



YANKEE WATERFOWLERS



HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACE: Mansfield Hollow WMA
North Windham, CT

DATE: Saturday, April 29, 2017
TIME: 7:30 a.m. Handler Check-in
8:00 a.m. Testing Starts *promptly*

CLASSES: Puppy (up to 6 mos) *no titles/legs*
Puppy (6-12 mos) *no titles/legs*
Junior (up to 24 months)
Open (over 24 months)
Open Blind Competition
Senior (10-11 years)
Super Senior (12 years plus)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

April 23, 2017

Trophies for top 3 dogs in Puppy, Junior and Open. Certificates/prizes for Senior Classes. The Open Blind Competition will have only one winner. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the day's testing.

ENTRY FEES:

Puppy/Junior/Open - Members:	\$35/dog	Additional dogs \$15/each, same handler
Puppy/Junior/Open - Non--Members:	\$45/dog	Additional dogs \$15/each, same handler
Open Blind	+\$5/dog	Additional to Singles entry fee shown above
Senior/Super Senior	\$5/dog	Members and Non-Members

Championship course will consist of single retrieves copying actual field conditions allowing dogs to compete equally with each other. The Open Blind Competition is for dogs with advanced handling skills.

CONCEPT: Dogs will demonstrate their ability to mark and retrieve single birds in challenging cover simulating a day in the field. All dogs will have a *minimum* of 2 retrieves. Back to back singles may be used. Distances will be in accordance with the HRC Finished Rulebook for the Open Class and Junior Classes will be in accordance with HRC Seasoned standards; distances for Puppy and Senior classes will be reasonable. The judges have been carefully selected to present realistic hunting scenarios to demonstrate the retriever as a useful conservation tool. The judges have been urged to draw upon their actual hunting experiences and include any concept appropriate for that class. Hunting concepts should be used before traditional field trialing concepts even though this is also a competitive event for elimination. This event requires a full day for a winning placement; substitute handlers are allowed. Handlers must wear dark or camo clothing appropriate for hunting. Rain gear and boots (preferably knee high or higher) should be brought to this event. Dogs will be evaluated at 3 skill levels and handlers should consider which class is most appropriate for their dog. Dogs entering Open and Junior should be familiar with all retriever aspects: gun fire, decoys, boats/canoes, bird throwers and all game birds. The handler may be required to shoot the popper gun in Open Singles or Open Blind. Dogs may be cast from an area away from the handler in Open, but not in Junior or Puppy. Puppies may be required to run from a landed or beached boat/canoe. In the Open Blind Competition, distance and concept is entirely up to the judges. Historically, the blind has been so rigorous that it has been deemed damaging to the development of dogs at inadequate skill level (beginning handling with no advanced experience) and therefore, we recommend that only HRCH Finished level experienced dogs with advanced handling skills enter this separate event.

BIRDS: Game Birds and/or Ducks – Junior, Open Pigeons, Chukars and/or Ducks – Puppy and Seniors

RETRIEVES will be judged on a 0 to 10 scale, with 10 being the best score.

JUDGES DECISIONS SHALL BE FINAL

Bring your own picnic lunch and beverages; we will have a **TAILGATE PARTY** at the end of testing. **Please bring a dish to share at the Tailgate.** Remember water and “after testing” treats for your dog!!

Please detach and return the following registration form:

Please make checks payable to: **YANKEE WATERFOWLER'S HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB or YWHRC**

Mail to: Jo Ann Reynolds, 159 Crescent St, Willimantic, CT 06226 jareynolds8@sbcglobal.net,
860-617-5751 **DEADLINE April 23, 2016, No day of entries allowed**

NAME: _____ TEL: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
EMAIL: _____
DOG'S CALL NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

No cross-entries allowed: 1 class per dog, except for Blind Competition (dogs may enter Open Singles and Open Blind). **Please supply birthdate of Senior/Super Senior dogs.**

Entry confirmation will be sent via email.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

PUPPY (Under 6 months)

Judges: Randy McKinney/Blanche Wisniewski

(No dogs with Field/Club titles or legs allowed in this class – move up to next class)

1. Distances no more than 30 yards.
2. Delivery to hand not required; dog should bring the bird to the area of the handler.
3. Handler may use voice or whistle to encourage dog to hunt and retrieve.
4. A leash may be used to steady dog.
5. A dog may be cast a second time, but this will result in a lower score.

PUPPY (6 - 12 months)

Judges: Randy McKinney/Blanche Wisniewski

(No dogs with Field/Club titles or legs allowed in this class – move up to next class)

1. Distances no more than 50 yards.
2. Delivery to hand not required; handler may take one step to pick up bird.
3. Handler may use voice or whistle to encourage dog to hunt.
4. A leash may be used to steady dog.
5. A dog may be cast a second time, but this will result in a lower score.

JUNIOR SINGLES (up to 24 months)

Judges: Lisa Pavone/Lisa Clare

1. Distances no more than 75 yards.
2. Delivery to hand required.
3. Handler may use voice or whistle to encourage dog to hunt.
4. Dog should be steady. If a leash is used to steady a dog at line (either in a stationary or walk-up scenario), 1/2 point per retrieve will be deducted.
5. A dog retrieving a decoy will be disqualified.
6. A dog may be cast only once.

OPEN SINGLES (over 24 months)

Judges: Marshall Richard/Dawn Terrill

1. Distances no more than 100 yards
2. Delivery to hand required.
3. Handlers may use moderate voice or whistle to encourage a dog to hunt.
4. Dogs must be steady. No leash allowed.
5. A dog retrieving a decoy will be disqualified.
6. Diversion calls and/or shots may be used.
7. Dogs may be required to honor another dog.
8. Dogs may be cast only once.
9. Dogs may be required to assume a position at a distance from the handler and sent from that remote position.

OPEN BLIND (HRCH Finished level dogs with advanced handling skills) Judges: Lisa Pavone/Lisa Clare

1. Distances shall be decided by Judges.
2. Diversion shots and/or calls may be used.
3. Double blinds may be used.
4. Dogs may be cast only once.

SENIOR (10-11 years) Judges: Randy McKinney/Blanche Wisniewski

1. Distances no more than 50 yards.
2. Delivery to hand not required; handler may take one step to pick up bird.
3. Handler may use voice or whistle to encourage dog to hunt.
4. A leash may be used to steady dog.
5. A dog may be cast a second time.

SUPER SENIOR (12 years and over) Judges: Randy McKinney/Blanche Wisniewski

1. Distances no more than 30 yards.
2. Delivery to hand not required; dog should bring the bird to the area of the handler.
3. Handler may use voice or whistle to encourage dog to hunt and retrieve.
4. A leash may be used to steady dog.
5. A dog may be cast a second time.

This is not a sanctioned Hunt Test, this will be a ***YWHRC FUN EVENT!*** In addition to the stated rules, questions shall be directed to the Event Chairs (Pat McKinney/Jo Ann Reynolds) and the Judges. The Judging will be based on a simplified version of the HRC Hunt Test rules; any questioning of the rules will be referred to the HRC Rule Book. **ALL JUDGES DECISIONS SHALL BE FINAL.**

DIRECTIONS

Mansfield Hollow Wildlife Management Area
North Windham, CT

From Massachusetts and points North and West -- take Rte 84 to Exit 68 (Rte 195); follow Rte 195 South to Rte 6, turn left onto Rte 6 East, follow to end of highway. At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto Rte 6 (business route); follow past airport, turn left opposite Rte 203. At this point follow map.

From Southern Connecticut, Rhode Island and points South -- follow Rte 2 or Rte 395 to Norwich and continue to Rte 32 North, follow to Rte 203 which is a right turn. Follow Rte 203 to intersection of Rte 6, to straight through intersection and follow map.

From Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts and points East -- follow Rte 295 to Rte 6 West to intersection of Rte 203 and follow map.

GPS Coordinates:

N 41 degrees 45.109'
W 072 degrees 09.658'

There will be bright orange signs at the first gate. Please go through the gate and be sure to close it behind you. The main parking area will be on your left about ¼ mile in. After meeting at the main parking lot, we will head to the event areas.

