

FLATTIE TALES.

NEFRA NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1.

There will be a Gundog Training evening on Monday 3rd June 1996 7pm to 9pm at Yatcholm near Huddersfield. (Map overleaf).

Cost will be £2 per dog payable on the evening.

Due to the imminence of this event places should be booked by a telephone call directly to Mrs. Cherry Wood, a founder member of NEFRA, who has kindly arranged this evening training. Any queries should also be directed to Mrs. Wood, who's telephone number is 01484 866218.

Enclosed with this newsletter is an entry form for this years Photographic Competition. As with last year the winner will be featured on NEFRA Christmas Cards and notelets. It is hoped that 2 winners will be chosen this year. Judging will take place on Sunday 7th July 1996 at Doe Lea Community Centre (1/2 mile from Junction 29 of the M1.). A variety of events will take place on that day, the most important of these being a discussion on Construction of the Flatcoated Retriever which will take place in the morning and an Eye Testing session during the afternoon. Cost of the eye testing is £11.50 per dog. As time will limit the number of dogs which the vet can see for eye testing, places do have to be booked for this, contact the Secretary. Please also remember to bring your K.C. registration form on the day. Refreshments will be available at a nominal cost. Lets try to make this as good a day as last years event was.

A.G.M. Update.

The Northern England Flatcoated Retriever Association recently held its 1st. A.G.M. at The Auctioneer Restaurant, Brighouse. The meeting opened at 11 am with a welcome to all present by our President Mr. George Lancaster. Apologies for absence were then given by the Secretary, Mrs. Sandra Kitching after which the meeting continued as per Agenda. Officers and Committee elected at the A.G.M. were as follows:-

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Membership Subscription for next year (1997) was set at the following rates:-

Single Membership. £ 5.

Joint Membership. £ 8.

Junior Members. £ 3.

Full-time Gamekeeper. £ 3.

O.A.P's. £ 3.

Proportional Founder Membership due on 1st. May 1996 was agreed as follows :-

Single Membership. £ 3.

Joint Membership. £ 5.

Junior Members. £ 2.

Full-time Gamekeeper. £ 2.

O.A.P's. £ 2.

(If claiming reduced membership ie. £2 please state in which category e.g. O.A.P.)

This is now due and should be sent directly to the Treasurer, Mrs. E. Whiting at the address given in column 2.

Please make cheques payable to N.E.F.R.A.

Date of the next A.G.M. was set for Sunday 16th March 1997 at 11 am. Venue as this year, The Auctioneer, nr. Brighouse.

Light refreshments were available at the close of the meeting The meeting having been conducted in a lively and friendly atmosphere throughout.

All membership enquiries and new membership applications should be directed to The Secretary, Mrs. Sandra Kitching, address as printed in column two.

Future Dates For Your Diary.

1996.

Monday 3rd June.
Gundog Training Evening.
Yateholm nr Huddersfield.

Sunday 7th July
Construction of the Flatcoat,
Eye Testing *£ 11.50 per dog.
Judging of Photographic Competition.
Doe Lea Community Centre

Sunday 6th. October.
N.E.F.R.A. Working Test.
The Crathorne Estate, nr Yarm,
Cleveland.

Saturday 16th. November.
N.E.F.R.A. Open Show.
Normanton Community Centre,
nr. Wakefield, West Yorkshire.
(Schedule with next newsletter.)

Dates as yet to be arranged.
Gundog Training Day.
Fun Day

1997.

Sunday 4th May. (to be confirmed).
N.E.F.R.A. Open Show.
Woodford, nr. Poynton,
Greater Manchester.

Further events to be arranged.

I have been asked to make owners aware that not everybody is who they claim to be.
A very smartly dressed lady called on a member who's bitch was expecting a litter. She was enquiring about purchasing a Flatcoat Bitch as after many years her and her husband had recently lost theirs. Name and Address details were taken and, being a cautious person, the Breeder asked the lady to call back again bringing her husband with her. This she subsequently did. The couple did not seem to "fit" together she being smartly dressed, he being slightly scruffy in appearance and this time the story she gave had changed slightly. Perhaps some people would

not have noticed the difference, but this was a very cautious Breeder and something did not ring true.
The Litter was duly born and because it was such a small litter this couple were notified that there would not be a puppy available.

A few weeks later the Breeder received a telephone call from another person who's bitch was expecting a litter. They had also been approached by the smartly dressed lady, who had this time said that she came recommended by the first Breeder. Breeder 2 was just checking this out. As neither of them felt happy about this couple, they decided to make some enquiries.

The address given did not exist, the name given was not recognised in the area although a couple with a similar name were known. This couple owned a kennel where dogs were kept for a short time before being moved on, usually overseas. It may just have been a coincidence, but the two Breeders had heard enough.

They would just like to make you aware of this story and ask you to take note. If you are approached by anyone who you do not know, even if they say that they come recommended by another person who is known to you, please, please check up that their story is true. If they turn out to be genuine then great you have found an owner for one of your puppies. If the story is false, then who knows what could have happened to that puppy. Please just spend a little time checking, for the puppies sake.

Thanks to you all for your super ideas on what to call the newsletter. Hope you approve of the one chosen. This was suggested by Mrs. Street, who was presented with her prize at the last Fun Day at Hollybank School.

Don't forget if you are mating your Bitch, or your Dog is being used at stud then let Sandra know when the litter is due so that they can be added to the Litter Register.

Aren't you all a modest lot. As yet not one entry sent for the brags page, not even by the committee members who suggested it. I can't believe that you have not won something during last year, so I will put it down to modesty.

So just to get the ball rolling here are a few that I know about from 1995.

Congratulations & Well Done

to:-

Liz & Les Geoghegan and
Fenfleet Strider
Mrs. Chris Murray and
Gayplume Pirouette
John & Margaret Pendleton and
Goldingale Appleblossom
All who attained full Championship Status during 1995.

Den & Val Orme and
Elmstock Wild Thyme.
Mrs. Judy Showell and
Cleovine Derrynane.
Who both attained Show Championship Status during 1995.

Mrs. Chris Murray and
Gayplume Fancy Free,
on winning the Becky Trophy for most Successful Flatcoated Retriever in the Show Ring during 1995.
Also on gaining her Junior Warrant.

Bob Allen and
Clowbeck Black Drake at Darillens,
on gaining their first C.C.'s

Karen & Gorden Roberts and
Hartshead Conquering Hero,
on gaining 4 Res. C.C.'s.

Kate & Stephen Jubb and
Torwood Bizzy Lizzy back to
Hasweth.
on gaining 3 Res.C.C.'s.

There that has broken the ice. Now it's up to you. Go on brag about it!!!