

Finish Lines



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Report of the President

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Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**.

This year, as we started last year, we are providing written copies of the committee reports. Unfortunately, as last year, the President doesn't get to just hand in a written report. So you will have to bear with me while I briefly try to sum up our year.

Let me start by first thanking Donna Morgan, Melanie Porter, and their helpers for once again arranging our spectacular dinner & meeting. Donna and Melanie, thank you very much for the great job.

2005 was another successful year for **YANKEE**, because you were *great!* It is you, the members that make **YGRC** one of the best breed specialty clubs in the country. So give yourselves a round of applause and a pat on the back. Now let's get to work, because we can't rest on our laurels and a new year has already started.

I said I would be brief, so let me just say we did *everything* last year. The results of these *everything's* have been reported in the newsletter and on our Web site, www.yankeegr.org.

Our newsletter editors Roseann Mandell and Geoff Stern continue to improve our *Finish Lines* every issue. Remember Geoff's rule — "A new title isn't official, no matter what AKC or any other organization says, until the brag is published in *Finish Lines*."

Karen Frink and Mark Bramhall keep the **YANKEE** Web site current and are working to add more features. If you have any ideas, articles, tips, hints, brags, photos let them know.

In 2005 we did agility, spring and fall conformation and obedience matches, our independent specialty show with obedience and rally, spring and fall WC/WCX tests, hunting retriever test, spring and fall eye clinics, fall heart clinic, tracking seminars, TD, TDX, and VST tests, puppy kindergarten, and bi-monthly program meetings.

Guess what? We are going to do all that again in 2006 and we're going to do more! In April we will be hosting our first Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA).

And last, but not least, I must confirm that in a moment of madness the Board of Directors voted to offer to host the *Golden Retriever Club of America* (GRCA) 2008 National Specialty. A bid has been submitted to GRCA and we are waiting to see if it will be accepted. While waiting to hear from GRCA, we are not sitting still. Karen Frink has agreed to chair the National, individual event chairs have volunteered, and the planning has already started.

This is a huge undertaking. **YANKEE** hosted the GRCA National in 1999, so we have some experience and we know what we are getting into. Many **YGRC** members attended the 2005 GRCA National in Gettysburg. The *Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club* did a superb job. **YANKEE's** task is to equal Potomac Valley's performance and hopefully go them one better.

So roll up your sleeves and let's get to work. Don't wait to be asked to help, **volunteer now!** And don't forget that just because we are doing the National in 2008 doesn't mean that we can slack off on our regular events in the meantime. Thank you all!

— Jim Downar
YGRC President

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YANKEE GRC Membership

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

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

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

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

Non-members can subscribe to the **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 Breeder 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, **YGRC** membership chair:

ygrcmembership@aol.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Voted in at the January meeting:

Robin Babin. Sponsors: Karen Hollander. Karen Frink. Interests: obedience, agility, tracking

New Applicants:

Bob Howard. Sponsors: Alison & Ray Desmarais. Interests: bench, obedience, field trials, hunt tests, agility, tracking

Sherry Wyskiel. Past member, wishes to renew. *Needs sponsors*. Interests: obedience, breeding, agility, tracking, rescue

Mary C. Bourgeois. Sponsors: Jan Bramhall, Marsha Wilcox. Interests: agility, obedience

Julie B. Shea. Sponsors: Nancy Satwicz, Sherry Washburn. Interests: bench, obedience, agility

FINISH LINES Publication Schedule

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

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



MINUTE BY MINUTE

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Board of Directors met in Acton MA on January 3, 2006. Business and committee reports are summarized below.

Correspondence: Received e-mail regarding the audit of another Golden club due to the amount of income derived from non-members. To discuss with our accountant.

Advertising: Long Island GRC and Hudson Valley GRC specialties need ads.

Agility: The Boston shows were a huge success.

Bench: The Spring Match will be chaired by Niles Stuntz.

Breeder referral: Seven litters listed.

Clinics: The Fall Eye and Heart Clinics were a success. Need to start working on a date for the Spring Eye Clinic.

Concessions: Will continue to sell remaining merchandise.

Field: Met with Southern Berkshire GRC to line up sites for the field trial for the GRCA 2008 National.

Membership: Renewals proceeding. Reminder will be published in the newsletter.

Puppy Kindergarten: Next sessions start on January 5 and March 2.

Rescue: Auction is March 26, 2006.

Specialty '06: Need to check on status of the application with AKC.

Specialty '07: Even chair is needed

Trophy: Trophies being prepared for the Annual Meeting. The board voted to award the Sandy Sonntag Memorial Trophy to Joy Viola and the President's Service Award to Karen Frink.. Match trophies will be available by silent auction at the Annual Meeting.

Web site: Looking great!

Other business:

- GRCA National 2008: We have submitted a bid to GRCA to host the 2008 National at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick RI.
- CCA: We will hold our first Confirmation Certificate Assessment in Amherst NH in April.

Next meeting: Tuesday February 7, 2006



President's Report, continued

Sandy Sonntag Memorial Trophy

The **Sandy Sonntag Memorial Trophy** is awarded to a member of the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** who has performed exemplary service to the Golden Retriever breed and/or their community. This accomplishment could have been an outstanding one-time act or cumulative months of service. Each year club members are invited to nominate members who they feel have given of themselves for the breed. The board then reviews the nominees and makes the final decision.

This year's recipient of the Sandy Sonntag Memorial Trophy is someone who has dedicated herself to Golden Retrievers. She's someone many of us have worked with and all of us admire completely: Joy Viola.

Joy is currently the Director of Development & Planned Giving for the Golden Retriever Foundation and serves as a financial development consultant for GRCA National Rescue Committee, and previously was one of the financial wizards in the success of Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue. For more than a decade Joy has been successfully raising capital to benefit our wonderful breed.

A little background about Joy and her work with Golden rescue. You know that Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue is one of the most successful breed rescue groups in the country. It's grown from a small band of dedicated volunteers, scrambling for resources, into a well-funded organization with a permanent home. That happened in 1996 when, after the conclusion of a successful capital campaign directed by volunteer Joy Viola (with her husband, Alfred), YGRR was able to purchase Riverview, in Hudson MA. Joy (and Al) not only directed the campaign, but were also donors to it. In 1998 a new capital campaign was begun to expand the existing kennel facilities. Through Joy's efforts as the volunteer capital campaign director YGRR raised more than \$1.6 million. Thanks to Joy's determination and dedication, and the generous support of YGRR's many friends and members, the Rescue Goldens now occupy a state-of-the-art facility while they await permanent new homes.

Joy has continued her work on behalf of Goldens as Director of Development and Planned Giving for the Golden Retriever Foundation. Some of you may have seen the GRF's wonderful video, "In Support of a Golden Cause," which was nominated this year for an award by the Dog Writer's Association of America. Joy oversaw production of this video, wrote the script and gathered the photos.

Joy works tirelessly for the benefit of Golden Retrievers. Her efforts benefit the breed we love, and Joy is an inspiration to all of us to match her dedication. On behalf of **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**, it is a pleasure to recognize and present the Sandy Sonntag Memorial Trophy to Joy Viola.

— James B. Downar, Jr.
YGRC President



James B. Downar, Jr., President, **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** presenting the **Sandy Sonntag Memorial Trophy** to Joy Viola.

President's Service Award

Occasionally, as vice president, I have the privilege to help Jim out. Tonight I have this opportunity by announcing the **President's Service Award**.

Each year all members of **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** are invited to vote for an individual they feel has displayed a devotion to the club aiding the President through their service to the club. There were many very worthy members nominated, and we wish we could acknowledge all of them because without our dedicated club members working so hard, our events would never happen. That being said, it is my pleasure to tell you about this year's recipient of the President's Service Award...

When I think of this person, I immediately think of a team player. She learned the lesson of kindergarten well. She always plays well with others, never whining. This individual gives her all in everything she does, always willing to help, working so easily with everyone. She is a vital member of the agility team, organizing and handling all the paperwork for two agility trials each year, which totals 6 days of competition generating piles of paperwork, and reports. She has been the agility trial secretary for more years than I can remember. Because of her devotion and organizational skills to the agility team **YANKEE** can boast that it runs by far the *best* agility trials in the east! Agility competitors strive to be competing in our trials.

This person has also worked so very hard on the club Web site. She is constantly working to keep the site updated so that members and the general public have the necessary information about our beloved breed and events. Her goal is to keep the information current so all who wish to play, can. The Web site is a current relevant form of communication which helps to keep all **YANKEE** members part of the team, thanks to her.

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Annual Committee Reports for 2005

Agility (Karen Frink)

Not willing to reinvent the wheel for this report, I went back to last year's report to see what I'd written. I thought for a brief moment about changing the dates in that report and being done with it, but that would've been cheating. I figured I might get away with it, since most of the same people do the same help year after year. That made me think back to the first agility trial **YANKEE** did in September 1997. I think there were maybe five club members who actually had a dog entered in the trial, but *many* other members came out to help and to see what all the fuss was over this relatively new sport. This seems to be typical of the **YGRC** membership — always willing to help out — just like a Golden.



YANKEE held six agility trials this year, two days in July, and the four days at the Bay Colony Cluster in Boston in December.

The July trial was held indoors at the Sports Zone in Derry NH again this year. It's great to have an indoor air-conditioned venue in the heat of the summer. The owners of the Sports Zone were so impressed with the club as well as the agility competitors in general, that we've been invited back to hold the trial again this year. **For 2006**, the Derry trial dates are July 8 & 9; the judges will be Monica Land and Jean MacKenzie.

The December trials in Boston is New England's grand finale of the agility season and they were a huge success. We even managed to have the requisite snowstorm on Friday — not quite the blizzard of 2003, but nonetheless exciting and challenging for the commute home. **For 2006**, the Boston trial dates are December 7–10; the judges will be Barbara Diaz (Thu & Fri) and Edie Allyn (Sat & Sun).

All the successes that **YGRC** has with the agility program are due solely to the hard work and effort by many club members. We had pretty much the same crew for all six trials. We all know what our jobs are, so our agility committee meetings last about a minute or so: "Are we all doing what we did last time? OK, good. Meeting adjourned."

I want to thank Stacey Allard for chairing all the trials; Mike Lappin and Laurie Tinti for organizing the workers each day; Denise Ryan for all her work in ordering, organizing, storing, and giving out ribbons and prizes; Fran Lappin, aka "Raffle Queen" for the workers raffles and the fabulous lunches, coffee, and lemonade; Ray Desmarais for playing multiple roles as emergency coordinator and grounds keeper for the July shows and course building at all the trials; Jim Downar for putting up with a ranting trial secretary (me) and

for course-building; Roseann Mandell for being Mike and Laurie's right-hand person at both sets of trials — finding the people who had signed up to work and sort of forgot — plus all the people that helped out in the rings each day of the trial: Alison Desmarais, Carolyn Fuhrer, Christa Bellows, Dagmar Guthke, Donna Cutler, Donna Kelliher, Donna Morgan, Fran Masters, Geoff Stern, Gerylyn Bielakiewicz, Holly Stevenson, Jeff Hullstrung, Joanne Whelan, Joe Whelan, Joyce DiBona, Judith Erlanger, Karen Hocker, Karen Hollander, Kathy Duhnoski, Kim Watson, Lise Merrifield, Lynn Dowall, Maggie Lukiewicz, Marcia Peirce, Nancy Bishop, Pat McKinney, Paula Orcutt, Rita DiSalvio, and Sue Usher.

Breeder Referral (Barbara Lukis)

Statistics for breeder referral: 31 breeders and 44 litters went through breeder referral last year.

Clinics (Jan Bramhall)

Each year, **YANKEE** runs health clinics — eyes and heart — in the spring and fall.

This year, the eye clinics were at Concord Animal Hospital with Dr. Donovan:

- Spring clinic: 32 exams
- Fall clinic: 55 exams

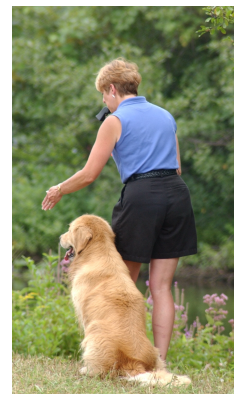
Thanks to **YGRC** members Arlee Recktenwald, Deirdre Doyle, Carol White, and Ann Houston for taking charge of things.

The fall heart clinic was at Shepard Veterinary Clinic with Drs. Mark Stamoulis and Paul Kaplan. We did 142 exams. Thanks to **YGRC** members Denise Page-Eugene and Donna Cutler for helping.

For 2006, check the club calendar for dates and other information on the clinics.

Field (Judith Erlanger)

The **YANKEE** field committee's year begins in January and February with preparations for the **annual classes**, which were well attended in 2005. We had 9 dogs enrolled in Fundamentals, 12 in the JH/WC class, and 16 in the WCX/JH class. Our instructors were Carol White, Bunny Millikin, and Sally Bridges, and we have a new class coordinator, Judith Erlanger. The breeds represented in our classes: were Golden Retrievers, Flat Coated Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels, and Chesapeake Bay Retrievers.



We started our move into the 21st century by using e-mail for all correspondence with class participants. **For 2006**, we plan to put the field class enrollment forms on-line, and use postcard notification for club members and interested friends with other retriever breeds.

Special thanks go to Andrea Fisher, out-going class coordinator, for her many years of service to the field contingent.

The **clean-up day at West Thompson** drew 12 retriever people representing **YGRC**, *North East Flat Coat Retriever Club*, *Colonial Field Trial Retriever Club*, *Yankee Waterfowlers*, *Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston*, *Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club*, and *Shoreline Retriever Club*. We built an enclosure for a new porta-potty which will be in Alice's Field. The point of having retriever people attend the clean-up event was to put a face – or faces – on the “dog people” who use the property. **YANKEE** members in attendance were Mary Sharkey, Claudia Norton and her husband and daughter, Rhonda Jarman, Theresa Strelau, and Judith Erlanger. We want to get more people down to the event next year, since dozens of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts were there who probably don't use the property as much as we dog people do. Maybe we'll have to offer a merit badge for field people!

YGRC held its **Spring WC/WCX** and Singles/Puppy Stakes on May 7 at West Thompson, and despite horrendous weather, the tests were well attended. The judges and workers were real troupers for enduring the harsh conditions. Andrea Fisher and Charlie DeMarco did a wonderful job as co-chairs. Dawn Terrill and Karen Scotti set up very fair WC/WCX tests, as did judges Dick Kennedy and Judith Erlanger who judged the Singles stake, and Dick Kennedy and Patti Sullivan (who stepped in last minute) to judge the Puppy Stake.

Special thanks to all those who worked at the various stakes, and the gunners who made shooting the birds look easy — it is not!: *Gunners*: Alex Cook, Ralph Halvorsen, and Nick Staszko; *bird boys*, marshals, stewards: Nancy Ford, Pat and Randy McKinney, Kate Horgan-Burke, Jonathan and Linda Rausch, Roseann Mandell, Diane & Steve Brunelle, Marcia Pierce, Jill Moffett, Rhonda Jarman, Charlie Lanagan, and Patti Sullivan; *secretary and equipment*: Barb Sawtelle, Bill Caron, and Carol White; *hospitality*: Sheri & Bill Caron.

This year's **hunt test** was chaired by Patti Sullivan, Carol White and Donna Morgan. Barb Sawtelle was the secretary for the event, handling the paperwork and the visit from the AKC rep flawlessly. Ken Lukis managed the responsibility of gun captain beautifully. Rhonda Jarman and Charlie DeMarco moved equipment, and Sheri & Bill Caron did an absolutely incredible job in hospitality. 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. Huge thanks to our very capable marshals, Pat Scribner, Karen Scotti, who worked as marshals and everywhere else they were needed at Master for two days; Denise Ryan who skillfully ran the Senior stake, and Jill Moffet and Charlie Lanagan who handled the Junior stakes.

In addition to our marshals, we want to thank the dedicated folks who served as stewards, poppers, bird boys, blind planters, and all-around help. Thank you to Roseann

Mandell, Glen Simonson, Susan Foster, Margaret Stubbs, Jill Jordan-Maclean, Dagmar Guthke, Denise Page-Eugene, Diane & Steve Brunelle, Jeannine Vieten, Pat Carlson, Marsha Wilcox, Andrea Fisher, Marge Trowbridge, Claudia Norton, Jo Ann Reynolds, Jerry Heber, Bernadette Bove, Gerry Bailey. Many of you were kind enough to do double duty and work extra hard and longer hours because we were short-handed. **YGRC** was also very lucky to have Dr. Mike Lappin who closes his practice for the weekend and comes to be our vet on the premises the days of the tests. The AKC rep was very impressed that we had our own on-site vet. Thank you, Mike, we owe you!

The **Fall WC/WCX** tests, chaired by Karen Scotti and Bill Caron, were held on a glorious October day at the West Thompson Dam — the clear skies and brisk fall air was perfect. Our judges, Arline Buchanan and Ken Kogut, planned well designed tests and were a pleasure to have with us. Our judges for the puppy stakes, Diana Cooper and George Smilas, and everyone else were 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, 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, **YGRC** has the very best volunteers to make all our events fun and successful. But it's apparent that many of the same people volunteer to work at **YANKEE**'s field events, giving both their time and experience to help perpetuate the retrieving instinct in our breed. We're always looking for help for field events, so please consider coming out to help in 2006. Without the help from our members and friends, we can't offer the events we all love to do with our dogs. See you out in the field!

Tracking (Ray Desmarais)

YANKEE tracking held four events in 2005. In the spring we held a two-day TDX seminar on one weekend followed by a one-day beginner seminar the following weekend. Both seminars filled with dog and handler teams along with a number of observers. Thanks to Kathy Goodman and Amy Deutsch for putting the seminars together and handling the hospitality. A special thanks to Robin Prouty for the use of her property for both seminars.



In August, we held our third **VST test** on the campus of the University of New Hampshire. The test filled with all Golden Retrievers. Although no dogs passed, it was a joy to see that many Golden Retrievers working at tracking's highest level of competition. Thanks for such a successful event go to: Henry Rines, test chair; Roseann Mandell, test secretary, Alison & Ray Desmarais, hospitality; Amy Deutsch, chief tracklayer;

and tracklayers Ellen Brinker, Bob Cuzner, Miles Garrod, Pat Lindquist, and Sara Pisani.

In September, our **TD/TDX** test was a big hit as usual with all TDs passing and our own Marsha Wilcox passing the TDX with Luke. Thanks to: Bob Bass, test chair, Sue Sommer, test secretary, Jan Bramhall, chief tracklayer, Pat & Hartley Scribner, hospitality, and Robin & David Babin, Cindy Besaw, Bobbie Crissey, Susan Crum, Lee Daudelin, Roo Grubis, Grace LaRocque, Deborah Reichert, Julia Slatkiewicz, and Marilyn Tromer.

For 2006, we're looking forward to our **Beginner TD seminar** on April 29 at Robin Prouty's farm, our **VST test** on August 12, and **TD/TDX** test on September 17. We welcome anyone with an interest to join us or just come to an event and enjoy what talented Goldens can do with their noses.

Membership (Carolyn Zagami)

As of December 31, 2005, **YGRC** has 238 member households, including 13 lifetime members, We have 10 pending membership applications.

- 32 applicants (12 from 2004)
- 22 voted into membership
- 26 subscribers
- 296 total mailing list

A note on **sponsorship**: Applicants are required to obtain the endorsement of two **YANKEE** member sponsors in good standing. Sponsorship is more than just a formality. It's a way to ensure that the purposes and interests of **YGRC** are upheld, as well as a way to welcome new participants. If you agree to sponsor applicants for membership in **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**, please encourage them to complete their meeting and work requirements within one year. New members are a valuable asset to our club.

We've set up an **e-mail list** — to make it easier to spread the word about upcoming events, to recruit helpers, and share other event news. You can manage your subscription online. There are several subscription options (individual messages, digests, Web-only) to choose from, so please do make sure you subscribe. We'll be using this e-mail list more and more to communicate with the membership.

Programs (Marsha Wilcox)

Again this year, **YANKEE** ran several informational programs in conjunction with the bi-monthly membership meetings.

We were privileged to have Rachel Page Elliott join us in March for an exceptionally insightful presentation on breed type and structure. Thanks to Donna Cutler and Jan Bramhall for helping make that possible.

In May, **YGRC** members Kathy & Don Berube and friends joined us to share more about their Goldens in Search and Rescue.

At the annual ice cream social at NARA Park in July, Jim Downer and Karen Frink were kind enough to do an agility "try-it," and Roseann Mandell coordinated AKC Canine Good Citizen testing — all of the dogs entered passed!

In September, animal behaviorist Casey Sugarman discussed training problems, and in November, Linda Saraco demonstrated holistic grooming and massage.

For 2006, we're planning another slate of interesting programs — suggestions are always most welcome. In March, Rachele Porter will do an introduction to Golden grooming. We plan to have rally obedience — along with CGC testing — at the July ice cream social. Check the club calendar in *Finish Lines* or on the **YANKEE** Web site for updates on program meetings, and look for reminder postcards in the mail.

AKC Public Education

The position for AKC Public Education coordinator has been vacant for this year. If anyone is interested in what the position involves, please contact the Board of Directors. The AKC provides a great deal of material that can be used in many different ways to help educate children and adults. We'd love to have a club member spreading the word about Golden Retrievers, the sport of dogs, and responsible dog ownership.

Concessions (Donna Morgan)

We have been working to sell off **YGRC** merchandise we have from past events and shows. The sale of the merchandise helps defray the cost of holding our many events. Currently, we have left fewer than: 50 green polo shirts, 25 green sweatshirts, and 15 green jackets. All of these have the **YGRC** logo. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of this merchandise, please contact Donna Morgan.

For 2006, we are looking at new items to offer the membership. Once these items are selected will notify members via the *Finish Line* newsletter, and you will be able to purchase the items via the club Web site.

Puppy Classes (Donna Cutler)

2005 was another successful year for **YANKEE** Puppy Kindergarten. Classes are still held at Riverview (Yankee Rescue's headquarters) in Hudson MA, with Jan Bramhall teaching, and Donna Cutler and Carolyn Zagami helping out.

This year, 92 puppies went through PK, and 31 went through Post Grad, for a total of 123 eager students and their two-legged companions. People came from as far as New Hampshire and all the way up from Rhode Island. There were a couple of families that were brave enough to have two puppies at once. One family was so determined to train their pup, "Annie," they actually went through PK and three sessions of Post Grad. This year, the most popular name for a girl pup was "Abby" and the most popular name for a boy was "Brady" (gee I wonder why).

For 2006, we started classes on January 5 and are hoping for another successful year.

Finish Lines newsletter

(Geoff Stern & Roseann Mandell)

We published six issues of *Finish Lines* in 2005, using a new schedule which Jim Downar worked out to better synchronize the newsletter with major events. Timing is still a problem: event chairs have to get information to us sooner (before event) and faster (after the event).

We're getting better with graphics, but we'd still like to have more, so please, *please* if you attend a **YANKEE** event, take some pictures! For that matter, take notes and you can be a staff reporter!

Kudos to Carolyn Zagami for dealing with printing and mailing. We'd really like to have more subscribers opt for e-mail delivery, to save some printing and postage costs, so let us know if you're willing to get the newsletter as a .PDF file. As part of the ongoing update of the club Web site, Karen Frink has been posting .PDF versions of past issues of the newsletter.

Peter Hewitt submitted some columns on tracking, and we'd be very glad to have other members writing about Golden retrievers in action. Keep those brags coming!

Finance (Pat Lindquist)

Net loss for the calendar year \$4,595.

Legislative watch (Judith Erlanger)

YANKEE has become more involved in preserving our rights as dog owners, breeders and in performance events. We have a **YGRC** member on the board of directors of the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs (MassFed) and Responsible Dog Owners. We had two **YGRC** members, Patti Sullivan and Judith Erlanger, attend MassFed's first lobby day in April. at the State House.

In June, MassFed successfully fought a breeder licensing bill in Massachusetts with help from **YANKEE** members who contacted their legislators — and one member who testified at the bill hearing. **YGRC** also took a position at the federal level in opposition to the PAWS legislation proposed by Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA). The bill is still pending.

In the spring, MassFed filed a bill to require quarantining the thousands of stray and feral dogs being imported into Massachusetts shelters. In April, MassFed's efforts resulted in the emergency orders issued by the MA Department of Agriculture requiring a 48 hour quarantine of dogs imported into the state, and the August orders regarding the Hurricane Katrina dogs. The hearing on this bill was held in December, with MassFed members present to testify in support. Judith Erlanger testified on the new tick-borne diseases that have proliferated in Massachusetts, which were brought here by the dogs imported from the southern U.S. and offshore islands.

The members of Mass Fed's Board of Directors would like to thank the members of **YGRC** for their support in contacting their legislators and for the financial donation that helped pay for MassFed's Lobby Day.

2008 GRCA National (Karen Frink)

By now most of you know that **YANKEE** has been asked to host the 2008 Golden Retriever Club of American national specialty show. After some discussion, the board of directors decided that **YGRC** would submit a proposal to GRCA to host the 2008 national — and to offer *all* of the optional events in addition to the required one. So, pending formal approval from GRCA, we'll be offering the following slew of activities:

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| ❖ Agility | ❖ CCA |
| ❖ Conformation | ❖ Field trial |
| ❖ Hunt test | ❖ Obedience |
| ❖ Parade of titleholders | ❖ Rally |
| ❖ Rescue parade | ❖ Sweeps |
| ❖ Tracking TD/TDX/VST | ❖ WC/WCX |

The host hotel will be the Crowne Plaza in Warwick RI, site of the 1999 GRCA national which **YANKEE** hosted. The field events will be held at West Thompson CT. Special thanks go to *Southern Berkshire GRC* for agreeing to assist with the field trial; we hope to enlist some more collaborators.

In a moment of weakness (or foolishness) I agreed to be the General Chair for the 2008 national. Happily, several others have already volunteered to help out — and we'll need many more hands. There are plenty of jobs to do! If you would like to help out, it's not too soon to volunteer — please let me know. Hosting the national will be a large undertaking for the **YGRC**; we'll need as everyone to pitch in. I know that we're all going to have a grand time!

Web site

Karen Frink is now the Web master, with considerable technical assistance from Mark Bramhall. We're continuing to add pages to the **YANKEE** Web site, including the calendar of events, breeder referral information, match and show results, premium lists, past issues of the newsletter, and announcements. Eventually we'll have an online store for **YGRC** logo merchandise and other features.

The Web committee welcomes suggestions — and help! Please bookmark the site and check it frequently: www.yankeegrca.org

YGRC Memories (Ann Houston)

Ann Houston has been diligently working on organizing **YANKEE** photos into memory books, and she brought a wonderful assortment to the annual meeting. What fun to see our old friends in their younger years, and to have a chance to see some dogs we'd only heard about!

GRCA Delegate Report

NOTE: The entire GRCA Board of Directors can be reached via e-mail at 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 05-121. Appointing Diane Makinney as GRCA Legislative Liaison to the American Kennel Club.

RESOLUTION 05-122. Appointing Melissa Dunas to the position of Information Officer – Eastern Region.

RESOLUTION 05-123. Appointing Sue Nation as the Educational Curriculum Coordinator for the Public Education Committee.

RESOLUTION 06-01. The Board of Directors was saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Marilu Semans, a Life Member of GRCA and a valued friend. The Board of Directors send their condolences to the family of Mrs. Marilu Semans and authorize a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Golden Retriever Foundation in her memory to honor her and memorialize her many contributions to GRCA and to the breed.

RESOLUTION 06-02. A puppy singles competition will be offered at the 2006 National Specialty.



RESOLUTION 06-04. Links from the GRCA website will be approved by the Board of Directors and be relative to only the health and welfare of the Golden Retriever. GRCA will not link to commercial enterprises and the sales of goods and merchandise outside of the GRCA store is not permitted on the GRCA website.

RESOLUTION 06-06. Amending Section I. General Guidelines for All Committees to include the following: H. A committee chair represents GRCA and as such, should only use the committee title when writing on official GRCA business. Using the title for personal opinions or on personal websites is not appropriate.

Hot Topics

HEALTH INFORMATION. The Proceedings of the CHF Biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference 2005 are now available online at www.akcchf.org/pdfs/

— Ann Houston
YGRC Delegate to the GRCA

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



President's Service Award, *continued from page 3*

In addition to being **YANKEE's** perpetual agility trial secretary and a major contributor to our Web site, she has now volunteered to take on the largest project our club will undertake in 2008. She has volunteered — yes volunteered — to chair the 2008 GRCA National! She is in the process of setting up a fabulous team of volunteers to make sure our 2008 National will run like clockwork, with everyone enjoying themselves as we share in the hard work.

Anyone who has seen this person in the ring competing, knows just how in tune she is with her dogs. Whether it is with Logan or Felon in the obedience ring, agility ring, and even in the breed ring, they are working as a team, having fun. Her good sportsmanship and love of team work with her dogs, helps to promote the sport of dog competition.

And finally, what better teammate could Jim ask for? Their togetherness at events, supporting one another, loving one another and their dogs is the ultimate in team work. It's the closest kind of help a president could get.



YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB is so very proud to present the President's Service Award to Karen Frink.

— Donna Morgan
YGRC Vice-President



In the YANKEE Mail Box: Help save the Golden Retriever

The American Kennel Club was founded on September 17, 1884 by twelve dedicated sportsmen. The founders represented dog clubs that had recently held either a field trial or benched dog show. Their goal was to use field trial events as a performance standard by which to test one dog against another. Hunt tests were developed in 1985 to offer hunters during the off hunt season the opportunity to evaluate their dogs in a hunting scenario. AKC hunt tests have proven to be an excellent means to introduce new handlers to the challenge of retriever competition in a hope that they would advance into field trials. AKC field trials have evolved technically, and so must the Golden Retriever. Highly competitive field trials are the highest measure to evaluate a retriever's abilities and performance.

The advancement and promotion of Golden Retrievers in field trials must be given higher priority to keep the Golden Retriever from field trial extinction. The Golden Retriever is a sporting breed and retrieving is it's purpose. A Golden Retriever with an FC or AFC has reached the highest level of accomplishment with these honorable titles. The advancement and promotion of the Golden Retriever's natural abilities in Field Trials should be the absolute goal following health concerns.

The Golden Retriever Club of America code of ethics maintains that the Golden Retriever is a gun dog and that all must be done to advance, promote and perfect the inherent abilities of this breed.

The AKC official standard of the Golden Retriever implies that the Golden Retriever is primarily a hunting dog and departure from the breed's purpose is a serious fault.

The Golden Retriever Club of America bylaws recognizes that the Golden Retriever is a gun dog and that members should promote and advance the perfection of those qualities. It is to this end that the GRCA bylaws have made field trials at the annual GRCA National a mandatory event requirement.

AKC-licensed retriever field trials are the major leagues for working retrievers.

The very first winner of the United States National Open Retriever Championship was a Golden Retriever named NFC *King Midas of Woodend* in 1941. The last Golden Retriever to win the National Open Retriever

Championship was NFC *Ready Always of Marian Hill* in 1951. From 1957 to 2005 only one Golden Retriever has won the United States National Amateur Retriever Championship, NAFC/FC/AFC *Topbrass Cotton* in 1985. Currently in the northeast the Golden Retriever is represented at Field Trials with only 5% of total entries. The accomplished field trial Golden Retriever breeding stock is dangerously small. Only a handful of truly dedicated Golden Retriever handlers and breeders are trying to hold back this breed's extinction from field trials. The Golden Retriever does not have to face this demise. Steps can be taken now to reverse this trend.

Improve the Golden Retriever by requiring that every Conformation Champion meet a field standard by acquiring a minimum of either Senior Hunter or a Judge's Award of Merit in qualifying. Failure to comply excludes that dog from obtaining official show champion title. Golden Retrievers that can not meet this minimum would be discouraged from breeding. This would help reduce the number of Golden Retrievers with little or no retrieving drive and desire. This type of measure has been incorporated in the United Kingdom to preserve the true Golden Retriever spirit.

Improve the Golden Retriever by putting social, political, and financial pressure on the AKC and GRCA to ensure conformation judges to advance only Golden Retrievers that do not have physical features that interfere with the breed's purpose, better retrieving.

Golden Retrievers with oversized skulls and excessive bone are clumsy and slow. These dogs take on the gracefulness of a Saint Bernard when working on a retrieve. When working in high cover or a long water swim, these dogs demonstrate no finesse, style and stamina due to muscle fatigue on account of their thick bone frame. Their coats are so long and thick, similar to a Collie, it impedes faster motion.

If effective changes do not stop the destructive path the Golden Retriever is on, then it might be time to separate the AKC breed. Any Golden Retriever that is a proven field retriever should be called "Golden Retriever." Any dog bred for the new alternate standard should be referred to as simply a "Golden".

— Nicholas Staszko

Memories of Gold

Wedgwood Daybreak True Liberty



7/19/2004 – 11/18/2005

“Libby — Libster— Little One— Libby Pooh”

Taken from us much too soon, but
forever in our hearts.

— Joan Puglia & Susan Foster



Synergold Beau Geste Quand'ry CD JH WCX CGC



“Chance”

10/8/1986 – 11/5/2005

Nineteen years! For 19 years Chance gave me her love and devotion—heart and soul—and in turn I gave her mine. She never did anything wrong. She taught me all I know about training, brought me to new friends and new places, and produced beautiful, healthy, good puppies, always with a smile and 10,000 wags.

Nineteen years! What a huge part of my life we shared! My kids didn't stay with me that long! She will be in our hearts forever, and lives on in her Beau Geste progeny and their descendants. Her great-great-grandpuppies were born in February.

Nineteen years! Thank you, Susan and Ed, for such a wonderful friend and companion.

— Jan & Mark Bramhall
Beau Geste Golden Retrievers



Woody Fitzgerald



We lost our Golden boy, Woody, in November due to a brain tumor at the age of 12. He was such a loving gentle soul that it is very difficult to not have him with us. The only salvation is that we spent every possible minute we could with him. We miss him more than words can ever say. He was such a joy and pleasure and privilege to share our life with.

— Donna & Art Fitzgerald



Ali's Signore Max SH WC

“Max”

December 11, 1997 – January 30, 2006

Recipient of the **YGRC** Senior Hunter Trophy,
January 2000

“The fastest dog we ever knew”

Loved and cared for and greatly missed
by Ralph C. Patuto & Jeanette Miller



Memories of Gold

Majavin's Snow Goose CD CGC



Photo by Donna Cutler

"Molly"

Luke's mom. That's how I met you. You were "retired" at almost 8, after raising five litters of pups. You moved in with us and we became your fourth family. We joined you for the last leg of your journey.

There was something special about you, something intuitive, a gentle spirit. I noticed it the very first time I met you.

You didn't trust anyone very much when you came to Massachusetts; not humans, not canines. It was a great privilege to watch you blossom. You were full of surprises... and you had a sense of humor!

They said you'd never retrieve anything ... and you ran a WC. You began to learn to track. You traveled well and came with us to tracking and hunt tests. Eventually, you trained with us at every outing.

Your son and I both learned a great deal from you.

You had my heart from the first time we met. You kept me company every night in your spot on the bed just under the window. The couch, usually forbidden territory, became your favorite place to rest.

You gallantly faced challenges to your health and bounced back to full strength more times than was your due. The last one, however, was a formidable foe. The brain tumor robbed you of your strength, and ultimately your breath, days before your 12th birthday.

You will live on in my heart and in your son, Luke. We both miss you, dear friend, and are grateful for the privilege of walking with you for part of your journey.

— Marsha Wilcox



JUST ONE SMILE

Skye is a rescued Golden Retriever. Scared and undernourished, he lived his first six months isolated in a Plexiglas box. A loving home and obedience training bolstered his confidence, but it wasn't until he was discovered by a special-needs classroom that he came into his own as a therapy dog.

Every Monday afternoon, Skye arrives to the children eagerly awaiting their visit



with him. Some want to pat him, some want to kiss him, and occasionally there is a child who just wants to look. The interaction between child and dog is a joy to behold. When Skye brings a smile to a child's face, that smile goes right to the heart.

If you and your therapy dog would like to visit an intensive special needs classroom, contact your local superintendent of schools or department of education

— submitted by Mikki C.

YANKEE's First GRCA Certificate of Confirmation Assessment Saturday, April 15, in Amherst NH

YANKEE is offering its first Golden Retriever Club of America **Certificate of Confirmation Assessment** on Saturday, April 15, starting at 9:00 AM at American K9 Country in Amherst NH. (Directions at www.americank9country.com.)

The CCA takes some time — more than a breed show exam! — so we're limiting it to 30 dogs (with 5 alternates).

American K9 Country is a lovely facility, so there'll be plenty of room for spectators.

Evaluators: Jonathan Chase, Christine Pollender, Berna Hart Welch

Entry form — and more information on the CCA — see www.grca.org/CCA

Cost: \$50. Send entries to: Karen Frink. **Event chair:** Jill Moffett

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 **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.

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 **YANKEE** 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 **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***

Sandy Dunn, MA

Tangleloft Absolutely Crangold X Tangleloft Salute to Old Glory

Charlene Devens, MA

11/21, 1 female

Am Can CH Yukon's Road House X Crangold Yukon She's All That

Theresa Strelau, MA

Due January 29

Scotchbonnet Salsa X Pebwin Center of Attention

Diane McDonough, MA

Whelped 1/10, 4 Females, 5 males

☆☆☆ Finish Lines ☆☆☆

Bench

Wins and new Versatility Certificate: Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets RN MX AXJ WC VC (Pat Lindquist). WD/BW, 4 pts, *Manatee KC*, 1/12, judge Carl Anderson; WD/BOW, 1 pt, *Glens Falls KC*, judge Jon Cole.

Nautilus Back To The Future (Kathy Doyle-Winslow & Julie MacKinnon). WD 1point, *Mohawk Valley KC 2/3/06*, judge Christina Hubbell.

LIGRC Specialty wins:

Beau Geste Aurora Bory Alice (Jan Bramhall). 1st, 9-12 puppy bitch sweeps; 3rd, 9-12 puppy bitch regular class; on 2/10. 1st, 9-12 puppy bitch sweeps; 2nd, 9-12 puppy bitch regular class, on 2/11.

Beau Geste O Rory Borealis (J. Bramhall). 1st, 9-12 puppy dog sweeps; 2nd, 9-12 puppy dog regular class, on 2/10. 1st, 9-12 puppy dog sweeps; 3rd, 9-12 puppy dog regular class on 2/11.

CH LazyDaze Shop 'Til You Drop (K. Doyle-Winslow & D. Winslow). BOB on 2/11/06, judge Bonnie Threlfall. Way To Go TJ! Other wins: BOS *Mohawk Valley KC 2/3*, judge Christina Hubbell; BOS *Glenn Falls KC 2/4*, judge Jon Cole; BOS *Saratoga NY KC 2/5*, judge Harry O'Donoghue.

LazyDaze Wild Goose Chase (K. Doyle-Winslow & D. Winslow). 1st Place Bred By Dog 2/11, judge Bonnie Threlfall.

LazyDaze On Side Kick (K. Doyle-Winslow & D. Winslow). 2nd place 12-15 Sweeps 2/10, judge Teri Poetker and 2/11, judge Beth Gerevics; 2nd place 12-18, 2/10, judge Marilyn Spacht; 3rd Place 12-18, 2/11, judge Bonnie Threlfall.

Beau Geste Around the Connor (Carolyn Zagami & Jan Bramhall) 1st Place 9-12 Puppy Dogs 2/10, judge Teri Poetker; 2nd Place 9-12 Sweeps 2/10, judge Marilyn Spacht; 4th Place 9-12 Puppy Dogs 2/, judge Bonnie Threlfall; 3rd Place 9-12 Sweeps 2/11, judge Beth Gerevics.

Obedience

Seamist Sandcastle CD (Joni Clancy). "Hannah took 2nd place in Novice B in Boston, with 190.5 on 12/, judge Robert Harris, and even better, 196½ on 12/9, judge Robert Squires. Both days we had to go first in the ring without any warmup because of our breed ring conflict, and she still pulled off these wonderful scores! She's GREAAAAAAT!"

Agility

Specialty Placements: Pine Run's Photo Finish JH AX MXJ CGC WC (Karen Hocker). At the 2005 *GRCA National*, Nikon won 1st place EX B 24" JWW, 7th MXJ leg, 9/25 and 1st place EX B 24" Standard, 5th MX leg, 9/26.

New Novice Agility Preferred and Novice Agility Preferred Jumper: UCDX/SHR Shawnfield Kaper's DreamKeeper CDX JH RE NAP NJP WCX Can. CD (Marcia Peirce).

andrew finished her titles at **YANKEE's** Boston trials with a 2nd and a 3rd and *four* 1st places.

New Agility Dog Excellent: Lazydaze Jump for Joy CD AX AXJ NA NAP (Fran Lappin/K. Doyle). Joy is handled by Mike Lappin.

New Master Agility Excellent: Pine Run's Photo Finish JH MX MXJ CGC WC (K. Hocker). Nikon finished his MX at Springfield on 2/2. He also earned his fifth double Q plus two additional Qs in Excellent B 24" standard.

Agility legs: UCDX SHR Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel CDX RE JH NAP NJP WCX Can. CDX (M. Peirce). Tess earned her first Open Preferred Jumpers leg with a 2nd place and her first Open Preferred Standard leg with a 1st place at **YANKEE's** Boston trial.

Field

Real Gold Wraith Hi-Ki Diva (N. Staszko). Qualifying 2nd place, *Colonial Retriever Club* field trial, 10/2. Diva also won 4th in Amateur at the *GRCA National*, 9/28.

HighLand Kiowa Shooting Star (N. Staszko). Amateur 2nd place, *Colonial Retriever Club* field trial, 10/2.

Nick sent along this photo of mother and daughter in red:



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.

Membership Reminder! 2006 membership dues are overdue!

Any renewal mailed **after February 1** must include a **\$10 late fee**. The **deadline for renewal is April 1, 2006**. After this date, memberships are considered lapsed and terminated. If your membership is allowed to lapse, you will be required to fulfill the club membership requirements (including attendance or help at two events, and sponsorship by two members in good standing) before you can be reinstated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the **YANKEE GRC** membership chair, Carolyn Zagami, ygre-membershp@aol.com.

Mark your calendars!			
Upcoming 2006 YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Events			
March 2	YGRC Puppy Kindergarten classes start	Hudson MA	Donna Cutler
March 19	YGRC Spring Match	Collinswood K9, Auburn MA	Niles Stuntz
March 25	YGRC Field classes start	TBD	Judith Erlanger
March 26	Yankee Rescue benefit auction	Hudson MA	Carolyn Zagami
March 28	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program: Rochelle Porter on Grooming	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
April 15	West Thompson Dam clean-up day	W. Thompson CT	Judith Erlanger
April 15	YGRC CCA	American K9 Country, Amherst NH	Jill Moffett Karen Frink
April 29	YGRC TD Tracking Seminar	Hardwick MA	Kathy Goodman
May 13	YGRC WC/WCX Test	W. Thompson CT	Donna Morgan Denise Page-Eugene
May	YGRC Eye Clinic	TBD	TBD
May 23	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
June 2	YGRC Specialty show, obedience trial, & rally trial	Wrentham MA	Melanie Porter Pat Scribner
July 8-9	YGRC All-Breed Agility Trials	Derry NH	Karen Frink Stacey Allard
July 18	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Aug 12	YGRC VST Test	Durham NH	Henry Rines Roseann Mandell
Aug 19 - 20	YGRC Hunting Retriever Test	W. Thompson CT	Judith Erlanger Patti Sullivan
Sept 17	YGRC TD/TDX Test	Gardner MA	Ray Desmarais
Sept 26	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Sept 30	YGRC WC/WCX Test	W. Thompson CT	Rhonda Jarman Claudia Norton
October	YGRC Fall Match	TBD	TBD
Nov	YGRC Eye & Heart Clinics	TBD	TBD
Nov 14	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Dec 7-10	YGRC All-Breed Agility Trials (at the Bay Colony Cluster)	Boston MA	Karen Frink Stacey Allard

More information about **YANKEE** events is on line at www.yankee-grc.org

Help Wanted for the Spring Match: Your chance to help with a YANKEE event!

Match chair Niles Stuntz is eagerly seeking helpers for the Spring Match on March 19 in Auburn MA: Specifically she needs a Chief Steward, two Entry Takers, a Ring Prize coordinator, a Raffle coordinator, and a Lunch Steward. If you can help, contact Niles. The spring match should be a lot of fun, and you'll be glad to have been part of it!

Black = corresponding, not checked.

MARCH / APRIL 2006 Calendar of Events						
Mon	T	W	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March				10	11 Am. Bullmastiff Assn, AG, Amherst NH	12 Am. Bullmastiff Assn, AG, Amherst NH Saw Mill River KC, AB, White Plains NY Shrewsbury DTC, O, South Lancaster MA
13	14	15	16	17	18 Charles River DTC, O, East Freetown MA	19
20	21	22	23	24 Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club, AG, Loch Sheldrake NY	25 Hudson Valley Golden Ret. Club, AG/S/O, Loch Sheldrake NY	26
27	28	29	30 Onondaga Kennel Assn, AB/O/R, AG, Syracuse NY	31 Onondaga Kennel Assn, AG, Syracuse NY Finger Lakes KC, AB/O/R, Syracuse NY	1 Onondaga Kennel Assn, AG, Syracuse NY North Country KC, AB/O/R, Syracuse NY New England DTC, O, Amherst NH	2 Onondaga Kennel Assn, AB/AG/O/R, Syracuse NY Central NY KC AB/O/R, Syracuse NY
April				7 Trap Falls KC, AB, W.Springfield MA	8 Brookhaven KC, AG, Yaphank NY Troy KC, AB, W.Springfield MA Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester, O/R, Henrietta NY	9 Long Island GRC, AG, Yaphank NY Great Barrington KC, AB, W.Springfield MA Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester, O/R, Henrietta NY
10	11	12	13	14 Quinnipiac Poodle Club, AG, Goshen CT	15 Northwestern CT DC, AG, Goshen CT Burlington OTC, AG, Williston VT Potomac Valley GRC, S/O/R, West Friendship, MD Providence Co. KC, AB/O, Warwick RI Casco Bay DTC, O, Bath ME	16 Northwestern CT DC, AG, Goshen CT Burlington OTC, AG, Williston VT Casco Bay DTC, O, Bath ME Rhode Island KC, AB, Warwick RI
17 Rhode Island KC, AB, Warwick RI	18	19	20	21 Springfield KC, AB/O/R, West Springfield MA Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, AG, East Amherst NY	22 Pioneer Valley KC, AB/O/R, West Springfield MA Suffolk Obed Training Club, AG, Yaphank NY Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, AG, East Amherst NY Hudson Highlands Hunting Retriever Assn NAHRA Field Test, Montgomery NY Labrador Retr. Club of Greater Boston, HT, Harrisville RI	23 South Windsor KC, AB/O, West Springfield MA Suffolk Obed Training Club, AG, Yaphank NY Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, AG, East Amherst NY Hudson Highlands Hunting Retriever Assn. NAHRA Field Test, Montgomery, NY Labrador Retr. Club of Greater Boston, HT, Harrisville RI
24	25	26	27	28	29 South County KC, AB, Warwick RI Scottish Terrier Club of NE, AG, Wrentham MA Mid-Hudson Kennel Assn, AG, Kingston NY YANKEE GRC TD Seminar	30 South County KC, AB, Warwick RI Scottish Terrier Club of NE, AG, Wrentham MA Mid-Hudson Kennel Assn, AG, Kingston NY Tracking Club of VT, TX, Danby VT

AB — All Breed Show AG — Agility Trial TR — Tracking TX — Tracking Excellent HT — Hunting Test
 S — Specialty Show O — Obedience Trial R — Rally Obedience VST — Variable Surface Tracking FT — Field Trial

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