

Finish Lines



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Report of the President

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Welcome to the 2004 Annual Meeting of the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**. Let's give a round of applause to Donna Morgan and Melanie Porter, who managed all aspects of our dinner tonight, from this new, centrally located, and easily accessible venue, the good and affordable food, the trophy tables, and the terrific raffles, and so on. Everything has been great and looks lovely. Thank you.

After four years of **YGRC's** presidency, this is my last annual report. Looking back, I note that the years have gone by quickly, and I want to tell our incoming President, Jim Downar, that his new infant grandson will be walking and into mischief by the time his first year in office is completed. A lot happens in one short year. Aside from the old adage that the older we get, the faster the time goes—and we don't want to go there!—the time goes by quickly because **YGRC** is such a busy, multifaceted club.

This was another busy year for **YANKEE**, busy, successful, and satisfying. **YGRC** is one of the most active specialty clubs in the nation, and continues to be a leader among the many other GRCA member clubs. In 2003, we unanimously voted to donate an initial \$10,000 to the Zeke Cancer Fund, administered by the Golden Retriever Foundation, and to continue, on an annual basis, to make additional substan-

tial donations to the Zeke Fund. Please join us in this endeavor by contributing as much as you can individually manage to this worthy cause. In addition, the Board agreed to match donations made by puppy kindergarten and post-grad classes and attendees at the May club meeting to a North Carolina rescue effort of 19 starving and neglected Golden Retrievers.

The working committees are the core of the club activity, coordinated by the committee chairs and overseen by the Board of Directors. The committee chairs are the folks listed on the back of the newsletter, the ones who make it all happen. In 2003, Melanie Porter took over the concessions job; Mike Lappin, Kathy Doyle, and Melanie Porter chaired the specialty show, Carol White accepted the trophy chair, and Roseann Mandell and Geoff Stern came on board as *Finish Lines* editors, adding some delightful features to this constantly high-quality publication. Other chairs remained the same: Linda Erickson continued as bench chair; Jennifer Rowe handled membership; Marsha Wilcox organized club meetings and programs; Donna Cutler kept the Puppy Kindergarten on track; Karen Hocker and Lisa McCabe managed the Web site, Deirdre Doyle served as GRCA correspondent, Karen Frink chaired agility, Barb Lukis managed breeder referral, Andrea Fisher

and Carol White, our energizer bunny field goddesses, keep going and going, also running the spring field classes, where they are also class instructors, Bill Hurley does our club mailings, Mike Lappin chairs obedience, Ray Desmarais and Bliss Glazebrook keep tracking on track, Ann Houston is our GRCA delegate, and Susan Lynch is Public Education Coordinator; the last several being the positions they have held for several years. There are also folks serving for years in unofficial capacities, specifically raffle queen Fran Lappin with her Henderson team, and Kibble Kafé Ko-ordinator, Debbie Spellman. We couldn't do it without all these people, who give a *lot* of time and energy to **YANKEE**. Thanks to retiring chairs Becky Stotts, Teri Roche, and Martha Dole. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

The Board of Directors for 2003 consisted of Betty Anketell, Pat Cox, Jim Downar, Kathy Doyle, Judith Erlanger, Ann Houston, Mike Lappin, Pat Lindquist, Donna Morgan, and Melanie Porter. When Judith resigned in October, Donna Cutler was elected to the board for the interim. Many of our board members and committee chairs come to the monthly board meetings straight from work, so we start with pizza and salad,

MEMBERSHIP

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

1. Prospective members must attend two **YANKEE** meetings prior to becoming eligible for a full, voting membership. Club meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of odd-number months, earlier in November, at the Acton Congregational Church. Copies of the Club Constitution and Bylaws will be 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 at the next Club meeting for a vote.

In the interim, if prospective members want to receive the **YGRC** newsletter, *Finish Lines*, they may do so as subscribers.

To become a subscriber, complete the front page of the membership application and send it with the subscription fee of \$15 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, receive trophies, list wins in *Finish Lines*, list litters with Breeders' Referral, *etc.* To re-join the Club, the complete procedure described above must be followed.

If there are any questions, or if you need a membership application, please contact Jennifer Rowe, membership chair, granitegold@conknet.com.

2003 Public Education Report

The chair of this committee is Susan Lynch. In 2003, she was busy doing several educational programs in the public schools in Hollis and Nashua NH. Susan utilized some of new AKC educational materials to help children understand the care and commitment a pet requires. In addition, Susan did some demonstrations on grooming and training, and discussed matching the right breed with the right life style. If anyone would like to volunteer to work on this committee in their area please contact Susan Lynch or the Board of Directors.

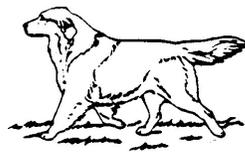
—Donna Morgan

The Puppy Kindergarten program is still being held at Riverview in Hudson. It has proven to be a wonderful spot for the classes. The building has great space and they have just finished paving the driveway which will make the rainy evenings much more pleasant. This year we had 5 different sessions from January through December. In total there were 121 puppies that went through PK and 34 that went through Post Grad. People came from as far away as Maine from the North, the Rhode Island border from the South, Warren from the West and downtown Boston from the East. We have a lot more people coming from the metro west and 495 area since we moved to Hudson. The most popular names for girls were Lily, Sadie and Abby. The most popular names for boys were Jackson, Sam with a tie for Brady and Max. Let's see how many more Bradys there will be now that the Pats have won the Super Bowl!

—Donna Cutler

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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



Never reward a dog with attention when it is engaging in inappropriate behavior.



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and brags. We have a good time while we get a lot of business taken care of. Every committee is represented, either directly or by a board member liaison, who checks in monthly with each committee and event chairperson. It's been a great board to work with; everyone is comfortable with each other and works well together. Thank you to everyone on the board and all the committee chairs and volunteers who manage to make it look easy while pulling off one spectacular event after another.

The club has events being held almost all the time. In fact, we often have to be careful not to schedule conflicts with our own events! It all works, because **YANKEE** is made up of talented, devoted, and hard-working people making it all happen. This year many members volunteered to help plan and carry out **YGRC**'s incredible array of activities. I'd like to thank everyone, starting with our most recent, our biggest, and our most public event—or should I say events — 4 days of all-breed agility trials at the huge Boston cluster shows in December.

Not only is this our biggest and most public event, but it is highly successful financially and in terms of club public relations. Why? There are lots of reasons, and you know most of them: Stacey Allard and Karen Frink — trial chair and secretary, respectively — and able assistants Betty Anketell, Donna Benoit, Nancy Bishop, Loni Brown, Jean Conrad, Susan Crum, Ray Desmarais, Joyce DiBona, Rita DiSalvio, Lynn Dowall, Jim Downar, Judith Erlanger, Kathy Goodman, Karen Hocker, Karen Hollander, Rhonda Jarman, Patricia Kallen, Michael Lappin, Fran Lappin, Patricia Lindquist, Maggie Lukiewicz, Roseann Mandell, Fran Masters, Michael Masters, Lise Merrifield, Donna Morgan, Melanie Porter, Henry Rines, Earlene Robertson, Denise Ryan, Geoff Stern, Holly Stevenson, Laurie Tinti, and Carol White. Not only does **YANKEE** appreciate these hard-working volunteers, but competitors and spectators alike owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

Our two matches this year were successful and well-attended. The Spring

Match was chaired by Linda Erickson, cheerfully assisted by her mother, Edith, and friends Bonnie Fistel, Mike and Fran Lappin, Roseann Mandell, Lenny Gadomski, Fran Masters, Susan Crum, Joan Dunn, and Mikki Castonguay. One of our obedience judges was member Geoff Stern. Donna Cutler chaired the Fall Match — personifying the motto “learn by doing” — with lots of help from Fran Lappin. Members Karen Frink and Dianne Tyree served as obedience and breed judges, respectively. The match pizza party was a big hit, as always, as was the amazing raffle. In addition, **YGRC** supported the entry at the Carroll County shows in September.

Our Independent Specialty was chaired by the indomitable team of Melanie Porter, Mike Lappin, and Kathy Doyle. Once again they created a fun and fantastic show, in tandem with Stacy Allard and Karen Frink who ran the concurrent agility trial. The show committees and workers included Charlene Devens, Fran Lappin, Janet Kelly, Holly and Jim Gustafson, Beverly Wislon, Geoff Stern, Liz and Lindsey O'Brien, Debbie Spellman, Linda Erickson, Lauri Tinti, Joan Dunn, Maureen and Pat Cox, Kathy Doyle, Dave Winslow, Greg Narinian, Frank Bove, Pat Lindquist, Judith Erlanger, Donna Morgan, Donna Cutler, Rachelle Porter, Cheryl Simms, Kevin and Lisa McGlone, Susan Crum, Carolyn Zagami, Jean Conrad, Lee Daudelin, Patti Sullivan, Dianne Tyree, Dianne McDonough, Ray Desmarais, Roseann Mandell, Jeannine Vieten, Joe Clarke, Jill Moffett, Henry Rines, Kathy Goodman, Janet Henderson and her three daughters — Brooke, Sally, and Kerry. Thanks again, all of you, for outstanding efforts! And then there is **YANKEE**'s fantastic Kibble Kafé! Maitre d' Debbie Spellman, assisted by chief wine steward Linda Erickson, sous-chefs Bonnie Fistel, Edith Erickson, and Helen Henderson, head server Martha Callahan, and barista Lauri Tinti put on a spectacular feast for all!

The field events were, as we have come to expect, all highly successful and smoothly orchestrated. Andrea Fisher ran the ever-popular **YGRC** Field School, and she and Carol White taught the JH/WC

and the Fundamentals classes, respectively. Judith Erlanger chaired the Spring WC/WCX tests. As ever, Carol White, Barb Sawtelle, Donna Morgan, Julie Schertell, Andrea Fisher, Rhonda Jarman, Karen Scotti, Patti Sullivan, Denise Ryan, Jill Moffett were on hand to work in all aspects of the tests. Theresa Stremlau was hospitality chair. Rhonda Jarman, Karen Scotti, Patti Sullivan, Denise Ryan served as judges for the singles and puppy stakes.

Karen Scotti and Patti Sullivan chaired the August Hunting Retriever Tests. They had help from Donna Morgan and Rhonda Jarman, test secretary Barb Sawtelle, and Carol White, and helpers for Hospitality, and the same team of regulars without whom these events could not happen. Ken Lukis was the gun captain. Vet Mike Lappin was on site both days, also serving as chief cook for the tailgate supper.

Rhonda Jarman and Donna Morgan volunteered to run the Fall WC/WCX and did a terrific job. Dawn Terril and **YGRC** member Karen Scotti judged the WC/WCX, while the puppy stakes were judged by Rhonda Jarman and Jill Moffett. Rhonda and Donna were assisted by the folks we have all come to count on and some newcomers as well: they helped each other as well as relying on Judith Erlanger, Carol White, Andrea Fisher, Marsha Wilcox, Betty Anketell, Denise Ryan, Denise Page-Eugene, Jeannine Vieten, Carl Wirsén, Pat Scribner, Bill and Sheri Caron, Bernadette Bove, Kurt Smollin, Patti Sullivan, Marcia Peirce, Charlie and Rosemary DeMarco, et al. You all are great, and your hard work is appreciated both within **YANKEE** and outside the club by every participant at your events — **YGRC**'s field, like **YGRC** agility, is just the best there is out there, bar none.

And there's **YANKEE** Tracking Program which is producing top trackers. The Spring TD/TDX test was chaired by Ray Desmarais, who also acted as secretary. Tracklayers were Jan Rines, Ray, Alison Desmarais, Amy Deutch, Geoff Stern and Henry Rines, while Roseann Mandell drove the tracklayers' shuttle van. The hospitality team of Donna and

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Tim Morgan exceeded previous standards. Did you read the menu in the May/June *Finish Lines*? We held our first Variable Surface Tracking test in August and were thrilled to have our own Ray Desmarais and Nikita become **YGRC**'s first Champion Tracker! Roseann Mandell was test secretary, and Geoff Stern was the test chair, assisted by Jan Rines, Dagmar Guthke, Kathy Goodman, and Henry Rines. Ray chaired our Fall TD/TDX test, with Sue Sommer serving as test secretary, along with a committee of Amy Deutch, Peter Hewitt, Ellen Brinker, Marianne Brinker, Henry and Jan Rines, RK Horne, Roseann Mandell, and Geoff Stern. As Ray put it, the camaraderie of the tracking community is strong!

Not content with sponsoring performance events, **YANKEE** offers clinics, programs, workshops, classes, *etc.* Arlee Recktenwald ran the club's 57th and 58th eye clinics this year, with the able assistance of Deirdre Doyle and Carol White, with about 35 dogs examined each time. Dianne Tyree managed the fall SAS clinic with her usual aplomb. Over 129 dogs were examined!

In addition to his other jobs, Mike Lappin arranged winter obedience and agility training parties, which were lots of fun, and, of course, beneficial to all in attendance. He also set up the "Sex, Pups, and Dr. Hutch" seminar which takes place this February 28 and 29.

In addition to our participation in the Boston cluster, **YGRC**'s other major outreach to the general population remains our puppy kindergarten and public education efforts. These are important aspects of our club's work, and the efforts of Donna Cutler and Susan Lynch are greatly appreciated.

As you know, there are lots of people making things happen for **YANKEE**, but it's often the same names being repeated. We are always looking for volunteers, and urge all members to get more involved. Every committee needs help and new ideas. Please join us as we dive into more fun and more activity this year than ever before, keeping Yankee clearly the top specialty club in the nation!

There are two **YGRC** trophies voted on by the membership. One is the Philip Dexter Fairfield Memorial Trophy, awarded to the junior member who has shown fortitude and perseverance in the work of the club. After several years of competition between qualified "Yanksters," this year the trophy is not being awarded. Let this serve as a call to action to the junior members of our club. Your efforts will not go unrewarded!

The President's Service Award always makes me feel a little uncomfortable because there are many who deserve it. At the same time, what pleases me is receiving the ballots and realizing that the membership is acutely aware of who the deserving candidates are. I truly wish all these people could be winners of this trophy. Two years ago, when I presented the trophy to Mike Lappin, I said I was delighted to present the President's Service Award to a hard worker, one who is always pleasant, cheerful, and positive, one who can always be counted on 100% to do the job, to do the job well, and to handle unexpected issues with aplomb, comparing Mike to a Golden Retriever, "displaying a kindly expression and possessing a personality that is eager, alert and self-confident... friendly, reliable, and trustworthy." I used the exact same words to introduce last year's recipient, Donna Morgan. I now can only repeat myself again. Who is always there when we need her — sometimes appearing out of the blue — with the charming smile and amazing capacity to organize and work? Whose name has come up again and again through this year's report? Please give a huge round of applause to our 2003 worthy trophy winner, Fran Lappin! Congratulations, Fran. Fran was in good company. Some of the other members nominated for this trophy are Betty Anketell, Andrea Fisher, Karen Frink, Rhonda Jarman, Dave Latino, Barb Sawtelle, Melanie Porter, and Carol White. I couldn't agree more that each and every one of these is also deserving of this award. I'm so glad the membership is aware of who gives devoted service to the club.

Sandy Sonntag died tragically just before our hunt test in 2002, and the club donated a stone bench inscribed with her name to the daffodil garden at Riverview. In addition, we now offer a perpetual trophy in Sandy's name. The trophy is awarded for exemplary service to **YGRC**, Golden Retrievers, and the community, in the spirit of Sandy's life. Nominations are made to the Board of Directors, who vote upon those nominations. I am thrilled and honored to award this trophy for the first time to someone who has devoted countless hours to **YANKEE**, the community, the breed in general and her own two dogs in particular. For over 6 years, Yankee's public education coordinator has gone into the Hollis NH schools with various education programs, generously giving her time and expertise to classrooms of students. We will never be able to know or appreciate the difference she has made, the impact she has had upon scores of students and their families and their pets. I am very pleased to present the Sandra Sonntag Memorial trophy to Susan Lynch. Again, the other nominees for this award are most deserving, and I am proud that Yankee has, in Judith Erlanger, Ann Houston, and Donna Morgan, others also deserving of this recognition.

YANKEE was also pleased to nominate Karen Frink for the GRCA Golden Effort Member (GEM) Award in 2003. The GRCA committee concurred that Karen's efforts have been crucial to the success of **YGRC**'s agility program, that her hard work and total dedication to the sport of dogs make her most worthy of this national honor.

While mentioning some of **YGRC**'s illustrious members, I must also mention our own nonagenarian, Pagey Elliott, who was featured in a very nice article in the December issue of the *AKC Gazette*. Please make an effort to read it. Pagey remains a delight, and always has something for us to learn!

Again I would like to thank the officers, directors, and committees of the last four years. They are people who can be relied upon, and they all made my job easier. Thanks a lot, everyone!

— Jan Bramhall

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB Trophy Winners 2003

All trophies are awarded each year at the Annual Meeting. Members in good standing are eligible to apply. Titles may have been earned in either the US or Canada. Additional information and forms are mailed to each member before the December deadline.



Perpetual Trophies

YGRC Bench Trophy: Am Can CH Highmark Mirasol Once A Knight UDX TD OA OAJ JH WC VCX SDHF BIS, Alison & Ray Desmarais

YGRC Obedience Trophy: OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX SH TD WCX ADHF, Patricia Lindquist

YGRC Toby Trigger Utility Dog Trophy: OTCH Ida Red's Good Day Sunshine JH WC, Patricia Scribner

YGRC Companion Dog Excellent Trophy: UCDX Stonehill EBRK Amazing Grace UD JH WC TDI Can CDX, Elaine Reid

YGRC Companion Dog Trophy: Toryglen Sweet Grace CD CGC TDI-CTD CD, Denise L. Kohler & Diane M. Kohler

Versatile Golden Retriever Trophy: OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX SH TD WCX ADHF, Patricia Lindquist

Calliope Excellent Agility Trophy: OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation UDX SH TD WCX ADHF, Patricia Lindquist

Tricon Starshines Sundancer CD TDX JH WC CGC Tracking Trophy: CH CT Mirasol's Femme Fatale CDX AX MXJ WC VCX Can CDX, Alison & Ray Desmarais

YGRC Field Trophy (Co-Winners): Real Gold Wraith Hi-Ki Diva, Nicholas B. Staszko III, and Cedarpond's Skip Away, Gerald Bailey

YGRC Derby Trophy: Real Gold Wraith Hi-Ki Diva, Nicholas B. Staszko III

YGRC Master Hunter Trophy: Lady Matilda of York Hill MH WCX, John Marchica & Linda Marchica

YGRC Junior Hunter Trophy: Theophilus's Friend Luke CD TD JH WCX CGC TDI, Marsha Wilcox

Fall Match Best Adult: Saquish Jamaica Me Crazy, Melanie Porter & Rachel Porter

President's Service Award: Fran Lappin

Sandy Sonntag Service Award: Susan Lynch



Plaques & Certificates

2003 titles are in bold type; titles in square brackets have been superseded by a higher level title and are not included in the dog's official name.

Thornelea's Promises to Keep **JH WC**, Donna Mae Morgan

CH Thornelea Lukens Luke CDX SH **NJP [NAP] OAP WCX** VCX Can CD Earlene Robertson & Donna Morgan

Can CH Mirasol's I Luv Ricky Ricotta, Kathleen Goodman

Trifecta Thanewood Rebekah **JH WC**, Carol White & Barbara A. Sawtelle

Am Can CH Yukon's Road House, Charlene & John Devens
Splashdown in Valen's Name SH OA **[OAJ] AXJ CGC TDI**,
Judith & Philip Erlanger

Nextgen's Worf JH CGC WCX **TDI**, Judith & Philip Erlanger
Toryglen Sweet Grace **CD** CGC TDI-CTD, Denise L. Kohler &
Diane M. Kohler

Old Glory King Of Umpqua **WC**, William & Sheri Caron
Bass Harbor Jack Daniels **JH WC**, Charles & Rosemary
DeMarco

Calliope's Lily of the Field TD JH MX MXJ **[OAP AXP AJP]**
MJP2 MXP WC, Patricia Lindquist

Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets **NA NAJ NAP NJP**, Patricia
Lindquist

OTCH MACH Calliope's Singular Sensation **[UD] UDX TD**
SH WCX ADHF, Patricia Lindquist

UCDX Stonehill EBRK Amazing Grace **[CDX] UD JH WC TDI**
Can CDX, Elaine Reid & Judy Laureano

Theophilus's Friend Luke **CD TD JH WCX CGC TDI**, Marsha
Wilcox

Edgehill Tipperary Temptress CDX AX OAJ **NAP NJP**, Michael
Lappin

Rookery's NFL Blackout **CDX AX AXJ**, Mike & Fran Lappin,
Chris Weeks & Connie Harris

Eastshore Bounce First Ask LTR, **NA NAJ OAJ**, Stacy E. Allard
Bella D'Oro's Stormy Weather **CDX NA OAJ**, Ruth Obenauf

CH Melmar String of Pearls to Wexford (Tibetan Spaniel),
Dianne Tyree, Mary F. Hartman & Harol B. Hartman II

CH Wexford's Ringside Gossip, Dianne Tyree

CH Sunnyglen's Northern Light, Lee Daudelin

Northern Lights Cracklin Rose SH OA OAJ **WCX NAP NJP**,
Denise L. Ryan

Onital's Broadway Lights SH OA **AX AXJ WCX**, Denise Ryan
& Deb Latino

UCH Mirasol's Curious Incident **NA NAJ NAP CGC**, Roseann
Mandell

OTCH Ida Red's Good Day Sunshine **[CDX] [UD] JH WC**,
Patricia Scribner

Lady Matilda of York Hill **MH WCX**, John Marchica & Linda
Marchica

CH Tangleloft Salem Cross, Sandra Dunn

CH Tangleloft Endless Love **CD**, Sandra Dunn

Tangleloft Sunstorm E Weather **UD**, Joanne Baker

Tangleloft Sunstorm Encore **CD**, Joanne Baker

From Right Field: Report from the Master National



[Ed. Note: The Master National Retriever Club is a national organization which holds an annual event to showcase the talents of hunting retrievers. The Master National hunt test is conducted under the rules of the AKC Hunt Test program. Many thanks to John Marchica who represented YGRC at the Master National and sent in this report.]

The 2003 Master National was held November 7-16 in Thomasville GA. Opening ceremonies at the Pebble Hill Plantation included an old time quail hunt with all the trimmings, including people dressed in period clothing, old guns for the quail hunt demonstration, and a horse-drawn wagon to carry the hunters and dog kennels. This was followed by the opening of the concession stand and, boy, was there a lot of stuff for sale!

Later, each committee leader explained the workers' duties and assigned shifts. The judges were introduced and each gave instructions and made some comments. Bill Ash from Region 1 noted that handlers should be in proper attire and when handling must direct the dog to the bird. Stewart McNames from Region 2 made some comments that were on the lighter side and reminded every one to have a good time. D. Blair Clark from Region 3 commented that the goal was to insure the test was fair and reminded everyone to have fun at the events. Jim Morris from Region 4 voiced a concern for line manners and wanted to emphasize that everyone was there to enjoy themselves with their dogs.

The Master National meeting was then officially called to order. A roll call of delegates was the first order of business. Wow, there sure were club representatives from all over the country. It was announced that the 2005 trial will be held in Palestine, Texas on the Big Woods Game Farm and that the dates for the 2004 event will be October 3-10, 2004 in Wisconsin. All directors for the open board positions were re-elected. Results of the voting for the 2004 judges were: Region #1 John Marchica, Region #2 Alan Bruhin, Region #3

Roger Fuller, Region #4 Drew Neubauer. New business dealt with the problems of managing the ever-increasing numbers of entries with not enough workers. There was quite a flurry of activity over this as was evident by the proposals that were sent to all clubs for review.

At the conclusion of the Master National meeting, there was a subcommittee meeting, chaired by Robert Ripley of the AKC. His objective was to assess in what direction the MNRC was going and he was looking for input. I could not attend because I had to go back to the campground to get Molly, but this issue is something to keep an eye on. There were a lot of sidebar discussions with comments ranging from doing nothing to changing the system from qualifying to placements.

The handlers party and auction was outstanding. Tuesday night was the workers party - WOW what a blast. Woody Therman, a member of the rock band ZZ Top's for a number of years, played his guitar and sang "The Water Blind of Life," a song he wrote just for the Master National. He's added a new verse each year.

I would like to thank **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** for asking me to be their delegate for the Master National.

Your Golden Retriever friend from Vermont,

— John L. Marchica

For more information on the Master National Retriever Club, see www.mnrc.com

From the Obedience Chair: 2003 Committee Report

We had two successful training parties last winter, and the Spring and Fall matches were well attended in obedience. My thanks to everyone who volunteered to make things run smoothly. The Annual Specialty was no different — great job everyone! I want to give Geoff Stern a high-five for being my second and making sure that the Regular obedience rings ran smoothly. This Specialty introduced Rally Obedience with 15 entries in 2 divisions

Speaking of Rally Obedience, it has just been approved by the AKC, and will become a regular obedience class with titles offered starting January 1, 2005. For those of you who don't know about Rally Obedience, it's a cross of agility and formal obedience. There is a designated "course" to follow, and you are allowed to give verbal encouragement to your dog while performing. It will be offered at our Annual Specialty in May. If you get a chance, take a look. It's a *blast*!

By the way, **YANKEE** is sponsoring Dr Robert Hutchison for a two-day Canine Reproductive seminar, February 28-29, 2004. The seminar is being held at the UMASS Shrewsbury campus. There are still places available! FMI: e-mail anidoc@intercape.com.

— Michael Lappin, DVM,
YGRC Obedience Chair



YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB All Breed Agility Trials

Held in Conjunction with the Bay Colony Cluster Dog Shows, December 4–7, 2003

Neither snow nor wind nor unplowed parking lots can keep the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** from running successful agility trials!

This year's trials started out much as the previous trials have since 1998. A crew of **YGRC** workers showed up at Bayside Expo Center around 1:00 PM. on Wednesday, December 3 The sod was down and in the correct location — unlike 2001 when we had to cut and re-lay sod. Max200, our equipment provider, arrived early, not having got stuck in the Big Dig traffic as they did in 2002. And the weather was beautiful if a little chilly. The only glitch was a big truck belonging to MB-F, the Bay Colony Cluster's show superintendent, was blocking the overhead door through which our equipment was supposed to come in and it wouldn't start. No problem: we unloaded the equipment in the parking lot and lugged it in through a side door. By the time we were just about done someone showed up and towed the truck away. With setup complete we were off to the hotel early. What a great way to start the trials.

The trials on Thursday December 4 and Friday, December 5 were *super!* Our judges, Greg Beck and Mark Sjogren, provided us with interesting, fun, challenging courses and the **YGRC** agility crew worked with their, now expected, usual efficiency to keep the trials running smoothly. Everyone had a great time! Some of us were even successful in competing with our dogs — just ask Mike Lappin.

Saturday morning December 6 we awoke at 3:30 AM. to a couple of inches of snow on the ground. On the weekend, we must complete the trials and be off the grass by 2:00 P.M. so the Cluster can hold the Groups and Best of Show judging on the grass. Therefore we have the first agility dog on the line at 6:00 AM. A little snow never stops us and we completed the day's runs and were off the grass by 1:30 PM

By the time we were ready to head home or to the hotels there was about a foot of snow on the ground. The restaurant, where we had reservations for our judges' dinner decided to close. So did most of the other restaurants in the area. Not ones to miss out on any opportunity to party we improvised by getting take-out and having our judges' dinner in the hotel lobby. Both Greg and Mark claimed it was the most fun they had ever had at a judges' dinner.

Sunday morning December 7 showed about 2 feet of snow in the unplowed hotel parking lot. The radio and TV reported that most of the major roads into Boston were plowed, but snow covered. By 4:30 a large contingent of **YANKEE** workers had gathered in the still unplowed parking lot to access the situation. By 5:00 AM. we had determined that the 4-wheel drive vehicles would proceed to Bayside while the vans, including the one we pushed to within fifty feet of the road and then stuck, would remain at the hotel to await the arrival of the snowplow.



Taking Judge Greg Beck with us, a caravan of workers made their way into Boston. We arrived at the Bayside to find another unplowed parking lot and a 6-foot snowdrift in front of the agility entrance. After a brief discussion with the Bayside staff several large pieces of snow removal equipment were dispatched to clear parking spaces and remove the snow drift so we could proceed with the trial.

By 6:30 AM. we were ready to run. Only 56 dogs decided not to compete on Sunday. Despite our late start we were off the grass by the 2:00 PM. deadline.

YGRC is able to run Agility Trials that earn high praise from the competitors due to the combined effort of many of its members, included: Stacey Allard, Betty Anketell, Donna Benoit, Nancy Bishop, Loni Brown, Jean Conrad, Susan Crum, Ray Desmarais, Joyce DiBona, Rita DiSalvio, Lynn Dowall, Jim Downar, Judith Erlanger, Karen Frink, Kathy Goodman, Karen Hocker, Karen Hollander, Rhonda Jarman, Patricia Kallen, Michael Lappin, Fran Lappin, Patricia Lindquist, Maggie Lukiewicz, Roseann Mandell, Fran Masters, Michael Masters, Lise Merrifield, Donna Morgan, Melanie Porter, Henry Rines, Earlene Robertson, Denise Ryan, Geoff Stern, Holly Stevenson, Laurie Tinti, and Carol White.

Trial Chair Stacey Allard and Trial Secretary Karen Frink began working on these trials more than a year ago and are already working on the December 2005 trials in Boston as well as the trials that will be held in July and December 2004.

Special thanks to: Mike Lappin, who organized over 50 workers per day and kept every thing running smoothly including issuing weather reports to keep us informed of the snowstorm's intensity; Laurie Tinti, who despite being ill and unable to compete, baked tons of goodies to keep the workers and competitors fortified; Denise Ryan, who ordered and organized the ribbons, medals, and pins; Judith Erlanger, Denise Ryan, Fran Masters, Karen Frink, Stacey Allard, Marilyn Ingvaldstad, and Annie Pyle, our fantastic scoring crew who were posting scores and placements almost as soon as the last dog in each jump height crossed the finish line; Fran Lappin and Carol White who kept the workers well fed; Fran, "the Raffle Queen", also organized the workers raffle each day; and Ray Desmarais, Peggy McNally, Bruno Klang, Pat Lindquist, Paul Ingvaldstad, Jim Downar and all the others who help build courses.

We had 195 dogs total entered for 1204 runs over the 4 days, 64 of the dogs were Golden. The Golden managed to hold their own. Following is the list of Golden qualifiers each day.

— Jim Downar

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB All Breed December 2003 Agility Trials, Golden Qualifiers

THURSDAY — STANDARD

SC	TIME	CLASS	PL	REGISTERED NAME	HANDLER
100	55.83	EXC A	1*	Gaylan's Into The Wind OA AXJ	Morris
100	62.14	EXC A	2	Sunnyside's Bella Rebecca OA OAJ	McKinney
85	70.88	EXC A	3	Pioneer's Grand Finale TDX OA OAJ CD	Fuhrer
94	67.49	EXC A	1	Bailey Boy Hall CDX OA NAJ	Hall
100	48.16	EXC B	2*	Gaylan's Brigantine MX MXJ	Orcutt
100	52.22	EXC B	4	Hartboom's Tinseltown Tomboy CDX JH MX MXJ	Harnick
100	52.78	EXC B		Electralon Deevine Destinee CD MX MXJ	Bishop
100	55.36	EXC B		Gadabout's Naughty But Nice UDX MX MXJ	Kaufman
100	50.78	EXC B	1	Lomadoone's Returnengagement AX AXJ	Kaufman
100	60.91	EXC B	2	Glenbrook's Golden Angel CDX AX AXJ	DiBona
95	64.53	NOV A	1*	Orient Shawnfld Shinning Star	Anketell
88	81.86	NOV B	2*	Mirasol's Curious Incident NAP	Mandell
100	63.38	NOV P	1*	Masterspeace Nala Berry CDX OA OAJ	Masters
95	48.65	NOV P	2	Lazydaze Jump For Joy	Lappin
95	66.83	NOV P	3	Onital's Broadway Lights SH AX AXJ	Ryan

THURSDAY — JWW

94	45.08	EXC A	1*	Bailey Boy Hall CDX OA NAJ	Hall
100	30.83	EXC B	4*	Second Wind Classy Lassie AX MXJ	Hocker
100	33.35	EXC B		Lodestar's Blue Water Cruise AX AXJ	Minard
100	34.52	EXC B		MACH2 Rose Lake's Small Miracle CD JH	Ingvaldstad
100	37.75	EXC B		Miss Molly's Browneyed Girl UD MX MXJ	Hollander
100	38.55	EXC B		Electralon Free As The Wind AX AXJ	Bishop
100	40.14	EXC B		Gaylan's Into The Wind OA AXJ	Morris
100	32.03	EXC B	1	MACH Synergold RamharCleggan	Orcutt
100	33.01	EXC B	3	Gaylan'a Lunar Mission CD AX MXJ	Lukiewicz
100	34.06	EXC B	4	Cross Creek's Broke The Bank OA AXJ	Miele
100	37.31	EXC B		MACH/OTCh Calliope's Singular Sensation TD SH UDX	Lindquist
100	38.74	EXC B		Mirasol's Usual Suspect TDX AX AXJ	Desmarais
100	40.13	EXC B		Lookout Mystery at Gaylans AXJ	Lukiewicz
100	43.97	EX BP	1*	Calliope's Lily of the Field TD JH MX MXJ AXP AJP	Lindquist
100	40.05	OPN	4*	Pioneer's Grand Finale TDX NA CD NAJ	Fuhrer
100	38.09	OPN P	1*	Ch Thomelea Lukens Luke CDX SH OAP NJP	Morgan
100	25.04	NOV A	1	Orient Shawnfld Shinning Star	Anketell
100	24.25	NOV A	1*	Clyde Alexander II	Bronson
100	32.73	NOV B	1*	Mirasol's Curious Incident NAP	Mandell
100	23.80	NOV P	1*	Lazydaze Jump For Joy	Lappin
100	28.92	NOV P	2	Onital's Broadway Lights SH AX AXJ	Ryan

100	28.72	NOV P	1	Edgehill Tipperary Temptress CDX AX OAJ NAP NJP	Lappin
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FRIDAY — STANDARD

Scor	Time	CLASS	PL	Registered Name	Handler
100	43.99	EXC B	1*	Gaylan's Brigantine MX MXJ	Orcutt
100	46.51	EXC B	3	Second Wind Classy Lassie AX MXJ	Hocker
100	48.21	EXC B	4	Hartboom's Tinseltown Tomboy CDX JH MX MXJ	Harnick
100	53.75	EXC B		Gadabout's Naughty But Nice UDX MX MXJ	Kaufman
100	53.95	EXC B		MACH2 Rose Lake's Small Miracle CD JH	Ingvaldstad
100	57.78	EXC B		Lodestar's Blue Water Cruise AX AXJ	Minard
100	53.68	EXC B	1	Glenbrook's Golden Angel CDX AX AXJ	DiBona
100	57.95	EXC B	3	MACH/OTCh Calliope's Singular Sensation TD SH UDX	Lindquist
95	55.63	OPN	3*	Beau Geste Perchance to Dream	Ploss
100	41.30	NOV A	1*	Orient Shawnfld Shinning Star	Anketell
100	63.94	NOV B	2*	Mirasol's Curious Incident NAP	Mandell
90	57.41	NOV B	3	O'Lugh's Star Struck Diva CD	Stevenson
100	59.73	NOV B	1	Harmonie Play It Again Sam CD	Stevenson
95	64.27	NOV P	1*	Masterspeace Nala Berry CDX OA OAJ	Masters
90	41.89	NOV P	2	Lazydaze Jump For Joy	Lappin

FRIDAY — JWW

100	41.08	EXC A	4*	Sunnyside's Bella Rebecca OA OAJ	McKinney
100	41.94	EXC A	1	Splashdown In Valen's Name OA OAJ SH	Erlanger
100	35.66	EXC B		Electralon Deevine Destinee CD MX MXJ	Bishop
100	36.54	EXC B		Lodestar's Blue Water Cruise AX AXJ	Minard
100	36.54	EXC B		MACH2 Rose Lake's Small Miracle CD JH	Ingvaldstad
100	36.76	EXC B		Gadabout's Naughty But Nice UDX MX MXJ	Kaufman
100	35.45	EXC B	3*	Cross Creek's Broke The Bank OA AXJ	Miele
100	37.04	EXC B	4	Mirasol's Usual Suspect TDX AX AXJ	Desmarais
100	40.83	EXC B		Lookout Mystery at Gaylans AXJ	Lukiewicz
100	37.93	OPN	1*	Pioneer's Grand Finale TDX NA CD NAJ	Fuhrer
100	22.75	NOV A	1*	Orient Shawnfld Shinning Star	Anketell
89	36.76	NOV A	2	Beau Geste Perchance to Dream	Ploss
100	21.28	NOV P	1*	Sunfires Toots Is Just Ducky UD JH MX MXJ	Harnick
100	22.73	NOV P	2	Lazydaze Jump For Joy	Lappin
100	24.81	NOV P	3	Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX AX AXJ	Lappin
100	27.15	NOV P	4	Onital's Broadway Lights SH AX AXJ	Ryan
100	29.28	NOV P	1	Edgehill Tipperary Temptress CDX AX OAJ NAP NJP	Lappin

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB All Breed December 2003 Agility Trials, Golden Qualifiers (cont'd)

SATURDAY — STANDARD

Scor	Time	CLASS	PL	Registered Name	Handler
100	49.21	EXC B		Second Wind Classy Lassie AX MXJ	Hocker
100	51.69	EXC B		CT/Ch Mirasol's Femme Fatale CDX AX AXJ	Desmarais
100	52.33	EXC B		Gadabout's Naughty But Nice UDX MX MXJ	Kaufman
100	54.57	EXC B		MACH2 Rose Lake's Small Miracle CD JH	Ingvoldstad
100	48.21	EXC B	2*	MACH Synergold RamharCleggan	Orcutt
100	57.51	EXC B	4	Glenbrook's Golden Angel CDX AX AXJ	DiBona
100	62.92	EXC B		MACH/OTCh Calliope's Singular Sensation TD SH UDX	Lindquist
100	70.12	EXC BP	1*	Calliope's Lily of the Field TD JH MX MXJ AXP AJP	Lindquist
100	44.83	NOV A	1*	Orient Shawnfld Shinning Star	Anketell
100	49.75	NOV B	1*	Mirasol's Curious Incident NAP	Mandell
95	52.31	NOV P	1*	Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX AX AXJ	Lappin
95	52.77	NOV P	2	Onital's Broadway Lights SH AX AXJ	Ryan



SUNDAY — STANDARD

Scor	Time	CLASS	PL	Registered Name	Handler
100	58.98	EXC A	2*	Pioneer's Grand Finale TDX OA OAJ CD	Fuhrer
100	43.59	EXC B	3*	Second Wind Classy Lassie AX MXJ	Hocker
100	47.00	EXC B		Gaylan's Brigantine MX MXJ	Orcutt
100	53.32	EXC B		Gadabout's Naughty But Nice UDX MX MXJ	Kaufman
100	54.55	EXC B	3	MACH/OTCh Calliope's Singular Sensation TD SH UDX	Lindquist
95	63.56	OPN	2	Mirasol's Curious Incident NAP NA	Mandell
100	65.10	OPN	1*	Mirasol Calliope Goudas It Gets NAP NJP NA OAJ	Lindquist
100	56.09	OPN P	1*	Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX AX AXJ	Lappin
95	49.52	NOV A	1*	Orient Shawnfld Shinning Star	Anketell
100	44.51	NOV P	1*	Lazydaze Jump For Joy	Lappin

SATURDAY — JWW

Scor	Time	CLASS	PL	Registered Name	Handler
100	32.13	EXC B	2*	Second Wind Classy Lassie AX MXJ	Hocker
100	34.04	EXC B	4	Hartoom's Tinseltown Tomboy CDX JH MX MXJ	Hamick
100	37.17	EXC B		Electralon Free As The Wind OA OAJ	Bishop
100	32.71	EXC B	2	Gaylan's Lunar Mission CD AX MXJ	Lukiewicz
100	33.36	EXC B	3	MACH Synergold RamharCleggan	Orcutt
100	36.21	EXC B		Glenbrook's Golden Angel CDX AX AXJ	DiBona
100	36.89	EXC B		Cross Creek's Broke The Bank OA AXJ	Miele
100	37.90	EXC B		MACH/OTCh Calliope's Singular Sensation TD SH UDX	Lindquist
95	33.80	OPN	1*	Eastshore Bounce First Ask Ltr NA NAJ	Allard
100	27.83	NOV B	1*	Mirasol's Curious Incident NAP	Mandell
88	41.06	NOV B	2	North Star's Hot Diggity Dog	Fuhrer
95	30.69	NOV P	1	Onital's Broadway Lights SH AX AXJ	Ryan
100	29.39	NOV P	1*	Edgehill Tipperary Temptress CDX AX OAJ NAP NJP	Lappin

SUNDAY — JWW

Scor	Time	CLASS	PL	Registered Name	Handler
100	40.93	EXC A	1*	Ch Highmark Mirasol Once a Knight UDX TD JH OA OAJ	Demaarias
100	31.15	EXC B	3*	Gaylan's Brigantine MX MXJ	Orcutt
100	33.10	EXC B		Second Wind Classy Lassie AX MXJ	Hocker
100	34.04	EXC B		CT/Ch Mirasol's Femme Fatale CDX AX AXJ	Desmarais
100	36.00	EXC B		Electralon Deevine Destinee CD MX MXJ	Bishop
100	41.26	EXC B		Gadabout's Naughty But Nice UDX MX MXJ	Kaufman
100	42.29	EXC B		Gaylan's Into The Wind OA AXJ	Morris
100	32.81	EXC B	2	MACH Synergold RamharCleggan	Orcutt
100	38.35	EXC B		MACH/OTCh Calliope's Singular Sensation TD SH UDX	Lindquist
100	39.38	EXC B		OTCh Tricon Starchaser UDX AX AXJ	Downar
100	40.97	EXC B		Lornadoone's Returnengagement AX AXJ	Kaufman
100	39.22	OPN P	1*	Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX AX AXJ	Lappin
100	24.32	NOV B	1*	Pine Run's Photo Finish	Hocker
95	31.04	NOV P	1	Lazydaze Jump For Joy	Lappin
95	32.52	NOV P	2	Onital's Broadway Lights SH AX AXJ	Ryan
100	31.05	NOV P	1*	Edgehill Tipperary Temptress CDX AX OAJ NAP NJP	Lappin



Note: *= High Scoring Golden in Class



Letters to YANKEE

Some comments Karen Frink received regarding the great job YGRC did on the December agility trials in Boston:

Karen, I can't think of a trial where I've had more fun than at **YGRC** last weekend. Your trial always seems to run smoothly, no matter what issues inevitably crop up. It was a pleasure to be part of it. Thanks for the opportunity. You and Stacey ran an absolutely fantastic event under extreme conditions.

I've been fortunate to judge all over the country. Every region has its own character, and there isn't an area where I couldn't live happily. But there's just something about the geography and the people up your way that brings out the need in me to provide the very best courses and judging practices. I really enjoy that challenge.

Thanks also for the incredibly thoughtful, useful, creative, tasteful, classy, plentiful, diverse and amusing gifts. One more thing: Putting your logo ensures that I won't forget where I got the clock, picture frame, et. al. Each time I set the alarm (hopefully not always for 3:30 AM), I'll remember your trial. I love that. Please thank Laurie for the great food, especially the chocolate covered toffee bars. And Ken was the best DJ for a trial, ever. Great selection of music.

I usually sleep pretty well in hotels at trials. But Saturday night, I woke up at 2:00 AM. Lying there in bed, staring out at the blizzard, Dandy curled up at my feet, I ran the tapes of the days events over and over in my head. My last thought, before drifting back into sleep was how much my life has changed since my daughters pestered me into getting a dog eleven years ago.

Regards to Jim. Thank him for helping dust off the windows on my brand new baby, Sigrid. Tell him her smooth, fair skin remains unblemished.

Happy Holidays!

— Greg Beck

I just wanted to let you know how great the Boston agility trial was, as usual. You do such a fantastic job! It even made the blizzard tolerable! Thanks.

— Paula Orcutt, DVM

The trials were awesome and I heard lots of compliments about **YANKEE**'s efforts. I think people really appreciate the good organization, competence, plus all the nice little touches. I know I certainly did. Thanks! You all did a fabulous job.

— RM

YANKEE always puts on a first class act and this year was no exception. Tons of hard working folks, a great committee, Q pins, medallions for MX and MXJ titles, toys, worker raffles ... what more could you want! Many thanks to Karen Frink and her **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** gang. You guys are the best! Even in 24" plus of snow!

— Pam O'Day

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB has once again put on a wonderful trial to end the agility season here in the NE—nice courses, smiles everywhere, members and competitors (Qs or not). Regards.

— Claire Harnick

I just wanted to thank you guys for a great time and a well run trial. It was well worth the trip from PA and am already looking forward to coming back next year. It is a pleasure to go to trials that run smoothly and run without a hitch. You guys should be proud of the job that everyone in your club did. The judges were excellent and had fun and challenging courses. Thank you and hopefully see you next year.

— Frank & Renee Heffelfinger

This club always does a great job and this year was no exception. Even with almost 2 feet of snow to deal with, everyone who still made it there had a great time. The club members were always happy and helpful despite the hardship the snow created. I had a blast in Boston and look forward to next year.

— Claudia McGuire

Just wanted to thank you for a wonderful 4 day trial in Boston. It was very well run, the people were terrific and so were the judges.

— Diane Mahuske

Would you please express my sincere thanks to the club for putting on such an outstanding trial. A lot of hard work went into making the show successful. This exhibitor is grateful.

— Judy Duck

Yummy Salmon treats

One 14.75 oz can of salmon, do not drain
 1 sleeve of finely crushed saltine crackers (unsalted tops)
 or 1¼ cups flour
 1 egg
 Garlic powder (optional)

Mix the eggs and salmon, add the crushed crackers or flour, and garlic powder. Press into an oiled jelly roll pan. Bake at 350° until edges pull away from pan. Lower the heat to 225°, flip over the cake and bake until dry. Cut into bite sized pieces and store in the refrigerator up to 3 days or freeze.

2003 YANKEE Breeder Referral Report

This year a committee of volunteers met several times to review and update the breeder referral program. The goal of the committee was to see if we could improve the communication and education for prospective owners. Details will be included in an upcoming issue of *Finish Lines*, but the following are highlights of some policy changes that the committee recommended and that were approved by the Board of Directors.

- Stud dogs of **YGRC** members who have sired a litter to a non-**YANKEE** member's dam may now list that litter provided that the sire and dam meet the same criteria we have required in the past.
- Breeder referral reps may now give out the names of breeder reps from other Golden Clubs (with club's permission) when we don't have any litters listed.
- An ad will be taken out in the *Boston Globe* newspaper advertising the **YGRC** and our Web site. Update information/education on our breed and breeder reps will be located easily on the Web site.
- There will be a reduction on listing a litter. There will be a one time fee of \$30 for the calendar year or \$15 for listing just in *Finish Lines*.
- More people have volunteered to be listed as breeder representatives.

— Donna Morgan

BREEDERS' REFERRAL Breeders' Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB offers the Breeders' Referral as a service to breeders and prospective puppy owners. Acceptance of a listing does not guarantee placement of puppies, and does not constitute endorsement by the Club or any of its members. Neither the Club nor its board of directors assumes responsibility for the quality, health, soundness, or temperament of any litters listed. **YANKEE** recommends that a fully executed, written purchase agreement setting forth all the terms of purchase be obtained before possession of a puppy is transferred to a purchaser. **YGRC** members may list litters, older puppies, and adult dogs with the Breeders' Referral Listing and/or in *Finish Lines* if the breeder 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.

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 _____

All listings and copies of clearances should be sent to the Breeders' Referral Chair listed on the back page. Referral listings will run for 10 weeks; please contact the Chair to pull or extend the listing. The listing fee is \$55 per annum or \$40 per litter, and \$5 per older puppy or adult. Litters listed with the Breeders' Referral Service are automatically listed in the newsletter. **Please note:** there is a fee of \$10 for listing a litter just with the newsletter. Litters listed only in the newsletter are not given to prospective buyers who contact Breeders' Referral as a result of **YGRC**'s regular ad in the *Boston Globe*.

Breeders' Referral Representatives

The Breeders' Referral Representatives listed below have a current listing of the members who have puppies or older dogs available.

Jean Bagley	508 653-9507	Joan Schiff	508 358-2334
Connie Harris	781 826-3060	Sherry Washburn	781 235-7137
Barb Lukis	413 283-5744		

Memories of Gold

UCh UCD Shawnfield Echo's Escapade, JH
NA NAJ OAP NJP WCX TDI
 April 1, 2001 – December 22, 2003



God loans us angels but too often calls them back before we are ready. It is with great sadness that I convey the loss of my angel, Kaper. A UKC BIS beauty who loved field, agility, tracking and obedience, she was a true golden in every sense and in her last days gave her all to her new babies. We can not question but only remember the smiles she brought to the many lives she touched and love in the moment those left behind. Sandy was to train her in senior hunter so now they will walk the skies together along with Teaser, Konrad and Leo and make their snow angels in the clouds.

— Marcia, Russ, Echo, Misha, Tess, Kallie and Sonny

Ch Thornelea Lukens Luke, CDX SH
OAP OJP CGC WCX VCX Can.CD
 April 14, 1995 – December 23, 2003

Things all happened so fast. The world just spun out of control and crashed. After finishing his new agility title OJP (Open Jumper Preferred) — with 1st place, Collie Club of Maine, June 2003; 3rd place, LEAP agility Club, 11/23/03; 1st place, **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**, 12/4/03 — Luke took ill and was quickly diagnosed with insulinomia, a cancer of the pancreas. After surgery on 12/22 to try to remove the tumor, to no avail, we said our heart wrenching good byes on 12/23. Luke tried valiantly to fight the cancer that so quickly overtook him, but the cancer was stronger than his body was able to deal with. Earlene and I held him tightly as he left us for Rainbow Bridge, to continue his journey, always smiling. He had such a deep soul which you could see right in his eyes. I miss his smiling eyes.

As a song refrain reminded me, "It wouldn't hurt so bad, if it wasn't so good." I never had a bad day with Luke. In time I will be able to think of Luke without the tears. I know I will be able to smile again and remember the good times — and there were so very many of them — but now my heart aches beyond belief. I was very fortunate to share my time with such a special guy! We were a team filled with love for each other.

— Cherished by Donna Morgan and Earlene Robertson

Captain, YGRR #1549
(Adopted April 2, 1995)
 January 1992 – January 14, 2004



Now awaiting us at Rainbow Bridge together with Camelot, Diora, Toby, Electra and Mitzy.

— Joy, Al and Ginger Viola

Backgammon's Pebwin Piper
 (Ch. Pebwin Excel x Cloverdale Intentionally Zoe)
 May 12, 1992 – January 17, 2004



Piper came into this world on the day I learned that I had cancer for the second time in 4 years. The litter of newborns kept me distracted from my fear. Fear from wondering what my future would hold.

Time passed and Piper went on to be Sally's dog. She cheerfully took Sally around the ring in Junior showmanship, garnering many "Best Juniors" together. They worked on obedience, learning together. But Piper had other ideas about that down and stay stuff. "Hyper Piper" we used to call her.

Piper would never let you forget her... she would always make herself known by sitting between you and what ever it was you were trying to do. When cooking, it was always "Piper get out of the way," least she'd burn herself as you opened the oven door. At meal times she would heartily announce she wanted her dinner and wanted it now! As I said before, waiting was never her forte.

So I knew, when she didn't sing or dance for her breakfast, that something was wrong. Piper had a liver tumor. She went peacefully with Sally and I by her side. See you at Rainbow Bridge, Piper.

Please support cancer research.

— Janet S. Henderson

Looking to the future! Introducing ...

Shawnfld Kapers Dreamkeeper to be called "Drew"



"We hope she will fulfill all the dreams we had for her mother. We will have her to love and remind us of her mother even if she doesn't."

— Marcia Peirce

CH *Wexford's Ringside Gossip* ("Gabby") and puppies



"Gabby's been such a good Mom. I'm still a little overwhelmed that she had 11. All the pups are doing great. Worst thing she wants to do is bring all the stuffed toys into the box for her babies."

— Dianne Tyree



WAGGING TALES from Pickpocket Goldens: Juice's Fishing Expedition

It has become an annual tradition for us to start the year off by bringing the girls to Ogunquit beach on New Years Day. Juice was more than ready to have a road trip, she let us know she was bored with hanging around the house, and what Juicie wants, Juice gets.

So we packed up the girls and took off. The weather was fairly decent, brisk but sunny. Juice slid down the ramp out of the car and stood a moment, soaking in the sounds of the gulls and the surf, wind ruffling her hair. She navigated the long cement ramp down to the beach cautiously and reached the soft sand with relief.

We headed down to the water where the sand would be firmer, easier for her to walk on. We passed a family flying kites. Juice heard the piping voices of the children and raised her head expectantly. She loves children. We had to persuade her to keep going, the kids were busy with their kite.

We reached the water and Juice enjoyed the sensation of cool seawater slipping past her feet. She drank in the wind. We turned and walked slowly down the beach, knowing this year Juice would not be walking far. With each sound of human voices that the wind brought to her Juice would tilt her head and listen, sometimes swishing her tail. The highpoint of any walk is a visit with new people. With all my heart I willed someone to come over and admire her. People were strolling up and down the beach, labs, poodles, other Goldens frolicking with them.

Juice tuckered out quickly and we huddled up by the walls of a closed hotel. Juice lay pressed up by one leg, Spirit leaned against my other leg as we watched the waves tumbling in. Couples walked by, sometimes smiling at us, others hunched against the wind. It was getting cold, time to get the girls back to the car.

We headed back to the parking lot with Juice resisting, twirling on her leash, straining towards the sounds of children,

and human laughter. It looks like Juice was going to be unsuccessful in her goal of suckering someone into admiring her. As we approached the car a woman called out 'How old is she?'" She was very impressed to hear Juice was 14½. Juice was putting on all her best moves: the quizzical head tilt, the smile, the fluttering tail. Rich invited the woman to come say hi to Juice. She hesitated then crossed over to Juice. Juice got the pets and soft words she had been longing for. Rich and I just stood there, hearts swelling with happiness for her, and big dopey smiles on our faces.

The woman turned to give Spirit a little attention. Juice wasn't having any of that, she had been waiting so long. She picked up her paw and tapped the woman on the leg. When that didn't work Juice poked her in the butt with her nose. That got her attention. The woman turned around to see Juice smiling at her, paw raised to give her another tap. Well who could resist that?

So we thank you, all those who would stop and give an old Golden a moment of your time, a gentle word and a pat or two. It's a small act of kindness that brings such joy.

Happy New Year!

— Carrie

(ahh, mid winter, its the only time to go to the beach

Juice

(heh heh heh, the only point of walks is to reel in some new humans)

Spirit

(I took my little red heart toy to the beach)



*Carrie & Rich Trombley and the Pickpocket Goldens live in
New Hampshire*

☆☆☆ Finish Lines ...



Bench

New American Champion:

Am Can CH Yukon's Road House (Devens). WD 2 pts, Worcester County KC, Mr. Michael Faulkner; WD 2 pts, Middlesex County KC, Mrs. Jeannette McGinnis; WD 4 pts, Lorain County KC, Mr. Michael Faulkner.

CH Pebwin Xpect the Unexpected NA NAJ (Heather Donnelly/Berna Hart Welch). WB/BOS 4/28/02 South County KC 1 pt, Diane Pilbin; WB 8/18/02 Greater Lowell KC 2 pts, Donald Sturz; WB/BW 11/22/02 Windham County KC 4 pts, Kathy Lorentzen; WB/BOS 5/24/03 Virginia Beach KC 1 pt, Chris Pollender; WB/BW 7/11/03 Woodstock DC 2 pts, Jon Chase; WB/BW/BOB 11/16/03 Central Ohio KC 3 pts, Laurie Doumaux; WB/BW 11/22/03 Windham County KC 4 pts, Dyane Baldwin. Heather writes that Scully finished owner-handled!



Obedience

Open A legs: High Meadow Teddy O Bear CD (Patricia Albano). Teddy received his first leg toward his CDX at South Windsor Kennel Club and won the run-off for 2nd place at Windham County Kennel Club, for his second leg with a score of 193. Patricia writes, "We were especially proud of Teddy's accomplishments at these shows for back on May 3 we lost our Teddy in the state of RI while visiting relatives. We found him on May 8, 03 and boy was that a joyous day! I did not start working with Teddy again until October."

New Utility Dog Excellent: Am Can CH Highmark Mirasol Once A Knight UDX TD OA OAJ JH WC VCX SDHF (Desmarais).



Agility

New Novice Agility and Novice Agility Jumpers:

CH Pebwin Xpect the Unexpected NA NAJ (Heather Donnelly/Berna Hart Welch). NA legs earned 9/17/03, GRCA National, 3rd place; 11/2/03, HVGRC, 1st place; 11/23/03, LEAP, 2nd place. NAJ legs earned 9/17/03, GRCA National, 4th place; 11/2/03, HVGRC, 1st place; 11/21/03, BBTC, 3rd place.

UCH Mirasol's Curious Incident NA NAJ NAP CGC (R. Mandell & G. Stern). Lindy finished her Novice agility titles at the Thanksgiving_Cluster in West Springfield.

New Open Agility, Open Agility Jumpers, and VCD2: Am Can. CH Highmark Mirasol Once A Knight UDX TD OA OAJ JH WC VCX SDHF (Desmarais).

New Master Agility Excellent Jumpers: Glenbrook's Golden Angel CDX AX MXJ (Joyce DiBona). At YGRC's agility trials in Boston, Gabriel earned three MX legs, placing 1st, 2nd, and 4th. He also completed his MXJ title on 12/6/03.

New Master Agility Excellent Jumpers:

CH CT Mirasol's Femme Fatale CDX AX MXJ WC VCX; Can. CDX (Desmarais).

Can.CH Mirasol's Usual Suspect TDX AX MXJ (Desmarais).

New Novice Agility Preferred and Novice Agility Jumpers Preferred: Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX AX AXJ (Lappin/Weeks/Harris). Heidi finished her NAP and NJP titles in Boston, and earned her first Open Std Preferred and Jumpers Preferred legs with three 1sts and a 3rd.

New Novice Agility Jumpers Preferred: Lazydaze Jump For Joy NAP NJP (Lappin/Doyle). Joy finished her NJP title and earned 3 Std P and 1 NJP bumper legs with three 1sts and three 2nds.

Other News

Thirty-plus legs and counting: Edgehill Tipperary Temptress CDX AX OAJ NAP NJP (Lappin). Tess went 4 for 4 in Novice Jumpers preferred in Boston, with all 1st places. Mike writes, "She now has 31 Novice Jumpers Preferred legs. She'll be 12 years old on St Paddy's Day."



Tess

Photo by Mike Lappin

Ready for my close-up, Mr. De Mille: Marcia Peirce writes, "Echo did a TV commercial for the Salem Five Bank in December. Don't know when it will be on, but it was a lot of fun, and Echo loved the attention. This is Echo's third TV appearance."

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

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

And we want to hear about your dogs' other activities, too. Send your news to sternmandell@att.net

2004 Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February						1 Glens Falls KC., AB, Saratoga Springs NY
				6 Long Island GRC S/O, St. James NY	7	8
9 Westminster KC, AB, New York NY	10 Westminster KC AB, New York NY	11	12	13	14 Wyoming Valley KC, AB, Clarence NY Staten Island Companion DTC, O, Staten Is NY	15 Olean KC, AB, Clarence NY Bayshore Companion Dog Club, O, Staten Is NY
16	17	18	19	20	21 Rockland Co. KC, AB/O, Suffern NY	22 Rockland Co. KC, AB/O, Suffern NY
23	24	25	26	27 Monticello NY KC, AB/O, Monticello NY	28 Monticello NY KC, AB/O, Monticello NY Canine Reproduction & Neonatal Care seminar with Dr. Robert Van Hutchinson. FMI: Mike Lappin, <i>anidoc</i> <i>@intercape.com</i>	29 Canine Reproduction ...seminar with Doctor Hutchinson (see 2/28)
March	2	3	4	5	6	7 Saw Mill River KC, AB, White Plains NY Shrewsbury DTC, O, S. Lancaster MA
8	9	10	11	12	13 Charles River DTC, O, East Freetown MA	14
15	16	17	18	19 Hudson Valley GRC AG, Loch Sheldrake NY	20 Hudson Valley GRC AG, Loch Sheldrake NY	21 Hudson Valley GRC S/O, Loch Sheldrake NY
22	23 YANKEE GRC Meeting & Program, Acton MA	24	25 Onondaga Kennel Assn, AG, Syracuse NY North Country KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY	26 Onondaga Kennel Assn, AG, Syracuse NY Central NY KC AB/O, Syracuse NY	27 Onondaga Kennel Assn, AB/AG/O, Syracuse NY New England DTC, O, Amherst NH	28 Onondaga Kennel Assn, AG, Syracuse NY Finger Lakes KC, AB/O, Syracuse NY

AB — All Breed Show

AG — Agility Trial

TR — Tracking

VST — Variable Surface Tracking

HT — Hunting Test

S — Specialty Show

O — Obedience Trial

TX — Tracking Excellent

FT — Field Trial

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