

Southern Skies Flat-Coated Retriever Club

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Founded May 2002

Fall 2015

Letter from the President

The summer has ended and as we move into the cooler fall weather it is time to get out of the air conditioning and outside with our dogs, again. The show and hunting test seasons are almost upon us: everyone is going to be busy. In all that busyness I want to ask you not to forget to volunteer some of your time to SSFCRC. There are many opportunities to participate and support the club:

- our 'Meet the Breeds' both at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show in Orlando December 12-13 (contact Jeff Speicher at retriever-man@me.com)

- the Supported Entry show in conjunction with the Lakeland Winter Haven KC show February 20 2016 (contact Carol Cassidy at Carol.Cassidy@BuschGardens.com or Liz Mound at emound@cfl.rr.com)

- the WC/WCX tests in Montverde March 5 2016 (contact Donna Post at blackdogs4@me.com or Kelli Riggs at Flatcoat89@yahoo.com)

- the new Officers and Board who will be elected at the club's AGM February 20 2016 - if you are interested in a position as an Officer or Board Member contact any of our nominating committee members to volunteer (Elizabeth Masters at pemainc@aol.com, Claire Koshar at summerhillfcr@comcast.net, Donna Chocianowski at KippenHill@aol.com, or Beth Meaney at emeaney54@gmail.com).

Afraid you don't know enough to volunteer? Your fellow club members are welcoming and will teach you whatever is needed; all of us were 'newbies' at one time. You likely already have skills that would be useful.

Many, many thanks to those that have volunteered and have done so much for the club since its inception. Looking forward to seeing some new faces in the year to come.

SSFCRC Club President

Mary Smith



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SSFCRC Field Training

We've been pretty quiet over the Summer. Several members taught, assisted or participated in the Central Florida HRC 8 week basic class in June and July.

We are gearing up for our Fall test season with Treasure Coast AKC HT in early November and the dual AKC/HRC tests on the first weekend in December.

We are also working on the Club's WC/WCX scheduled for March 5, 2016.

if you are not a member of the SSFCRC Yahoo group, email our membership secretary, Cyndi Mimms at Cyndi.mimms@gmail.com. Special thanks also go to Wayne and Sharon Gey, owners of Golden Oaks Ranch, for sharing their wonderful property with other retriever owners

Beth Meaney



Annual Achievement Rosette / FCRSA Donation

It's that time again - time to submit information on all the titles those wonderful Flatcoats earned this year (2015), so they can be awarded their fabulous title rosettes at the 2016 supported entry (Lakeland-Winter Haven KC show, February 20, 2016).

As an alternative this year, you may choose instead of a rosette to have SSFCRC make a donation to the FCRSA Foundation in honor of your dog. The dog's name, owner, and new titles will be announced at the supported entry, and a list of honorees call names (not full registered names) will be sent to the Foundation to be published in the FCRSA newsletter during 2016.

If you are a **current SSFCRC member** and any of your Flat Coated Retrievers earned titles of any kind in 2015 - these do not have to be AKC titles, but can come from other national or international (e.g., CKC) kennel clubs and dog organizations, please email the following information to our club secretary, Liz Mound at emound@cfl.rr.com .

Your name

Dog's registered name with all titles

Dog's call name

List of titles earned in 2015 (January 1 to December 31 2015)

Choice of either an annual achievement rosette or a donation to the FCRSA Foundation

PLEASE SUBMIT FORM BY SUNDAY JANUARY 3 2016 TO emound@cfl.rr.com

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SSFCRC Fun Day

Our "Fun Day" was indeed Fun for all! It was a lovely, mild, Fall weather day. Held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at the home and property of Claire and Marty Koshar.

Entertaining Activities:

Doggie Games included a **Treat Toss**, a fun version of **Musical Chairs** where we had hula hoops set on the ground and when the music stopped, your leashed dog had to sit by your side inside a hoop. This was a hoot to play as well as watch!

The ever-popular **Bobbing for Hot Dogs** was a crowd favorite to watch how differently all the dogs react to this fun game.

People Games - we had an accuracy game of **Bumper Toss**. Toss the bumper into the hula hoops positioned for different points. This game surely brought out the competitive spirit in our members. We even had a tie-breaker we had to hold after lunch to finally get our eventual winner, Rick Post!

All our games had prizes (dog toys or treats) for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Doggie Gift Exchange:

This is a great game of sorts for the dogs. All attendees were asked to bring a wrapped toy or treat. We put all the presents into a big circle and one dog at a time goes into the circle to "pick" their present. We begin with the puppies, and then move to the veterans and then whoever wants to go next. Pretty cute to watch the dogs sniff, and then rip into their prize! We had some clever gift wrappers who hid a good smelling treat inside, so those of course went first.

BBQ Lunch:

We tried a different approach to our usual Pot Luck. We had our full lunch catered by Uncle Kenny's BBQ, which included their award-winning BBQ pulled pork, brisket, chicken quarters, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls, iced tea, water and cookies! This was very well received, as no one had to bring anything except their dogs and a chair with them for the day. A special "thank you" to Keith Aronoff for going to pick up our lunch at the restaurant.

CGC Test:

Two very kind volunteers from Caring Canines, Ryna LaValle & Christine Yoder conducted this for our members. All 4-dogs who took the test passed! Good doggies and smart! Congratulations Joyce Frazer & Bette and Elizabeth Masters & Hector both now have a new CGC title! We also have two new CGCA titles, Elizabeth Masters & Monty and Donna & Rick Post's Kaeli!

Photo Op:

Megan Cloudman of K & M Photography came out with two assistants and took loads of candid shots (she is still posting) as well as portrait shots! The Koshar's beautiful garden of Purple made for a lovely background! We will post to the yahoo e-mail list once all the photos are loaded.

Southern Skies Merchandise & Raffle Basket:

Special thanks to our Ways & Means Chair Kelli Riggs, who had lots of logo shirts for sale at a great price and a Raffle Basket stuffed with loads of goodies! All brought in over \$400 for our Club! Dmitry Makhtin won the Raffle for the 2nd year in a row



SSFCRC Fun Day (cont'd)

Everyone went home with at least one toy as Robin & Keith brought a huge basket full of stuffed animals! We all had a ball, and I'm pretty sure all our dogs & our people went home tired but happy. What a great day with our beloved dogs enjoying a fun-filled day. See, you aren't the only one who is crazy about your dog J There's a whole lot of us!

Thank you to all 38 people who came out to spend the day with us, including all the volunteers who stepped in to help! We can't wait until next year!

Your Fun Day Co-Chairs,

Robin Aronoff

Carol Cassidy

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Southern Skies Flat-Coated Retriever Club 2016 Supported Entry - Trophy Sponsors

Date of Show - Saturday, 2/20/16

Class	Sponsored by	Value	In Memory of
Judge - Mrs. Patricia Lanctot			
Regular Classes			
6-9 Dog	Pam Wagner	\$15	"Doc" & Maggi"
9-12 Dog	Mary Smith	\$15	"Jackson" CH Applegarth Of Avalon CD
12-18 Dog	Cheryl Mellon	\$15	"Lily" CH Savvy's Field Of Dreams JH WC
Amateur Owner Dog	Carolee Boyles	\$15	Vic Carlson
American Bred Dog	Jill Wake	\$15	"Callum" Aus CH Wizardwood Sefton
Bred-By Dog	Mary Smith	\$15	"Banner" CH Whitland Hy Wind Warning TDX SH WCX
Open Dog	Katy & Hank Postrozny	\$15	"Payton" CH Starworkers King Of The Castle JH WC
Winners Dog	Liz Mound	\$25	"Fonzie" CH Phoenix Happy Days CDX WC
Reserve Winners Dog	Merrilyn Jones	\$20	
6-9 Bitch	Paul & Donna Kamke	\$15	"Lilly" Mallard Pointe's Contessa
9-12 Bitch	Mary Smith	\$15	"Kerry" Morrieland Quail TD JH NA WCX
12-18 Bitch	Robin & Keith Aronoff	\$15	"Buddy" & "Bandit"
Amateur Owner Bitch	Cyndi Mimms	\$15	"Fenway" GCH Jubilee's Curveball Majic
American Bred Bitch	Cyndi Mimms	\$15	"Fenway" GCH Jubilee's Curveball Majic
Bred-By Bitch	Mary Smith	\$15	"Spring" CH Morrieland Spring TD MH OA NAJ WCX HOF
Open Bitch	Carol & Marge Cassidy	\$15	"Miley" Homeport Anytime You're Ready
Winners Bitch	Enclave - H & M Hector	\$25	
Reserve Winners Bitch	Jill Wake	\$20	"Lige" Silverwood Much Obliged
Select Dog	Robin & Keith Aronoff	\$30	"Buddy" & "Bandit"
Select Bitch	Patti More	\$30	"Sammie" GCH Am/Can CH MACH Blacfriar I Am Sam-I-Am Am/Can UD WCX Am VER RE MXB2 MJC MXP3 MJP4 MXPB MJPB MXF XFP PAX Can JH AgX AgXJ HOS
Best of Winners	Elaine & David Bradbury	\$30	"Runnah" CH Hickory Hill TrailRunnah
Best of Opposite	Enclave - H & M Hector	\$40	
Best of Breed	SSFCR Club	\$130	Joan Dever

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Judge - Mrs. Patricia			
Non-Regular Classes			
7-9 Veteran Dog	Kelli & Joe Riggs	\$15	"Hogan" Mallard Pointe's Earl of the Flats
9-11 Veteran Dog	Katy & Hank Postrozny	\$15	"Rowan" CH Salasana Steeple Ashton JH WCX
11+ Veteran Dog	Patty McClain	\$15	"Greatee" CH Jubilee's Wings Like An Eagle SH WCX
7-9 Veteran Bitch	Paul & Donna Kamke	\$15	"Lilly" Mallard Pointe's Contessa
9-11 Veteran Bitch	Donna & Rick Post	\$15	CH Savvy Midnight At The Oasis
11 + Veteran Bitch	Patty McClain	\$15	"Shasta" CH Raveneaux Shasta Sautern CD JH AXJ RN WCX
Working Retriever Dog	Kelli & Joe Riggs	\$15	"Hogan" Mallard Pointe's Earl of the Flats
Working Retriever Bitch	Pam Hind	\$15	"Lucy" CH Destiny Grand Illusion CD MH WCX
Judge - Mrs. Janet			
Sweepstakes Classes:			
6-9 Puppy Dog	Patty McClain	\$15	Noreen Parsons
9-12 Puppy Dog	Robin & Keith Aronoff	\$15	"Buddy" & "Bandit"
12-15 Puppy Dog	Joyce Frazer	\$15	
15-18 Puppy Dog	Katy & Hank Postrozny	\$15	"Lucy" CH Salasana Flaming Arrow JH WC
6-9 Puppy Bitch	Paul & Donna Kamke	\$15	"Lilly" Mallard Pointe's Contessa
9-12 Puppy Bitch	Patty McClain	\$15	"Prehenna" CH Jubilee's Against All Odds JH AX OAJ WC
12-15 Puppy Bitch	Paul & Donna Kamke	\$15	"Lilly" Mallard Pointe's Contessa
15-18 Puppy Bitch	Paul & Donna Kamke	\$15	"Lilly" Mallard Pointe's Contessa
Best Puppy	Claire & Marty Koshar	\$25	"Bess" CH Belsud Brown Benrinnes JH
BOS to Best Puppy	Gen Dever	\$20	"Milo" CH Gamekeeper's Time And The Bell CD CGC
7-9 Veteran Dog	Elizabeth Masters	\$15	"Riley" HR Riley RN BN CD JH WC CC CGC
9-11 Veteran Dog	Elizabeth Masters	\$15	"Buck" CD RE GN
11 over Veteran Dog	Robin & Keith Aronoff	\$15	"Buddy" & "Bandit"
7-9 Veteran Bitch	Paul & Donna Kamke	\$15	"Lilly" Mallard Pointe's Contessa
9-11 Veteran Bitch	Pam Hind	\$15	"Belle" CH Savvy's A Portrait Of A Lady
11 over Veteran Bitch	Pam Hind	\$15	"Lily" CH Savvy's Field Of Dreams JH WC
Best Veteran	Claire & Marty Koshar	\$25	"Bess" CH Belsud Brown Benrinnes JH
BOS to Best Veteran	Carol & Marge Cassidy	\$20	"Coal" CH Mallard Pointe A BLKTIE Affair CD CGC TDI
Additional Awards			
High Scoring in Obedience	Kelly Bryant	\$25	"Leica" Wingmaster's Lasting Impression CD BN RE JH MXP MJP3 MJPB NFP WC RATI VFRC1
		\$1,005	50 Classes Sponsored

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SSFCRC Veteran Dogs

Birthday	Dog "Call" name	Registered Name	Dog Owner
09/21/06	Brody	CH Mallard Pointe Jumpin To It CGC	Carol Cassidy
10/08/04	Cash	GCH Whitland One For The Money TD MH22 WCX ** HOF	Mary Smith
11/19/03	Isabel	CH Rowansgaard During Wind N Rain HOF**SH OA OAJ NF CD WC CGC	Kathi Leonhardt
11/29/04	Shira	Jeb's Little Miss Red CD BN (Golden Retriever)	Carolee Boyles
12/31/03	Ava	CH Butterblac's Turn Back Time UD WC	Liz Mound

We celebrate 5 of our members Veteran Dog Birthdays this quarter!

**Do you have a Special Veteran dog in your house? We'd love to help celebrate the occasion!
So please let us know.**

Carol Cassidy

Sunshine Chair

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SSFCRC Supported Entry

Many months of planning has gone into our Annual Supported Entry and the date is coming up fast!

Date: Saturday, 2/14/15

Where: Show Location:

Sun & Fun Property
4175 Medulla Road
Lakeland, FL 33811

Show entries close with INFODOG on Wednesday 1/28/15 so get your entries in a.s.a.p.

Remember, when you make your entries...besides your dog's regular class, please look for the Non-Regular Classes as well as Sweepstakes being offered.

Sweepstakes: Puppy & Veteran classes. Note on Veteran Sweeps: you can show neutered/spayed dogs in Sweeps. All Veterans will receive a special Neck Ribbon. Also, we ask that you not hire a "paid handler" to show dogs in Sweeps classes. Sweepstakes are meant to be for the dog's owner, breeder, family member or friend. If you are a professional handler, you of course can show your own dog.

Non-Regular Classes: Veterans & Working Dog classes

If you have a Puppy or a Veteran you can enter two classes! More chances to win a prize!

Potluck Lunch: We plan to eat shortly after we show. Please bring an item to share! I will send an e-mail requesting items as we get a little closer to the event.

Title Ribbon Award Ceremony

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Silent Auction: We need everyone possible to help with this. We ask for a dog related item, such as stainless bowls, a feeder, brushes, shampoo, treats, a crate, crate pads, doggie bed, etc. Flat-Coat related items are always a big hit of course, non-doggie items, such as a wine basket, Wine glasses, Bottle of Grey Goose, Single Malt, Tequila, etc. You can even bring baked goods or a flat of Strawberries if you like. This time of the year is right in the heart of strawberry season and the area is the largest Winter Home for strawberries in the USA! Field/Hunt items; whistle, a lanyard, duck call, collars, camo hat, bumpers, bucket, etc. Art, especially if it's dog related, Show Chair, Grooming Bag.

E-mail me privately if you need some more ideas. Coalcassidy@yahoo.com

Please come! Bring a dog even if you're not planning on showing. Bring a spouse and/or a friend. It'll be a great day devoted to our beloved dogs!

Thank you in advance for your help in making this a fun, successful event!!!



Braggs—Our Dogs Doing Great Things!

GCh. Stormwatch Enclave Genesis—Eve

as of 10/25/15:

- 37 Best of Breeds
- 3 Group 1's
- 3 Group 2's
- 1 Group 3
- 2 Group 4's
- Earned Bronze Grand Championship title 6/12/15
- #6 Flat-Coat breed and all-breed standings (#2 bitch all-breed and #3 bitch breed)



Best,
Hector and Meredith



Cahaba Crackin' Good Toast -Gromit

On Sunday, September 27, 2015 my dog Gromit, got the third leg he needed for his Companion Dog title He is now **Cahaba Crackin' Good Toast Gromit CD,BN,RN,CGC**

Barb Perez



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Fenigan and I have had a busy summer and early fall. In Orlando, he had 1 Best Opposite, 2 Selects, 2 BOBOH, and 1 OH Group 4.

Two weeks later in West Palm Beach he was the only flatcoat entry, and had an OH Group 3.

Two weeks after that, in Greenville, SC on a Supported Entry weekend he had 2 Selects. I went into the weekend saying if he got a couple of selects I would be very pleased, because I knew there would be some high level competition there. There was, and he did, and I can't tell you how happy I am with him!

The weekend of August 1-2, we went to our first UKC obedience and rally trial. Fenigan earned a URO1 title in Rally and a UCD title in obedienceand went High in Trial! Many thanks to PJ Lacette for showing me how to "break down" behaviors into little pieces and train the pieces; those details are what is giving us higher scores now.



August just kept getting better.....in two weekends of obedience trials he finished his Graduate Novice title and earned all three legs of his Open obedience title.

And in September at the West Volusia Kennel Club shows he had one Best Opposite, one BOB and 2 BOBOH.