

The future of Nordic Championship as part of the development of Flatcoated Retriever society in the Nordic countries !

Background

During some years, discussions has been held among the participants in the Nordic Championships (NC) to adjust or change the rules. There have been different perspectives of the questions and in order to summarize the situation, a web meeting was held 2017-12-01 between representatives from the four different countries. As a preparation to this meeting, initiated by Bjarne Holm, he sent out one idea to adopt the Golden retriever Nordic Championship set up for the future Flatcoated Retriever Nordic Championship.

Ammis and Andreas Fälth summarized the situation in the document "171206_The future of Nordic Championship" which was the base for an additional web meeting January 2:nd 2018.

Participants in this web meeting was:

Norway	Bjarne Holm
Finland	Anu Mikkola
Denmark	Per Rethmeier, Christian Brix
Sweden	Ammis Fälth, Andreas Fälth, Peter Flink

Decisions:

Overall decision is to change the present Nordic Championship in order to attract more flatcoated retrievers to train and compete as well as develop the breed towards more warm game retrieving.

Decision was made to develop two different weekend championships, one according to Golden NC (IWT rules), and the other focused on B and/or A test.

The remaining question is frequency where the final goal is to have both weekend every year but a question to be evaluated in the end of 2018.

The detail decisions made:

1. Make an adjusted set up in Sweden 2018:
 - a. Team competition as before as an official B-test on Saturday
 - b. Individual A-trial on Sunday inviting additional dogs to compete in a Nordic A-trial championship
2. Create a copy of Nordic Championship for Golden Retriever starting up in Norway 2019
 - a. Team competition on Saturday according to IWT rules
 - i. Make it an option to have 2-4 teams from each country
 - b. Individual WT competition on Sunday
 - i. Mandatory to have open and winner (elit) class
 - ii. Option if the country wants to have other class
3. End of 2018 / Beginning 2019
 - a. evaluate if we can manage to arrange a Nordic warm game championship in addition to Norway's Nordic WT Championship 2019

On behalf of the NC development group / Andreas