

# Finish Lines



## Yankee Golden Retriever Club

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## YGRC BOSTON AGILITY REPORT

For the 7th year in a row, Yankee held four agility trials in Boston as part of the Bay Colony Cluster on December 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th. This year the AKC increased the number of runs per judge by 30 runs so we had a total of 330 runs per day.

As usual, the trial ran like a smooth oiled machine, mostly thanks to the hard working members of Yankee. Those helping to make this trial a huge success: Stacey Allard, Trial Chair; Mike Lappin, Laurie Tinti, and Rosann Mandell — worker coordination team; Ray Desmarais, Henry Rines, Jim Downar, and Pat Lindquist formed the basis for an extraordinary course building team; Fran Lappin helped by coordinating the workers raffles everyday plus provided much needed snacks for us; Denise Ryan took care of all our ribbon needs — ordering them and handing them out.

Other club members who filled in as ring crew, timers, scribes and just about anything else we asked them do were: Alison Desmarais, Carolyn Fuhrer, Christa Bellows, Dagmar Guthke, Donna Cutler, Donna Kelliher, Donna Morgan, Fran Lappin, Fran Masters, Geoff Stern, Gerilyn Bielakiewicz, Holly Stevenson, Jeff Hullstrung, Joanne Whelan, Joe Whelan, Joyce DiBona, Judith Erlanger, Karen Frink, 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.

The judges for this year were Christie McNamara and Kathie Leggett. Both created some nice, fun, and challenging courses. We awarded a MACH2 this year plus many new titles. Yankee members achieved many qualify-

ing scores and had some amazing runs. Way to go! The list of Golden Retriever qualifiers starts on page 7.

Of course it wouldn't be Boston without a snow storm! It wasn't exactly the blizzard from two years ago but it was interesting! We were afraid that it might cancel the *On Course Kids* agility fundraiser scheduled for Friday night but that was not the case. Many teams arrived, despite the weather; one team took over 7 hours to get to Boston from Keene, NH! It always amazes me that agility folks manage to get to the trial regardless of the weather. Are we all just a little bit nuts or what?

Karen Frink  
YGRC Agility Trial Secretary

## ANNUAL MEETING

The **YANKEE GRC** Annual Awards Dinner and meeting will be Saturday, January 28, 2006, at Café Escadrille in Burlington MA. The annual meeting is held to review the year's events, elect new officers and board members, celebrate the camaraderie we all share through our dogs, and honor the many accomplishments of club members and dogs. The annual dinner is always a grand time — like most **YGRC** events, it revolves around food! We look forward to seeing *everyone* at the annual dinner.

A special event this year will be the silent auction of the retired **YGRC** match trophies. Don't miss this opportunity to take one of these unique trophies home with you!

## YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB 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 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, **YGRC** membership chair at 508 460-6423 or [ygrcmembership@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembership@aol.com).



## MINUTE BY MINUTE

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Board of Directors met in Acton MA on October 4, 2005. Business and committee reports are summarized below.

**Agility:** Entries open Oct. 6 for the December 2005 agility trial in Boston. It is random draw. Everything is in place with Stacey Allard chairing and Karen Frink as secretary.

**Bench:** The match is scheduled for Oct. 15, 2005 at Collinswood Canine in Auburn MA. The regular breed classes will be judged by Chris Weeks, sweeps judged by Berna Welsh and obedience by Geoff Stern and Mike Lappin.

**Breeder referral:** There are several litters listed with many puppies available.

**Concessions:** In 2006 we will develop a small group to review new products that might be good fund raisers. Any recommendations will be welcomed.

**Field:** The WC/WCX test was held on Oct. 1 at W. Thompson CT. Chairs for the event were Karen Scotti and Bill Caron.

**Puppy Kindergarten:** Next session starts in November.

**Specialty '06:** Need an obedience chair for the specialty. Stewards have been recruited.

**Tracking:** TD/TDX test went off very well.

**Web site:** Evolving in a positive manner.

**Clinics:** The eye and heart clinics are all set for Nov. 13. Notice will go out in the mail.

**Rescue:** YGRR needs people to help at the auction. The board has been approached by YGRR to assist financially with the new senior runs needed at the Hudson facility. 10-05-01 A motion was presented, seconded: RESOLVED: to vote electronically when details are presented on the need for financial assistance to YGRR for the senior runs.

**Old Business:** Discussion about **YANKEE** volunteering to do the National in 2008. An overall chair has volunteered and chairs for conformation have stepped forward. It was felt by members of the board that we are the largest Golden club on the east coast, that if we don't step up to the plate in 2008, we will have to step up in 2011. With two critical positions filled, the board felt we should go forward with discussions with GRCA to host the 2008 National. 10-05-02 A motion was presented, seconded: RESOLVED: to host the 2008 National.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2005

## LAST CHANCE: YANKEE Merchandise Sale

**YANKEE** is having a sale on the remaining items in stock. 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!!

### 2006 FINISH LINES Publication Schedule

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

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



## President's Message

**A**s I sit here pondering what to write for my President's Message, having missed the newsletter deadline yet again, and quaking in fear that Geoff Stern will follow through on his threat to send "his poor, old, Jewish Mother" after me, I realize I could have saved myself a lot of sleepless nights and just copied last year's message and changed a date or two and been done with it.

Last year I wrote "2004 was another *great* year for **YGRC**! It started with one of the best Annual Meeting & Dinner ever. It finished with one of the best, if not the best, Boston four-day

agility trials ever. You can read more about Boston elsewhere in this issue." Well, it was the same for 2005, and I am confident that we will do even better in 2006.

Our new year starts with our Annual Meeting & Dinner on January 28 at the Café Escadrille in Burlington MA. If you have attended the last two years, then you know we are in for another great time. Donna Morgan and Melanie Porter have promised to out do themselves this year, so get your **RSVP in ASAP!** (Note: In case you haven't noticed, we engineers love acronyms.)

While you are sending in your RSVP, **remember to renew your annual membership**, too.

Wishing everyone **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** and **BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

— Jim Downar  
YGRC President



## Welcome New YANKEE Members!

**T**he following people have completed their requirements, and were voted into Membership at the November **YGRC** meeting.

Cynthia Besaw (prior member, subscriber). Interests: Obedience, field, agility, tracking. Sponsors: Ann Houston, Roseann Mandell

Carolyn Fuhrer & Carolyn Duhnoski. Interests: Breeding, Obedience, field, agility, tracking. Sponsors: Jim Downar, Karen Frink

Barbara Faha. Interests: Obedience, agility. Sponsors: Carolyn Zagami, Donna Cutler

Jerome Haber. Sponsors: Judith Erlanger, Dagmar Guthke

Peter Hewitt. Interests: Breeding, conformation, field, agility, tracking. Sponsors: Ray and Alison Desmarais

Shelley Martinez. Interests: Breeding, conformation, obedience. Sponsors: Carol Manthorne, Dagmar Guthke

Donna, Pat & Dave Zanka. Interests: Obedience, agility. Sponsors; Carolyn Zagami, Jan Bramhall

Niles Stuntz. Interests: Breeding, conformation, obedience, field, agility, tracking. Sponsors; Donna Cutler, Jan Bramhall

### New Applicants:

Robin Babin. Sponsors: Karen Hollander, Karen Frink

Ray & Joanie Caruso. Sponsors: Charlene and John Devens

Jack Foehl. Sponsors: Nancy Satwicz, Sherry Washburn

Susan Naylor: Sponsors Nancy Satwicz, Judith Erlanger

Rod Netz: Sponsors Joyce Finley, Donna Cutler



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— Carolyn Zagami  
YGRC Membership Chair



## In the YANKEE Mail Box

Dear Mr. Downar,

On behalf of the Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue board of directors, membership, and past, present, and future rescue Goldens, I extend to you, the **YGRC** Board and Membership our deepest appreciation for the very generous donation made to YGRR. It will be used to provide custom made in and out dog doors for the Senior/Special Needs Center. The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB's** ongoing emotional and financial support of the YGRR program during the past 20 years has helped us to provide direct and preventative Rescue Services to thousands of Golden Retrievers. Thank you all so very much. Sincerely,

— Joan Puglia  
President, YGRR

Dear Donna and members of **YGRC**,

Thank you for having me at the Hunt Test. Everyone was so helpful and made me feel welcomed. I have told everyone I've seen about how great your club is and what a wonderful experience I had.

— Johan McConnell  
Yaphansk NY

To the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**

Dear Friends,

My appreciation runs deep for the contribution you all gave toward establishing the Rachel Page Elliott Education Fund. As you know, I was overwhelmed by the tribute, kept secret for so long by so many before the Gala evening at the National Specialty in Gettysburg. I am impressed by the flexible coverage of this new fund, geared to meet such a wide variety of needs in protecting the welfare of our beloved breed. The confidence expressed by the GRCA Board of Directors and our governing body, the Golden Retriever Foundation, give us a lot to live up to! My endless thanks to everyone! Faithfully yours,

— Pagey Elliot

Jan,

I just wanted to drop you a line and say thanks for organizing such a well-run cardiac clinic. It was wonderful to arrive on time, not have to wait, and to have such pleasant veterinarians and staff. Please pass the kudos on to your club. Regards,

— Martha McCormick

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*Each year, everyone wants to run Boston — because in the world of agility, everyone knows that the four days of trials run by **YANKEE GRC** are superbly well-organized. Judges, exhibitors, spectators, and dogs all love these shows. It's not just the chance to run on sod indoors. It's the speed and efficiency of the course builders, the accuracy and competence of the scorers, the diligence of the ring crews, and the congenial, supportive attitude of everyone involved. The **YANKEE** trials really are the culmination of the year in agility in New England. Here's a sampling of the some letters of thanks. Kudos to the **YGRC** Agility Committee for another superb year!*

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Dear Karen et al,

Thanks for a wonderful experience at the Boston trials this weekend! You all did a great job and I was in heaven being around all of the sweet Goldens and nice people! You must be exhausted! We were tired after only two days. Sincerely,

— Sue Usher & Usher's Ben There Dun That CD NA NAJ!  
Stacey,

*Thank you!* I had a blast! Of course last night I fell asleep in front of the TV at 8 and my son woke me up and told me to go to bed! You all must be exhausted too. Great trial, well run and everyone was a pleasure.

Thanks again for having me and for all the lovely **YGRC** gifts. I had fun opening all the goodies! I think that I will be getting some L.L. Bean outerwear for next years judging! See you soon,

— Christie-Lee McNamara

Hi Stacey

We made it home right at midnight California time. Thanks for having me out. I had a great time. Your club is one of the best I've ever worked with!

— Kathie Leggett, Touch & Go Agility

Hi Karen,

I want to thank you and the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** for another wonderful show in Boston. It was even more organized and smooth running than past years, if that is possible. The Friday snow storm continued the tradition of the

show having at least one stormy day — all beyond the club's control. Some of the prize toys were really cute and took quite a bit of thought to select one. Once again, thank you for holding a great agility trial.

— Madelyn Cirinna

Hi Mike,

I just wanted to compliment you and the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** on another great trial. You folks certainly know how to put on a good one. All the little extras like Q pins etc. also add a nice touch. Your judges were good, too. I really enjoyed the trial! Happy Holidays!

— Lynn Horrigan

Dear Karen ,

As the dust settles from this crazy, wonderful weekend, I want to send you and **YANKEE** a thank you for these wonderful trials. I am deeply touched that several people arranged for Alvin to run his standard course on Sunday, while I was focused on breed and expecting to miss his run. Without my asking or explaining, several people made the changes necessary for Alvin to run last in 24" and got me there in time. That Alvin Q'd was just icing on the cake.

Thank you. I *know* all the headaches that go into holding agility trials. Your club always adds delightful extra touches and makes the trials run like clockwork.

— Elaine Hamill & Alvin

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# GRCA Delegate Report

**NOTE:** You can reach the entire GRCA Board of Directors 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 05-114. Appointing Joanna Bedford of Gray Court SC to the Specialty Advisory Committee.

RESOLUTIONS 05-115/05-116. Approving an honorarium of \$500 each to Dr. Chris Zink and to Dr. Matthew Breen for presenting excellent educational seminars at the 2005 National Specialty.

RESOLUTION 05-117. Limiting the events offered at GRCA's National Specialty to one each of the required events effective with the 2007 National Specialty. Non-required events are also limited to one each. Required events are: conformation, obedience, field trial, WC/WCX, and TD/TDX. Optional events are: sweepstakes, agility, hunt test, VST, rally, and CCA.

RESOLUTION 05-118. Appointing Pat Vanden Heuvel to the independent contractor position of Assistant Editor for the *Golden Retriever News*.

RESOLUTION 05-119. Approving the Mid-Year Meeting of the GRCA Board of Directors in Chicago IL, March 18-19, 2006.

RESOLUTION 05-120. Providing reimbursement for proofreading at the rate of \$500 per issue for the September/ October and November/December issues of the *Golden Retriever News*, and paying these funds directly to the Editor of the *Golden Retriever News* to distribute at her discretion

## Hot Topics:

**OFA DNA DATABASE.** [www.akcchf.org/news/index.cfm](http://www.akcchf.org/news/index.cfm)

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is pleased to announce that the GRCA has signed on as the pilot breed for the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) DNA Repository. The program kicked off at the National Specialty where CHIC collected more than 600 samples. GRCA and OFA been extended the submission of samples without charge. There's a form you can download from the OFA Web site with the simple questionnaire that must be sent with the samples. You will need to provide your dog's AKC registration number. All samples are coded so the identity of the dog is protected.



**TICK DISEASE LYMPHOMA STUDY.** GRCA is participating in a study by North Carolina State University on the relationship between Tick Born Disease and Lymphoma in the Golden Retriever. There are links to this study on the GRCA Web Site. The Veterinary Oncology & Hematology Center in Norwalk CT, a highly regarded state of the art cancer treatment center for dogs, has recently signed on to this study. is. Here is their request:

"We need lymph node aspirates and blood samples from healthy Golden Retrievers of all ages that do not have cancer. These tests would detect the presence of certain infections at no charge to the owner. These tests involve the relatively painless procedures of taking a small blood sample and inserting a small needle into a lymph node and aspirating some cells into a syringe. Again, both of these procedures are non-invasive and well tolerated by the dogs. If you have a Golden Retriever that you want to have participate in this study, contact Allyson Stewart, clinical trials coordinator, at 203 838-6626 or [allyson@oncovet.com](mailto:allyson@oncovet.com)."

**HEALTH SURVEY** ends at the end of January! Don't wait to participate. The Golden Retriever Foundation is sponsoring a second comprehensive health survey on Goldens. Enter your data online at [www.grca.org/HEALTH/GRF-SURVEY/GRF-HealthSurvey2005.html](http://www.grca.org/HEALTH/GRF-SURVEY/GRF-HealthSurvey2005.html). The information from this survey will be used to track current health trends and encourage new research into diseases that affect our beloved Goldens. You can make a positive impact on the future of Golden Retrievers, and it won't cost you a penny! The survey can take 15 minutes up to one hour per dog depending on your internet connection speed and the complexity of the data related to a specific dog. If your dog has died or has suffered from a disease, make sure you have the best medical history possible before you start the survey. Each person may enter up to 5 dogs. There is a printable version which you can look over before you start so you will be sure to have all the necessary information handy.

— Ann Houston

YGRC Delegate to the GRCA

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



## **YANKEE Mailbox**, continued from page 4

Karen,

Thank you once more for a wonderful time. We have such fun at your trial. It is a wonderful way to end our trial and show year. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the antics of the pugs as much as they enjoyed being there. If nothing else, we are able to provide comic relief for the crowd! Again, I apologize for not running in Novice and Open Standard on Sunday morning. I thought I was saving Spike for breed because he was so exhausted Saturday night. Well, I should have woken him up and run him. He was *wild* in breed on Sunday, such a naughty boy. The run would have done him some good. I won't make that mistake next year — if we get in — the agility Gods willing. Have a wonderful holiday!

— Ashley Fischer

Hi Karen;

Hope you've had time to recover from all the work of last weekend. Just wanted to thank you for a fun time; that show really is the best — like a four-day Christmas party! Your club is so good at this; everyone is so efficient and happy and you're so generous with all the ribbons and toys! I think you ought to give seminars to other clubs on how to put on a show! Merry Christmas.

— Laurie Latno & Sydney

Hi, Karen:

I just wanted to let you know that I do think Yankee puts on a great trial — everything runs smoothly and you definitely have the *best* ribbons! We were fortunate enough to earn some this year too. Thank you.

— Betty McAdams

## Detection vs. Discrimination

By Peter Hewitt, Tracking Judge

I have just recently completed a most interesting book by William G. Syrotuck, *Scent and the Scenting Dog*. It discusses various theories and assumptions we have to explain this most mysterious and fascinating subject. Syrotuck brings up two important issues that the dog may encounter while tracking—that of detecting scents and that of discriminating scents. Briefly, detection is the identification of the scent of any human/object. This is the nondiscriminatory style of identification/location of any human being that is used by search and rescue (SAR) personnel to find and locate lost individuals. The main objective in SAR is the immediate location of the victim, not the path that the victim took, as there is a possibility the victim's life is in danger. Time is of the essence, which is why a SAR dog will air scent its way to the victim. This dog has been trained to look for and locate a 'human scent'.

Starting the search downwind will aid the SAR dog in locating the victim. The human body expels 40,000 dead cells a minute through a process of cell regeneration. This 'raft' of dead body cells becomes a unique blueprint for every living being, and along with other elements forms a unique scent package. The longevity of this raft is influenced by moisture or the lack thereof. The cells are microscopic and are subject to being blown 'off track' as the victim wanders along, creating a fanlike path. As time passes, this scent path will dissipate and after a twenty-four hour period it could be nonexistent. However a lost victim characteristically will walk in a circular pattern and will seek a refuge once fatigue sets in. Even stationary the victim will continue to expel rafts and any wind borne particles will provide the search teams a continued supply of human scent for a trained SAR dog to follow. Search teams work off lead with the handler following the dog. When the dog identifies the scent source (the victim) it is usually trained to return to the handler and lead him to the victim. The dog is usually rewarded with a play period with its favorite toy for the find.

This procedure and training revolves around detection of human scent and

following it through to its source. Along the way the dog may find other humans. The dog has done his job by locating a human scent but in this case the dog does not have any discretionary power to determine whether that human scent is that of the victim or not—that is the job of the handler. The dog was not wrong by locating that other human scent. It performed the task it was trained to do: detecting human scent. The technique sometimes employed by SAR teams is division of the search area into quadrants with one search team assigned to each area. This avoids confusion due to other human scent in the area.

Discrimination, on the other hand, is the separation of all extraneous scent to that of a specific one. We all possess a unique scent molecule which in tracking is first deposited at the start flag - this is that unique scent you want your dog to follow. Discrimination is first learned using a virgin field with minimal distractions followed up with praise and reward when the end article is located. Through continued practice with varied conditions this idea of locating that scent at the Start Flag becomes part of the game and the dog learns to remain focused throughout the track until his reward at the end with a play period. This is where the dog learns to ignore cross tracks as well as a multitude of other distractions. In a tracking test the objective of the test is the location and identification of all articles left by the track layer. Because a SAR trained dog will air scent it could very easily miss articles of clothing left along the track by the victim. The tracking dog has to be focused on the initial scent introduced at the start flag. This discriminatory sense is vital to a successful track. It is only achieved through continued practice, correct interpretation of the dog's body language, and a system of reward for the dog each and every time a 'find' is made. These are the motivational factors that will make a dog work for you.

Usually if there has been difficulty with a track at a test, the tracklayer will help the team complete the track. One of most annoying things I find is a

tracklayer who is constantly telling the handler that the dog is off track. This desire to have the dog on track in a Schutzhund footstep style of tracking is oriented to a more technical exercise than a tracking test. While the dog may be tracking 15-20 feet down wind of the track, he is working steadily, paralleling the 'trough' of trampled vegetation indicating the tracklayer's path. Physical evidence of the 'trough' does not necessarily equate to the actual track the dog detects. You have trained your dog

to follow a designated scent. In this case the dog has located scent blown to the downwind side of the track and attached to the vegetation there and the dog is

quite happy to follow it at that location. You will also observe the dog coming back to the "trough" periodically and then returning to where the scent is most plentiful for the dog.

Gary D. Murray introduced "Tracking Through Drive" (TTD). This is a natural way that the wolf hunts in the wild, using a combination of ground and air scenting. This method has proven successful since 1938 with the R.C.M.P. Scenting is a high energy consuming activity, and if the dog must keep its nose literally 'glued' to the ground throughout the track an enormous amount of energy is consumed, whereas a dog that is trained using the TTD technique is more efficient and can track for miles. Tests have been done comparing the effectiveness of TTD vs. foot step tracking (FST) and it is believed that a FST trained dog would not be effective after a 800 yard track. Endurance and the introduction to various scenting scenarios and conditions are key elements to a well trained tracking team. The handler's identification of the dog's reaction to a new situation and patience in permitting the dog to sort out the situation are the building blocks to future success in other situations.

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## Boston Agility Trials: Golden Retriever Qualifiers

*Italics = High scoring Golden in class*

CLASS	JUMP HGT	PLACE	CALL NAME	HANDLER	REGISTERED NAME	SCORE	TIME
<b>Thursday, Dec. 8 — Standard</b>							
<i>EXC A</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Alli</i>	<i>Ingvoldstad</i>	<i>Colabaugh Rose Lake Know It All OA OAJ</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>60.42</i>
<i>EXC A P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Starlet</i>	<i>Hullstrung</i>	<i>CH Edgehill Total Eclipse CDX JH RN OAP OJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>59.35</i>
EXC B	20		Deeva	Bishop	MACH Electralon Deevine Destinee CD	100	55.51
EXC B	20		Molly	Hollander	Miss Molly's Browneyed Girl UD MX MXJ JH	100	62.7
<i>EXC B</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Keyser</i>	<i>Desmarias</i>	<i>CT CH Mirasol's Usual Suspect CDX MX MXJ</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>53.02</i>
EXC B	24	4	Trouper	Lindquist	OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 RA TD SH	100	54.62
EXC B	24		Valen	Erlanger	Splashdown In Valen's Name MH AX AXJ	100	60.82
<i>NOV B</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Caper</i>	<i>Desmarias</i>	<i>CH OTCH Mirasol's Redecorator UDX2 TD JH</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>43.33</i>
<i>NOV P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>Peirce</i>	<i>Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper CDX RE JH</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>60.06</i>
<i>OPEN P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Ike</i>	<i>Duhnoski</i>	<i>Pioneer's Steamy Windows VCD1</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>74.99</i>
<b>Thursday, Dec. 8 — JWW</b>							
<i>EXC B</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nikita</i>	<i>Desmarias</i>	<i>CT CH Mirasol's Femme Fatale CDX MX MXJ</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>32.96</i>
EXC B	20		Becky	McKinney	Sunnyside's Bella Rebecca CD MX AXJ	100	36.77
EXC B	20		Deeva	Bishop	MACH Electralon Deevine Destinee CD	100	36.93
EXC B	20		Piper	Miele	MACH2 Cross Creek Swatch of Pebwin	100	38.54
EXC B	20		Molly	Hollander	Miss Molly's Browneyed Girl UD JH MX MXJ	100	42.81
EXC B	24	2	Corey	Watkins	LorneDoone Encore! Encore! AX AXJ	100	35.8
EXC B	24	3	Keyser	Desmarias	CT CH Mirasol's Usual Suspect CDX MX MXJ	100	37.4
<i>EXC B P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Lindquist</i>	<i>Calliope's Lily of the Field TD JH MX MXJ MXP5 MJP5</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>46.75</i>
NOV P	16	1	Ella	Minard	Ablee Rhythm 'N Blues CDX AX AXJ NAP NJP	100	26.19
NOV P	16	2	Nala	Masters	Masterspeace Nala Berry CDX OA OAJ	100	37.07
NOV P	16	3	anDrew	Peirce	Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper CDX RE JH	95	31.00
<i>NOV P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Flyer</i>	<i>Downar</i>	<i>Eastshore First in Flight CD AX OAJ NAP NJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>24.67</i>
<i>OPEN</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>Dreamer</i>	<i>Ploss</i>	<i>Beau Geste Perchance to Dream CDX RN OA OAJ</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>32.05</i>
<i>OPEN P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Tess</i>	<i>Peirce</i>	<i>Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel JH CDX RE NAP NJP</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>38.39</i>
OPEN P	16	3	Liza	Ryan	Onital's Broadway Lights MH AX AXJ NJP NAP	92	44.74
<b>Friday, Dec. 9 — Standard</b>							
<i>EXC A P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Starlet</i>	<i>Hullstrung</i>	<i>CH Edgehill Total Eclipse CDX RN JH OAP OJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>52.22</i>
EXC B	20		Deeva	Bishop	MACH Electralon Deevine Destinee CD	100	48.77
EXC B	20		Autumn	Tinti	Jaebear Autumn Mist AX AXJ	100	62.3
EXC B	20		Robbie	Tinti	Jaebear Thief in the Night CD AX AXJ NAP NJP	100	63.85
<i>EXC B</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nikon</i>	<i>Hocker</i>	<i>Pine Run's Photo Finish AX AXJ JH</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>40.39</i>
EXC B	24	4	Trouper	Lindquist	OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 RA TD SH	100	52.06
<i>NOVA</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Ben</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Usher's Ben There Dun That CD</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>43.43</i>
<i>NOV B</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Caper</i>	<i>Desmarias</i>	<i>CH OTCH Mirasol's Redecorator UDX2 TD JH</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>48.11</i>
NOV B	20	2	George	Morgan	Amador Curious George CD NA NAJ	85	56.19
NOV P	16	1	Magic	Guthke	Mirasol's Magic Winter Saga CD TD JH	95	70.72
<i>NOV P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Flyer</i>	<i>Downar</i>	<i>Eastshore First in Flight CD AX OAJ NAP NJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>46.29</i>
<i>OPEN</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Una</i>	<i>Watkins</i>	<i>Gaylan's Hole in One JH</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>53.48</i>
OPEN	20	3	Diggy	Fuhrer	North Star's Hot Diggity Dog TDX NA NAJ	88	74.12
<b>Friday, Dec. 9 — JWW</b>							
<i>EXC A P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Starlet</i>	<i>Hullstrung</i>	<i>Ch. Edgehill Total Eclipse CDX RN JH OAP OJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>34.7</i>
EXC B	20	2	Brig	Orcutt	MACH Gaylan's Brigantine TD	100	29.01
EXC B	20	3	Shotsie	Dowall	Sunfire My Little Hotshot MX MXJ	100	29.99
EXC B	20		Allure	Lamphere	Lookout Mystery at Gaylans MX MXJ	100	33.26
EXC B	20		Deeva	Bishop	MACH Electralon Deevine Destinee CD	100	33.43
EXC B	20		Nikita	Desmarias	CT CH Mirasol's Femme Fatale CDX MX MXJ	100	33.72

## Boston Agility Trials: Golden Retriever Qualifiers (cont'd)

CLASS	HGT	PLACE	CALL NAME	HANDLER	REGISTERED NAME	SCORE	TIME
<b>Friday, Dec. 9 — JWW</b>							
EXC B	20		Becky	McKinney	Sunnyside's Bella Rebecca CD MX AXJ	100	35.04
EXC B	20		Busy	Merrifield	Winthrop's Busy Signal UD MX MXJ	100	35.77
<i>EXC B</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nikon</i>	<i>Hocker</i>	<i>Pine Run's Photo Finish JH AX AXJ</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>28.89</i>
EXC B	24	2	Keyser	Desmarias	CT CH Mirasol's Usual Suspect CDX MX MXJ	100	34.29
EXC B	24	3	Trouper	Lindquist	OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 RA TD SH	100	34.93
EXC B P	16	1	Heidi	Lappin	Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX AX AXJ AXP AJP	100	39.18
NOV A	20	2	Quinn	Minard	Lodestar's Northern Current	100	28.73
<i>NOV A</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Ben</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Usher's Ben There Dun That CD</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>22.86</i>
<i>NOV B</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Amador Curious George CD NA NAJ</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>32.75</i>
<i>NOV P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Flyer</i>	<i>Downar</i>	<i>Eastshore First in Flight CD AX OAJ NAP NJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>22.12</i>
NOV P	20	3	Logan	Frink	OTCH Tricon Starchaser UDX2 MX MXJ AXP NJP	100	24.58
<i>OPEN</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Una</i>	<i>Watkins</i>	<i>Gaylan's Hole in One JH</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>31.01</i>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 10 — Standard</b>							
<i>EXC A P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Starlet</i>	<i>Hullstrung</i>	<i>Ch. Edgehill Total Eclipse CDX JH RN OAP OJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>62.02</i>
<i>EXC B</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Brig</i>	<i>Orcutt DVM</i>	<i>MACH Gaylan's Brigantine</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>45.98</i>
EXC B	20		Shotsie	Dowall	Sunfire My Little Hotshot MX MXJ	100	49.05
EXC B	20		Becky	McKinney	Sunnyside's Bella Rebecca CD MX AXJ	100	55.54
EXC B	20		Robbie	Tinti	Jaebear Thief in the Night CD OA AXJ NAP NJP	100	61.00
EXC B	24	1	Keyser	Desmarias	CH CT Mirasol's Usual Suspect CDX MX MXJ	100	54.50
EXC B	24		Trouper	Lindquist	OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 RA TD SH	100	61.30
EXC B	24		Valen	Erlanger	Splashdown In Valen's Name MH AX AXJ	100	66.97
<i>NOV A</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Minard</i>	<i>Lodestar's Northern Current</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>46.87</i>
<i>NOV P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>anDrew</i>	<i>Peirce</i>	<i>Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper CDX RE JH</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>50.94</i>
NOV P	16	2	Ella	Minard	Ablee Rhythm 'N Blues CDX AX AXJ NAP NJP	100	73.18
OPEN	20	1	Cameron	Bourgeois	Autumnwood Belle Fille	90	58.62
<i>OPEN</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Ben</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Usher's Ben There Dun That CD</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>55.69</i>
<i>OPEN P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Tess</i>	<i>Peirce</i>	<i>Shawnfield Touched ByN Angel JH CDX RE NAP NJP</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>73.33</i>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 10 — JWW</b>							
EXC B	20		Cruiser	Minard	MACH Lodestar's Blue Water Cruise	100	36.37
EXC B	20		Deeva	Bishop	MACH Electralon Deevine Destinee CD	100	38.46
EXC B	20		Autumn	Tinti	Jaebear Autumn Mist AX AXJ	100	39.44
<i>EXC B</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nikon</i>	<i>Hocker</i>	<i>Pine Run's Photo Finish AX AXJ JH</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>28.67</i>
EXC B	24	3	Keyser	Desmarias	CH CT Mirasol's Usual Suspect CDX MX MXJ	100	34.46
EXC B	24	4	Astro	Lukiewicz	Gaylan's Lunar Mission CDX MX MXJ	100	35.01
EXC B	24		Amigo	Franco	Drew Woods Amigo Franco MX MXJ	100	35.97
EXC B	24		Trouper	Lindquist	OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 RA TD SH	100	36.57
EXC B	24		Valen	Erlanger	Splashdown In Valen's Name MH AX AXJ	100	39.32
<i>NOV A</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Minard</i>	<i>Lodestar's Northern Current</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>42.16</i>
NOV P	16	1	anDrew	Peirce	Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper CDX RE JH	100	31.14
<i>NOV P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Logan</i>	<i>Frink</i>	<i>OTCH Tricon Starchaser UDX2 MX MXJ AXP NJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>24.83</i>
<i>OPEN</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Una</i>	<i>Watkins</i>	<i>Gaylan's Hole in One JH</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>34.46</i>
OPEN	20	2	Cameron	Bourgeois	Autumnwood Belle Fille	100	39.00
OPEN	20	3	Diva	Stevenson	O'Lugh's Star Struck Diva CDX NA NAJ	95	36.91
OPEN	24	1	Ben	Usher	Usher's Ben There Dun That CD	100	39.26
<i>OPEN P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Harmonie Play It Again Sam CDX NAP NJP</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>46.50</i>



## Boston Agility Trials: Golden Retriever Qualifiers (cont'd)

CLASS	HGT	PLACE	CALL NAME	HANDLER	REGISTERED NAME	SCORE	TIME
<b>Sunday, Dec. 11 — Standard</b>							
EXC B	20	2	Brig	Orcutt	MACH Gaylan's Brigantine	100	43.73
EXC B	20		Cruiser	Minard	MACH Lodestar's Blue Water Cruise	100	53.06
EXC B	20		Autumn	Tinti	Jaebear Autumn Mist AX AXJ	100	56.03
EXC B	20		Brinker	Lindquist	Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets NAP NJP AX AXJ	100	57.21
EXC B	20		Lindy	Mandell	Mirasol's Curious Incident CD TD NAP AX AXJ	100	60.43
EXC B	20		Robbie	Tinti	Jaebear Thief in the Night CD OA AXJ NAP NJP	100	64.83
<i>EXC B</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nikon</i>	<i>Hocker</i>	<i>Pine Run's Photo Finish AX AXJ JH</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>43.21</i>
EXC B	24	2	Corey	Watkins	LorneDoone Encore! Encore! CD OA AXJ	100	45.21
EXC B	24	3	Amigo	Franco	Drew Woods Amigo Franco MX MXJ	100	48.57
EXC B	24		Trouper	Lindquist	OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX2 RA TD SH	100	53.88
<i>EXC B P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Starlet</i>	<i>Hullstrung</i>	<i>CH Edgehill Total Eclipse CDX JH RN OAP OJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>59.10</i>
EXC B P	20	1	Sydney	Lindquist	Calliope's Lily of the Field TD JH MX MXJ MXP5 MJP5	100	62.76
<i>NOV P</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>anDrew</i>	<i>Peirce</i>	<i>Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper CDX RE JH</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>50.43</i>
NOV P	16	2	Ella	Minard	Ablee Rhythm 'N Blues CDX AX AXJ NAP NJP	95	71.02
<i>OPEN</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Bourgeois</i>	<i>Autumnwood Belle Fille</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>57.91</i>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 11 — JWW</b>							
EXC B	20		Breezon	Bishop	Electralon Helava Good Time OA OAJ	100	32.13
<i>EXC B</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nikon</i>	<i>Hocker</i>	<i>Pine Run's Photo Finish AX AXJ JH</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>27.88</i>
EXC B	24	4	Amigo	Franco	Drew Woods Amigo Franco MX MXJ	100	32.36
EXC B	24		Astro	Lukiewicz	Gaylan's Lunar Mission CDX MX MXJ	100	33.88
<i>EXC B P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Lindquist</i>	<i>Calliope's Lily of the Field TD JH MX MXJ MXP5 MJP5</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>41.41</i>
<i>NOV A</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Minard</i>	<i>Lodestar's Northern Current</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>34.27</i>
<i>NOV B</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Dixie</i>	<i>Miele</i>	<i>Cross Creek Ain't Misbehavin</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>35.30</i>
NOV B	20	2	Caper	Desmarias	CH OTCH Mirasol's Redecorator UDX2 TD JH	94	39.97
NOV P	16	1	anDrew	Peirce	Shawnfield Kaper's Dreamkeeper CDX RE JH	100	27.73
NOV P	16	2	Ella	Minard	Ablee Rhythm 'N Blues CDX AX AXJ NAP NJP	100	29.04
<i>NOV P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Flyer</i>	<i>Downar</i>	<i>Eastshore First in Flight CD AX OAJ NAP NJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>26.96</i>
NOV P	20	2	Beamer	Ryan	Aubridge Nrthern Lightwave Ahead SH NAJ	100	30.72
NOV P	20	4	Logan	Frink	OTCH Tricon Starchaser UDX2 MX MXJ AXP NJP	95	26.27
<i>OPEN P</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Harrmonie Play It Again Sam CDX NAP NJP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>41.80</i>

*Italics = High scoring Golden for each class*

### Detection vs. Discrimination, *continued from page 6*

Scent discrimination is unique. There are no two human scents alike. The continued practice of showing the dog what you are looking for—even though we cannot see the scent path and must rely on the dog's nose to find it—is developed by interpretation and observation of the dog's body language and adjusting to it accordingly. Development of this handler skill will be translated into a successful track while dispelling the *dope on a rope*

syndrome. It will improve the pass rate at tracking tests while providing a greater and more informed interest in this most fascinating sport.

A dog's scenting ability has been rated to be some 50 times greater than that of a human's. By managing that most capable canine olfactory system you will reap amazing rewards that you cannot imagine. To put things in perspective, if you were sent to the corner store to purchase a chocolate

bar and you returned with brand X, that is detection. However if you were sent to purchase a Snickers and returned with a Snickers bar, that is discrimination. Each task had a specific motive but with different results, however, the generic resolution was obtaining a chocolate bar. Your tracking training program must suit its specific objectives as well as have an ultimate goal.

# Memories of Gold

## Can OTCH Ramson's Katrina Reva UDX CGC

October 14, 1989 — November 18, 2005

(Ramson Just Cruisin Bruiser X Shawnfield Kiva Cowen)



**YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB's** first UDX dog

Winner of Utility A at the 1993 GRCA National

Winner of North Shore Kennel Club's Obedience Trophy  
three years in a row

*Dog World* Award winner

Treasured teacher and companion

*We finally had to surrender to the ravages of time and  
let her go as she had lived; with dignity and love. Kate,  
always in our hearts.*

— Chris & Norm Sherwood



## Tricon Wishful Thinking Who JH WCX

December 26, 1993 – September 20, 2005

"Wiggee" we all miss you so much! You were the most wonderful Golden in every way. I especially miss your "waggee tail" after a perfect fetch and on your return to me. You will never be forgotten!

— Ann & Peter Houston  
& the Houston Family

## ***The One Best Place to Bury a Good Dog***

If you bury her in this spot, she will  
come to you when you call —  
come to you over the grim, dim frontier  
of death, and down the well-remembered  
path, and to your side again.

And though you call a dozen living  
dogs to heel, they shall not growl at  
her, nor resent her coming,  
for she belongs there.

People may scoff at you, who see  
no lightest blade of grass bent by her  
footfall, who hear no whimper, people  
who may never really have had a dog.  
Smile at them, for you shall know  
something that is hidden from them,  
and which is well worth the knowing.

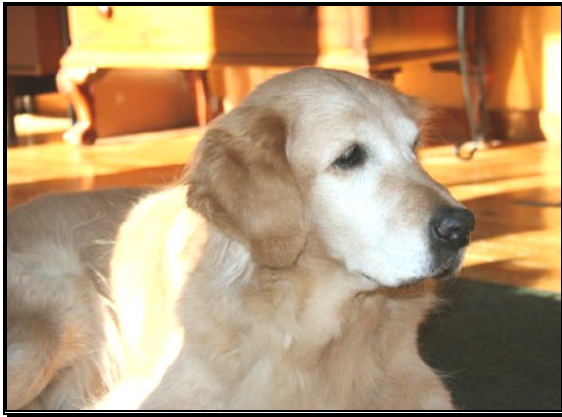
The one best place to bury a good  
dog is in the heart of her master.

— Ben Hur Lampman  
from the *Portland Oregonian*, 1925



# Memories of Gold

**Sugarbush Mirasol Velcro Zoe**  
**UD JH WC VC, Can CD**  
**April 28, 1992 – December 19, 2005**



It is with broken hearts we tell you that yesterday our dear Zoe left us. We made the difficult decision to let her go after her breathing became too labored for her to be comfortable. She had been diagnosed with a lung tumor just last week.

We hadn't been looking for a puppy thirteen and a half years ago, but then we heard that there was a pick puppy available from what would likely be the last litter sired by Zipper. As he was one of our all-time favorite dogs, we decided to go take a look. Of course we came home from Wayne and Judith DeCarli's with the darling puppy we named Zoe who ended up teaching us so much.

It was Zoe who really got us hooked on competition. Smart and willing to please, she was a natural heeler. She wasn't attention trained, but her eyes were always in contact and her feet in lockstep. She showed us what that supernatural level of communication that one develops with a dog through advanced training is all about. She was our first dog to be pointed in the breed ring and also the first to attain the UD title. The day she earned her UD, after the last perfect exercise, she looked up at me proudly and her eyes clearly said, *Damn, we're good!*

Zoe was also our first JH dog. One day at a JH test when Zoe was only one of a couple Golden Retrievers in a sea of Labrador entrants, we made it through the land marks very nicely, despite the friendly ribbing of the Lab people that I should "get a real dog." When we got to the long water mark, the gunner split the flyer in two pieces which fell 30 yards apart. I sent Zoe for the nearest one and after she left the line asked the judges if it would be acceptable for her to return with just one. They said yes. She picked up the first part and I whistled her in. She completely ignored me, swam out to the remaining piece and returned with both. The gallery of Lab people, which had gone quiet waiting to see what she would do, broke into applause. Zoe knew what her job was that day: she was a retriever!

Zoe's house job was to retrieve our slippers for us from the upstairs bedroom. We'd be downstairs and if Ray asked

**UCD SHR Sand Dancer's**  
**Constellation CD JH WC CGC**  
**March 2002 – December 2005**



Orion died while I was away, at the boarding kennel, of bloat. No one saw it coming and he showed no symptoms. He was just 3 years old.

My crazy little red boy — 47 pounds of energy and love of life. He lived every day to the fullest, he taught me that it was all about the game, found ways to have fun, no matter what, and always had a smile on his precious little face. He was soft and silky and beautiful, a great little cuddler at night and just plain fun to be with. A great dog, a one of a kind dog, the one I've wanted all my life. I made all my mistakes on him; and he still managed to overcome and succeed. We had a wonderful year, earning his WC, SHR, JH, CD, and UCD titles. We were well on our way to WCX and his Open title when life just stopped short for us.

Orion, you were my first trained dog. I bought you as a pet and you led me to greater heights, to the world of hunt tests and the obedience ring. I met a lot of wonderful people because of you and you dragged me all over New England to some of God's finest country for hunt tests.

I put my heart and soul into you every day, and you gave it all back to me every day we were together. You are the best... you are the one, my little man. I shall keep you in my heart forever.

— Diane Brunelle

her to bring his slippers, she'd bring the big ones. If Alison asked her, she'd bring the smaller ones. In her elder years, Zoe spent much of her time lounging in a sunny spot hoping to hear the sound of dog dishes being filled. She never lost her appetite, even at the end. And she never lost her desire to accompany us all for our walks in the woods, although we took shorter trips when she joined us.

Those of you who have Zoe kids, grandkids and great-grandkids who have dark melting eyes, sweet dispositions and an endearing willingness to please, well, that all started with Zoe. We're so proud of all of you have done with her descendants and know you will continue to honor the memory of our sweet Zoebug.

—Alison & Ray Desmarais

## YANKEE Breeders' Referral

### Breeders' Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

**YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** offers the Breeders' 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 Breeders' 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** 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 or to extend the listing. The listing fee is \$30 per calendar year or \$5 per older puppy or adult. Litters listed with the Breeders' Referral service are automatically listed in the newsletter. Please note: **YANKEE** 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 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**.*

Sandy Dunn, MA

Tangleloft Absolutely Crangold X Tangleloft Salute to Old Glory

Charlene Devens, MA

Whelped 11/21/05; 6 males and 2 females

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

Mikki Castonguay, MA

3 males available

Tangles Morning Star Day Dream X Mainsail Ward of Honor

Deborah Donnell, RI

1 female available

Ann Houston, MA

Whelped 12/4/05; 6 females, 4 males

Am/Can CH Hunting Lane Starhill X Tricon Willow of the Wynd

Jean Fraser, MA

1 female, 2 males available

Judy Smith, MA

3 month old female available, crate trained

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## Bench

**New CKC Champion:** Can.CH Purbarn's Forcast Is Tranquil, (Jean Deresienska). Jean writes, "English import Quill finished his championship in Blainville QC in October. Handled by Graeme Burdon, he finished in just four shows, taking BOW at the last show. Quill is five and was owned by another breeder the first four years of his life. Most exciting of all, he is now retrieving and hopefully will give his littermate, Jenny, currently working on her SH title, a run for her money."

**New Certificate of Conformation Assessment:** Hareswith Beachcomber JH WCX CCA (J. Deresienska). "English import Charade was awarded his CCA in September by judges Jonathan Chase, Pluis Davern, and Douglas Windsor. It's been a good year!"

### Wins:

Wochica's Haley of Highlight (Patrice Loves & Karin Fisher). Haley won 3rd place, Sweeps 9-12, *GRCA Nat'l*; 1st place, Reg 9-12, *GRCA Nat'l*; Best Puppy, 2005 *GRCA Nat'l*. RWB 11/17 *Penn Treaty KC*; Best Golden Puppy, Puppy Group 4, 11/18 *Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Assoc*; RWB 11/19 *KC of Philadelphia*.

Toryglen A Drop Of Honey CGC (Jackie & Victor Testa, Dianne McDonough) BOS, *Framingham District KC* match, 11/10.

Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets MX AXJ WC (Pat Lindquist). Brinker won WD, BOW, 1 pt, *Queensboro KC*; WD, BW, BOS (over 3 male specials) 1 pt, *Bronx Co. KC*; BW, 2 pts, *Worcester County KC*, 12/04.

Highlight's TeaTime with Belquest (P. Loves & V. Creamer). China was Best of Breed Puppy and got a Puppy Group 4 at *Delaware Water Gap KC* on 12/17.

## Field

**New Senior Hunter:** Aubridge Nthern Lightwave Ahead SH NAP NJP WC (Denise Ryan). Beamer achieved his SH in four straight trials: 2005 *GRCA Nat'l*, *LIGRC* 10/29 & 10/30; *Swamp Dog MD* 11/13.

## Agility

**New Master Agility Jumper:** Pine Run's Photo Finish JH AX MXJ WC (Karen Hocker). Nikon had a grand time at the Boston agility trials. Double Qs with 1st place in both Exc B 24" Std and JWW both Friday and Sunday, 1st in JWW on Saturday, finished his MXJ, earned 156 MACH points, and five HS Golden awards.

**New Novice Agility Preferred Jumper:** Aubridge Nthern Lightwave Ahead SH NAP NJP WC (D. Ryan). Beamer got his 3rd leg and NJP title with a 2nd place at the Boston shows.

**New Master Agility:** Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets MX AXJ WC (P. Lindquist). Brinker earned his final two legs at the *American Bullmastiff Assn.* trials.

**New GRCA Agility Dog Hall of Fame:** Glenbrook's Golden Angel CDX MX MXJ ADHF (Joyce DiBona). Gabriel received a double Q with his third double placement on 11/5 at *Hudson Valley GRC's* "Goldens only" trial, earning 2nd place in both his standard and jumpers classes.

## Obedience

**New UKC Companion Dog:** UCD Drew Woods Scout Kendra CD RE ASCA-CD CGC TDI (Susan Crum). Scout finished her UCD at *Riverside K9* on 11/5. First leg 3/5 at *Riverside*, second leg 6/25 at *Marshland* in York ME, both 1st place in Novice A.

### New Canine Good Citizen:

Tricon Sundancers Gabriel CGC (R. Bass & L. Vorderer). First AKC title for Gabriel and for Lee as handler.

Mirasol's Indigo Fish CGC (R. Mandell & G. Stern).

## Rally

**Advanced Excellent legs:** Misha, Echo, Tess, and anDrew (Marcia Peirce) earned four more RAE rally legs. Two at the Penobscot trials: Echo took two 1sts in Excellent and Advanced on 10/15 with a 100; anDrew took 1st in Exc on 10/16 also with a 100; Misha and Tess also had placings. Then two more legs at the MVKC trials: Echo took 1st in Exc 10/22 and 1st in Exc and Adv 10/23, all 100; Misha took 2nd in Exc and 1st in Adv on 10/22 with 100; Tess tied Misha to place 3rd in Exc 10/22 then on 10/23 took 2nd in Exc with 100 and qualified in Adv with 100; on 10/23 anDrew took 3rd in Exc and Adv with 100.

**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).

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

Jan 5	YGRC Puppy Kindergarten classes start	Hudson MA	Donna Cutler, <a href="mailto:yankeegrchk@aol.com">yankeegrchk@aol.com</a>
Jan 28	YGRC Annual Awards Dinner	Burlington MA	Donna Morgan
March 2	YGRC Puppy Kindergarten classes start	Hudson MA	Donna Cutler, <a href="mailto:yankeegrchk@aol.com">yankeegrchk@aol.com</a>
March 25	YGRC Field classes start	TBD	Judith Erlanger
March 26	Yankee Rescue benefit auction	Hudson MA	Carolyn Zagami, <a href="mailto:ygrcmembershp@aol.com">ygrcmembershp@aol.com</a>
March 28	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
March	YGRC Spring Match	TBD	Niles Stuntz
April 15	West Thompson Dam clean-up day	W. Thompson CT	Judith Erlanger
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.yankeegrchk.org](http://www.yankeegrchk.org)

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

**N**o event just “happens.” Lots of **YANKEE** members work behind the scenes planning, organizing, and making each club event successful and enjoyable for everybody — and for the dogs! When everyone pitches in, each event goes smoothly and we all have a grand time! *We work hard so our dogs can play!*

Here’s a friendly reminder: **YGRC** 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.” There’s lots to do — we’re an active, busy club with a variety of events and activities to choose from.

So, please contact an event chair and volunteer. You’ll get to give something back to the sport of dogs, and you’ll gain a lot in friendship and fun.



## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2006 Calendar of Events

Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>JANUARY</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>FEBRUARY</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> So. Berkshire GRC, AG, West Springfield MA	<b>3</b> So. Berkshire GRC, AG, West Springfield MA Mohawk Valley KC, AB, Saratoga Springs NY	<b>4</b> Amer. Bullmastiff Assn, AG, West Springfield MA Glens Falls KC., AB, Saratoga Springs NY	<b>5</b> Amer. Bullmastiff Assn, AG, West Springfield MA Saratoga NY KC, AB, Saratoga Springs NY
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Long Island GRC S/O, Bayshore NY	<b>11</b> Long Island GRC S/O, Bayshore NY	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Westminster KC, AB, New York NY	<b>14</b> Westminster KC AB, New York NY	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Staten Island Companion DTC, R, Staten Is NY	<b>18</b> Wyoming Valley KC, AB, Buffalo NY Elm City KC, AB/O, Hartford CT Staten Island Companion DTC, O, Staten Is NY	<b>19</b> Olean KC, AB, Clarence NY First Co. Gov. Footguard Athletic Assn, AB/O, Hartford CT Bayshore Companion Dog Club, O/R, Staten Is NY
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Walkill KC, AB/O, Suffern NY	<b>25</b> Rockland Co. KC, AB/O, Suffern NY	<b>26</b> Rockland Co. KC, AB/O, Suffern NY

AB – All-Breed Show    AG – Agility Trial    FT – Field Trial    HT – Hunting Retriever Test    O – Obedience Trial  
 R – Rally Obedience    S – Specialty show    TR – Tracking    TX – Tracking Excellent    VST – Variable Surface Tracking  
 AC – Agility Club    DTC – Dog Training Club    GRC – Golden Retriever Club    KC – Kennel Club    OTC – Obedience Training Club

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