable annually by January 31st. To oment to complete this form. List the name of each person to be includ- dues payment, to our Membership Secretary, Peg Forte (see address . We hope that you will join us at our club-sponsored events. If you your flat-coat, please let us know how we can help to make member-
PLEASE PRINT:	
NAME(S)	
STREET ADDRESS	
	STATEZIP
PHONE (E-	-MAIL ADDRESS
Type of Membership	
Individual membership \$20.00	
Family \$30 (persons at the same address.	Note: Family Memberships allows for only one vote per household)
Junior \$5 (under 18)	
Additional Donation – these \$\$ help of	our Trophy Fund
Total Dues plus Donation Amount Enclo	
Unless you indicate otherwise, the Club's Newslette Please make checks payable to MAFCRO Peg Forte, M.A.F.C.R.C. Membership Sec 104 Sliker Road Glen Gardner, N.J. 08826	
	for your donation. Because we are volunteer-run your help is crucial to on committees, assist with supported entry shows or lend a hand with
	doing with your flat-coat? How can you help the club? t to those you'd be interested in trying, an "H" for activities you
Breed shows (conformation)	Field work/Hunt training
Obedience	Rally-obedience
Agility	Nose-work
Dock diving	Tracking
Therapy dog	Other
If you've helped in the past, THANK YOU!! May w	e call on you this year? Yes? Great!
Signature of Member	Date
For Membership Secretary's Use Only	

MAFCRC Newsletter Deadlines

Winter Newsletter

Deadline — January 15th Publication — Jan./Feb.

Spring Newsletter

Deadline— April 15th Publication—Apr/May

Summer Newsletter

Deadline—July 15th Publication-July/Aug

Fall Newsletter

Deadline—October 15th Publication—Oct./Nov

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.

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