

# Finish Lines



## YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

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### YGRC MEMBER MEETING AND PROGRAM MARCH 22, 2011



*Dr. Ruth Marrion*

#### *Genetic Eye Conditions in Golden Retrievers*

**7:00 PM**

**Acton Congregational Church  
12 Concord Road, Acton MA**

Invite your friends—Visitors are welcome!  
Informational flyer and directions are on the  
YANKEE Web site, [www.yankeegrc.org](http://www.yankeegrc.org)

**YANKEE GRC Specialty  
Show, Obedience Trial  
& Rally Trial  
June 3, 2011  
Wrentham MA  
Closing date: May 18th**



### YANKEE Field Classes start in March & April Enrollment Deadline is March 5

General information and an  
application form are on the YANKEE  
web site, [www.yankeegrc.org](http://www.yankeegrc.org)

**Advanced Retriever Seminar with  
Carol Cassity — May 28-29, 2011  
Openings still available — auditors only**

For more information:  
[www.ygrc.org](http://www.ygrc.org)

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## YANKEE GRC Membership

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

**1. Written application:** Submit a completed membership application, sponsored by two **YGRC** members in good standing, and the dues for one year to the membership chair.

**2. Participation requirements:** 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 membership. Club meetings are usually on the fourth Tuesday of odd-number months, earlier in November, and usually at the Acton Congregational Church. Copies of the club constitution and bylaws are available at each meeting. All membership requirements must be completed within one year of application, else the application will expire and must be resubmitted.

**3. Being voted in:** After the reading of the application at a club meeting, publishing the application in the newsletter, and receiving notification of completion of all requirements, the Membership Chair will present the application for a vote at the next regularly scheduled club meeting.

**Subscribers:** Non-members can subscribe to the **YGRC** newsletter, *Finish Lines*, by completing the front page of the membership application and sending it with the fee of \$30 to the membership chair.

**Renewals:** During the month of November, a dues statement, payable by the first of February of the following year, will be mailed to each club member. No members may vote who have not paid their dues for the current year. *A \$10 late fee is due for any payments after February 1.*

A membership will be considered lapsed if the membership dues are not paid by February 1. Lapsed memberships receive none of the benefits of membership. A membership will be automatically terminated if the membership dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year, *i.e.*, April 1. To re-join the club, the applicant must complete the procedure described above.

If you have questions about **YANKEE** membership, or if you need an application, please contact the membership chair, Carolyn Zagami, 508 460-6423, [ygrcmembershp@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembershp@aol.com)

**YANKEE MEMBERSHIP NEWS:** No members voted in, no new applicants.

### 2011 FINISH LINES Publication Schedule

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

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## MINUTE BY MINUTE

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Board of Directors met in Acton MA on December 7, 2010 and January 4, 2011. Business and committee reports are summarized below:

**Advertising:** Ad to Hudson Valley GRC

**Agility:** Dec. trials quite successful

**Bench:** Committee will formulate Match plans.

**Breeder referral:** Six litters currently listed.

**Clinics:** Fall Clinics filled with 149 dogs. Motion 2010-10: unanimous agreement to send a donation to Buddy Dog in the name of Sudbury Animal Hospital. Starting planning for Spring Eye Clinic

**Field:** plans being made for field classes, WC, hunt test, and seminars.

**GRCA delegates report:** In the newsletter.

**Membership:** Renewal deadline is February 1.

**Newsletter:** Submission deadline is the 15th of even numbered months.

**Programs:** excellent Tracking Program in November was well-received; program by Dr. Marrion in March.

**Puppy Kindergarten:** New session starting January 6 to include PK and post-graduate.

**Specialty 2011:** Disaster and Emergency Plan has been filed with AKC; work has begun on premium; Bench Committee will make decisions regarding prizes.

**Tracking:** All tracking test arrangements for 2011 have been made.

**Trophy:** All perpetual trophies to be returned in December. Recipient for the Sonntag award was selected by unanimous vote.

**Web site:** Motion 2010-11 to accept the web site design proposal from Allin Consulting. Language clarified and contract for website work signed. Send new photos to [yankeefinishlines@verizon.net](mailto:yankeefinishlines@verizon.net)

### Other business:

- All set for Annual Dinner
- Committee mentoring program will begin in Spring
- Proposal for supported entry
- Set calendar of club events

**Next meeting:** February 1

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I imagine that many of you have cabin fever and are eager for spring. It has been a snow-filled winter with some challenges, but I'm happy to report that the night of the annual **YANKEE GRC** awards dinner was snow-free and festive as spring! We were very lucky. We tried to find a place that was reasonably priced and centrally located with the hope of having a good turnout. We wanted as many members come to share in the camaraderie, sharing in the love for our breed.



Well, we were successful! We had over 80 people attend the dinner. We had members attending from MA, NH, ME, RI, and CT! The room was filled with laughter and friends sharing and catching up. The raffles were outstanding! We had incredible prizes which were beautifully displayed! I can't thank everyone enough for their generosity in donating gifts for the raffle. I also want to thank Donna Cutler and Robin Babin who were responsible for organizing and creating the raffles. As always, these two women did a fabulous job! And thanks to Roseann Mandell for collecting all the data for the plaques, title bars and trophies and organizing the presentation! She's the best right-hand person any one could ever work with!

Our trophy table was elegant. **YANKEE** has beautiful trophies which tell an amazing story of our club and our breed. Our oldest trophy, the field trophy, dates back to 1972 when it was won by *Golden Copper Penny\*\** (Donald Devine). Our obedience trophy also originated in 1972, was first won by *CH Alstone Sutter Creek Charade UD* (Susan Break). Unfortunately not all of these trophies were awarded this year. It is my sincere hope that members who have enjoyed the time training, showing and trialing their dogs will apply for these trophies this coming fall so we can celebrate the accomplishments of our beloved breed. We want to continue to accumulate the history of our club and document the outstanding accomplishments of our members and dogs! Please accept my challenge: I challenge the membership to apply for every trophy the club has, so we can award them to deserving owners and their dogs! You already do the tough stuff by grooming, training, showing, and trialing. Now all you will need to do is apply for the trophy in December.

I'm headed to the mountains now to enjoy the snow and some skiing... Ouch! I know you are all throwing snowballs at me!

Always Golden,  
Donna Morgan

### HELP WANTED: YANKEE Specialty June 3 Obedience/Rally Stewards Needed!

Ah, spring! By the time you read this, some — maybe most — of the snow will have melted, and within a few weeks, there'll be baseball, crocuses, and short sleeves. So we're really only a couple of months away from the 2011 **YANKEE GRC** independent specialty, June 3, in Wrentham, and that means I'm beseeching y'all for some stewarding help for obedience and rally.



Stewarding is a great way to learn about the sport — best seat in the house for picking up on good handling techniques, ring procedures, and scoring. And stewarding gives you a chance to support the club, support the sport, and support our beloved breed — along with sharing a sumptuous lunch with friends. If you're showing in the regular classes, please consider helping out with the non-regular classes — and *vice versa*! You'll still be able to see the rest of the show. I guarantee you'll have a blast.

No experience required. We'll match up rookies with veterans, and this year, as in the past, we have two superb judges.

And if obedience and rally aren't your cuppa tea, perhaps you can help Robin Babin selling **YANKEE** club merchandise, or lend a hand to Executive Chef Deb Spellman at the **Kibble Kafé**. Thanks! Volunteers pitching in are what make Yankee events successful.



If you can help out, please get in touch —

Geoff Stern, 2011 obedience/rally chair

## YANKEE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mark your calendars!

### March 22, 2011 Member Meeting & Program, 7:00 pm

Dr. Ruth Marrion: *Genetic Eye Conditions in Golden Retrievers*

### May 24, 2011 Member Meeting & Program, 7:00 pm

Dr. Cynthia L. O'Connor of Slade Veterinary Hospital will be the speaker at the May 24th meeting. She is a board certified specialist in veterinary reproduction and a member of the American College of Theriogenology. Her professional interests include assisted reproductive therapies, ultrasonography, neonatology, pediatrics, and genetic counseling.

**YANKEE** meetings are held in Acton MA at the Acton Congregational Church, 12 Concord Road. Visitors and prospective members are welcome to attend.

## LETTERS AND MEMBER NEWS

Dear YGRC Friends,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your cards, flowers, food and support you sent to Phil and me after my brain aneurysm in January. In a time of terrible trouble, you all offered to walk our dogs, feed Phil, cheer us up, shovel snow, and in general let us (and particularly Phil) know we weren't alone. We were absolutely overwhelmed with your kindness and friendship.

There is something special about dog people. We heard from dog friends close and far away, and even from people we hardly knew until then. We didn't realize that we have so many friends, and we are grateful for every one of you.

It's difficult times that bring out the good in people, and it's obvious to us that our YGRC friends personify ("per-dogify?") the very best. Thank you for everything.

Much love,  
Judith & Phil Erlanger

Dear Donna,

Please extend to the Board my deepest appreciation at being awarded the Sandy Sonntag Service Award.

Realizing that my breed club of 35 years felt me worthy of such an honor has made me so very happy and I will continue to work to live up to the spirit of Sandy Sonntag.

To say that it was a complete surprise is to put it mildly. I will never forget the awards banquet. The recognition, kindness, and support shown me that evening will always be in my thoughts and heart.

Sincerely,  
Joan Puglia



**S**cout (*left*) and Hannah (*right*) enjoying their après-ski refreshments and anticipating their 14th birthdays on March 5 and 4 respectively! Both "golden girls" are eagerly looking forward to Spring! Scout is UCD *Drew Woods Scout* Kendra CD RAE CGC TDI ASCA-CD, owned by Susan Crum, and Hannah is *Shawnfield Hannah of Kinship* RE AX AXJ CGC, owned by Kim Hatton.

# GRCA DELEGATE REPORT

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

**10-83.** Appointing Cathy Story, of Fairfax Station VA to fill the remainder of the term of Eastern Director, until the 2012 Annual Meeting.

**10-84.** Amending the point scale for the OS/OD designation and the VC/VCX designation to include the Grand Champion title as a 10 point title. Points are not cumulative within a category. Only the highest point title is recognized.

## Hot Topics

**PURINA WEIGHT CIRCLE EARNINGS.** In 2010, 742 members submitted weight circles resulting in a total of \$16,143.43 earned in the program. This money goes to medical research, rescue and education for our breed. If you feed Purina, please participate! Send in those circles! Thank you on behalf of GRCA.

**GRCA HEALTH & GENETICS SURVEY FOR GOLDEN RETRIEVERS.** The OFA offers breed surveys for a number of breed parent clubs. These surveys are offered free of charge. All data is used only in aggregate and is kept confidential. No survey results will be traceable to any individual dog. It is hoped that this information will be valuable to breed clubs as they assess the health issues of their breed. GRCA has taken advantage of OFA's offer, and the GRCA Health & Genetics Committee has prepared a survey for Golden Retrievers. We encourage all Golden owners to participate and help collect health data on the breed. Go to [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org) and click on "BREED SURVEYS" in the middle of the blue strip at the top of the page. Scroll down and click on GOLDEN RETRIEVER SURVEY. [*Helpful hint:* check out the results before you answer the survey to get an idea of the possible responses under each section.] Thank you all



for helping us with this important project. Bev Brown, GRCA Western Region VP, for the GRCA Board of Directors, and the GRCA Health & Genetics Committee.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE.** June 1, 2011 is deadline for nominations for two GRCA awards. In 1989, the GRCA Board of Directors approved

the **Vern Bower Humanitarian Award** for the purpose of recognizing those who have made exemplary contributions to the Golden Retriever, with the prerequisite being a selfless devotion to our breed. The award will be given at the Annual Meeting to the candidate, GRCA member or organization who is nominated by the membership and chosen by the Board of Directors for service to the Golden Retriever breed (not to include service for GRCA). In March, 2009 the dog fancy worldwide and particularly the Golden Retriever community lost one of our most beloved and most valuable assets. To commemorate the life and the impact of the many contributions of Rachel Page Elliott, the Board of Directors of the Golden Retriever Club of America has established the **Rachel Page Elliott Featherquest Lifetime Achievement Award**. This award will be presented at the annual meeting of the GRCA to an individual or group who has made exemplary contributions using their talents to educate others in such areas as knowledge of structure, health, breeding and training. This award should also serve to encourage others to develop their talents in a similar way and to share their knowledge with the dog fancy.

Nominations should be sent to the Club Secretary, Janet Peacock.

As always, please contact any GRCA board member with your thoughts or opinions on any issues of concern to you. The entire Board can be reached at [grca\\_board@yahoo.com](mailto:grca_board@yahoo.com)

— Roseann Mandell  
YGRC delegate to the GRCA

# Annual YGRC Committee Reports for 2010

## Agility

**YANKEE** ran three weekends of agility trials in 2010. The July trials in Derry NH also featured a special event, the Retired Agility Partners Runs, to honor older dogs who are no longer competing. At the end of August, we held a new weekend of trials, in Amherst NH, and the agility season came to a close with our traditional December trials in Manchester NH.

## Bench

**YANKEE's** spring match was held March 14, 2010 in Westford MA and chaired by Theresa Strelau. The fall match was held October 17 in Auburn MA and chaired by Sue Bruno.

Recipe for a Successful Specialty Show from 2010 Show Chair, Dianne Tyree:

To a bright, sunny warm day add:

115 conformation, 26 sweepstakes, 3 juniors, 42 obedience, and 37 rally entries.

Generous helpings of Geoff Stern, Obedience/Rally Chair; Dave Winslow, grounds; Debbie Spellman, hospitality;

A measure of Karen Bruno Osper, Chief Ring Steward. Fold in Jennifer Rowe, catalog advertising, and Margaret Von Sternberg, trophies.

Garnish with Sue Bruno and Selma Cutter, conformation stewards, and season with Janet Henderson and Robin Babin, raffles and merchandise.

Finally, add a dash of anyone I may have forgot to mention.

Simmer in the sun for 6 hours, and serve up on **June 3, 2011**, which will make 17 servings.

## Breeder Referral

Barb Lukis reports: Breeder Referral had a good 2010. We had 22 breeders use our services, listing 28 litters, some with 12 puppies. I would like to thank Connie Harris and Sherry Washburn for the time and effort they give to make this program successful. Sadly, Joan Schiff, who had been a breeder representative for many years, died in the spring. We're grateful for her service.

## Clinics

**YANKEE's** spring eye clinic was organized by Theresa Strelau, who sent this report:

A total of 37 dogs attended on May 16, 2010, at Bulger Animal Clinic in North Andover MA. Patty Stevens, who works at Bulger, came to the clinic and helped run things — from dilating eyes to sorting out paperwork — what an excellent volunteer! Thanks also go out to Ed Carlson, who responded so promptly and enthusiastically to our initial request to hold the clinic at Bulger. We really want to hold the clinic there again next spring —

the folks at Bulger seem to like us, and we really liked them!

The **fall health clinic** on November 14, 2010, was organized by Carolyn Zagami and Anne Blanchette at Sudbury Animal Hospital in Sudbury MA. They sent this report: Health checks included heart (OFA) and eyes (CERF), along with microchipping and a DNA blood draw for canine cancer research. This year 149 dogs participated. We want to sincerely thank Dr. Josh Gidlewski, DVM DACVIM, and Dr. Ruth Marrion, DVM PhD ACVO. **YANKEE's** own Dr. Mike Lappin, DVM, donated his time and materials to conduct a DNA draw for canine medical research. Mike, along with his tech Joan Kilroy, also ran the microchip clinic. We appreciate the many members, applicants, and friends who volunteered to help. Many thanks also to Dr. Betsy Allen Sinnegan and Dr. John Sinnegan, who generously donated the use of their facility for our clinic. A donation has been made to Buddy Dog Humane Society, on behalf of Sudbury Animal Hospital, in appreciation.

## Concessions/Store

Robin Babin reports: Concessions enjoyed a good year offering **YANKEE GRC** logo clothing and other items for sale. After much thought, it has been decided that we will not offer club logo clothing on line. An online store would require a huge inventory to accommodate every taste, size and color preference. Therefore, I will do my best to have wares available for purchase at many club events and meetings throughout the year. Thanks, everyone, for supporting the club through merchandise purchases. Suggestions for items you would like to see offered are always welcome!

## Field

**YANKEE** again had a busy year afield. Events included three levels of **training classes** (Fundamentals, WC/Junior Hunter, and WCX/Junior Hunter) in the spring, helping at the **West Thompson cleanup** day in April, a "Field Day for Total Newbies" program in early May, a **shot flyer training** day in mid-May, WC/WCX test and Puppy Stakes in August, the annual Hunt Test at the beginning of October, and a *Hunt Test Know-How* seminar at the end of October.

## Committee Reports, continued

### Finish Lines Newsletter

*Finish Lines* continues to be primarily distributed as a PDF file via e-mail; there is a hardcopy version for members who haven't yet joined the digital revolution. Carolyn Zagami handles proof-reading and e-mail distribution; Robin Babin arranges for the printed version and takes care of mailing. The electronic version is in color — including pictures — whereas the hardcopy version is b&w. The change to e-mail distribution has saved nearly \$4,000 a year in printing and mailing costs — so thanks to everyone who made the switch!

**Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication** — there's a schedule in each issue. Mailings are on or about the first of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Classified ads for goods and services are available at modest fees. Please spread the word to anyone who wants to place an ad — vets, groomers, training centers, etc.

**YANKEE** wants to celebrate the accomplishments of all members and their Golden, so remember to send your brags and news items to *Finish Lines* editors Geoff Stern & Roseann Mandell at [yankeefinishlines@verizon.net](mailto:yankeefinishlines@verizon.net). If there's anything else you'd like to contribute, or any features you want added to the newsletter, please let us know. We're especially interested in photographs and reports of YGRC events. Many thanks to all who submitted pictures over the past year — keep 'em coming!

### GRCA Delegates

**YANKEE's** hard-working member club columnist for the GRNews is Kathy Goodman.

Roseann Mandell compiles the resolutions approved by the *Golden Retriever Club of America* board of directors and *Hot Topics* which come before the board, and publishes them in *Finish Lines*. GRCA members are encouraged to contact any board member about any issue of concern. You can reach the entire GRCA board of directors via e-mail at [grca\\_board@yahoo.com](mailto:grca_board@yahoo.com). For more information, see the GRCA web site — [www.grca.org](http://www.grca.org).

### Membership

Carolyn Zagami compiles and updates the **YANKEE** membership list, and sends this report.

On December 31, 2009, **YGRC** membership included: 261 member households (309 members) and 16 subscribers, with 12 membership applications pending.

2010 Membership Statistics	
Members households renewed	225 (286 members)
Memberships not renewed	19 (-23 members)

Lapsed and Re-Applied	1	(1 member)
Elected Lifetime Members	9	(1 deceased)
New membership applications	8	(10 people)
Applications expired after 1 yr	2	(2 people)
New member households voted in	5	(15 people)
<b>Total membership (members)</b>	<b>286</b>	(net decrease 23)

2010 Subscriber Statistics	
Subscriptions renewed	10
Not renewed	4
Subscriptions converted to applications	2 (2 people)
New subscriptions	0
Total subscriptions	13 (net decrease 2)
<b>Finish Lines</b> total mailing list	<b>246</b>
<b>Finish Lines</b> USPS mailing list	<b>65</b> (net increase 1)
As of January 15, 2011	
Memberships renewed (includes Lifetime)	155
Paid Life Membership	4
Members not yet renewed	76
Subscriptions renewed	4
Subscribers not yet renewed	7

**NOTE: YANKEE GRC now offers a paid Golden Lifetime Membership renewal for a one-time fee of \$500.**

New members are valuable assets to the club! If you sponsor any applicants, please encourage them to complete their membership requirements within one year. We welcome and encourage all of our members to participate in club events, bring your friends, and invite them to join **YGRC**!

Please remember that membership in any club requires more than just a renewal fee. Your participation and input are vital to the long-term success of **YANKEE**, a club made up entirely of volunteers. Contact information for event chairs are listed on our web site — [www.yankeegr.org](http://www.yankeegr.org).

**YANKEE** has an announcements-only e-mail list, [YGRCNews@yahoo.com](mailto:YGRCNews@yahoo.com), which makes it easier to spread the word about upcoming events, recruit helpers, and share other news. You can sign up or manage your subscription online. Carolyn Zagami, Geoff Stern, and Roseann Mandell are the administrators for the e-mail list. If you have questions about membership renewals, status or requirements, please contact Carolyn Zagami; [ygrcmembership@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembership@aol.com) (note there is no "l" in membership).

## Committee Reports, continued

### Nominating

The Nominating Committee, comprising Jan Bramhall (chair), Alexandra Day, and Denise Kohler, is pleased to present the 2011 slate of Officers and Directors:

Officers (one-year terms)	
President:	Donna Morgan
Vice-President:	Carolyn Zagami
Secretary:	Diane Kohler
Treasurer:	Patricia Lindquist
Directors (two-year terms)	
	Robin Babin
	Christa Bellows
	Henry Rines
<b>Advisor Director:</b>	Roseann Mandell

No other nominations were received at the November club meeting.

### Obedience

Independent Specialty Obedience/Rally Chair Geoff Stern submitted the following report:

We had a small entry in obedience and rally at the **YANKEE** GRC independent specialty in June — but there were still some really terrific performances. Irrespective of any scores or ribbons, it's great to see people showing off their dogs' capabilities. The real victory isn't on the score sheet: the triumph is just getting into the ring with your dog and dancing in the sunshine.

A heap of thanks to our intrepid crew of stewards — Alison Desmarais, Cathy Pappas, Diane Brunelle, Esther Zimmerman, Fran Masters, Jean Conrad, Joanne Baker, Julie Tirinnanzi, Leslie Lichtenstein, Lynn Braga, Nancy Bishop, Patricia Albano, and Sue Sommer. Special kudos to two folks who gave yeoman service all day — Mike Lappin, who was table steward (and then some) for all of the rally classes, and Roseann Mandell who was, characteristically, indispensable.

We're hoping to organize an obedience/rally clinic for **YGRC** members who want to get started in the sport or who need help making the quantum jump from rally to traditional obedience or from Novice to Open. If you're interested, get in touch with Geoff Stern.

If you missed out showing in obedience or rally at the 2010 specialty, here's hoping you and your dog will be on the grass in tropical Wrentham on **Friday, June 3, 2011**. We're offering just about every obedience class you can shake a leash at, and we'll have another pair of ace judges — Terri Clingerman for obedience, and Donna Blews-Pappas for rally and Novice obedience. So we can all count on another happy time dancing with our dogs. See you then!

### Programs & Member Meetings

**YANKEE GRC** member meetings are held in March, May, July, September, and November, on the **4th Tuesday of the month**, generally at the Acton Congregational Church. In November, or in case of a conflict, the meeting is moved to the third Tuesday of the month. The evenings start at **7:00 PM** with a casual social gathering and light snacks, followed by a short meeting for any club business (usually, introducing and voting in new members), and then the program, which runs for about an hour. These very enjoyable meetings offer a chance to catch up with other club members and to soak up some valuable information about our wonderful Golden Retrievers.

Donna Cutler arranges the special programs and sends this report: We had some great programs this year! In March we had *Let's Learn About Field!* presented by Judith Erlanger, who is a very active **YANKEE** member. She discussed all aspects of getting started in retriever fieldwork and had great handouts on the basics. In May we had *Don't Get Caught with a Bad Hair Day at YANKEE'S Specialty*, presented by a longtime member Karen Osper. She discussed and demonstrated grooming techniques and how to do the finishing touches to get your Golden ready for the ring. In July we had our ever so popular *Ice Cream Social* — a make your own sundaes social event — along with an AKC Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC) organized by Roseann Mandell. In September we had *AKC Inspections Educate Breeders and Promote Better Breeding Practices*, presented by Timothy Jay Holling who is the AKC Executive Field Agent. It was a great insight on what to expect with an inspection and what you need to do to get an A+ on your kennel. In November we had *Let's Learn About Tracking*, presented by Ray and Alison Desmarais, esteemed and very active **YANKEE** members. They discussed all aspects of getting started in tracking accompanied by a slide presentation and handouts. The next program on March 22, 2011 will be on *Genetic Eye Conditions in Golden Retrievers*, presented by Dr. Ruth Marrison who has been doing Yankee's eye clinics for the last couple of years.

If there are topics you'd like presented, please let us know! Information on upcoming programs is posted on the **YGRC** web site — [www.yankeegrc.org](http://www.yankeegrc.org) — and there's usually a flyer you can print and share. Visitors are always welcome, so please post the flyers in your neighborhood and feel free to invite your friends.

### Puppy Kindergarten

Pat Scribner handles registration and submitted the following report: For 2010, the first **YANKEE** Puppy session of the year began January 7, and the last session began on May 6. We were unable to hold classes for 6 months because the facility we use in Boxboro MA was being

renovated. However, we are back in business now! For 2011, our first session began on January 6. We have 10 in PK, and 5 for post graduate.

## Tracking

In 2010, **YANKEE GRC** Tracking Chair Ray Desmarais recruited some new faces for the roles of test secretary and test chair. Tracking hosted a spring seminar, a summer variable surface tracking (VST) test, and a fall combined TD/TDX test. Events planned for 2011 include a VST Test on August 13, and a TD/TDX test on Sept.11.

The **Art of VST** seminar, presented by Alison & Ray Desmarais on June 19–20, 2010, included classroom presentations and discussion, as well as sample practice tracks on the UNH campus. The seminar was extremely well received by the attendees. Kathy Goodman organized the event and provided wonderful hospitality as well. Tracklayers were Amy Deutsch, Henry Rines, and Roseann Mandell.

Kathy Goodman chaired **YANKEE's** eighth annual **VST test**, held on the delightfully cool Saturday evening of August 7, 2010 at the UNH Durham campus. She sends this report: Although members of our committee lived in different states, the VST test came off without a hitch. Entrants came to test their mettle on 8 tracks prepared by Judges Alison Platt and Ray Desmarais. A team of skilled tracklayers, led by Amy Deutsch, did a fine job putting in the series of tracks. Before entrants began their campus challenge, everyone on hand enjoyed an informal supper at UNH's campus eatery. **YGRC** hospitality guru Kathy Goodman supplemented the menu with seasonal soups. The outdoor picnic buffet put everyone at ease while Test Secretary Susan Palius conducted the official draw for tracks. One by one, despite valiant efforts, teams were overtaken by the rigors of the tracks. The final team, a German Shepherd Dog and her handler, took their turn with the gallery trailing in the background, silently sending positive thoughts their way. The team persevered through a variety of obstacles, and captured their VST and Champion Tracker titles! The thrill of their accomplishment electrified the gallery, and a round of applause echoed across the campus.

Joanne Baker chaired the **TD/TDX tests** and submitted the following test summary: In the middle of a late summer heat wave, the weather gods provided cooler temperatures the weekend of September 11–12, 2010. For the second year, these events were scheduled for the UNH Durham NH grounds. Since some fields were unavailable, the TDX test was moved to the environs of the Stafford County Courthouse, Dover NH, although tracking had to share the site with a youth football program. Pat Lindquist was test secretary, and Henry Rines was the chief tracklayer. Judges Stephanie Crawford, Ray Desmarais, and Deborah Brown plotted tracks on Friday, and tracklayers gathered on Saturday to

walk tracks and plant their flags. **YGRC** members Roseann Mandell, Denise Kohler, Jan Rines, and Sue Usher were joined by Alison & Tom Jaskiewicz who have Bernese Mountain Dogs, and Norm Weiner who has a Standard Poodle. Many thanks to all of these dedicated volunteers!

Because of the two sites, tracklayer leadership duties were divided on the day of the test. In addition to laying track herself, Roseann made sure that TD tracks were laid at the appropriate times. At the TDX site, tracklayers discovered youth football players running around the fields waving the flags that had been placed the day before. Nevertheless, the tracks were laid as planned since each tracklayer had prepared a map and walked their track several times the previous day. All six TD entrants successfully completed their tracks including one Golden. Of the three Golden entered in the TDX test, **YANKEE** member Amy Deutsch & *Mirasol Feta Compli* CDX TD OA AXJ completed a difficult track over the area that the youth football players had used to play with the tracking flags. Special congratulations to this team! At the conclusion of each test, successful participants received a dark green qualifying rosette. A pizza lunch concluded the day.

## Trophy

Donna Morgan stores and arranges the annual engraving for **YANKEE's** perpetual trophies and independent specialty trophies. There are plans in the works to add two new specialty trophies: Stud Dog, and High Combined Score in Obedience.

**YANKEE** wants to offer more trophies at our independent specialty, so if anyone would like to dedicate a trophy in memory of a special dog please contact Donna Morgan about available opportunities.

## Web site

The **YANKEE GRC** web site remains the primary way for the club to distribute event information, applications, and entry forms to the membership. Please bookmark the site and check it frequently — [www.yankeegr.org](http://www.yankeegr.org).

A re-design of the web site is currently under way with the primary goal of making it easier for folks to find information quickly. In addition, we want to add photographs of members' dogs participating in all kinds of Golden activities. Event and committee chairs can submit materials to be posted on the web site to Roseann Mandell at [yankeefinishlines@verizon.net](mailto:yankeefinishlines@verizon.net). By the way, there's an archive of past event flyers available which can be modified and updated for upcoming events.

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**EDITORS' NOTE:** Kudos and thanks to the committee chairs who submitted reports this year.

# 2010 YANKEE TROPHY WINNERS

❖ **Calliope Excellent Agility Trophy:** Donated in memory of OTCH *Cherdon's Golden Calliope* UDX TD JH MX AXJ WCX Can CDX — YANKEE's first AKC agility titled dog. Awarded annually to the member-owned dog who achieves the most points at AKC agility trials according to the following criteria: (1) dog must be amateur handled; (2) dog must be competing in the Excellent A or B classes (Regular or Preferred); (3) one point for each full second under standard course time (equivalent to MACH points but may be obtained from the A class or Preferred as well). Awarded this year to:

**MACH2 Usher's Ben There Dun That**  
**CD RA OF ADHF**  
**Sue Usher**

❖ **Yankee GRC Bench Trophy:** a bronze figure of a Golden Retriever on a cherry wood base, offered by Ray & Alison Desmarais. Awarded to the dog that has accumulated the most points according to the following criteria: one point for each dog defeated for each of the following wins: WD or WB, BOB, BOS, Group Placements, and Best in Show. Awarded this year to:

**CH Merry Days Knight In The Forest**  
**CGC TDI**  
**Denise Kohler & Diane Kohler**

❖ **YANKEE Junior Hunter Trophy:** stained glass hunting motif, framed in wood, offered by YANKEE GRC. Awarded to the first dog to meet the following requirements: (1) all legs for the title must be obtained within the trophy year in which the trophy is being applied for (Nov 1 to Oct 31); (2) dog must be owner-handled to all legs; (3) owner must be a YGRC member in good standing for at least one year. Awarded this year to:

**Kiowa's Super Cooper JH WC**  
**Robert McKie**

❖ **Debi Simonson Senior Hunter Trophy:** stained glass hunting motif, framed in wood, offered by YANKEE GRC. Awarded to the first dog to meet the following requirements: (1) all legs for the title must be obtained within the trophy year, Nov 1 to Oct 31; (2) dog must be owner-handled to all legs; (3) owner must be a YGRC member in good standing for at least one year. Awarded this year to:

**Marathon's Being Just Jack SH NA WCX CCA**  
**Karen Hollander**



❖ **YANKEE GRC Obedience Trophy:** ceramic Marcia Schler Golden Retriever on a plaque, offered by YANKEE GRC. Awarded to the dog that has accumulated the greatest number of points according to the point system for licensed and sanctioned obedience trials. Points can be earned in AKC licensed trials or sanctioned matches. Points are awarded only for placements (or ties of placements) with qualifying scores. Awarded this year to:

**OTCH Glenelm's Up The Pace UDX OM2 MH**  
**Patricia Scribner**

❖ **YANKEE GRC Companion Dog Trophy:** silver plate ice bucket, offered by Mary & Walter Grace. Awarded to the dog with the highest combined score from the first three qualifying CD legs earned at AKC licensed trials. Awarded this year to:

**UCD URO2 Hi-Top Shawnfield's Rapid Replay**  
**CD GN RAE WC Can CD RN**  
**Marcia Peirce**

❖ **YANKEE GRC Companion Dog Excellent Trophy:** a silver plate tray on a walnut base, offered by Louis & Dorothy Boyatzi. Awarded to the dog with the highest combined score from the first three qualifying CDX legs earned at AKC licensed trials. Awarded this year to:

**Siesta's Prestidigitator CDX RN CCA**  
**Esther & Simon Zimmerman**

❖ **YANKEE Shawnfield TD Trophy:** plaque donated by Marcia Peirce. Awarded to any owner-handled dog earning an AKC Tracking Dog title for the first time. If there are multiple winners, the trophy will be shared for equal periods of time. Awarded this year to:

**Goldruls Merry Days Christmas Cookey TD**  
**Denise Kohler & Diane Kohler**

❖ **Tricon Starshines Sundancer CD TDX JH CGC WC Tracking Trophy:** lighted stained glass and wood trophy. Awarded to the YGRC member in good standing who has achieved the highest level of AKC tracking. The hierarchy of tracking achievement shall be: Champion Tracker, VST, TDX, TD. Awarded this year to:

**Mirasol Feta Compli CDX TDX OA AXJ**  
**Amy Deutsch**

## TROPHY WINNERS, continued from previous page

❖ **The Bliss Glazebrook Versatile Golden Retriever Trophy: a hand-carved Golden Retriever plaque.** Dog must be member-owned and have attained one of the following titles: WCX, Senior Hunting Dog or \*\*. In addition, the dog must also have the following titles: an obedience and tracking title with one being a UD or TDX; or a UD or TDX with at least five points in Breed; or a CH in Breed and CD or TD. Awarded this year to:

**CH Sunnyglen Feather River Run'r UD MH  
AX OAJ WCX VCX DDHF  
Louis & Karen Scotti**

❖ **Sandy Sonntag Service Award: bronze Golden statue mounted on a walnut base.** Awarded annually to recognize a **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** member who has performed exemplary service to the Golden Retriever breed or the community. This accomplishment could have been

an outstanding one-time act or cumulative months of service. Written nominations may be made by any club member in good standing. Election by the members of the Board of Directors. Awarded this year to:

**Joan Puglia**

❖ **President's Service Award**, offered by Ann Houston. Awarded to a **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** member who has given devoted service to the club. All members with devoted service are to be considered, not necessarily one serving on the Board of Directors. Awarded once to any individual. This award will be presented by the current club president at the annual dinner. Awarded this year to:

**Carolyn Zagami**

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The following trophies were not awarded for 2010: Best Opposite Sex, Junior Showmanship, Derby, Field, Master Hunter, Utility Dog.

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## YGRC Sincerely Thanks the Following Trophy Fund Donors:

Joanne Baker  
Randy Hills  
Rhea Malloch  
Henry & Jan Rines  
Nancy Aldrich *in memory of* Tashel Casseopeia  
CDX RAE CGC  
Nancy Bishop *in memory of* Electralon Dogs  
Anne Blanchette for Stephanie Blanchette, *in memory of* "Murphy" — our beloved Cocker Spaniel of 15 plus years  
Jan & Mark Bramhall *in memory of* Pagey Elliott  
Diane & Steven Brunelle *in memory of* "Orion"  
Karen Frink & Jim Downar *in memory of* UCDX  
Breakwater Lotto Larceny UD OA OAJ NAP NJP  
Can CDX CCA  
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Deborah Hubbard *in memory of* "Bonnie" & "Bond"  
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Patrice Loves *in memory of* past Goldens of  
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Donna Morgan *in memory of* CH Thornelea's  
Luken's Luke CDX SH OAP OJP CGC WCX VCK  
Can CD  
Rhonda Mulholland *in memory of*  
"Rain"—SandDancer's Go N'eiri Leat CD JH WC  
CGC  
Ralph Patuto *in memory of* Ali's Signore Max JH  
Earlene Robertson *in memory of* Luken Amador's  
Curious George  
Maryterese Russo *in honor of* CH Oak Winds Toe-  
Tally Country CGC  
Judith Suket *in memory of* Mystique of the  
Meadows  
Julie Tirrinanzi *in memory of* "Sky"  
Sherry Washburn *in memory of* Joan Schiff  
Joel Wolff & Penny Schultz *in memory of* Beau  
Geste Solomon's Red Cedar  
Carolyn & Tom Zagami *in memory of* Crangold  
Lil'Firefly Chaser  
Jane Zimmerman *in memory of* CH Cloverdale  
Above and Beyond

# YANKEE BREEDER REFERRAL

## Breeder Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

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

- Copies of AKC registration certificates, thereby verifying that both the sire and dam were over 2years old at the time of breeding.
- Eye clearances on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary ophthalmologist 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*, (see above, right) completed and signed, for each litter listed.

Send listings and copies of clearances to the **YGRC** Breeder Referral chair listed in back 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 also 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 **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	Sherry Washburn	781 235-7137
Barb Lukis	413 283-5744		

### Litter Listings

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

- Karen Scotti CT  
Whelped 12/1/10 1 female, 1 male  
*Dal-Rhe Riverrun Irreplaceable X Wingmaster Beam Me Up*
- Maryterese Russo ME  
Whelped 1/11 1 female, 1 male  
*Am/Can CH Spicewood's Wind Symphony X Colonial's I've Got Nerves*
- Diane McDonough MA  
Whelped 12/4/10 1 male  
*Our Golden Reflection X Toryglen A Dream of Flight*
- Kathleen Waldron MA  
Whelped 11/19/10 1 female, 1 male  
*Cloverdale Classico X Toryglen Orion Dream'n of Hayley's Comet CGC*
- Julie Guay MA  
Whelped 1/8 6 females, 2 males  
*CH Hytree's Ryd-N Out The Storm X CH Avalor's Gold Digger*
- Cheryl Blair (Cathy Pappas's litter) MA  
Whelped 1/25/11 2 females/4 males  
*Tangleloft Life of the Party X Libra's CDP Golden Ursa Minor*
- Sheila Upson (sire) NH  
Whelped 2/13 3 puppies available  
*Winterdog's All Dreams Come True X Marithyme's Poppet Pollywog*



# Finish Lines



## Bench

**New Champion:** CH MERRY DAYS KNIGHT IN THE FOREST CGC TDI (Denise & Diane Kohler). Timber finished his title on January 15 at the *Greater Lowell KC* show in Fitchburg. "We celebrated with Timber's three favorite things: strawberry ice cream, a game of fetch, and cuddling on the sofa!"



### Wins:

THORNELEA PENELOPE (Carol Manthorne) won WB/BOW, 4 pts from the 12-18 class, *Springfield KC*, 11/28.



BEAU GESTE POZTVLY GAVIN @ WILDROSE (Cheryl Bingham, Jan Bramhall, Teri Kocher). WD, BOB, Group 4, *Greenville KC*, judge Christine Calcinari; RWD, *Mid-Florida GRC*, judge June Smith.

## Obedience

**New Rally Advanced:** SUNFIRE'S HURRICANE RA MX MXJ (Lise Merrifield). Hurry earned her RA with a 2nd place finish on 2/4 at the *MPWC Club* trial and the next day earned her first RE leg with a 1st place.

**New ASCA Companion Dog:** MIRASOL'S INDIGO FISH RA TD NA NAJ CGC WC CCA VC ASCA-CD (Roseann Mandell & Geoff Stern). Deasil finished his ASCA-CD at the *ASCNE* trial on 2/5.

**New UKC & ASCA Companion Dog:** UCD LYCINAN'S READING BETWEEN THE LINES BN RN CGC ASCA-CD (Susan Crum). Page finished her UCD in three straight trials, two legs at the *Sleeping Giant KC* trial, title at the *UKC Dog Obedience Guidance School* trial. She earned her ASCA-CD in Novice B with 196 (HIT), 195 (2nd place) and 197 (HIT), finishing Feb 5 at the *ASCNE* trials in Seekonk MA.

## Agility

**New Open Agility, Open Jumper, Open FAST:** TIGANA CALLIOPE DRIVE YOUR DREAMS OA OAJ OF WC (Pat Lindquist). "On 1/9 Dani finished her OA, OAJ, and OF, all with placements. The next show weekend she picked up an Excellent standard and Excellent jumper's leg."

**New Novice FAST, Open FAST, Open Agility, Excellent Agility, Excellent Jumper:** THISTLEDOWN JOHNNY BE GOOD AX AXJ OF (P. Lindquist & D. Cutler). "Johnny finished all these titles in 4 weekends in January and early February, all but one leg with placements."

**New Open Agility, Open FAST, Excellent Agility, Excellent Jumper:** GLENMOR ELYSIAN UNTOLD STORY AX AXJ OF RN (Lindquist). "Tori finished 4 titles in 5 weekends, all with placements. She also has 3 MX and 2 XF legs."

**New Master Excellent Agility, Excellent Jumper:** MARATHON'S BE-BOPPIN' ROSIE MX MXJ (Mary Peterson). "Rosie completed her MX on Dec. 11 at the **YANKEE** trial in Manchester and her MXJ at the *American Bullmastiff* Trial in Amherst on Jan 22. I'm so proud of my girl!"

**New Master Agility Champion:** MACH SUNFIRE'S HURRICANE RA (Lise Merrifield). Hurry finished her MACH 2/20 at the *EESSC* trial in Amherst NH.



## March 2011 Calendar of Canine Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Collie Club of ME, O/R, South Portland ME Amer Bullmastiff Assn, O, Franklin MA	<b>5</b> Southern Adirondack Agility Club, AG, Greenwich NY Labrador Retrvr Club of Grtr Boston, O, Franklin MA	<b>6</b> Southern Adirondack Agility Club, AG, Greenwich NY Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester NY, AG, Henrietta NY Labr Rtrvr Club of Grtr Boston, R, Franklin MA
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Monticello NY KC, AB/O/R, Milton NY Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester NY, AG, Farmington NY	<b>12</b> Amer Bullmastiff Assn, AG, Amherst NH Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester NY, AG, Farmington NY Monticello NY KC, AB/O/R, Milton NY	<b>13</b> Amer Bullmastiff Assn, AG, Amherst NH Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester NY, AG, Farmington NY Saw Mill River KC, AB, Milton NY
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Collie Club of NH, O, Amherst NH	<b>19</b> Schenectady DTC, AG, Greenwich NY Connecticut River Valley GRC, S, Fitchburg MA Charles River DTC, O, Franklin MA	<b>20</b> Schenectady DTC, AG, Greenwich NY New England Sporting Group Assn, LB, Fitchburg MA Charles River DTC, R, Franklin MA
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> LEAP Agility Club, AG, South Glastonbury CT	<b>27</b> LEAP Agility Club, AG, South Glastonbury CT
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Central NY KC, AB/O/R, Syracuse NY Onondaga Kennel Assn, AG, Syracuse NY			

**AB** — All-breed show    **AG** — Agility trial    **LB** — Limited breed show    **FT** — Field trial    **HT** — Hunt test  
**S** — Specialty show    **O** — Obedience trial    **R** — Rally trial    **TR** — Tracking test    **TX** — Tracking Test Excellent  
**DTC** — Dog Trng Club    **GRC** — Golden Rtrvr Club    **KC** — Kennel Club    **OTC** — Obed Trng Club

### GRCA Events

**CCA**, April 3, *Lenape GRC*, Wyndmoor, PA. Evaluators: Cindy Partridge, Susan Petermann, Cindy Williamson.

**CCA**, May 21, *NJ Pine Barrens GRC*, Medford NJ. Evaluators: Cindy Partridge, Cindy Williamson, Janice Provenzano.

## April 2011 Calendar of Canine Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<b>1</b> Onondaga Kennel Assn, AB/ AG/O/R, Syracuse NY North Country KC, R, Syracuse NY Amer Bullmastiff Assn, O, Franklin MA	<b>2</b> Finger Lakes KC, AB/O/R, Syracuse NY GRC of Central NY, S, Syracuse NY New England DTC, O, Taunton MA Onondaga Kennel Assn, AG, Syracuse NY Amer Eskimo Dog Club, AG, Amherst NH	<b>3</b> Onondaga Kennel Assn, AG, Syracuse NY North Country KC, AB/O/R, Syracuse NY Amer Eskimo Dog Club, AG, Amherst NH
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Trap Falls KC, AB/O/R, W. Springfield MA	<b>9</b> Troy KC, AB/O/R, W. Springfield MA Brookhaven KC, AG, Yaphank NY Amer Lhasa Apso Club, AG, Amherst NH	<b>10</b> Great Barrington KC, AB/O/R, W. Springfield MA Amer Lhasa Apso Club, AG, Amherst NH Long Island GRC, AG, Yaphank NY
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Providence Co. KC, AB/O/R, Lincoln RI Casco Bay DTC, O/R, Bath ME Hudson Valley GRC, AG, Goshen NY	<b>17</b> Rhode Island KC, AB/O/R, Lincoln RI Casco Bay DTC, O/R, Bath ME Hudson Valley GRC, AG, Goshen NY Hudson Valley Tracking Club, TR/TDX, New Paltz NY
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Springfield KC, AB, W. Springfield MA Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, AG, E Amherst NY Suffolk OTC, AG, Yaphank NY	<b>23</b> Pioneer Valley KC, AB/ O/R, W. Springfield Scottish Terrier Club of New England, AG, N. Smithfield, RI Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, AG, E. Amherst NY Suffolk OTC, AG, Yaphank NY Burlington OTC, AG, Shelburne VT Labrador Rtrvr Club of Greater Boston, HT	<b>24</b> South Windsor KC, AB, W. Springfield MA Springfield KC, O/R, W. Springfield MA Scottish Terrier Club of New England, AG, N. Smithfield, RI Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, AG, E. Amherst NY Suffolk OTC, AG, Yaphank NY Burlington OTC, AG, Shelburne VT Tracking Club of VT, TR/TX, Danby VT
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Greater New York Herding Club, AG, Yaphank NY	<b>30</b> South County KC, AB, Richmond, RI Greater New York Herding Club, AG, Yaphank NY Mid-Hudson Kennel Assn, AG, High Falls NY	

**AB** — All-breed show  
**O** — Obedience trial  
 DTC— Dog Training Club

**AG** — Agility trial  
**R** — Rally trial  
 GRC — Golden Retriever Club

**LB** — Limited breed show  
 KC — Kennel Club

**S** — Specialty show  
 DC — Dog Club  
 OTC — Obedience Training Club

### Special Events:

- April 1-3, 2011: International Assn of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC) Conference, Providence RI
- June 12, 2011: YGRR's annual auction
- July 16-17, 2011: AKC tracking seminar, Saco ME
- November 12, 2011: AKC Institute for Aspiring and Newly Approved Judges, Fitchburg MA

## Mark your calendars! Upcoming 2011 YANKEE GRC Events

When	What	Where	Whom to contact
March 22	<b>YGRC</b> Member Meeting & Program, 7:00 PM. Dr. Ruth Marrion: <i>Genetic Eye Conditions in Golden Retrievers</i>	Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA	Donna Cutler
April	West Thompson Clean-up day	West Thompson CT	Judith Erlanger
May	<b>YGRC</b> Spring Eye Clinic	<i>tbs</i>	Theresa Stremlau
TBD	<b>YGRC</b> Spring Match	<i>tbs</i>	<b>YANKEE</b> Bench Committee
May 14	<b>YGRC</b> Spring Flyer Day	West Thompson CT	<b>YANKEE</b> Field Committee
May 24	<b>YGRC</b> Member Meeting & Program, 7:00 PM. Dr. Cynthia O'Connor	Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA	Donna Cutler
May 28-29	Advanced Retriever Workshop with Carol Cassity	Addieville East Farm Mapleville, RI	Susan Lynch
June 3	<b>YGRC</b> Specialty Show, Obedience Trial & Rally Trial <i>Closing date: May 18th</i>	Wrentham MA	Show chair: Dianne Tyree Obed/rally: Geoff Stern Merchandise: Robin Babin
July 16-17	<b>YGRC</b> Agility Trials. <i>Opens: May 18</i>	Derry NH	<a href="http://www.pawprinttrials.com">www.pawprinttrials.com</a>
July 26	<b>YGRC</b> Ice Cream Social Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test, 7:00 PM	NARA Park, Acton MA	Donna Cutler CGC test: Roseann Mandell
Aug 13	<b>YGRC</b> VST Tracking Test	Durham NH	Joanne Baker
Aug 20	<b>YGRC</b> WC/WCX Test	West Thompson CT	<b>YANKEE</b> Field Committee
Aug 27-28	<b>YGRC</b> Agility Trials. <i>Opens: Jun 29</i>	Amherst NH	<a href="http://www.pawprinttrials.com">www.pawprinttrials.com</a>
Sept 11	<b>YGRC</b> TD/TDX Tracking Test	Durham NH	<b>YANKEE</b> Tracking Committee
Sep 20	<b>YGRC</b> Member Meeting & Program, 7:00 PM	Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA	Donna Cutler
Sep 25-Oct 1	<b>GRCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY</b>	Conyers, Georgia	<a href="http://www.atlantagoldens.org/National">www.atlantagoldens.org/National</a>
Sep 30-Oct 2	<b>YGRC</b> Hunt Test	West Thompson CT	<b>YANKEE</b> Field Committee
Oct 29-30	AKC Advanced Retriever Hunting Test Judge Seminar	Templeton MA	Laura Weinmann
Nov 12	<b>YGRC</b> supported entry at the Breeders' Circuit	Fitchburg MA	MB-F Inc., Superintendent— <a href="http://www.infodog.com">www.infodog.com</a>
Nov 13	<b>YGRC</b> Fall Eye & Heart Clinics	Sudbury MA	<b>YANKEE</b> Clinics Committee
Nov 15	<b>YGRC</b> Member Meeting & Program, 7:00 PM	Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA	Donna Cutler
Dec 10-11	<b>YGRC</b> Agility Trials. <i>Opens: Oct 12</i>	Manchester NH	<a href="http://www.pawprinttrials.com">www.pawprinttrials.com</a>

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