

Finish Lines



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YANKEE Specialty Show 2006!

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB'S specialty with obedience and rally trials was held Friday, June 2, 2006; in Wrentham MA. Show Chair was Melanie Porter.

Worlds' Best Stewards Put on Obedience Trial

This reporter saw the entire obedience show, all classes, being run by the friendliest, nicest, willing workers seen to date. One volunteer, Fran Masters, showed up early and didn't even get to steward, as none of the volunteers wanted to leave. Alison Desmarais was to be relieved to watch the Open Dogs in conformation, and didn't do that. There were volunteers who had never stewarded, and you wouldn't have known it. Sue Sommers brought a friend, and they stayed the entire time at the rally ring with Mike and Kevin — they were terrific. Henry Rines jumped from one ring to the next (especially since we can't have Alison being a post for Karen Frink's Pilot). It was wonderful to see Susan Lynch back in obedience, even as a steward. Esther and Sue were a treat — nothing like experience to smooth things along. Esther came after a bout with a yucky virus; such willingness is what makes it happen. Poor Patti Sullivan wanted to be there, but her car was ill. Roseann and Geoff were on hand to make sure all went well.

Volunteering is what allows YANKEE to put on so many great functions. It is impossible to do without members stepping up to the plate and working for the club. To all those who help, we all owe a great appreciation. Thanks!

— Pat Scribner
YGRC Obedience Chair

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photo: Jim Downar

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YANKEE GRC Membership

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

1. Prospective members must attend two **YANKEE** meetings, or attend one meeting and work at one event, or work at two events, prior to becoming eligible for a full, voting membership. Club meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of odd-number months, earlier in November, usually 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 **YGRC** 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 for a vote at the next club meeting. All membership requirements must be completed within one year of application, or the application will expire and must be resubmitted.

Non-members can subscribe to the **YANKEE** 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 Breeder Referral, *etc.* To re-join the club, the complete procedure described above must be followed.

If you have any questions about **YGRC** membership, or if you need an application, please contact the membership chair, Carolyn Zagami, ygrcmembership@aol.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Voted in at the May meeting:

Mary Bourgeois, MA; Sponsors: Jan Bramhall, Marcia Wilcox. Interests: obedience, agility

Bob Howard, CT; Sponsors: Ray & Alison Desmarais. Interests: conformation, obedience, agility, field, tracking, hunt tests

Rod Netz, MA; Sponsors: Joyce Finley, Donna Cutler. Interests: obedience, field, tracking

Esther & Simon Zimmerman, MA; Sponsors: Fran Masters, Delores Doyle. Interests: conformation, obedience, tracking

NEW APPLICANT: Michael Harris, MA; Sponsor: Charlie Demarco. Interests: conformation, obedience, field, tracking

2005 FINISH LINES 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

Classified rates for *Finish Lines* are as follows: Business card size \$15; quarter page-\$25, half page \$50. No full page ads. 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. Advertisements for puppies, stud service, *etc.*, will not be accepted. **YANKEE** reserves the right to refuse any advertisement.



MINUTE BY MINUTE

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Board of Directors met in Acton MA on May 2, 2006. Business and committee reports are summarized below.

Correspondence: Secretary's Report: Minutes from last meeting on May 2, 2006 with revisions were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted. Receipts low. Expenses exceeded receipts.

Committee Reports

Bench: Still need a bench chair and bench committee.

Breeder referral: No new listings.

Clinics: Eye clinic scheduled for May 21 in Concord MA with Dr. Donovan.

Field: Clean up day at West Thompson Dam went well. Field classes still in progress. Due to a scheduling conflict, Debi Simonson is the new sanctioned field trial chair.

GRCA: New YGRC delegate to GRCA is Roseann Mandell

GRCA National Specialty 08: Contract for group room rate at Holiday Inn Express.

MassFed: Second lobbying day on April 15.

Public Education: Chair to be called before monthly meetings to see if she has anything to report.

Puppy Kindergarten: No post-grad class. Twenty pups enrolled in 2 classes. Next PK class starts on June 15.

Specialty 2006: Still need volunteers.

Tracking: Seminar has 10 dog/handler teams. Gearing up for TD/TDX.

Other business:

- CCA was very well done.
- Nominating committee: Need committee members. The nominating committee chooses replacement board members and officers for the next election. Must be submitted by November 2006.

- **Next meeting:** Tuesday June 6, 2006

— Theresa Stremlau
YGRC Secretary



President's Message

Have you heard the commercial for *Not Your Average Joe's*, a new restaurant chain? They talk about repealing "the Law of Averages."

I heard it again on the radio Friday morning, June 2, as I was driving in a downpour to Wrentham for our Specialty. It got me thinking about how many events **YANKEE** runs and how most of the time we beat "the Law of Averages" when it comes to the weather for our events.

I was actually thinking that that the Specialty was going to be a washout and I was going to write that the Law of Averages had caught up with us and maybe we should support this effort to repeal the law.

However, we beat the Law of Averages again. By the time I got to Wrentham it had stopped raining and the rain held off until Best of Breed and Rally were ending.

We had the same thing happen at the WC/WCX and Sanctioned Field Trial in West Thompson on May 13.

I don't know how we do it, but let's keep it up.

The Spring Eye Clinic, the WC/WCX with a Sanctioned Field Trial, our Independent Specialty & Obedience Trial, and our Membership Meeting with a terrific presentation on photographing your dog by Karen Hocker have come and gone. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make these events a success.

Coming up we have Agility, Hunt Test, VST Test, and the July membership meeting, which is the ice cream social with Canine Good Citizen Test and Rally Obedience demo.

Check out the calendar in this issue or on the Web site for our upcoming events. There will be lots of opportunities to do things with your dogs and please pitch in and help at any of these events. It's a great way to learn about the different venues and we can't provide the quality events for which **YGRC** is known without your help.

— Jim Downar
YGRC PRESIDENT

YANKEE's Spring WC/WCX and Puppy Stakes

As our WC/X test and first sanctioned field trial scheduled for May 13, 2006 approached, the weatherman was warning of heavy rains and flash floods. Our flatcoat friends were flooded out of their test at West Thompson CT in October so there were lots of dogs that didn't get the chance to run in the fall and were ready to run now. We all said our silent prayer to the weather Gods and we were rewarded! On the day of our test the rest of New England experienced heavy rains and flooding, but West Thompson was overcast with only a light occasional mist. It wasn't until the last dog ran the water mark that the skies opened up! We were so lucky!

Our judges, Becky Whitmeyer and Jan Bramhall for the WC/X and Pat Scribner and Patti Sullivan for puppies, were the best! They set up a wonderful test for dogs running the WC and the WCX, designed to assess the natural abilities of the dogs to retrieve. The judges were also very understanding and helpful for those folks attempting this test for the first time. Our tests went off without a hitch only due to all the help that EVERYONE contributed! There wasn't one person running a dog who didn't help! Without all this support the test never could have happened. A huge thank you to Barb Sawtelle the dedicated test secretary; Carol White, supreme manager of guns, ammo, radios and birds; Sheri and Bill Caron, who fed the multitudes and handled all the equipment, even taking it home to dry out. Our excellent marksmen were Mary Sharkey and Marshall. They were dead on and never missed! The following folks worked hard as bird boys manning the wingers or throwing birds. These folks are the unsung heroes for without people willing to help throw there could be no test: Jill Moffet, Jill Jordan, Sue, Denise Ryan, John Rausch, Jerome Haber, Steven and Diane Brunelle, Judith Erlanger, Charlie Lanagan, Gerilyn Bielakiewicz, Donna Mages, Esther Zimmerman and Pat Lindquist.

Denise Page, my co-chair, and I would like to thank all of you! Many hands make light work! It was a day of great teamwork that **YANKEE** can be proud of!

— Donna Morgan
YGRC WC/WCX Co-chair

Puppy Stakes 3-6 Months

1st: Siesta's Prestidigitator. Esther Zimmerman
2nd: Ambertrail's Northern Lights. Diane Brunelle

Puppy Stakes 7-12 Months

1st: Sand Dancer's Willamette's Catch. Bill Caron
2nd: Pine Springs Summerwind. Gerilyn Bielakiewicz

WC 10 entries 3 qualifiers

- OTCH MACH 2 Calliope's Singular Sensation. Patricia Lindquist
- Adirondac Rocket's Red Glare JH WC. Judith Erlanger
- Beau Geste Knicknack Varitek. Jonathan Rausch

WCX 11 entries 8 qualifiers

- Real Gold Tempus Fugit JH WC. Donna Mages
- Duso Abbey's Gus. Jerome Haber
- Splashdown in Valens Name SH AX AXJ WCX. Judith Erlanger
- Beau Geste Ones Upon a Time. Charles Lanagan
- SHR UCD Sand Dancer's Windfall CD JH WC CGC Steven Brunelle
- Aubridge Nthern Lightwavs Ahead NAP NJP SH WC. Denise Ryan
- Highland's Tiger Lily JH WCX. Donna Mages
- Trifecta Thanewood Rebekah JH WCX. Carol White



YANKEE SPECIALTY RESULTS: JUNE 2, 2006

SWEEPSTAKES

Dogs 6-9

1 Friday's Kidnappers Xchange. Deborah Donnell

Dogs 9-12

1 Sunnybrae's Final Edition. Jeanette Y Gould
 2 Mariner Maplegrove Golden Gun. J & K Chase & M & D Robillard
 3 Goldseeker's Just For Me. Kelly Armstrong & Bets Keen
 4 Kalore's Hot Toddy. Cookie Kelly & Kim Lorrain

Dogs 12-15

1 Ryewinds Profile Of The Mountains. S Tremblay & C Bent & J Tully
 2 Hunting Lane All Tuckered Out. Lisa N Dunn & Danielle Aston

Dogs 15-18

OSBISS/1 Pebwin Who's On First. Berna Hart Welch
 2 Rockwall's Cornerstone. Karen & James O'Donnell
 3 Kilohana's Cupid At SunKissed. Kara Wetherby
 4 Tricon Daybreak Young Sun. Susan Foster

Bitches 6-9

1 Two Pond's Country Gold. Kim Denbesten
 2 Gingerrun's Something Special. Nicole Gray & Amy Adametz
 3 SunKissed Three's A Crowd. Duane & Kara Wetherby

Bitches 9-12

BISS/1 Mariner For Your Eyes Only. J & K Chase & D Fraser
 2 Profiles Spice It Up. S Tremblay & C Bent
 3 Award N Gosling's Kinderval Inner Bliss. Mary Ellen Drumm & Kay Gosling
 4 Sunnybrae Groview TokN Of Love. Colette M Scott

Bitches 12-15

1 Treasure's Sporting A Look. Wendy Davis
 2 Mariner Jewel Of Casco Bay. J & K Chase & Pati Fine

Bitches 15-18

1 Verdoro's Yyg. Kristina McLane

Veteran Dogs 8-10 Yrs

BVIS/1 CH Mariner Icy Autumn Wind JH. J & Chase
 2 Steelecreek Goldtrack Crooner. David Lariviere

Veteran Dogs 10-12 Yrs

1 CH Edgehill To Catch A Thief. Laurie E Tinti & Christina Weeks

Veteran Bitches 9-11 Yrs

OSBIVS/1 Mainsail's Believe It Or Not. Linda Erickson
 2 Jaebear Autumn Mist MX MXJ. Laurie E Tinti
 3 Beacon Hill's Golden Sky. Michele & David Robillard
 4 CH Goldtrak Steelecreek Sorbet. Deborah & Robert Chandler

Veteran Bitches 10-12 Yrs

1 Backgammon's North Star CD RN TDX. Carolyn Fuhrer & Kathleen Duhnoski
 2 Errigal Fiona Or. Deirdre Doyle & Stacey Allard

Vet Bitches 12 Yrs & Older

1 Breakwater Lotto Larceny UD OA OAJ NAP NJP. Karen Frink & James Downar Jr

REGULAR CLASSES

Dogs 6-9

1 Nautilus Hotel Del Coronado. Julie MacKinnon
 2 Two Pond Kinderval's Dew On Demand. ME & JE Drumm

Dogs 9-12

1 Valentine Cross Your T's. Elizabeth O'Brien
 2 Mariner Maplegrove Golden Gun. J & K Chase & M & D Robillard
 3 Goldseeker's Just For Me. Kelly Armstrong & Bets Keen
 4 Sunnybrae's Final Edition. Jeanette Y Gould

Dogs 12-18

1 Wochica's Ar-kel My Turbo. Karen Fisher.
 2 Numoon How Do Ya Like Me Now. Beverly & Bruce Wilson
 3 CompassRose My Favorite Year. Owen & Ellen McKenna
 4 Granite Gold It's Party Time. Jennifer A Rowe

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs

1 Nautilus Diamond As Big As The Ritz. Julie MacKinnon

American Bred Dogs

1/R GoodSports Chock Full O' Nuts. Maureen & Patrick Cox
 2 Woodwind's Sweet'n The Pot RN. Shafiya Ciccarelli
 3 Spicewoods Wind Symphony. S Tremblay & C Bent & C Durway
 4 Wynsok Who Are You. Dawn M Burke

Open Dogs

BW/W/1 Abelard's Monarch Of The Glen. Owen & Ellen McKenna
 2 Gosling's Crossroads. Kay Gosling
 3 North Star Pebwin Crossroads JH. Berna Hart Welch
 4 Golly G Cayberry's Way Ta Go-Go OA OAJ. Ann Marie Cioffi & Teri Poetker

Bitches 6-9

1 Friday's X In The City. Deborah Donnell
 2 Two Pond's Country Gold. Kim Denbesten
 3 Gold Love's Crescent Moon. Jacqueline Wagner
 4 Nautilus Emerald Wind. Julie MacKinnon

Bitches 9-12

1 Profiles Spice It Up. S Tremblay & C Bent
 2 Sunnybrae Groview TokN Of Love. Colette M Scott
 3 Beechwoods Love Is A Splendid Thing. Debra & Morgan Traugot
 4 Nautilus Indecent Proposal. Julie MacKinnon

Bitches 12-18

1 Pawnee GoodSports Hanky Panky. Maureen & Patrick Cox
 2 Verdoro's Yyg. Kristina McLane.
 3 Treasure's Sporting A Look. Wendy Davis
 4 Wochica's Ar-kel My Elektra. Karen Fisher

Novice Bitches

1 Errigal Winter's Kindred Spirit. Donna Mae Morgan
 2 Pine Springs Summer Wind. Gerilyn Bielakiewicz

Bitches Bred By Exhibitor

1 Nautilus Mirror Image. Steve & Frances Brentson
 2 Hunting Lane Gingersnap. Joan & Lisa N Dunn
 3 Profiles Autumn Storm. S Tremblay & C Bent
 4 Rockwall's Head Over Heels. D & R Chandler & E Hackett

Bitches American Bred

1 Pennylane Yankee Fall Classic. Beryl Scaggs
 2 Bayberry's Joy Ride. Janet G Leek
 3 Edgehill Crimes Of The Heart. M Callaghan & C Weeks
 4 Celebration's Taking Liberties. J Baserga & J Milburn

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SPECIALTY RESULTS, *continued*

Bitches Open

- W/1 GoodSports Just A-Dior-Able. Maureen & Patrick Cox
 R/2 Hunting Lane 1940 Red Ragtop. Joan & Lisa Dunn
 3 Gosling's Heaven Sent. Sandra Badhe
 4 Hearthside's Lucky Charm. Kim Lorrain & Cookie Kelley

Veteran Dogs, 8-10 Yrs

- BOSV/1 CH Mariner Icy Autumn Wind JH. J & K Chase
 2 Steelecreek Goldtrak Crooner. David Lariviere

Veteran Dogs, 10-12 Yrs

- 1 CH Edgehill To Catch A Thief. Laurie Tinti & C Weeks
 2 Belleville's Dakota Gold. Dennis & Sandra Krause

Veteran Bitches, 8-10 Yrs

- BV/1 Mainsail's Believe It Or Not. Linda Erickson
 2 Belleville Amazing Grace. Lynne P Hangen
 3 CH Goldenway's Lucky Penny. Beryl & Anthony Scaggs
 4 Jaebear Autumn Mist MX MXJ. Laurie E Tinti

Veteran Bitches, 10-12 Yrs

- 1 Errigal Fiona Or. Deirdre Doyle & Stacey Allard

Veteran Bitches, 12 Yrs & Older

- 1 Breakwater Lotto Larceny UD OA OAJ NAP NJP. Karen Frink & James Downar Jr
 2 CH Beau Geste Capricorn. Janet K Bramhall

Best of Breed

- CH Goodtime's Chien Tres Chic CDX. Diana Frohman

Best of Opposite Sex:

- CH MapleGrove What Women Want. M & D Robillard & J & K Chase

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Novice Senior

- 1 Megan Scott

Open Intermediate

- BJH/ 1 Megan Decker

OBEDIENCE

Novice A

- 1/188 Top Look Sir Mackfly Dumbeldon. Marie-Jose Michaud

Novice B

- 1 197 Tashel Tairis It's Showtime CD RN. Mary Thompson & Cyrille Young
 2 192½ Chilkoot Pebbles' Gemstone. Nancy Satwicz

Open A

- 1 193½ Marathon's Clean Sweep MXJ AX OAP OJP CD.
 Robin & David Babin

Open B

- 1 195+ OTCH Winthrop's Light'N Zaps Twice UDX MX MXJ.
 Donna C Benoit
 HC/2 195 OTCH Laurelridge Nothin B Trouble UDX. Diane Sparks
 3 194 OTCH Tashel Playing With Fire UDX JH RA. Mary A Thompson & Cyrille Young
 4 193 Winthrop-Gadomski's Grover UDX9. Rita Gadomski

Utility B

- HIT/1 198½ OTCH Second Wind Tis No Balderdash UDX JH.
 Nancy Droukas
 2 197½+ OTCH Tashel Playing With Fire UDX JH. Mary A Thompson & Cyrille Young
 3 197½ OTCH Laurelridge Nothin B Trouble UDX. D Sparks
 4 196½ OTCH Sunfire Just By Chance UDX JH. N Droukas

Veteran Obedience

- 1 197 Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX JH MX MXJ. M Peirce
 2 194 OTCH Tricon Starchaser UDX2 MX MXJ AXP. Karen Frink & James Downar Jr

Versatility

- 1 195½ Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper JH. M Peirce
 2 190 Mirasol's Curious Incident CD RN TD AX AXJ. Roseann Mandell & Geoff Stern
 3 158 OTCH MACH 2 Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2.
 Patricia Lindquist
 4 157 Shawnfields Here We Go Again VCD2 UDX JH AX. M Peirce

Pre-Novice

- 1 193 Colabaugh's Take It To The Max. Diane Ryan
 2 180½ Nautilus Trooper Frolic RN. Susan W Crum

RALLY

Rally Novice A

- 1 95 Drew Woods Kiss Me Katie. Sherry Wyskiel & Constance Macintosh
 2 95 Thistledown Fairlie's Light. Donna Cutler & Christa Bellows
 3 91 Gorefinadan Bright Mist. Donna Cutler
 4 87 Jeffrey's Starlight Wish. Christa Bellows

Rally Novice B

- 1 100 Karousel Goldtrak Quisling CD. Dawn M Burke & Ann T Hall. Time: 1 31 97
 2 100 Shawnfield Hannah Of Kinship AXP AJP. Kimberly D Hatton. Time: 1 38 95
 3 99 Jaebear Thief In The Night CD OA NAP AXJ NJP. Laurie Tinti
 4 97 Starstruck Chilkoot Pebbles CD. Nancy Satwicz

Rally Advanced A

- 1 98 CH Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets MX AXJ RN. Patricia Lindquist
 2 97 Nautilus Trooper Frolic RN. Susan W Crum
 3 95 Morning Star Toryglen Songbird. Michele Castonguay & Dianne McDonough & Davia Silvia
 4 94 Calliope's Lily Of The Field JH TD MX MXJ RN. Patricia Lindquist

Rally Advanced B

- 1 100 Toryglen Sweet Grace CDX RE TDI-CTD. Denise & Diane Kohler. Time: 1 31 85
 2 100 Shawnfield Touched Byn Angel JH CDX. M Peirce. Time: 1 47 61
 3 99 Shawnfields Here We Go Again VCD2 UDX JH AX. M Peirce. Time: 1 36 57
 4 99 Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX JH MX MXJ. M Peirce. Time: 1 40 38

Rally Excellent B

- 1 100 Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX JH MX MXJ. M Peirce. Time: 1 32 22
 2 100 Tangleloft Sunstorm E Weather UD. Joanne Baker & Patrice Loves & Sandra Dunn. Time: 1 34 57
 3 98 Argo's Turn The Page CDX RA JH MX MXJ. Kelly Armstrong & Bets Keen
 4 97 Shawnfields Here We Go Again VCD2 UDX JH AX. M Peirce



GRCA Delegate Report

The following resolutions, approved by the GRCA's Board of Directors, are for the information of **YANKEE** members and require no action.

06-29: Authorizing *Central Oklahoma GRC* to produce 2,000 copies of the 2007 Color Calendar.

06-32: Donating \$100 to the *Golden Retriever Foundation* in memory of Ruth Worrest Otis, founder of High Farms Kennel, a former GRCA Board member, and Chairman of the GRCA National Specialty.

06-33: Authorizing production of 250 GRCA Yearbook binders.

06-30: Donating \$200 to the *GRF* April Fund in memory of Maizie Magoffin, who, along with her husband John, was an instrumental force in the establishment of Gilnockie Kennel and the incorporation of the GRCA in Colorado in 1938.

06-31: Approving the WC/WCX interactive form for the GRCA Web site.

06-34: Appointing Brian Smith to the Member Education Subcommittee of the Breed Education Committee.

06-35: Authorizing printing of the 2001 through 2004 yearbooks.

06-36: Approving purchase of a five year lease for the domain names *goldenretrieverclubofamerica.org* and *goldenretrieverclubofamerica.net* from www.register.com.

Hot Topics

CANINE GENOME SEQUENCE. The AKC Canine Health Foundation Canine Health Information Center (CH IC) DNA Repository is now open to all participating breeds. The pilot program kicked off at the 2005 GRCA national where CH IC collected more than 600 samples (See www.akcchf.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=143). The canine genome sequence has been completed with the CH F being the largest nonprofit funder. Researchers worldwide will have access — with the promise of quicker results, faster tests, and definitive therapies in the fight against disease. Contact: Jeff Sossamon, Director of Development, AKC CH F, Box 37941, Raleigh NC 27627; jds@akc.org, www.akcchf.org, 919 334-4010, 888 682-9696.

PBS SHOW. The Public Broadcasting System network is filming a series of programs on 12 breeds of dogs; they've selected the Golden Retriever as one of the first to be filmed. They've been given access to a number of GRCA's historic documents and current education publications. The series will air this fall.

CHANGES IN AKC AGILITY REGULATIONS. Effective 9/1/06: specialty clubs holding a limited agility trial for all breeds may accept entries of their own breed first, then accept entries from all breeds until the specified limit is reached; single breed specialties approved to share a location may run their events consecutively sharing the same judge; the age at which a dog may enter agility events has been raised from 12 to 15 months. Complete text is in the Dec. 2005 Board Minutes.

THE LOUISIANA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE is investigating complaints filed against the HSUS for misuse of donated funds in connection with rescue of pets from hurricane ravaged areas. See www.ag.state.la.us/ViewPressRel.aspx?RelID=451. Anyone with information about questionable fundraising activities by animal or other groups please contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section, 800 351-4889, or www.ag.state.la.us.



FIELD EDUCATION. The Field Education Subcommittee has published several new documents at www.grca.org/fec/. There are charts comparing the various field events plus a recommended reading list.

PURINA PARENT CLUB PARTNERSHIP. GRCA earned \$15,005 via Pro Club redemptions in 2005.

DEADLINES. If there is no host club by August 2006, the 2007 Eastern Regional Specialty will not be held. If this event is important to you, please contact Eastern VP Cathy Story.

STARFISH AWARDS. The GRCA National Rescue Committee has announced the winners of the 2005 Starfish Awards. The Individual award, to a person giving exemplary service to the Rescue cause, goes to Carole Cappellino of the *GRC of Greater Los Angeles Rescue*. The program award winner is *Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue* in recognition of their many years of service to Golden Retrievers and to other Golden Rescue organizations. A new Team award recognizing collaborative efforts in the face of a national disaster goes to the organizations primarily responsible for saving Golden Retrievers of the 2005 hurricane season: *J & L Golden Retriever Rescue*, Point Clear AL; *Gulf South Golden Retriever Rescue*, Bourg LA; *Golden Beginnings of Texas*, Houston TX; *Dallas/Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Rescue*, Dallas TX.

AKC ADOPTS JUDGING CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. The policy states, with some notable exceptions, that AKC approved judges should focus on judging and supporting AKC events. Approved judges should not have a significant interest in another registry that is in direct conflict with AKC or be judging for another event-giving organization. The complete policy and Frequently Asked Questions are available at www.akc.org.

MASTER NATIONAL RETRIEVER CLUB. The *Master National RC* online newsletter is at www.masternational.com. Included is the proposed plan for managing entries at Master National events which involve a series of regional tests.

2006 NATIONAL. The *Kansas City GRC* is offering great merchandise for sale: shirts with the "jazzy" logo, the highly acclaimed DVD on puppy raising and evaluating, and spiffy black flip flops with Golden Retrievers along the straps. Order via the GRCA store. Note: National Catalog Ad Deadline is July 19!

PROJECTS. Several major projects ongoing include transferring "Pagey's video" to DVD, rewriting the Regional Specialty Handbook, putting an OS/OD-VC/VCX calculator on the Web site, and refining the web calendar of events.

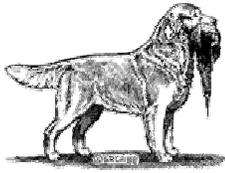
OPEN POSITIONS: Volunteers are needed for several positions and committees. Details are at grca.org/jobs.htm

2006 ELECTIONS. The Nominating Committee slate of candidates is in the May/June *GRNews* and is posted on the Web site.

Contact any Board member with your thoughts or opinions on any issue of concern to you. The entire GRCA Board of Directors can be reached via e-mail at grca_board@yahoo.com. For more information, see the GRCA Web site — www.grca.org



— Roseann Mandell
YGRC Delegate to the GRCA



PIECES OF '08 2008 GRCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY NEWS



We now have a corporate sponsor — *The Virginia Perry Gardner Collection!* Virginia and Ana were thrilled to be asked. Special thanks to Fran Lappin for keeping up the club's relationship with Ana and Virginia all these years, and to Joy Viola for making the arrangements!

Hospitality coordinators are still needed. We've split the work into three separate assignments to reduce the workload:

- √ Hospitality/banquets — coordinate with the hotel staff for the welcome banquet and the annual banquet.
- √ Hospitality/mornings — arrange for coffee, muffins, etc. every morning at the Crown Plaza when events are scheduled.
- √ Hospitality/evenings — coordinate with local GRCA clubs to provide the evening's hospitality. (*Connecticut River Valley GRC* has already volunteered for one of the evenings.)

Watch this space and the **YANKEE** Web site for more information. To volunteer, let me know! Thanks!

— Karen Frink
2008 National General Chair

TEN STEPS FOR STARTING IN RALLY

by Dianne McDonough



Braving monsoon rains, my Goldens, Joy and Cookie, and I set out early on a recent Sunday morning for Woodstock CT and the *Windham County Kennel Club* show and rally trial. Despite Mother Nature, things went well. Mr. Ed Whitney judged the Rally Trial and many exhibitors filled in as stewards.

While the stewards were checking in exhibitors, giving out arm bands, moving teams to accommodate conflicts, keeping score sheets, keeping time and lining up teams to run the course, many people came up to ask how they could get started showing in Rally. The middle of a trial is the wrong time and place to be asking that question. However, it is a valid question and deserves an answer. So here are *Ten Steps for Starting Out in Rally*:

1. Get copies of AKC rally rules and regulations and AKC rally signs. These are available on the Web at www.akc.org/rules and www.rallyosigns
2. Read the rules and regulations and the explanations of the signs several times. If necessary, get clarification from the AKC.
3. If your dog has no obedience training, take a basic course. If your skills are a little rusty, review them or try some drop-in classes.
4. Find out which clubs and training schools are having Rally run-throughs, classes or matches. Resources for the Northeast include the Charles River Dog Training Club's list of upcoming events www.geocities.com/crdtc and the *Match Show Bulletin*. Go to some classes, observe and decide — are they right for you and your dog?
5. Offer to help out at matches, run-throughs and trials. They provide great opportunities to network.
6. Attend an AKC seminar. They have the most up to date information and *are not* for judges only.

7. Practice the rally exercises you're not familiar with. Complex exercises are often best practiced without your dog until you can do them well.
8. **Rally is fun.** If you and your dog are not having fun, you're doing something wrong! Start over again. Try less complex exercises and always end on a positive note.
9. Attend rally classes, run-throughs and matches. Make the most of these. Keep a notebook and ask questions. At run-throughs and matches check your scores to see where points were lost and ask why. (Happily there are no ½ point deductions in rally) *Remember:* real friends tell you the truth, not just what you want to hear. Accept comments with grace.
10. Enter a rally trial. Study the course, do the walk-through, and ask the Judge any question you might have, Take a deep breath and show your dog. *Have fun!*

Rally is meant to be a fun sport. Just running a course with your dog can be an energizing experience for you, and tail-wagging good fun for your dog. Many, however, will want to show their dog at AKC trials. For them, qualifying, getting a good score or a placement, or working towards a title will only increase the fun. These steps should help a beginner have fun and work towards their rally goals.

Cookie and Joy insist I report their results from *Windham County*. Cookie completed her Rally Novice title with a 99 score and 2nd place. Joy qualified for her 1st excellent leg with a 100 score and 2nd place. I guess good things can happen, even in the worst weather.

Have fun!

Memories of Gold: A Friend Remembered

As many of you know, longtime **YANKEE GRC** member Jason Nolan was killed in a tragic car crash in California on April 1. Our deepest condolences are extended to our dear friends, Jason's parents, Kathy and Don Berube, his brother, Chris, and his sisters, Julie and Lisa. Jason was just 21 years old.

Debi and I first met Jason in the early 90s when he was about six or seven years old. We were immediately attracted to him. He had a magnetic personality—a self assured, friendly, witty boy who was at ease with people of all ages. He was also a bit mischievous but in a delightful way. I remember one occasion when he locked the stall in the men's room at the West Thompson fire station from the inside and crawled out under the door. Obviously the next person to use the rest room (guess who) had to crawl under the door to get in. I still remember Jason's grin when I asked if he knew who did it.

Jason was a very active member of the club, even as a young boy. He worked at hunt tests, WC/WCX tests, matches, and various other events. His way with people helped him do a great job selling **YANKEE** merchandise. His mother, Kathy, reminded me of the time Jason was selling club T-shirts at an event. The price was \$12 for one shirt, \$25 for two, and he actually got a lot of takers for the two shirt deal. I remember Paul Botelho walking around at a hunt test with a six-foot long strip of raffle tickets which Jason had persuaded him to buy.

Jason was a charter member of the Yanksters, our youth group that was quite active in the 1990s. He participated in numerous Yankster events. Jason also tried his hand at Junior Showmanship although his grooming skills left a little to be desired. Kathy referred to "Jason Scissorhands" in a 1994 *Finish Lines* article, no doubt because of the time he shaved most of the fur off Ben's ears while preparing for one ring appearance. Jason was also one of the early graduates of Yankee Bird Person University (YBPU) which taught kids gun safety and what they needed to know to work at field trials and hunt tests. At our January 1995 annual meeting Jason was presented the prestigious Phillip Fairfield Memorial Trophy, voted on by the membership and awarded

to the youth member who makes outstanding contributions to the club. Even his sister Lisa gave Jason credit for the accomplishment. In the January/February 1995 issue of *Finish Lines*, Lisa wrote, "I wouldn't vote for him because he's my bratty brother, but he did deserve the trophy. He sold a lot of shirts and hats to raise money for the Youth Activities Committee, and he was very helpful at many **YGRC** events. He also sold a lot of raffle tickets at the Hunting test in August." Jason was ten years old when he won the Fairfield trophy.

Most importantly, though, Jason was a good, giving person. As Kathy wrote to me, "Jason had grown into an adult version of the kid you remember. He enjoyed his life and realized how great it feels to help people. He loved his work as a physical therapy assistant and helped both friends and strangers alike. Jason called me a few days before his own accident telling me how he stopped to help a young girl whose car had gone off the road and over a cliff (similar to his own accident) and she had scrambled back up the hill where he found her lying in the road in the rain. No one stopped except him. In the pouring rain Jason stayed with her, put his coat on her and his sweatshirt under her head until help arrived. He did things like this all the time – helping people with no expectations of anything in return. He had no money but shared what he had with his friends who had even less. He gave his time and his heart to his friends and his patients."

Well, I, for one, am not surprised to hear these things because I was fortunate to value Jason Nolan as my friend. Despite a thirty something year age difference Jason and I communicated as peers. Even when he was a little kid I could sense that he cared about me as a person. He was sincerely interested in how I was, things going on in my life, my dogs, my family, seemingly more concerned with me than himself. That is how one defines a friend and I've lost a special one.

— Glenn Simonson

Glenn Simonson is a past-president of YANKEE GRC

More YANKEE Specialty Photos



Photos: Jim Downar

YANKEE Breeder Referral

Breeder Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB offers the Breeder Referral as a service to member breeders, stud dog owners, 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 Breeder Referral Listing and in *Finish Lines* if the breeder/stud dog owner 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.

All listings and copies of clearances should be sent to the **YANKEE** Breeder Referral chair listed on the back page of this newsletter. Referral listings will run for 10 weeks; please contact the Breeder Referral chair to pull or to extend the listing. The listing fee is \$30 per calendar year or \$5 per older puppy or adult. Litters listed with the Breeder Referral service are automatically listed in the newsletter. Please note: **YGRC** members who own stud dogs may list litters sired by their dog when the breeder is not a **YGRC** member, provided the same listing criteria have been met by both sire and dam.

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 _____

YANKEE Breeder Referral Representatives

The breeder referral representatives listed below have a current list of **YANKEE** 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

*All sires and dams have hip, heart, and eye clearances.
All breeders are members of **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB***

Denise & Diane Kohler, MA
Am. Can. CH Highmark Mirasol Once a Knight UDX TD JH MX MXJ WC VCX OS SDHF
X Golden Pond Merry Days RE CGC TDI-CT

Rick Regan, MA
Due 7/15/2006
Toryglen Morning Star Pirate CD RE ASCA-CD CGC TDI TT
X Maggie Magee Of West Hill

Selma Cutter, MA
Whelped 6/9/2006; 6 males and 4 females
Am Can CH Yukon's Road House X Lissany's Poetry 'n Motion

Nick Staszko, MA
15 month pup for sale
Zena has been with a pro for nine months, and after two months with me she could run Senior Hunter this summer. She could run Master next year and finish her MH before 3 years old. She has advanced way ahead of the curve and is steady on line, honors, does multiple marks, cold blinds and more.

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Bench

Wins/Placements:

Wochica Haley of Highlight (Patrice Loves & Karin Fisher).

Haley was 1st, 12-18 mos regular classes *Potomac GRC*; WB/BOS for 1 pt, *Wilmington KC*; BOS in Sweeps and 1st in the 12-18 regular classes, *Chesapeake GRC*.

Beau Geste Aurora Bory Alice (Jan Bramhall). Best in Sweeps, *Lenape GRC*; WB, 4 pts, *Framingham District KC*, judge Lester Mapes.

Highlight's Teatime With Belquest (P. Loves & V. Creamer). China was WB/BOW/BOB for her first point at *Union County KC*.

Greatbrook's Scarlet Begonias (Lee Daudelin & Theresa Stremmlau). BOB on 5/26 at the *Staten Island KC* for her first point.

Field

New Working Certificate Excellent: SHR Sand Dancer's Windfall CD JH WCX CGC (Steve & Diane Brunelle) Writes Diane, "At the **YANKEE** test on 5/13, Max — and Steve — did an incredible job against some serious odds. He had a live flyer that flew away on his land series, was sent back 3 dogs to re-run and had to sit and honor a re-bird after his water series. What a superb job! I can't tell you how proud I am of Max! And little Maggie took 2nd in the 3-6 month Puppy Stake. She was awesome on the land series, but had a hard time with the size of the duck on the water. Gave it her best, did not quit! So proud of both of them. Both my pups did great, so I didn't care that I was soaked to the skin and neither did they! The *perfect* Mother's Day Gift from my kids!"



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Obedience

New Companion Dog Excellent: Mirasol's Charles Limburger CDX OA OAJ (Karen Frink & Jim Downar). Pilot finished his CDX on 4/29 — first leg at *New England DTC*, second leg at *Pioneer Valley KC* in Springfield, title leg at *South County KC* in RI. Writes Karen, "Let's just say he had fun and was a handful!"

New Canadian Companion Dog Excellent: SHR UCDX Shawnfield Kaper's DreamKeeper CDX RE JH NAP NJP WCX; Can.CDX (Marcia Peirce). Drew earned her open title at *Mountain City Obedience Club* in Montreal.

Legs: Chilkoot Pebbles' Gemstone (Nancy Satwicz). Gem got her first leg towards her CD with 2nd place in Novice B and a score of 192½ at the **YANKEE** specialty.

Rally

New Rally Excellent: Toryglen Morning Star Pirate CD RE CGC TT TDI (Mikki Castonguay & Dianne McDonough). First two legs in Springfield 4/21 & 4/22. RE title and 1st RAE leg at *York KC*. RAE legs at the **YANKEE** Specialty with 2nd place, *Ladies DC*, *Framingham District KC* with 3rd and score 100.

New Rally Advanced:

Toryglen Dream Of Flight CD RA CGC TDI (Dianne McDonough). RA title, *York KC* (1st place, second leg; 4th place, title leg).

UCH UCD Mirasol's Curious Incident CD RA TD AX AXJ CGC CCA (Roseann Mandell & Geoff Stern). Lindy finished her RA title at the **YANKEE** specialty.

Nautilus Trooper Frolic RA CGC (Susan Crum). Trooper earned his first leg, 3rd place, *Casco Bay* on 4/15; second leg 1st place, *Windham County KC* on 5/14, title with a 97 and 2nd place, **YANKEE** Specialty.

New Rally Novice and Rally Advanced: Morning Star Toryglen Songbird RA CGC (M. Castonguay & D. McDonough). First two RN legs in Springfield 4/21 & 4/22; RN title, *York KC*. RA legs at the **YANKEE** Specialty with 4th place, 2nd *Ladies DC*, and RA title at *Framingham DKC* with score 100 and 1st place.

New Rally Novice:

Marathon's Clean Sweep CD RN MX MXJ OAJ OJP CGC (Robin & David Babin) Robin writes, "Kirby completed his RN title with a 96 at the **YANKEE**. He also earned his first CDX leg with a 1st place (193½) at this trial as well. Kirby and fun seem to be synonymous. He is always up for whatever it is that I want to do!"

Gorefinadan Bright Mist RN (Donna Cutler). Donna reports, "I'm very happy to say that Emma got her third leg in Rally Novice A and her first title at the **YANKEE** specialty!"

Graceridge Sunfire Carnelion RN CGC (Carolyn Zagami). Leo completed his Rally Novice title at the **YANKEE** specialty in Wrentham MA. "It was a great way to celebrate his fourth birthday!"

Rally legs:

Toryglen Moon Pie (D. McDonough). Second novice leg, 2nd place, score 100, *York KC*.

Starstruck Chilkoot Pebbles (N. Satwicz). Pebbles won 4th in a large Rally Novice B class at the **YANKEE** specialty for her first leg, score 97, time 1:48.

Chilkoot Pebbles' Gemstone (N. Satwicz). Gem earned her first RN leg at the **YANKEE** specialty, score 97, time 1:58.

UCD Drew Woods Scout Kendra CD RE CGC TDI ASCA-CD (S. Crum). Scout picked up RAE legs at *Windham County KC*, the **YANKEE** specialty, and *Framingham District KC*.

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Finish Lines, *continued*

Agility

New Open Jumpers Preferred: UCDX SHR Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel CDX RE JH NAP OJP WCX; Can CDX (M. Peirce). Tess finished her OJP title at the *Scottish Terrier Club* trials with two 1st places.

New Master Agility Excellent and Master Excellent Jumper:

Am/Can CH Highmark Mirasol Once A Knight UDX TD JH MX MXJ WC VCX SDHF BIS (Alison & Ray Desmarais).

Marathon's Clean Sweep CD RN MX MXJ OAJ OJP CGC (Robin & David Babin). From Robin, "Kirby finished his MXJ title in Williston VT on 4/15, with a 2nd place. He QQ'd that day with a 1st place in standard! On 5/21, in the pouring rain in Wrentham, he finished his MX title with a 3rd place. On his third birthday, June 4, he earned his 9th double Q and currently has 343 MACH points. Many, many thanks to Karen Hollander for entrusting us with this wonderful, loving, dynamic boy!"

New Master Agility Champion: Am/Can CH CT MACH Mirasol's Usual Suspect CDX (Ray & Alison Desmarais). Ray handled Keyser to his 20th double Q in the pouring rain at *Bayshore Companion Dog Club's* trial on June 4. Reportedly the rain didn't bother Keyser at all, as he barked his way through the final course having a grand time.

Therapy Dogs

Splashdown in Valen's Name SH AX AXJ WCX CGC TDIA (Judith Erlanger). Judith reports, "Valen made his 100th therapy dog visit to the Alzheimer's unit at the Bedford MA Veterans' Hospital, April 24, 2006. He was recognized by the staff and patients for his outstanding contribution to the quality of life at the VA. The Adult Daycare staff celebrated the day with a cake in his honor, and the patients sang *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*." Pictured are Elaine Brunaccini, Assistant Occupational Therapist, Valen, and Judith Erlanger (Valen's driver.)



A warm welcome to YANKEE's newest members!

Congratulations to Marsha Wilcox, pictured with her Luke's daughter, *Beau Geste Theophilus's Anna*, a.k.a. Annie!



Karen Frink & Jim Downar have a new addition to the family. Writes Jim, "Meet *Rio* (for *Radar Intercept Officer*). He is a half brother to our Pilot, a Yogi-Laney (*Golly G's She's All That*) puppy and a Weezer great grandson. Rio is fitting in well so far. He is a 'mighty, bitey puppy' and what a mouth. He is also very vocal about expressing his dislike of being crated or gated somewhere he doesn't want to be."



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

This list isn't meant to exclude sharing news about other accomplishments. We want to hear about all of your dogs' other activities and achievements. Send your news to yankeefinishlines@att.net.

Quilt Raffle to Benefit the GRF's April Fund

A one-of-a-kind Golden Retriever quilt will be raffled off to benefit the Golden Retriever Foundation April Fund. Quilters from all over the country donated their talents, ideas, and sewing to create a totally unique quilt. Many hours have gone into the creation of this quilt, and the talent and handiwork shown by the quilters is incredible.

The quilt top is based on Jinny Beyer all cotton, high quality fabrics and is backed with a black cotton bone print, which complements the jewel tones and golden colors of the front. The quilt was assembled from 36 blocks, made by 17 talented quilters. A number of sewing techniques were used, including piece work, applique and embroidery. The quilt measures 95 inches square and will be a wonderful art display or bed quilt for the lucky winner. The quilt includes a pocket for a hanging rod, should the winner choose to hang this work of art.

Many thanks to Arlene Herr Blouch, of Dutchman Golden Retrievers, who initiated the project. She coordinated the collection of squares and assembly of the quilt. A list of the quilters and donors is embroidered on one of the quilt squares. Two **YANKEE** members, Pat Scribner and Carolyn Zagami, are among those contributing squares for the quilt.

Raffle tickets are currently available as follows:

tickets	amount
1	\$5
5	\$20
14	\$50
30	\$100

See www.spudderjunctn.bizland.com/AprilFundQuilt to view this beautiful quilt in color, and to purchase raffle tickets on line via Paypal.

The quilt will be on display at Goldstock and the 2006 Golden Retriever National, and raffle tickets will be available at both events. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Golden Retriever Foundation booth before the completion of the national's Best of Breed judging. Winner does not need to be present.

All proceeds will benefit the April Fund and the many rescued Golden Retrievers needing medical care. To learn more about the April Fund, see the Web site, www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org

Thanks so much for your support.



"This has been a project of love; and every square reflects the love of our breed." — Arlene Blouch

More YANKEE Specialty Photos



Photos: Jim Downar

Mark your calendars! Upcoming 2006 YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Events

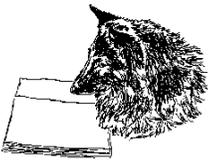
July 8-9	YGRC All-Breed Agility Trials	Derry NH	Karen Frink & Stacey Allard
July 18	YGRC Membership Meeting & CGC Test	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Aug 12	YGRC VST Test	Durham NH	Henry Rines & Roseann Mandell
Aug 19-20	YGRC Hunting Retriever Test	W. Thompson CT	Judith Erlanger & Patti Sullivan
Sept 7	YGRC Puppy Kindergarten starts	Hudson MA	Donna Cutler
Sept 17	YGRC TD/TDX Test	Gardner MA	Marsha Wilcox & Ray Desmarais,
Sept 26	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Sept 30	YGRC WC/WCX Test	W. Thompson CT	Rhonda Jarman & Claudia Norton
October	YGRC Fall Match	TBD	TBD
November	YGRC Eye & Heart Clinics	TBD	TBD
Nov 14	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Dec 7-10	YGRC All-Breed Agility Trials (at the Bay Colony Cluster)	Boston MA	Karen Frink & Stacey Allard

More information about **YANKEE** events is on line at www.yankeegr.org

Help Wanted: Your Chance to Help with a YANKEE Event!

Karen Frink has been the **YANKEE** webmaster — with technical assistance from Mark Bramhall. Now that Karen is Show Chair for the **2008 GRCA National**, she needs to hand over the **webmaster** chores. So here's a call for all computer-philes, Internet jockeys, knights of the keyboard, and mouseketeers. The **YGRC** Web site is vital for communicating with our members and with the rest of the world. So, here's a chance to volunteer for one of the most important jobs in the club! Contact Karen Frink or Jim Downar for more information.

Paula Orcutt could use a few more tracklayers for the **September 17 TD/TDX test** in Gardner. Tracklaying takes a half day on Saturday to prepare, and a half day on Sunday to lay track for the test. There's always a *wonderful* **YANKEE** luncheon for all workers. Experience is helpful but not required.



From the editors' desk

Lately, we've been hearing about a lot of specialty clubs and all-breed clubs dropping obedience and rally because the clubs can't get stewards. So it was very gratifying to see so many **YGRC** members pitching in at the June specialty — and I know we'll have volunteers coming through for the upcoming **YANKEE** events. It was great to see the panoply of Goldens, from pale blonde to burnished gold, and to see so many owner-handled dogs in conformation. On the other hand, I should like to have seen a larger entry in obedience. Goldens are a performance breed. We really need to get our dogs out and about performing.

A little while ago, I judged Pre-Novice at a match. (Yeah, it's like John Dillinger teaching Junior High shop class.) Part of the pep talk I gave the newbies at the match was this: "Not to be morbid, but your dogs aren't going to live forever. You want to bank some memories of special days you've had together — a crisp fall day tracking or fetching birds, or a sunny spring day on a grass field at an obedience match or trial. It's not about winning or qualifying. It's about sharing a life with dogs. Years from now, when your dog is gone, you won't remember the score and you may not be able to find the ribbon, if you even got one. But you will remember the feeling you had, the connection you had that day with your dog, dancing in the ring, spending time together." Get out there and dance with your Golden. Dance as though no one is looking!

— GRS

JULY 2006 Calendar of Events						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Albany Obed Club, AG, Glenmont NY Hockamock KC, AB, Wrentham MA Kanadasaga KC, AB/O/R, Bainbridge NY So. Berkshire GRC, HT, Simsbury CT	2 Albany Obed Club, AG, Glenmont NY Wampanoag KC, AB/O/R, Wrentham MA Susque-Nango KC, AB/O/R, Bainbridge NY So. Berkshire GRC, HT, Simsbury CT
3 So. Berkshire GRC, HT, Simsbury CT	4	5 Naugatuck Valley KC, AB, West Springfield MA	6 Naugatuck Valley KC, AB, West Springfield MA Genesee Valley KC, AB/O/R, Hamlin NY	7 Syracuse OTC AG, Syracuse NY Kenilworth KC of CT, AB/O/R, West Springfield MA	8 YANKEE GRC , AG, Derry NH Syracuse Obed Trng Club, AG, Syracuse NY Farmington Valley KC, AB/O/R, West Springfield MA Genesee Valley KC, AB/O/R, Hamlin NY Westchester Retriever Club, HT, Newburgh NY	9 YANKEE GRC , AG, Derry NH Syracuse Obed Trng Club, AG, Syracuse NY Holyoke KC, AB/O/R, West Springfield MA KC of Buffalo, AB/O, Hamburg NY Westchester Retriever Club, HT, Newburgh NY
10	11	12 Lakes Region KC, AB/O/R, Hopkinton NH	13 Lakes Region KC, AB/O/R, Hopkinton NH	14 Woodstock Dog Club, AB/O/R, Essex Junction VT Riverhead KC, AB/O/R, Westhampton NY	15 Riverhead KC, AB/O/R, Westhampton NY Champlain Valley KC, AB/O/R, Essex Junction VT Finger Lakes Retriever Club, HT, Baldwinsville NY	16 Green Mountain Dog Club, AB/O, Essex Junction VT Finger Lakes Retriever Club, HT, Baldwinsville NY
17	18 YANKEE GRC meeting, ice cream social & CGC Test	19	20	21 Double Q Agility Club of Western NY, AG, Albion NY Putnam KC, AB/O/R Stormville NY Western NY Retriever Club, HT, Wolcottsville NY	22 Collie Club of NE, AG, Granby MA Double Q Agility Club of Western NY, AG, Albion NY Putnam KC, AB/O/R, Stormville NY Western NY Retriever Club, HT, Wolcottsville NY	23 Collie Club of NE, AG, Granby MA Double Q Agility Club of Western NY, AG, Albion NY Western NY Retriever Club, HT, Wolcottsville NY
24	25	26	27	28	29 Providence Co KC, AB, E.Providence RI Lake Champlain Retriever Club, HT, Addison VT	30 Newtown KC, AB/O, Hartford CT Lake Champlain Retriever Club, HT, Addison VT

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

AUGUST 2006 Calendar of Events						
Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5 Central NY Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Little York NY Green Mountain GRC, AG, Williston VT Pioneer Valley KC, AB/O/R, Greenfield MA	6 Central NY Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Little York NY Green Mountain GRC, AG, Williston VT Cheshire KC, AB/O, Keene NH
7	8	9 Saratoga NY KC, AB, Ballston Spa NY	10 Glens Falls KC, AB, Ballston Spa NY	11 Mohawk Valley KC, AB, Ballston Spa NY Western NY Retriever Club, FT, Wolcottsville NY	12 Tartan Gordon Setter Club, AG, Westfield MA Southern Adirondack DC, AB/O, Ballston Spa NY Western NY Retriever Club, FT, Wolcottsville NY Yankee Waterfowlers HRC, HT, W.Thompson CT YANKEE GRC, VST, Univ. NH, Durham NH	13 Tartan Gordon Setter Club, AG, Westfield MA Bennington County KC, AB, Ballston Spa NY Western NY Retriever Club, FT, Wolcottsville NY Yankee Waterfowlers HRC, HT, W.Thompson CT
14	15	16	17 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Wachusett KC, R, Fitchburg MA	18 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Wachusett KC, AB/O, Fitchburg MA	19 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Wachusett KC, AB/O, Fitchburg MA Tioga Co. KC, AB/O/R, Oswego NY YANKEE GRC, HT, West Thompson CT	20 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Greater Lowell KC, AB/O, Fitchburg MA Tioga Co. KC, AB/O/R, Oswego NY YANKEE GRC, HT, West Thompson CT
21	22	23	24 Trap Falls KC, AB/O/R, West Springfield MA	25 Susque-Nango KC, AG, Chenango Forks NY Elm City KC, AB/O/R, W. Springfield MA Penobscot HRC, HT, Dover Foxcroft ME	26 Susque-Nango KC, AG, Chenango Forks NY Newtown KC, AB, W. Springfield MA Penobscot HRC HT, Dover Foxcroft ME	27 Susque-Nango KC, AG, Chenango Forks NY Great Barrington KC, AB/O, W. Springfield MA Penobscot HRC, HT, Dover Foxcroft ME
28 Penobscot HRC, HT, Dover Foxcroft ME	29	30	31 GRC of Western NY, S/O/R, Hamlin NY	1 GRCA, S/O, Hamlin NY		

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

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