

# Finish Lines



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### YANKEE GRC ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS DINNER

The **YGRC ANNUAL DINNER** WILL BE **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012**, at *PAPA RAZZI RESTURANT*, BURLINGTON MA

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

**DINNER RESERVATIONS DUE JANUARY 15.**

Reservation form at [www.yankeegrc.org](http://www.yankeegrc.org)

### W A N T E D

#### Raffle and Auction Donations!

Once again we are asking for raffle items to help offset the costs of the **YANKEE** annual awards banquet.



In addition, we would greatly appreciate art objects, prints, photographs, etc., for a silent auction to be held at the **YGRC** annual banquet.

To arrange for dropping off your donations, please contact any of these folks:

- Donna Cutler
- Robin Babin
- Diane Kohler

#### Membership renewals are due **now!**

Need a renewal form? It's available on the **YANKEE** web site, [www.yankeegrc.org](http://www.yankeegrc.org)

### YANKEE Seminar: March 10, 2012 "ABCs of Dog Breeding"

**Dr. Claudia Orlandi**

**A practical step-by-step approach to the art and science of breeding.**

See flyer and registration form with this issue of the newsletter

### Raffle to benefit Pagey's Preserve

**Win a Three-Night Oceanfront Stay on Martha's Vineyard!**

**More information on page 13**

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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 re-apply and 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, [ygrcmembership@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembership@aol.com)

### ▶ YANKEE GRC MEMBERSHIP NEWS ◀

THE **2012 membership renewal form** can be downloaded from the club website, [www.yankeegrc.org](http://www.yankeegrc.org). More membership news on page 3.

### FINISH LINES Publication Schedule

Material Deadline	Issue/Mailing Date
<b>February 15</b>	<b>March 1</b>
April 15	May 1
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 October and November 1, 2011. Committee reports are summarized below:

**Agility:** December trials set for Manchester NH.

**Bench:** Specialty 2011 summary report submitted. Need inventory of match ribbons. Final arrangements underway for supported entry show in November.

**Breeder referral:** Will align breeder referral requirements with the revised GRCA Code of Ethics.

**Clinics:** Info and forms on the web site.

**Field:** Field Committee will be meeting on December 4 in Acton MA.

**GRCA delegates report:** Report in newsletter.

**Membership:** Renewal notice going out in early November. Form will be available on the web site.

**Newsletter:** Newsletter is published on the 1st of odd-number months. Submission deadline is the 15th of even-number months.

**Programs:** Field trip to Vetcision in Waltham on Nov. 15 with Basic First Aid class.

**Puppy Kindergarten:** No puppy class for Oct/Nov, but full Post-Grad class. Next session starts January 5.

**Tracking:** All major positions filled for 2012 events.

**Trophy:** Annual application packet to go out in November. Arrangements made to photograph all of the trophies before the annual meeting.

**Web site:** Calendar will shift from 2011 to 2012 after closing date for the Dec. agility trials. Old calendars will be archived.

#### Other business:

- Storage: Need inventory
- Club fundraiser for Pagey's Preserve
- ABC breed seminar: Location secured
- Annual dinner: Club will subsidize to keep members' cost from increasing

**Next meeting:** Dec. 13, 2011



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here's to a Happy Healthy 2012 Everyone

Now is the time when we all reflect about previous years and plan for the future. I have learned that my New Year's resolutions are always very ambitious with good intentions: I'm going to lose 10 pounds, exercise more, be home from work at a regular time to cook dinner, work Kindra on her drills so we could try some Master tests, teach Frost some new skills. See what I mean — pretty ambitious, but doable if I remain focused and organized!

It is my hope that as you reflect on the past and plan for the future that you will include some **YANKEE** activities in your plans. We certainly have something for everyone! Come to an event you have never been to before. Meet some new members. Try to volunteer for an event that you have never been too. Help is always welcomed and needed. There are often some activities that can be done from home, so contact the event chair to see what you could do from the comfort of your home. Currently we are selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the **Pagey's Preserve** land acquisition (details are in this issue and on our web site). You could sell raffle tickets to your friends. Who doesn't want a vacation on Martha's Vineyard where you can bring your dog? These raffle tickets are an easy sell! **YANKEE** offers endless opportunities to expand your knowledge and fun with your dogs so include these opportunities in your 2012 plans!

I hope to see everyone at **YANKEE's** annual dinner on January 28 at Papa Razzi restaurant in Burlington, MA. The dinner reservation form can be found on our website. The annual dinner is always a good time. It's a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones without the pressure of an event where you need to get your dog ready. We have tried to keep the price reasonable and as a gift to the membership, the board has voted for the club to cover the cost of the appetizers, tip and tax as a thank you to the membership for all their hard work throughout the year.

Let's make 2012 an exciting, fun time with your dogs and friends!

Always Golden,  
Donna Morgan

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## YANKEE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### New applicants:

- **Carleen Fiore**, MA      Pet owner. Will help with events & committees.  
SPONSORS: Anne Blanchette, Carolyn Zagami
- **DeDe Guba**, MA.      Pet owner, breeder. INTERESTS: Bench, obedience, field, hunt, tracking.  
Will help with events & committees.  
SPONSORS: Susan Naylor, Judith Erlanger

### Voted in on 11/15/2011:

- **Denise Atkinson**, MA      Pet owner. INTERESTS: Obedience, field trials, hunt tests. Will help with events & committees.  
Sponsors: Patty Richards, Patti Sullivan
  - **Diane Gum**, NH      Exhibitor, Interests: Obedience, Hunt Tests. Will help with events & committees.  
SPONSORS: Mary Alice McGee, Donna Morgan
  - **Betty Laurin**, RI      Pet owner. INTERESTS: Obedience, field trials, hunt tests, breeding. Will help with events & committees.  
SPONSORS: Donna Morgan, Nancy Dallaire
  - **Chandler & Darlene Rudd**, NH      Exhibitor, pet owner. INTERESTS: Bench, breeding, therapy work. Will help with events & committees.  
SPONSORS: Carolyn Zagami, Susan Foster
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# GRCA DELEGATE REPORT

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



**11-59.** Appointing Cindy Collins of Grand Blanc MI as Chairman of the Breed Education Committee.

**11-60.** Appointing Judy Myers of Port Townsend WA to the Field Education Subcommittee of the Breed Education Committee.

**11-61.** Adding the name *Brackenhollow*, under which Sheila Fowler Ward bred Golden Retrievers for over 50 years, to the historical section of the GRCA Kennel Prefix Listing, and requesting AKC to officially retire the *Brackenhollow* kennel name to protect its legacy.

**11-62.** Approving a revision of the GRCA Nominating Committee Guidelines in accordance with the 2009 revision to the GRCA Bylaws which affected events in election procedures.

**11-63.** Donating \$100 to the *Golden Retriever Foundation* in memory of Nick Hammond, a life member of GRCA, and long-time member of the GRCA Board of Directors.

**11-64.** Agreeing that GRCA will purchase the monthly AKC awards reports for the GRCA Statisticians and Yearbook Committee at the cost of \$2,100 per year.

**11-65.** Appointing Nona Kilgore Bauer as GRCA's new *AKC Gazette* columnist.

**11-66.** Requesting that Barb Reichman represent GRCA at the inaugural AKC Legislative Conference in Raleigh NC on January 28-29, 2012.

## Hot Topics

- ❖ The members only section of the GRCA web site is up and running.
- ❖ The AKC Board of Directors passed a number of changes to the *Regulations for AKC Retriever Hunting Tests*, effective January 1, 2012.

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

— Roseann Mandell  
YANKEE delegate to the GRC

## December 2011 GRF Updates

During this holiday season, we at the *Golden Retriever Foundation* want to take a moment to thank everyone who has been a part of making the GRF what it is today. Through your generosity, we are proud to say we have collectively helped many Golden Retrievers in need as well as supported education and research for the future betterment of the health and care of our wonderful breed.

**APPROVED MAF GRANTS.** We recently supported the following grants at Morris Animal Foundation. These grants were reviewed by the Health and Genetics committee and their thought on the projects were sent to the GRF for our approval. Below is a brief description of the six grants we are supporting.

**D12CA-061**, William Kisseberth, DVM PhD, Ohio State University, "Phase I Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Trial of AR42 in Dogs with Mast Cell Tumors and Lymphoma"

*Note:* This study received extremely high rankings from each of our Health and Genetics Committee members. We are thrilled to be able to support this, and look forward to possible increased support as time goes by.

**D12CA-033**, Barbara Biller, DVM PhD, Colorado State University, "Monoclonal Antibody Therapy of Canine B-Cell Lymphoma"

**D12CA-302**, Daisuke Ito, DVM PhD, University of Minnesota "CD40 Signaling Pathway as a Therapeutic Target in Canine Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma"

**D12CA-026**, Nicola Mason, BVetMed PhD, University of Pennsylvania, "Development of a CD20-Specific Antibody Fragment for Targeted Therapy of Canine B-Cell Lymphoma"

**D12CA-313**, Thomas Koch, DVM PhD, University of Guelph, "Immunological and Chondrogenic Evaluation of Canine Stem Cells"

**D12CA-803**, Deborah Guest, BSc PhD, Animal Health Trust, "Deriving Canine Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells for Future Therapeutic Use and Disease Modelling"

**SENIOR CERF UPDATE.** The GRF paid for 11 new Senior CERF submissions in November, with a total of 172 since the beginning of the program. As a reminder, there is a voucher that can be printed from the GRF website and included with a CERF examination form to get the GRF to pay for CERF registrations for Golden Retrievers 8 years old and older. [www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/downloads/cerfvoucherstatement.pdf](http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/downloads/cerfvoucherstatement.pdf)

# YANKEE GRC December Agility Trials

## GOLDEN RETRIEVER QUALIFIERS

JUDGE: KATHLEEN RUPPRECHT

Saturday 12/10/2011	
<b>Standard</b>	
<b>Open 20"</b>	
1	Rhubarb / Henry Rines
2	Hatrick / Hannah Phelps
<b>Excellent A 20"</b>	
2	Tina / Carolyn Fuhrer
<b>Excellent B 20"</b>	
1	Winona / Christie McNamara
2	Rosie / Mary Peterson
3	Maxie / Lynn Dowall
Q	Annie / Karen Hollander
Q	Hurry / Lise Merrifield
Q	Johnny / Patricia Lindquist
Q	Tori / Patricia Lindquist
Q	Shelby / Amy Deutsch
<b>Excellent B 24"</b>	
1	Zer / Grace LaRocque
3	Eli / Joyce Dibona
Q	Ben / Susan Usher
<b>Novice Preferred 20"</b>	
Q	Nikon / Karen Hocker
<b>Excellent B Preferred 16"</b>	
3	Diva / Laurie Tinti
4	Lindy / Roseann Mandell
<b>Jumpers</b>	
<b>Open 20"</b>	
1	Rhubarb / Henry Rines
3	Ruby / Sylvia Leggett
4	Carson / Nancy Bishop
<b>Excellent B 20"</b>	
3	Winona / Christie McNamara
Q	Maxie / Lynn Dowall
Q	Hurry / Lise Merrifield
Q	Reeses / Marcia Peirce
Q	Chillin / Nancy Bishop
Q	Johnny / Patricia Lindquist
Q	Tori / Patricia Lindquist
<b>Excellent B 24"</b>	
3	Trey / Karen Hocker
Q	Jack / Karen Hollander
Q	Zer / Grace LaRocque
Q	Buzz / Susan Usher
<b>Novice Preferred 16"</b>	
1	Diva / Holly Stevenson
2	Sam / Holly Stevenson
<b>Novice Preferred 20"</b>	
Q	Nikon / Karen Hocker
<b>Excellent B Preferred 16"</b>	
2	Breezon / Nancy Bishop

Sunday 12/11/2011	
<b>Standard</b>	
<b>Open 20"</b>	
1	Jazz / Patricia Lindquist
<b>Excellent B 20"</b>	
1	Rosie / Mary Peterson
Q	Trevor / Amy Deutsch
Q	Chillin / Nancy Bishop
<b>Excellent B 24"</b>	
3	Trey / Karen Hocker
Q	Zer / Grace LaRocque
Q	Snapshot / Karen Hocker
Q	Jack / Karen Hollander
Q	Eli / Joyce Dibona
Q	Ben / Susan Usher
<b>Excellent B Preferred 16"</b>	
2	Diva / Laurie Tinti
<b>Jumpers</b>	
<b>Novice B 20"</b>	
1	Lyric / Stacey Allard
<b>Open 20"</b>	
2	Hatrick / Hannah Phelps
3	Jazz / Patricia Lindquist
4	Po / Ray Desmarais
<b>Excellent A 20"</b>	
1	Saphira / Ray Desmarais
<b>Excellent B 20"</b>	
3	Annie / Karen Hollander
Q	Maxie / Lynn Dowall
Q	Reeses / Marcia Peirce
Q	Johnny / Patricia Lindquist
Q	Tori / Patricia Lindquist
Q	Shelby / Amy Deutsch
<b>Excellent B 24"</b>	
3	Snapshot / Karen Hocker
4	Jack / Karen Hollander
Q	Eli / Joyce Dibona
Q	Ketch / Elise Kremer
Q	Teller / Erica Ferland
Q	Ben / Susan Usher
<b>Novice Preferred 16"</b>	
1	Costello / Michael Lappin

# 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 2 years old at the time of breeding.
- Eye clearances (CERF certificates) 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 are valid only for one year from the date of issue.
- Hip clearances on both the sire and dam. Dogs must have final OFA Certification, or PennHip 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.

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. The **YANKEE** member must be the contact person for Breeder Referral.

### NEW BREEDER REFERRAL POLICY, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Changes for **YGRC** members include:

- Annual eye exams *for life* on dogs who produce offspring
- Elbow clearances
- Health reports publicly available in an approved online database

### To Submit a Listing

Use the convenient submit-a-listing page on the club website, [www.yankeegr.com](http://www.yankeegr.com).

Referral listings will run for 10 weeks; please contact the Breeder Referral chair to extend or to stop a 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.

### 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 GRC Breeder Referral Representatives

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

Chair: Barb Lukis 413 283-5744 <a href="mailto:kblukis@comcast.net">kblukis@comcast.net</a>	
Connie Harris 781 826-3060	Sherry Washburn 781 235-7137

## Litter Listings

- Sherry Washburn MA  
Born 12/2/11: 6 males, 2 females  
GCH CH *Tempo's U'Ve Got What Gets Me*  
X Am/Can CH *Wochica Ar-Kel Landmark's MPV JH WC*
- Joan & Lisa Dunn MA  
Born 12/3/11: 5 males, 4 females  
Am/Can CH *Spicewood's Wind Symphony*  
X *Hunting Lane Twelve Boughs of Holly*



# Finish Lines



## Bench

### New Champion:

CH KELORE'S PRINCE CHARMING AT GOLDREAMS CGC (Patty Richards & Kim Lorrain). "Henry finished his championship in style to include a group 1, judge James Covey, defeating 310 dogs. He has multiple Best of Breeds under his belt, and completed the three majors needed for his Grand Championship with ease."

CH CLOVERDALE LIKE A HEATWAVE (Zimmerman). Jane reports that Blazer finished with back-to-back majors at the Breeders Circuit in Fitchburg, 11/11 and 11/12: *Souhegan KC*, WD/BOW, judge Susan Foster; *Framingham District KC*, WD, judge Jennifer Krawczyn (**YANKEE**-supported entry).

## Field

**New Master Hunter:** HR BEAU GESTE BEING RAMIROZ CD MH WCX (Susan Lynch). Manny finished his MH at the *Long Island GRC* test on 10/28. "Absolutely thrilled just about sums it up! Building a MH is a journey that is dependent upon many people. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the dedicated friends who helped us achieve this exciting title. A *big* thank you goes out to my training partners, the best team ever!"



### New Senior Hunter:

REAL GOLD RAZZLE DAZZLE RED MAN SH (Patti Sullivan). Patti sends news that Tazz got his SH this year at *Shoreline's* test. His other passes were at *Colonial* in 2010 and 2011, and the *Lab Club* in 2011.



## Tracking

**New Tracking Dog Excellent:** MIRASOL'S INDESCENT PROPOSAL TDX (Amy Deutsch). Amy handled Trevor to his TDX at the *Hudson Valley Tracking Club* test on 10/2 in New Paltz NY.



## Agility

**New Novice Agility, Novice FAST, Open Agility and Open Jumper:** MIRASOL RAVENSWIND KANGARUBY OA OAJ (Jan & Henry Rines). Henry & Rhubarb finished her NA title at the *Hudson Valley GRC* trials, her NF title at the Thanksgiving cluster, and her OA and OAJ titles at **YANKEE's** December trials.

**New Open FAST and Master Excellent Jumper:** URO3 UCDX HI-TOP SHAWNFIELD'S RAPID REPLAY UD GN GO VER RAE JH AX AXJ OF NAP NJP WC, Can CD RA (Marcia Peirce). Reeses earned his OF title with two 1sts at the *Middlesex KC* trials, and a 3rd at the *LEAP* trial in Springfield. In obedience, Reeses took HIT from Open B at the *German Shepherd Club* trial on 12/2. Reeses finished his MXJ title at the *ACNH* trials, earning his 4th and 5th double Qs.

**New Master Agility Excellent:** THISTLEDOWN JOHNNY BE GOOD JH MX AXJ WC (Pat Lindquist & Donna Cutler). "Johnny finished his MX at at **YANKEE's** trial. Along the way he has accumulated four double Qs and almost 150 MACH points. MXJ will be coming soon."

**New Open Agility and Novice Jumper:** CALLIOPE OOPS I DID IT AGAIN OA NAJ (Lindquist). "Jazz finished her OA at **YANKEE's** trial after picking up her two legs in November. All legs with placements. She finished her NAJ in November also and has already earned two legs toward her OAJ, again all legs with placements. She will soon be running with the big dogs in Excellent."

## Finish Lines, cont'd

# Obedience

### New Companion Dog:

MIRASOL AZURE LIKE IT CD TD NA OAJ (Alison & Ray Desmarais). Saphira won 2nd in Novice B at *Gloucester County KC* on 10/22, and 2nd again at *South Jersey KC* on 10/23 to finish her CD.

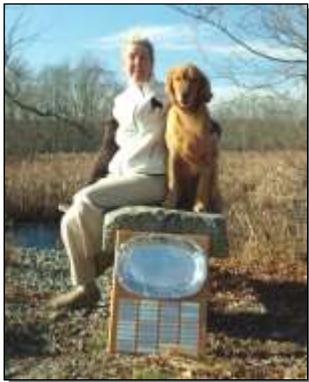
MIRASOL RIP VAN PERIWINKLE CD TD OA OAJ NF (Desmarais). Ripley won 1st place in Novice B at *Gloucester County KC* and took HIT at *South Jersey KC* on 10/23 to complete his CD.

SIESTA'S PRESTIDIGITATOR CDX RN CCA CD-C NW1 (Esther Zimmerman).

Esther writes, "At the CDSP trials, Presto got his CD-C, and one leg on his CDX-C. He won the second trial with a score of 200!

"On 10/22, he also earned his Nosework 1 title."

Here's a photo with the **YANKEE** CDX trophy which Presto won last year.



### New Companion Dog Excellent:

URO3 UCDX HI-TOP SHAWNFIELD'S RAPID REPLAY UD GN GO VER RAE JH AX AXJ NF NAP NJP WC Can CD RA (Peirce). Reeses earned his UKC CDX title with two HITS at the *Marshland* trials, and 1st place at the *Dog Obedience Guidance School* trial.

UCH UCD MIRASOL'S CURIOUS INCIDENT CDX RE TDX MX MXJ MXP AJP NFP CGC ASCA-CD CCA (Roseann Mandell & Geoff Stern). Lindy finished her CDX at the *Charles River DTC* trial on 11/19. Her CDX also makes Lindy a VCD2.

### New Utility Dog:

FIREMARK'S ULTIMATE EDITION UD (Pat Scribner). Eddie finished his UD 10/8 at the *Champlain Valley KC* trial with 3rd place in Utility B.

HIGHLIGHT'S MAGIC MARBLE UD (Julie Tirinanzi) completed her UD title on 11/5.

CHRISTIE'S COUNT ME IN UD RE (Sue Sommer). "Carly had a busy fall competing in Utility. Her first leg was 10/15 at the *Souhegan KC* trial, second leg was at the *Bullmastiff Club* trial on 11/5; and she finished her UD on 11/20 at the *Concord DTC* trial."

CH MIRASOL CALLIOPE GOUDAS IT GETS UD JH RAE MX AXJ OF WCX (Lindquist). Pat writes, "Brinker finished his UD at the *Nathan Hale* trial two days after celebrating his 10th birthday. He is now retired from obedience competition and will have to find something else fun to do."

## What Is an Obedience Title, Really?

by Sandy Mowery, from *Front & Finish*

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores; a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

In addition, a title says that you love your dog. That you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than the true love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

## YANKEE Member News

Sue Usher writes, "After my three-month hiatus from agility due to an injury, Buzz earned his OA, OAJ, OF, AX, and AXJ. He has seven MXJ legs and two MX legs. Glad to be back running and enjoying my young dog. Ben, at 8½ years, hasn't earned any titles this year, but we are plugging happily along towards his MACH 3 title, and my best boy now has 95 double Qs! Love my boys."

Geoff Stern & Roseann Mandell's little Belgian girl collected two more obedience titles in consecutive weekends. Mille. B is now UCH UCD GAELERA BLUESETTE CDX RE NA NAJ NJP NFP ASCA-CD Can CD CD-C TT CGC. She got her CDSP Companion Dog title in three straight trials — one on Saturday, two on Sunday — giving her five Companion Dog titles in five different registries.

And at the *Concord DTC* trial, Bluesette qualified in Open A for her CDX. The Rapsallion Princess is now retired from obedience and will focus solely on agility — and helping Roseann in CGC testing.

# January 2012 Calendar of Canine Events

Monday

Tuesday

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Bearded Collie Club of Amer, AG, Amherst NH

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Agility Club of NH, AG, Amherst NH  
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Agility Club of NH, AG, Amherst NH  
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GRC of Western NY, S/O/R, Hamburg NY

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Southern Adirondack Agility Club, AG, Greenwich NY  
Greater Lowell KC, AB, Fitchburg MA  
KC of Buffalo, AB/O/R, Hamburg NY

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Southern Adirondack Agility Club, AG, Greenwich NY  
Merrimack Valley KC, AB, Fitchburg MA  
Ashtabula KC, AB/O/R, Hamburg NY

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American Bullmastiff Assn, AG, Amherst NH  
Central NY Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Farmington NY

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Central NY Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Farmington NY  
Brookhaven KC, O/R, Bayshore NY

Southern Adirondack Agility Club, AG, Greenwich NY  
Merrimack Valley KC, AB, Fitchburg MA

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YGRCA Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner



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# February 2012 Calendar of Canine Events

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		<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Long Island GRC, R, Bayshore NY	<b>10</b> Long Island GRC, S/O, Bayshore NY
<b>13</b> Westminster KC, AB, NYC NY	<b>14</b> Westminster KC, AB, NYC NY	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Tri-State Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Hamden CT	<b>18</b> E. English Springer Spaniel Club, AG, Amherst NH Tri-State Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Hamden CT Elm City KC, AB/O, Hartford CT	<b>19</b> E. English Springer Spaniel Club, AG, Amherst NH Tri-State Shetland Sheepdog Club, AG, Hamden CT First Co. Gov.'s Foot Guard Assn, AB/O, Hartford CT
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Hudson Valley GRC, S/O/R, Suffern NY	<b>25</b> Middlesex KC, AG, Amherst NH Talcott Mtn Agility Club AG, Hamden CT Syracuse OTC, AG, Syracuse NY Rockland County KC, AB/O, Suffern NY	<b>26</b> Middlesex KC, AG, Amherst NH Talcott Mtn Agility Club AG, Hamden CT Syracuse OTC, AG, Syracuse NY Rockland County KC, AB/O, Suffern NY
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AB — All-breed show  
 AG — Agility trial  
 TD— Tracking Dog test  
 DTC— Dog Training Club  
 KC — Kennel Club

S — Specialty show  
 O — Obedience trial  
 TX— Tracking Test Excellent test  
 DC — Dog Club  
 OTC — Obedience Training Club

R — Rally trial  
 VST— Variable Surface Tracking test  
 GRC — Golden Retriever Club

## Mark your calendars! 2012 YANKEE GRC Events

When	What	Where	Whom to contact
January 28	<b>YGRC</b> Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner	<i>Papa Razzi Restaurant,</i> Burlington MA	Dinner reservation form at <a href="http://www.yankeegrc.org">www.yankeegrc.org</a>
March 10	<b>YGRC</b> Seminar: <i>ABCs of Dog Breeding</i> <i>presented by Claudia Orlandi</i>	North Andover MA	Gregg von Sternberg, <a href="mailto:yankee.abc.seminar@gmail.com">yankee.abc.seminar@gmail.com</a>
March 25	<b>YGRC</b> Eye & Heart Clinics	North Andover MA	<b>YANKEE</b> Health Clinics Committee
March/April	<b>YGRC</b> Spring Field Classes	Stow & Gardner MA	<b>YANKEE</b> Field Committee
April 29	<b>YGRC</b> AKC TD/TDX Test	Durham NH	Test Sec'y: Sue Usher, <a href="#">TDX info</a> , <a href="#">TD info</a>
May 6	<b>YGRC</b> Spring Match	Carlisle MA	<b>YANKEE</b> Bench Committee
May 14	<b>YGRC</b> Field Training "Flyer Day"	West Thompson CT	Bob McKie
June 1	Corresponding date for <b>YGRC</b> specialty	Wrentham MA	<b>YANKEE</b> Bench Committee
June 10	<b>YGRC</b> Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)	Hollis NH	Sherry Wyseil
June 16-17	<b>YGRC</b> <i>Tracking Seminar: The Art of VST</i> Note: <b>YANKEE</b> members have registration preference until February 1, 2012.	Durham NH	Susan Palius
July 14-15	<b>YGRC</b> AKC Agility Trials	North Smithfield RI	<a href="http://www.pawprinttrials.com">www.pawprinttrials.com</a>
August 11	<b>YGRC</b> AKC VST Test	Durham NH	Test Sec'y: Susan Crum, <a href="#">AKC info</a>
August 18	<b>YGRC</b> WC/WCX Test	West Thompson CT	Karen Scotti Karen Hollander
August 25-26	<b>YGRC</b> AKC Agility Trials	Amherst NH	<a href="http://www.pawprinttrials.com">www.pawprinttrials.com</a>
Sept 4-13	GRCA 2012 Nat'l Specialty	Purina Farms, Gray Summit MO	Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis <a href="http://www.grcanational.org">www.grcanational.org</a>
Sept 28-30	Corresponding dates for <b>YGRC</b> AKC Hunt Test	West Thompson CT	<b>YANKEE</b> Field Committee
Oct 27-28	<b>YGRC</b> Field Seminar/Workshop	<i>tbd</i>	<b>YANKEE</b> Field Committee
Dec 8-9	<b>YGRC</b> AKC Agility Trials	Manchester NH	<a href="http://www.pawprinttrials.com">www.pawprinttrials.com</a>

**More information about YANKEE events is online at [www.yankeegrc.org](http://www.yankeegrc.org)**

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Terms start immediately following the annual meeting at the end of January.

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# YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB RAFFLE

Help make *Pagey's Preserve* a reality!

## Win a Three Night Oceanfront Stay on Martha's Vineyard!



Generous friends of *YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB* have donated the use of their house on Martha's Vineyard as a raffle prize to raise money to purchase the land to create Pagey's Preserve. You could win a three night stay at the Captain's House — one of three homes at Sagehaven. Sagehaven, located in Oak Bluffs, has direct beach access and stunning water views. This beautiful property was named in honor of the owners' beloved Golden Retriever, "Sage," who spent many happy days there running on the beach and enjoying island life.

- The Captain's House features 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, and easily sleeps 9 people.
- Well behaved dogs with responsible owners are permitted.
- **The winner will have the option to stay any 3 nights between September 15 and October 15, 2012,** subject to availability. Early fall is the perfect time to visit the Vineyard when the summer crowds have gone and the gorgeous days remain.
- For more information about the property and pictures please go to [www.sagehaven.com](http://www.sagehaven.com).

All proceeds from this raffle will support the creation of **Pagey's Preserve** — a wonderful tribute to Rachel Page Elliott and her husband Mark. It is hoped that 9 acres of their River Road Farm containing 1000 feet of frontage on the Concord River in Carlisle MA can be preserved as conservation land for all people and dogs to enjoy. *YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB*, of which Pagey was a founding member, has pledged to make a significant contribution, and hopes this raffle will help make that possible.

**Prize value: \$2000      Drawing: April 3, 2012**

**Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20**

For more information or to purchase raffle tickets contact:

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