

# *Finish Lines*



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### **Report of the President Presented at the YGRC Annual Meeting, January 29, 2005**

**W**elcome to the 2005 Annual Meeting of the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**. This year we are trying to do things a little differently. Those of you waiting for the usual parade of Officers and Committee Chairs to the podium to give their reports will be disappointed. We have chosen to provide written copies of the reports for you to read and study at your leisure. Please do take the time to read and understand this material as there will be “pop quizzes” throughout the coming year.

Since we are not having everyone speak tonight, the Board of Directors decided that I, as president, should summarize the events of the past year and comment on the upcoming year. My first attempt at following the Board’s direction was “2004 was an excellent year for **YANKEE**, and 2005 looks even better. Thank you all for coming. Good night. Let’s get on with the presentation of the trophies and plaques.” Somehow that wasn’t quite what they had in mind, so please bear with me as I try to briefly summarize the events of the past year.

Our year started with the 2004 Annual Meeting here at the Café Escadrille. Last year, as this year, the dinner was arranged by Donna Morgan and Melanie Porter. Donna and Melanie thank you very much for the great job, but I have one question. How do plan to top this next year?

**YANKEE** is one of the most active specialty clubs in the nation, and continues to be a leader among the many other GRCA member clubs. This doesn’t happen by accident or luck. It happens because of the work of our members. 2004 was another successful year for **YGRC**.

**Agility:** In July, we held a two-day, two-ring indoor trial for the first time at the Sports Zone in Derry, NH. The trials were a great success. We have scheduled this venue for trials again this July. When Karen Frink and Stacey Allard initially set the dates for 2005, they checked the AKC’s corresponding

events calendar but forgot to check the NASCAR events calendar. The corresponding weekend based on AKC’s calendar happened to be a NASCAR race weekend at NH International Race Track in Loudon, NH. That means there are no hotel rooms to be had between the White Mountains and Boston. Fortunately Karen and Stacey were able to quickly get approval to move the trials up a week to July 9–10.

The December Boston Cluster Trials went off without a hitch — or a snowstorm!

Congratulations to Mike Lappin on becoming an AKC agility judge.

**Bench:** In addition to our Spring and Fall matches **YGRC** held our 10th Annual Specialty Show May 28 at the Cracker-barrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham MA. And to prove that the conformation and obedience competitors are just as determined a bunch as the agility and field competitors, the event was held in a driving rainstorm with a little bit of thunder and lightning thrown in for good measure.

**Field:** We had the largest enrollment ever of dogs and handlers in our Field Training Classes in 2004. We held our Spring and Fall WC/WCX test and our Hunting Retriever Test, which included two sections of Master. Long-time co-chair of the Field Committee Andrea Fisher has stepped down. Judith Erlanger will co-chair the Field Committee with Carol White. Andrea, thank you so much for your years of work on the Field Committee, the organizing and teaching field classes, and chairing hunt tests and WC/WCXs.

The Field Committee is reviewing a proposal from **YGRC** members Nick Staszko and Gerry Bailey to hold a sanctioned Field Trial. This is an event that **YANKEE** used to run prior to the AKC’s development of the Hunting Retriever Test. The Field Committee will make a recommendation to the Board.

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## MEMBERSHIP

The application procedure to become a voting member of the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** is as follows:

1. Prospective members must attend two **YANKEE** meetings prior to becoming eligible for a full, voting membership. Club meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of odd-number months, earlier in November, at the Acton Congregational Church. Copies of the club constitution and Bylaws are available at each meeting.

2. A completed membership application, signed by two **YANKEE** members in good standing, and the membership dues for one year must be submitted to the membership chair.

3. Upon completion of the membership requirements, the membership chair will present the application at the next club meeting for a vote. All membership requirements must be completed within one year of application, or the application will expire and must be re-submitted.

**NOTE:** Non-members can subscribe to the **YANKEE GRC** newsletter,

*Finish Lines*. Complete the front page of the membership application and send it with the fee of \$25 to the membership chair.

Please note: Article 1 of the **YGRC** Bylaws states in part: During the month of November, a dues statement, payable on the first of February of the following year, shall be mailed to each club member. No members may vote who have not paid their dues for the current year. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year, *i.e.*, April 1. A \$10 late fee will be applied to any payments made after February 1.

Lapsed memberships are ineligible to vote, receive trophies, list wins in *Finish Lines*, list litters with Breeders' Referral, *etc.* To re-join the club, the complete procedure described above must be followed.

If you have any questions about membership or if you need a membership application, contact Carolyn Zagami, membership chair at [ygrcmembershp@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembershp@aol.com).



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### NEW FINISH LINES 2005 Publication Schedule

| Material Deadline | Issue     | Mailing Date |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|
| December 15       | January   | January 1    |
| February 15       | March     | March 1      |
| April 15          | May       | May 1        |
| June 15           | July      | July 1       |
| August 15         | September | September 1  |
| October 15        | November  | November 1   |



## MINUTE BY MINUTE

The Board of Directors met on December 7, 2004 and January 4, 2005. Business and committee reports are summarized below.

**Agility:** **YGRC** Agility Trials at the Boston Cluster were a huge success. The *Thank You* ad for Ellen DeWolf was presented to her and was a complete surprise. Applications for the July and December 2005 trials are being prepared for AKC submission.

**Bench:** Martha Callaghan volunteered to Chair the Spring Match on March 26th at Collinswood Dog Training in Auburn MA.

**Breeder Referral:** Many complaints about the lack of information on the Web site. Calls well below normal.

**Concessions:** PayPal investigations continuing. Pictures of merchandise have been taken and an inventory is complete. Need to get ordering information on the Web site.

**Field:** Judith Erlanger volunteered to co-chair the Field Committee with Carol White, replacing Andrea Fisher who is resigning after many years of service. Committee meeting January 9. The possibility of running a sanctioned field trial will be one of the topics of discussion.

**Hospitality:** Vermont Teddy Bear for Donna Morgan's *On Course For Kids* team member. Card to Miles Garrod, **YGRC**'s tracking mentor.

**Mailings:** Proposal that we print the postage for the newsletter and the meeting notices. MOTION 04-27 to set up an account for **YGRC** at Stamps.com; passed unanimously.

**Membership:** Discussion on how to split a family membership when a child who has been a part of a family membership wishes to become a member on his/her own.

**Newsletter:** Deadline February 15. Annual Meeting issue.

**Obedience:** Mike Lappin is looking into holding a winter training party and a training session for Rally Obedience stewards.

**Programs:** Planning for next year's programs in progress. Suggestions to Marsha Wilcox.

**Puppy Kindergarten:** Next class starts 1/6/2005. Looking into possible new location.

**Specialty '05:** Obedience judges all set.

**Trophy:** Complaint received over the change in the requirements for the annual trophies that members work at least one **YGRC** event in order to be eligible to earn a trophy. MOTION 04-26 to postpone implementation of the work requirement until 2005 and to notify the membership of the new requirement both at the Annual Meeting and in the newsletter; passed unanimously.

**Web site:** Kinks still need to be worked out. Using Web site developer services on an as-needed basis. The Web committee will meet January 12.

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**Obedience:** We held two obedience matches in conjunction with our Spring and Fall Breed Matches, and we held an obedience trial in conjunction with our Specialty in May.

In July, **YANKEE** and LEAP Agility Club sponsored an obedience and agility run-through day, with **YGRC**'s proceeds going to the Golden Retriever Foundation

In 2005, the Obedience Committee hopes to hold a training seminar for rally obedience stewards prior to our Specialty where we'll offer rally as an AKC-titling event.

Congratulations to Mike Lappin on becoming an AKC rally obedience Judge.

**Tracking:** We held three AKC tracking events in 2004 — a VST test, a TD/TDX test, and an AKC VST seminar. In 2005 in addition to our VST and TD/TDX tests, **YGRC** will offer a TDX seminar in April and a TD seminar in May.

Congratulations to Ray Desmarais on becoming an AKC tracking judge.

**Membership:** Jennifer Rowe stepped down as Membership Chair in 2004 and we thank her for her years of service. Welcome our new Membership Chair, Carolyn Zagami, who had no idea what she was getting herself into, but is learning fast and doing a great job.

If you haven't sent in your renewal, hurry up!

**Programs:** Before becoming president of **YGRC**, I must admit that I attended few of our membership/program meet-ings, probably only one or two more than the two required to become a member. Since becoming president I'm expected to attend and conduct the meeting portion. I can't believe what I have been missing all these years. The programs are fun, interesting, and unbelievably informative. I encourage every-one to attend. Our Program Chair, Marsha Wilcox, could not be with us to-night — her real job got in the way — but if you have any ideas on programs you would like to see in the future, please be sure to contact her.

**Puppy Kindergarten:** I feel Puppy Kindergarten is one of our most important programs. We're proud to support **YGRC** member breeders who make training a requirement of getting a puppy, and glad that our Puppy K classes help to educate and promote responsible pet ownership.

The classes are held at the *Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue* facility and our fees for the use of the facility go towards the upkeep YGRR's programs. In addition, each participant in the classes becomes a member of YGRR.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter, *Finish Lines*, just keeps getting better and better thanks to our editors Geoff Stern and Roseann Mandell. Their jobs would be a lot easier if the president didn't have such a hard time writing and would get his material in on time.

**Charitable contributions:** During the year, the Board of Director receives requests for support of many worthwhile causes a few of which have been mentioned in regards to the events we held. As Jan Bramhall reported at last year's annual meeting: "In 2003, we unanimously voted to donate an initial \$10,000 to the Zeke Cancer Fund, administered by the Golden Retriever Foundation, and to continue, on an annual basis, to make additional substantial donations to the Zeke Fund."

In 2004, Mike Lappin organized our second seminar on canine reproduction with Dr. Robert Hutchison. The profit from that seminar, \$4000, was donated to the Golden Retriever Foundation along with the \$500 from the July event with LEAP.

In January, the Board voted to donate \$5000 to the Golden Retriever Foundation as our contribution to the "Red Dog Challenge." The goal of the Red Dog Challenge is for the Golden Retriever Foundation to raise \$100,000 in new donations within approximately a year. For each dollar raised in that time, up to \$100,000 will be matched, one for one. Please join us in this endeavor by contributing to this worthy cause as much as you can individually manage.

In addition to the Golden Retriever Foundation, **YGRC** donated \$500 and a Vermont Teddy Bear to *On Course for Kids*, which raises money to help children with cancer. Donna Morgan & Kindra participated at this year's event during the Boston Cluster in December [see Yankee Mailbox, page 10 of this issue — eds.]

**Web site:** We have good news and bad news.

The good news is **YANKEE** has a new, improved Web site up and running — [www.yankeegrc.org](http://www.yankeegrc.org) — and we have registered and hopefully protected our domain names. There are some really lovely pages on the new site, covering all the various activities our club — and our dogs — are involved in.

The bad news is that the new site isn't finished, it isn't perfect, and the Board of Directors and especially the President, *me*, have taken a lot of flak for it.

We sought some professional help in redesigning the Web site, and we accomplished a lot, but there's a lot left to do. To be honest I didn't realize so many people used our site. The old site was hopelessly out of date, and it seemed easier to design a new one than to fix the old one. No one except the Board and a few committee chairs complained about the old site, so imagine our surprise when the new site went on-line and people started complaining.

To illustrate one of our problems, we had hot links to many places on the AKC site. When we put up our new site, those links worked fine, but in the past few weeks AKC has updated its site and changed all the addresses so our links no longer work and will all have to be re-done.

This report wasn't as brief as I would have liked. I would like to thank everyone for their support and help to me as President. I have even greater appreciation and respect for the efforts of my predecessors as president, Glen Simonson and Jan Bramhall.

Thank you all.

— Jim Downar  
**YGRC** President

## President's Service Award

Each year members of the club are invited to select an individual to receive the President's Service Award. They select someone who has displayed a devotion to the club through their service to the club. Many worthy folks were nominated this year, but one individual stood out this year receiving the most nominations by club members.

Our club members choose wisely. They choose someone who quietly has served this club for many, many years in many different capacities. This individual served out of her love for Golden Retrievers and her passion for promoting the natural instincts of the breed to hunt and retrieve. She has served for countless years as a co-chair of the YGRC Field Committee. She has been an outstanding leader, because of her knowledge of

hunting, her commitment to safety, and her devotion to the Golden as a sporting retriever. Her passion for field work and willingness to share her expertise has been contagious. She has turned more newbies on to the joy of training their dogs in field work which is a benefit to the breed. She has served YANKEE as chair of several WC/WCX tests, and for many years has organized and directed the successful field classes we offer — giving hundreds of Golden Retrievers the opportunity to use their natural ability to retrieve and hunt. She has taught field classes with patience and enthusiasm, encouraging owners and their dogs to hone their skills in field work. As a qualified AKC Hunt Test judge, she is sought after by many clubs to judge their

hunt tests, because of her reputation as a fair and friendly judge.

Not only has she devoted herself to serving the club in the field/hunting venue, she has served the club for multiple years as one of the most efficient club secretaries. She kept track of everything the Board of Directors did, handled all correspondence helping to keep everyone organized.

On behalf of YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB, I am very proud to award the President's Service Award to a very deserving **Andrea Fisher**.

Andrea, on behalf of the club, I would like to thank you for your many years of invaluable service. It is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

## Sandy Sonntag Service Award

The Sandy Sonntag Award is awarded to a member who has performed exemplary service to the Golden Retriever breed or the community. This accomplishment could be an outstanding one-time act or cumulative months of service. Club members are invited to nominate members who they feel have given of themselves for the breed. The board then reviews the nominations and makes the final decision.

This year, the board had a very hard decision with the many nominations of very special club members, but finally settled on a recipient whom we are very proud of.

This individual in addition to chairing numerous agility trials for YANKEE, doing two trials each year, had also extended her heart to the breed and folks in time of need, aiding the Golden community and the human community as well. This year she unselfishly took in several Golden Retrievers for many months while their owner, a friend, recuperated from emergency surgery. She paid for the dog's food and medical care and made daily phone calls to their owner. She also brought the dogs into the hospital to visit their owner. Later in the year, she packed up herself and her dogs and went to live in another friend's home caring for person's dogs for a number of weeks,

again while her friend recovered from surgery.

In addition to aiding friends and their Golden Retrievers, this worthy recipient aided in the rescue of a number of Golden Retrievers puppies who were very ill and undernourished. The puppies were rescued at a very young age. She helped the group rescuing the puppies with her vet tech knowledge.

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB is very proud to present the Sandy Sonntag Service Award to **Stacey Allard**, a very worthwhile recipient who has quietly given of herself, without seeking recognition, only wanting to help friends with two legs and four legs in need.

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#### Other Business:

**Advertising:** Notify Donna Morgan of any show catalog ads that need to be placed.

**Clinics:** Fall eye clinic was held. Heart Clinic needs to be scheduled. Need a date for the Spring Eye Clinic.

**Mass Fed:** YGRC's membership was renewed. Judith Erlanger is YGRC's representative to Mass Fed & AKC Legislative Watch.

**Rescue:** Carolyn Zagami will coordinate transporting donated articles for the YGRR

benefit auction. YGRC will donate a Vermont Teddy Bear.

**Annual Meeting:** Agreed that rather than presenting all reports orally, they would be printed and distributed. The President will make a brief report summarizing the past year and what we are doing in 2005. All reports will be published in the newsletter.

**Board Vacancy:** Charlene Devens has notified the Board that she will resign from the Board following the Annual Meeting.

**Charitable Donations:** Continuing the club's commitment to supporting the Golden Retriever Foundation, Mike Lappin discussed the need to be donate, not just to the Zeke Fund for cancer research, but also to the general fund, so it can be used for all of its projects. MOTION 05-01 to donate the \$5000.00 to the Golden Retriever Foundation general fund; passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** February 1, 2005.



# YGRC Annual Committee Reports 2004

## AGILITY (Karen Frink)

**YANKEE** held six all-breed agility trials this year — two days in July, plus the four days of Boston in December.

The July trial was in a new location, held indoors at the Sports Zone in Derry NH. (Finally, a **YGRC** event in NH!) A special thanks to Donna Morgan who helped us find this great new venue. The owners of the Sports Zone were so impressed with the club as well as the agility competitors in general that we've been invited back to hold the trial again this year. For 2005, the dates are July 9–10; judges are Rich Macintosh and Kim Bosco-Ingraham.

The December trial in Boston is the grand finale of the agility season here in New England. It was a huge success. For some reason this year, the trial was as smooth as silk, no major complaints from anyone (we won't count the lack of toilet paper in one of the restrooms or the mysterious red liquid dripping from the ceiling of the ladies room). Either we're getting really good at holding this particular trial, or the mix of competitors was just right — or maybe a combination of the two. Some of the courses were a bit different and therefore challenging. For example, one day we had 9 weave poles instead of the usual 12 and a course start in the middle of the ring instead of at the edge. (That was first time I've ever been escorted to the line by the leash runner.)

For 2005, the dates are December 8–11; judges are Kathie Leggett (CA) and Christie McNamara (MA).

All the successes of the **YANKEE** agility program is due to the hard work and dedication of our club members. We have pretty much the same crew for all six trials. We've found a good formula for success and we're sticking with it — I hope.

I want to thank Stacey Allard for chairing all of the agility trials; Mike Lappin and Laurie Tinti for organizing the workers each day; Denise Ryan for all her effort in ordering, organizing, and giving out ribbons and prizes, Fran Lappin (alias "The Raffle Queen") for the fabulous lunches, as well as for running the workers raffles; Donna Morgan for taking such great care of the judge's hospitality; Ray Desmarais for playing multiple roles as emergency coordinator and groundskeeper for the July shows, plus course building at all the trials; Jim Downar for putting up with a ranting trial secretary (me) and for course building (because of the hard work of Ray and Jim in getting courses set in record time, other clubs are asking for their services); Roseann Mandell for being Mike and Laurie's right-hand person at the December trial; and all the people that helped out in the rings each day of each trial: Donna Benoit, Christa Bellows, Nancy Bishop, Jean Conrad, Susan Crum, Donna Cutler, Joyce DiBona, Rita DiSalvio, Lynn Dowall, Judith Erlanger, Kathy Goodman, Kim Hatton, Karen Hocker, Karen Hollander, Kathy Joffe, Jill Moffett, Fran Masters, Christie McNamara, Lise Merrifield, Paula Orcutt, Marcia Pierce, Lisa Ploss, Geoff Stern, Holly Stevenson, and Carolyn Zagami.

## FIELD (Carol White and Andrea Fisher)

**Performance Events:** In 2004, **YGRC** held an AKC licensed hunting retriever test and two WC/WCX tests. In addition to the spring WC/WCX test, we offered singles stakes and puppy

stakes. For the fall WC/WCX tests, we added a second puppy stake. The HRT had two sections of Master, Senior, and Junior.

The following table shows statistics for **YGRC** field events:

| YGRC Hunting Retriever Test |        |        |         |             |       |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|-------|
|                             | Junior | Senior | Master  |             |       |
| Entries                     | 75     | 42     | 62      |             |       |
| Qualifiers                  | 40     | 20     | 24      |             |       |
| YGRC Spring WC/WCX Tests    |        |        |         |             |       |
|                             | WC     | WCX    | Singles | Adv Singles | Puppy |
| Entries                     | 13     | 16     | 13      | 11          | 15    |
| Passed, placed, JAMs        | 7      | 7      | 4       | 8           | 5     |
| YGRC Fall WC/WCX Tests      |        |        |         |             |       |
|                             | WC     | WCX    | Puppy   |             |       |
| Entries                     | 22     | 20     | 12      |             |       |
| Passed, placed, JAMs        | 7      | 11     | 11      |             |       |

In addition to the stakes at the fall WC/WCX tests, **YANKEE** also supported the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever club with equipment and ducks. The Toller folks shared our land and water and held tests along side of us. It's always great fun to watch these little guys work!

Thanks to all those who helped make these events such a huge success. These are so many of you that I don't have the space to list everyone here. Hopefully we have thanked you individually in the newsletter following each event.

Members of the 2005 Field Committee are Carol White and Judith Erlanger, co-chairs; Barbara Sawtelle; Andrea Fisher; Rhonda Jarman; Patti Sullivan; Sheri and Bill Caron; Rosemary and Charlie DeMarco; and Donna Morgan.

We're planning to have the three events for 2005. The dates are as follows: Spring WC/WCX tests— May 7; HRT — August 20–21; and Fall WC/WCX tests — October 1. We'll need lots of workers to make these events a success. There are many different jobs that need to be done; we need stewards, marshals, bird boys, hospitality workers, and equipment helpers. We always have a great time, and when you volunteer for a **YGRC** field event, you'll have a front row seat to watch some great dogs work. To help out, contact Carol White or any of the Field com-mittee members.

**Training classes:** In Spring 2004, **YANKEE** had an unprecedented number in the field training classes: in total, we had 65 individuals enrolled with 72 dogs — the highest enrollment to date! The breakdown of the class enrollment was as follows:

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Fundamentals | 24 dogs |
| WC/WCX/JH    | 40 dogs |
| Advanced     | 8 dogs  |

Thanks to instructors Carol White who taught Fundamentals level, Bunny Milliken and Sally Bridges who taught the WC/WCX/JH levels, and Buck Shope who taught the Advanced level class.

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**YGRC** field classes have attracted numbers of participants from other clubs, and dogs of other breeds. The enrollment has included Labrador Retrievers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Flat-Coated Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, and Poodles. This is good news — keeping the hunting and retrieving instincts alive and well in all of these sporting breeds! And it speaks volumes about the commitment and devotion of their owners who are working hard to spend precious time with their dogs in the field. Thanks to all who participated, and to all of those who have helped this program be a successful and valuable offering of the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**. For more information about field training and events, see the club Web site.

**OBEDIENCE (Mike Lappin)**

**Clinics and Seminars:** In February, **YANKEE** sponsored our second Canine Reproductive Seminar with Dr Robert Hutchison. This two-day event had almost 100 people attending, including some from as far as South Carolina. It was a great affair and raised \$4000, donated to the Golden Retriever Foundation. Thanks to Martha Callaghan, Linda Erickson, and Chris Weeks for their help in putting the seminar together. We're planning another Hutch seminar for early 2006 — stay tuned.

**Matches and Trials:** **YGRC** had two successful obedience matches — part of the club's spring and fall matches, respectively. The matches were in a new site, Collinswood K9 Services in Auburn MA, which we hope was easy enough for everyone to get to. Thanks to Pat Scribner, Julie Rembrandt Seeley, and Jenny Dickinson for judging at these matches.

Our annual specialty in Wrentham was held in May. Despite the soggy weather, a good time was had by all, including a few intrepid souls trying rally as a non-regular class. Thanks to Geoff Stern for chairing the obedience trial, and a tip of the cap to Roseann Mandell for devising the Handler's Choice Versatility class. We were lucky to have some excellent stewards — Rhonda Jarman and Mike Lappin in rally, and in obedience, Christa Bellows, Jim Downar, Sue Sommer, and Carolyn Zagami.

In July, **YANKEE** sponsored a "Warm Up for Fall" run-through day for obedience and agility in conjunction with LEAP Agility Club of Central Massachusetts. This event raised \$1000 for canine health support, with **YGRC's** portion again going to the Golden Retriever Foundation. Thanks to Karen Hocker taking some lovely pictures.

For 2005, we're planning on having a rally obedience seminar in the near future to encourage people to enter rally at the **YANKEE** specialty and to train stewards for rally and obedience. (Keep in mind that AKC rally is now an official, titling event.) If you're interested, contact Mike Lappin.

Judges for **YGRC's** 2005 specialty are pending AKC approval of the panel. Rally will be offered. Obedience chair Geoff Stern will be recruiting stewards.

**TRACKING (Ray Desmarais)**

The **YANKEE** tracking program had a very successful year, with three events in 2004. In August, we held our second AKC-sanctioned VST test at the UNH campus. Judges were Mary Thompson and Miles Garrod. There were five tracks, with three Goldens and two Tervs entered. We had some very impressive performances — three near passes, and indeed, one of those dogs passed in his next test. We were happy to have a very

supportive and encouraging gallery. Many thanks to test chair Geoff Stern, test secretary Roseann Mandell, chief tracklayer Amy Deutsch, and some dedicated tracklayers, including **YANKEE** members Pat Lindquist and Henry Rines. Special thanks from everyone to hospitality coordinator, inn keeper, and major domo, Ray Desmarais.

In September, we held our annual combined TD/TDX test at High Ridge Wildlife Management Area in Gardner MA. Judges were Allison Platt, Art Twiss, and Ray Desmarais. There were five TD tracks and three TDX tracks. All five TD dogs passed and one TDX dog passed while retrieving a grouse along the way! Many thanks to test chair Alison Desmarais, test secretary Sue Sommer, hospitality coordinator Pat Scribner, chief tracklayer Jill Moffett, and a band of dauntless tracklayers that included **YANKEE** members Jan Bramhall, Cindy Besaw, Judith Erlanger, Alison Desmarais, Judith Erlanger, Roseann Mandell, Henry Rines; and Jan Rines.

In November, **YGRC** hosted a VST seminar with AKC tracking reps Herb Morrisson and Betty Winthers. We had 28 attendees, including many local judges and exhibitors. Thanks to Dr. Zezulla of the UNH Thompson School for providing the space and state-of-the-art presentation equipment, event chair Ray Desmarais, hospitality chairs Kathy Goodman and Amy Deutsch, and seminar assistants Henry Rines and Noreen Sila.

Looking forward to 2005, **YANKEE** has another full slate of tracking events planned. We have two seminars coming up — a TDX seminar April 16–17 with Mary Thompson and Peter Hewitt, and a TD seminar May 1 with Ray Desmarais. For more information on the tracking seminars, contact Kathy Goodman.

The VST test, again at UNH, will be August 13; judges are Mary Thompson and Allison Platt; test chair is Henry Rines and test secretary is Roseann Mandell. The TD/TDX tests will be September 18 at High Ridge; judges are Michael Clemens and Peter Hewitt. We need lots of help for these events. We're looking for tracklayers (including a chief tracklayer). If you can help out, please contact Ray Desmarais or Bob Bass.

**PROGRAMS (Marsha Wilcox)**

**YANKEE** continues to have a varied and interesting slate of programs for our membership meetings. We began the program year in March with a wonderful talk by Pagey Elliott on selecting a puppy for performance events.

In May, Judy Asarkof of Especially for Pets, along with our own Jan Bramhall, Deirdre Doyle, and friends, joined us to talk about feeding a raw diet.

The annual **YANKEE** Ice Cream Social was held at NARA park in Acton in July with superb demonstrations: tracking — Ray Desmarais and Champion Tracker dog, Nikita; search-and-rescue — Kathy Berube and Ranger Jennifer; beginning and advanced field — Donna Morgan with Kindra and Frost; agility and obedience — Jim Downer, Karen Frink, and Pat Lindquist. Also, Roseann Mandell and Geoff Stern ran an AKC Canine Good Citizen test in which several **YGRC** members' dogs earned CGC certificates. In November, Linda Hume from the North East Rehabilitation Hospital did a presentation on animal-facilitated therapy.

The tentative schedule for 2005 is: March—Pagey Elliott; May—Kathy Berube on SAR; July—Ice Cream Social and Rally Obedience at NARA Park; September—Grooming your Golden with Rochelle Porter; and November—Canine Genetics for Poets. As always, suggestions and comments are welcome!

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**MEMBERSHIP (Carolyn Zagami)**

On December 31, 2003, **YANKEE** membership was: 221 member households (281 members) and 37 subscribers, with 10 membership applications pending. For 2004, the statistics are:

| 2004 YGRC Membership Statistics                |            |                 |
|--|------------|-----------------|
| Members households renewed                     | 211        | (272 members)   |
| Memberships not renewed                        | 9          |                 |
| Deceased                                       | 2          |                 |
| Applications expired after one year (see note) | 8          |                 |
| New membership applications                    | 22         | (27 people)     |
| New member households voted in                 | 18         | (23 members)    |
| <b>Total membership</b>                        | <b>293</b> | net increase 12 |
| 2004 YGRC Subscriber Statistics                |            |                 |
| Subscriptions renewed                          | 30         |                 |
| Not renewed                                    | 7          |                 |
| New subscriptions                              | 3          | (one gift)      |
| Applications                                   | 12         |                 |
| <b>Total subscribers</b>                       | <b>38</b>  | net increase 1  |
| <b>Finish Lines mailing list</b>               | 291        |                 |
| As of January 26, 2005                         |            |                 |
| Memberships renewed                            | 188        |                 |
| Not renewed                                    | 54         |                 |
| Subscriptions renewed                          | 20         |                 |
| Not renewed                                    | 18         |                 |
| Applications pending                           | 11         |                 |

**Note:** The primary reason for expired applications is lack of member sponsors. The list of applicants needing sponsors is available. Also, if you agree to sponsor an applicant, please encourage them to complete their meeting and or work requirements within one year. An expired application is a missed opportunity. Our new members are valuable assets to the club!

We've set up an e-mail list, [YGRNews@yahoogroups.com](mailto:YGRNews@yahoogroups.com), to make it easier to spread the word about upcoming events, recruit helpers, and share other news. You can manage your subscription online at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YGRNews>.

If you have any questions about membership renewals, status or requirements, please contact the membership chair, Carolyn Zagami, [ygrcmembershp@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembershp@aol.com).

**CONCESSIONS/ STORE (Donna Morgan)**

The **YANKEE** store has been inactive this year while the club was revamping the Web site. We hope to have an online store up and running soon (with PayPal) to make it easier to buy club apparel and other goodies. We've done a complete inventory of all the club logo clothing and other items, and we've taken photos for the Web site (with Donna Cutler's family as models). So watch for some "clearance" specials. Once we sell off the current inventory, we'll evaluate what items to carry regularly. Suggestions for new items are most welcome — and we're

seeking some volunteers who enjoy marketing, merchandising, and haberdashery.

**PUPPY KINDERGARTEN (Donna Cutler)**

**YANKEE** Puppy Kindergarten classes are held in Hudson at Riverview, the home of Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue. The building has great safe space for the puppies. All the paving has been finished, and there has been a lot of landscaping done this past fall. It should look beautiful this spring.

This year we had six sessions from January through December. Like last year, May had a double Kindergarten class, which has something to say for spring in the air! We had post-grad sessions for four of the six sessions.

In total there were 93 puppies that went through Kindergarten, and 24 that went through post-grad.

The most popular girl-dog name was Lilly — the same as last year — followed by Rosie and Sasha. The most popular boy-dog name was Riley, followed by Brady (up from third place last year, for perhaps obvious reasons), and then Jake.

Classes are taught by Jan Bramhall, with help from Donna Cutler, Cindy Powell, and Carolyn Zagami. We've started the New Year off with two Kindergarten classes consisting of 22 puppies. Registration information is online at the club Web site.

**FINISH LINES (Geoff Stern & Roseann Mandell)**

This year, we published 6 issues of *Finish Lines*. We worked out a new schedule to try to better synchronize the newsletter with some of **YGRC**'s major events. Printing and mailing is now handled by Carolyn Zagami in her role as membership chair. Thanks go to Bill Hurley who handled printing and mailing so well for so long.

We continue to swap information with Deirdre Doyle, **YANKEE**'s correspondent for GRCA, so brags get into *Golden Retriever News* and *Finish Lines*.

We're planning to keep a year's worth of newsletters on the club Web site in PDF format, and we'd like to do more electronic distribution to save printing costs. However, we expect to always have some hardcopy versions to distribute at events.

**YANKEE** wants to celebrate the accomplishments of all members and let everyone share their experiences with our Golden friends. So remember to send your brags and news to Geoff and Roseann — [yankeefinishlines@att.net](mailto:yankeefinishlines@att.net) — and if there's anything else you'd like to contribute or any features you want added to the newsletter, please let us know.

We're especially interested in photographs of any **YGRC** events — both for printing in the newsletter and for the club archives which Ann Houston is compiling.

**WEB SITE (Melanie Porter)**

As we announced last year, **YANKEE** has a redesigned Web site — [www.yankeeegr.org](http://www.yankeeegr.org) — some pages are still under construction.

Thanks to Karen Hocker for her work as the Web master for our old site, and welcome aboard to Kathy Doyle Winslow who'll be taking over the new site, assisted by some liaisons for the various club activities and interests.

If there's information you want to see on the Web site, please let us know, and if you have some expertise in maintaining Web sites, we'll be glad to have some help.



# YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Trophy Winners 2004

All trophies are awarded each year at the Annual Meeting. Members in good standing are eligible to apply. Titles may have been earned in either the US or Canada. Additional information and forms are mailed to each member before the December deadline.

## Perpetual Trophies

**YGRC Companion Dog Trophy:** Lazydaze Jump For Joy CD OA NAP NAJ NJP (Fran & Mike Lappin & Kathleen Doyle)

**YGRC Companion Dog Excellent Trophy:** Tangleloft Sunstorm Encore CDX (Joanne Baker, Patrice Loves & Sandra Dunn)

**Toby Trigger Utility Dog Trophy:** UCDX Breakwater Lotto Larceny UD OA OAJ NAP NJP Can.CDX (Karen Frink & James Downar)

**YGRC Obedience Trophy:** OTCH Winthrop Lights N Zaps Twice UDX AX MXJ (Donna Benoit)

**YGRC Shawnfield TD Trophy:** Star Blazer Beau CDX TD TDI CGC (Louis & Karen Scotti) & UCH UCD Mirasol's Curious Incident CD TD OA OAJ (Roseann Mandell & Geoff Stern)

**Tricon Starshine Sundancer Tracking Trophy:** Am/Can CH CT Mirasol's Usual Suspect AX MXJ (Alison & Ray Desmarais)

**Calliope Excellent Agility Trophy:** OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation TD SH UDX2 WCX ADHF (Pat Lindquist)

**YGRC Field Trophy:** Cedarpond's Skip Away\*\*\* (Gerald Bailey)

**YGRC Derby Trophy:** Cedarpond's Skip Away\*\*\* (Gerald Bailey)

**YGRC Junior Hunter Trophy:** Shawnfield Touched By N Angel JH WC Can.CD and Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper JH WCX (both dogs, Marcia Peirce)

**YGRC Senior Hunter Trophy:** Thornelea's Promises To Keep SH WCX (Donna Morgan)

**YGRC Spring Match Best Opposite Sex Puppy:** Sunkozi Thornelea Kaycee (Carol Manthorne)

**YGRC Fall Match Best Puppy:** Cloverdale Beyond the Sea (Jane Zimmerman)

**YGRC Fall Match Best Adult:** Ginger Run Naughty Red Head (Amy Adametz & Rachelle & Melanie Porter)

**YGRC Fall Match Best Opposite Sex Adult:** Sunnyglen Feather River Run'r WC (Louis & Karen Scotti)

**YGRC President's Service Award:** Andrea Fisher

**Sandy Sonntag Service Award:** Stacey Allard

## Plaques & Certificates

2004 titles are in bold type; titles in square brackets have been superseded by a higher level title.

Aubridge Nthern Lightwave Ahead **WC** (Denise Ryan & Robin Baker)

Onital's Broadway Lights SH AX AXJ NJP **NAP WCX** (Denise Ryan & Deb Latino)

Sunfire Under Investigation [OA] **AX OAJ** (Kathleen Joffe)

Can CH Mirasol's I Luv Ricky Ricotta **NAP** (Kathleen Goodman)

**CH CT** Mirasol's Femme Fatale CDX AX **MXJ VCX3 WC** Can CDX (Alison & Ray Desmarais)

Am Can CH Highmark Mirasol Once A Knight **UDX TD JH [OA OAJ] AX AXJ VCD2 VCX WC OS SDHF** (Alison & Ray Desmarais)

**Am CH Can.CH CT** Mirasol's Usual Suspect AX MXJ (Alison & Ray Desmarais)

Greatbay's Moondance **JH WCX** (Jeannine Vieten)

Second Wind Classie Lassie **JH MX MXJ WC CGC** (Karen Hocker)

OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation TD SH **UDX2 WCX ADHF Triathlon Award** (Pat Lindquist)

U-CDX Breakwater Lotto Larceny **UD** Can.CDX OA OAJ NAP NJP (Karen Frink & James Downar)

Tangleloft Sunstorm Encore **CDX** (Joanne Baker, Patrice Loves, Sandra Dunn)

Lazydaze Jump For Joy **CD [NA] OA NAJ NAP NJP** (Mike & Fran Lappin & Kathleen Doyle)

Shawnfield Touched By N Angel **WC JH Can.CD** (Marcia Peirce)

Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper **JH, [WC], WCX** (Marcia Peirce)

Thornelea's Promises To Keep **SH WCX** (Donna Mae Morgan)

Toryglen Morning Star Day Dream **CDX CGC TDI** (Dianne McDonough & Michelle Castonguay)

Toryglen Morning Star Pirate **CD CGC TDI** (Michelle Castonguay & Dianne McDonough)

**Can. CH** Hearthside Daybreak of Starhill (Gregg & Margaret Von Sternberg & Susan Foster)

**Am CH** Can CH Hunting Lane Starhill Dakota (Gregg & Margaret Von Sternberg)

Electralon Free As The Wind **AX MXJ TT** (Nancy Bishop)

Mirasol's Charles Limburger **NA NAJ** (Karen Frink & James Downar)

**Am/Can CH** Yukon's Turn The Page (Charlene & John Devens)

Am/Can OTCH U-CDX Tricon Starchaser UDX AX **MXJ OBHF NAC** (Karen Frink & James Downar)

Eastshore's First in Flight Am/Can CD OA **OAJ** (Karen Frink & James Downar)

CH Tahnee's Last Resort **WC** (Theresa Stremmlau)

UOCH/Can OTCH Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX **JH MX MXJ [NAP] OAP OJP WCX** Can TD WC (Marcia Peirce)

UOCH/Can OTCH Shawnfield Here We Go Again VCD2 UDX **JH AX OAP OJP WCX** Can TD WCI (Marcia Peirce)

Marathon's Pistol Packin' Mama **JH WC** (Karen Hollander)

Miss Molly's Brown-Eyed Girl UD MX **MXJ JH WC** (Karen Hollander)

Our Golden Reflection **CD CGC** (Victor & Jacqueline Testa)

Zacharie Pride Son of Molsun **MH NAP NJP WCX CD** (Rhonda. & David Jarman)

Eastshore Bounce First Ask Ltr **OA OAJ** (Stacey Allard & Wendy Bergeron)

Stonbrook Star Spangled Girl **JH WC** (Elaine Reid & Judith Laureano)

Pine Run's Photo Finish **JH [OA OAJ] AX AXJ WC** (Karen Hocker)

Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets **OA [OAJ] AXJ WC** (Pat Lindquist)

Calliope's Lily of the Field TD JH MX **MXJ [MXP2 MXP3] MXP4 [MJP3] MJP4 CCA** (Pat Lindquist)

Shamrock Hills Island Time **AX** (Gerilyn Bielakiewicz)

**CH** Mainsail Racing the Wind (Linda Erickson & Bonnie Fistel)

**CH** Mainsail Pursuit of Happiness (Linda Erickson)

**CH** Mainsail Take'm By Storm (Deborah Spellman & Linda Erickson)

**CH** LazyDaze Full Court Press (Maureen Cox & Kathleen Doyle-Winslow)

**CH** Valentine's Fairway To Heaven (Maureen & Patrick Cox & Elizabeth O'Brien)

Seamist Sandcastle **CD** (Joni Clancy)





## GRCA Delegate Report

These resolutions, approved by the Golden Retriever Club of America's Board of Directors, are for the information of **YANKEE** members and require no action. However, if you have questions or concerns, please contact our representative on the Board of Directors, Ann Strathern..

### Recently Approved Resolutions:

04-64. Adopting final rules and regulations for Certificate of Conformation Assessment Committee (CCA).

04-66. Appointing Julie Caruthers, Julie Dotts and Patricia Herschman to the Parade of Titleholders Task Force.

04-68. Abolishing the position of Volunteer Coordinator and amending Resolution 02-40 to delete the phrase "such position to function as a sub-committee under the GRCA Volunteer Coordinator.

04-69. Authorizing the GRCA Sales Manager to order a supply of the recommended new sales items.

04-70. Appointing Ainslie Mills as temporary Chair of the Judges Education subcommittee.

04-71. Approving proposed contract with Promotional Designs, Inc. for one year.

04-72. Adopting job description for Back Issue Agent.

04-73. Adopting job description for Statistician for Agility Dog Hall of Fame.

04-74. Adopting revised job description for Puppy Referral Chairman.

04-75. Adopting job description for ad hoc committee on OS/OD and VC/VCX Qualification Review Committee.

04-76. Appointing Michael Lappin, DVM, to a three year term as Director of the Golden Retriever Foundation.

04-77. Adopting job description for ad hoc committee to Investigate making Qualified All-Age (\*\*\*) an AKC title.

04-78. Accepting Marcia Schlehr's resignation as chair of the CCA Committee, and appointing Barb Loree to serve as interim chair.

04-79. Requesting Christine Miele and Barbara Branstad to represent GRCA as delegates to the AKC Parent Club Conference.

04-80. Appointing Inspectors of Elections for 2004 GRCA Election.

05-01. GRCA will offer a breeders education seminar at the 2005 National Specialty with Dr. Matthew Breen.

05-02. The following Judges' Education programs are approved: Western Regional Specialty, April 27, 2005, Gilroy CA, presenter Jeffrey Pepper; Eastern Regional Specialty, April 30, 2005, Camden SC, presenter Nancy Talbott; Central Regional Specialty, May 29, 2005, Fond du Lac WI, presenter Marcia Schlehr, assisted by Ellen Hardin; Dog Judges Assn. of America, July 22-24, 2005, Houston TX, presenter Helen Dorrance; GRCA National Specialty, September 30, 2005, Gettysburg PA, presenter to be determined.

### GRCA Hot Topics

**Awards and Recognitions.** There are several deadlines for various awards approaching:

- ❖ **Vern Bower Award** recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the breed. No nominations for this award were received in 2004, so think about someone you know who might be recognized with this honor. Deadline is June 1, 2005. For more information, see [www.grca.org/awards/vernbower.htm](http://www.grca.org/awards/vernbower.htm)
- ❖ **GEM Award.** This stands for "Golden Effort Member" Award and is designed to honor the "unsung" workers in GRCA's member clubs. We have a new GEM Coordinator, Kathleen King, who will be contacting every member club in hopes of getting awardees from each. The deadline for this is May 1. For more information, see [www.grca.org/awards/gem.html](http://www.grca.org/awards/gem.html)

**Newspaper Outreach Coordinator.** A member has submitted a proposal to us for a new volunteer position which would place ads in newspapers across the country in the "Pets" section of the classified ads referring readers to visit the GRCA Web site for additional information on Golden Retrievers. We've just begun to discuss the possibility of this proposal, so additional information will be coming later.

**Auctions.** There are two issues involving auctions of dogs or puppies. One is donating a puppy to be auctioned off to raise money for a charitable cause. The second is the auctioning off of the stock from "puppy mills." GRCA has policies on both. We have a standard letter that we can send when asked for a donation of a puppy.

In 2002 Res. 02-99 was passed stating our position on the purchasing of dogs from "puppy mills" at auction. Both issues have come under discussion this week as information that should be available on the GRCA Web site and we will work on getting it up in the near future.

**Updating Club Information.** Since many member clubs have their elections between November and March, please remember to send Jolene Carey a list of your newly elected officers and directors. Also include the name of your Puppy Referral Representative and your GRCA delegate. Jolene can accept an e-mail of these changes.

**Certificate Programs.** We have received complaints from some members who qualified for these titles over 6 months ago but as of this date have not received their certificates. The programs involved are the Dual Dog Hall of Fame and the Triathlon Award. The board is investigating this.

Contact any Board member with your thoughts or opinions on these or any other issue of concern to you.

— Ann Houston  
YGRC Delegate to the GRCA





## YANKEE Mail Box

**A**gility chair Karen Frink got several congratulatory messages about the December agility trials at Bayside. Among the kudos:

Thank you, **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**, for another excellent, fun time at your 4 day trial this past weekend in Boston. You guys are the best and I just love watching all those pretty, talented Golden retrievers. Congratulations to Pam O'Day and Quest on MACH2 and Monica and Tia on their MACH2. A great trial to get a MACH at! MACH on, ladies!

— Christine Yankowski & Shelties & BC  
MACH9 Ryan, CDX NAC CTs  
MACH9 Kevin CD AKC National Champ. 2002  
BC puppy Quinlan, AX,AXJ

I just want to thank you again for Boston — I appreciate all of your work and I can not tell you how much it meant to get that title there amongst friends and people who work so hard to put on a first class trial. I mean it - It meant a lot and was a dream come true.

— Pam O'Day

*Congratulations* for another great and very well organized show. You did a great job! It was very nice to come all the way from England for this show. Again, thank you very much for everything. If I don't see you before the holidays, have a nice Christmas, and all the best for you and your family in 2005. Take care and talk to you soon. Best regards,

— Jose Franco, Amigo & Che

I just wanted to thank you, Jim, and the entire crew for putting on another wonderful set of trials. The trial ran like clockwork (at least from my perspective), the judges were supportive, the courses were interesting and we didn't have to come back at night. Thanks again for all the work you do to put on my favorite show of the season!

— Gayle Watkins

**A** golden thank-you! On behalf of On Course for Kids, Kindra and I want to thank YGRC for the very generous donation of \$500. This sponsorship helped our team of raise over \$2000 for On Course for Kids. Annually, On Course for Kids pairs children from the Cancer Center with agility dogs and their owners to benefit the Floating Hospital's Children Cancer Center. The children take part in the agility competition and enjoy a host of other activities with their families. The event's theme this year was "A Night at the Circus." Pictured here are Kindra and Clipper dressed as circus lions with me as the lion tamer [left] and Tracey Bergeron [right] as the assistant, along with our young boy, Steve [center] from the Floating. What a fabulous time we had! Lots of laughs and cheers!



In total, the event raised over \$58,000 to be used strictly for the children at the Floating Hospital — to purchase toys, books, computer games, and trips, and to keep the playroom open on weekends so that children receiving chemotherapy can have a break from treatments. I encourage anyone interested in participating in this fund raiser to give it a try. It will warm your heart seeing the smiles on the children as they cheer on "their dog team."

— Donna Morgan

## YANKEE MEMORIES: Do you recognize these ladies?



Minuteman Vocational School, Lexington, Fall 1988 or 1989



High Pastures Match, 1988 or 1989

Ann Houston needs some help putting together a memory book for **YANKEE**.

## Memories of Gold

In Memory of our *Wishee*  
**Tricon Wish Upon a Star CD JH WCX OD**  
 November 2, 1990 – January 4, 2005



We miss you *Wishee*, great lady  
 who will never be replaced.

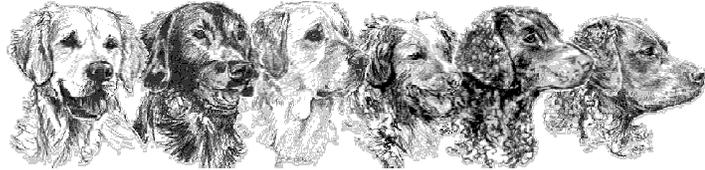
Much loved and thoroughly missed by  
 Ann & Peter Houston & the entire Houston family

### Attention, All Hunt Test, Field Trial, WC/WCX, and Retriever Folks:

Saturday, April 16, 2005 — Earth Day! — will be the 13th Annual West Thompson Lake Spring Cleanup Day.

Meet at the West Thompson Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter off Reardon Rd. There will be light refreshments available during registration, and all workers are invited for lunch at the shelter after the event. Crafts, games, and free goodies for kids of all ages after lunch. Here's the schedule:

7:30 – 8:00 AM Registration  
 8:00 – 12:00 PM Cleanup  
 12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch  
 1:00 – 3:00 PM Kids' Events



So why should we all attend? The West Thompson area is where **YANKEE** and other clubs hold various field events, such as field trials and working retriever tests. It's very important that all of us make our presence known. You may recall that a large portion of this site has been converted from retriever-friendly land to a Frisbee golf course. This is partly due to the fact that Frisbee golfers have been working at the cleanup events, but last year, *no* retriever people participated at the cleanup! We have to change that. We have to demonstrate by our involvement that we're willing to help maintain this gorgeous property so we can continue to use it with our dogs. Every year, it's harder to find land where clubs can hold gundog events. We don't want to lose West Thompson!

For this day, please leave your dogs at home and come down to work. It's only four hours! If you've ever participated in a hunt test or WC/WCX at West Thompson, this is time to give something back to the club, to the sport, to the land. If you've ever earned a ribbon at West Thompson, you definitely need to come. Bring gardening tools, power saws, pruning saws work gloves, heavy duty pruners, and a willingness to work. Let's keep West Thompson retriever-friendly!

Please spread the word among other sporting dog clubs, too! FML, contact Judith Erlanger.

### USA Obedience World Cup Team — Going with the Gold!

The AKC has named the 2005 USA Obedience World Cup Team. Three of the four dogs on the team are Golden Retrievers, and both of the alternate dogs, are Golden Retrievers. The teams were selected from the top OTCH dogs in the country. These dogs will represent the U.S. at the Crufts International Obedience Test in Birmingham, England, on March 13, 2005. The team members are:

- ❖ Joanne Johnson & OTCH Jo's *Xpensif Hobi O'Redfield* UDX MX AXJ — Shetland Sheepdog
- ❖ Bridget Carlsen & OTCH *High Times Belvedere's Duck Soup* UDX MH — Golden Retriever
- ❖ Dave Gannon & OTCH *Breakwater Ice Skater* UDX JH — Golden Retriever
- ❖ Kathleen J. Rasinowich & OTCH *First String's Cubby Bear* UDX AX NAJ — Golden Retriever (winner of the AKC National Obedience Championship)

The alternates are:

- ❖ Dr. Jose Martinez, AZ & OTCH *Tanbarks Road To Glory* UDX — Golden Retriever
- ❖ Harold Lavene, FL & OTCH *Karagold Furr's Loch Aline* — Golden Retriever





## Finish Lines



### Obedience

**High in Trial:** Toryglen Sweet Grace (Denise Kohler). In her Open A debut, Gracie earned 1st place and HIT at the Long Island Golden Retriever specialty.

*Correction to the YANKEE fall match results:*

The owner of the following dogs is Joni Clancy.

Bitches BBE, 2nd: *Seamist Ready or Not Here I Am*

Bitches AmBred, 1st: *High Hopes Batterys Included N All CD*

Bitches Open, 1st: *Seamist Sandcastle*

We regret the error.

**YANKEE** wants to celebrate the accomplishments of all members' dogs. The criteria for listing wins in *Finish Lines* include achieving any of the following:

- Titles or certificates
- Points
- Legs towards a title
- Reserve wins
- Match wins
- Junior wins or placements
- Specialty placements

And we want to hear about your dogs' other activities, too. Send your news to [yankeefinishlines@att.net](mailto:yankeefinishlines@att.net)

Swift River  
Retrievers



would like to announce that

### Buck Shope

will be training retrievers full time beginning in April 2005

- We will continue to offer our "Train the Trainer" classes every Tuesday in the central Massachusetts area.
- New, beginning the spring of 2005, we will also be offering workshops, held every Monday night for 4 weeks throughout the summer. This workshop will be designed to help those who would like to make the jump to the Senior and Master levels. Limited openings available.
- For more information on these classes or other questions, call or e-mail Buck at 978 544-7891 or [swiftriverretrievers@yahoo.com](mailto:swiftriverretrievers@yahoo.com).
- Check out our Web site: [www.swiftriverretrievers.com](http://www.swiftriverretrievers.com)
- Openings still available for the 2005 Hunt Test season!

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**YANKEE** classified rates are as follows: Business card \$15; quarter page-\$25, half page-\$50. No full page ads accepted. A complimentary copy of the newsletter will be sent to advertisers with quarter page or half page ads. The only advertisements accepted are those offering goods and services. Ads for puppies, stud service, etc. will not be accepted. **YANKEE** reserves the right to refuse any advertisement.  
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# BREEDERS' REFERRAL

## Breeders' Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

**Y**ANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB offers the Breeders' Referral as a service to member breeders and prospective puppy owners. Acceptance of a listing does not guarantee placement of puppies, and does not constitute endorsement by the Club or any of its members. Neither the Club nor its Board of Directors assumes responsibility for the quality, health, soundness, or temperament of any litters listed. **YANKEE** recommends that a fully executed, written purchase agreement setting forth all the terms of purchase be obtained before possession of a puppy is transferred to a purchaser. **YGRC** members may list litters, older puppies, and adult dogs with the Breeders' Referral Listing and in *Finish Lines* if the breeder has been a member of **YGRC** or another GRCA-member club for a minimum of one year, and submits the following:

- Copies of AKC registration certificates, thereby verifying that both the sire and dam were over 2 years old at the time of breeding.
- Eye clearances on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary ophthalmologist who is certified by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Clearances must be current during the time the litter is listed. Eye clearances on dogs under 8 years of age are valid only for one year from the date of issue. CERF certificates will be accepted.
- Hip clearances on both the sire and dam. Dogs must have final OFA Certification or PennHip Distraction Indexes below the median done at or after 6 months of age, with no radio-graphic evidence of hip dysplasia.
- Final heart clearances on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary cardiologist who is certified by the ACVIM (Cardiology).
- A *Litter Listing Agreement*, completed and signed for each litter listed.

### LITTER LISTING AGREEMENT

*In consideration for the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** listing the breeding of \_\_\_\_\_ (Sire), to \_\_\_\_\_ (Dam) the undersigned agrees to indemnify and defend **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** for and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, damages, and costs asserted against and/or imposed upon **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** which are in any manner connect with the forgoing breeding.*

*Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_*

*Printed name \_\_\_\_\_*

**A**ll listings and copies of clearances should be sent to the Breeders' Referral Chair listed on the back page. Referral listings will run for 10 weeks; please contact the Chair to pull or extend the listing. The listing fee is \$30 for the calendar year or \$15 for listing just in *Finish Lines*. Litters listed with the Breeders' Referral Service are automatically listed in the newsletter. Litters listed only in the newsletter are not given to prospective buyers who contact Breeders' Referral as a result of **YGRC**'s regular ad in the *Boston Globe*.

### Breeders' Referral Representatives

The breeders' referral representatives listed below have a current list of **YGRC** members who have puppies or older dogs available:

|               |              |                 |              |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Connie Harris | 781 826-3060 | Joan Schiff     | 508 358-2334 |
| Barb Lukis    | 413 283-5744 | Sherry Washburn | 781 235-7137 |

### Litter Listings

Ch. Daybreak Varsity Jump (Talon) X Granite Gold Gibson Girl (Dana)  
Puppies born 1/5/2005 — 3 females, 2 males  
Jennifer Rowe, *Granite Gold Goldens*, North Sutton NH

Trowsnest Wild Card Raleigh CGC (Raleigh) X Thistledown Marithyme L'Lamb (Wooly)  
Trowsnest Bentley's EZ Ryde CGC (Ben) X Maritime's Anchors Away (Sailor)  
Puppies born end of January  
Steffi Mullins, *Marithyme Goldens*, Chelmsford MA

Grenadier Pebwin Dirty White Boy X Synergold Zoe  
Puppies born 12/7/2004  
Susan Brown-Leger, East Falmouth MA

Can Ch Madison's Stack the Deck X Compassrose Tayke the A Train  
Puppies born 1/8/2005 — 7 males and 6 females  
Ellen McKenna, Norwell MA

Litter is five weeks old as of 1/26/05 — 4 males and 4 females  
Linda Pernice, Millis MA

| 2005 Calendar of Events |           |           |  |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|---|---|---|
| Monday                  | Tue       | We        | Thurs  | Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday  |
| <b>March</b>            |           |           |  |   | <b>12</b><br>Am. Bullmastiff Assn, AG,<br>Amherst NH  | <b>13</b><br>Am. Bullmastiff Assn, AG,<br>Amherst NH<br>Saw Mill River KC,<br>AB, White Plains NY<br>Shrewsbury DTC, O,<br>S. Lancaster MA  |
| <b>14</b>               | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>Hudson Valley Golden<br>Retriever Club, AG,<br>Loch Sheldrake NY                    | <b>18</b><br>Hudson Valley<br>Golden Retriever<br>Club, AG, Loch<br>Sheldrake NY  | <b>19</b><br>Hudson Valley Golden Ret.<br>Club, S/O, Loch Sheldrake NY<br>Charles River DTC, O, East<br>Freetown MA   | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>21</b>               | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>Southern Berkshire<br>Golden Retriever<br>Club, AG, West<br>Springfield MA   | <b>26</b><br>Southern Berkshire GRC, AG,<br>West Springfield MA<br><b>YGRC Spring Match, S/O/R</b><br>Auburn MA   | <b>27</b><br>Am Bullmastiff Assn, AG, West<br>Springfield MA  |
| <b>April</b>            |           |           | <b>31</b><br>Onondaga Kennel Assn,<br>AG, Syracuse NY<br>Finger Lakes KC,<br>AB/O/R, Syracuse NY | <b>1</b><br>Onondaga Kennel<br>Assn, AG,<br>Syracuse NY<br>North Country KC,<br>AB/O/R, Syracuse<br>NY                            | <b>2</b><br>Onondaga Kennel Assn, AG,<br>Syracuse NY<br>Central NY KC AB/O/R,<br>Syracuse NY<br>New England DTC, O, Amherst<br>NH   | <b>3</b><br>Onondaga Kennel Assn,<br>AB / AG/O/R, Syracuse NY   |
|                         | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>Brookhaven KC, AG, Yaphank<br>NY<br>Albany KC, AB, Troy NY<br>Dog Obedience Trng Club of<br>Rochester, O/R, Henrietta NY  | <b>10</b><br>Great Barrington KC, AB, Troy<br>NY<br>Dog Obedience Trng Club of<br>Rochester, O/R, Henrietta NY  |
| <b>11</b>               | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br>Quinnipiac Poodle<br>Club, AG,<br>Goshen CT<br>Western Lakes<br>Training Club of<br>Buffalo, AG,<br>Williamsville NY | <b>16</b><br>Northwestern CT DC, AG,<br>Goshen CT<br>Western Lakes Training Club of<br>Buffalo, AG, Williamsville NY<br>Potomac Valley GRC, S/O/R,<br>West Friendship, MD<br>Providence County KC, AB/O,<br>Warwick RI<br>Hudson Highlands Hunting<br>Retriever Assoc. NAHRA Field<br>Test, Montgomery NY<br>Casco Bay DTC, O, Bath ME<br><b>YANKEE TDX Seminar</b> | <b>17</b><br>Northwestern CT DC, AG, Goshen<br>CT<br>Western Lakes Training Club of<br>Buffalo, AG, Williamsville NY<br>Hudson Highlands Hunting<br>Retriever Assoc. NAHRA Field<br>Test, Montgomery, NY<br>Casco Bay DTC, O, Bath ME<br>Rhode Island KC, AB, Warwick RI<br><b>YANKEE TDX Seminar</b> |
| <b>18</b>               | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>Springfield KC,<br>AB/O, West<br>Springfield MA  | <b>23</b><br>Burlington Obedience Training<br>Club, AG, Williston VT<br>Pioneer Valley KC, AB/O/R,<br>West Springfield MA<br>Labrador Retr. Club of Greater<br>Boston, HT, Harrisville RI   | <b>24</b><br>Burlington OTC, AG, Williston<br>VT<br>South Windsor KC, AB/O, West<br>Springfield MA  |
| <b>25</b>               | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b><br>South County KC, AB, Warwick<br>RI<br>Scottish Terrier Club of NE,<br>AG, Wrentham MA<br>Mid-Hudson Kennel Assn, AG,<br>Kingston NY  | <b>1</b><br>South Co KC, AB, Warwick RI<br>Scottish Terrier Club of NE, AG,<br>Wrentham MA<br>Mid-Hudson Kennel Assn, AG,<br>Kingston NY<br>Tracking Club of VT, TX, Danby<br>VT<br><b>YANKEE TD Seminar</b>  |

AB — All Breed Show

AG — Agility Trial

TR — Tracking

TX — Tracking Excellent

HT — Hunting Test

S — Specialty Show

O — Obedience Trial

R — Rally Obedience

VST — Variable Surface Tracking

FT — Field Trial

## UPCOMING 2005 YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Events

|              |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| March 22     | YGRC Membership Meeting & Program                | Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA    | Marsha Wilcox  |
| March 26     | YGRC Spring Match                                | Collinswood K9, Auburn MA                | Martha Callaghan                                       |
| Apr 16-17    | YGRC TDX Tracking Seminar                        | Cloverhill Farm, Gilbertville MA         | Kathy Goodman  |
| May 1        | YGRC Beginner (TD) Tracking Seminar              | Cloverhill Farm, Gilbertville MA         | Kathy Goodman  |
| May 7        | YGRC WC/WCX Test                                 | West Thompson CT                         |  |
| May          | YGRC Spring Eye Clinic                           | Concord MA                               | Arlee Recktenwald                                      |
| May 24       | YGRC Membership Meeting & Program                | Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA    | Marsha Wilcox  |
| June 3       | YGRC Specialty Show & Obedience Trial with Rally | Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham MA   | Show chair: Linda Erickson<br>Obed. chair: Geoff Stern |
| July 9 & 10  | YGRC All-Breed Agility Trials                    | Sportszone, Derry NH                     | Karen Frink  |
| July 26      | YGRC Membership Meeting & Ice Cream Social       | NARA Park, Acton MA                      | Marsha Wilcox  |
| August 13    | YGRC Variable Surface Tracking (VST) Test        | Univ. of NH, Durham NH                   | Roseann Mandell  |
| Aug. 20 & 21 | YGRC Hunting Retriever Tests                     | West Thompson CT                         |  |
| Sept 18      | YGRC Tracking Test (TD and TDX)                  | High Ridge Wildlife Mgt Area, Gardner MA | Ray Desmarais<br>Bob Bass                              |
| Sept 27      | YGRC Membership Meeting & Program                | Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA    | Marsha Wilcox  |
| Oct 1        | YGRC WC/WCX Test                                 | West Thompson CT                         |  |
| October      | YGRC Fall Match                                  |  |  |
| Nov 15       | YGRC Membership Meeting & Program                | Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA    | Marsha Wilcox  |
| November     | YGRC Fall Eye Clinic & Heart Clinic              | Concord MA                               | Arlee Recktenwald                                      |
| December     | YGRC All-Breed Agility Trials                    | Bayside Expo Ctr, Boston MA              | Karen Frink  |

More information about YGRC events is on line at [www.yankeegr.org](http://www.yankeegr.org)



## YANKEE Help Wanted

### Public Education Coordinator (PEC)

The PEC serves as liaison between the AKC, the club, and the community, and is responsible for coordinating public education programs for the club. Public education can be as simple as ordering AKC Responsible Dog Ownership materials and dropping them off at a public library, or as involved as making presentations to school children about safe behavior around dogs. PECs can also distribute responsible dog ownership literature at malls, pet fairs and dog shows, and related events. If you like dealing with people and talking about dogs, this is a very rewarding and enjoyable job — and a great benefit to the club!

The AKC Public Education department sends new PECs a starter kit packed with information about launching programs, networking and obtaining positive media coverage for club activities. If you're interested in becoming YGRC's PEC, speak with club president Jim Downar.



### Tracklayers and Chief Tracklayer for YANKEE's September TD/TDX Test

Tracklaying is a great introduction to the sport! If you're interested, contact Ray Desmarais or Bob Bass.

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