



# PAW PRINTS

NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST  
WATERWAYS FLAT-COATED  
RETRIEVER CLUB

Spring Issue - 2015

## FLAT COAT FILES!

Mark your calendars! Your club officers and board members have been busy planning some exciting events especially for you and your flat-coats for 2015. Make plans to join us for some flat-coat fun. You can catch up with some old friends and make some new ones while spending time with your best friend.

### **2015 MWFCRC Supported Entry**

Traverse City, MI

In conjunction with the Grand Traverse Kennel Club

Sweepstakes judge: Helen Szostak

Regular Class judge: Charlotte McGowan

Hurry to get your entries in. The entries close at 12:00 noon at the superintendent's office, Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

Mary Ann is planning to have the annual MWFCRC meeting and dinner at her home on Saturday evening after the show starting at 6pm.

Her address is: 19275 Whispering Trail, Traverse City, MI 49686

**Saturday, June 13, 2015**

### **Live flyer training day and WC/WCX**

Pardee Property, Concord, MI

**October 11 – 12, 2015**

### **Hard-Surface Tracking Workshop**

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sponsored by MWFCRC

**November 14 – 15, 2015**

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# Message from the President:

## **GROUND PATROL AT THE SPECIALTY**

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who helped patrol the grounds at the hotels and at Purina Farms. I think we had it easy this year, and am hopeful we have started something... have other regional clubs step up and volunteer to take on some responsibility at a Specialty. The Grounds job is probably the hardest one to fill. So thank you to all – I know we only picked up around 30 piles at the Holiday Inn – not too bad with however many hundreds of dogs that were there.

## **Hard Surface Tracking Workshop Nov. 14-15**

Mark this weekend on your calendar now while you are thinking about it – and if you have an interest in attending, even if you don't want to send the form and fee in now, please let me know. I'd like to have a feel for how many will be attending as participants and as auditors.

Kate Barton, MWFCRC President

## **Calendar for upcoming MWFCRC Board Meetings: Thursdays at 9:00 P.M.**

Next meeting scheduled for

Call in Information:

Conference Dial-in Number: (712) 432-1500

Participant Access Code: 334084#

# BRAGS

From Jill Griffet:

**Raven (URO1 U-AGI SHR CH MACH Knightcastle Camelot Nevermore CD RN JH NAP NJP NF WC VFCR1 CGC CL2-S CL2-H CL2-R CL2-F)** earned her MACH on March 1st. I am excited and thrilled that this now makes her eligible for the Hall of Fame. At the nationals she earned her first Rally Advanced leg and Q's in T2B.

At the nationals, **Coalby (U-CD SHR U-AGII C-ATCH MACH2 JB's Black Gold CD RA MXG MJC OF OJP WC CGC TDI VFCR1)** Q'd in Veteran Obedience. I was so thankful to be able to go into the ring with him since he will be 14 years old in May.

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From Karen Dodd:

**Wingmaster's National Treasure "Cage"** 1st place JWW Novice A and qualified in Rally Novice B at the specialty.

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From Debbie Ting:

We had a fun time at the specialty. I dragged **Jetta (MACH, PACH Phantom Run Like a Jet CDX, RA, MXP MJS MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX)** out of retirement to do some obedience and rally and she managed to qualify in Veterans obedience, beginner novice and rally advanced. **Berry (MACH Fairytail's Halle Berry CD BN GN RN MXA MJS)** managed to qualify in masters standard and novice FAST (3rd place) in agility. The next day she was part of the obedience team advertising the 2017 Specialty in New York. To our total astonishment we managed to place fourth! Wednesday was the toughest day for her with the thunder and hail. Somehow she managed to hold it together enough to earn her first legs in rally advanced and graduate open (3rd place). I was thrilled that she was able to earn a BUD award.

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From Janet Olson:

**GCH Alidar Effervescing "Arlington"** double Q'd in Agility, winning both of her Excellent Preferred classes and earning 37 PACH points towards her PACH2 J She also earned her 1<sup>st</sup> Rally Novice B leg with a score of 95 and a nice performance in a hectic atmosphere! So proud of my veteran Arrrr!

**Alidar Helplessly Hoping "Nash"** ventured into the field and earned a JAM in Unsteady Singles B! 60 dogs were entered and Nash nailed her marks.....mostly on natural ability since we haven't trained much. So proud of her too!

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From Kate Barton:

**Lola, CH SHR UCDX Fireside LOL Always, BN, GN, CDX, TD, JH, CGC** earned her first Grad Open leg at the Specialty with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place. She also participated in Rally team and earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and then put up with Kate during the Obedience team as we clucked around the ring in our Chicken suits! It was a very fun Specialty – and what a great place to hold it - Purina sure knows how to do dog events!

# HARD-SURFACE TRACKING WORKSHOP

MWFCRC  
Presenting a 2-day  
Hard-Surface Tracking Workshop  
With Steve Ripley  
November 14-15, 2015 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

- 10 Working spots, with preference given to Flat-Coated Retrievers. **All Working dogs must have some tracking experience.**
- Unlimited Auditors
- Join us for two days of classroom and outdoor urban tracking at our beautiful site on the north side of Fort Wayne.
- Steve Ripley, AKC Tracking Judge (#4826) from Westfield, Indiana, will be teaching us the dynamics and skills needed to teach our dogs how to follow scent in an urban setting, which includes sidewalks, parking lots, gravel – as well as mowed lawns, landscape, mulch – just about anywhere a person can walk!
- Cost\* is \$100 for Flat-Coat Working Teams, and \$125 for all other breeds. Preference will be given to Flat-Coated Retrievers. **DEADLINE for FCR Working teams is August 1, 2015. Auditors and non-Flat-Coat working spots deadline Oct. 1, 2015.** Non-Flat-Coat working spot applications will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received.
- Lunch included both days.
- \*All participants (working or auditing) must have the book “Making Scents out of the Urban Jungle”, by Steve Ripley, available at the workshop, or go to [www.mycountryfare.com](http://www.mycountryfare.com). (This book will be provided to the FCR working spots.)

Flat-Coated Retriever – WORKING SPOT (\$100)

Flat-Coated Retriever – AUDITOR (\$60)

Other Breed -- WORKING SPOT (\$125)

Other Breed AUDITOR -- (\$60)

Handler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Tracking Experience:  TD  TDX  TDU/VST  New-never tried tracking before  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form and check payable to MWFCRC to:

Kate Barton  
5325 Ann Hackley Dr.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835-1413  
Phone: 260.437.2087

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for Flat-Coat Working spots is Aug. 1, 2015. Auditors and non-Flat-Coat working spots deadline is Oct. 1, 2015.**

# MORE BRAGS!!

From Darleen & John Knapp:

Feb 5 at the Hoosier KC, Archer was BOW for a 3 point major. He has both Majors and 10 points

Thurs, March 12, at the Mid Ky KC **Archer** won WD for 1 point. Then Fri March 13, **Archer** was BOW for 2 points! That gives him 13 points and both Majors!!!! We were so happy with that!

We had a good day at the dog show today! We now have **CHAMPION Butterblac's Fast Flight CGC "Archer"** was Best of Winners for his last point to finish his Champion title (Judge Ron Spritzer) We also showed **Dragon & Archer** in Brace, and they did get Best Brace in Breed. They did look really nice together, and did much better than I thought they would. We are so happy to finish Archer!

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From Sherry Augustine: & Harry Ellis:

**Ch.Exotic Dazzeling Topaz, OA, NJW "Topaz"** with Sherry handling her earned a JAM at the FCRSA national specialty. This is very exciting for us since Topaz only came to live with us in November 2014. This is the first time that Sherry has handled Topaz in the breed ring. "**Bode**", **Ch. Exotic Black Diamond** earned his first Beginners Novice Leg at the FCRSA specialty.

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From Diane Constable:

February 21-22 I attended 4 United Kennel Club shows at the Ann Arbor Training Club with **Nikon**, along with her two brothers and sire. **Nikon**-barely 16 months old- was on fire!!! She is now **UKC BIS, U-GRCH, UJJ Oakwood's Depth of Field!**

Her totals for the 4 show weekend: 3 Best of Breed, 2 Group 1's, 1 Group 4, 1 Best in Show!!!!, 1 NEW TITLE- UKC Grand Champion!!! And Best of the Best!

(The UKC has a class after all 4 shows are over called Best of the Best, where the 8 dogs that earned Best in Show and Reserve to Best in Show compete together for 'Best of the Best', and 'Best of the Best Reserve' )

The judge that selected her for Best In Show remarked how fit Nikon was physically and temperament-wise. She said would love to see Nikon hunting out of her duck boat.

We are so proud of our Cosby and Maizy girl! It was so much fun that Cheryl Ertelt was there to see Cosby's girl do so well! Brothers **Camo** and **Sabre** were also there to cheer Nikon on!

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For the next issue of the MWFCRC newsletter: I'd like to start getting more information from our club members called "A few of our favorite things". So for the next issue, please send me a picture of your dog and his/her favorite toy for the next issue! Also, please send ideas for articles or information you would like to see included in the newsletter.

# MWFCRC Photo Gallery

Jill Griffet with Raven earning her MACH



Karen Dodd's Cage running agility



Diane Constable's Nikon & her loot from UKC Show