

Finish Lines



Yankee Golden Retriever Club

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2005 YANKEE Spring Match

YANKEE's Spring Match was held 3/20 at Collinswood K9 Services in Auburn MA. Martha Callaghan did a characteristically superb job as match chair — *and* compiled all the results (see below). The match offered conformation (including sweeps), obedience, and — for the first time — rally.

Many thanks to all the judges, stewards, registration takers, raffle organizers, lunch wrangler, and behind-the-scenes workers who helped make the event a success. I was a last minute substitute judge and I'd like to thank my obedience stewards, Dianne McDonough, Jeannine Vieten, and Mikki Castonguay, plus everyone on the sidelines who stood in as posts for the Figure-8 exercise!

— Roseann Mandell

Sweepstakes — Judge: Amy Cianfaglione

Dogs, 3 to 6 months

- 1 Tricon Wheel Try Whilbur (Houston)
- 2 Profiles Polished to Perfection (Tremblay/Bent)
- 3 Kilohana's Cupid at Sunkissd (Wetherby)
- 4 Duckie (Turenne)

Dogs, 6 to 9 months

- BISweeps/1 Spicewoods Wind Symphony (Tremblay/Bent)
2 Korum Karagolds Happy Days (Shea)

Bitches, 3 to 6 months

- BOS/1 Gideon's Have It Your Way (Von Sternberg)
2 Profiles Autumn Storm (Tremblay/Bent)
3 Toryglen a Drop of Honey (McDonough/Testa)
4 Saquish Can You Keep a Secret (Porter/Winslow)

Bitches, 6 to 9 months

- 1 Starquest's Moon Goddess (Wetherby)
- 2 Starquest's Sparkle to Go (Wetherby)
- 3 Starquest Change of Heart (Traugot)

Bitches, 9 to 12 months

- 1 Hearthsides Precious Angel (Von Sternberg)
- 2 Morningstar Toryglen Songbird (Castanguay)
- 3 Toryglen Girl of my Dreams CGC (Waldron)
- 4 Lucturious Lexus (O'Neill)

Regular Classes — Judge: Deborah Donnell

Dogs, 3 to 6 months

- 1 Profiles Polished to Perfection (Tremblay/Bent)
- 2 Tricon Wheel Try Whilbur (Houston)
- 3 Nautilus Dapper Dan (Kiburis)
- 4 Kilohana's Cupid at Sunkissd (Wetherby)

Dogs, 6 to 9 months

- Best Puppy/1 Korum Karagolds Happy Days (Shea)
2 Spicewoods Wind Symphony (Tremblay/Bent)

Dogs, 12 to 18 months

- 1 Sunnyglen Feather River Run'r (Scotti)

Dogs, Novice

- 1 O'Neill Shadow (O'Neill)

Dogs, BBE

- 1 Purbarn's Forecast is Tranquil (Deresienska)

Dogs, Open

- BOS/1 Snowshoes Home of the Brave (Traugot)
2 #134

Dogs, Field-titled

- 1 Harrswith Beachcomber, JH WCX (Deresienska)

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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 an application, contact Carolyn Zagami, membership chair at ygrcmembership@aol.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Voted in at the March membership meeting:

Lisa Cassacio
Interests: Obedience, agility

Jane Folkman
Interests: Breeding, bench, obedience, field/hunting

Noreen Sila & Jeffrey Hullstrung
Interests: Bench, breeding, obedience, agility, tracking and hunt tests

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

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.

Do you have a Versatile Companion Dog?

The AKC **Versatile Companion Dog (VCD)** titles were created to reward owners with dogs who earn titles in the three all-breed, companion dog sports — obedience, agility, and tracking.

VCD1 – Versatile Companion Dog 1

Complete CD, NA, NAJ, TD, or CD, NAP, NJP, TD

VCD2 – Versatile Companion Dog 2

Complete CDX, OA, OAJ, TD, or CDX, OAP, OJP, TD

VCD3 – Versatile Companion Dog 3

Complete UD, AX, AXJ, TDX, or UD, AX, AXJ, TDX

VCD4 – Versatile Companion Dog 4

Complete UDX, MX, MXJ, VST or UDX, MXP, MJP, VST

Agility titles in the Preferred class also count toward any VCD title; however, titles must be earned from both of the preferred classes (standard and jumpers) in order to count toward the VCD.

So far, no dog has yet earned the Versatile Companion Dog Champion (VCCH). To achieve this, a dog must earn an Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH), a Master Agility Champion (MACH) and a Champion Tracker (CT)!

Golden Retrievers are known for their versatility. Ever wonder how many **YANKEE** members have a VCD dog?

Send the info on *your* Golden to yankeefinishlines@att.net, we'll compile the numbers and publish them in the next issue of *Finish Lines*.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The spring has sprung,
The grass has riz,

If you wonder where the dog show is,
Check out www.yankeegrc.org.

We have made *great* progress in updating the **YGRC** Web site. The work is not complete, and if the truth be known it never will be complete, but we have made an effort to get everything up to date and are working on keeping the information current.

Many thanks to our Web committee: Melanie Porter; Chair, Kathy Doyle-Winslow, Web master; Karen Frink; Geoff Stern; Roseann Mandell; Carolyn Zagami; Ray Desmarais; Jan Bramhall; and Donna Cutler. Special thanks to our professional Web site designer, John McMahon, and to Mark Bramhall, who now hosts our site on his server.

YANKEE's events are off to a flying start! Field Classes are underway, the Spring Match was held 3/26 at Collinswood K9 in Auburn MA, and our March membership meeting and program

was a hit. 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** known without your help.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a couple of letters thanking **YANKEE** and other clubs for supporting *Agility for a Cause*. Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club and the American Bull-mastiff Association ran a three-day agility trial at the Big E in Springfield MA on 3/25-27 that raised \$48,000 for canine health research. The money raised will be split equally between the Golden Retriever Foundation and the Canine Health Foundation.

The Board of Directors voted to donate to the cause, and many **YANKEE** members participated and volunteered to work at the event.

In addition, the *Agility for a Cause* event was an opportunity for many of our dogs to donate blood samples to the research program being undertaken by the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT to investigate bone cancer in dogs.

As owners, breeders, and lovers of Golden Retrievers, we all know how prevalent cancer is becoming in our Golden friends. It is through efforts like this that we can make a difference. **YANKEE** was one of the first clubs to make a substantial contribution to the Golden Retriever Foundation and we have made additional contributions each year.

As was announced in the January 2005 Finish Lines, **YGRC** member Mike Lappin, DVM, was elected vice president of the Golden Retriever Foundation. For more information on the Golden Retriever Foundation or the Broad Institute's research, contact Mike directly.

— Jim Downar
YGRC President

Match Results, continued from page 1

Bitches, 3 to 6 months

- BOS Puppy/1 Profiles Autumn Storm (Trembly/Bent)
2 Gideon's Have It Your Way (Von Sternberg)
3 Saquish Can You Keep a Secret (Porter/Winslow)
4 Wyoming Yukon Press your Luck (Devens)

Bitches, 6 to 9 months

- 1 Starquest's Moon Goddess (Wetherby)
2 Starquest Change of Heart (Traugot)
3 Starquest's Sparkle to Go (Wetherby)

Bitches, 9 to 12 months

- 1 Morningstar Toryglen Songbirk (Castanguay)
2 Hearthiside's Precious Angel (Von Sternberg)
3 Lucturious Lexus (O'Neill)
4 Toryglen Girl of my Dreams CGC (Waldron)

Bitches, 12 to 18 months

- Best
Adult/1 Sunkozi Thornlea Kaycee (Manthorne)
2 Beechwood Fine Star from Afar (Traugot)
3 Errigal Winter's Kindred Spirit (Morgan)

Bitches, American Bred

- 1 Seamist ReadyorNot Here I Am (Clancy)

Bitches, Open

- 1 Hometown Golden Radiance (Shea)

Obedience

Novice A — Judge: Roseann Mandell

- 1 Hometown Golden Radiance (Shea)

Novice B — Judge: Roseann Mandell

- 1 Shawnfield Kapers Dreamkeeper JH WCX (Peirce)
2 Greatbays Moondance JH WCX (Vieten)

Open B — Judge: Roseann Mandell

- HIT/1 Kalee III (Ryan)

Utility A — Judge: Michael Lappin

no qualifiers

Pre-Novice — Judge: Michael Lappin

- 1 Colabough's Take it to the Mar (Ryan)
2 Drew Woods Scout Kendra (Crum)
3 #134
4 Toryglen Girl of my Dreams CGC (Waldron)

Graduate Novice — Judge: Michael Lappin

- 1 Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper JH WCX (Peirce)
2 Our Golden Reflection CD CGC (Testa)
3 Brinkley's Touch of Gold (Zurawski)

Veterans — Judge: Roseann Mandell

- HIT Vet/1 Can OTCH Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX JH MX MXJ AXP WCX WC TD (Peirce)
2 Can OTCH Shawnfields Here we Go Again VCD2 UDX JH AX OAJ OAP OJP WCX TD WCI (Peirce)
3 Tricon's Whirling Der-Wish UDT JH WCX (Guthke)

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GRCA Delegate Report

The following resolutions, approved by the Golden Retriever Club of America's Board of Directors, are for the information of **YANKEE** members and require no action. If you have questions or concerns, please contact our representative on the Board of Directors, Ann Strathern, 301 662-3876, happydaugh@juno.com.



Recently Approved Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 05-10. Appointing the following members to the Field Education subcommittee of the Breed Education Committee: Kathryn Newman Bornhofen, chair for a term ending in 2006; Jim Drager and Lisa Hartfield for terms ending in 2006; Danette Weich, DVM, and Ann Strathern for terms ending in 2007.

RESOLUTION 05-12. Appointing Nancy Talbott to the Judges' Education Subcommittee of the Breed Education Committee with her term to expire in 2006.

RESOLUTION 05-13. Appointing Ainslie Mills as permanent Chair of the Judges' Education Subcommittee of the Breed Education Committee with her term to expire in 2007.

RESOLUTION 05-14. The Board of Directors send their condolences to the family of Mrs. Carol Falberg and authorize a

donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Golden Retriever Foundation in her memory.

RESOLUTION 05-15. Mandating that GRCA-appointed Puppy Referral volunteers will not list any litters of members who engage in intentional cross-breeding of pure-bred Golden Retrievers for personal profit, and updating the Puppy Referral Manual to include this policy.

RESOLUTION 05-16. Appointing Linda Shipman as interim chair of the Public Education Committee.

RESOLUTION 05-21. Establishing the height for Veterans Open and Veterans Utility Classes as the nearest multiple of 2 inches to three quarters the height of the dog at the withers for the High Jump and Bar Jump and twice the height of the High Jump for the Broad Jump.

RESOLUTION 05-23. Accepting the resignation of Rachel Page Elliott as club Historian, with the gratitude of the Golden Retriever Club of America and awarding the honorary title of Historian Emeritus to Mrs. Elliott.

— Ann Houston

YGRC Delegate to the GRCA

For more information, see the GRCA Web site – www.grca.org



What is MassFed?

by Judith Erlanger

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB is a member of several organizations, including the Golden Retriever Club of America, the Master National Retriever Club, the American Dog Owners Association, the North America Hunting Retriever Association, and the **Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners** — better known as MassFed (www.massfeddogs.org).

MassFed's charter is the following:

- To promote and protect the interests of responsible dog owners
- To actively assist and participate in local, state, and national legislation concerning dogs and dog owners
- To bring such legislation to the attention of the membership and the general public
- To promote responsible dog ownership
- To use all legal means to promote the general welfare of dogs and dog owners
- To disseminate information and knowledge regarding dogs

What does all this mean? It means that MassFed is a legislative watchdog group — pun intended! We follow all legislation filed in Massachusetts that pertains in any way to dogs and dog owners.

In the current legislative session, we have filed a bill that would stop insurance companies from refusing to provide homeowner's insurance to people with dogs. We are supporting a dangerous dog bill that defines dangerous dogs based upon their behavior, *not* on their breeds.

MassFed is actively opposing several bills, including one that *defines any person who breeds more than one litter of dogs per year as a commercial breeder, and that would subject such breeders to the licensing requirements and fees of commercial breeders*. Another bill MassFed is opposing would require any person owning an animal whose property abuts wetlands to install a special septic treatment system for their animals' waste.

Many of these bills are re-filed year after year, and MassFed fights them year after year. One state senator annually re-

files a dangerous dog bill with a definition of "dangerous" that is so vague that any dog could be defined as dangerous if it walks into a neighbor's property. We lobby our legislators to kill the harmful bills and support the helpful ones.

The income for MassFed comes only from member dues and donations from member clubs. We are up against PETA and Humane USA, both animal rights lobbies that have millions of dollars. Whether our members realize it or not, MassFed is fighting for the rights of every dog owner in the Commonwealth.

MassFed will hold a lobby day at the State House on April 20. If you are interested in learning about lobbying, we will be delighted to have you come! If you are interested in helping to preserve your rights as a dog owner, breeder, or trainer or if you would like more information, please e-mail me.



In the YANKEE Mail Box



Dear **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**,

On behalf of the Golden Retriever Foundation, I am pleased to acknowledge your gift of \$5000.00 to the general fund. Your donation is deeply appreciated. The generosity of donors like you is helping us reach our goal of raising \$100,000.00 to meet the Red Dog Challenge, the matching funds gift of Judy Rasmusson and Ronald Wallace. The Golden Retriever Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization, formed by the Golden Retriever Club of America. The foundation is staffed entirely by volunteers.

Thank you very much for your continued — and very generous — support.

— Barbara J. Zelechowski
Secretary-Treasurer

AGILITY FOR A CAUSE FINAL RESULTS:

The accounting is done and I can hardly believe it. *Agility for a Cause* raised \$48,000 for canine health research! This will be split equally between the Golden Retriever Foundation and the Canine Health Foundation. That is, \$24,000 going toward helping researchers find solutions to the diseases affecting our dogs.

Thanks so much to those of us who helped put on this phenomenal event. Kudos to *Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club* for taking on this large undertaking! Thanks, too, to HVGRC, **YGRC**, GSGRC and CRVGRC who pitched in with donations of money and workers. In addition to Golden clubs, six performance clubs also helped out with money, equipment and workers. And then we had volunteers-everywhere you looked there were people working, cleaning, selling, suggesting, smiling. It was a great weekend!

Although it was Easter weekend, we still got 3,595 entries along with lots of visitors. 300 dogs were brought to have their blood drawn for the Broad Institute's study on osteosarcoma. Folks from 33 states and two other countries helped us out by buying raffle tickets for our on-line raffles.

We are already planning next year's *Agility for a Cause* so save April 20-23, 2006, for a great weekend of agility and celebrating our dogs! Thanks again!

— Gayle Watkins

On behalf of *Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club* and the *American Bullmastiff Assn.*, I thank you for helping *Agility for a Cause* run a very smooth and successful trial. It is because of your help that we raised \$48,000 for canine health research. Gayle, Shirley, and I are still in shock because of the obstacles we faced over the last six months. Thank you for your support and I hope we can count on you next year.

We now have our own domain so you can get details from last weekend on www.agilityforacause.org. Details for 2006 should start appearing over the next month or so. Our current plan is to do a four day outdoor trial at the Big E on April 20-23 — so mark your calendars.

Our photographer Frank Jansen, has the photos up from the weekend so be sure to check them out at www.frank-jansen-photo.com.

Once again, thank you, and we are looking forward to next year.

— Maggie Lukiewicz

Match Results, continued from page 3

Rally — Judge: Michael Lappin

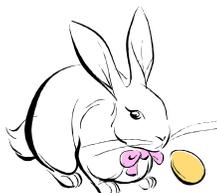
Rally Novice A —

- 1 Our Golden Reflection CD CGC (Testa)
- 2 Drew Woods Scout Kendra (Crum)
- 3 Lissany Hyval's Promised Time (Basaw)

Rally Novice B

- 1 Toryglen Morning Star Day Dream UD CGC (McDonough)
- 2 Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper JH WCX (Peirce)
- 3 Can OTCH Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX JH MX MXJ AXP WCX Can UD WC TD (Pierce)
- 4 Shawnfield Touched by an Angel JH CD WC Can CD (Peirce)

The Name Game:



● **Birnam Wood's Simply Eggstravagant**

● **Birnam Wood's Whad'ya Eggspect**

● **Birnamwood's Eggquisite Starlite**

● **Birnam Wood's Eggs Benedict**

Memories of Gold



Karen Hocker is mourning the loss of a special friend and companion. Alle passed away due to kidney failure. She is, and will be, greatly missed.

Nextgen's Worf JH WCX CGC TDIA

6/1/94—3/7/05

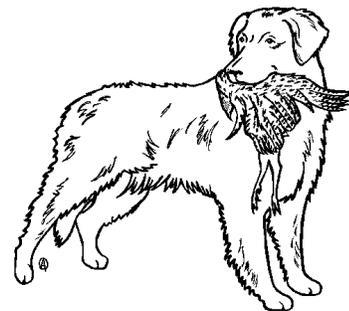
Lessons Worf taught us:

- ❖ Red dogs don't start learning agility in the hot summer sunshine.
- ❖ Red dogs don't start obedience trials in the hot summer sunshine.
- ❖ Red dogs do retrieve any and all game birds in the hot summer sunshine, especially diving ducks.
- ❖ Pet therapy helps everyone involved — patients, staff, families, dogs and handlers.
- ❖ Ice cream is never out of season.

He was one cool dude.

"Born a dog, died a gentleman." – epitaph on a dog's grave in Maryland

Very much missed by
Judith & Phil Erlanger and Valen & Rocky



Kiowa Pistol Packin Abigail MH

11/29/95—3/26/05

Thanks for the wonderful memories, Abby.

Sadly missed by Ken & Barb Lukis,
and Bear, Rocky II, & Kayla

The Trainer's Perspective: Rally On!

by Karin Andreen, Ebonaire Belgians

Are you intimidated by the obedience ring? Do you feel like a fish out of water when showing in obedience even though you have no trouble piloting "Mr. Stud Muffin" to his 23rd group win? Do you have an aging obedience "whiz" just dying to get into the ring again? What about that dog that just isn't OTCh material, but still enjoys being in your company?

Do I have a sport for you! AKC rally is finally here, and you can earn titles in this new, exciting sport! But rally isn't just about earning titles - it's about having fun with your dog.

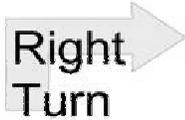
Rally (aka Rally Obedience or Rally-O) is a new dog sport, developed in 1999 by Charles "Bud" Kramer as a response to a lack of enthusiasm for, and declining entries in traditional obedience. AKC had been concerned for some time that we weren't seeing very many people entering obedience. People — and dogs — were getting bored with obedience, and there was a new and exciting sport called agility on the scene.

Enter Bud Kramer, who envisioned something different, something fun, and something maybe a little more natural than traditional obedience. How many of us demand perfect heel position when we walk our dogs? How many of us go through a normal day giving our dogs only one command to do something? Isn't it more natural to talk to your dog, and gesture with your hands and body when communicating with him in every day life?

This interaction with the dog is the heart and soul of rally. Unlike traditional obedience, in a rally you're allowed to talk to your dog all you want, as well as using body and hand cues (so long as you don't touch the dog). Creating a smooth-working team is more important than precision. To that

end, rally encourages excitement, fun, and unlimited communication between dog and handler.

So just what is rally? Many explain it as a cross between obedience and agility. As in agility, the judge designs a course which is run by each dog and handler in the class. They've never seen the course before, so the exhibitors are given a walk-through period before the start of the class. Like agility, the handler are allowed unlimited communication



(verbal, hand signals, patting your leg, clapping, etc.) to direct their dogs through the course.

The exercises, or stations, making up each course are the "obedience" part of the mix. Each exercise is a well-known obedience move or doodle, or something commonly done in traditional obedience routines. Exercises range from the simple — Left Turn, Right Turn, Fast Pace, Slow Pace — to the more complex, such as: Figure 8s around bowls filled with treats, turning 360° in either direction, or backing up three steps with the dog remaining in place. Of course the toughest exercises are saved for the higher levels, where all exercises are done off-leash. Many obedience exhibitors will also be happy to learn there are no group exercises in rally. The closest you'll come is the "honoring" exercise in the highest level. Exercises in the Novice level are performed on leash, with Advanced and Excellent being performed off leash. There are jumps only in the Advanced and Excellent levels. Jump heights are very modest, with the maximum height any dog has to jump being 16". And unlike traditional obedience, you're not "nickel and dimed" with minor deductions. There are no 1/2 point deductions in rally — judges will deduct 1, 3 or 10 points for most of the usual errors. This means that if your dog sits a little crooked, you

won't receive a deduction. If the sit is substantially crooked, or the dog is quite slow to respond, you'll receive a 1 point deduction. And unlike traditional obedience, in most cases you can fail a station (exercise) and still qualify! If you try a particular station but don't complete it correctly, you'll receive 10 points off (for an Incorrectly Performed station) but that still leaves you plenty of room to qualify.

AKC initially intended rally to be a bridge for newcomers between the CGC and the Novice class in traditional obedience. It does that, and more! Older dogs — often former top obedience dogs — can get out of the house and do something that isn't as intense or as physically demanding as agility or obedience. In the first two months of 2005, countless seniors have been seen "strutting their stuff" in rally rings throughout the country — maybe a little slower, maybe a little less precise, but having fun nonetheless. People with breeds that don't do well in the structure of traditional obedience, or that can't jump very high, are finding new life in rally, with its dog-friendly jump heights.



People who became disenchanted with obedience, or just plain bored with it — or those

intimidated by it — are also finding renewed enthusiasm for rally. It seems that the new dog sport is meeting the needs of a diverse group of people.

AKC has just released statistics from January 2005, the first month rally was a titling event. There were 65 rally trials — including 3 that started at 12:01 a.m. on January 1! — with 5,438 entries. Not bad for a brand new event, eh?

Rally on!



SPECIALTY NOTE: This year, **YANKEE** will have a *rally trial* on Friday, June 3, in conjunction with the annual specialty show and obedience trial. Bring out your retired dogs, your oldsters, your youngsters — and rally round!

YANKEE HELP WANTED: We're also looking for stewards, so if you want a close-up view of this new sport, contact obedience trial chair Geoff Stern to volunteer.

Golden Retriever Foundation Helps Underwrite Five Health Studies

Upon the review by and recommendation of the Golden Retriever Club of America Health and Genetics Committee, the Golden Retriever Foundation agreed in December 2004 to help underwrite the following five studies:



Mapping Genes Associated with Osteosarcoma in Large Breed Dogs.

Osteosarcoma, malignant tumor of the bone, is a significant health concern in dogs with an incidence of 8,000 – 10,000 cases reported in the US each year. Large breed dogs are at much higher risk for this disease. Suggesting a significant genetic component. DNA samples will be collected and analyzed. It is believed that it will be possible to narrow the disease associated region to contain less than 20 genes. These genes will be analyzed to identify disease-associated mutations that will allow for rapid development of genetic tests for carriers of osteosarcomas.

Mapping for the Gene for Malignant Histiocytosis in the Bernese Mountain Dog. Bernese Mountain Dogs, like Golden Retrievers, appear to be predisposed to malignant histiocytosis. This study seeks to find the underlying disease gene which will then lead to the development of genetic tests that can ultimately generate improvements in breeding programs. Once the underlying cause has been determined, targeted therapies can be sought.

Genetic Epidemiology of Cancer in the Golden Retriever. This study seeks to conduct a statistical evaluation to determine a possible pattern of inheritance of lymphoma within an established pedigree of Goldens. It will also gather epidemiological data through owner questionnaires to evaluate the role of environmental and socio-economic factors in the diagnosis of these cancers. These include non-genetic factors such as diet, vaccinations, passive smoking, flea and tick control and stress and their role in developing cancer.

Anti-HLA-DR Antibody Therapy in Canine B-cell Lymphoma. It has been found that an antibody that recognizes

cancer cells and stimulates the human patient's immune system cross-reacts with canine lymphoma and causes cell death. This study will administer this antibody in dogs that have already failed chemotherapy for lymphoma. As this antibody also recognizes cells from dogs with malignant histiocytosis, it may be useful for the management of this disorder as well.

Extended Medical Surveillance of Dogs Deployed to the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. This study has been monitoring the health of dogs deployed on 9/11 and is being renewed. Ten deployed dogs have died since surveillance began and the major cause of death was cancer. Another four deployed dogs are living with cancer. Significant changes in blood work suggest that the deployed dogs were exposed to hazardous substances that are likely to cause long-term health changes. It is essential to continue to monitor these dogs throughout their lifespan to ascertain if 9/11 deployment is a factor in the rate and onset of cancer in these dogs.



YANKEE HELP WANTED: Dr. Mike Lappin will need volunteers at the YANKEE specialty to help draw blood samples for research. If you can lend a hand, contact Mike. Thanks!

Tah-Dah! Laura Gets a Rally Title!

It is with absolute delight that I get to announce that Laura, my Golden who does such awesome work with kids with autism, has just completed her Rally Novice title.

For those who don't know what rally is, it's like obedience but so much more fun and so much easier. You can talk to your dog (at last the AKC understands us women and our need to talk!), and pat your leg, and use your hands for extra signals. It's not nearly as stressful as obedience. And you get do-overs! If you don't like the way your dog did it the first time, you can do it again. Granted, you lose 3 points, but 3 points is better than 10 which is what you lose if your dog blows it entirely.



Laura and I went to the Golden Specialty up in the Catskills last weekend for one show. I wore my Goldstock fleece, khaki pants, and my Source M paw print socks. And my fat hoop silver earrings. Since we qualified last weekend, I had to wear the same outfit again this weekend. I wore it Friday and she qualified again. So, I wore the same outfit again today! I only had it on for four hours on Friday so it really wasn't dirty. Superstitious? Who, me? When I

mentioned yesterday that I thought I had to wear the same clothes again, almost everyone at the trial showed me their good luck charm they have to have on.

Everyone who has the chance should try rally. It's tons of fun for the people and the dogs.

Laura is now UCD *Willow This Little Lite O' Mine* CD RN ASCA-CD CGC TDI. Am I proud of my girl? You bet I am! She shines at whatever she does. To be able to touch the hearts of autistic kids and work in obedience and rally — such a versatile dog! So much talent. So much love. Such a little snuggle bug.

— Lois DiMarzio, outside Philadelphia, & Laura, the redirected Seeing Eye Golden
It's easier to fly when you take yourself lightly.

Desperate Tracking *By Peter Hewitt, Tracking Judge*

To me, the most fun you can have with your dog is the sport of tracking. It is non-competitive; only you and your dog out against the elements, following a track laid by a stranger in an area combining vegetative and non-vegetative surfaces. As the handler, you are the co-pilot following your dog, and picking up any article dropped by the stranger. The distance is from 440 to 1000 yards. The track can be 30 minutes to 5 hours old.

Does that sound complicated?

These are only words used to describe the nature of a tracking test. Your dog does most of the work. She follows a “fog like path” left by a combination of the stranger’s scent and body odor, the scent of crushed vegetation from the stranger’s footsteps, and the everyday personal articles that were dropped along the way.

A dog’s olfactory system has the capacity and ability to recall individual scents. The dog’s nose has been rated 10,000 times more effective than a human’s! A dog “sees” through its nose and since dogs are color blind this makes the dog’s olfactory system especially valuable. A dog knows more about a stranger who comes to your front door by sniffing that person’s crotch than you would know after a half hour interview.

This unique ability to retain and recall a scent makes the dog’s nose a valuable tool to humanity. Dogs are used for search and rescue of lost individuals, for identifying skin and lung cancers, for drug detection, and for general protection. So how does one teach a dog to track? You can’t — they are born with the ability. You see it in newborns pups when they are removed from the sac and start their quest for life. Although the pups cannot see at this early stage in life, their noses lead them around the whelping box to locate their mother’s teat with life’s sustaining nourishment.

It is you the handler who must learn to track your dog. When a dog tracks she is using her prey drive, hunting for food. A dog that does not know how to track will die in the wilds, unable to survive. Tracking is natural for a dog. To begin, you show your dog the start flag, since that is where the stranger began his journey. Through rote, your dog learns that the particular scent at the start flag is what you want her to follow. This is reinforced by finding food on the track during the initial training period, locating the articles left by the stranger, and most importantly, by the encouragement that

you bestow on your dog when there are successful finds on the track. Tracking is all positively reinforced. Motivational gestures such as petting and playing at the end of the track will encourage your dog to continue to “find more.” Corrections on the track are a prescription for failure or cause loss of motivation on the part of the dog. Tracking is not an obedience exercise where a correction is rendered for a poor performance. How and why would you correct your

partner when you did not know where the error was committed? You have no idea where the track went; you only know where it started.

This is where the sport of tracking becomes interesting, because as a responsible handler you must be able to read your dog’s body language to know whether your dog is on track or not. Although you are following and not leading as in obedience, the ability to read your dog is very important to a successful track. When there is a loss of scent on the track, you must stop and permit your dog to search the area to regain the scent of the track. Loss of scent usually occurs at a change of direction of the track, called a corner. It also occurs with a change in the surface vegetation, or if there is some type of interference such as critter tracks. Changes in vegetation create scent transition points, so that when going from tall to short grass the dog must refocus before returning to the track.

It is important for the handler to recognize these transitions and permit the dog to refocus. This is critical for tracking on non-vegetative surfaces such as pavement, because scent on these types of surfaces is not as plentiful as on vegetative surfaces. The stopping and waiting for the dog to adjust to the newer track scent is the difference between handling a dog on a track and simply following the dog. Good handling alone is 80–90% of having a successful track. When you blindly follow your dog, you are actually training your dog to follow any scents that may interest her at the time. You allow her to lose sight of the whole purpose of the exercise — to follow and locate that human scent at the start flag.

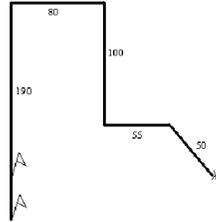
Being able to read your dog’s body language is the key element here, and every dog has a different body language to indicate whether she is on track or there is a loss of scent. Skill at reading your dog is mastered only by repeated outings with your dog

under varied conditions, and by knowing where the track actually went. You need this exposure to a cornucopia of scenting scenarios and the mental note-taking of the dog’s body language to prevent you from becoming a desperate tracker.

Desperate tracking happens to those who realize, usually when it is too late, that they are the dope on the end of the rope. You’ve lost the last point where your dog was on track and now you are lost in the wilderness, awaiting the blown whistle or desperately trying to get your dog refocused and back on track. At this point getting back on track is a monstrous task as everything is against you. Recovery does happen, but you have to get your dog to return to the task at hand — finding the scent of the stranger! Sometimes a lost team is 30 – 40 yards off track, and when they are able to recover, it is an amazing thing to watch. The handler must realize that they are off track, have confidence in his dog, and be able to back up the dog without being whistled for guiding. A dog that has a strong pull when on track is easier to read. When that “pull” is not there, you have to hold your ground utilizing the 40 foot lead to its full potential and permitting your dog to search the 40 foot radius. If there is no indication of the track from the dog, you have to try and “work your way back” in the direction you came from, until your dog relocates the scent of the stranger and gives a positive indication. You can then follow your dog to the end article.

To summarize, a track is a “fog like path” made by a stranger that only your dog can identify and follow. From a start flag, is a series of legs, connected by corners with articles left by the stranger to add to the track’s scent. Your responsibility is to follow your dog from the start flag, focused on the dog’s body language since that is the only indicator that the dog is on or off track. When the dog is not on track, it is your responsibility as an active partner in the exercise to become a post in the ground, permitting the dog to investigate the new scent she has found while encouraging her to forget about the diversion and return to work and the original track.

TPP – Time, Patience and Practice are the ingredients to a successful track. The reality is that it is not a miracle that your dog found the articles on the track. Rather it is a testament to your ability to work with your dog and your reliance on her ability to distinguish the scent at the start flag that leads to a successful journey to the end of the track. ■



We Work for Smiles

by Judith Erlanger

What do you do with a retired field dog? This was the conundrum faced by Worf and me when injury forced him into retirement. At the time, Worf was 8 years old, and a combination of intelligence, humor, kindness, and retrieving drive—the perfect field dog.

Our first foray into the job hunt was formal obedience training. For more than a year, Worf and I went to Novice ring prep classes at our local training facility. From Worf's perspective, it was great! Since our instructors used positive training methods, Worf received clicks and treats all through the class. There were other wonderful dogs there—especially bitches—and Mr. Congeniality saw no downside, given the opportunities to flirt and sniff. Since he had been trained for off-lead field work, he had little trouble with Novice ring prep, except for on-lead heeling. From Worf's point of view, if he was on a leash, I was the one responsible for where we were going, and he had no need to pay any attention to anything except the lovely female ahead of us in the class ring.

We persevered, attending class each week, practicing our heeling in the backyard and driveway, and even entering an obedience match. We did so well at the match, I thought we were ready to enter a trial, so I entered the **YANKEE** specialty.

What was I thinking? It was an outdoor trial; bitches in season were being shown in the conformation rings nearby. Mr. Worf dragged me around the ring (“Mom, there are *girls* in that ring!”). The dog who was perfect in the long sit and down was nonplussed by the judge conducting the long down in the blazing late May sunshine. Worf made it through two minutes of the long down, then rose and moved three feet back under a nearby tent, finishing *his* exercise in the shade. It was all I could do to keep a straight face. When the judge said “Return to your dogs” and “Exercise finished” I erupted in laughter — as did everyone who had watched our performance. Worf had no difficulty in communicating that our obedience career was over. Now what?

During our obedience classes, I had talked with our instructors about therapy dog work. Worf had the perfect temperament for it: he had excellent meet-and-greet skills, and he loved people, both of which made him a perfect candidate. When our instructors' all breed dog club

offered a course in therapy dog training, I jumped at the opportunity to attend.

We went to classes for several weekends, practicing our heeling, meeting and greeting other people and dogs, and “leave it” for any items on the floor, and familiarizing ourselves with people using wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches. Worf sailed through his training with his usual aplomb, and passed his certification exam with flying colors. As part of our instruction, an experienced therapy dog handler talked with our class about how to get started, but I wasn't really sure just where we should go to visit.



A chance meeting with an occupational therapist at a social occasion several weeks later resulted in our first visit to a nearby Veterans Administration hospital. We went to the Alzheimer's building, checked in, and were escorted on our first visit to “the Guys.”

On our first day, we visited the adult daycare area. The staff greeted us with great enthusiasm, and they had prepared their “clients” for Worf's arrival. He was met with laughter, smiles, and applause, in which he reveled—the ham! He carried a canvas bumper around to show each patient. He nuzzled hands for strokes and pats. He did tricks: handshakes, high fives, rolling over, and general clowning around. He played fetch with those who could throw a soft ball. In short, he rocked!

We then went upstairs to visit the inpatients, many of whom are much less responsive. We did many of the same tricks, greeted people who were unable to get out of bed, and Worf earned more strokes and hugs. There was no downside to this. We had found our niche.

As time has passed, our pet therapy methods have evolved. If we have a patient who can't respond when Worf sits in front of him, I have Worf sit next to him, and I place the patient's hands on Worf. We often get a smile. Sometimes we can coax a patient out of bed to help “walk the dog.” On occasion, the staff will ask me to have Worf bark for “the guys.” They say that it makes the contact with the dog real for the patients. We actually had a patient open his eyes and smile when Worf woofed, and we now regularly visit him. It's the small miracles that happen at the VA.

There is no downside to pet therapy. It helps the patients, their families, the

staff, Worf, and me. Patients who can't speak any more can talk to Worf. People who can't respond to another human can respond to the dog. Seeing their eyes light up when the dog enters the room is just the best! We had one patient who was having trouble speaking put his hands on Worf and say, as clear as a bell, “I've had 14 dogs in my life, every one as good as this dog.” It bowled me over.

We have had many funny and endearing encounters, but the best was the patient, a lovely gentleman who identified himself as a Jew from Brooklyn, who asked “Is that dog Jewish?” I hesitantly answered that since my late father-in-law was Jewish, Worf was probably, indirectly, Jewish. Then I asked why he wanted to know. He replied, “That dog is a *mensh*. Do you know what a *mensh* is?” I thought a *mensh* is a human being. My friend responded, “That's right! That dog is a human being! He understands every word you say. He does everything you ask. He even sits in a chair like a human being. That dog is a *mensh*!”

If I had known the rewards of pet therapy, I would have started years ago. As it is, my second dog, Valen, is now certified and alternates with Worf on our weekly visits to the VA. Worf has just made his fiftieth visit, not bad for a guy who came to his new vocation late in life, and Valen has nearly as many. Interestingly, both Worf and Valen have offered therapy dog behavior outside the VA, once when someone was grieving, and once when someone was recovering from serious injury. Each time the dogs perceived the humans' needs for therapy and placed themselves in positions where they could be petted. They truly understand their jobs.

Perhaps the most important thing we have learned is that it is old people who need therapy dog visits. Many therapy dog handlers think they'd like to visit children, and while I am sure that's great, I believe that our most rewarding work is with the elderly. People in nursing homes and assisted living may have to surrender their dogs when they move to those facilities, and desperately miss their beloved companions. Patients with Alzheimer's can connect with a dog when they can no longer respond to another human. When we walk into the VA and see the joy on those aged faces, our day is made. We work for the smiles and small miracles.



Breeders' Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

YANKEE 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 radiographic 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 _____

All 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 also 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

❖ Deidre Doyle, Deerfield NH
Errigal Mood For A Moondance x Errigalcaoimhe
Whelped 1/31: 3 males, 3 females

❖ Carol Manthorne, Pelham NH
Am/Can Ch Thornelea's Dennis CGC x Can Ch Thorneleas Fortune Cookie
Whelped 3/9: 2 males, 4 females

❖ Lee Daudelin, Lebanon ME
Sunnyglen's Scotchbonnet Salsa x Greatbrook's Stolen Memories
Whelped 3/30: 6 females, 4 males

❖ Jacqueline Testa, Warren RI
Rick/Lynn Regan, Mattapoisett MA

Our Golden Reflection x Maggie Magee of West Hill

❖ Linda Lynch, Hingham MA
Can Ch Trowsnest Yellow Brick Road CDX SH x Folderslane Pearl Cascade
Due May 4

☆☆☆ Finish Lines ☆☆☆

Bench

Win: Morning Star Toryglen Songbird CGC (Mikki Castonguay & David Silvia). WB, BOS, 1pt, *Providence County KC*. Judge Bud DiDonato.

Agility

New Novice Agility Preferred: Aubridge Nthern Lightwave Ahead NAP (Denise Ryan). Beamer earned his NAP with two 1st places and two HS Golden in Boston, then finished with 4th at the *American Bullmastiff Assn* trial 3/2005.

New Open Agility and Open Agility Jumpers: Mirasol's Charles Limburger OA OAJ (Karen Frink & Jim Downar). Karen writes, "At the *Agility for a Cause* trial to benefit canine health research, Jim & Pilot double Q'd in both classes on Saturday to finish *both* Open titles! His debut in Excellent was not a Q, but he was good, make that 'great with moments of brilliance.' In his jumpers class, he had a clean run until the final jump! His first time in Excellent! I was *thrilled!*"

New Agility Excellent: Eastshore First in Flight Am/Can CD AX OAJ (K. Frink & J. Downar). Flyer & Jim finished their AX with a 1st at the ABA trials. Flyer also earned a Q in Excellent Jumpers at *Agility for a Cause*.

New Master Agility Excellent: Am/Can OTCH UCDX Tricon Starchaser UDX2 OBHF MX MXJ (K. Frink & J. Downar). Drum roll please, a miracle — the dog that most likely holds the record for the greatest number of NQs in Novice without a single Q (36) has managed to finish his MX! Logan finished on the Sunday of the *Agility for a Cause* trial in Springfield, handled by Jim.

New MXP5: Calliope's Lily of the Field TD JH MX MXJ MXP5 MJP4 WC (Pat Lindquist). Sydney finished at the Onandaga KC trials.

Legs: Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets OA AX WC (Pat Lindquist). Brinker earned his first AX leg and second MXJ leg at *Agility for a Cause*.

Obedience

New Canine Good Citizen certificates:

Morning Star Toryglen Songbird CGC (M. Castonguay). 3/11 at Acorn Dog Training, Carver MA.

Toryglen A Dream of Flight CGC (Dianne McDonough & Denise Kohler). 3/11 at Acorn Dog Training.

New Utility Dog: Toryglen Morning Star Day Dream UD (D. McDonough & M. Castonguay) completed her title on 3/13 at the *Shrewsbury DTC Club* trial.

New Utility Dog Excellent: Ch. Mirasol's Redecorator UDX TD JH (Alison & Ray Desmarais).

New Rally Novice: OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 SH TD, WCX (Pat Lindquist). Troupier earned his RN and his first Rally Advanced leg at the Syracuse cluster.

New UKC Companion Dogs:

UCD Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel JH CD WC/Can CD (Marcia Peirce) Tess earned four legs at *Riverside Canine Training Club* with three 4th places. Tess also earned her first AKC Open leg at the *Shrewsbury DTC* trial with 2nd place, and her second leg at the *Charles River DTC* trial.



UCD Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper JH WCX (M. Peirce). Drew earned four legs at *Riverside* with two 2nds, a 1st and HIT (197½).

New Companion Dog: Am/Can CH CT Mirasol's Usual Suspect CD MX MXJ (A. & R. Desmarais). At *Maryland Sporting Dog Assn* 3/5: 197½, 2nd place; 3/6: 198½, 1st place and High in Trial; 3/31 *Finger Lakes KC* 198½, 1st place (30 competing), High Scoring Sporting Dog.



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.

MAY 2005 Calendar of Events

Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May	3	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>Hamburg All Breed Obedience Club, AG, Hamburg NY</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Talcott Mountain Agility Club, AG, Westfield MA Hamburg All Breed Obedience Club, O/AG, Hamburg NY Staten Island Companion DTC, AG, Staten Island NY York County KC of Maine, AB/O, Acton, ME</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Talcott Mountain Agility Club, AG, Westfield MA Hamburg All Breed Obedience Club, O/AG, Hamburg NY Staten Island Companion DTC, AG, Staten Island NY York County KC of Maine, AB, Acton, ME Tracking Club of Massachusetts, TR, Gardner MA Dog Tracking Club of Maine, TX, Saco ME</p>
9	10	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>Port Chester OTC, AG, Yorktown Heights NY DOTC of Rochester, AG, Hamlin NY Westchester Retriever Club, FT, Newburgh NY</p>	<p>14</p> <p>St. Hubert KC AB/O, N. Stonington CT Port Chester OTC, AG, Yorktown Heights NY DOTC of Rochester, AG, Hamlin NY Westchester Retriever Club, FT, Newburgh NY</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Nutmeg PWD Club, AG, Yorktown Heights NY DOTC of Rochester, AG, Hamlin NY Windham County KC, AB/O, Woodstock CT Westchester Retriever Club, FT, Newburgh NY Burlington OTC, TR, South Hero VT Tracking Club of Massachusetts, TX, Gardner MA</p>
16	17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>Ladies Kennel Assn of America AB/O, Oyster Bay NY</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston, AG, Wrentham MA Ladies Kennel Assn of America AB/O, Oyster Bay NY Olean KC, AB/O, Alexander NY Vacationland Dog Club, AB/O, Scarborough ME Albany Obedience Club, O, Glenmont NY</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club AG, Wrentham MA Vacationland Dog Club, AB/O, Scarborough, ME Albany Obedience Club, O, Glenmont NY Wyoming Valley KC AB/O, Alexander NY Long Island KC AB/O, Roslyn NY</p>
23	24	25	26	<p>27</p> <p>LEAP Agility Club of Central MA, AG, Granby MA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>LEAP Agility Club of Central MA, AG, Granby MA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>LEAP Agility Club of Central MA, AG, Granby MA</p>
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JUNE 2005 Calendar of Events

Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June		1	2	3 YANKEE GRC, S/O/R, Wrentham MA Maine Retriever Trial Club, FT, Baurham ME	4 Norwegian Elkhound Minutemen Assn, AG, Chelmsford MA Ladies' DC, AB, Wrentham MA Maine Retriever Trial Club, FT, Baurham ME	5 Norwegian Elkhound Minutemen Assn, AG, Chelmsford MA Framingham District KC, AB, Wrentham MA Maine Retriever Trial Club, FT, Baurham ME
6	7	8	9	10	11 Southern Berkshire GRC AG, Westfield MA Greenwich KC, AB/O/R, Norwalk CT	12 Southern Berkshire GRC AG, Westfield MA Longshore-Southport KC, AB/O, Yorktown Heights NY
13	14	15	16 Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club, AG, Sturbridge MA	17 North Shore KC, AB/O/R/AG, Topsfield MA Conewango Valley KC, AB/O, Stockton NY	18 North Shore KC, AB/O/R/AG, Topsfield MA Conewango Valley KC, AB/O, Stockton NY	19 North Shore KC, AG, Topsfield MA Middlesex County KC, AB, Topsfield MA Concord DTC, O/R, Topsfield MA
20	21	22	23	24 Collie Club of Maine, AG, Augusta ME	25 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Staten Island KC, AG, Staten Island NY Central Maine KC, AB/O/R/AG, Augusta ME Mid-Hudson Kennel Assn. AB/O, Kingston NY	26 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Central Maine KC, AB/O/R/AG, Augusta ME Staten Island KC AB/O/ AG, Staten Island NY
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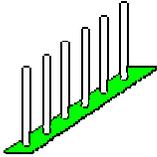
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YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB ALL BREED AGILITY TRIAL

July 9 & 10, 2005

The Sports Zone, DERRY NH



Surface: Artificial turf with rubber pellets. All judging will be indoors.

Entries open May 24, 2005 — Entry method: first received

Judges: Richard Mackintosh and Kimberly Ingraham

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or from the trial sec'y: **Karen Frink**

UPCOMING 2005 YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Events

May 1	YGRC Beginner (TD) Tracking Seminar	Cloverhill Farm, Hardwick (Gilbertville) MA	Kathy Goodman
May 7	YGRC WC/WCX Test	West Thompson CT	<i>tbs</i>
May 1	YGRC Spring Eye Clinic	Concord MA	Arlee Recktenwald
May 24	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
June 3	YGRC AKC specialty Show, Obedience Trial, and Rally Trial	Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham MA	Show chair: Linda Erickson Obed. chair: Geoff Stern
July 9 & 10	YGRC AKC 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 AKC Variable Surface Tracking (VST) Test	Univ. of NH, Durham NH	Roseann Mandell
Aug. 20 & 21	YGRC AKC Hunting Retriever Tests	West Thompson CT	<i>tbs</i>
Sept 18	YGRC AKC Tracking Test (TD and TDX)	High Ridge Wildlife Mgt Area, Gardner MA	Ray Desmarais Bob Bass
Sept 27	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Oct 1	YGRC WC/WCX Test	West Thompson CT	<i>tbs</i>
October	YGRC Fall Match	<i>tbs</i>	<i>tbs</i>
November 13	YGRC Fall Eye Clinic & Heart Clinic	Boxborough MA	Arlee Recktenwald
Nov 15	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
December	YGRC AKC All-Breed Agility Trials	Bayside Expo Ctr, Boston MA	Karen Frink

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



YANKEE Help Wanted Calling All Stewards!

The annual **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** specialty will be here soon — **Friday, June 3**, at Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham.

This year, we'll have **confirmation** — including **sweeps** — **obedience** and **rally**. As always, we need stewards and other workers, and as always the volunteers who help put on the show will have a blast and a half! We need volunteers for:

Hospitality help for the famous **Kibble Kafé**

- Breed ring stewards
- Trophy runners
- Obedience stewards
- Rally stewards

Helping out at the show is a great way to **give back to the sport** of dogs and to **support the club**. Stewarding also gives you the **best seat in the house** for watching the dogs, learning handling

techniques, and becoming familiar with rules and ring procedures. And you'll get **treated to lunch** at the Kibble Kafé.

Stewarding isn't difficult — it's fun — and takes only a couple of hours. No experience necessary! We'll match you up with a veteran to show you the ropes.

If you can help out, please contact:

- Linda Erickson, show chair
- Geoff Stern, obedience chair

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