

Finish Lines



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President's Message

Wishing everyone *MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, SEASON'S GREETINGS*, and *BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR* even though you won't be reading this until after the New Year has been rung in!

This year has flown by so quickly. I can't believe it is over, even though we just completed our *ninth year* of agility trials as part of the Bay Colony Cluster of dog shows in Boston. Even without a snowstorm —or maybe because there was no snowstorm — this year's trials were among our *best!*

Every year at this time I seem to write "It was another *great year for YGRC!*" but it is true. I am so proud to be part of this club, because we all work together and consistently put on outstanding events. So pat yourselves

on the back and let's get started on another *great year!* There will be no resting on our laurels.

Our new year starts with our **Annual Meeting & Dinner on January 20** at the Café Escadrille in Burlington MA. If you have attended the previous three years, then you know we are in for another great time. Donna Morgan has promised another outstanding dinner and we won't ask how she managed to cancel the wedding so we could have the big room. Get your **RSVP's in ASAP!**

And while you're sending in your RSVP, **don't forget to renew your membership.** We want everyone back for another year!

—Jim Downar
YGRC President

YANKEE Dues are Due

Don't forget to send in your 2007 YGRC membership dues and subscription renewals! A \$10 late fee will apply after Feb. 1, 2007. Renewal forms were mailed out in November, and are available for download on the club Web site — www.ygrc.org. If you didn't receive a renewal form, please contact Carolyn Zagami, membership chair, at ygrcmembershp@aol.com to verify your mailing address.

ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATIONS
MUST be received by JANUARY 10, 2007

The form is on the **YANKEE** web site.

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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, or attend one meeting and work at one event, or work at two events, prior to becoming eligible for a full, voting membership. Club meetings are on the fourth Tuesday or Wednesday of odd-number months, earlier in November, usually at the Acton Congregational Church. Copies of the club constitution and bylaws are available at each meeting.

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

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

Non-members can subscribe to the club

newsletter, *Finish Lines*. Complete the front page of the membership application and send it with the fee of \$25 to the membership chair.

Please note: Article 1 of the **YGRC** bylaws states in part: During the month of November, a dues statement, payable on the first of February of the following year, shall be mailed to each club member. No members may vote who have not paid their dues for the current year. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year, *i.e.*, April 1. A \$10 late fee will be applied to any payments made after February 1. Lapsed memberships are ineligible to vote, or receive trophies, or list wins in *Finish Lines*, or list litters with Breeder Referral, *etc.* To re-join the club, the complete procedure described above must be followed.

If you have any questions about **YGRC** membership, or if you need an application, please contact the membership chair, Carolyn Zagami, ygrcmembersh@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Applicants — be sure to notify the membership chair when you attend meetings or help at club events!

NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN, 11/15/06:

Barbara Doughty & Emily Horton, ME. Sponsors: J. Chase, S. Foster. Breeder, exhibitor. Interests: bench, obedience, breeding, agility. Willing to help at events

Larah Luft, MA. Sponsors: N. Sila, K. Waldron. Exhibitor, pet owner. Interests: bench, obedience, field trials, hunt tests, breeding, agility, rally. Willing to help at events

Leslie Lichtenstein, MA. Sponsors: D. McDonough, M. Castonguay. Interests: Obedience Willing to help at events

Darlene Tucker, MA. Sponsors: S. Dunn, R. Mandell. Breeder, pet owner. Interests: bench, obedience breeding, agility. Willing to help at events and work on committees

Laura Wilburn NH. Sponsors: J. Chase, C. Besaw. Breeder, exhibitor. Interests: bench, obedience, field trials, breeding, agility, tracking. Willing to help at events and work on committees

RE-APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP: Sarah Taylor, MA. Sponsors: D. Cutler, C. Zagami. Interests: Breeding, therapy dog

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.



MINUTE BY MINUTE

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Board of Directors met in Acton MA on November 7, 2006. Business and committee reports are summarized below.

Agilty: Boston trials full; ready to go.

Bench: Fall match was a great success. Have chairs in place for the 2007 spring match and 2008 specialty.

Breeder referral: several litters listed.

Clinics: Heart and eye clinics set for November.

Concessions: Most remaining merchandise sold at the fall events. Need to recruit a concessions committee for the Yankee store and 2008 National.

Field: Committee meeting scheduled for 12/3/06.

Mass Fed: Motion 11/06-001. to donate \$1000 to support Mass Fed passed unanimously.

Newsletter: Next deadline 12/15/06.

Puppy Kindergarten: 15 puppies in current session; next class starts 1/4/07.

Specialty 2007: Application ready to send to AKC.

Tracking: TD/TDX test went well with 5 TD passes and 1 TDX pass.

Trophies: Return trophies to Donna Morgan.

Next meeting: December 5, 2006



YANKEE Announcements

Did you know? All of the forms for **YANKEE** events are now posted on the club Web site — www.yankeegr.org — for downloading and printing.

- Can't find your annual **trophy application** form? It's on the Web site.
- Missing your **annual dinner reservation** form? It's on the Web site.
- Where *is* that **membership renewal** form you set aside? It's on the Web site.

- Want to check something from an earlier issue of *Finish Lines* but can find your copy? It's on the Web site!

Premium lists for future YGRC events will be posted on the Web site as well.

If you don't have a computer at home or work, or don't have Internet access, keep in mind that free high-speed Internet access is available at public libraries throughout Massachusetts. So there you go — you can keep informed, and you can get involved in **YANKEE** events!



In the YANKEE Mailbox

Hi Karen & the rest of the agility committee,

I wanted to let you know that as usual a wonderful trial was put on by **YGRC**! Boston is such a fun venue, but your agility trial really puts it over the top. The crowd loves watching and makes us all remember why we run our dogs in agility — it doesn't matter if there's a mistake in the run — all they see is each of us doing something special with our canine companions. I'm glad I was able to help out in a little way and look forward to being a part of next year's trial!

Send a thank-you, too, to the judges for their fun and challenging courses, Ken Sumrall for the music, and Anna for the commentary — each of those folks played their parts in making this trial special!

Special congratulations to Karen Hocker & Nikon for earning their MACH title at Boston — what a way to end the weekend!

Pat McKinney

A big THANK YOU to the *Yankee Golden Retriever Club* for another great Boston trial! As always it was well run and lots of fun. Also thank you to both judges for great courses that were a joy to run. Especially fun...judge Edie Allyn...like walking a course with Ellen DeGeneres. Dance on ...LOL !

Betty Belliveau

BOOK REVIEW: *Travels with Macy*

Bruce Fogle is a vet in the UK and the prolific author of several dog books. I came across his *Travels with Macy* (www.brucefogle.com/latest_news/travels_with_macy.php) in which he and his Golden Retriever retrace the route John Steinbeck took with his Poodle in *Travels with Charley*. It's a very enjoyable story — a very enviable story, for which of us wouldn't want to meander about the country, sampling the local cuisines, accompanied by a happy-go-lucky Golden?

Fogle and Macy make their trek in a spiffy RV, whereas Steinbeck and Charley had an old truck. Fogle's itinerary is largely the same as Steinbeck's, even to using the state guides from the WPA American Writers' Project as he and Macy wend their way from the Carolinas up through New England, across a bit of eastern Canada (to visit Fogle's family in Toronto), and back down through the heart of the country and into the south where they're joined by Fogle's wife for the last leg of the trip. (The trip antedated Hurricane Katrina.)

Fogle writes well, sometimes very perceptively, although without the spirited humor and self-mockery of, say, Bill Bryson. Maybe because he's a vet, Fogle avoids sentimentalizing Macy, but he strikes me as a less than savvy trainer, a less than prudent owner. He gripes about American and Canadian requirements to keep dogs leashed, but manages to keep losing Macy whom he allows to dash off in pursuit of squirrels in the woods near their campsites while Fogle is showering or making dinner. I'm all in favor of letting dogs be dogs, but that kind of *laissez-faire* approach is asking for trouble, and indeed, at least a couple or three times on their journey, Fogle has to hunt down Macy who has wandered away. If you're going to decry leash laws, your dog has to have a better recall than Macy's.

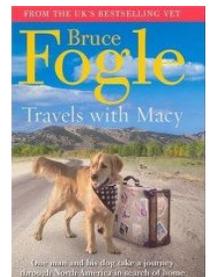
Travelling with a dog, especially a gregariously charming Golden, lets Fogle make the acquaintance of all sorts of people, fellow campers, townsfolk, park rangers. The conversations he recounts have a political undercurrent; many of the people Fogle meets are openly disgusted with President Bush — enough so you wonder how the hell the guy got elected.

While admiring the North American scenery, Fogle gets a bit snobbish. A lunch counter conversation with a hunter in Minnesota leads to a cranky deprecation. "In England," he writes, "the people I know who hunt do so because it's a social custom. Shoots are for the upwardly mobile or those already there [*i.e.*, the well-to-do]. In North America ... hunting and killing are deeply tied into ... feelings of masculinity." In other words, in England, the slaughtering of grouse by the landed aristocracy and other affluent classes is all right; but a flannel-shirted American prole is an animalistic Stanley Kowalski with shotgun.

Despite these faults, *Travels with Macy* is pleasant read, a reminder of just how pleasurable it can be to spend time with your dog, relishing each other's company in two-part harmony with the rhythm of the day — I'd love to do this kind of trip with my dogs, say, Deasil and Bluesette, rattling along the countryside in search of barbecue joints.

Fogle has a sequel coming out in '07, *A Dog Abroad: One Man and His Dog Journey into the Heart of Europe*, wherein he and Macy tromp the continent. I'm looking forward to that one.

— Geoff Stern



YGRC DECEMBER '06 AGILITY TRIALS — GOLDEN RETRIEVER QUALIFIERS

Score	Time	Dog	Handler
Thursday, 12/7 Judge: Barbara Diaz			
Novice B standard 20"			
100	55.63	Drew	Marcia Peirce
89	70.67	Cookie	June Moskovitz
Open standard 20"			
93	68.09	Tess	Marcia Peirce
Excellent B standard 20"			
100	46.58	Allure	Al Lamphere
100	55.06	Athena	Rita DiSalvio
Excellent B standard 24"			
100	50.27	Zap	Donna Benoit
100	54.81	Gabriel	Joyce Dibona
Preferred Novice standard 16"			
95	56.49	Robbie	Laurie Tinti
Preferred Novice standard 20"			
100	47.78	Trouper	Pat Lindquist
Preferred Excellent B Standard 16"			
100	56.1	Starlet	Jeff Hullstrung
Novice B JWW 20"			
100	32.47	Drew	Marcia Peirce
Open JWW 20"			
95	34.08	Socket	Donna Benoit
95	40.55	Tess	Marcia Peirce
Excellent B JWW 20"			
100	26.99	Beamer	Jane Bronson
100	30.78	Joy	Mike Lappin
100	31.19	Morgen	Noreen Sila
100	31.25	Breezon	Nancy Bishop
100	34.33	Nikita	Ray Desmarais
100	34.41	Becky	Pat McKinney
100	34.75	Busy	Lise Merrifield
100	36.53	Rosie	Paul Ingvaldstad
100	38.37	Athena	Rita DiSalvio
Excellent B JWW 24"			
100	28.53	Nikon	Karen Hocker
100	32.75	Keyser	Ray Desmarais
100	35.41	Zap	Donna Benoit
100	36.44	Gabriel	Joyce Dibona
100	38.85	Ben	Susan Usher
100	39.2	Valen	Judith Erlanger
Preferred Novice JWW 16"			
100	33.65	Robbie	Laurie Tinti
Preferred Novice JWW 20"			
100	26.34	Trouper	Pat Lindquist
Preferred Excellent B JWW 16"			
100	32.69	Starlet	Jeff Hullstrung

Score	Time	Dog	Handler
Friday, 12/8 Judge: Barbara Diaz			
Excellent B standard 20"			
100	54.98	Joy	Mike Lappin
100	56.86	Carlee	Nancy Bishop
100	57.43	Athena	Rita DiSalvio
Excellent B standard 24"			
100	52.26	Zap	Donna Benoit
100	55.64	Gabriel	Joyce Dibona
100	60.59	Ben	Susan Usher
Preferred Novice standard 16"			
100	48.75	Robbie	Laurie Tinti
Novice A JWW 24"			
100	27.2	Starlight	Christa Bellows
Novice B JWW 24"			
100	22.14	Eli	Joyce Dibona
Excellent B JWW 20"			
100	29.76	Beamer	Jane Bronson
100	31.93	Morgen	Noreen Sila
100	32.11	Breezon	Nancy Bishop
100	34.44	Nikita	Ray Desmarais

Score	Time	Dog	Handler
JWW Excellent B 24"			
100	31.02	Nikon	Karen Hocker
100	34.9	Keyser	Ray Desmarais
100	37.99	Ben	Susan Usher
100	38.03	Zap	Donna Benoit
100	39.46	Gabriel	Joyce Dibona
100	40.78	Valen	Judith Erlanger
JWW Preferred Novice 16"			
100	27.47	Robbie	Laurie Tinti
100	32.29	Cali	Helen Sherman

Score	Time	Dog	Handler
Saturday, 12/9 Judge: Edie Allyn			
Open Standard 24"			
100	48.08	Eli	Joyce Dibona
Excellent A standard 20"			
100	45.38	Beame	Jane Bronson
Excellent A standard 24"			
100	49.08	Juice	Paula Orcutt
Excellent B standard 20"			
100	44.95	Brig	Paula Orcutt
100	48.56	Morgen	Noreen Sila
100	53.46	Spryte	Helen Sherman
100	53.93	Cricket	Henry Rines
100	54.55	Brinker	Pat Lindquist
100	57.19	Athena	Rita DiSalvio
100	60.97	Carlee	Nancy Bishop
100	62.68	Alli	Paul Ingvaldstad
Excellent B Standard 24"			
100	47.14	Nikon	Karen Hocker
100	51.18	Zap	Donna Benoit
100	55.56	Gabriel	Joyce Dibona
Excellent B standard 26"			
100	54.17	Amigo	Jose Franco
Preferred Novice standard 16"			
95	46.94	Robbie	Laurie Tinti
Preferred Excellent B standard 16"			
100	58.5	Starlet	Jeff Hullstrung
100	68.62	Autumn	Laurie Tinti
Novice B JWW 20"			
100	33.6	Cookie	June Moskovitz
86	50.63	Kindra	Donna Morgan
Open JWW 24"			
100	36.9	Starlight	Christa Bellows
Excellent A JWW 20"			
100	29.44	Divi	Holly Stevenson
Excellent B JWW 20"			
100	24.13	Beamer	Jane Bronson
100	24.94	Annie	Karen Hollander
100	26.21	Brig	Paula Orcutt
100	29.19	Morgen	Noreen Sila
100	29.81	Spryte	Helen Sherman
100	30.04	Shotsie	Lynn Dowall
100	30.73	Nikita	Ray Desmarais
100	35.58	Becky	Pat McKinney
Excellent B JWW 24"			
100	27.03	Nikon	Karen Hocker
100	31.53	Zap	Donna Benoit
Excellent B JWW 26"			
100	35.87	Amigo	Jose Franco
Preferred Novice JWW 16"			
100	27.77	Robbie	Laurie Tinti
100	35.95	Cali	Helen Sherman
Preferred Excellent B JWW 16"			
100	31.96	Starlet	Jeff Hullstrung

YGRC DECEMBER '06 AGILITY TRIALS — GOLDEN RETRIEVER QUALIFIERS

Score	Time	Dog	Handler
Sunday, 12/10			
Judge: Edie Allyn			
Novice B standard 20"			
100	50.83	Drew	Marcia Peirce
Open standard 20"			
98	69.1	Tess	Marcia Peirce
Excellent A standard 20"			
100	45.22	Beamer	Jane Bronson
Excellent B standard 20"			
100	50.52	Nikita	Ray Desmarais
100	53.32	Allure	Al Lamphere
100	55.45	Breezon	Nancy Bishop
100	57.56	Becky	Pat McKinney
100	58.98	Cricket	Henry Rines
Excellent B standard 24"			
100	45.97	Nikon	Karen Hocker
100	48.03	Tango	Pat McKinney
100	53.91	Keyser	Ray Desmarais
Excellent B standard 26"			
100	56.23	Amigo	Jose Franco
Preferred Novice standard 20"			
100	45.82	Trouper	Pat Lindquist
Preferred Excellent standard 16"			
100	58.89	Starlet	Jeff Hullstrung
Novice B JWW 20"			
100	35.94	Drew	Marcia Peirce
95	32.23	Kindra	Donna Morgan
Excellent B JWW 20"			
100	28.44	Annie	Karen Hollander
100	33.94	Spryte	Helen Sherman
100	34.52	Allure	Al Lamphere
100	34.63	Nikita	Ray Desmarais
100	35.23	Breezon	Nancy Bishop
100	35.4	Busy	Lise Merrifield
100	36.27	Becky	Pat McKinney
100	38.92	Cricket	Henry Rines
100	41.11	Athena	Rita DiSalvio
Excellent B JWW 24"			
100	29.31	Nikon	Karen Hocker
100	33.37	Keyser	Ray Desmarais
100	35.06	Zap	Donna Benoit
Excellent B JWW 26"			
100	35.06	Amigo	Jose Franco
Preferred Novice JWW 16"			
100	33.46	Robbie	Laurie Tinti
95	28.4	Cali	Helen Sherman
Preferred Novice JWW 20"			
100	27.01	Trouper	Pat Lindquist
Preferred Excellent B JWW 16"			
100	35.21	Starlet	Jeff Hullstrung
100	38.33	Autumn	Laurie Tinti

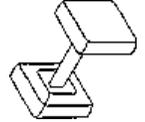
YANKEE Fall '06 Match: Obedience & Rally Results

Obedience

Judge: Dr. Mike Lappin

Novice B (5 Showing)

1. /HIM Colabough Take to Max (Diane Ryan) 196
2. Sunfire Ever Reddy RN (L. Merrifield) 185
3. Wynwood Eli's Coming (J. DiBona) 177



Open A (3 showing)

1. Toryglen A Dream of Flight CD RAE CGC TDI (D. McDonough) 192

Utility (2 showing)

1. MACH Glenbrook Golden Angel (DiBona) 193
2. Winthrops Busy Signal UD MX MXJ (Merrifield) FEO

Graduate Novice (1 showing)

1. Toryglen A Dream of Flight CD RAE CGC TDI (McDonough) 191

Rally

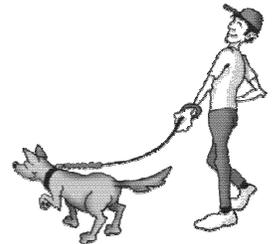
Judge: Dr. Mike Lappin

Rally Novice A (2 showing)

1. Smokestack Lightning (McGlone) 93
2. Morningstar Left Hand Man (McDonald) 80

Rally Novice B (3 showing)

1. Winthrops Busy Signal UD MX MXJ (Merrifield) 100
2. Toryglen Orion My Dream Girl CGC (Waldron/McDonough) 79
3. Thistledown Kiss Me Kate (D. Cutler) 78



Training tip:



“What should the handler do as the dog fails an exercise? If the dog is still in position to perform the exercise, [give him] an immediate verbal second command, which is usually all that is needed to have him complete the exercise. A second command is not training in the ring. It is just an extra command. It will lead to a zero score on some exercises but ... the dog has zeroed anyway. [The second command] insures that the dog successfully completes the exercise and prevents the formation of bad habits... The moment that a dog fails an exercise at an obedience trial, [your] concern is to do whatever [you] can to make the dog perform better at the next trial. As soon as a dog nonqualifies, the trial becomes a practice match. While you cannot correct a dog at a trial, you can call to [your dog], praise [him], and if necessary talk [your dog] through the remaining exercises.”

— Patricia Gail Burnham
Playtraining Your Dog

GRCA Delegate Report

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

06-75. Approving the *GRC of Greater St. Louis* to host the GRCA Spring All-Breed Field Trial on March 23–25, 2007, at the Busch Wildlife Area, Weldon Spring, Missouri.

06-76. Requesting that Linda Shipman organize and staff the GRCA educational booth at the AKC Invitational show, and that she be reimbursed for her expenses.

06-77. Appointing Diane Williams of Mt. Pleasant SC as Eastern Regional Representative of the National Rescue Committee.

Hot Topics

SWEEPSTAKES TASK FORCE. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve. Selected were Kathy Bourland, Karen Brady, Mike Bulter, Walt Faubion, Sandy Rolling, and Margie Sarkin. Julie Caruthers will serve as chair.

GOLDEN RETRIEVER FOUNDATION. The Golden Retriever Foundation has a new address for donations only: Golden Retriever Foundation, Box 3462, Omaha NE 68103. All other correspondence, including grant requests, should continue to be sent to the official mailing address at Box 628, Elkhorn NE 68022.

From Joy Viola: Our long-awaited, three years in the planning/making *Golden Retriever Memorial Garden* is on-line. This is a first-of-a-kind-ever on the World Wide Web. Enter the garden at www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org. Hope you enjoy your stroll through the 17 scenes awaiting you! (If you don't have high speed access, this will take a long time to load. Be patient, it's well worth the wait!)

E-BAY TROPHY. GRCA was the successful bidder on the 1950s trophy which has the old GRCA logo on it. It will be coming to the GRCA Archives soon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. Several committees have vacancies. See www.grca.org/jobs.htm for more details.

PURINA WEIGHT CIRCLES. Amount earned through Pro Club redemption for GRCA January 1–September 30, 2006: \$11,464.59.

COMPLAINTS. Much of recent Board discussions have centered around complaints regarding puppy contracts. Please take the time to thoroughly review your contract with your potential buyers. Also please consider that many

puppy purchasers are pet homes that are paying a hefty price for an animal to love and have as a member of their family for a decade or more. GRCA is not (nor does the Board want to be) in a position to police actions of our members; only if formal charges are filed will the Board of Directors choose a panel to investigate whether a member should be expelled from GRCA. We would also like to encourage breeders to educate your puppy buyers about the GR Foundation, its work in research, and perhaps include in your puppy packet the information on donating samples to be placed in their pet's file when they go to their veterinarian for a wellness check-up.



MASTER NATIONAL RETRIEVER CLUB. At the September 30, 2006, annual meeting in California, club delegates approved new requirements for a dog to be eligible to enter the 2007 annual event. In summary, there are now two options available to qualify a dog: either 5 five passes out of 7 seven attempts or a total of 8 passes. This will be phased in over the next year with the first full year of the new requirements beginning on August 1, 2007. Also, it's now very important that all "scratches" be properly noted in the info that club secretaries send to *Retriever Field Trial News*.

DUES ARE DUE! Renewal notices were mailed before Thanksgiving in a white envelope with a big blue box reminder on it. If you didn't receive one, contact Deb Ascher, Membership Administrator, at grcamembers@aol.com

"PAGEY" ARTICLE. A very informative article about Rachel Page Elliott, written by Laura Foley, appeared in the *Carlisle (MA) Mosquito* newspaper, and with permission is now on the GRCA Web site at www.grca.org/history/pagey.html

CCA. The CCA Committee would like your input if you have entered and participated in a CCA Event. We invite you to fill out a "Participants Questionnaire" which has been posted to www.grca.org/cca/default.htm.

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



— Roseann Mandell
YGRCA Delegate to the GRCA

Memories of Gold

CH *Backgammon's Mad About You*

Nov. 15, 1994 – Nov. 17, 2006



One week ago today we lost Maddy for the second and final time. The dreaded hemangiosarcoma took her life. In the dead of night, and the pouring rain, Kerry and I drove to Tufts to say our final good bye. Maddy was our first champion, a beautiful gal with a smooth, fluid, easy gait; she just glided around the ring. Her last time out in BOB was the '99 National. After leaving the ring a gentleman approached me, saying, "She was the best bitch out there." Though she didn't even make the cut, he made me feel like a winner anyway.

Many of you remember the time she was lost for two weeks in July 1998. She was eventually found, only to be suffering from a pyothorax. Tufts was able to save her that first time. Maddy was bred, and produced a Valentine's Day litter in 1999. Today her grandbabies are almost four weeks old. On this Thanksgiving I am thankful for that.

— Janet S. Henderson & Kerry E. Henderson
Backgammon Goldens



Seamists Broadmeadow Jessamine CD JH WC TDI CGC

February 25, 1996 – December 8, 2006



"...and her fur took up the sun"
— Carl and Joye Wirsen

MACH *Electralon Deevine Destinee* MX MXJ CD CGC RN TT O-EAC EJC EGC AAD (Therapy Dog Certified)

Feb. 2, 1996 – Dec. 6, 2006



In Memory of Deeva

I know a place called Heaven
Where every run is clean
And dogs flash across the finish
In times not often seen
The course is big, the turns are quick
The footing's always dry
And everyone sits watching
On fluffy clouds up in the sky
Here at home it's hard to cope
With the pain and loss we're feeling
But knowing you'll have all perfect runs
Will help our hearts start healing
MACH on, great dog, MACH on!

Cherished, loved, and missed by
Nancy Bishop, Jerry Bell,
& Carlee and Breezon



"The perfection of life with a gun dog, like the perfection of an autumn, is disturbing because you know, even as it begins, that it must end. Time bestows the gift and steals it in the process."

— George Bird Evans,
"An Affair with Grouse"

YANKEE Breeder Referral

Breeder Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

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

- Copies of AKC registration certificates, thereby verifying that both the sire and dam were over 2 years old at the time of breeding.

- Eye clearances on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary ophthalmologist who is certified by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Clearances must be current during the time the litter is listed. Eye clearances on dogs under 8 years of age are valid only for one year from the date of issue. CERF certificates will be accepted.

- Hip clearances on both the sire and dam. Dogs must have final OFA Certification or PennHip Distraction Indexes below the median done at or after 6 months of age, with no radiographic evidence of hip dysplasia.

- Final heart clearances on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary cardiologist who is certified by the ACVIM (Cardiology).

- A *Litter Listing Agreement*, completed and signed for each litter listed.

All listings and copies of clearances should be sent to the **YANKEE** Breeder Referral chair listed on the back page of this newsletter. Referral listings will run for 10 weeks; please contact the Breeder Referral chair to pull or to extend the listing. The listing fee is \$30 per calendar year or \$5 per older puppy or adult. Litters listed with the Breeder Referral service are automatically listed in the newsletter. Please note: **YGRC** members who own stud dogs may list litters sired by their dog when the breeder is not a **YGRC** member, provided the same listing criteria have been met by both sire and dam.

LITTER LISTING AGREEMENT

*In consideration for the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** listing the breeding of _____ (Sire), to _____ (Dam) the undersigned agrees to indemnify and defend **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** for and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, damages, and costs asserted against and/or imposed upon **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** which are in any manner connect with the forgoing breeding.*

Dated _____ Signed _____

Printed name _____

YANKEE Breeder Referral Representatives

The breeder referral representatives listed below have a current list of **YGRC** members who have puppies or older dogs available:

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

Litter Listings

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

Nancy Satwicz, MA
Whelped 11/29/06: 3 males, 1 female

CH *Kalem Sea's Cream of the Crop* WC ("Shiloh")
X *Starstruck Chilkoote Pebbles* CD CGC ("Pebbles")

Carol Manthorne, NH
Whelped 11/16/06: 4 males, 4 females

CH *Nautilus Diamonds As Big As the Ritz*
X *Sunkozi Thornelea Kaycee*

Heidi Tapscott, MA
Pups expected mid-January 2007

Spicewood's Wind Symphony ("Solo")
X *Bonny Brae's Scottish Pipes* ("Piper")

☆☆☆ Finish Lines ☆☆☆

Bench

New Certificate of Conformation Assessment and new Versatility Certificate: Celestial Goldstar Katama MH NA NAJ WCX CCA VC (Debi & Glenn Simonson). "Our 'Great Kate,' at nearly 11½ years old, earned her CCA in fine style at the *Southern Berkshire GRC* event on 99. As a result Katie also earned her VC. Thanks to our friend Maggie Lukiewicz for her help."

New AKC Champion: CH Beau Geste Aurora Bory Alice (Jan Bramhall): WB/BOW/BOS, 3 point major, *Windham County KC*, judge Maureen Day; major RWB, *South Windsor KC*, judge Mary Ann Alston; WB/BOS, 1 pt, *Holyoke KC*, judge Betty Trainor; WB/BOS, 4 pt major, *Framingham District KC*, judge Ann Hearn; WB/BOW, 4 point major, *Eastern DC*, judge Janice Provenzano. "Alice finished with 4 majors, shown exclusively by her co-breeder Kathy Doyle-Winslow. What a fantastic ride!"

Field

New Working Certificate Excellent: Here's a photo of three of the **YGRC** dogs that earned their WCX titles at the *Flat-Coat Club* test on 10/22. Left to right: Adirondac Rocket's Red Glare JH WCX (Judith Erlanger), Beau Geste Knicknack Varitek WCX CGC (Jon Rausch), Real Gold Razzle Dazzle Red Man JH WCX (Patti Sullivan).



Obedience

New Utility Dog: Firemark Can't Say No UD SH WC (Pat Scribner). My Guy finished his UD title in West Springfield 11/26. Thrilled partner Pat writes: "Better yet, on title day he won the class. Imagine that!"

New Companion Dog:

Nautilus Trooper Frolic CD RE CGC (Susan Crum). First leg, 3rd place, *Collie Club of ME* 3/3; second leg, *Charles River DTC*, Franklin, 11/18; title leg, *Holyoke KC*, W. Springfield, 11/27.

Bella D'Oro Yankee Special CD (Lynn Braga). Lynn & Eddie earned their CD from the Novice B class in 3 straight trials: *Merrimack Valley KC*, 1st place, score 198; *Obedience Training Club of RI*, 2nd place, score 196; *Nathan Hale Obedience Club*, 3rd place, score 190½.

New Obedience Trial Champion: Sunfire's All Wound Up UDX SH WC (Bernadette Bove). Spin finished his OTCH in Syracuse on 11/19 by winning the Utility B class with a 199 and HIT!

New Companion Dog and new Companion Dog Excellent: Sunfire's Can't Stop CDX (B. Bove). "Skid completed his Novice title (with numerous 1st places) in July, and went on to get his CDX in October, with a HIT. He qualified for his first two Utility legs just two weeks later."

Rally

New Rally Excellent: Nautilus Trooper Frolic CD RE CGC (Susan Crum). Trooper finished his RE title at the *Obedience Club of RI* trial on 11/11 with 2nd place.

New Rally Novice:

MACH Electralon Deevine Destinee CGC CD RN "Deeva"

Electralon Fre As The Wind AX MXJ RN "Carlee"

Electralon Helava Good Time AX AXJ RN "Breezon"

Nancy Bishop and all three girls earned their RN titles at the Springfield Cluster.

Agility

New Master Agility Champion:

CH CT MACH Mirasol's Femme Fatale CDX WC VCX Can. CDX (Alison & Ray Desmarais). Ray & Nikita had a perfect four-for-four weekend at Port Jervais NY to earn the final two double Qs for her MACH on 12/3.

MACH Pine Run's Photo Finish JH WC ADHF (Karen Hocker). Karen & Nikon finished their MACH at the **YANKEE** trial in Boston on 12/10.

New Master Excellent Jumper:

Electralon Helava Good Time AX MXJ RN (Nancy Bishop).

"Breezon earned her MXJ at the **YANKEE** trials in Boston with a double Q too. She made her mother proud. Deeva was smiling on her that day."

Splashdown in Valen's Name MH AX MXJ CGC TDIA (Judith Erlanger). "Valen finished his MXJ at the **YANKEE** trials in Boston in December. That's two *master* titles in 3½ months. What a dog!"

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

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

This list isn't meant to exclude sharing news about other accomplishments. We want to hear about all of your dogs' activities and achievements.

Mark your calendars! Upcoming 2007 YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Events

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

Jan 4	YGRC Puppy Kindergarten Classes start	Hudson MA	Donna Cutler
Jan 20	YGRC Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner	Burlington MA	Donna Morgan
March 21	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program, 7:00 PM. Guest speaker: Randy Caviness, DVM, a Tufts-trained vet who's also practicing acupuncture and other modalities	Congregational Church Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
March	YGRC Spring Match	TBD	Donna Cutler,
March/April	YGRC Field Classes start	TBD	Judith Erlanger
April	West Thompson Dam Clean-up Day	W. Thompson CT	Judith Erlanger
April	YGRC Conformation Assessment (CCA)	TBD	TBD
April 15	Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue Benefit auction	Hudson MA	Carolyn Zagami
May 12	YGRC WC/WCX Test	W. Thompson CT	Donna Morgan
May 19-20	YGRC Sanctioned Field Trial	Woodstock CT	TBD
May	YGRC Eye Clinic	TBD	TBD
May 23	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
June 1	YGRC Specialty show, obedience trial, & rally trial	Wrentham MA	Jan Bramhall / Pat Scribner
July 7-8	YGRC All-Breed Agility Trials	Derry NH	Stacey Allard
July 24	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Aug 11	YGRC VST Test	Durham NH	Henry Rines / Roseann Mandell
Aug 18-19	YGRC Hunting Retriever Test	W. Thompson CT	Judith Erlanger
Sept 16	YGRC TD/TDX Test	Gardner MA	Ray Desmarais
Sept 26	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Sept 29	YGRC WC/WCX Test	W. Thompson CT	Rhonda Jarman
October	YGRC Fall Match	TBD	TBD
November	YGRC Eye & Heart Clinics	TBD	TBD
November	YGRC Membership Meeting & Program	Acton MA	Marsha Wilcox
Dec 6-9	YGRC All-Breed Agility Trials	Boston MA	Stacey Allard

Help Wanted: Your Chance to Help with YANKEE Events!

Volunteers needed to help with the **YANKEE** 2007 Specialty, Friday, June 1. FMI: Jan Bramhall



From the editors' desk The other day I happened to notice how grey Quip has become. He's always had frosting around his muzzle, even as a youngster, but now he and I are two aging, rumped sheepdogs, tottering, grizzled, and dubious about the younger generation. More shocking was realizing Bluesette is 4, Lindy is 6, and Deasil is jogging towards 2 (although he has half a lap to run for that one). The end of the year, the turning of the calendar pages, has me ruminating with a soupçon of self-reproach for all that I've *not* done with my dogs, all the unfulfilled plans and unreachd goals. Bluesette still needs weaves and retrieves, not to mention tracking. Lindy's heeling is better, but not completely recuperated. (*That one isn't my job.*) Deasil doesn't sit straight and he thinks heeling is some sort of exotic béguine across the gym,

culminating in a game of tug. Ah, well. There are some New Year's resolutions for me, but also a suggestion for you. Some time between the egg nog and *Auld Lang Syne*, in addition to your annual vows to keep a neater chequebook, clean the basement, eat a better breakfast, and be nicer to your in-laws, make some promises for your dog, promises *to* your dogs. They age quickly; their time with us is fleeting. So resolve this year to finish that CDX. Vow to go for a WCX and have fun doing it. Take a red pen and mark several weekends in your calendar for tracking or even just for a hike with your dogs around some sylvan lake. In the coming year, let's each of us make some part of it a celebration of life with our dogs while we have them, while they have us. Happy new year, everyone!

—Geoff Stern

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2007 Calendar of Events						
Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February			1	2 Saratoga NY KC, AB, Queensbury NY	3 Mohawk Valley KC, AB, Queensbury NY Tartan Gordon Setter Club, AG, Amherst NH	4 Glen Falls KC, AB, Saratoga Springs NY
5	6	7	8 Big Apple Sporting Society, LB, Secaucus, NJ	9 Long Island GRC, S/O, Bayshore NY	10 Long Island GRC S/O, Bayshore NY Amer. Bullmastiff Assn, AG, Amherst NH	11
12 Westminster KC, AB, New York NY	13 Westminster KC, AB, New York NY	14	15	16	17 Elm City KC, AB/O, Hartford CT Wyoming Valley KC, AB, Buffalo NY Staten Island Companion DTC, O/R, Staten Island NY	18 First Company Governor's Foot Guard Assn, AB/O, Hartford CT Olean KC, AB, Buffalo NY Bayshore Companion DC, O/R, Staten Island NY
19	20	21	22	23 Wallkill KC, AB/O, Suffern NY	24 Rockland County KC, AB/O, Suffern NY	25 Rockland County KC, AB/O, Suffern NY
March			1	2	3 Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston, O, Franklin MA	4 Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston, R, Franklin MA
5	6	7	8 Amer Bullmastiff Assn, AG, W Springfield MA	9 Amer Bullmastiff Assn, AG, W Springfield MA	1 Amer Bullmastiff Assn, AG, W Springfield MA	11 Am Bullmastiff Assn, AG, W Springfield MA Shrewsbury DTC, O, Taunton MA
12	13	14	15	16	17 Schenectady DTC, AG, Greenwich NY NE Sporting Group Assn, LB, Fitchburg MA Charles River DTC, O, Franklin MA	18 Schenectady DTC, AG, Greenwich NY NE Sporting Group Assn, LB, Fitchburg MA Charles River DTC, R, Franklin MA
19	20	21	22	23 Hudson Valley GRC, AG, Loch Sheldrake NY	24 Hudson Valley GRC, AG, Loch Sheldrake NY LEAP Agility Club, AG, S Hadley, MA	25 Hudson Valley GRC, S/O LEAP Agility Club, AG, South Hadley, MA
26	27	28	29 Central NY KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY Onondaga KC, AG, Syracuse NY	30 Onondaga KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY Onondaga KC, AG, Syracuse NY	31 Finger Lakes KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY New England DTC, O, Amherst NH Onondaga KC, AG, Syracuse NY	1 North Country KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY Onondaga KC, AG, Syracuse NY

AB — All-Breed Show

AG — Agility Trial

LB— Limited breed show

S — Specialty Show

O — Obedience Trial

R — Rally Trial

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