

Finish Lines



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2005 YANKEE Specialty

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Specialty Show, Sweepstakes, Obedience Trial, and Rally Trial was held Friday, June 3, 2005 at the Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham MA. The chief reason I go to the **YANKEE** specialty every year is to see what theme Deb Spellman has chosen for the Kibble Kafé, and I always end up having a good time at the show.



This year's obedience and rally trial had a terrific judging panel — Gail Brown, Janet Lewis, and Deb Neufeld — along with very congenial weather. The judges were brimming with compliments for the dogs and handlers, and we were treated to some stellar performances, including a very tough run-off for High Combined.

Being obedience chair was easy, because I was surrounded by card-carrying members of the League of the Competent who did all the work. Trumpet fanfares, please,

for Mike Lappin (graphic artist, rally wrangler, and sage *consigliere*), and a platoon of stewards — Christa Bellows, Jean Conrad, Pete Frykman, Kim Hatton, Lucy Leete, Fran Masters, Henry Rines, Marilyn Tromer, Sue Usher. (A tip of the cap to Denise Page, too.) Some of these folks have graciously pitched in and helped out for the two or three years I've been involved in the show, so next year, I promise, they're not going to steward — it'll be their turn to show. Special thanks, as always, to my best-of-opposite biped, Roseann Mandell, the designer of the Handler's Choice Versatility Class and the producer of those beautiful Novice A survival kits, which I hope will become an annual tradition at the **YANKEE** specialty.

Titles and placements and qualifying scores are commendable achievements, but the real joy, the real victory is enjoying the privilege of entering the ring with your dog. So, congratulations to everyone who showed in obedience and rally. Here's looking forward to next year!

— Geoff Stern

2005 Specialty obedience chair

YANKEE Specialty Results: Obedience Classes

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes

OTCH Second Wind Tisno Balderdash UDX2 JH, N Droukas

Highest Combined Score in Open B and Utility

OTCH Winthrop's Light'n Zaps Twice UDX MX MXJ, D Benoit

Novice A, Ms. Janet Lewis (5 entries)

1st Sand Dancer's Windfall, D Brunelle/S Brunelle 176

Novice B, Mrs. G F Brown (10 entries)

1st Firemark Can't Say No JH, P Scribner 196

2nd Daven's Rumor-Has-It CD, T Mazula 193½

3rd Toryglen A Dream Of Flight, D Kohler/D McDonough 188

4th Woodwind's Bird In The Hand, C Guglielmo 186

Qualifiers:

Edgehill Leave It To Lucy, S Sommer 175½

Greatbay's Moondance CD JH, J Vieten 174½

North Star's Hot Diggity Dog TDX NA NAJ, K Duhnoski/C Fuhrer 174½

Open A, Ms. Lewis (No qualifiers)

Open B, Mrs. Brown (12 entries)

1st Sunfires Silver Springs Spryte CDX MX MXJ, H Sherman 197

2nd Bridgtons Elation Celebration UD JH, P Scribner 196

3rd OTCH Winthrop's Light'n Zaps Twice UDX MX MXJ, D Benoit 195

4th Sunfire Just By Chance UD JH, N Droukas 194

Qualifiers:

Stonehill Ebrk Amazing Grace UDX JH, E Reid/J Laureano 194

Cheerio Sunfire's Riptide UDX NA OAJ, C Mccluer 192

Winthrop-Gadomski's Grover UDX6, R Gadomski 191½

Utility A, Mrs. Brown (No qualifiers)

Utility B, Ms. Lewis (12 entries)

1st OTCH Second Wind Tisno Balderdash UDX2 JH, N Droukas 197½

2nd Sunfire Just By Chance UD JH, N Droukas 193

3rd OTCH Winthrop's Light'n Zaps Twice UDX MX MXJ, D Benoit 192

4th Bridgtons Elation Celebration UD JH, P Scribner 187½

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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 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. 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 **YANKEE** 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, ygrcmembership@aol.com.

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

Jo Ann & Joe Whelan, Gilford NH. Interests: Bench, obedience, tracking. Willing to help at events and work on committees. (Sponsors: Sue Sommer; Pat Scribner)

Patricia McKinney, Ellington CT. Interests: Breeding, Obedience, Hunt Tests, Therapy work. Willing to help at events. (Sponsors: Maggie Lukeiwicz; Paula Orcut, DVM)

Lynn & Rick Regan, Mattapoisett MA. Interests: Bench, obedience, breeding. Willing to help at events and work on committees. (Sponsors: Mikki Castonguay; Dianne McDonough)

NEW <i>FINISH LINES</i> 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.



MINUTE BY MINUTE

The Board of Directors met on April 5, 2005. Business and committee reports are summarized below.

Correspondence: YGRC received an email of thanks from SBGRC & the Bull Mastiff club that ran the health fund-raiser agility trial in Springfield. Multiple letters of approval came from the AKC

Agility: The premium for the July YGRC Agility Trials is on the Web.

Bench: The Spring Match was a success. Martha Callaghan has pictures of the winners.

Breeder Referral: Complaint received that the names/numbers of breeders NOT listed are being given out by the breeder referral reps.

Field: Classes have started. The numbers are down slightly but more manageable. There are 11 in Fundamentals, 11 in WC/JH, 16 in WC/X.

Membership: Final list of those who have not renewed was presented.

Programs: Next program is May 24, 2005 on Search & Rescue.

Puppy Kindergarten: There are two PK classes with a total of 48 & a Post Grad Class.

Specialty '05: Rally requires a separate application. We have reached an agreement on the parking issue.

Specialty 06: Need an Obedience Chair .

Web site: Looking great! It was suggested that we add the membership meetings times.

Other Business:

- **Clinics:** Heart Clinic on Sunday, November 13, 2005. The Spring Eye Clinic is Sunday, May 1, 2005 in Concord
- **Rescue:** Auction is May 15, 2005.
- **MassFed:** MassFed is in need of funds to lobby against some upcoming legislation. Judith Erlanger, YGRC MassFed Rep asked for the board to consider a donation to MassFed to help in their efforts. Motion 2005:04/01: Mike Lappin made a motion that YGRC donate \$1000 to MassFed. Motion was seconded by Mel Porter. Motion Carried.
- **Insurance:** Sportsman's has found a new underwriter & will continue to handle the YGRC policy.
- **GEM Nomination:** Donna Morgan to submit 2005 nominee to GRCA.
- **Bounced Checks:** Need policy for collecting monies owed on checks returned for insufficient funds. After some discussions it was decided that to send the individual(s) in question a certified letter saying that unless they cover their overdue balances with YGRC we will not accept entries from them at future events.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 3, 2005 .

President's Message

The "Dog Days Of Summer" are almost upon us. Time to get out and do something your dog!

Need some ideas? Check out our Web site: www.yankeegr.org. The calendar on the Web site and in this issue lists **YANKEE's** upcoming events. There'll be lots of opportunities to have fun with your dogs. We're always looking for helpers, so please pitch in and volunteer to help at any of these events. You'll meet nice people, lovely dogs, and have a great time.

YANKEE's Independent Specialty was held June 3rd at Crackerbarrel Fair Grounds in Wrentham MA. This year the weather was perfect, because Geoff Stern got to Denise Kohler before she could make any comments on the weather! The event ran smoothly

thanks to Linda Erickson and her crew. The feed back from the judges and competitors was that everything was GREAT! You can read more about the Specialty in this issue.

In addition, there was an opportunity at the **YANKEE** Specialty for our dogs to donate blood samples to the research program investigating bone cancer in dogs being carried out by the Broad Institute of Harvard & MIT. Approximately 35 samples were drawn. Many thanks to all the dogs that gave blood for this research and to all the owners who cared enough to have their dogs participate. As owners, breeders, and lovers of Golden Retrievers we all know how prevalent cancer is becoming in our Golden Retrievers and in other breeds. It is through efforts

like this that we can make a difference. There will be other opportunities for your dogs to donate blood samples for the Broad Institute's research. Please be aware that samples from all breeds are needed, not just Golden Retrievers. If you would like more information on the Golden Retriever Foundation or the Broad Institute's research, please contact **YANKEE** Member and Golden Retriever Foundation Vice President, Mike Lappin, DVM.

We have agility trials, an ice cream social with Canine Good Citizen test, a hunt test, and a tracking test coming up in the next few months. Hope to see you all there!

— Jim Downar
YGRC President



In the YANKEE Mail Box

April 8, 2005

To you all, dear Golden friends!

My deepest thanks for the wonderful recognition given me at the **Yankee** meeting last month. The warm response shown for Chris Zink, Anne Shannon and myself made it a truly fun evening.

We loved the shirts with that meaningful message. Such originality should be widely spread.



I'll *treasure* the Golden walking stick—with careful use!—'til such time when it can move on to another "age-related" recipient who will appreciate and enjoy it as much as I am doing. Again my thanks, and come see me—anytime. The door is always open.

— Pagey



Geoff,

Please thank the members of Yankee. I had a great time, the trial was really well put on and I loved all the dogs. Thanks so much for having me.

— Janet Lewis

Hello Geoff,

Just a note to say how much fun I had judging your specialty. The stewards assigned to my ring did a great job and were a pleasure to work with.

The hotel and the restaurant were wonderful. The hotel had a hot buffet for breakfast...that was a nice touch. I want to thank the club for the judge's gift at the hotel. I enjoyed some of it Thursday evening, some of it on the flight and brought the rest home with me. I thought putting it in the carrying bag was a great idea and I not only used it to transport some stuff during the trip home but I think I'll also suggest the idea to our hospitality committee for our judges.

— Gail Brown
Broken Arrow OK

REPORT FROM GRCA'S AKC DELEGATE

AKC Delegates Meeting: June 2005.

While there were other items of interest at this meeting, the primary focus was on the proposed Pet Animal Welfare Statute (PAWS). There was a long discussion at the Delegate Forum as well as at the Regular Delegate meeting. The proposed legislature came as a result of a bill proposed by Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) to amend the Animal Welfare Act, reserving the right, as the legislation proceeds, to make suggestions for the improvement of the bill.

The elements of the proposed bill which AKC supports are:

- Brings under coverage persons who are breeding and selling large numbers of dogs yet are not covered under current law.
- Strengthens the USDA's ability to enforce compliance with the legislation and to identify persons who are evading the act.
- Authorizes USDA lawyers to go to court directly to obtain injunctions against persons operating without a license or with a suspended or revoked license, rather than having to convince busy US attorneys to take up such cases.

The AKC decided, correctly in my opinion, to involve themselves (aka "us") in this legislative process because if we did not do so, we would be leaving the field completely to the animal rights people....and that would be a disastrous mistake. My understanding is that when numbers and parameters were dealt with, AKC was the organization that took the lead. The proposed legislation would apply to those breeders having (on an annual basis) either more than 25 puppies OR more than seven litters... *whichever is higher*. While the actual numbers could be a source of disagreement, I think that it is better to have right out in front actual figures rather than ambiguous statements which could be lowered and/or misinterpreted. I know that this is AKC's intent and I hope and expect that it will be etched in concrete in the legislation.

It is my opinion that GRCA has always been an organization of people who love our breed and treat our dogs as "family members" whether they are involved in conformation, performance events or are strictly pets. Because of the nature of Golden Retrievers and the

importance we place on socialization, the idea of puppy mills is abhorrent to us. Our membership consists primarily of hobbyists and I hope that it will always be that way. Not only that but, in case you haven't noticed, the era of the internet is of tremendous benefit to puppy mills which also feeds on the importation of dogs with serious health problems from overseas.

AKC has used a term in the past to define "High Volume Breeders," and these numbers relate to AKC's concerns. There is a recognition that this proposed legislation, while not perfect, is better than what has been talked about in Washington as a "done deal." In other words, there appears to be no doubt on the part of Jim Holt, who is the AKC lobbyist in Washington, that some form of legislation in this area is going to pass. The fact that we appear to have unlikely bedfellows regarding the proposed legislation is less important than our ability to influence the regulatory stage as methods of implementation are developed.

— Howard Falberg
AKC Delegate

YANKEE Specialty Results, *continued from page 1*

Rally Trial (Ms D. P. Neufeld)

Rally Novice A (8 entries)

- 1st High Hopes Winfield Casey, L Burnham/D Burnham 95
2nd Drew Woods Scout Kendra, W Crum/S Crum 85
3rd Nautilus Trooper Frolic, S Crum/W Crum 84
4th Thistledown Kiss Me Kate, D Cutler 72

Rally Novice B (27 entries)

- 1st Golden Pond Merry Days, D Kohler/D Kohler 100
2nd Toryglen Sweet Grace CD, D Kohler/D Kohler 100
3rd Pioneer's Grand Finale VCD2 TDX AX, K Duhnoski/C Fuhrer 99
4th Shawncreeks Here We Go Again VCD2 UDX JH AX OAP OJP, M Peirce 99

Qualifiers:

- Toryglen Morning Star Pirate CD, D McDonough/M Castonguay 99
Backgammon's North Star CD TDX, K Duhnoski/C Fuhrer 98
Jack Is A Taz Too CDX TD, D Barrows/W Barrows 98
Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX AX AXP AXJ AJP, Lappin/
Harris/Lappin/Weeks 97
Toryglen A Dream Of Flight, D Kohler/D McDonough 97
Tri-J's Intrepid Jack Frost CDX, D Barrows/W Barrows 97
Elysian's The Duck Stops Here TDX NA NAJ, J Hullstrung/N Sila/ J Von Barby 95
Lazydaze Jump For Joy CD OA NAP OAJ NJP, F Lappin/K Doyle-
Winslow 94

- Goldenpaw Justwildabouttharry CD, N Aldrich/E Lyons 94
Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets AX NAP AXJ NJP, P Lindquist 93
Our Golden Reflection CD, V Testa/J Testa 93
North Star's Hot Diggity Dog TDX NA NAJ, K Duhnoski/C Fuhrer 92
Jaebear Thief In The Night CD OA NAP AXJ NJP, L Tinti 91
Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX JH MX AXP MXJ AJP, M Peirce 89
Shawnfield Touched Byn Angel CDX JH, M Peirce 86
Mandell Marlenes Celebration UD, J Baserga/J Milburn 85
CH Edgehill Total Eclipse CD JH NAP, J Hullstrung/N Sila 85
Roscot Duex Fletch, Vizsla T Ross 85
Mirasol's Curious Incident VCD1 AX NAP AXJ, R Mandell/G Stern 85
Celebration's Get Up And Go, J Baserga/J Milburn/A Milburn 80
Pioneer's Steamy Windows VCD1, K Duhnoski/C Fuhrer 75
Mirasol Bretsin Fanfair Blair, N Brett 70

Rally Advanced B (2 entries)

- 1st Tory Glen Morning Star Day Dream UD RN, M Castonguay/D McDonough 99
2nd OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation VCD2 UDX2 RN SH, P Lindquist 88

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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. However, if you have questions or concerns, please contact our representative on the Board of Directors, Ann Strathern.



- RESOLUTION 05-59: Authorization of a donation in the amount of \$50.00 to the Golden Retriever Foundation in memory of Barbara Lowe.
- RESOLUTION 05-60: Approve the *Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis* to host the GRCA all-breed field trial on March 24-26, 2006 at the Busch Wildlife Memorial Area.

Recently Approved Resolutions:

- RESOLUTION 05-43: The following advertising policy adopted with regard to the use of the CCA Certificate in advertising in the Golden Retriever News: "Any advertisement concerning the CCA title shall be restricted to the use of the title only or the simple statement that the CCA has been earned. If the owner is willing to share a photocopy of the entire assessment in question, the words *Evaluations will be shared privately at the discretion of the owner* may be used. No scores or individual comments from such evaluations shall be advertised."
- RESOLUTION 05-44: Laura Agee, Dianne Barnes and Don Carson appointed to serve on the 2005 Candidate's Forum Committee, and Dianne Barnes will serve as chair.
- RESOLUTION 05-45. Linda Willard appointed as interim chair of the Breeders' Education subcommittee.
- RESOLUTION 05-46: The following members have been appointed to the GRCA Puppy Referral Committee: Ellan Thorsen to serve as chair, and Dianne Makinney, Peggy Zions, Walt Faubion, Dianne Henning, Doug Spieker, Laurie Shrode and Judy Word to serve as committee members.
- RESOLUTION 05-47: The Judges' Education subcommittee will be allowed to charge enough for educational seminars to cover the costs and handouts.
- RESOLUTION 05-55: Establishing an Education Council to be composed of the Chairs of the following: Public Education Committee, Breed Education Committee, Members' Education Subcommittee, Field Education Subcommittee, Breeders' Education Subcommittee and Judges Education Subcommittee.
- RESOLUTION 05-56: Gail Shaw of Tinton Falls NJ appointed to the position of Statistician, Agility Hall of Fame.
- RESOLUTION 05-57: Audrey Coleman, Danette Weich, John Gassner, Bente Pasko and Nona Bauer appointed to serve on the Qualified All-Age Task Force and Audrey Coleman appointed as Chair. The Task Force is to submit an interim report of their progress to the Board by September, 2005.
- RESOLUTION 05-58: Job description for the Dual Dog Hall of Fame Statistician and the Triathlon Coordinator adopted and approved.

Hot Topics:

- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. The *Job Vacancy* section of the GRCA Web site www.grca.org/jobs.htm lists several vacancies for which we need volunteers. One is Junior Achievement. There's also the announcement that the Golden Retriever Foundation is looking for a new Director and several others. Please look at these opportunities and see if there's one that you'd be interested in.
- "PAGEY'S" VIDEO ON DVD. The GRCA been exploring the possibility of transferring the video produced and narrated by Rachel Page Elliott to a DVD format. This would protect and preserve the information in a more up-to-date format and would be used in judges' education.
- OS/OD, VC/VCX TASK FORCE REPORT. The report of the Task Force looking at the point scale for the OS/OD and VC/VCX programs is now available at www.grca.org/comm_report.html
- RUMOR CONTROL. It has been brought to our attention that a new urban legend is circulating saying that the Golden Retriever Foundation does not want or need any more donations. *This is not correct.* It is true that the Red Dog Challenge of matching the \$100,000 donation has been met, but the Foundation is still gratefully accepting all donations. The Foundation particularly wants those designated for the General Fund and the April Fund, but is eager to receive donations any individual or club wants to make. The Foundation can even take some on-line donations now. For more information, see the Foundation's Web site www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org.

Please contact any Board member with your thoughts or opinions on these or any other issue of concern to you. Email to grca_board@yahoo.com will reach the entire Board.

— Ann Houston

YGRC Delegate to the GRCA

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



YANKEE Spring 2005 WC/WCX, Singles and Puppy Stakes

YANKEE held its Spring WC/WCX and Singles/Puppy Stakes on May 7, 2005, in West Thompson CT. Now all of the Spring tests that I remember were held on warm, spring-like days where most of us went home a little pink and sunburned because we got our first dose of sunshine for the year, and I have no recollection of a nasty day on the occasion of our Spring test.

Not so this year! We experienced a *truly nasty day!* The weather kept dishing out ways to dampen our spirits, and thoroughly tested our resolve: we had all day cold wet drizzle, wind, some hefty rainfall, cold temperatures, and at one point, I believe, even a little sleet in the mid-afternoon.

The tests were, despite the ugly weather, well attended, and the judges and workers were all real troupers for enduring the harsh conditions. We had a good turnout at the tailgate at the end of the day. The ribbons, good food and of course, Golden human and canine companionship, were our rewards for the long, cold and wet day.

Thanks to Dawn Terrill and Karen Scotti for setting up very fair WC/WCX tests, and also to judges Dick Kennedy and Judith Erlanger who judged the Singles stake, and Dick Kennedy and Patti Sullivan (who stepped in last minute) for judging the Puppy Stake.

List of Qualifiers:

WCX

- *Highland's Tiger Lily* JH WCX, Donna Mages
- *Splashdown in Valen's Name* SH AX AXJ WCX, Judith Erlanger
- *Shawnfield Touched Byn Angel* JH CDX WC, Marcia Pierce
- *Trifecta Thanewood Rebekah* JH WC, Carol White

WC

- *Sand Dancer's Windfall* CGC, Steven Brunelle
- *Errigal Smooth Sailing*, Donna Kelliher
- *Sunnyside's Belle Rebecca* CD MX AXJ CGC, Pat McKinney
- *Sirius' Caught in the Storm* (FCR), Sam Mitchell
- *Amador Sunshine on My Shoulder*, Rhonda Jarman
- *San Dancer's Constellation* CGC, Diane Brunelle
- *Hob-B's Hat Trick* (FCR), Kate Horgan-Burke
- *Real Gold Tempus Fugit*, Donna Mages

Advanced Singles Stake

- 1st: *Sunnyglen Feather River Run'r*, Jo-Ann Reynolds
 2nd: *Highland's Tiger Lily* JH WCX, Donna Mages
 3rd: *Hob-B's Hat Trick* (FCR), Kate Horgan-Burke
 4th: *Pine Run's Photo Finish* JH AX AXJ WC, Karen Hocker
 JAM: *Trifecta Thanewood Rebekah* JH WC, Carol White

Singles Stake

- 1st: *Beau Geste Ones Upon a Time*, Charles Lanagan
 2nd: *Gaylan's One Step Atta Time* WC CGC, Randy McKinney
 3rd: *Real Gold Tempus Fugit*, Donna Mages
 4th: *Sirius' Caught in the Storm* (FCR), Sam Mitchell
 JAMs:
Sand Dancer's Windfall CGC, Steven Brunelle
Sand Dancer's Constellation CGC, Diane Brunelle
Aubridge Northern Light Wave Ahead NA WC, Denise Ryan

Puppy Stake (3 - 6 months)

- 1st: *Beau Gest's Knicknack Veritek*, Jonathan Rausch

Puppy Stake (7 - 12 months)

- 1st: *Adirondac Rocket's Red Glare*, Judith Erlanger
 2nd: *Muddy Paws Joyful Bounce*, Jill Jordan Maclean
 3rd: *Muddy Paws Ruh Rho*, Jill Moffett

Thanks to all those who worked at the various stakes, and the gunners who made shooting the birds look easy — it is not! Gunners: Alex Cook, Ralph Halvorsen, and Nick Staszko; Bird boys, Marshalls, Stewards: Nancy Ford, Pat and Randy McKinney, Kate Horgan-Burke, Jonathan and Mrs. Rausch, Roseann Mandell, Diane and Steve Brunelle, Marcia Pierce, Jill Moffett, Rhonda Jarman, Charlie Lanagan, and Patti Sullivan; Secretary and Equipment: Barb Sawtelle, Bill Caron, and Carol White; Hospitality: Sheri and Bill Caron.

Thank you and congratulations to all.

Andrea Fisher and Charlie DeMarco
 YGRC Test Co-Chairs



YANKEE Help Wanted!

We're looking for **donations** for the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Hunt Test Raffle**, to be held during the club's hunt test on August 20-21, 2005. Donations can be sent

to Rhonda Jarman.

YANKEE Breeders' Referral

Breeders' Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB offers the Breeders' Referral as a service to mem-ber breeders and prospective puppy owners. Acceptance of a listing does not guarantee placement of puppies, and does not constitute en-dorsement by the club or any of its members. Neither the club nor its Board of Directors assumes respon-sibility for the quality, health, sound-ness, 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 pos-session of a puppy is transferred to a purchaser. **YGRC** members may list litters, older puppies, and adult dogs with the Breeders' Referral Listing and in *Finish Lines* if the breeder has been a member of **YGRC** or another GRCA-member club for a minimum of one year, and submits the following:

- Copies of AKC registration certificates, thereby verifying that both the sire and dam were over 2 years old at the time of breeding.

- Eye clearances on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary ophthalmologist who is certified by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Clearances must be current during the time the litter is listed. Eye clearances on dogs under 8 years of age are valid only for one year from the date of issue. CERF certificates will be accepted.

- Hip clearances on both the sire and dam. Dogs must have final OFA Certification or PennHip Distraction Indexes below the median done at or after 6 months of age, with no radio-graphic evidence of hip dysplasia.

- Final heart clearances on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary cardiologist who is certified by the ACVIM (Cardiology).

- A *Litter Listing Agreement*, completed and signed for each litter listed.

LITTER LISTING AGREEMENT

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

Dated _____ Signed _____

Printed name _____

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

Sandy Dunn, MA

Cheryl Blair, MA

Tessa x Champ, Whelped: 4/25: one male, one female
Indy x Champ, Due: 5/20

Mikki Castanguay, MA

Toryglen Morning Star Pirate x Toryglen Raptor At Morning Star
Due: 6/11

Spayed female, 3 yrs, also available

Jennifer Rowe, NH

Lissany Hyvai's Promises Time x Granite Gold Irish Spirit

Cheryl Whitright, RI

Woodriver Skye Blue x Littleriver Spencer for Hire
Whelped 5/11: only males available



YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

Our Golden Rules

Our goal is to promote the highest standards among Golden Retriever owners and breeders as referred to in Article 1, Section 2, of the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Constitution and Bylaws.

1. We will adhere to the rules of good sportsmanship in all dog-related competitions and activities, and abide by accepted practices for the human treatment of all dogs.
2. We will encourage and assist novice exhibitors, handlers, and breeders.
3. We will provide all our dogs a clean and safe environment with food, shelter, health care, and attention.
4. We will emphasize good temperament and soundness (screening for genetic defects) as well as conformation and ability when breeding, and refuse any mating not in the best interests of the breed.
5. We will fully explain to prospective buyers the inherent problems as well as the joys of Golden Retriever ownership.
6. We will encourage spaying or neutering of all puppies sold primarily as pets, or sell these pups with Limited Registration.
7. We will not knowingly sell to commercial outlets or retailers (pet shops, mail order enterprises, brokers, *etc.*).
8. We will keep accurate health, breeding, registration, and pedigree records, and pass those papers on to the buyers of all puppies and adult dogs.
9. We will agree to take back or help place any dog of our breeding that a purchaser may have to return for any reason.
10. We will respect the reputation of other breeders and club members.

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB TDX Seminar

by Peter Hewitt, tracking judge

On April 16–17, 2005 **YANKEE** sponsored a tracking seminar at Cloverhill Farm in Hardwick MA, a spectacular piece of property featuring rolling pastures, wooded areas and stone-lined fields, an ideal setting that was complete with a lecture room. There were eight tracking teams and two auditors for this hands-on weekend of instruction. Tracking cannot be learned solely from the pages of an instruction manual or from listening to an instructor recount his or her training methods. At this more advanced level, getting out in the field with your dog is important for learning.

On Saturday, tracks were laid in the early morning and again in the early afternoon. These tracks were subsequently run after they had aged approximately 3 hours. The first sets of tracks were designed to assess the working ability of each handler-dog team. The tracks were laid diagonally across the grain of the field to minimize any aid to the dog by rows left in the field from a mechanical planter or harvester. Each of these initial tracks was well salted with articles to give the dog an advantage for a successful track and to allow evaluation of the dogs' ability to indicate every article with test-like aging conditions.

TDX tests have an overall passing rate of 18–22% compared to TD tests' rate of 50%. The reason for the decline is the difference between the requirements of these two tests — it is as significant as the move from Junior Hunter to Senior Hunter. In TDX tests, 37-40% of those starting do not make it to the first corner before the whistle is sounded ending the test. This I find most discouraging, since until the first corner, the TDX has the same attributes as a TD test. What this tells me is that dogs are not motivated to track or do not understand the game! Handling skills are the key to a successful track at this level. The test is one of endurance, perseverance, and concentration. The handler's job of being able to determine whether the dog is on or off track is of the utmost importance. This skill is only developed through continued practice under varied conditions and continued exposure to a cornucopia of scenting scenarios. A dog wants to please its owner, which is justly rewarded with praise and play. These simple but effective tools will motivate the dog to find those articles placed along a track and complete the track for the celebration at the end.

The second set of tracks for the seminar participants on Saturday was laid *with* the grain of the field and crossed over the tracks that we had laid in the morning and run at noon. The purpose of these tracks was to show the handlers how to deal with crosstracks and train the handler to walk a straight line using focal points. These tracks were at least 150 yards long, and all tracks were heavily salted with articles, to reinforce article identification and concentration on the track while the dogs dealt with the contamination issue. The handlers noticed that once the dogs got past the area used previously, their dogs worked faster and steadier, the reward for dealing with all that contamination. All tracks ended with a period of praise and play — the tugging of that last article. This I believe is an important factor in cultivating the drive in a dog to track for its handler.

On Sunday we introduced obstacles to the tracking teams. These included tracks with uphill or downhill sections, going through woods or through a tree-lined hedge, and going through overgrown field brush. Again, the tracks were well salted with articles. Some teams elected to use food on the track, while

others opted out. The purpose of this day's activity was to show the handler the scent transitions that a dog has to deal with when encountering a change in vegetation. Even a hill causes some confusion on a track. The prudent handler must recognize his dogs loss of scent and stop — not blindly follow the dog (desperate tracking syndrome). The handler must then wait until the dog refocuses and regains the track before proceeding along. This is where a successful track starts and where the handling skills of the handler are tested. I believe that successful tracking is 80% handling of the dog while out on the track.

By handling, I do not mean guiding or leading your dog down what you believe is the direction the tracklayer took. The AKC *Tracking Regulations* make specific reference to Commands and Signals (Chapt. 2, Sec. 15) and Guiding and Restraining (Chapt. 2, Sec. 16). Basically, you cannot attempt to control your dog with directional commands. Furthermore, guiding is defined as behavior by the handler that influences or determines the dog's direction. Restraint is permitted to slow a dog that is moving too fast for the handler or in the event of a distraction. Guiding is a subjective evaluation determined by the judges — there are no hard and fast rules, it is a judgment call. Some judges use a three-strike rule: do it once or twice, but three times — shame on you! This is a subject to take up with the judges at the draw on test day. Better still, attend tracking clinics held by judges to get their opinion on what constitutes guiding. You will find that it varies widely. If you simply train yourself to observe and interpret your dog's body language and act accordingly, guiding does not become an issue.

After each session in the field we retired to the instruction hall and discussed the performance of each tracking team on their track. Participants were encouraged to discuss issues and we shared our tracking experiences. There is no one way to track a dog — this is not obedience where a heeling dog must remain not more than a head's length from his master's knee. The dog is the decision-maker in tracking. The handler is the support and encouragement for his four-legged friend 20 feet ahead. The handler must have the patience to wait until the dog has determined the scent of the tracklayer before proceeding ahead.

Tracking is as much fun as you make it, and your enthusiasm is transmitted down the line to your dog. You should go tracking only when you want to, not because you have to train. Tracking is not an exercise of precision like obedience; it is a technical exercise that requires a motivated dog and a handler who is willing to look out for potential hazards, recognize the dog's indication of them, and allow the dog to solve problems before proceeding along the track. We are utilizing the dogs' prey drive — when they are in absolute concentration, and the handlers must be in a similar state as well. There is to be no second guessing of a dog's decision as the dog is the only one on the team who knows where the scent is.

On behalf of Mary Thompson, who ably provides a different perspective from mine on tracking, we would like to thank **YGRC** for the opportunity to share our opinions and experience with those who attended. It is a shared learning experience — we get as much out of teaching a seminar as those who participate. The hospitality along with the planning and organizing of this event is a testament to the club's dedication to the continued success of the sport of tracking.

YANKEE Specialty Results: Conformation Classes (160 Entries — 71 dogs — 89 bitches)

Dogs Ms. N E Talbott (59 d, 5 pts)

Puppy Dogs 6 – 9 Mos

- 1 Gemstar's Mohave Moon, J Geravics
- 2 Nautilus The Road Sweeper
- 3 Profile's Polished To Perfection, C Bent/S Tremblay
- 4 Landslide Red Sox Believe In Boston, B Smith/L Smith

Puppy Dogs 9 – 12 Mos

- 1 Spicewood's Wind Symphony, S Tremblay/C Durway/C Bent
- 2 Snowshoe's Great Escape, G Fish

12 – 18 Mos. Dogs

- 1 Dauninge's Maximus Auerus, W Faubion/T Kocher
- 2 Goodsports Chock Full O'Nuts, M Cox/P Cox
- 3 Gorefinadan Young American
- 4 Nautilus Everybody Loves Raymond, J MacKinnon

Novice Dogs

- 1 Channri Copland, J Bramhall
- 2 Thisledown Threepenny Opera, M Melander/D Cutler
- 3 Sunscapes Houldyn Onto Hope, B Hufnagle/B Keen

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 Lazydaze Wild Goose Chase, K Doyle-Winslow/D Winslow
- 2 Mariner Northern Dancer, J Chase/K Chase
- 3 Gemstar's Malibu Blue, J Gerevics
- 4 Trowsnest English Gentry JH, M Trowbridge

American Bred Dogs

- 1 Abelard's Monarch Of The Glen, E Mckenna/O Mckenna
- 2 Goodsports How You Doin'?, M Cox/P Cox
- 3 Top Hat's Out-Stand-Ing Chap, J Bleakley/D Werner
- 4 Thistledown Goodtime Charlie, D Cutler/D Cole

Open Dogs

- 1 North Star Pebwin Crossroads, B Hart Welch
- 2 Daven's Rumor-Has-It CD, T Mazula
- 3 Wochica's View From The Top, J Bunce/C Groveman
- 4 Mariner Orion, K Chase/J Chase

Non-Reg Veteran Dogs 8 – 10

- 1 CH Edgehill To Catch A Thief , L Tinti/C Weeks

Non-Reg Veteran Dogs 10 – 12

- 1 CH Thornelea Dennis , C Manthorne
- 2 OTCH Tricon Starchaser UDX2 MX NAP MXJ NJP, K Frink/J Downar

Winners Dog North Star Pebwin Crossroads, B Hart Welch

Reserve Winner Dog Dauninge's Maximus Auerus, W Faubion/T Kocher

Bitches Ms. L C More (74 b, 5 pts)

Puppy Bitches 6 – 9 Mos

- 1 Pennylane Yankee Fall Classic, B Scaggs/A Scaggs
- 2 Wochica's Haley Of Highlight, P Loves/K Fisher
- 3 Pebwin Test Of Faith, B Welch

Puppy Bitches 9 – 12 Mos

- 1 Iron Gate Smooth Jazz, M Cook/C Burchfield
- 2 Morning Star Toryglen Songbird, Castonguay/Mcdonough/Silvia
- 3 Goldiva's Love On The Run, Dickinson Wood/Vessey-Faulhaber
- 4 Ruffian's My Winning Ticket, M Rossi

12 – 18 Mos. Bitches

- 1 Pebwin Cressida Supernatural, H Donnelly
- 2 Sunnybrae Rainyday's Awsm-Blsm, I Sheehan
- 3 Nautilus Nikki Hilton, J MacKinnon
- 4 Backgammon My Quest For Nova, J Henderson/K Henderson

Novice Bitches

- 1 Thistledown Kiss Me Kate, D Cutler
- 2 Errigal Winter's Kindred Spirit, D Morgan

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 Wochica My Wing And A Dare, K Fisher
- 2 Tangleoft Griffendor Seeker, S Dunn
- 3 Rockwall's Head Over Heels, D Chandler/R Chandler/E Hackett
- 4 Hunting Lane Gingersnap, J Dunn/L Dunn

American Bred Bitches

- 1 Pennylane She's Ready To Rumble, B Scaggs/A Scaggs
- 2 Wochica My Celestial Body, M York
- 3 Lcm Becca Just U Wait 4 Me, C Hackenburg
- 4 Goodsports Boca Grande, M Cox/P Cox

Open Bitches

- 1 Crangold Day Break All That Jazz, S Foster
- 2 Elysian's The Duck Stops Here TDX NA Hullstrung/Sila/Von Barby
- 3 Justmoor And Above All, D Jones
- 4 Gosling's Heaven Sent, S Badhe

Non-Reg Veteran Bitches 8 – 10

- 1 CH Mariner Lil Sister By Tempo , J Chase/K Chase
- 2 Jaebear Autumn Mist AX AXJ, L Tinti
- 3 CH Goldenway's Lucky Penny , B Scaggs/A Scaggs
- 4 Errigal Fiona Or, D Doyle

Non-Reg Veteran Bitches 10 – 12

- 1 Backgammon's North Star CD TDX, K Duhnoski/C Fuhrer
- 2 Westmont's Daisy Mae, C Meddaugh
- 3 CH Backgammon's Mad About You, J Henderson

Non-Reg Veteran Bitches 12+

- 1 Belleville Lulu's Back In Town, L Hagen
- 2 Breakwater Lotto Larceny UD OA NAP OAJ NJP, Frink/Downar

Non-Reg. Hunting Bitches

- 1 Greatbay's Moondance CD JH, J Vieten

Winners Bitch Wochica My Wing And A Dare, K Fisher

Reserve Winner Bitch Crangold Day Break All That Jazz, S Foster

Intersex, Ms. Talbott

Best of Breed CH Lazydaze Full Court Press, Cox/Doyle-Winslow

Best of Opposite Sex CH Ruffian's Matt Dillon , M Rossi

Best of Winners Wochica My Wing And A Dare, K Fisher

Junior Showmanship

Junior Showmanship, Open Age 12 – 15

- 1st Megan Decker

Junior Showmanship, Open Junior

- 1st Morgan Rose Traugot

Best Junior Handler Megan Decker

Sweepstakes

Results were not provided in time for publication.

- Sweep Puppy (Dogs), Mrs. Cathy Story
- Sweep Puppy (Bitches), Mrs. Jinny Nealon
- Sweep Puppy (Intersex), Mrs. Story
- Sweep Veterans (Dogs), Mrs. Story
- Sweep Veterans (Bitches), Mrs. Nealon
- Sweep Veterans (Intersex), Mrs. Nealon

☆☆☆ Finish Lines ☆☆☆

Bench

Win: Wochica's Haley of Highlight (Patrice Loves & Karin Fisher). Haley went to her first show on her 6-month birthday and was WB for her first point 5/22, *Long Island KC!*

Field

New Working Certificate Excellent and new Started Hunting Retriever: SHR Shawnfield Touched Byn Angel CDX JH WCX Can. CD (Marcia Peirce). Tess earned her WCX at **YANKEE's** test, two SHR legs at *Granite State HRC*, plus two legs at *Saco River HRC*.

New Started Hunting Retriever: UCD SHR Shawnfield Kaper's Dream Keeper JH WCX (M. Peirce). Drew earned two SHR legs at *Granite State HRC*, plus two legs at *Saco River HRC*. Says Marcia, "The UKC HRC was fun and relaxed and everyone was very nice and helpful."

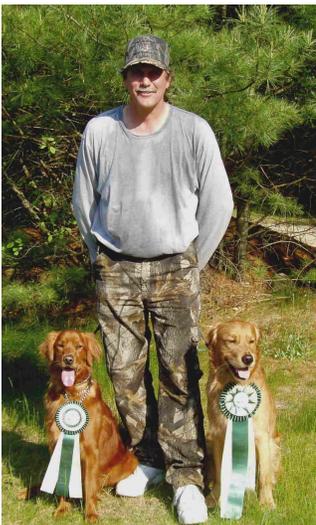
UKC Started Hunting Retriever leg: UOCH Can. OTCH Shawnfield's Here We Go Again VCD2 UDX RN JH AX OAJ OAP OJP WCX; Can UD TD WCI (M. Peirce). First leg at *Yankee Waterfowlers HRC*.

New Working Certificates

Two more from **YANKEE's** WC/WCX Test:

Amador Sunshine On My Shoulders WC (Rhonda Jarman)

Errigal Smooth Sailing WC CGC (D. Kelliher)



New Working Certificate and new UKC Started Hunting Retriever: SHR Sand Dancer's Windfall WC (D. & S. Brunelle). Max earned his WC, with a JAM, at **YANKEE's** test. He finished his SHR title at *Yankee Waterfowlers HRC*.

New Working Certificate and UKC Started Hunting Retriever legs: Sand Dancer's Constellation WC (D. & S. Brunelle). Orion earned his WC, with a JAM, at **YANKEE's** test. He has three legs toward his SHR.

New Junior Hunter: Aubridge

Nthern Lightwave Ahead JH NAP WC (Denise Ryan). Beamer earned four legs in a row at the *Labrador Retriever Club*, 4/05, *Hudson Highlands* 5/05 (two in one day), and *American Chesapeake Club* 6/05.

New Master Hunter:

Shawnfield's Kahlua Blast MH WC (Andy Sonntag). Kallie completed her title 6/4 at the *American Chesapeake Club* trial.



Agility

Legs: Errigal Smooth

Sailing WC CGC (D. Kelliher) began his agility career at the *Scottish Terrier Club of New England* trial 5/1 in Wrentham MA, earning two Novice standard and one Novice Jumpers leg with three 1st place finishes.

New Agility Excellent Jumpers: Shamrock Hill's Island Time WC CD AX AXJ (Gerilyn Bielakiewicz). Reggae finished his AXJ on June 4 th at the *NEMA* trial placing 1st in his class.

Obedience

New Companion Dog Excellent:

Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel CDX JH WC Can. CD (M. Peirce). Tess completed her CDX and earned a bumper leg at *Casco Bay DTC* with 3rd place in both trials.

Am. Can. CH CT Mirasol's Usual Suspect CDX MX MXJ (Alison Desmarais). Keyser completed his CDX with enthusiasm 4/30 – 5/1 at the *Hampton Roads OTC* trials.

New Companion Dog:

GreatBay's Moondance CD JH WCX (Jeannine Vieten). Meggie earned legs 4/16 & 4/17 at *Casco Bay Dog Training Club*, completed his title 5/7/05 at *York County KC*, and earned a bumper leg at the **YANKEE** specialty.

Edgehill Leave It To Lucy CD (Sue Sommer). Lucy earned three legs in three shows! 1st leg, *New England Dog Training Club*, 4/2; 2nd leg, **YANKEE** specialty; title leg, *North Shore Kennel Club* 6/17/05.

SHR Shawnfield Kaper's DreamKeeper CD RN JH WCX; Can.CD (Marcia Peirce). Drew earned her first novice leg at *NSKC* 197½, 3rd place; second leg *NSKC* 2nd place; title at *CDTC* 6/19/05.

SHR Sand Dancer's Windfall WC (D. & S. Brunelle). Max earned his second leg 6/18 at the *North Shore KC* in a run-off for 1st place, and earned his title leg at the *Concord Dog Training Club* 6/19/05 with a solid 2nd place.

High In Trial Wins: Am. Can. CH Mirasol's Redecorator UDX TD JH (Alison & Ray Desmarais). HIT, *Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Assn* 6/03/05; HIT, *Taconic Hills KC*, 6/10; HIT, *Greenwich KC* 6/11; HIT/HC *Longshore-Southport KC*, 6/12/05.

Placements:

Can. OTCH Shawnfield's Here We Go Again VCD2 UDX RN JH AX OAJ OAP OJP WCX; Can. UD TD WCI (M.

Peirce). Misha placed 1st in Veterans obedience and 3rd in versatility at the **YANKEE** specialty.

UOCH Can. OTCH Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX RN JH MX MXJ AXP OJP WCX; Can UD TD WC (M. Peirce). Echo placed 1st in versatility at the **YANKEE** specialty.

New Canadian Companion Dog: UCD/SHR Shawnfield Kaper's DreamKeeper JH WCX, Can.CD (M. Peirce) Drew completed her title in four straight shows with placings 5/28 and 5/29 at *Mountain City OC*.

New ASCA Companion Dog: Toryglen Morning Star Day Dream UD RN ASCA-CD (Dianne McDonough & Mikki Castonguay). Completed her title at the *ASCNE* "Colors of Summer" show 6/4 at Collinswood K9 in Auburn MA.

Highest score in Novice A at the YANKEE Specialty: SHR Sand Dancer's Windfall WC (Steve Brunelle) Here's a picture of the beautiful Novice A trophy which Sara Duchaine generously donated. Writes Diane: "Mike Lappin delivered the trophy for High Score in Novice A at the **YANKEE** trial—it's absolutely gorgeous!



Thank you for making sure Max brought that home. Sarah did a wonderful job with that trophy and I will be sure to let her know how proud we are to have it."

Novice legs: Sand Dancer's Constellation (Diane & Steve Brunelle). Orion earned two UKC Novice legs 4/10 at the *Weston Dog Club* trials — with a 2nd and 3rd place. He went on to earn his first AKC CD leg at the *North Shore KC* trial on 6/18/05.



Rally Obedience

New Rally Novice:

UOCH Can. OTCH Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX RN JH MX MXJ AXP OJP WCX; Can UD TD WC (M. Peirce). Echo earned two legs at *York County KC*, including a 1st place, and completed her RN title at the **YANKEE** specialty. She also earned her first and second advanced rally legs at *NSKC*

UCD Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel CDX RN JH WCX; Can.CD (M. Peirce). Tess earned her first leg with 4th place, her second leg with 1st place at *York County KC* and completed her RN title at the **YANKEE** specialty. She earned her first and second advanced rally legs at *NSKC*.

UOCH Can. OTCH Shawnfield's Here We Go Again VCD2 UDX RN JH AX OAJ OAP OJP WCX; Can UD TD WCI (M. Peirce). Misha earned his first two legs including a 4th place at *York County KC* and completed his title with 4th place at the **YANKEE** specialty. He also earned his first and second advanced rally legs at *NSKC*

UCD/SHR Shawnfield Kaper's DreamKeeper RN JH WCX; Can.CD (Marcia Peirce). Drew earned her first two legs at *York County KC* and finished at *NSKC* placing 1st with a perfect score. Moving up the next day she earned her first Advanced Rally leg again with a 1st place.

UCH UCD Mirasol's Curious Incident CD RN TD AX AXI ASCA-CD CGC (R. Mandell & G. Stern). Lindy completed her RN title at the **YANKEE** specialty, and then provided some comic relief in Handler's Choice Versatility.

Drew Woods Scout Kendra RN CGC TDI (Susan Crum). Scout earned 3rd place at *Pioneer Valley KC* 4/23, 2nd place at the **YANKEE** specialty, finished her RN title 6/11 at *Greenwich KC*, and earned a bumper leg at the *North Shore KC* on 6/17.

Nautilus Trooper Frolic RN CGC (Susan Crum). Trooper's first leg with 3rd place at the **YANKEE** specialty; second leg 6/18 at *North Shore KC*; and he finished his RN with 1st place in Rally Novice A on 6/19 at *Concord DTC*.

Our Golden Reflection CD RN CGC (Jacqueline Testa).

Spencer earned his second Rally Novice leg in Trial 1 at *York Co. KC*. It was a very nasty, rainy day and just before they were scheduled to compete for their final rally leg, Jacqueline slipped and broke her ankle. Hus-band Vic reports it took a plate, four screws, and a wire strap to hold the severely broken bone sections in place. With a little help from their trainer Dianne McDonough, Spencer finished his title at the **YANKEE** specialty.



New Rally Novice, Rally Match Win and New Rally Advanced: Toryglen Morning Star Day Dream UD RA ASCA-CD CGC, TDI (Dianne McDonough & Mikki Castonguay). Hope completed her RN title at the *York Co. KC* show 5/8. She also qualified for her first leg in Rally Advanced with 2nd place. She won 1st place in Rally Advanced and High in Rally Trial 5/29 at the *South Shore KC*, and completed her Rally Advanced title 6/11 at *Greenwich KC*.

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 yankkefinishlines@att.net.

Upcoming 2005 YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Events

July 9 & 10	YGRC AKC All-Breed Agility Trials	Sportszone, Derry NH	Karen Frink
July 26	YGRC Membership Meeting, CGC Test & Ice Cream Social	NARA Park, Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox CGC TEST: Roseann Mandell
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	Rhonda Jarman Donna Morgan
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
October 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
November 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

Help Wanted!

Full or part time positions available. Well-established dog club seeks dedicated, hard working individuals willing to give time to aid the **YANKEE GRC** Hunt Test on August 20 & 21, 2005, in West Thompson CT. No experience required! We'll provide on-the-job training. Generous benefits! Apply now! Send your application to Rhonda Jarman or Donna Morgan.

Hunt Test Job Application

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

I want to help with (check as many as you would like):

Marshall _____ Steward _____ Birdboy _____ Popper _____ Gunner _____
Hospitality _____ Set up _____ Clean up _____

The level I would like to work:

Master on Sat. _____ Senior on Sat.. _____
Master on Sun. _____ Senior on Sun.(if held over) _____ Junior on Sun _____
Set up on Fri. _____ Set up on Sat. _____
Clean up on Sat _____ Clean up on Sun. _____

I am running one or more dogs at: Master _____ Senior _____ Junior _____

I am *NOT* running a dog, but would like to help _____ (hunt test angel!)

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB thanks you for your consideration and help! Many hands make light work!

JULY 2005 Calendar of Events

Monday	Tue	Wednes	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Kanadasaga KC, AB/O, Bainbridge NY	2 Albany Obed Club, AG, Glenmont NY Hockamock KC, AB, Wrentham MA Susque-Nango KC, AB/O, Bainbridge NY So. Berkshire GRC, HT, Simsbury CT	3 Albany Obed Club, AG, Glenmont NY Wampanoag KC, AB/O, Wrentham MA Chenango Valley KC, AB/O, Bainbridge NY So. Berkshire GRC, HT, Simsbury CT
4 So. Berkshire GRC, HT, Simsbury CT	5	6 Naugatuck Valley KC, AB, West Springfield MA	7 Holyoke KC, AB/O/R, West Springfield MA Genesee Valley KC, AB/O, Hamlin NY	8 Syracuse Obed Trng Club, AG. Marcellus NY Kenilworth KC of CT, AB/O/R, West Springfield MA Golden Retriever Club of Western NY, S/O, Hamlin NY	9 YANKEE GRC , AG, Derry NH Syracuse Obed Trng Club, AG. Marcellus NY Farmington Valley KC, AB/O/R, West Springfield MA Genesee Valley KC, AB/O/R, Hamlin NY Westchester Retriever Club, HT, Newburgh NY	10 YANKEE GRC , AG, Derry NH Syracuse Obed Trng Club, AG. Marcellus NY Naugatuck Valley KC, AB/O, West Springfield MA KC of Buffalo, AB/O, Hamburg NY Westchester Retriever Club, HT, Newburgh NY
11	12	13 Lakes Region KC, AB/O/R, Hopkinton NH	14 Lakes Region KC, AB/O/R, Hopkinton NH	15 Woodstock Dog Club, AB/O, N. Haverhill NH Riverhead KC, AB/O/R, Westhampton NY	16 Riverhead KC, AB/O/R, Westhampton NY Champlain Valley KC, AB/O, Essex Junction VT Finger Lakes Retriever Club, HT, Baldwinsville NY	17 Green Mountain Dog Club, AB/O, Essex Junction VT Finger Lakes Retriever Club, HT, Baldwinsville NY
18	19	20	21	22 Double Q Agility Club of Western NY, AG, Albion NY Putnam KC, AB/O/R Stormville NY	23 Double Q Agility Club of Western NY, AG, Albion NY Putnam KC, AB/O/R Stormville NY W. NY Retriever Club, HT Wolcottsville NY	24 Double Q Agility Club of Western NY, AG, Albion NY W. NY Retriever Club, HT Wolcottsville NY
25	26 YANKEE meeting, ice cream social & CGC Test	27	28	29	30 Collie Club of NE, AG, Granby MA Providence Co KC, AB, E.Providence RI Lake Champlain Retrivr Club, HT, Addison VT	31 Collie Club of NE, AG, Granby MA Newtown KC, AB/O/R, Hartford CT Lake Champlain Retrivr Club, HT, Addison VT

AB — All Breed Show

AG — Agility Trial

TR — Tracking

TX — Tracking Excellent

HT — Hunting Ret. Test

S — Specialty Show

O — Obedience Trial

R — Rally Obedience

VST — Variable Surface
Tracking

FT — Field Trial

AUGUST 2005 Calendar of Events						
Monday	Tues	Wednes	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Central NY Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Little York NY Green Mtn Golden Retriever Club, AG, Williston VT Pioneer Valley KC, AB/O/R, Greenfield MA	7 Central NY Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Little York NY Green Mtn Golden Retriever Club, AG, Williston VT Cheshire KC, AB/O, Keene, NH
8	9	10 Saratoga NY KC, AB, Ballston Spa NY	11 Glens Falls KC, AB, Ballston Spa NY	12 Mohawk Valley KC, AB, Ballston Spa NY	13 Tartan Gordon Setter Club, AG, Westfield MA Southern Adirondac DC, AB/O, Ballston Spa NY Yankee Waterfowler's Hunting Ret. Club, HT, W.Thompson CT YANKEE GRC , VST, Univ. NH, Durham NH	14 Tartan Gordon Setter Club, AG, Westfield MA Bennington County KC, AB, Ballston Spa NY Yankee Waterfowler's Hunting Ret. Club, HT, W.Thompson CT
15	16	17	18 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Wachusett KC, R, Fitchburg MA	19 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Wachusett KC, AB/O, Fitchburg MA	20 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Wachusett KC, AB/O, Fitchburg MA Tioga Co. KC, AB/O, Oswego NY YANKEE GRC , HT, West Thompson CT	21 Ruff Riders Agility Club of Upstate NY, AG, Cato NY Greater Lowell KC, AB/O, Fitchburg MA Tioga Co. KC, AB/O, Oswego NY YANKEE GRC , HT, West Thompson CT
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