

Finish Lines



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YANKEE Hunt Test 2006

YGRC's Field Committee held our annual AKC Hunting Retriever test on August 19 & 20 at West Thompson Dam and Peakebrook Farm in Putnam CT. Once again, the polished performance of the Field Committee knocked everyone's socks off!

All the credit for this success belongs to the test committee and our volunteers. Chief Marshals Karen Scotti and Jill Moffett recruited terrific, hard-working people from within **YANKEE** and from some of our fellow retriever clubs. If we try to name each person, we run the risk of omitting some wonderful person who helped at our test, so this is a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped!

Donna Morgan, Jonathan Rausch, and Charlie DeMarco (welcome back!) handled on-site equipment transportation. Sheri & Bill Caron and Linda & Jonathan Rausch donned their aprons and fed the masses of hungry workers and handlers at the West Thompson fire station, ably assisted by utility in-fielder Carol White and "grill guy" Phil Erlanger.

Gunners can make or break the success of a hunt test. Thanks go to Ken Lukis, gun captain, for recruiting superior gunners for our test. There were very few "no birds" at our test. We were also glad to welcome our favorite on-site veterinarian, Mike Lappin, who gave up his practice to be at our test. As far as we know, no other club has a vet on site – but then no other club is lucky enough to have Mike. In fact, the Field Committee awarded Mike one of our special jackets to thank him for giving us his time.

The most unsung person at any AKC event is the test secretary. Barb Sawtelle handled our transition into the 21st century, since this year we used Entry Express, an online entry service. Barb also managed all the paperwork for the AKC, as well as the permits for the site and birds, and emergency plan. She also helped with the transportation of

equipment to the site, and for the preparation of the marshals' boxes for each stake. Barb is the best! This year's test was dedicated to the memory of **YANKEE** member Jason Nolan. We were delighted to see Jason's mom, longtime **YGRC** member Kathy Berube, at the test. Thanks also go to Glenn Simonson who wrote a lovely dedication to Jason which was included in the hunt test catalogue.

Goldens were well represented among the qualifiers at our test. Anyone who says our dogs are just swamp collies or rugs had better take another look. The results of each stake, including the Goldens who qualified, are on page 8 of this issue.

— Patti Sullivan & Judith Erlanger
YGRC Hunt Test Co-Chairs

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YANKEE GRG 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 or Wednesday 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 need an application, please contact the membership chair: Carolyn Zagami, ygrcmembershp@aol.com.



MINUTE BY MINUTE

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Board of Directors met in Acton MA on August 1 and Sept. 5, 2006. Business and committee reports are summarized below.

Bench: Fall Match – Sat., Oct. 14, at Canine Mastery in Seekonk MA, Martha Callaghan, Chair; Donna Cutler will assist. Still need a Spring Match 07 chair & a Specialty 08 chair.

Breeder referral: Several litters listed.

Concessions: Discussed possible items we would like to sell.

Correspondence: Thank-you note and donation received from Monica Land, a judge at our July agility trials. Motion 09-06-01, to send her donation to the *Golden Retriever Foundation* General Fund, passed unanimously.

Field: Memorial for Jason at the hunt test. Hunt Test went well, with a little confusion at the end of the senior test, when one judge left early without explaining his scores. Field Committee requested \$1500 to replace ou aging wingers. Motion 09-06-02, authorizing the Field Committee to purchase five Tangelo Tossers, passed unanimously.

Membership: Membership list distributed electronically to the Board. We are receiving lots of applications for new membership.

National '08: Mini-meetings. Karen Frink will contact people personally.

Newsletter: Has been sent. Next deadline is 10/15/06.

Programs: Need to put the times of all meetings/programs and events in both the newsletter and on the Web site. Next meeting moved to Wed., Sept 2, because many board members will be at the GRCA National.

Puppy Kindergarten: Next session starts Sept. 7, two classes, 22 puppies. Typically we have offered the PK helpers a free post-grad session, but we haven't had a post-grad class since '05 due to insufficient interest. Motion 09-06-03, to pay each **YGRC** PK aide an amount equivalent to a free session, which has been the norm for years, passed unanimously.

Rescue: YGRR dogwalk is Sept. 17.

Tracking: VST went well, but no passes. TD/TDX is all set, full entry.

Other business:

- **Clinics:** Heart and eye clinics in November. Dates still TBD.
- **Nominating Committee:** Roseann Mandell (chair), Karen Hollander, and Denise Kohler.
- **Next meeting:** Oct. 3 in Acton.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

NEW APPLICANTS:

- Joel Wolff & Penny Schultz, MA.
- Will Sawyer & Rosalie Hornblower, MA. Sponsors needed
- Lauren Mather and John Mather, MA.
- Laura Wilburn, NH.

If you are an Applicant, please be sure to notify the Membership Chair when you attend meetings or help at events!

— Carolyn Zagami
YGRC Membership Chair

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.

President's Message

Fall is a busy time of year for all of us.

I hope all who attended had fun and success at the GRCA National in Kansas City. **YANKEE** members are busy planning and preparing for the 2008 National, which we are hosting in Warwick RI. If you attended the 2006 National and saw things that you liked or were done well or if you saw things you didn't like or that were not done well, please let Karen Frink, our 2008 National Chair, know. Our goal is to have the biggest and best National ever!

Many thanks to our Nominating Committee of Roseann Mandell, Karen Hollander, and Denise Kohler for finding a slate of officers and directors for 2007.

Watch for information on **annual trophies, membership renewal, and the annual meeting & awards dinner** coming soon to a mailbox near you.

It seems really strange to be writing "as the Holidays approach and our year winds down" check the calendar in this issue or on the website, www.yankee-grc.org, for our upcoming events, which include the **fall heart & eye clinics, the November membership meeting & program, and the four-days of agility trials at the Boston cluster.**

May I be the first to offer best wishes for the holidays and Happy New Year.

—Jim Downar
YGRC President



YANKEE Announcements

❖ NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE

The Nominating Committee, comprising Roseann Mandell, Karen Hollander, and Denise Kohler, is pleased to present the following members as officers, and the board of directors for 2007, for your consideration:

Officers:

President: Jim Downar
Vice President: Donna Morgan
Secretary: Theresa Stremelau
Treasurer: Henry Rines

Directors:

Jan Bramhall
Geoff Stern
Carolyn Zagami

Advisor Director:

Patricia Lindquist

The four officers are to be elected for one-year terms. The directors and the advisor director are to be elected for two-year terms.

Members may make additional nominations for the above positions at the November club meeting to be held, Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at the Acton Congregational Church in Acton, MA.

The following Directors will be returning to complete the last year of their two-year terms and are not up for re-election: Donna Cutler, Mike Lappin, Pat Scribner. The officers and directors for 2007 will be elected at the annual meeting in 2007.

❖ ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER, JANUARY 20, 2007

Good news! We have finalized the arrangements for the annual dinner. It will be one week earlier than in the past. We have booked the Café Escadrille in Burlington, MA for Saturday night, January 20, 2007, cocktails at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7PM. Details and reservation information will be mailed to all members shortly. We are looking for raffle items for the annual dinner. Any members with items they would like to donate, please contact Donna Morgan. Everyone's support is greatly appreciated! Look forward to seeing you all in January!

❖ TROPHIES

Anyone who received a Perpetual Trophy for 2005 must return the trophy no later than Dec. 15, 2006 to allow time to prepare the trophy for the 2006 recipient. Please mail all trophies to: Donna Morgan. Donna will also be at the Bayside Cluster in Boston in December and will accept the trophies there for those who'd rather not mail them. The deposit checks for trophies returned in good condition will be issued in January from the Treasurer.

YANKEE Tracking Test

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB's fall TD/TDX Test was held Sunday, September 17, 2006 at High Ridge Wildlife Management Area in Gardner MA. On the morning of the test there was a spectacular display — a fire ball of the morning sun over the dew-drenched fields of new growth timothy. This was one time when all the fields were uniform in cover. We had five TD entrants, four Golden Retrievers and a German Shepherd Dog.

Track #1: Devin (*Elysian's Urban Legend*) handled by Noreen Sila. The tracking team was brought to the start flag, and with a little grazing the team headed slowly towards the direction flag found the first corner and then the race to the finish started. All we saw was Noreen's ponytail bobbing along the tracks path until he came to a sit at the article, five minutes after the start.

Track #2: Darka (*Darka of Timberridge*) a GSD handled by Doreen Metcalf. The harness was fastened, the start command given, and down the hill that tracking team went! She investigated some critter traffic on the first leg, and then negotiated each turn successfully, until a down at the article, again five minutes later.

Track #3: Remi (*Northstar N' Pioneer Remembers*) handled by Ruth Woodard. The handler obviously showing some signs of anxiety decided to take a moment to reflect. Once ready, this bitch took over the controls and within five minutes showed her owner where the corners were leading to the glove.

Track #4: Shelby (*Mirasol Feta Compli*) handled by Amy Deutsch. Another somewhat nervous first time handler, but when started, off they went as if the dog had been given a map beforehand, stopping only momentarily to check out a critter track, finishing and finding the glove in four minutes!

Track #5: Cabot (*Northstars Seriously Sharp Huntr RN*) handled by Alice Ayers. Once they started, there was some checking at the first, third and fourth corners, but he tracked steadily and track sure to the glove in 5 minutes.

All these dogs were fun to observe in the field. Even though the tracks were trenches the dogs all tracked successfully to the end article in record time. For some of these handlers it was their first time entering a test and their first tracking title. The TDX is the next test to be mastered, and I am sure each dog we tested today is capable of earning it.

The TDX draw was at 10 am, and by that time the sun had started to dry out the heavy morning dew.

Track #1: This dog was led to the start flag and without hesitation he headed down the first leg and negotiated the first corner. The track went into the woods and the dog started in but wanted to come out into the field. He then turned himself around and reentered the hedge row, finding article #2. He proceeded out of the hedge row into a large open field with an open turn where he investigated the first set of cross tracks, returned to the track, made the next turn and completely ignored the second set of cross tracks. The next turn headed into the woods, and this time he entered them without hesitation and located article #3. Once out of the woods he experienced some difficulty orientating himself as the turn was right at the exit point. Once this problem was solved he

headed for a road where there were three loose dogs in the distance which interrupted his concentration. But he returned to the track where the final leg headed uphill. He had to deal with several cross tracks from earlier that morning where someone was playing Frisbee with their dog, but sorted this situation out and went onto the glove to much joy and adulation of his handler. I judged the dog this spring and he went right over the first corner, but today he finished the track in 15 minutes. This was my first titling Australian Cattle Dog, Anzac, ably handled by Anne Albright Smith.

Track #2: Duke, a Spinone Italiano handled by Jacqueline Carey, cautiously approached the start flag, started to graze and did not appear to understand why he was there until he was about 25 feet beyond the start flag. He got to the first corner and started to experience more difficulty until he found the first set of cross tracks and wanted to follow them. Once reoriented he made the second corner and with no hesitation entered some tall vegetation. However the second set of cross tracks were too inviting and when he followed the cross-tracklayer out of the field the whistle was blown.

Track #3: A Golden Retriever handled by Alice Ayers, approached their track without a start flag that must have been removed by some walkers, however, the start article was still in place. The dog easily found the start article, had some difficulty part way down the track with either critter or human cross tracks, made the first corner after which they encountered the first set of cross tracks. Unfortunately the dog locked onto the cross tracks and the whistle was blown.

We had a successful day as the weather, field conditions and dogs provided all that is necessary for this type of test. I would like to thank YGRC and my co-judges Randie Meyer and Ray Desmarais for making this day the success it was. We cannot forget the track layers who play such a vital part in the feasibility of the test. Thanks also to our Chief Tracklayer, Paula Orcutt, for organizing the track layers and being there when we all needed her, to Test Secretary Kathy Goodman and Test Chair Marsha Wilcox for all their efforts, and to our hostess, Carolyn Zagami, for a delicious luncheon.

— Peter Hewitt
Tracking Judge



Judges Ray Desmarais and Peter Hewitt instruct the tracklayers on plotting day.

2006 YANKEE Fall WC & WCX Tests

On Saturday September 30 **YANKEE** had its Fall WC/WCX Test and Puppy Stakes. What a great day we had with beautiful fall weather. The entry was one of the biggest that **YGRC** has ever had — 25 WCX entries and 20 WC entries — wow! Judges Dawn Terrill and Todd Davis put on a wonderful test. Congratulations to all who received ribbons!

Working Certificate Excellent:

- Claudia Norton & *Sunfire Waterway Explorer* CDX TD OA OAJ SH WCX
- Diane & Steven Brunelle & *Sand Dancer's Windfall* CD JH WCX CGC
- Irene McGirr & *Seamus of Golden Pond* SH CD
- Jill Moffett & *Muddy Paws Some Fin Fishy*
- Judith Erlanger & *Splashdown in Valen's Name* MH AX AXJ WCX
- Dagmar Guthke & *Mirasol's Magic Winter Saga* CD TD JH WC
- Mary Couture & *Tri-Star Guess We'll Keep Ya* CDX MH WCX
- Carol White & *Trifecta Thanewood Rebekah* JH WCX
- Kurt & Donna Smollin & *Webshire's Road Trip* SH WC
- Laurie Tim Cobb & *HR Golden Stalker's Kentucky Windage* CD JH
- Lisa Weinberg & *Windrush's High Velocity*

Working Certificate:

- Paula Orcutt & *Gaylan's Juice Harp*
- Diane & Steven Brunelle & *Ambertrail's Northern Lights*
- Paula Orcutt & *Gaylan's Brigantine*
- Jill Moffett & *Muddy Paws Ruh Roh*

- Susan Jensen & *SR Ambertrail's Color Me Songo*
- Charles Miller & *Indian Creek Ranger*
- Susan Naylor & *Karousel Belles of Ireland*

There were 6 puppies in Puppy Stakes, five in the 3–6 Months, and one in the 7–12 Months. Jeannine Vietin & Lisa McCabe put on a terrific puppy stakes and had a great time. Puppies are sure a lot of fun.

Puppy Stakes 3 – 6 Months:

1. Claire Harnick & *Sunfire's Hustler*
 2. Marsha Wilcox & *Beau Geste Theophilus's Anna*
 3. Kurt Smollen & *Webshire's In High Gear*
- JAM Claudia Norton & *Duso's Bring Me a Dream*
JAM Joel Wolff & *Beau Geste Solomon's Red Cedar*

Puppy Stakes 7 – 9 Months:

1. Diane Brunelle & *Ambertrail's Northern Lights*

We want to thank everyone who came out to help — we couldn't have asked for a better group of volunteers. Donna Morgan took care of the equipment for us and also worked at one of the stakes. Thanks to Denise Ryan who marshalled at both of the stakes along with our stewards Elaine Reid, Roseann Mandell and Lynn Dowall. Thanks to Susan Naylor, Bob Westcott, Paula Orcutt, Henry Rines, Judith Erlanger, the Brunelle's, Jill Jordan MacLean and Karen Scotti for working out in the field. Thanks to Marsha Wilcox and Diane Brunelle for working at the Puppy Stakes. The test ran smoothly and wonderfully, thanks to all the volunteers who helped.

— Rhonda Jarman & Claudia Norton
YGRC WC/WCX Co-Chairs

2006 YANKEE Fall Match

The fall match was held on October 14 at Canine Mastery in Seekonk MA. Despite the light turnout, a good time was had on this absolutely beautiful day!

Many thanks go to our entrants, our judges, Jane Zimmermann, Kathy Doyle, and Mike Lappin, and our volunteers, Laurie Tinti, Jill Conrad, Jean Conrad, Kathy Waldron, and Barbara Doughty. Thanks also to Donna Cutler and Carolyn Zagami for their help.

We'd like any suggestions on how to increase the turnout at our matches. Should we have matches less often? Back them up to our specialty with a match in the evening? Change the locations? Please send your suggestions to me. Thanks!

— Martha Callaghan
YGRC Fall Match Chair

SWEEPS — Judge: Kathy Doyle

Dogs, 3 to 6 months

- 1/BOSP *Cressida Daily Special*
- 2 *Valentine Gibson Glory Chaser*

Bitches, 3 to 6 months

- 1/BP *Colonials Secret Garden*, Maryterese Russo
- 2 *Seamist Morning Star Pulsar*, Castonguay/Bach
- 3 *Beechwoods Mystery Solved*, Megan Decker
- 4 *Beechwoods Keep the Fires Burning*, Debra Traugot

Bitches, 9 to 12 months

- 1 *Nautilus It's a Wonderful Life*, Traugot/Decker

REGULAR CLASSES — Judge Jane Zimmerman

Dogs, 3 to 6 months

- 1/BOSP *Cressida Daily Special*, Heather Donnelly
- 2 *Valentine Gibson Glory Chaser*, Lauren Mather

Dogs, BBE

- 1 *Thisledown Goodtime Charlie*, Donna Cutler

Dogs, AmBred

- 1 *Beau Gest Around the Corner*, Carolyn Zagami

Dogs, Open

- 1/BA *Snowshoe's Home of the Brave*, D. & M. Traugot
- 2 *Captain Jack of Hearts*, Lauren Wilburn
- 3 *Gold-Rush Monarchs Highland Laird*, Lara Luft

Bitches, 3 to 6 months

- 1/BP *Colonials Secret Garden*, M. Russo
- 2 *Beechwoods Keep the Fires Burning*, D. Traugot
- 3 *Beechwoods Mystery Solved*, M. Decker
- 4 *Cressida Definitely SaltAir*, Chris Sherwood

Bitches 9 to 12 months

- 1 *Nautilus It's a Wonderful Life* Traugot/Decker

Bitches AmBred

- 1 *Nautilus Monarchs Ella Enchanted*, Luft

Bitches Open

- 1 *ToryGlen Orion My Dream Girl*, Walron/McDonough

Junior Showmanship

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| Open Jr | Morgan Traugot |
| Open Sr/ Best Jr | Megan Decker |

In the YANKEE Mailbox

Dear YGRC Board,

My family and I would like to thank you for purchasing a brick at YGRR in memory of my father, Henry. We know he would be proud to be remembered in such a way. I appreciate it so much. Thank you again,

— Carolyn Zagami

Hi Karen,

Just writing to thank you for being a great agility secretary. I had so much fun judging for YGRC, and Chance says he felt right at home as an honorary Golden Retriever. I think he's sucking up to you for cookies! YGRC does such great things for the canine community, so I am including a check made out to the club and I trust that you will put it towards health research or rescue. It's not much, but every little bit helps! Thanks again,

— Monica Land

Hi Kathy,

I just want to thank you and the members of the YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB for a lovely tracking test. I personally thank you for calling me to get info that I left out! I am impressed that you put all that info on the rosettes—it's just a very nice thing to do, especially for tracking tests when you only get one of these! All of my ribbons are in my basement training area except for one—our TD, and now this one. They go right next to my desk to be treasured.

Thanks too for the dog cookies, the club key chain, the jerky treats (I really like these and will get them in the future),

the glove for the draw, and the potatoes! Not to mention a super lunch! And the tracklayers whom we met were neat people. I hope that you enjoyed your first experience as secretary. You certainly did a great job!

Thanks to judges Peter Hewitt, Ray Desmarais, and Randie Meyer, and to all of the tracklayers. I still can't believe we did it! That was our fourth try. What a great day that was! It will always be one of my greatest memories!

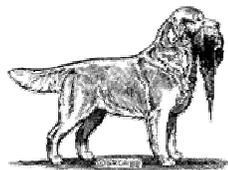
— Anne Allbright Smith
& Anzac TDX

On a day that could not be described as anything less than perfect all of the TD dogs passed the YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB tracking test.

This being my first TD test I was blown away by all the wonderful people there and what a fantastic job YGRC did. The grounds were as perfect as they could be what with being open to the public. Everyone was so positive and gave all of us encouragement. Everyone cheered and praised dog and handler with each pass. After the wonderful rosettes were passed out, guess what? They fed us! A beautiful table was laid out with all sorts of fantastic eats and deserts. Wow! Who knew? What a terrific day! Judges Peter Hewitt and Ray Desmarais put us all at ease—well, as at ease as we could be. They were great! Thank you both so very much!

Thank you everyone for a wonderful day and memory! Whew! Still floating! Only in Gold,

— Ruth Woodard
& Remi TD



PIECES OF '08 2008 GRCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY NEWS



Things are moving along on the planning for the 2008 GRCA National. We are working with a graphic artist to create a logo and should have a rough draft by the end of October. Requests for proposals have been sent to four show superintendents, with responses also expected by the end of October. The contract has been signed with the host hotel, and other contracts are being finalized with the overflow hotels. A fundraiser is underway. Pagey Elliott has designed one of her famous puzzles for us from a print donated by Marcia Schlehr. Joy Viola has graciously volunteered to sell tickets for the puzzle. Joy took the tickets to Goldstock this year and to this year's GRCA National. You can catch a look at the puzzle on page 12 and on the YANKEE Web site. Next steps: We need to finalize the logo and begin the selection of merchandise for sale. We have to select the judges; sign a contract with a show superintendent, and search for trophies.

The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- *Evening Hospitality Coordinator* (2 or 3 evenings) — coordinate with other local Golden Retriever clubs to host the hospitality room at the host hotel. Two local clubs have already volunteered to help.
- *Morning Hospitality Coordinator* — coordinate the morning coffee and pastries, etc., at the host hotel. Will require recruiting help, calling in favors, etc. (Morning coffee is essential to dog shows.)
- *Rosettes* — We need a conscientious person to coordinate and order the rosettes for each event, with input from the various chairs/committee members.

As we get closer and closer, we'll be looking for more and more volunteers! There's lot to do! So watch this space and the YANKEE Web site for more information. To volunteer, let me know! Thanks!

— Karen Frink
2008 National General Chair

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.

06-45. Authorizing reimbursement to Rhonda Hovan for airfare to attend the AKC Canine Health Foundation Genes, Dogs and Cancer Conference, with an article to be published in the *Golden Retriever News* describing this conference no later than six months after the conference is held.

06-46. Authorizing the GRCA Archivist to purchase an Epson Perfection 4490 flatbed scanner for the copying and digital preservation of archival material.

06-47. Amending Section 2. RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY of the GRCA Trophy Regulations by adding the following: *g. Residency. The Trophies must reside in the United States or Canada.* Amending Section 8. TROPHY DISPLAY AND PRESENTATION of the GRCA Trophy Regulations by adding the following to the end of the Section: *All trophies awarded must reside in the United States or Canada.*

06-49. Appointing Eileen Oshiro, Ann Caudle, Nancy Kelly, Angela Berkheimer, and Susie Rezy as Inspectors of Elections for 2006.

06-50. Approving a revised and updated job description for the Club Banner Chairman.

06-51. Authorizing the GRCA Sales Manager to order a supply of license plate frames, in order to provide variety and market appeal in the GRCA sales items.

06-52. Appointing Jayne Hurkman to the position of Club Banner Chair.

06-53. Requesting that Kathy Lorentzen do a presentation at the Monroe Sporting Dog Club Judges' Education Seminar, and that she be reimbursed for travel and materials.

06-54. Adopting and approving a job description for a Sweepstakes Regulations Review Task Force

06-55. Securing the services of a registered Professional Parliamentarian to attend the 2006 Annual Meeting.

Hot Topics

From Ron Menaker, Chairman of the AKC Board and Dennis B. Sprung, President and CEO: At the September Delegates Meeting, AKC reported that we had reached an agreement with



Petland in order to facilitate the registration of dogs that are already AKC registrable. AKC's Board of Directors and management believed that this agreement would have helped to further the mission of the AKC. Promoting responsible dog ownership to new puppy owners, implementing our care and conditions policies, and exposing more dog owners to AKC educational programs and services would have had even greater reach.

In the past few weeks we have received many comments about this agreement, both positive and negative. We have listened to the concerns and because this issue has become so divisive, we believe it is in the best interest of our sport and the AKC not to go forward with this initiative.

PURINA PRO CLUB PROGRAM. Through August 31, 2006, the amount earned in 2006 for GRCA through Pro Club redemption is \$10,372.79 Over the past three years, this program has earned the following amounts for GRCA: \$9300 in 2003; \$11,816 in 2004; \$15,005 in 2005. If you participate in this program, please remember to send in your weight circles. If you'd like more information about the program, please go to the GRCA Web site www.grca.org/menu_links.htm

2007 EASTERN REGIONAL SPECIALTY. It is with regret that we announce that there will not be a 2007 Eastern Regional Specialty. Hudson Valley GRC had volunteered and spent several months looking for acceptable dates and sites. However, due to the large number of established all-breed shows in their area, they were unable to find a workable date. They offered other clubs money to release Goldens from an all-breed show, but those offers were not accepted. We thank Hudson Valley for their attempts and encourage them and other Eastern clubs to look at the possibility of hosting this event in 2008 or 2009. If you have questions about what's involved, contact Eastern VP Collette Jaynes or Specialty Advisory Committee Chair Don Burlett.

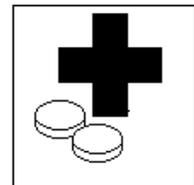
Contact any Board member with your thoughts or opinions on any issue of concern to you. The entire GRCA Board of Directors can be reached via e-mail at grca_board@yahoo.com. For more information, see the GRCA Web site — www.grca.org

— Roseann Mandell
YGRC Delegate to the GRCA

Poison Control Hotline — 24-hours, free

Kansas State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital offers a *free* 24 hour poison control hotline for pet owners and veterinarians:

785 532-5679



Dr. Oehme, a vet and professor in toxicology and pathology, oversees the hotline and offers these suggestions:

- When calling, be patient — the person answering the phone may have to take a few minutes to consult the vet on duty.
- If you suspect poisoning, call as soon as possible! Immediate attention may save your dog. Waiting to see if there is a reaction could cost your dog's life.
- Have any product labels available. The vet might need to know milligrams and generic names.
- Know your dog. Not all "symptoms" indicate poisoning. Drooling could mean he's just thrilled to see you!
- Bear in mind that the toxicologists are also taking calls from vets about other animals and other problems.

Memories of Gold

Robert S. Bagley

Bob and Jean Bagley were very involved in **YANKEE** years ago, unfortunately before my time. Bob came out of “retirement” for the 1999 National and helped in a big way for our field events. I was responsible for finding volunteers and so grateful for his help at the WC/WCX test. It was so impressive that an older gentleman and his wife would come for the day and help. Bob was terrific at *linin’ ‘em up!* I remember him chatting away with old friends as they waited for their turn to run while in the blind.

Bob was 78; he and Jean had been married 56 years. Expressions of sympathy in Bob’s name can be made to the Parkinson Disease Assn, 720 Harrison Av, Suite 704, Boston MA 02118, or *Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue*, Box 808, Hudson MA 01749-0808.

— Donna Morgan

Victor Costa

YANKEE member Victor Costa lost his long, courageous battle with cancer on Sunday, October 1. He died at home with his wife, Jackie, and their Golden Retrievers, Faith, and Steffi, at his side.

Although Victor was not a competitor, he was chief cheerleader for Jackie and their crew in the breed, rally, and obedience rings. I can only imagine the magnitude of their loss.

— Diane Kohler

YANKEE HUNT TEST 2006, cont’d from page 1

Master A: Judges Doris Aylward & Dave Williams
[34 dogs started, 18 qualified, 3 Golden Retrievers]

- *Kiowa’s KC Double back – Echo* MH (Sadler)
- *Mirasol’s Fyre Foxe* CDX SH OAJ OA VC (Scotti)
- *Topbrass Joie de Vivre* SH (Handleman)

Master B: Judges Clarence Klaus & Jay Best
[38 dogs started, 27 qualified, 4 Golden Retrievers]

- *Cedarpond’s Skip Away**** (Bailey)
- *Splashdown In Valen’s Name* SH AX AXJ (J. Erlanger)
- *Aubridge Nthrem Lightwave Ahead* SH NAP NJP (Ryan)
- *Sunfire Waterway Explorer* CDX TD SH OA OAJ (Norton)

Senior: Judges Guy Fornuto & Diana Cooper
[39 dogs started, 20 qualified, 4 Golden Retrievers]

- *Highland’s Tiger Lily* JH (Mages)
- *Sand Dancer’s Super Nova* CDX JH (Mulholland)

- *Marathon’s Pistol Packin’ Mama* JH AX AXJ (Hollander)
- *Topbrass Lucinda Gravel Road* JH (Hammersley)

Junior: Judges Mike Twardy & Lisa Cantor
[64 dogs started, 45 qualified, 10 Golden Retrievers]

- *Brassfire’s Brass in Pocket* (Wade)
- *Muddy Paws Joyful Bounce* (Jordan-MacLean)
- *Sunfire’s Under Investigation* (Joffe)
- *CH Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets* MX AXJ (Lindquist)
- *Goldiva’s Your Castle or Mine* (Cawood)
- *Muddy Paws Ruh Roh* (Moffett)
- *Adirondac Rocket’s Red Glare* JH (P. Erlanger)
- *Neversink’s Road to Belvedere* (Drager)
- *Bridgeton’s Ketch Me If U Can* (Kremer)
- *Karousel Belles of Ireland* (Naylor)

Hunt test photos courtesy of Karen Hocker, www.karenhocker.com



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***

Maryterese Russo, ME

Puppies ready November 6 — 2 females and 3 males
CH *Sunnyglen Scotchbonnet Salsa* X *Colonial Goldens Spirit*



photo: Henry Rines

☆☆☆ Finish Lines ☆☆☆

Bench

New AKC Champion:

CH Abelard's Monarch Of The Glen (Owen & Ellen McKenna) finished with back-to-back 4 point majors; WD/BOW, **YANKEE GRC** specialty, judge Paul Scoggins; WD/BOW; *Ladies' Dog Club*, judge Linda More.

CH Grenadier Northern Spy (Lisa McCabe) finished his CH with a third major at the *Hatboro PA Dog Club* show under judge Connie Gerstner-Miller.

Wins/Placements:

Wochica's Haley of Highlight (Patrice Loves & Karin Fisher). WB at the *GRC of Western NY*, 4 pts, judge Beth Speich.

Beau Geste Aurora Bory Alice (Jan Bramhall): WB, BOW, BOS, *Troy KC*, judge Stephanie Hedgepath. And how did Alice get rewarded? Jan writes that on the way home Alice "got only a lamb neck. But she brought me three crystal candle-holders with candles and a crystal decanter into which I poured my hand-carried-from-Scotland single malt prior to pouring a wee dram into a glass with a splash of water, no ice. Next time she gets a burger!"

Captain Jack of Hearts CD RAE CGC CCA (Laura Wilburn). Jackson took BOB and BOS in September at the *MidCoast KC* shows in ME.



Field

New Master Hunter:

Splashdown In Valen's Name MH AX AXJ WCX CGC TDIA (Judith Erlanger). Valen completed his MH title on 8/25 at *Penobscot HRC* in Dover Foxcroft ME.

UCH UCD Mirasol's Fyre Foxe CDX MH OA OAJ WCX CCA VC (Louis & Karen Scotti). Penne finished her MH at the *LRCGB* test on 9/23. Karen writes "It was a long road, but we made it. Many thanks to our **YANKEE** friends who helped us and cheered for us along the way."

New Senior Hunter: Marathoon's Pistol Packin'Mama AX MXJ SH (Karen Hollander). From Karen, "Annie started and finished her SH title this season. She is just a blast to work with! I was thrilled as she is my first field dog. Special thanks to Debi & Glenn Simonson for their guidance."

New Junior Hunter: CH Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets MX AXJ RA JH WC VC (Pat Lindquist). Brinker finished his JH at the *Ohio Valley RC* test on his way to Kansas City for the GRCA National and then got a bumper leg at the *Buckeye RC* test on the way home.

New Working Certificate:

Wingmaster Beam Me Up WC (Scotti). Luna earned her WC at the *SBGRC* test on 9/10.

Ambertrail's Northern Lights WC (Diane Brunelle). "My 8 month old Maggie earned her WC at the **YGRC** test. She did an awesome job, and Mom is still in shock. This is one hard working little girl! This was her first attempt at this test and she passed in fine fashion!"



Photo: Marsha Wilcox

Obedience

New Obedience Trial Champion: OTCH Bridgeton's Elation Celebration UDX JH (Pat Scribner). Yippee completed his OTCH 10/8 by winning the Open class and also won HIT.

New Companion Dog:

Sunfire Winthrop Socket To Me CD (Donna Benoit). Socket finished her CD at *Trap Falls KC* with 1st place in Novice B, score 197½.

Mirasol's Fairy Taleggio CD AX AXJ (Henry & Jan Rines). Cricket earned her CD title leg with 1st place in Novice A at the *Cape Cod KC* on 9/14.

Legs: Mirasol's Chief Inspector TD (Rines). Willow earned her first two novice legs at the *Cape Cod KC* and *South Shore KC* trials.

Congratulations:

CH OTCH Mirasol's Redecorator UDX2 TD JH OA OAJ (Alison & Ray Desmarais). Caper made the 2005 list of Top 100 Open & Utility obedience dogs, published in the August 2006 issue of *Front & Finish* magazine.

U-CDX MACH Glenbrook's Golden Angel CDX ADHF Can-CDX (Joyce DiBona). In August, at the *GRC of Canada* National specialty in New Brunswick, Gabriel won High-in-Trial.

OTCH MACH2 Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 TD SH RE WCX ADHF CCA (P. Lindquist). 1st place in Versatility, score 196 at the *GRCA* National specialty.

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Rally

New Rally Novice:

Sunfire's Ever Reddy RN (Lise Merrifield). Reddy earned his title in three shows — *Newtown KC* on 7/3, *Elm City KC* on 8/25, and *Great Barrington KC* on 8/27.

Lazydaze Jump for Joy CD RN AX AXJ NAP NJP (Fran Lappin & Kathleen Doyle). Mike Lappin handled Joy to her RN title at the GRCA National specialty.

Errigal Dreamcatcher RN OA NAJ (Chris O'Connor). Dreamer completed her RN in three shows in NC.

Edgehill Leave It To Lucy CD RN (Sue Sommer). Lucy finished her RN 10/21 at the *Merrimack Valley KC* trial, with a 1st place in Rally Novice B! She earned her other two qualifying legs at *Wachusett KC* 8/17 and *Souhegan KC* 10/8.

New Rally Advanced:

CH Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets MX AXJ RA JH WC VC (P. Lindquist). Title leg *Wachusett KC*, 1st place with a 100 score.

Beau Geste Bill's Top of the Morn CDX RA OA AXJ (C. O'Connor), Tully completed her RA in three shows in NC.

New Rally Excellent:

OTCH MACH2 Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 TD SH RE WCX ADHF CCA (P. Lindquist). Title leg at *Wachusett KC*.

UCDX Klaar Boldface Quotation CDX RE ASCA-CDX BH HIC CGC (Geoff Stern & Roseann Mandell). Your faithful editors' non-Golden boy, Quip, finished his RE at the *American Belgian Tervuren Club* Eastern regional specialty, and is now officially retired from competition at age 8½.

New Rally Advanced Excellent:

Toryglen A Dream Of Flight RAE (Dianne McDonough). *Wachusett KC* on 8/17.

Toryglen Morning Star Pirate RAE (Mikki Castonguay & D. McDough). *Wachusett KC* on 8/17.

Morning Star Toryglen Songbird RAE (M. Castonguay & D. McDough). *Saccarappa Obedience Club* on 9/23.

Captain Jack of Hearts CD RAE CGC CCA (Laura Wilburn). Jackson got his RAE title and took BOB as well.

Legs:

Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX RN AX AXJ MXP MJP (Fran & Mike Lappin & C. Harris & C. Weeks). Heidi earned an RA leg at the GRCA National specialty.

UCD Drew Woods Scout Kendra CD RE CGC TDI ASCA-CD (Susan Crum). Scout earned her fifth RAE leg at the *Wachusett KC* trial in Fitchburg on 8/17.

Nautilus Trooper Frolic RA CGC (S. Crum). Trooper got his second Rally Excellent leg at the *Souhegan KC* trial and 4th place in Rally Excellent A on 10/9.

CH Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets MX AXJ RA JH VC (P. Lindquist). 1st Place Rally Advanced A, score 99 at the GRCA National specialty.

Tracking

New Tracking Dog:

Mirasol Feta Compli TD (Amy Deutsch). Shelby earned her TD at **YANKEE's** test 9/17.

Elysian's Urban Legend TD (Noreen Sila & Jeffrey Hullstrung). Noreen and Devin passed at **YANKEE's** test.

Mirasol Azure Like It TD (Desmarais)

Mirasol Rip Van Periwinkle TD (Desmarais)

Highmark's Lady Godiva TD (Willard, Goodman, & Desmarais)

Yes, that's *three passes in one day* for Ray Desmarais with Saphira, Ripley, and Diva at the *Concord DTC* tracking test at High Ridge.



Agility

New Open Jumper Preferred: UCDX SHR Shawnfield Kaper's DreamKeeper CDX RAE JH OAP OJP WCX CCA Can. CDX (Marcia Peirce). Drew finished her OJP title at the *Old Colony* trials with a 1st place. She also earned two bumper legs in OJP with a 1st and 3rd.

New Novice Agility and Novice Agility Jumper:

UCD SHR Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel CDX RAE JH NA NAJ NAP OJP WCX Can. CDX (M. Peirce). Tess finished her novice agility jumpers and novice agility titles at the *OCAC* trials with a 1st place.

Errigal Eye of the Storm NA NAJ (Gerilyn Bielakiewicz). Cameo completed her Novice agility titles this season, earning the final leg of her NAJ title at *Old Colony AC*.

New Agility Excellent: Mirasol's Fairy Taleggio CD AX AXJ (Henry & Jan Rines). Cricket finished her AX with a 2nd place win in Excellent A 20" at the *EESCC* on 9/2.

New Agility Excellent Preferred: Mirasol's I Luv Ricky Ricotta AXP. (Kathy Goodman). Desi finished at the *Old Colony AC* trials in Amherst NH with two 1st place wins.

New Master Agility Excellent Jumper Preferred: Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX RN AX AXJ MXP MJP (Lappin, Harris, Weeks). Heidi finished her MJP at the GRCA National specialty.

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New Master Agility Excellent Jumper: Marathon's Pistol Packin' Mama AX MXJ SH (K. Hollander).

Legs: Sunfire Winthrop Socket To Me CD (D. Benoit). Socket got her first leg in Novice Jumpers with 4th place at the **YGRC** trial in Derry NH, and first Novice Standard leg at the *Tartan Gordon Setter Club* on 8/12 with 4th place.

U-CDX MACH Glenbrook's Golden Angel CDX ADHF Can-CDX (J. DiBona). Gabriel earned 1st place in his class in the *GRC of Canada* standard-only agility trial.

OTCH MACH2 Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 TD SH RE WCX ADHF CCA (P. Lindquist). 1st Place Novice Preferred JWW 20" and 2nd Place Novice Preferred Standard 20" at the *GRCA* National specialty.

CH Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets MX AXJ RA JH VC (P. Lindquist). 1st Place Open Preferred Standard 16" and 3rd Place Open Preferred 16" JWW at the *GRCA* National specialty. Yes, Pat was very busy!

Happy Howllween! Here is my group shot of the kids with their pumpkins. Connor, Leo, Birdie and Lily in back, Brookie on the step. There was mass hysteria and chaos leading up to this shot - do not be fooled!

—Carolyn Zagami



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.

Pagey's Puzzle Wins the Prize!



Pagey Elliott's hand-crafted wooden jigsaw puzzle, which sold for \$27,000 in October 2005 at the *Golden Retriever Foundation's* Gala and Benefit Auction, set the new Guinness World Record for most expensive jigsaw puzzle. Pagey received her Guinness World Record certificate at the end of July from Joy Viola, GRF, who submitted the application.

Your chance to win!

This 2006 hand-crafted jigsaw puzzle created by Pagey Elliott from a print donated by Marcia Schlehr is a fundraiser for the 2008 *GRCA* National Specialty, hosted by Yankee GRC. Tickets: \$5 each or 6 for \$25. The drawing will take place at the 2007 *GRCA* National in Seattle.



Puzzle creator Pagey Elliot enjoys a snack with her new kitten, with Pumpkin.



Photo: Marsha Wilcox

Dogs remember faces, cats remember places.

English proverb

Mark your calendars! Upcoming 2006/2007 YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Events

Nov 12	YGRC Eye Clinic	Concord MA	Jan Bramhall
Nov 12	YGRC Heart Clinic	Boxborough MA	Jan Bramhall
Nov 15	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program at 7pm: <i>First Aid with Mike Lappin, DVM</i> (note change to <i>Wednesday</i>)	Acton Congrega-tional 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
Jan 20	YGRC ANNUAL MEETING	Burlington MA	Donna Morgan

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

Help Wanted: Your Chance to Help with YANKEE Events!

Volunteers Needed – Agility Trials in Boston, December 7, 8, 9,& 10

Here's a "golden" opportunity for a front row seat at the best agility trials in the country – YANKEE's four days of AKC agility, indoors on the sod, at the Bay Colony Cluster. You'll get to see all the action close up – and get a bit of exercise to work off your holiday meals!



Agility workers get free admission to the Boston dog show for the day!

Exciting job opportunities are available in the following areas:

- *Ring crew* to reset the jump bars when they get knocked down or when the jump height changes – a front row seat for sure and pretty easy work!
- *Tunnel specialist* to straighten the collapsed chute – think about deep knee bends for this job, but you still get a front row seat for all the action!
- *Runners* to deliver the scribe sheets to the score table or take the leash from the start line to the finish line. A good way to get your exercise!
- *Timer* to watch the electronic timing to make sure it starts – not much exercise on this job, but you get the best seat in the house for seeing all the action!
- *Scribe and Assistant Scribe* to note the judge's signals for faults and record the time. Scribing takes some concentration, but you'll learn a lot about how agility is scored.
- *Gate steward* to tell competitors when to go into the ring, when to get on line. Hey, it's just like marshalling at a hunt test – "Number 1 on the line, number 2 in the blind, number 3 get ready" – except agility moves a *lot* faster!

If you find this job offer to good to pass up, please contact ringmaster Mike Lappin



From the editors' desk

"No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace/ As I have seen in one autumnal face," wrote John Donne. I don't want to be a worrywort, but it's time to give y'all another cautionary reminder. Fall is hunting season, or it will be soon, in various parts of New England – turkey, upland birds, deer. Every year, it seems, some persons or dogs are injured (or worse) in hunting accidents. So if you're going for any autumnal woods walks with your dogs, please be careful. Before you head out, check your local hunting regulations and start times. Try to avoid known hunting areas. Usually, the local, county, and state fish & wildlife departments have maps and other guidelines. When you and your dog do head out for a stroll, try to stay in open fields where you'll be clearly visible. If you run into any hunters, tell them what your planned route will be. Wear a safety orange vest. Sporting goods stores sell ones that are very lightweight and can go over your jacket or sweater. *Don't* wear a white scarf or hat! By the way, some pet supply stores also sell doggy scarves in safety orange with Velcro closures, so they're pretty easy to slip onto your dog. Carry a whistle so you can sound the alarm. And of course, if your dog doesn't have a dead-solid-perfect, 110% fail-safe recall, keep him on leash!

And now a plea. There are several dog events coming up over the next several months, run by YANKEE and by other clubs – bench shows, obedience and rally trials, agility trials, show & go matches, rescue fundraisers. Please volunteer and pitch in. Our dogs give us so much, we really need to give back a little to the sport of dogs and to each other.

– GRS

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2006 Calendar of Events

Monday	Tu	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November		1	2	3	4 Hudson Valley GRC, AG, Montgomery NY Staten Island Companion DTC, AG, Staten Island NY Kenilworth KC of CT, AB, Uncasville CT Burlington OTC, O/R, Williston VT	5 Hudson Valley GRC, AG, Montgomery NY Staten Island Companion DTC, AG, Staten Island NY Kenilworth KC of CT, AB, Uncasville CT Burlington OTC, O/R, Williston VT
6	7	8	9 Cheshire KC, AB, Fitchburg MA	10 Souhegan KC, AB, Fitchburg MA	11 Framingham District KC, AB, Fitchburg MA OTC of Rhode Island, O/R, West Warwick RI	12 Souhegan KC, AB, Fitchburg MA Nathan Hale Obedience Club, O/R, Rockville CT YANKEE GRC Eye & SAS clinics
13	14	15 YGRC Meeting & Program	16	17 Central NY KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY	18 Charles River DTC, O, Franklin MA Susque-Nango KC, AB/O/R, Syracuse NY	19 Charles River DTC, O, Franklin MA Chenango Valley KC, AB/O/R, Syracuse NY
20	21	22	23	24 Talcott Mtn Agility Club, AG, Springfield MA Windham County KC, AB/O, Springfield MA	25 Talcott Mtn Agility Club, AG, Springfield MA South Windsor KC, AB/O, Springfield MA	26 LEAP Agility Club, AG, Springfield MA Springfield KC, AB/O/R, Springfield MA
27 LEAP Agility Club, AG, Springfield MA Holyoke KC, AB/O, Springfield MA				1	2 Worcester County KC, AB, Fitchburg MA	3 Worcester County KC, AB, Fitchburg MA
December	5	6	7 YANKEE GRC agility trials, Boston MA Middlesex County KC, AB, Boston MA	8 YANKEE GRC agility trials, Boston MA Ladies Dog Club, AB/O/R, Boston MA	9 YANKEE GRC agility trials, Boston MA Eastern Dog Club, AB, Boston MA Shrewsbury DTC, O/R, Boston MA	10 YANKEE GRC agility trials, Boston MA Eastern Dog Club, AB, Boston MA New England DTC, O/R, Boston 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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2007 Calendar of Events						
Monday	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 KC of Niagara Falls, AB/O/R, Hamburg, NY	12 KC of Niagara Falls, AB/O/R, Hamburg, NY	13 KC of Buffalo, AB/O/R, Hamburg, NY Greater Lowell KC, AB, Fitchburg, MA	14 Ashtabula KC, AB/O/R, Hamburg, NY Merrimack Valley KC, AB, Fitchburg, MA
15 Merrimack Valley KC, AB, Fitchburg, MA	16	17	18	19	20 Schenectady DTC, O/R, Schenectady, NY YANKEE GRC Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner	21 Schenectady DTC, O/R, Schenectady, NY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
February			1	2 Saratoga NY KC, AB, Queensbury NY	3 Mohawk Valley KC, AB, Queensbury NY	4 Glen Falls KC, AB, Saratoga Springs NY
	6	7	8	9 Long Island GRC, S/O, Bay Shore NY	10 Long Island GRC S/O, Bayshore NY Amer. Bullmastiff Assn, AG, Amherst NH	11
12 Westminster KC, AB, New York NY	13 Westminster KC, AB, New York NY	14	15	16	17 Elm City KC, AB/O, Hartford CT Wyoming Valley KC, AB, Buffalo NY	18 First Company Governor's Foot Guard Assn, AB/O, Hartford CT Olean KC, AB, Buffalo NY
19	20	21	22	23 Wallkill KC, AB/O, Suffern NY	24 Rockland County KC, AB/O, Suffern NY	25 Rockland County KC, AB/O, Suffern NY
26	27	28				

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