

THE "ART OF VST" TRACKING SEMINAR



**Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20th, 2010
University of New Hampshire Campus - Durham, MA**

Presented by: Yankee Golden Retriever Club
Presenters: Ray & Alison Desmarais

This seminar is designed for tracking enthusiasts who have achieved a TD and/or TDX title, and are working towards a VST. The presenter will approve all participating teams in advance. This seminar will be geared toward helping handlers acquire a better understanding of *the art of reading their dogs*, while tracking on variable surfaces. The 2-day seminar will consist of classroom work with a PowerPoint presentation and several sessions in the field. Each day all 8 teams will work a VST track of approximately 400 - 500 yards incorporating a variety of components.

The seminar will begin around noon on Saturday extending into the late evening hours in order to run the first 8 tracks, and simulate the test conditions of an evening/nighttime scenario. On Sunday morning, the teams will run another track recorded with head cam video, followed by a classroom debriefing of each.

Registration is limited to 8 *qualifying* dog/handler teams in addition to 20 auditors. Yankee members will have registration preference until February 1, 2010, followed by other Golden Retriever teams until February 15, 2010. Only after that date will teams with other breeds be eligible to register.

Qualifications: Due to the complexity of VST, teams will be limited to dogs that already have a TD and/or TDX, and have started some variable surface tracking. Only (1) dog per handler please.

Beverages will be provided during breaks. Dinner will be provided Saturday evening prior to running tracks.

Fees for the 2-day seminar:

\$250 for Club member dog and handler teams and \$300 for non-members

\$150 for Club member auditors and \$200 for non-members

All registrations are final! No fees will be refunded.

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Registration

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| VST Experience? | |

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