

# The Nordic Flatcoated Retriever Championship

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The Nordics is the common name for Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden founded on a strong belief that the Nordic countries are having a common culture and a strong will to do things together. The term is more relevant than the term Scandinavia that is sometimes used as an alternative for these countries. But it primarily means Denmark, Norway and Sweden or formally just Norway and Sweden, being divided by the Scandinavian mountain range. There is no doubt a strong tradition of cooperation in the Nordics when it comes to culture, politics, defence and in most other areas.

We do what we can in the small Flatcoat world to promote this partnership. Among other things a yearly Nordic Championship for teams and individual dogs is arranged in the different countries based on a revolving scheme.

For the very first time in 2008 the Nordic Championship was arranged in Denmark for individual competition only and at that time it was an International A-test, based on the FCI rules, offering a CACIT (an International Certificate) to the winner. As far as I know this is the only time when an International A-test has been arranged for Flatcoats only but hopefully not the last? Furthermore, I believe it's the first and only time a Flatcoat have been awarded a CACIT on warm game (the only possibility today), being Annika Christiansen's Seamaster's Eternity. (It might be of interest to know that International Field Trials for Flatcoats only is allowed according to the FCI rules if the local Retriever Club is giving a permission).

From 2009 and onwards this event has been a strong tradition with a team challenge for country teams of four competing one day, in a B- (Cold Game test) or C-test (Working test). On the other day all dogs compete individually at an A-test (Field Trial), or at a B-test. Rules for the event are not strict but adjusted to the local conditions where Sweden and Denmark find it easier to arrange proper Field Trials for the individual competition.

In Denmark results on Winner class level (= Open class in UK) are always "competition prices" but for all the other countries quality prices as well as competition prices, ranking the first, second and third best dog etc., are awarded to all dogs.

The most highly merited dogs in the four countries are invited by the local Flatcoat Clubs/ communities and looking at the team compositions it's quite clearly reflecting the dominance of a few leading breeders in the different countries.

Looking at Denmark the Jiggers kennel is the dominant with the outstanding bitch Multi Ch Jiggers Tarka Lovely Alma, with two individual wins, in the forefront and a number of participants either being stamped by the Jiggers brand or exposing a pedigree truffled with dogs from the Jiggers line, producing some of the best Danish workers since the early 1970-ties. It's relevant to note as well that the Nordic retriever culture rely quite heavily on the Danes being the

frontrunners for the different working retriever testing models that are used all over this area.

Looking at the Finnish team a similar picture is evident with the leading Taka Tapiolan kennel in the driver's seat, continuously producing some of the very best Finnish workers since the late seventies but many other pro work oriented breeders contribute as well to the Finnish teams.

The Norwegian picture is somewhat different but nevertheless as evident as the others with the Waternuts kennel strongly dominating. It's no doubt that this kennel has been the leading Nordic kennel since the beginning of this century, winning more persistently at the major events than any other Nordic breeder and with a team of dogs that is a first-class synthesis of the very best Swedish/Danish/British working lines.

Looking at Sweden at the end the picture is quite evident that Sweden excel as a team winning the team challenge eight out of nine times. Although competition is hard with first class performers from all countries, Sweden has obviously entered the most even teams. Twelve Swedish entries have been dogs from the Waternuts family of dogs, but the list of dogs represents the variety of Swedish work oriented breeders. Ingela Karlssons bitch, Coatfloats Marimekko, being the most consistent participant/winner, as part of the Swedish team during seven consecutive years and with two individual wins, of which the second was at nine years of age.

The picture gallery from the Nordic Championship at Kristianstad in 2014 exposing a bit of the nice and friendly atmosphere at this reoccurring event.

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1. 2014-10-18 Saturday B-test: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2ToDdfQST1lhxtC2>
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The Nordic Flatcoated Retriever Championship – team challenge			
Arranged in/type of test	Winning order	Winning team	The national teams
2017 (Finland – B-test)	1	Norway	Twist, Bodil Bache
			Red Mountain's i Petters spår, Tone Andersen
			NORD JCH DK BRCH Waternut's High and

			Mighty, Bjarne Holm
			NO JCH Polar Cirkus Ronaldo, Tone Højland
	2	Sweden	SE JCH Skattkammarens Isle of Islay, Karin Ranklo
			SE JCH Zebulons Karrakatta, Gisela Fuchs
			SE JCH Engsboda Clockwork Orange, Karin Cleeve
			SE SPCH, NO JCH, SE JCH, SPH III Svartalwens Fria Aska, Anna-Lena Wendt
	3	Finland	FI JCH Gilliams Gold White Pigeon Game, Katja Villikka
			Filurin Tarina, Heli Pitkäljärvi
			Filurin Torojolli, Minna Niemi
			C.I.B, C.I.E., FI & EE & LV CH, EE VCH, EEVW-17, FI & SE OBCH Fowl Reed's Blackpool, Veera Jääskeläinen
		Denmark	No Danish team this year
2016 (Denmark - Official Working Test)	1	Sweden	NORD JCH DK BRCH DK WTCH Coatfloats Marimekko, Ingela Karlsson
			NORD JCH, LPII, SE LCH, SE VCH, SE UCH Bez Amis First Last and Always, Tina Engström
			SE SPCH, NO JCH, SE JCH, SPH III Svartalwen's Fria Aska, Anna-Lena Wendt
			NORD JCH Waternuts Sweet, Science, Helena Närling
	2	Norway	Nifty Dude I'm Awesome, Kirsti Ekstrøm
			NOJCH Polar Circus Ronaldo, Tone Høyland
			Red Mountain's i Petters Spår, Tone Andersen
			NORDJCH, DKBRCH Waternuts High And Mighty, Bjarne Holm
	3	Finland	FICH Metsävinnan Kentuckian Snow, Antti Tarkkala
			Sniffens Alppien Lumimies, Anu Mikkola
			Zebulons Forever Dorado, Jarmo Vaarala
			C.I.B C.I.E FI & EE & LV CH EE VCH EEVW-17 FI & SE OBCH Fowl Reed's

			Blackpool, Veera Jääskeläinen
	4	Denmark	Flat-Hunter's Jagwen Billie Jean, Mickey Kofoed Jensen
			Flathounds Everlasting Flame, Ole Munch Petersen
			Jiggers Tarka Lovely Falcon, Per Rethmeier
			Munkhaven Almo Thyra, Hans Jørgen Bilstrup
2015 (Norway)	1	Sweden	DKBRCH NORDJCH SESPCH Waternuts Caleigh, Anna-Lena Wendt
			NORD JCH DK BRCH DK WTCH Coatfloats Marimekko, Ingela Karlsson
			SEJCH Waternuts Sweet Science, Helena Närling
			NORDJCH Bez-Amis First Last and Always, Tina Engström
	2	Denmark	Munkhaven Almo Thyra, Hans Jørgen Billstrup
			Jiggers Tarka Lovely Nellie, Per Rethmeier
			Flat-Hunters Jagwen Billy Jean, Mieckey Kofoed Jensen
			Munkhaven Almo Ditte, Vagn Christiansen
	3	Finland	FI JCH, SE JCH Taka-Tapiolan Fiun Taru, Janne Järvinen
			Taka-Tapiolan Fiun Tuuli, Tarja Tuhola
			C.I.B. FI & EE CH Metsävirnan Kentuckian Snow, Antti Tarkkala
			FI JCH Gilliam´s Gold White Pigeon Game, Tuuli Katja Villikka
		Norway	NORDJCH Waternuts High And Mighty, Bjarne Holm
NO JCH Waternuts Highland Cream, Idar Reinås			
NO JCH Polar Circus Ronaldo, Tone Høyland			
Red Mountain's I Petters Spår, Tone Andersen			
2014 (Sweden – B-test)	1	Sweden	NORD JCH, SESPCH Waternuts Caleigh, Anna-Lena Wendt
			NORD JCH DK BRCH DK WTCH Coatfloats Marimekko, Ingela Karlsson
			SEJCH, NOJCH Straight Flush Velvet

			Vega, Andreas Josefsson
			SE VCH, LPII, SE UCH, DK UCH, SE LCH, NORD JCH Bez-Ami's First Last And Always, Tina Engström
	2	Finland	FI JCH SE JCH Black Eider's Brown Eyed Girl, Jan-Erik Eriksson
			FI JCH SE JCH Taka-Tapiolan Fiun Taru, Janne Järvinen
			Taka-Tapiolan Fiun Tuuli, Tarja Tuhola
			FI JCH Gilliam's Gold White Pigeon Game, Tuuli Katja Villikka
	3	Norway	NORD JCH DK BRCH Waternuts High And Mighty, Bjarne Holm,
			NO JCH Polar Circus Ronaldo, Tone Høyland,
			NO JCH SE JCH Waternuts Man Of The Moment, Heidi Kvan
			NO JCH Waternuts Highland Cream, Idar Reinås
	4	Denmark	Munkhaven Esther, Hans-Jørgen Bilstrup
			Flathounds Everlasting Flame, Ole Munch Petersen
			Munkhaven Almo Thyra Lise Nørgaard Poulsen
			Jiggers Tarka Lovely Nellie, Per Rethmeier
2013 (Finland – B- test)	1	Sweden	SE J(J)CH Waternuts Sweet Science, Helena Närling
			NORD JCH SE SPCH Waternuts Caleigh, Anna-Lena Wendt
			NORD JCH DK BRCH DK WTCH Coatfloats Marimekko, Ingela Karlsson
			SE JCh NO JCH Straight Flush Velvet Vega, Andreas Josefsson
	2	Norway	NO JCH Waternuts Highland Cream, Idar Reinås
			NO JCH SE JCH Waternuts Man at the Moment, Heidi Kvan
			NO JCH Polar Cirkus Ronaldo, Tone Høyland
			NO JCH SE JCH Waternuts High and Mighty,

			Bjarne Holm
	3	Finland	FI JCH Taka-Tapiolan Kaijun Poika, Juri Saastamoinen
			FI JCH Taka-Tapiolan Fiun Tahvo, Harry Backman
			FI JCH Taka-Tapiolan Kata, Tapio Takala
			FI JCH SE JCH Black Eider's Brown Eyed Girl, Jan-Erik Eriksson
	4	Denmark	DKBRCH FIBRCH DKJCH DKWTCH NOJCH NORDJCH SEJCH Jiggers Tarka Lovely Alma, Hans Jörgen Billstrup
			Svalegårdens Naja, Per Rethmeier
			Flat-Hunters Jagwen Billy Jean, Mickey Kofoed Jensen
			Munkhaven Esther, Lisa Norgaard Poulsen
2012 (Denmark)	1	Sweden	SE JCH NO JCH Straight Flush Velvet Vega, Andreas Josefsson
			SE J(J)CH Waternuts Sweet Science, Helena Närling
			NORD JCH SE SPCH Waternuts Caleigh, Anna-Lena Wendt
			NORD JCH DK BRCH DK WTCH Coatfloats Marimekko, Ingela Karlsson
	2	Norway	NO JCH Waternuts Highland Cream, Idar Reinås
			NO JCH SE JCH Waternuts High and Mighty, Bjarne Holm
			NO JCH Spader Damens Wild Thing, Kenneth Ryland
			Mahinda Dexter, Kirsten Norberg
	3	Denmark	Flathounds Everlasting Flame Ole Munch Petersen
			Svalegårdens Naja, Per Rethmeier
			DKCH+J, DEVDH CH, INT CH. DE CH Sort Guld Nasdaq Technology Index, Johnny Eckhaus
			Flat-Hunters Jagwen Billy Jean, Mickey Kofoed Jensen
	4	Finland	FI JCH, SE JCH Taka-Tapiolan Fiun Taru, Janne Järvinen
			FI JCH Taka-Tapiolan Fiun Tahvo,

			Harri Backman
			FI JCH Taka-Tapiolan Kata, Tapio Takala
			FI JCH Taka-Tapiolan Kaijun-Poika, Jori Saastamoinen
2011 (Norway)	1	Sweden	SE JCH Straight Flush Velvet Vega, Andreas Josefsson
			SE SPCH, SE J(J)CH, NO JCH Waternuts Caleigh, Anna-Lena Wendt
			SE JCH FI JCH Feedback's She Walks Like An Angel, Jan Schenström
			NORD JCH DK BRCH DK WTCH Coatfloats Marimekko, Ingela Karlsson
	2	Denmark	DK BRCH FI BRCH DK JCH DK WTCH NO JCH NORD JCH SE JCH Jiggers Tarka Lovely Alma, Hans Jørgen Bilstrup
			Peritas Mudler, Jesper Hvidt Mortensen
			Svalegården's Naja, Per Rethmeier
			Born-Flat Jocke O. Junior, Palle Olesen
	3	Finland	FI JCH, SE JCH Black Eider's Brown Eyed Girl, Jan-Erik Eriksson
			FI JCH Waternuts Maeek Forwarder, Veijo Sarinko
			Sniffens Wind Of Forest, Miia Suppanen-Olkkola
			Sniffens Ruskea Rudolf, Anu Mikkola
4	Norway	Dark Devotion Overnight Obsession, Torbjørn Gjerdal	
		NO JCH Waternuts Highland Cream, Idar Reinås	
		NO JCH Polar Cirkus Ronaldo, Tone Høyland	
		NO JCH Waternuts Brainstorm, Ivar Østensen	
2010 (Sweden)	1	Sweden	SE JCH Feedback's She Walks Like an Angel, Jan Schenström
			SE JCH Isle Mountain's Zevs, Lars Jonsson
			NORD JCH DK BRCH DK WTCH Coatfloats Marimekko, Ingela Karlsson
			SE JCh Hinnared's Japp, Veronica

			Hansson
			SE J(J)CH NOJCH Waternuts Caleigh, Anna-Lena Wendt
	2	Denmark	Dark Devotion Gentleman George, Inge Merete Frisenberg Buhl
			Svalegården's Naja, Per Rethmeier
			Seamaster's Eternity, Annika Christiansen
			DKBRCH FIBRCH DKJCH DKWTCH NOJCH NORDJCH SEJCH Jiggers Tarka Lovely Alma, Hans Jørgen Bilstrup
	3	Norway	Hinnared's Handy, Pål Bådsvik
			NO JCH SE JCH Waternuts Man of The Moment, Heidi Kvan
			NO JCH SE JCH Duckstream Cragganmore, Bjarne Holm
			NO UCH NO JCH Spader Damens Wild Thing, Kenneth Ryland
	4	Finland	FI JCH Waternuts Maeek Forwarder, Veijo Sarinko
			FI JCH Taka-Tapiolan Kaijun-Poika, Jori Saastamoinen
			FI JCH, SE JCH Black Eider's Brown Eyed Girl, Jan-Erik Eriksson
			Flaps Glädjerus Thomas Idman
2009 (Finland)	1	Sweden	SE JCH Feedback's She walks like an Angel Jan Schenström
			SE JCH Pumpans Broomtail Wrasse, Helena Molin
			Hinnareds Hold-on, Peter Hilding
			SE JCH Hinnareds Zynnö, Tom Rölander
	2	Denmark	DKBRCH FIBRCH DKJCH DKWTCH NOJCH NORDJCH SEJCH Jiggers Tarka Lovely Alma, Hans Jørgen Bilstrup
			DKJCH DKBRCH NOJCH SEJCH NORDJCH Reltub Black Velvet, Annika Christiansen
Bornflat Jocke O Junior, Palle Olesen			



			Fågeltorps Tea Morkulla, Palle Olesen
	3	Finland	FI JCH Waternuts Maeek Forwarder Veijo Sarinko
			FI JCH Biehkan Kasku Jori Saastamoinen
			FI JCH, FI UCH Chiccoxen Forever Young Ilpo Sarkkinen
			FI JCH Zebulons Windy Peg Tiina Pikkuaho
			Sniffens Forest Meadow Antti Tarkkala
			FI JCH Waverton Dubonnet Riitta Jeramo
		Norway	No Norwegian team this year.
2008	The very first Nordic Championship was arranged this year as an International A-test in Denmark for individual competition only.		

## Nordic Flatcoated Retriever Championship - Individual competition

Country/test type	Awards	Competitors
2017 (Finland A-test, competition prices + quality prices)	1 Winner (1 Certifikat)	NORD JCH DK BRCH Waternut's High and Mighty, Bjarne Holm, (Norway)
	2 Winner (1 Certificate quality)	SE JCH Zebulons Karrakatta, Gisela Fuchs
2016 (Denmark A-test, competition prices)	1 Winner (Certificate)	NO JCH Polar Circus Ronaldo, Tone Høyland (Norway)
	2 Winner (Certificate quality)	NO JCH SE JCH Waternuts High And Mighty, Bjarne Holm (Norway)
	3 Winner	SE VCH LPII SE UCH DK UCH SE LCH NORD JCH Bez-Ami's First Last And Always, Tina Engström (Sweden)
2015 (Norway C-test, competition prices)	1 Winner	NORD JCH Coatfloats Marimekko, Ingela Karlsson (Sweden)
	2	NO JCH SE JCH Waternuts High and Mighty, Bjarne Holm (Norway)
	3	SE SPCH DK BRCH NORD JCH Waternuts Caleigh, Anna-Lena Wendt (Sweden)

	4	FI JCH Gilliams Gold White Pigeon Game, Tuuli Katja Villikka (Finland)
	5	SE J(J)CH Waternuts Sweet Science, Helena Närling (Sweden)
	7	NO JCH Polar Cirkus Ronaldo, Tone Høyland (Norway)
2014 (Sweden A-test, competition prices + quality prices)	1 winner (1 Certificate)	Taka-Tapiolan Fiun Tuuli Tarja Tuhola (Finland)
	2 winner (1)	FI JCH SE JCH Black Eider's Brown Eyed Girl Jan-Erik Eriksson (Finland)
	3 winner (1 Guns choice)	SE VCH LPII SE UCH DK UCH SE LCH NORD JCH Bez-Ami's First Last And Always Tina Engström (Sweden)
	4 winner (2)	Munkhaven Almo Thyra Hans-Jørgen Bilstrup (Denmark)
2013 (Finland, A- test, competition prices + quality prices)	1 Winner (3)	DKBRCH FIBRCH DKJCH DKWTCH NOJCH NORDJCH SEJCH Jiggers Tarka Lovely Alma, Hans Jörgen Bilstrup, (Denmark)
	2 (3)	FI JCH Taka-Tapiolan Kaijun Poika, Juri Saastamoinen, (Finland)
2012 (Denmark. A-test, competition price)	1 winner Certificate	SEJCH NOJCH Straight Flush Velvet Vega, Andreas Josefsson, (Sweden)
2011 (Norway – B- test, competition prices + quality prices)	1 winner (1)	SEJCH NOJCH DKBRCH NORD JCH Coatfloats Marimekko, Ingela Karlsson, (Sweden)
2010 (Sweden – A- test, competition price + quality prices)	1 winner (1 Certificate)	DK BRCH FI JCH NO JCH NORD JCH Jiggers Tarka Lovely Alma, Hans Jörgen Bilstrup (Denmark)
	2 winner (1 Certificate quality)	Seamaster´s Eternity, Annika Christiansen (Denmark)
	(3)	NO JCH Hinnared´s Handy, Pål Bådsvik (Norway)
	(3)	NO UCH Spader Damens Wild Thing Kenneth Ryland (Norway)
	(3)	FI JCH Taka-Tapiolan Kaijun-Poika, Jori Saastamoinen (Finland)
	(3)	FI JCH Waternuts Maeek Forwarder, Veijo Sarinko (Finland)
2009 (Finland – A- test, competition prices and quality prices based on the European FCI standard)	1 winner (Excellent)	SE LCH SE JCH Pumpans Bromtail Wrasse, Helena Närling (Molin), (Sweden)
	2 winner (Excellent)	DKBRCH FIBRCH DKJCH DKWTCH NOJCH NORDJCH SEJCH Jiggers Tarka Lovely Alma, Hans Jörgen Bilstrup (Denmark)
	3 winner	SE JCh Feedbacks She Walks like an

	(Good)	Angel, Jan Schenström (Sweden)
	4 winner (Good)	Hinnaredds Hold-On, Peter Hilding, (Sweden)
2008 (Denmark – the very first Nordic Championship, for individuals only, being arranged as an International A-test)	1 winner (Excellent, Certificate, Cacit)	Seamaster´s Eternity, Annika Christiansen (Denmark)
	2 winner (Excellent)	DK BRCH FI JCH NO JCH NORD JCH Jiggers Tarka Lovely Alma, Hans Jörgen Bilstrup (Denmark)
	(Very Good)	Mavisflight Flow of Spirit, Hinrich Lorentzen (Denmark)
	(Very Good)	FI JCH Biehkan Kasku, Jori Saastamoinen (Finland)
	(Very Good)	Hinnaredds Enya, Malin Hilding, (Sweden)
	(Good)	Fågeltorps Tea Morkulla, Palle Olesen (Denmark)
	(Good)	Svalegården´s Naja, Per Rethmeier, (Denmark)
	(Good)	Peritas Mudler, Jesper Mortesen, (Denmark)