

Finish Lines



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President's Message

As usual I am unprepared and late with my copy for the newsletter, though Geoff has not yet threatened to send his mother after me.



I thought about just hanging out the "On Vacation" sign, but that was in July and is a vague, but pleasant memory now. We cruised from Seattle WA to Juneau Alaska and back, stopping in Sitka, Ketchikan, and Victoria BC. We had a wonderful time and took over 4000 digital photographs, of which one or two weren't too bad.

Just before we left on vacation YANKEE held its indoor agility trials at the Sports Zone in Derry NH on July 8 and 9. The trials were up to YANKEE's usual high standards. Following the close of competition on Saturday, Mike Lappin ran a *Fast Game* demonstration and fun match.

While I was cruising, the July membership and program meeting was held at NARA Park in Acton MA with an ice cream social, rally obedience demo, and CGC Test. On August 12 our Variable Surface Tracking (VST) Test was held in Durham NH.

I don't know if we are now in the "Dog Days" of summer as there has already been a hint of fall in the air & Labor Day is almost upon us, but YANKEE is not slowing down. Our Hunt Test was August 19 and 20 at West Thompson CT. The TD/TDX Test, the September Membership and Program Meeting, the fall WC/WCX test, and the Fall Match are all in the works — and soon enough, we'll have the December agility trials, too!

Please check the calendar in this issue or on the club Web site, www.yankeegr.org, for our upcoming events. Thanks to all who worked or are working so hard to make these events a success. As you can see there are still lots of opportunities to do things with your dogs. 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 quality events, for which YANKEE is known, without your help. Pitch in and have some fun!

— Jim Downar
YGRC PRESIDENT

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YANKEE GRC Membership

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

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

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

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

Non-members can subscribe to the

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

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

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

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Voted in at the July meeting:

Nancy McDonald, MA. Sponsors: Sue Sommer, Mikki Castonguay. Interests: Obedience, agility. (Voted in at the May meeting; name inadvertently omitted from *Finish Lines*)

Susan Naylor MA. Sponsors: Nancy Satwicz, Judith Erlanger. Interests: Bench, obedience, field, hunt tests, breeding

NEW APPLICANTS:

Anne Blanchette, MA. Sponsors: Ernie Thibault, Dana Riley. Interests: Obedience, breeding, agility.

Dr. David McGrath, MA. *Needs sponsors*. Interests: Bench, obedience, field

Jonathan Madsen, MA. *Needs sponsors*.

Interests: Bench, obedience, field, agility and tracking

Darlene Tucker, MA, Sponsors: Sandy Dunn, Roseann Mandell. Interests: Breeding, bench, obedience, agility

Elizabeth Westling, MA. Sponsors: Donna Cutler, Carolyn Zagami. Interests: Obedience

FINISH LINES Publication Schedule

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

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



MINUTE BY MINUTE

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Board of Directors met in Acton MA on July 11, 2006.

Business and committee reports are summarized below.

Agility: Raised \$312 for rescue.

Bench: Bench committee will comprise Lisa Dunn, Melanie Porter, Jan Bramhall, Maryterese Russo, Lisa McCabe, Niles Stuntz, Theresa Stremmlau, and Lee Daudelin; chairperson pending. Jan Bramhall will chair the '07 Specialty. Need fall 2006 match chair.

Breeder referral: 6 litters listed.

Concessions: Discussion regarding various items. Will get samples from the vendors.

Field: Hunt test in August; Entry Express will handle the event. Need to recruit volunteer workers. Responded to the National Master survey to hold regional tests to reduce numbers for the Master National; effective fall 2007. Possible conflict between the regional and the GRCA national in 2008.

GRCA National Specialty 08: English-type fanciers want to have a tea — social event. Karen Frink is trying to get mini-meetings organized to deal with specific issues.

Hospitality: Carolyn Zagami's father died recently. Purchased a brick at *YGRR* in his memory.

Nominating Committee: Need a chair and additional members.

Puppy Kindergarten: Next session starts Thursday, September 7.

Tracking: Everything is on target for upcoming tests, with some new members involved.

Trophy: Change to the *Dancer Tracking Trophy* to define the criteria if more than one qualifier. Motion approved unanimously. "If two equivalent titles are earned in the same trophy year by two or more dogs, the following hierarchy would apply. A tie would go to the handler having achieved the title for the first time, followed by the oldest dog, followed by the youngest dog."

Other business:

- **Annual Meeting/Dinner:** Need new site, because Café Escadrille is unavailable the nights we would want it.
- **GR News Correspondent:** Will ask permission to reprint Glenn Simonson's article for Sept/Oct issue.

Next meeting: August 1, 2006 in Acton.

— Theresa Stremmlau
YGRC Secretary

2006 YANKEE Variable Surface Tracking Test

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB's fourth annual VST test was held on Saturday night, August 12, 2006, in Durham NH. Judges Allison Platt, Mike Clemens, and apprentice judge Ray Desmarais plotted six tracks on the University of NH campus. Unlike last year's drought with hot and humid weather, conditions were excellent — slightly damp ground, cool temperatures, with almost no wind. Unfortunately there were no passes — disappointing, but not unusual in VST tracking, which is notoriously difficult!



Many thanks to Test Chair **Henry Rines** who also managed all the transportation; Chief Tracklayer **Amy Deutsch**, and tracklayers **Joanne Baker**, **Paula Orcutt**, **Miles Garrod**, **Deb Brown**, and **Celeste Kelly**. Standing ovation (with spoons clacking!) for our hospitality crew — **Alison Desmarais**, **Jan Rines**, and helpers — for upholding the **YANKEE** tradition of fabulous food (see menu, *right*).

— Roseann Mandell
YGRC VST Test Sec'y

MENU

Butternut squash lasagne
Grilled franks & cheeseburgers
with sliced vegetables & relishes
Red bliss and sweet potato salad
Tomatoes & cucumbers in balsamic
vinaigrette
Roasted corn & sweet pepper salad
Assorted beverages

Cherry almond coffeecake
Ginger poundcake with whipped cream
Mixed fruit salad

Chocolate chip cookies
Coffee



Get ready for the YANKEE Book Swap!

We've all got books hanging around which we've already read and probably won't read again. Bring a few to the September **YGRC** Member Meeting and swap them for some "new" ones. Any books left at the end of the evening will be donated to the Massachusetts General Hospital's Warren Library.

2006 YANKEE Ice Cream Social and CGC Test

YANKEE has seven new Canine Good Citizens to celebrate! All the Goldens entered in the CGC Test on July 18, 2006 at NARA park in Acton MA passed the test. The weather was extremely cooperative and nary a drop of rain fell from the sky despite dire predictions!



Our primary evaluator was **Denise Kohler**, assisted by **Diane Kohler** and **Roseann Mandell**, with the help and cooperation of many in attendance who willingly acted as members of the crowd for the *Walking Through a Crowd* exercise, and as timer for the three minute

Supervised Separation exercise. (Special thanks to Belgian Tervs *Quip* and *Bluesette* for being distraction dogs.)

Congratulations to the following teams who earned their CGC certificates:

- Robin Babin & *Starshine's Pawnache*
- Christa Bellows & *Thistledown Fairlie's Light*
- Donna Cutler & *Gorefinadan Atlantic Mist*
- Donna Cutler & Elizabeth Westling & *Thistledown Galloway Gordon*
- Rhonda Jarman & *Amador Sunshine On My Shoulders*
- Jonathan Rausch & *Beau Geste Knicknack Veritek*
- Sherry Wyskiel & *Drew Woods Kiss Me Katie*

The evening also included a rally obedience demo and "try it" course courtesy of Geoff Stern, a short member meeting, and of course, there was delicious ice cream with toppings for all.

Kudos to **Marsha Wilcox**, **YGRC** program director, who coordinated the event, and to everyone who helped and participated. We'll do it again in 2007!

— Roseann Mandell
CGC Coordinator



In the Yankee Mailbox

We want to give all of the **YANKEE** members and friends a big *thank you* for all of your help at our hunt test this past weekend. We enjoyed perfect weather and saw some excellent dog work. Without you, there would not have been a hunt test. Everyone pitched in to work gun stations, set up and break down tests, handle birds, keep handlers moving efficiently through the tests, and many, many other jobs that made for a smooth running event. There were positive comments from judges, handlers and spectators on how good a hunt it was. All the

credit goes to the dozens of our volunteers who give their time for **YGRC**.

We hope if you ran a dog you had fun. For those of you who qualified, congratulations! If you were not entered and still helped out, an extra special thank you. If anyone you know worked, please pass along **YANKEE**'s gratitude.

Thank you again,

— Karen Scotti and Jill Moffett
YGRC Hunt Test Chief Marshals

GRCA Delegate Report

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

06-37. Donating \$100 to the Golden Retriever Foundation in memory of Joanna Bedford, a long time GRCA member who tirelessly volunteered her services to GRCA and her local club.

06-38. Adopting the updated and amended Committee Description for the GRCA Breed Education Committee.

06-39. Authorizing production of 4200 copies of the 2005 GRCA Yearbook CD, at a cost not to exceed \$5000, including shipping and handling. (Printed yearbooks should be mailed at media rate from Colorado by the end of August. If you did not order a printed yearbook, and would like one, you will be able to order one with your dues renewal in November.)

06-40. Sponsoring medallions for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor winners, and Top Performing Golden Retriever in the obedience and agility trials at the AKC/Eukanuba Championship.

06-41. Appointing Barbara Zelechowski of Elkhorn NE to a second three-year term as a director of the Golden Retriever Foundation.

06-42. Appointing Karin Boullion as the chairman of the public education committee.

06-43. Authorizing the GRCA Sales Manager to order a supply of merchandise to be sold exclusively at the 2006 National Specialty and merchandise to be stocked in the GRCA online store.

06-44. Appointing Sally Sheridan of Oklahoma City OK as chief inspector of elections for the 2006 election.

Hot Topics

GOLDEN RETRIEVER FOUNDATION POLICY ON HUMANE TESTING CONDITIONS. The Golden Retriever Foundation will reject funding of any research studies which involve the intentional production of disease in dogs, including those which involve killing dogs solely for the purpose of studying the cadavers. To encourage more humane research, the GRF will endeavor to assist in the recruitment of suitable, unintentionally afflicted test subjects, and to support the procurement of viable samples for study from affected dogs



which have died or been euthanized in the normal course of events. Approved by the GRF Board of Directors June 7, 2006.

NATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE VACANCY — EASTERN REGION. A vacancy exists on the National Rescue Committee in the Eastern Region for position of Regional Representative. Candidates should be or have been actively involved in rescue activities and possess a good understanding of the

operations and challenges of managing a local rescue program. The appointee will act as liaison to local rescue programs in GRCA's Eastern region by maintaining contact with local programs; will advise the NRC of factors affecting rescue activities within the region; will assume responsibility for subcommittees and ad hoc committees; and will be responsible for plans of action on topics related to rescue activities. Candidates must reside in the GRCA's Eastern region and be a GRCA member or willing to join immediately. Send letter of interest or resume to: Carol Allen, Chair, GRCA National Rescue Committee, Box 388, Jamesville NY 13078, carosal@twcny.rr.com

NEW VC/VCX APPLICATION. A revised application form is online at www.grca.org/StandProgs/vcvxapplication.pdf and will also be published in the *GR News*.

SWEEPSTAKES GUIDELINES CLARIFICATION. The same person who showed the dog to a first place in a Sweepstakes class will also show the dog in the Best in Sweeps class. Only in cases where there is not another owner, co-owner, breeder, co-breeder or immediate family member available, can another person take the dog into the Best in Sweeps class. The entire GRCA Sweepstakes Guidelines are online at www.grca.org/StandProgs/sweepstakes.htm

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



— Roseann Mandell
YGRC Delegate to the GRCA

Memories of Gold

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.*

...
*So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.*

Edgehill Tipperary Temptress
CDX AX OAJ NAP NJP
March 17, 1992 — June 28, 2006

It is with heavy heart that I let you know that Tess went to Rainbow Bridge. She had been in declining health for the last couple of months, but always seemed to bounce back for another session. This afternoon she couldn't get up or stay standing, even with assistance. Her soft eyes begged me to let her go. Fran and I helped her onto the bridge where she stated: "*Look out everyone, here I come!*" and then she leapt into the beyond.

Tess was my "A" dog, from whom I learned everything I know about living with a Golden Retriever, obedience and agility. I hope I was a good student. I will miss her, but know she is in a far better place now.

— Mike Lappin, DVM



Burlingame's Dynamo Bear JH SH WC
September 1, 1990 — August 1, 2006

Bear — miracle puppy, faithful companion, and outstanding hunting buddy.

— Loved and greatly missed
by Barb & Ken Lukis

CH Beau Geste Capricorn
September 18, 1991 — July 22, 2006

I don't know how to say it. I loved her and she's gone. She was now the oldest, but didn't know it or show it. She showed her stuff, more slowly than before to be sure, in the veteran's class at this year's specialty, and now, just a month-and-a-half later, she is gone. Too suddenly, too quickly, but peacefully and painlessly, she has gone on to a better dog show, where she is still the best, which she always knew was true. I will miss her forever.



Beau Geste Kevin's Keli
November 27, 1992 — July 11, 2006

Keli came home to me at age 12 when my dear friend Rowena's cancer returned, and Keli and her grandmother, Chance, became the grey-faced twins. With Chance gone, Keli was my token of both Rowena and Chance. I loved her for that, but when I took her with me in the car, she always hoped she was going back home. Her decline was slow but steady, and now she has finally indeed gone back to be with her beloved Rowena.

— Jan Bramhall
Beau Geste

Ever wonder what goes on at YANKEE's puppy kindergarten classes?



Photos courtesy of Joy & Al Viola

YANKEE Breeder Referral

Breeder Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

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

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

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

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

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

LITTER LISTING AGREEMENT

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

Dated _____ Signed _____

Printed name _____

YANKEE Breeder Referral Representatives

The breeder referral representatives listed below have a current list of 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

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

Charlene Devens, MA

Puppies ready the last week in August

Am. Can. CH Yukon's Turn The Page X Crangold Yukon She's All That

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Ann Houston, MA

7/7/06 — 4 males and 1 female

Lazydaze Wild Wild West X Tricon Nantucket Breeze Joy

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Jennifer Rowe, NH

7/29/06 — 6 females and 3 males

CH GraniteGold Iron Gate In Lock X Granite Gold Simple Life

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Betty Provencal, RI

7/14/06 — 6 males and 4 females

Trowsnest Wild Card Raleigh X Rainbow's End Sweet Ivy Rose

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Dierdre Doyle, NH

7/10/06 — 8 females and 2 males

Errigal Ruari Ard Rhi Or X Sutter Creek's S.W.A.K.

~ ~ ~

Robin Hopes, MA

Beau Geste High Soci Eighty X Beau Geste Giselle

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Bench

New Canadian Champion: Can. CH Elysian's Urban Legend (Noreen Sila & Jeffrey Hullstrung). Devin was also WD/BW, 2 pts, *Champlain Valley KC*, 7/1. Judge: Carl Gene Liepmann.

Wins/Placements:

Wochica's Haley of Highlight (Patrice Loves & Karin Fisher). Haley was WB/BOW/BOB, 1 pt, 7/14, *Riverhead KC*; WB/BOW/BOS, 1 pt, at *Perkiomen Valley KC*; WB for 2 pts at *Penn Ridge KC*, 8/12/06.

Mirasol's I Luv Ricky Ricotta OAP. (Kathleen Goodman). WD, 2 pts, *Woodstock DC*, 7/14. Judge: Donna J. Buxton.

Field

New Master Hunter: Thornelea's Promises to Keep MH WCX (Donna Morgan). Donna & Frost finished his MH at *Southern Berkshire GRC*. Judges: Paul Botelho and Mike Twardy.

New Senior Hunter: Goldstar's Coming Around Again SH WCX (Debi & Glenn Simonson). Carly earned her SH by qualifying in four consecutive tests in the month of July. *Southern Berkshire GRC*, 7/1, Avon CT; *Western NY Retriever Club*, 7/22 and 7/23, Wolcottsville NY; *Lake Champlain Retriever Club*, 7/29, Addison VT.

New Junior Hunter:

Muddy Paws Some Fin Fishy JH WC (Jill Moffett). Bennie finished up his JH at the *Southern Berkshire GRC* test.

Gaylan's Juice Harp JH and MACH Gaylan's Brigantine TD JH (Paula Orcutt). Paula sends a belated brag — but a good one: Both dogs earned their Junior Hunter titles this summer.

Obedience

Legs: Sunfire Winthrop Socket To Me (Donna Benoit). From Novice B, High Scoring Golden in trial, *North Shore Kennel Club*, 3rd place, score 190, *Middlesex Country KC*.

High in Trial: Winthrop's Busy Signal UD MX MXJ (Lise Merrifield). Lise & Busy earned HIT at *Wampanoag KC*, 7/2, with a score of 198 in Open B.

Rally

New Rally Advanced Excellent:

SHR UCDX Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel CDX RAE JH NAJ OJP WCX Can. CDX ("Tess")

SHR UCDX Shawnfield Kaper's DreamKeeper CDX RAE JH NAJ NJP WCX Can. CDX ("Drew")

UOCH Can. OTCH Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX RAE JH MX MXJ AXP AJP WCX, Can. UD TD WC ("Echo")

UOCH Can. OTCH Shawnfield's Here We Go Again VCD2 UDX JH RAE OAJ OAP OJP WCX, Can. UD TD WCI ("Misha")

From Marcia Peirce: "Well, after 116 straight times in the ring and lots of checks later, my fun four have earned their RAE titles. They finished at the *North Shore KC-Concord DTC* weekend with Echo (now age 11) taking another 1st place in Rally Excellent."

Golden Girls Rule at the *Newtown KC* show on 7/20 in West Springfield MA:



Above: **YGRC** members Dianne McDonough & Joy, Michele Castonguay & Bing, with Leslie Lichtenstein & Isabelle placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Rally Excellent!

Agility

New Open Standard Preferred: SHR UCDX Shawnfield Kaper's DreamKeeper JH CDX RAE OAP NJP WCX, Can. CDX (M. Peirce). Drew finished her OAP title at **YANKEE's** trial with a 2nd place. She also earned her first two OJP legs with 2nd places.

New Master Agility Champion: MACH Glenbrook's Golden Angel CDX ADHF (Joyce & Tom DiBona). From Joyce: "Gabriel finished his MACH at **YGRC's** agility trial on 7/8. He gave observers a real thrill earning his last four points with a margin of only .01 seconds! He qualified for a third time that weekend in jumpers on Sunday."

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New GRCA Agility Dog Hall of Fame: Pine Run's Photo Finish JH MX MXJ CGC WC ADHF (Karen Hocker). Nikon earned his Agility Dog Hall of Fame at the Tartan Gordon Setter Club's trial on August 12, 2006 by earning his tenth double Q. He also earned his 7th double placement (placing in both standard and JWW on the same day) with that double Q.

Legs: SHR UCDX Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel CDX RAE JH NAP OJP WCX Can. CDX (M. Peirce). Tess earned her first NA leg with a third place and her first two NAJ legs with 2nd places at **YANKEE's** trial.

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

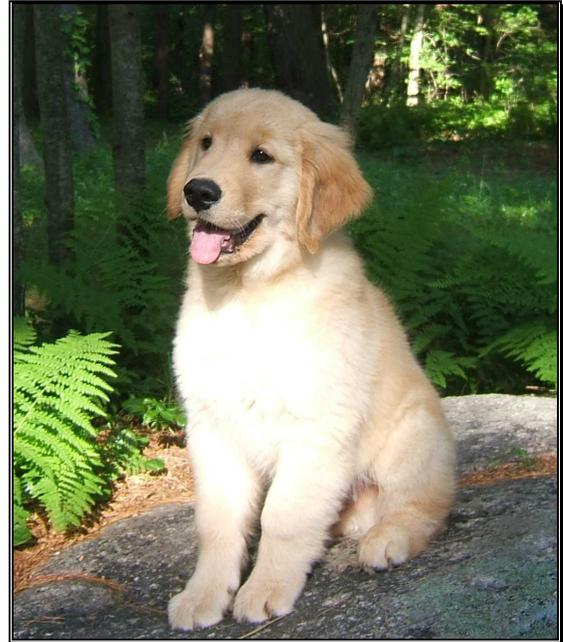
- Titles or certificates
- Points
- Legs towards a title
- Reserve wins
- Match wins
- Junior wins or placements
- Specialty placements

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

Send your news to yankeefinishlines@att.net.

Introducing...

Timber — Merry Days Knight In The Forest



"He's not exactly the pick bitch that we planned on keeping from Merry and Yogi's litter! This little guy stole our hearts from the day he was born. He's an easy-going, happy-go-lucky fellow whose hobbies now include landscaping, chewing, swimming, chewing, romping through the woods, and chewing."

— Denise Kohler

Puppy Rio playing with big brother **Pilot**. We're not sure — is that Jim's shirt or Karen's? Well, it's Rio's now!



Marsha Wilcox & Annie had tea with Pagey in June! Annie is a *Featherquest Phantom Pilot* great-great-granddaughter and prefers Irish Breakfast with a little milk and sugar. Pass the scones, please.



Mark your calendars! Upcoming 2006 YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Events

Sept 7	YGRC Puppy Kindergarten starts	YGRR Riverside Hudson MA	Donna Cutler
Sept 17	YGRC TD/TDX Test	High Ridge, Gardner MA	Marsha Wilcox
Sept 26	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program — with Book Swap!	Acton Cong. Church Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Sept 30	YGRC WC/WCX Test	W. Thompson CT	Rhonda Jarman & Claudia Norton
Oct 14	YGRC Fall Match	Canine Mastery, Seekonk MA	Martha Callaghan
November	YGRC Eye & Heart Clinics	TBD	TBD
Nov 14	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton Cong. Church Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Dec 7-10	YGRC All-Breed Agility Trials (at the Bay Colony Cluster)	Bayside Expo Ctr Boston MA	Karen Frink & Stacey Allard

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

Help Wanted: Your Chance to Help with YANKEE Events!

The weather may still be sweltering when you read this, but the **YANKEE Fall Match** will be here soon — Saturday, October 14, in Seekonk MA. Martha Callaghan is the match chair; Mike Lappin will be judging obedience; stay tuned for announcements on breed judges. We'll need volunteers for ring stewards, registration, hospitality, and other chores. Helping to put on the match is a great way to meet other club members, to learn about showing your own dog, or to encourage newcomers. Part-time help is fine! You'll still be able to show your dog. No experience required — we'll provide on-the-job training.

From the editors' desk

You may have heard of a Golden who died recently of heat stroke. The kind of weather we've had this summer can be dangerous for dogs, especially the drivey, hard-charging dogs whom we all love. They may be romping happily in a field, ecstatically chasing bumpers and birds — or other dogs — and, perhaps suddenly, subtly begin to suffer from the heat. Golden retrievers are so stoical and eager, we can easily miss signs that they're in trouble.

During summer activities, our dogs may spend a lot of time crated or confined in our vehicles while we're off laying tracks, playing bird boy, or noshing with training buddies at a café. Even with the windows down, the interior of a vehicle can reach oven-like temperatures — and even if you've parked in the shade. At summer's end and the onset of autumn, mid-day temperature and humidity can still be dangerously unhealthy for dogs who are dashing and charging full-tilt.

So, during your warm weather outings, monitor your dogs carefully for any signs of heat stress, such as rapid, noisy breathing (not just panting), rapid heart rate, unusual muscle spasms or twitches, wooziness or sudden-onset torpor, and other symptoms. Make sure your dog has frequent rest breaks, no matter how insistent he is on chasing bumpers or Frisbees. Years ago, with my madding, maddening, madcap Aussie, I used to set the timer on my wrist watch to dole out so many minutes romping before she had to rest.

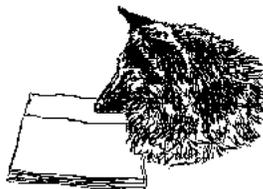
Remember to warm up your dog before strenuous exercise, and to "walk him down" afterwards, much like a track runner after a race. As much as possible, keep your dog out of confined areas such as vehicles, tents, and solid crates. I'm not a vet, but my layman's opinion is not to cover dogs with wet towels, because this prevents heat from escaping, more cooling the dogs. On breaks, give your dog cool water to drink — cool, not ice cold. Also, the consensus of the wise is to give plain, cool water, not special mixes with electrolyte supplements.

If your dog shows any signs of heat stress or heat exhaustion, you must act right away. Time is critical. Minutes count.

Here are some Web sites for you to peruse for information on canine heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and heat stress, with some first-aid tips:

- "Heat Stroke and Overheating in Dogs: Treatment & Prevention" by Nate Baxter, DVM
www.qshepherd.com/heat_stroke.htm
- "Heat Stress/Heat Stroke in Dogs" by Pat Quinn, *Everything Golden* online newsletter
www.everythinggolden.com/heat_stress.htm
- Heat Stroke (San Diego Schutzhund Club)
www.sandiegoschutzhund.org/references/heatstroke.htm
- 10 Minutes to Disaster (adapted from the British Columbia SPCA)
www.trdogtraining.com/heatstroke.html

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Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Golden Retriever Club of America, S/O/R, Albion NY	2 E. English Springer Spaniel Club, AG, Granby MA Mid-Coast KC of ME, AB/O/R, Union ME Tonawanda Valley KC, AB/O/R, Albion NY	3 E. English Springer Spaniel Club, AG, Granby MA Mid-Coast KC of ME, AB/O/R, Union ME Tonawanda Valley KC, AB/O/R, Albion NY
4 E. English Springer Spaniel Club, AG, Granby MA	5	6	7	8	9 Old Colony Agility Club, AG, Amherst NH Carroll County KC, AB/O (YANKEE GRC -supported entry), North Conway NH Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, O/R, Hamburg NY	10 Old Colony Agility Club, AG, Amherst NH Westchester KC, AB, Tarrytown, NY Carroll County KC, AB/O/R (YANKEE GRC -supported entry), North Conway NH Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, O/R, Hamburg NY So. Berkshire GRC WC/WCX, Simsbury CT
11	12	13	14 Cape Cod KC, AB/O, Falmouth MA	15 KC of Niagara Falls, AG, Lockport NY South Shore KC, AB/O, Falmouth MA	16 Pioneer Valley KC, AG, Granby MA KC of Niagara Falls, AG, Lockport NY Patroon DTC, O/R, Poestenkill NY South Shore KC, AB/O, Falmouth MA	17 Pioneer Valley KC, AG, Granby MA KC of Niagara Falls, AG, Lockport NY Cape Cod KC, AB/O, Falmouth MA YANKEE GRC , TR/TX, Gardner MA Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester, TR, Honeyoe NY
18	19	20	21	22 Maine Retriever Trial Club, FT, Gorham, ME	23 Wachusett KC, AG, Devens MA Long Island GRC, AG, Yaphank NY Ox Ridge KC, AB/O/R, Stamford CT Saccharappa Obedience Club, O/R, Portland ME Maine Retriever Trial Club, FT, Gorham ME Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston, HT, Woodstock CT Central NY Retriever Club, HT, Baldwinsville NY	24 Wachusett KC, AG, Devens MA Brookhaven KC, AG, Yaphank NY Northwestern CT Dog Club, AB/O/R, Goshen CT Saccharappa Obedience Club, O/R, Portland ME Maine Retriever Trial Club, FT, Gorham ME Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston, HT, Woodstock CT Central NY Retriever Club, HT, Baldwinsville NY Concord Dog Training Club, TR, Gardner MA

AB — All-Breed Show

AG — Agility Trial

TR — Tracking

TX — Tracking Excellent

HT — Hunting Test

S — Specialty Show

O — Obedience Trial

R — Rally Obedience

VST — Variable Surface Tracking

FT — Field Trial

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				6 Berkshire Belgian Tervuren Club, AG, Hamden CT	7 W MA Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Westfield MA Ladies' Kennel Assn of Am, AG, Old Westbury NY Port Chester OTC, O/R, Yorktown Heights NY	8 W MA Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Westfield MA Ladies' Kennel Assn of Am, AG, Old Westbury NY Souhegan KC, O/R, Amherst NH Tracking Club of MA, TX, Gardner MA Hudson Valley Tracking Club, TX, New Paltz NY NorthEast FCR Club, WC/WCX Test, West Thompson CT
9	10	11	12	13	14 Longshore-Southport KC, AG, Hamden CT Cheshire KC, AG, Keene NH Penobscot Valley KC, AB/O/R, Bangor ME Long Island GRC, WC/WCX Test, Manorville NY	15 Longshore-Southport KC, AG, Hamden CT Cheshire KC, AG, Keene NH Penobscot Valley KC, AB/O/R, Bangor ME Dog Tracking Club of ME, TR, Saco ME Tracking Club of VT, TR, Danby VT Syracuse OTC, TR, Marietta, NY
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