



**Flat-Coated Retriever Society of Canada
National Specialty 2012 Judge
BRENDA HUTCHISON**

I have owned Flatcoats since 1976. They have been shown and worked under the Waverton affix, which I share with my husband, David. Our first Flatcoat was a dog, Belsud Black Kestrel of Waverton who was field trialled and gained 2 reserve C.C.s and a Junior Warrant. Our foundation Flat-coated Retriever bitch was Black Velvet of Candidacasa at Waverton, whom we made up to a full champion; we also gained 4 field trial awards with her. Her descendants included her two daughters Ch. Waverton Julep and Ch Waverton Katinka. Katinka produced Ch Waverton Madeira, who in turn produced Ned. Ch. Waverton Applejack, and also Waverton Toby Ale of Varingo.

Toby Ale was the top Flatcoat stud dog in the UK in 2003 in spite of being rarely shown. He produced 5 champions, with several of his grandchildren going on to become champions as well. (You probably realise that in the UK a dog has to beat all the champions to win a CC, so a title is not easily achieved.)

Our most recent champion was Varingo Victoria with Waverton. Currently we are showing Waverton Floradora who has 1 CC. All our Flatcoats work in the shooting field, picking up on average for 50 days each season. Currently I have the honour to be the first President of the recently established Southern Flatcoated Retriever Club in the UK.

I first awarded CCs in the UK in Golden Retrievers (our original breed) in 1988, followed by Flatcoats in 1990. The high spot of my judging career was the awarding of CCs for Flatcoats at Crufts in 2007. I have judged in many European countries, and look forward to seeing the Canadian Flatcoats.