

# Finish Lines



## Yankee Golden Retriever Club

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### YANKEE's Hunt Test Weekend

**G**olden Retrievers are bred to be bird dogs who love to fetch. They got a chance to display their talents at **YANKEE's** Annual Hunt Test, held on a warm, humid weekend in August in West Thompson CT. It was a busy weekend for the volunteers that helped to host the hunt test too, but rewarding to watch wonderful dogs work!

This year we tried a new location for our headquarters, using the fire station instead of the pavilion at the top of the hill. The Hunt Test committee felt that using the fire station would give us more land to use without interrupting and interfering with tests and would make it easier to handle our barbeque since the fire station has a kitchen. All are in agreement that this was a successful change. It was much easier feeding the multitudes and the handlers seemed to enjoy having the barbeque at the fire station, too. There were other benefits as Carol ("Sparky") White fulfilled a life-long dream of wearing a fire helmet and being in a fire truck! The firefighters of West Thompson were outstanding and very accommodating! **YANKEE** considers them top-notch friends!

This year's Hunt Test was chaired by **Patti Sullivan**, **Carol White**, and **Donna Morgan**, who split the responsibilities throughout the year in planning for the event and on the day of the test — with Patti covering the Junior stakes on Saturday and Senior on Sunday, Carol covering the headquarters, and Donna covering the Master stake. Barb Sawtelle was the event secretary handling the paperwork and the visit from the AKC rep flawlessly!

**Ken Lukis** handled the responsibility of gun captain. Ken worked so hard to line up good quality gunners. We are all so grateful for his efforts. We know he had some tense moments when only four of the eleven gunners showed up, but Ken handled it beautifully; having some of the handlers that hunt on a regular basis fill in where needed. Thanks Ken! We appreciate your quick thinking and all your efforts!



**Rhonda Jarman** and **Charlie DeMarco** handled equipment and worked in many areas in many different capacities non-stop for three days. Charlie even found time to run his dog! They always seemed to know what needed to be done and handled it! Our hospitality queen and king were sent to us from heaven! **Sheri and Bill Caron** were absolutely incredible! They fed the volunteers lunch both days and they handled the whole barbeque for the masses on Saturday night! Emeril, you have met your match, "Oh, ya babe" Sheri & Bill "got it done!" Their truck and trailer was such a huge help too! When Bill wasn't in the kitchen he was in the field moving equipment, delivering food and ice, and doing anything that needed to be done! Sheri & Bill were Hunt Test Angels!

Huge thanks go out to our very capable marshals who were there to aid and assist the judges. Pat Scribner and Karen Scotti worked both as marshals and everywhere else they were needed at Master for two days. **Denise Ryan** skillfully ran the Senior stake, and **Jill Moffett and Charlie Lanagan** handled the Junior stakes. Our judges had nothing but high praise and appreciation for such outstanding help at the line.

In addition, we would like to thank the dedicated folks that worked as stewards, poppers, bird boys, blind planters and general all-around help. Thank you to Gerry Bailey, Bernadette Bove, Diane & Steve Brunelle, Sheri Caron, Pat Carlson, Andrea Fisher, Susan Foster, Dagmar Guthke, Jerry Haber, Jill Jordan-Maclean, Roseann Mandell, Claudia Norton, Denise Page-Eugene, Jo Ann Reynolds, Glen & Debi Simonson, Margaret Stubbs, Marge Trowbridge, Jeannine Vietin, and Marsha Wilcox. Many of you were kind enough to do double duty and work extra hard and longer hours because we were short-handed. I pray we didn't overlook anyone, because all hands were needed and appreciated!

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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 **YANKEE** members in good standing, and the membership dues for one year must be submitted to the membership chair.

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

Non-members can subscribe to the **YANKEE 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, **YGRG** membership chair at

[ygrcmembershp@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembershp@aol.com).



## MINUTE BY MINUTE

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Board of Directors met in Acton MA on August 2, 2005. Business and committee reports are summarized below.

**Correspondence:** Received note from Barbara Budnar AKC field rep for agility who visited us at our agility trial. She enjoyed and was pleased with our trial. Received from GRCA a copy of a letter to AKC regarding the proposed PAWS legislation with GRCA's position opposing AKC's position.

**Agility:** July's trials were a *huge* success. Sports Zone has contacted us to come back next year to hold our trial there. Will negotiate especially about the concessions and food. Ready for Boston in December with judges and locations. Working out details.

**Breeder referral:** The new Breeders' Referral material ready for Web site.

**Concessions:** Will pull the current material store off our web site and label it under construction until we have new material to sell.

**Field:** Hunt test is August 19-20. We are getting ready. We are in need of workers.

**Newsletter:** Explain e-mail list and how to join.

**Programs:** Change in date for September. Is up on the Web site. Next meeting is 9/20 at the church.

**Puppy Kindergarten:** Next class is Sept. 8. AKC is sending new materials to hand out regarding all AKC activities for dog owners.

**Tracking:** VST full with Golden. TD/TDX scheduled for 9/18 needs a few more track-layers. Ray Desmarais shared pictures of the beautiful picnic benches he built on behalf of YGRG and donated to High Ridge Wildlife area. Possibly two seminars next year.

**Trophy:** Article explaining the retirement of trophies to be published in newsletter. To create a book of records for each trophy, current and retired, outlining the criteria and then listing the history.

**Web site:** Working to keep everything current. Some structural changes planned.

**Other business:**

- **Master National:** The GRCA and others voted to remain this year under the AKC with this year's trial.
- **Mass Fed:** MA State House bill H1346 was defeated.

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!** Voted in at the September membership meeting:

James Belliveau. Sponsors, Jan Bramhall / Carolyn Zagami. Interests: field, hunting events.

**NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.** Send any comments to Carolyn Zagami, **YGRG** membership chair: [ygrcmembershp@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembershp@aol.com).

Mary Dickinson Wood / Lauren Vessey Faulhaber, ME. Sponsor: Collette Scott. Breeder, Exhibitor. Interests: Bench, Obedience, Field, Hunt, Pet therapy.

Barbara Doughty and Emily Horton, ME. Sponsors: Jon Chase, Susan Foster. Breeder, Exhibitor. Interests: Bench, Obedience, Agility, Breeding

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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

Since the last newsletter, your faithful president has been continuing his search for photographic opportunities at **YANKEE** events and elsewhere.

My plan to attend the **YANKEE** Hunt Test August 20 in West Thompson CT. worked out fine, even if I didn't arrive until almost 10:00. I got to see many very nice working Goldens earning Junior Hunter legs, and got to watch a portion of a very challenging Master Hunter sequence. Results of the Hunt Test, the WC/WCX, and the TD/TDX can be found in this issue or on the **YGRC** Web site — [www.yankeegr.org](http://www.yankeegr.org).

The GRCA National Specialty was held in Gettysburg PA this year, hosted by the *Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club*, which ran a superb GRCA National! Many **YANKEE** members were at the National exhibiting their Goldens in as many events as possible and even finding time to do some sightseeing on the Civil War battlefields.

In addition to competing with my Goldens, I was there to observe. Probably one of the worst kept secrets of all time is that **YGRC** has been asked to

consider hosting the 2008 GRCA National. **YANKEE** last hosted a National in 1999. We also hosted the GRCA Eastern Regional in 2001 and 2002.

At the October Board of Directors' Meeting, the board voted to host the 2008 National provided a suitable location can be secured. Karen Frink has volunteered to be the overall show chair, and other members are volunteering to chair individual events. Running a National is a big task. To put on an event of this size — and to do it in the manner which **YGRC**'s reputation demands — we will require everyone's help. Don't wait to be asked. Contact Karen Frink or any of the Board of Directors and volunteer.

In addition to competing at the GRCA National, **YANKEE** members — led by our own Dr. Mike Lappin — helped organize drawing blood samples from over 600 Goldens for DNA testing by the Broad Institute and the OFA. The Golden Retriever community has supported these efforts in far greater numbers than any other breed. **YGRC** can be very proud of our contributions to these very important studies. If you have not

had your Goldens or any other breed participate in these studies and would like to or would like more information on the studies, please contact Mike Lappin.

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is fast approaching. As usual **YANKEE** has held many events, but more are still to come. We have the fall heart and eye clinics and the membership meeting in November, then four days of agility as part of the Bay Colony Cluster of dog shows in Boston in December, and our Annual Awards Dinner in January. You will shortly be receiving flyers reminding you to renew your membership, apply for the Annual Trophies, and make your reservation for the Annual Dinner.

There's a lot going on, so be sure to check the calendar in this issue of *Finish Lines* or at [www.yankeegr.org](http://www.yankeegr.org).

— Jim Downar  
**YGRC** President



## YANKEE Announcements

Watch your mailboxes for the following announcements which will be arriving over the next few weeks:

- **YANKEE** Fall Eye Clinic and Annual Heart Clinic information
- 2006 **YANKEE** Membership Renewal
- Invitation to the Annual **YANKEE** Membership Banquet
- 2005 **YANKEE** Trophy Information
- 2006 Slate of Officers and November program notice

If you don't receive any of these over the next couple of weeks, contact Carolyn Zagami, **YGRC** membership chair, [ygrcmembershp@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembershp@aol.com).



## In the YANKEE Mail Box

Hi Geoff and Roseann,

I want to thank the Board and members for the beautiful plant that was sent after my surgery and to thank all my **YANKEE** friends for their kind thoughts and many cards and emails. There is nothing like the power of friendship.

Thanks,

— Karen Scotti

Sue, Bob and Jan,

I really want to thank you all and **YANKEE** in general for putting on such a great event as the tracking test today. It was my first tracking test. It was extremely well organized and stress free. The camaraderie amongst all was something rare to find these days. Thank you and keep up the good work. I hope I can be part of it next year as well, either tracking with a dog or helping out.

— Paula Orcutt DVM

Hi Sue,

I just wanted to send a note saying *thank you* to **YGRC** for hosting a fantastic tracking test yesterday. Everything was perfect and **YANKEE** did a GREAT job at making the test run smoothly and creating a welcoming, pleasant atmosphere.

Your committee, club and tracklayers were wonderful! I had a great time. Thanks again for everything.

— Bonnie Bartlett & Weimie and Grant

## YANKEE Fall WC and WCX Tests

The YGRC Fall WC and WCX tests were held on a glorious October day at the West Thompson Dam in CT. The clear skies and brisk fall air was the perfect setting for a successful test. Our judges, Arline Buchanan and Ken Kogut, planned well-designed tests and were a pleasure to have with us. Diana Cooper and George Smilas were our judges for the puppy stakes. We were all gleefully entertained by the antics of the budding, young field stars and their creative handlers.

A big thank you for everyone who helped during the day and special thanks to Sheri Caron for the wonderful food (and for stewarding too!), Ken Lucas for serving as Gun Captain, Jonathan Rausch for assisting with equipment, Rhonda Jarman for marshalling and Roseann Mandell and Jean Deresienka for stewarding. As always, YANKEE has the very best volunteers to make all our events fun and successful.

— Karen Scotti and Bill Caron  
co-chairs, YGRC Fall WC/WCX

Working Certificate — 10 entries, 5 qualifiers

Judges: Arline Buchanan and Kenneth Kogut

- *Sunfire's Lord Boomer* (Dawn Shewchuk)
- *Beau Geste Ones Upon A Time* (Charles Lanagan)

### Hunt Test, continued from page 1

YANKEE is also very lucky to have Dr. Mike Lappin who closes his practice for the weekend and comes to be our vet for the tests. The AKC rep was so very impressed that we had our own vet on site! Mike was very busy this year, handling dogs that were stung by bees and doing the bitch check at Master on Sunday morning. The breed and club owe Mike our gratitude for he also drew blood for the Broad Institute Health Study during our Hunt test. Thanks, Mike!



Photos: Jim Downar

Putting on a hunt test requires a small army. This year we were shy several volunteers, which meant many folks had to work extra hard. We test chairs are so very grateful for all of you who came to help and really appreciate the extra mile you went for YANKEE to pull this hunt test off. We would like to remind all members of YGRC that we could use your help in many different ways at a hunt test. Please consider volunteering in any way you can. We appeal to you now for next August 2006! When the request for help goes out, please contact the Hunt test chair and do your part to help YANKEE put on the spectacular Hunt test it is capable of, with your help! I promise you will be amazed at the terrific dog work you will see!

Congratulations to all the qualifiers! Show those orange ribbons with pride for a job well done!

— Donna Morgan  
Co-chair, YGRC Hunt Test

- *Adirondac Rocket's Red Glare* JH (Judith Erlanger)
- *Real Gold Razzle Dazzle Red Man* JH (Patti Sullivan)
- *Prairie Light Rise and Shine* CD WC (Joe Juza)

Working Certificate Excellent — 18 entries, 6 qualifiers

Judges: Buchanan and Kogut

- *Sunfire Waterway Explorer* CDX TD OA OAJ SH WCX (Claudia Norton)
- *Francalia The Power of One* JH WC (Denise Page)
- *Miss Molly's Brown-Eyed Girl* UD MX MXJ JH WC (Karen Hollander)
- *Seamus of Golden Pond* SH WCX (Irene McGirr)
- *Marathon's Pistol Packin' Mama* OA AXJ SH WC (K. Hollander)
- *Adirondac Bustd at the Border* JH WC (Dawn Terrill)

Puppy Stakes

Judges: Diana Cooper and George Smilas

3-6 Months

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Mirasol's Indigo Fish* (Roseann Mandell)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Wingmaster Beam Me Up* (Karen Scotti)

7-12 Months

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Beau Geste Knicknack Veritek* (Jonathan Rausch)

### Master Stake

Entered: 46; Started: 41; Qualifying: 14; 4 Goldens

Judges: Michael Bunting, William Clark, Johan McConnell (apprentice)

*Mirasol's Fyre Foxe* CDX SH WCX VC (L & K Scotti)

*Sunfire Waterway Explorer* CDX TD OA OAJ SH (C Norton)

*MHR Porjays Black ridge Sorceress* SH WCX (D Butler)

*Sunfire's Jasmine of Notch Hill* (C Reynolds)

### Senior Stake Stake

Entered: 44; Started: 42; Qualifying: 26; 4 Goldens

Judges: Anna Clark and Melanie Ferrucci

*High Times Augustus of Jefferson* (C & N Erali)

*Firemark's Can't Say No* JH (P Scribner)

*Theophilus's Friend Luke* CD TDX WCX JH CGC (M Wilcox)

*Sir Jake of Jefferson* JH (C & N Erali)

### Junior A Stake

Entered: 37; Started: 32; Qualifying: 19; 5 Goldens

Judges: Cathryn Forsyth and Phil Thomas.

*Sunfire's Can't Stop* (B Bove)

*CH Daybreak Varsity Peacekeeper* (S Foster)

*Goldstar's Coming Around Again* (D. & G. Simonson)

*Tarat's Mister Tanner* OA OAJ WC (D Morris)

*Pine Run's Photo Finish* AX AXJ JH CGC (K Hocker)

### Junior B Stake

Entered: 36; Started: 34; Qualifying: 24; 10 Goldens

Judges: Paul Young and Susan Wright

*Duso Abbey's Gus* (J Haber)

*Greatbay's Bella Luna* (J Vieten)

*Sand Dancer's Windfall* CD CGC (D & S Brunelle)

*Mirasol's Magic Winter Saga* CD TD (D Guthke)

*Sand Dancer's Constellation* CGC (D & S Brunelle)

*Real Gold Razzle Dazzle Red Man* (P Sullivan)

*Sunnyglen Feather river Run'R* (L & K Scotti)

*North Star Pebwin Crossroads* WC (B Welch)

*Beau Geste Ones Upon A Time* (C Lanagan)

*Gaylan's Lunar Mission* CDX MX MXJ (M Lukeiwicz)

## YANKEE Fall Tracking Test

Although Hurricane Ophelia threatened to disrupt our fall tracking tests on September 18, 2005, at High Ridge Wildlife Management Area in Gardner MA, the weather for plotting on Saturday and for the test on Sunday was nearly ideal — cloudy, mild, with low humidity. Our very efficient judges, Mike Clemens and Peter Hewitt, were finished with the five TD and 3 TDX tracks by noon, in time to enjoy the wonderful repast served up by Hartley Scribner.

The test was open to all breeds, but preference was given to Golden Retrievers. All five teams in the TD test passed! Kudos to:

- *Gaylan's Brigantine* ("Brig"), Golden Retriever, handled by Paula Orcutt
- *Gaylan's Wind Off the Water* ("Makai"), Golden Retriever, handled by Gail Kraeuter.
- *Aries Vom Lebenshunger* ("Aby"), GSD, handled by Doreen Metcalf
- *CH Sippiwisset Obi-Wan Kenobi* CDX RE AX AXJ HT ("Benny"), PWC, handled by Denise Lacroix.
- *Gunmettle's Gray Granite* JH OA OAJ ("Grant"), Weimaraner, handled by Bonnie Bartlett.

And one team passed the more challenging TDX test —

- *Theophilus's Friend Luke* CD TD SH, Golden Retriever, handled by Marsha Wilcox

Luke was the last dog to run, and the gallery waited with great anticipation as he cleared the last section of woods, crossed the road, made the turn, and found the final article. It was a great ending to a fine test.

Earlier, one of the other Golden made a great start, picked up two of the articles, handled the cross tracks well, crossed the road, only to have difficulty with the last wooded section of the track. The other Golden TDX entry had trouble starting, but we're told that after the whistle and some encouragement, he was able to do the track well. Both of these dogs show great promise and will no doubt make it to final article in a test sometime soon.

One of the great things about the test were the volunteers who made it possible. Thanks to our tracklayers Robin & David Babin, Cindy Besaw, Bobbie Crissey, Susan Crum, Lee Daudelin, Roo Grubis, Grace LaRocque, Deborah Reichert, Julia Slatkiewicz, and Marilyn Tromer. These folks were present both Saturday for plotting tracks and Sunday for the test. They were ably directed and transported by Chief Tracklayer Jan Bramhall. Our Test Secretary, Sue Sommer, efficiently handled all of the many details of registration and communication with AKC before and after the test. Harley Scribner provided fantastic lunches on both days. My thanks to **YANKEE's** tracking chair Ray Desmarais, who was in NC for the AKC National Tracking Invitational, for his assistance prior to the test.

— Bob Bass

YGRC TD/TDX Test Chair

## YANKEE Fall Match Results

W e few, we happy few, we insane few braved the downpour and flooded roads to have a blast and a half at the 2006 **YANKEE** Fall Match at Collinswood K9 in Auburn MA on October 15. Thanks to everyone who came and showed, judged, stewarded, and helped out. The weather outside may have been gray and wet, but inside there was Golden sunshine. Kudos to Martha Callaghan for organizing and running the match and for providing these results.

— Geoff Stern

### Sweepstakes Judge: Berna Welch

#### Dogs 3 to 6

- BOS/1 Cloverdale Classico (J Zimmermann)  
Wochica MY AR-Kel Mr Blue Sky (J & B Henderson)

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#### Dogs 6 to 9

- 1 Beau Geste Around the Connor (C Zagami)

#### Dogs 9 to 12

- 1 Thistledown Fairlie's Light (C Bellows)

#### Bitches 3 to 6

- 1/Best Puppy Cloverdale Camryn (J Zimmermann)

- 2 Libra's Canes Venatici (C Blair)

#### Bitches 6 to 9

- 1 Thornlea's Bioyr Ainisir (S Martinez)

- 2 Thistledown Dalwhinnie (D Cutler)

#### Bitches 12 to 18

- 1 Gorefinadan Bright Mist (D Cutler)

### Regular Classes Judge: Christina Weeks

#### Dogs 3 to 6

- BOS/1 Cloverdale Classico (J Zimmermann)  
2 Wochica MY Ar-Kel Mr Blue Sky (J & B Henderson)  
3 Cloverdale Cloudbreaker (J Zimmermann)

#### Dogs 6 to 9

- 1 Beau Geste Around the Connor (C Zagami)

#### Dogs 9 to 12

- 1 Thistledown Fairlie's Light (C Bellows)

#### Bitches 3 to 6

- Best Puppy/1 Cloverdale Camryn (J Zimmermann)

- 2 Libra's Canes Venatici (C Blair)

#### Bitches 6 to 9

- 1 Thornlea's Bioyr Ainisir (S Martinez)

- 2 Thistledown Dalwhinnie (D Cutler)

#### Bitches 12 to 18

- 1 Gorefinadan Bright Mist (D Cutler)

#### Bitches Open

- Best Adult/1 Toryglen Orion My Dream Girl CGC (K Waldron)

#### Bitches Veteran

- Best Veteran/1 CH Backgammons Mad About You (Henderson)

#### Jr Handling

- Nov Sr/ Best Jr Libra's Canes Venatici (handler: Emma Forbes)

#### Obedience

- High-in-Match Sand Dancer's Constellation JH WC CGC (Diane Brunelle)

Judges: Mike Lappin & Geoff Stern

## YGRC Trophy News

There are many changes that were put into place last year for the current annual trophy year and I want to be sure everyone is aware of exactly what those changes are. The first change is the introduction of a work requirement. In order for a member in good standing to be eligible to receive a trophy they have to have volunteered in some capacity for the club. This could be as simple as helping put labels on a club mailing or as time consuming as volunteering to chair an event. The Board of Directors has put a lot of time and energy into this decision and feels that this is the best one for the club.

**YANKEE** offers a variety of club activities and events which require the hard work of member volunteers to plan and organize. If there aren't enough volunteers, the club may be faced with scaling back the number of events we offer, just as some other clubs have been forced to do. This is the reason for the work requirement. Some immediate job openings are for stewards in both breed and obedience at the 2006 annual specialty, and a chief tracklayer for the 2006 TD/TDX test, just to name a few. Please contact a board member or a committee chair in your area of interest to hear about other volunteer opportunities!

As most members know, **YGRC** offers numerous annual trophies — 33 to be exact! This past December,

the Board of Directors voted that the Spring and Fall match trophies would be retired. The 14 match trophies were presented in January 2005 and will not be awarded in 2006. The decision took a lot of thought and deliberation.



A fair number of these trophies are filled, and there is no longer room on them to add other winners; some have not been awarded in years. In some cases, trophies were purchased by the club, and in other instances, the trophies were generously donated by club members. The match trophies were first introduced long before **YANKEE** ever dreamed of holding its own annual specialty show, before there were as many annual trophies to celebrate the accomplishments of club members at our events.

Each these trophies is a piece of history, not only club history, but also breed history. Some of the names engraved on these trophies are dogs who left a stamp on the breed, both in the get they produced and in the accomplishments they achieved. Some of the breeders and owners listed on the trophies are individuals who have dedicated themselves to this breed we all love so much.

With this in mind the Board felt it would be a shame to leave these trophies sitting in storage somewhere gathering dust. Therefore we will be

giving **YGRC** members the opportunity to bid on these items at the January 2006 annual dinner. **Each match trophy will be on a silent auction table at the annual dinner.** This will give members who have won some of these trophies the opportunity to have them become a permanent part of their trophy case. The monies raised from the silent auction will go towards the cost of maintaining the club's annual and specialty trophies.

Last, but certainly not least, beginning in January 2006, **YANKEE** will offer two styles of plaques. We will continue to offer the traditional style which we have had in past years. In addition, we will offer an updated plaque which will have the club logo on the top. The first line of text will be the dog's registered name without any titles. The second line of text on the plaques will be the owner's name(s). Then attached to the bottom of the plaque will be plates displaying on the top line the title earned with the year the title was earned underneath. Each dog would then only need to have one main plaque. A small brass hanging plate would be added for either each year with all of the titles earned or one brass plate for each title earned.

If you have any questions about trophies, please contact me.

— Melanie Porter  
**YGRC** Trophy Chair

## Shop on Recall! **YANKEE** Merchandise Inventory Blow-out Sale

Just in time for the holidays, **YANKEE** is having an Inventory Blow out Sale on the remaining items in stock. Prices are just right to add to your wardrobe with the cool weather approaching!

All items are a dark forest green color with the **YANKEE** logo embroidered in gold located on the left chest. Please contact Donna Morgan to purchase any of these items. She can also e-mail you a picture of the available items

Crew neck sweatshirts	\$25	sizes M & L
Polo zipper sweatshirts	\$25	sizes M & L
Polo shirts	\$20	sizes S, M, L & XL
Jackets lined	\$45	sizes M, L & XL
Canvas bags	\$25	



Prices do not include shipping — please add \$5 for shipping. Quantities are limited — so act quickly!!

## Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue 2006 Annual Benefit Auction

*Yankee Golden Retriever Club has been a friend to Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue for many years. Our members are encouraged to support the Rescue in any way they can. For information on becoming a member of YGRR, please visit their website at [www.ygrr.org](http://www.ygrr.org).*



Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue's 2006 Annual Benefit Auction takes place Sunday, March 26, 2006 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Hudson Portuguese Club in Hudson MA. We are very excited about this new location which is easy to get to off Exit 26 of Route 495. The building is new, the rooms are beautiful and spacious, and there is plenty of parking.

You can support this fundraising event by advertising in our Auction catalog or by donating an item to the auction. To receive information about advertising in the catalog, please contact Auction Chairperson, Evelyn Sanford, at [evelyn@ygrr.org](mailto:evelyn@ygrr.org).

We are already accepting donations and are ready to welcome yours. Especially popular, are unique, one-of-a-kind crafts, art work and jewelry. Please use the Donation Form that appears below for your auction item donation. And please note the deadline to receive Auction Donations, January 15, 2006. Because the Auction is earlier than usual, we must adhere strictly to this deadline.

Admission to the auction is \$25 per person or if you choose to pre-register, \$20 per person. Your admission fee includes a tasty box lunch. A pre-registration form is included in the Auction Flier that will be mailed to YGRR members and friends in December.

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Sunday, March 26, 2006, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Hudson Portuguese Club, Hudson MA

\* \* \* \* **One Item per Form** \* \* \* \*

Item being donated \_\_\_\_\_ Item value \_\_\_\_\_

Item description \_\_\_\_\_

Name of donor \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

YGRR Auction Committee reserves the right to combine items into gift combinations (bags, baskets) that will enhance the value of the items while managing the space limitations for all items. The Auction Committee also reserves the right to refuse items deemed inappropriate for the venue. Items received after January 15, 2006, will be held for the 2007 auction.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising auction. The rescue Goldens appreciate your help.

**ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15, 2006, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CATALOG.**

Please send this form and your donation to: Auction, c/o YGRR, 110 Chapin Rd, Hudson MA 01749  
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## GRCA National News



The establishment of the **Golden Retriever Foundation Rachel Page Elliott Educational Fund** (to which **YGRC** contributed \$2500) was announced at the GRCA National on September 29, 2005. Pagey was present for the big surprise (see photo) having been lured down to Gettysburg without a clue as to what was going to happen.

That evening, one of Pagey's famous wooden jigsaw puzzles sparked animated bidding and sold for \$27,000 — breaking the Guinness World Record. (The "event" has been filed with the Guinness London Office and we should hear if they concur by the end of the year.) The money from the puzzle has been added to the RPE Educational Fund, and among the first initiatives it will support is the creation of a custom-designed trade-show booth designed by the GRCA Public Education Committee. Boston is one of the target cities for the GRCA's educational outreach, so watch for the news and ads in the local media.

— Joy Viola



**YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** participated in a silent auction at the 2005 GRCA National Specialty show in Gettysburg, PA. Members of **YGRC** donated 27 items for a State/Regional-themed basket, which was bid on by silent auction during the **YGRC** Welcome Dinner on Monday, September 26

Nineteen regional Golden Retriever clubs participated in the auction, organized by *Potomac Valley GRC*, host club of the 2005 National. Proceeds were donated to the *Golden Retriever Foundation* Rescue Fund, to benefit animal victims of Hurricane Katrina. **YANKEE's** basket went to high bidder Mary Minard for \$275, contributing to a grand total raised of over \$6,000.

The **YGRC** Board of Directors voted to donate an L.L. Bean dog bed. Other items donated included a duck training decoy and bumpers, two bottles of locally made wine, a Kelty leash, lycra drying coat, stuffed toys including a giant crab, a Yankee Candle, two packages of K9 Advantix, and several very nice **YANKEE** logo items. The *piece de resistance* was a DVD of Rachel Page Elliott's *Dogsteps*, autographed by the author — priceless!

According to **YGRC** President Jim Downar, the lucky winner was thrilled with her purchase, as were her dogs.



Photo: Jim

**YANKEE** would like to thank the following generous donors for their contributions to the basket: Jan Bramhall, Jim Downar, Rachel Page Elliott, Ann Houston, Mike Lappin, Roseann Mandell, Donna Morgan, Geoff Stern, Jeannine Vieten, and Carolyn Zagami, who also coordinated the project for **YGRC**.

## GRCA Delegate Report

The new GRCA Board of Directors is:

President: Chris Miele  
 Sec'y: Barb Branstad  
 Treas: Claire Caro  
 Eastern VP: Cathy Story  
 Eastern Dir: Ann Strathern  
 Eastern Dir: Collette Jaynes  
 Central VP: Julie Caruthers  
 Central Dir: Kurt Macauley  
 Central Dir: Suzanne Hemminger  
 Western VP: Terry Thornton  
 Western Dir: Linda Shipman  
 Western Dir: Ken Blanchard

The entire Board may be reached by e-mail at [grca\\_board@yahoo.com](mailto:grca_board@yahoo.com)

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

### Recently Approved Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 05-79 appointing Linda Willard as the permanent Chair of the Breeders' Education subcommittee with her term expiring in 2007.

RESOLUTION 05-80 appointing Dean Lake as the PEC Media Coordinator, and Karin Boullion as the PEC Club Communications Coordinator.

RESOLUTION 05-81: Authorizing the Sales Manager to order new sales items to be introduced at the 2005 National Specialty.

RESOLUTION 05-82: approving *Inland Empire* to host the GRCA Western Regional Specialty on May 25, 2006 and waiving the requirement for a host club to offer a WC/WCX in conjunction with a Regional specialty for the 2006 Western Regional only.

RESOLUTION 05-83 creating the position of AKC Legislative Liaison

RESOLUTION 05-85 appointing Frances Brentson and Deborah Blair-Muzzin as members of the Public Education Committee.

RESOLUTION 05-86 appointing Linda Atwell to Chair the Breed Education Committee with her term expiring in 2007.

RESOLUTION 05-87 requesting Christine Miele and Dr. Ann Hubbs represent GRCA as delegates to the Canine Health Foundation seminar.

RESOLUTION 05-88 approving *Dallas/Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club* to host the 2007 GRCA Western Regional Specialty in Ft. Worth TX on March 23, 2007 with the WC/WCX on Sunday, March 25, 2007.

RESOLUTION 05-89 approving a donation in the amount of \$1,500 to the AKC-CAR Katrina Fund.

RESOLUTION 05-90 authorizing the Yearbook Committee to contract with People Productions to produce Yearbook CDs.

RESOLUTION 05-91 appointing Dave Kinghorn of Shawnee Mission KS to a three year term as Director of the Golden Retriever Foundation.

RESOLUTION 05-92 appointing Margie Sarkin to organize and staff the GRCA educational booth at the 2006 AKC Invitational show.

RESOLUTION 05-93 appointing Christy Thomas of Vermilion, OH to fill the position of Statistician — Dual Dog and Triathlon Coordinator.



### Hot Topics:

MEMBERSHIP INPUT FOR OS/OD and VC/VCX RECOMMENDED CHANGES. The report of the committee is on the GRCA Web site at [www.grca.org/comm\\_report.html](http://www.grca.org/comm_report.html). However, as a

means to facilitate more membership input before making any decisions, a questionnaire has been established at [www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=598931281312](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=598931281312). We hope you will take time to complete the survey by December 1 so that the GRCA Board has a representative sample of the membership's thoughts. This questionnaire is your opportunity as a member to make known those qualities (and therefore GRCA and AKC titles) important in recognizing both outstanding producers and versatile dogs in the Golden Retriever.

FROM THE HEALTH AND GENETICS COMMITTEE: There are two new documents on the GRCA Web site regarding fleas, ticks, and your dog — [www.grca.org/health/flea\\_tick.html](http://www.grca.org/health/flea_tick.html) and [www.grca.org/health/vector.html](http://www.grca.org/health/vector.html)

NATIONAL SPECIALTY. The 2006 National will be hosted by the *Kansas City GRC* in America's heartland, and 2007 will be hosted by the *Evergreen GRC* in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

— Ann Houston  
 YGRC Delegate to the GRCA

For more information, see the GRCA Web site — [www.grca.org](http://www.grca.org)



## YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB ALL BREED AGILITY TRIAL

DECEMBER 8-11 2005

BAYSIDE EXPO CENTER, BOSTON MA

Entries Open October 6, 2005. Random Draw November 3, 2005

PREMIUMS AVAILABLE ON LINE AT:

[www.yankeegrca.org](http://www.yankeegrca.org)



# Memories of Gold



“Calla”

*Synergold Calla Canadensis* CDX AX AXJ  
O-OAC-V, S-OJ-V, NAG-V CGC, Therapy Dog Certified  
October 13, 1989 – April 25, 2005

How fortunate we were to have you as long as we did.  
Your loss is still hard to bear. but we know you are still  
with us. Such a sweet little soul can never be forgotten.

Nancy Bishop & Jerry Bell



“Laine”

*Electralon Bold Inspiration* CD AX OAJ CGC V-OAC  
NJC NGC Certified Therapy Dog  
June 25, 1993 – August 25, 2005

Laine was a true dignified lady. Too soon a loss after just  
losing her mom, Calla, but no matter how or when we lose  
our best friends their unconditional love lasts forever.

Nancy Bishop & Jerry Bell

A dog hath true love.  
A dog hath right good understanding.  
A wise dog knoweth all things.  
A dog hath force and kindness.  
A dog hath mettle and is comely.  
A dog is in all things seemly.  
A knowing dog thinketh no evil.  
A dog hath memory that forgeteth not.  
I say unto you again a dog forsaketh not his duty,  
Hath might and cunning therewith,  
And a great brave heart.

— *Poème sur la Chasse*, 14th Century



## Minute by Minute, *continued from page 2*

- **GRCA 2008 National Specialty:** Discussion about the possibility of hosting the GRCA National for 2008. Concern from the Field Committee. Need to look into possible sites. More discussion and ideas are needed.
- **Nominating Committee:** Andrea Fisher, Chair. There are three director positions to be filled and the officers are up for reelection.
- **PAWS Legislation:** Letter will be sent off immediately to AKC, GRCA, and MassFed.

## ▪ Charitable donations:

- RES 08-05-01: The board voted to purchase a dog bed from LL Bean for the raffle basket to be auctioned at the National.
- RES 08-05-02 The board voted to donate \$2,500 to the new GRF Educational fund.

**Next meeting:** September 6, 2005

## New Applicants for Membership, *continued from page 2:*

Vincent and Michelle Giovanelli, MA. Need Sponsors  
Pet Owners - Interests: Obedience and Breeding

Shelly Martinez, MA.  
Sponsors: Carol Manthorne, Dagmar Guthke  
Breeder, Exhibitor, Pet Owner. Interests: Bench, Obedience, Breeding

Niles Stuntz, MA.  
Sponsors: Jan Bramhall, Donna Cutler  
Pet Owner. Interests: Bench, Obedience, Filed Trials, Breeding, Agility

Julie Tirannanzi, MA  
Sponsors: Charlene Devens, Patrice Loves  
Interests: Exhibitor. Bench, Obedience, Agility, Tracking

## YANKEE Breeders' Referral

### Breeders' Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

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

**A**ll listings and copies of clearances should be sent to the **YANKEE** Breeders' Referral chair listed on the back page of this newsletter. Referral listings will run for 10 weeks; please contact the Breeders' Referral chair to pull the listing or to extend it. 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 **YANKEE** members who have puppies or older dogs available:

Connie Harris	781 826-3060		Joan Schiff	508 358-2334
Barb Lukis	413 283-5744		Sherry Washburn	781 235-7137

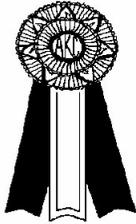
### Litter Listings

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

- Earlene Robertson, NH  
Whelped August 21, 3 females  
*Amadors Curious George X Amadors Snicker Doodle*
- Jennifer Rowe, NH  
One eight-week old female
- Deirdre Doyle, NH  
whelped 8/24/05, 5 males, 5 females  
*Errigal Griffin X Errigal Maegh*
- Joyce Finley, MA  
5 males, 5 females  
*Am/Can CH Thornlea Dennis X Lakeview's Breezing By To Win*
- Sandy Dunn, MA  
Whelped 9/20/2005: 4 males, 4 females  
*Tangleloft Absolutely Crangold X Tangleloft Carioca*
- Janet Henderson, CT  
Whelped 9/19/2005: 7 males, 2 females  
*Backgammon's Forever Mine X Backgammon's State of Grace*
- Janet Henderson, CT  
Whelped 9/28/2005: 3 males  
*CH Daybreak's Varsity Jump X Gemstar's Sweetest Taboo*

# ☆☆☆ Finish Lines ☆☆☆

## Bench



**New AKC Champion:** CH Sunnyglen Scotch bonnet Salsa (Theresa Stremmlau). WD/BOW 4 points from the AmBred class, *Badger GRC*; WD 4 points, *Badger KC 5/21* to finish. Six BOB wins plus two Group IVs since finishing. His championship made his dam, *CH Tahnee's Last Resort WC*, an Outstanding Dam.

### Wins/Placements:

Can CH Mirasol's Perfect Alibi CD (Craig & Stephanie Green). WD, *Southern Adirondack Dog Club*, Ballston Spa, 8/13; WD, *Newton KC*, NJ 9/2; BOB, *Newton KC*, 9/3; BOW 9/5 at *Schooleys Mountain KC* in NJ.

Elysian's Urbun Legend (J. Hullstrung & N. Sila). RWD, *Mid-Coast KC 9/3 & 9/4*. Puppy sporting group 2 on 9/3.

Can CH Elysian's the Duck Stops Here RN TDX NA NAJ (J. Hullstrung & N. Sila & J. Von Barby). WB, *Elm City KC*, Springfield; WB, *Mid-Coast KC 9/3 & 9/4*.

Morning Star Toryglen Songbird CGC (Castonguay, Silvia & McDonough). BOW, 2 pts, *South Shore KC 9/17*; RWB, *Cape Cod KC*, 9/18.

Breakwater Lotto Larceny UD OA NAP OAJ NJP Can. CDX (K. Frink & J. Downar). Felon was 3rd in Veteran Bitches 12+ (Sweeps) at the *GRCA National*.

**Certificate of Confirmation Assessment:** Errigal Winter's Kindred Spirit JH WC CCA (D. Morgan). Writes Donna, "Kindra earned her WC in the morning then went wet, wild and muddy to the Certificate of Confirmation Assessment where she was judged by John Chase, Nancy Talbot, and Kay Gosling and was awarded a Certificate of Completion! Right from the field to the breed ring! The CCA program was a wonderful education for me!"

## Field



### New Senior Hunter:

Theophilus's Friend Luke CD TD SH WCX CGC TDI (Marsha Wilcox). Luke qualified at the *Shoreline RC*, *Westchester RC*, **YANKEE GRC**, and *Penobscot HRC* tests this summer.

Firemark Can't Say No SH (Pat Scribner). "My Guy earned his last two legs at *Long Island* for his SH title."

**Master Hunter legs:** Thornelea's Promises to Keep SH WCX (D. Morgan). *Maine RTC 6/25-26 GRCA National 9/23-24*. Donna says Frost now has a total of three legs with two more to go.

### New Junior Hunter:

Real Gold Razzle Dazzle Red Man JH (Patti Sullivan). Tazz got his JH title going 4 for 4, qualifying at *Shoreline*, *Colonial*, *Yankee Waterfowlers*, and **YANKEE GRC**.

Mirasol's Magic Winter Saga CD TD JH CGC (Dagmar Guthke). Magic finished her JH title in Maine with a bumper leg the next day. Five tests, five legs!

North Star Pebwin Crossroads JH WC (B. Welch), trained in the field by Jeannine Vieten, who writes, "After being Winners Dog at **YANKEE's** Specialty, T came home with me to Maine to work on his JH. We finished his JH with six straight qualifications (four for his JH, plus two bumper legs!) at *Colonial FTC*, *Yankee Waterfowlers*, **YANKEE GRC**, *Penobscot HRC*, *Penobscot HRC*, and *Maine Retriever Trial Club*.

SHR Sand Dancer's Constellation JH WC CGC and SHR Sand Dancer's Windfall CD JH WC CGC (Brunelle). Orion and Max both earned their JH titles 8/28 at the *Penobscot HRC* tests in Dover Foxcroft ME. Diane writes, "They did an excellent job and we're so proud of them."

### New Junior Hunter and new Working Certificate:

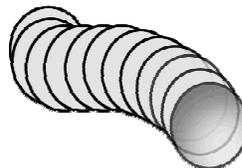
GreatBay's Bella Luna JH WC (J. Vieten). Jeannine writes, "Belle Belle earned her JH with qualifications at *Yankee Waterfowlers HRC*, **YANKEE GRC**, *Penobscot HRC*, and *Maine RTC*. It's been a great summer in the field and so much fun to work with dogs who love to work! I am very proud of my youngsters!" Belle had a great time at the *GRCA National* too, adding a bumper leg to her JH and completing her WC.

Errigal Winter's Kindred Spirit JH WC (D. Morgan). Kindra earned her legs at *Maine RTC 6/25*; *Maine RTC 6/26*; *Lake Champlain RC 7/30*; *Penobscot HRC 8/27*; Bumper leg at *GRCA National 9/23*. WC at the *GRCA National 9/25*.

**New Junior Hunter, Working Certificate, and Working Certificate Excellent:** Goldstar's Coming Around Again JH WCX (Debi & Glenn Simonson). Carly earned her JH in four consecutive tests and her WC and WCX on the same day at the *GRCA National* on 9/25. Her JH legs were *Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston 4/24*; *American Chesapeake Club*, 6/4; *CRFTC*, 8/6; *YWHRC*, 8/14; and a bumper leg **YANKEE GRC**, 8/20.

**New Working Certificate Excellent:** Gaylan's One Step Atta Time CD RN JH NA NAJ WCX CGC (Pat McKinney). Tango earned her WCX on her first try at the *GRCA National Specialty*.

## Agility



**New Agility Dog Hall of Fame:** CH CT Mirasol's Usual Suspect CDX MX MXJ ADHF (Alison & Ray Desmarais). Keyser met the *GRCA* requirements of 350 MACH points and 10 QQs (three of which have to be QQ with double placements) by getting his 10th QQ on 8/28.

**New Master Agility Champion:** MACH Electralon Deevine Destinee CD CGC (N. Bishop and J. Bell). Deeva finished her MACH at the *Pioneer Valley KC* trials on 9/18/05 with double Q # 29.

## ★★★ FINISH LINES, *continued from page 12*

**New Open Jumpers Preferred:** Am/Can CH Edgell  
Total Eclipse CD RN JH NAP OJP WC VCX (J. Hullstrung & N. Sila). OJP title with 1st place at *OCAC* trial on 9/10.

**New Excellent Jumpers Preferred:** Am/Can OTCH  
UCDX Tricon Starchaser UDX2 MX MXJ AXP NJP  
NAC OBHF (Frink & Downar). Writes Karen, "Logan finished his AXP 9/11 at *OCAC* with another 1st place. He's like the "Energizer Bunny," he just keeps going... and going... and going... at 10½. What a dog! And he's having a blast the entire time!"

**New Novice Agility, Novice Jumpers, and Open Agility:**  
Mirasol's Fairy Taleggio OA NAJ (Henry Rines). Cricket finished her NA at the *Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club* trial, and OA and NAJ at the *Old Colony Agility Club* trial — all in September with multiple placements!

**New Novice Jumpers:** Gaylan's One Step Atta Time CD RN  
JH NA NAJ WCX CGC (Pat McKinney). Third leg and title at the *GRCA* National.

**New Novice Jumpers Preferred:** UCD SHR Shawnfield  
Touched ByN Angel CDX RE JH NAP NJP WCX  
Can.CDX (M. Peirce) Tess finished her NJP at *OCAC* with a 1st place.

**New Master Agility Excellent Jumper:** Sunnyside's  
Bella Rebecca CD RN MX MXJ WC CGC (P. McKinney). Becky earned MXJ legs #8 and #9 at the *GRCA* national specialty and finished her MXJ the following weekend in Westfield MA. She now has five double Qs and 151 MACH points.

### **GRCA National Specialty Placements:**

Am/Can OTCH UCDX Tricon Starchaser UDX2 OBHF  
MX MXJ (Frink & Downar). Logan won 1st place both days in Nov P JWW.

Eastshore First in Flight Am/Can CD AX OAJ (Frink & Downar). Flyer won 2nd on Sunday, 3rd on Monday in Nov P JWW, plus 2nd in Nov P standard on Sunday.

Calliope's Lily of the Field RN TD JH MX MXJ MXP5  
MJP5 WC (P. Lindquist) Excellent B Preferred 20" Standard, 2nd place; JWW 3rd and 4th placements.

Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets RN AX AXJ WC (P. Lindquist) Open Preferred 16" Agility Standard, 1st Place. JWW two 2nd placements.

### **Placements:**

Electralon Helava Good Time (N. Bishop & J. Bell). Breezon earned a first AXJ leg at the *GRCA* National with a 1st place, first AX leg at the *GRCA* national with 2nd place. 2nd AXJ leg *Western Shetland Sheepdog Club* with a 1st place and 2nd AX leg same trial with a 2nd place.

Usher's Ben There Dun That CD (Sue Usher). Ben double Q'd in his first AKC agility trial at *Wachusett KC* on 9/25 with two 1st place clean runs in Standard and Jumpers. (24" Novice A). He triple Q'd with 3 clean runs in his first *NADAC* trial on 10/2 in Cumberland RI. He earned a 1st place in Standard#2, two 3ds in Jumpers and Touch N Go, and a 4th place in Standard. (20" plus Novice A).

## Obedience and Rally

### **New Companion Dog:**

Can.CH Mirasol's Perfect Alibi CD  
(Craig & Stephanie Green). "Connor finished his CD at *North Shore KC* in Topsfield MA 6/18. We are proud to say that he completed this title in four trials with three class placements."

Mirasol's Charles Limburger CD  
OA OAJ (Frink & Downar). Writes Karen, "Pilot earned his CD in 3 straight shows at the Cape with two 2nd places and a 1st place. He is very consistent — scores were 196, 196½, and 196½ for the new *Front & Finish* FFX-O Platinum Award."

Firemark Can't Say No CD SH (P. Scribner). Pat writes, "My Guy finished his CD at the *Cape Cod KC* show in September. He even managed a HIT! He also took a 1st place from one of the Novice B classes at the *GRCA* National."

Usher's Ben There Dun That CD (S. Usher). Ben earned his CD in only three trials in W. Springfield, placing in Novice A in each one. Leg #1, 7/9, *Farmington Valley KC*; 3rd place; leg #2, 8/25 *Trap Falls KC*, 1st place; leg #3 8/28 *Great Barrington KC*, 4th place.

Drew Woods Scout Kendra CD RE ASCA-CD CGC TDI  
(Susan Crum). Scout earned her first leg on 9/24 at *Saccarappa* with a 2nd place in Novice A; second leg, 1st place, *Central MA GSD Club*, 10/8; title leg, 2nd place, *Penobscot Valley KC*, 10/15; bumper leg, 2nd place, *Merrimack Valley KC*, 10/23/05.

**New Companion Dog Excellent:** UCDX SHR Shawnfield  
Kaper's DreamKeeper CDX RE JH WCX Can.CD (M. Peirce) Drew titled at *Saccarappa* with two 1st places, 194 and 195+ and HS Golden.

**New UKC Companion Dog Excellent:** SHR UCDX  
Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel CDX RE JH NAP NJP  
WCX Can.CDX. (M. Peirce) Tess finished her title at the *AEDCONE* trial with a 2nd place.

**New Companion Dog and New Rally Novice:** Gaylan's  
One Step Atta Time CD RN JH NA NAJ WCX CGC (P. McKinney). Tango had a great time at the *GRCA* National earning legs for her CD and RN titles

### **Novice Legs:**

Can CH Elysian's the Duck Stops Here RN TDX NA NAJ (J. Hullstrung & N. Sila & J. Von Barby). Two CD legs in two tries, with two 2nd placements, and a score of 194½.

SHR Sand Dancer's Constellation JH WC CGC (Brunelle). Orion won the Novice A class at *Saccarappa* 9/24 with a 191½. Diane writes, "The points off were my bad footwork. He did an awesome job. One more leg to go!"



## ★★★ FINISH LINES, *continued from page 13*

UCH Gaelera Bluesette RN CGC (G. Stern & R. Mandell). Well, yeah, she's a black-masked, pointy-eared little bit of a dog, but she lives with two Golden Retrievers and with the editors of *Finish Lines*. First two times in the obedience ring, Mlle. B'sette got two HITS — 195 and 195½ — at the *Berkshire Belgian Tervuren Club* specialty shows in Hamden CT in October. Geoff's hat size doubled.

**Placement:** OTCH MACH2 Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 RA TD SH WCX (P. Lindquist). Veteran's Utility 2nd place, score 195½, *GRCA* National.

### New Rally Novice:

Am/Can CH Edgehill Total Eclipse CD RN JH NAP OJP WC VCX (J. Hullstrung & N. Sila). Ms. Starlet sure is racking up those titles!

Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets RN AX AXJ WC (P. Lindquist). Brinker got his title leg at the *GRCA* National Specialty with a score of 99.

Calliope's Lily of the Field RN TD JH MX MXJ MXP5 MJP5 WC (Pat Lindquist). Title leg, *GRCA* National Specialty. Score 100.

Sunnyside's Bella Rebecca CD RN MX MXJ WC CGC (Pat McKinney). Becky earned her RN title and her 2nd Open A leg at the *GRCA* National.

### New Rally Excellent:

UCDX SHR Shawnfield Kaper's DreamKeeper CD RE JH WCX Can.CD (M. Peirce) Drew finished her RE title at *Carroll County KC* with a score of 98.

Drew Woods Scout Kendra CD RE ASCA-CD CGC TDI (S. Crum). First leg 7/8, *Kennilworth KC*, second leg 7/31, *Newtown KC*; title 8/18 *Wachusett KC*, all 1st places in Rally Exc. A. Scout earned bumper legs at *Elm City KC*, 4th place, 8/26; *Great Barrington KC*, 8/28, 1st place; *Penobscot Valley KC* 10/15 and 10/16, both 1st places.

### Rally Novice legs:

Thistledown Kiss Me Kate and Gorefinadan Bright Mist (D. Cutler). Donna writes, "Katie got her 2nd leg and came in 4th in Rally A in Gettysburg and Emma got her first leg in Rally A 10 minutes later! We were very happy to come home with ribbons and a trophy from our first National!"

**Rally Excellent Leg:** OTCH MACH2 Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 TD SH RA WCX (P. Lindquist). *GRCA* National Specialty, score 99.

### Rally Advanced Excellent legs:

UCD SHR Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel CDX JH RE NAP NJP WCX Can.CDX (M. Peirce) Tess earned her first REA leg at *Carroll County KC*, scores 98 and 99.

UOCH Can.OTCH Shawnfield's Here We Go Again (M. Peirce) VCD2 UDX RE JH AX OAJ OAP OJP WCX Can. UD TD WCI (M. Peirce). Misha earned his first RAE leg at *Carroll County KC* with two 1st place perfect scores.

UOCH Can.OTCH Shawnfield Teasers Echo VCD2 UDX RE JH MX MXJ AXP AJP WCX Can. UD TD WC (M. Peirce). Echo earned her first RAE leg at *Carroll County KC* with two 4th places, scores 98 and 99. She won over her granddaughters on faster time.

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

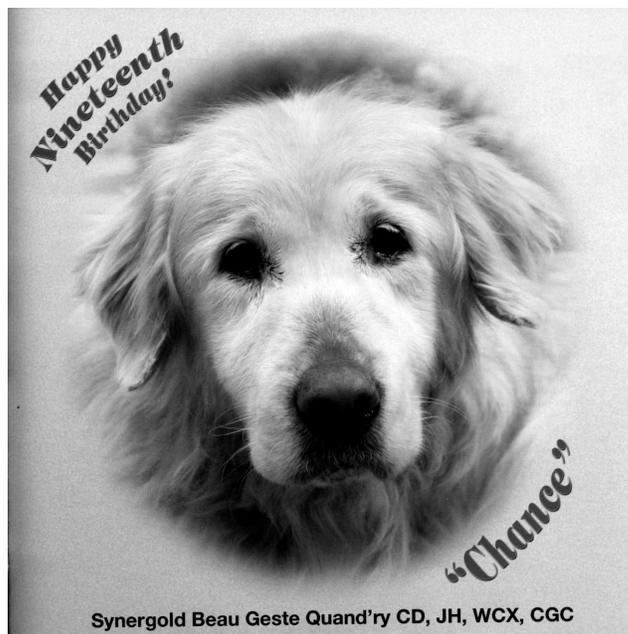
- Titles or certificates
- Points
- Legs towards a title
- Reserve wins
- Match wins
- Junior wins or placements
- Specialty placements

And we want to hear about your dogs' other activities, too. Send your news to [yankeefinishlines@att.net](mailto:yankeefinishlines@att.net).

## Tracking



**New Tracking Dog Excellent:** Theophilus's Friend Luke CD TDX SH WCX CGC TDI (M. Wilcox). Marsha writes, "Luke passed the TDX at **YANKEE's** test. Three weeks earlier, on 8/28, he finished his Senior Hunter title. Luke's mother, *Majavin's Snow Goose* CD (aka "Molly") is very proud. So is his biped. I'm grateful to Henry Rines for chronicling the test."



Synergold Beau Geste Quand'ry CD, JH, WCX, CGC

Thanks to Susan Brown-Leger for Chance, the Chance of a lifetime, and the best Chance I ever took.  
— Jan Bramhall, Beau Geste Golden Retrievers

## Mark your calendars! Upcoming 2005/2006 YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Events

Nov. 13	<b>YGRC</b> Eye Clinic	Concord MA	Arlee Recktenwald
Nov. 13	<b>YGRC</b> SAS (Heart) Screening Clinic	Boxborough MA	Jan Bramhall
Nov. 15	<b>YGRC</b> Membership Meeting & Program	Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Dec. 8–11	<b>YGRC</b> AKC All-Breed Agility Trials	Bayside Expo Center, Boston MA	Karen Frink
Jan. 28	<b>YGRC</b> Annual Awards Banquet	Café Escadrille, Burlington MA	Donna Morgan

More information about YANKEE events is on line at [www.yankeegr.org](http://www.yankeegr.org)

## Help Wanted: Your chance to help with a YANKEE event!

No event just happens. Lots of **YANKEE** members work behind the scenes planning, organizing, and making each event successful and enjoyable. When everyone pitches in, the event goes smoothly and we all have a grand time! We work hard so our dogs can play!

Reminder, club rules state: “To be eligible for a trophy a member must have volunteered and worked for the club during the trophy year doing a service for the club.” So, contact an event chair (see the list on the back page of any issue of *Finish Lines*) and volunteer. You’ll get to give something back to the sport of dogs and you’ll gain a lot in friendship and fun.



## Help Wanted – YANKEE All-Breed Agility in Boston December 8–11

Here’s a Golden opportunity for a front-row seat  
— and a light bit of healthy exercise!

Free admission to the dog show for the day!

Job opportunities are available in the following areas:

- ✓ **Jump master** – as a member of the **ring crew**, you’ll reset the jump bars if they’re knocked down or when the jump heights change. You’ll have a chair *in* the ring. Best seat in the house to watch the action!
- ✓ **Tunnel tucker** – straightening the collapsed chute. Think deep knee bends for this job, but still a front row seat for all the action! Only the judge and the dog will have a better view of things!
- ✓ **Runner** – delivering the scribe sheets to the scorer’s table or taking the leash from the start line to the finish line. This is a good way to get your exercise and still have a great view of the action!
- ✓ **Timer** – watching the electronic timing to make sure it starts, and reporting the time to the scribes. Not much exercise on this job, but you’ll be right in the thick of things!
- ✓ **Gate steward** – requires a combination of drill sergeant, baby sitter, and shepherd to get the handlers lined up and ready to go. For those you have been in hunt tests, it’s the same as “Number 1 on the line, Number 2 in the blind, Number 3 get ready,” except agility moves a *lot* faster!

Agility isn’t a job — it’s an adventure!

If you want to help with these Golden opportunities, please contact Mike Lappin

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2005 Calendar of Events						
Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>November</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Hudson Valley GRC, AG, Montgomery NY Burlington OTC, O, Williston VT	<b>6</b> Hudson GRC, AG, Montgomery NY Burlington OTC, O, Williston VT
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> American Bullmastiff Assn, AG, Amherst NH OTC of Rhode Island, O, West Warwick RI	<b>13</b> American Bullmastiff Assn, AG, Amherst NH Nathan Hale Obedience Club, O, Rockville CT <b>Yankee GRC</b> Eye & SAS Clinics
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Chenango Valley KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY	<b>18</b> Del-Otse-Nango KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY	<b>19</b> Central NY KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY Charles River DTC, O, Franklin MA	<b>20</b> Susque-Nango KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY Charles River DTC, O, Franklin MA
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Talcott Mountain Agility Club, AG, W.Springfield MA South Windsor KC, AB/O, Springfield MA	<b>26</b> Berkshire Belgian Tervuren Club, AG, W.Springfield MA Windham County KC, AB/O, Springfield MA	<b>27</b> Leap Agility Club of Central MA, AG, W.Springfield MA Springfield KC, AB/O, Springfield MA
<b>28</b> Leap Agility Club AG, W. Springfield MA Holyoke KC, AB/O, Springfield MA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
<b>December</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Worcester County KC, AB, Worcester MA	<b>4</b> Worcester County KC, AB, Worcester MA
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>YANKEE GRC</b> agility trials, Boston MA Middlesex County KC, AB, Boston MA Concord DTC, O, Boston MA	<b>9</b> <b>YANKEE GRC</b> agility trials, Boston MA Ladies Dog Club, AB/O, Boston MA	<b>10</b> <b>YANKEE GRC</b> agility trials, Boston MA Eastern Dog Club, AB, Boston MA	<b>11</b> <b>YANKEE GRC</b> agility trials, Boston MA Eastern Dog Club, AB, Boston MA

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R — Rally Obedience  
GRC — Golden Retriever Club

TX — Tracking Excellent  
VST — Variable Surface Tracking  
KC — Kennel Club

HT — Hunting Retriever Test  
FT — Field Trial  
OTC — Obedience Training Club

## JANUARY 2006 Calendar of Events

Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> KC of Niagara Falls, AB/O/R, Hamburg, NY	<b>13</b> KC of Niagara Falls, AB/O/R, Hamburg, NY	<b>14</b> KC of Buffalo, AB/O/R, Hamburg, NY Syracuse OTC, AG, East Syracuse, NY Greater Lowell KC, AB, Fitchburg, MA	<b>15</b> Ashtabula KC, AB/O/R, Hamburg, NY Syracuse OTC, AG, East Syracuse, NY Merrimack Valley KC, AB, Fitchburg, MA
<b>16</b> Merrimack Valley KC, AB, Fitchburg, MA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Schenectady DTC, O/R, Schenectady, NY	<b>22</b> Schenectady DTC, O/R, Schenectady, NY
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>YANKEE GRC Annual Meeting &amp; Awards Dinner</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

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"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

## YGRNews: The YANKEE E-mail List

**D**id you know that **YANKEE** has an e-mail list on Yahoo Groups? It's called **YGRNews**. It's announcements only — not a discussion list — so it won't fill up your mailbox with a lot of chatter. It's meant for news and announcements of interest to members of **YGRC**, such as upcoming events. **YGRNews** is for current **YANKEE** members only and is *not* listed in the Yahoo Groups directory.

You can subscribe via the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ygrnews>. Using the Web interface, you can also choose how you want to get list mail. For example, you specify an e-mail address where you want mail messages sent, or you can read the messages online via Web. Just click *Edit Membership* and make your choices.

Carolyn Zagami, the **YGRC** membership chair, is the list administrator. If you have an announcement you want posted — for example, if you're an event chair and you need volunteers — send it to Carolyn at [ygrcmembershp@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembershp@aol.com).

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