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YANKEE WATERFOWLERS



HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACE: Mansfield Hollow WMA
North Windham, CT

DATE: Saturday, April 16, 2022
TIME: 7:30 a.m. Handler Check-in
8:00 a.m. Testing Starts *promptly*

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
April 8, 2022

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

ENTRY FEES:

Baby	\$5/dog	
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. Except where otherwise stated below in the Singles Championship Rules the judging will be based on a simplified version of the HRC Hunt Test rules. 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 6-12 months 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 – Baby, 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 8, 2022 No day of entries allowed**

NAME: _____ TEL: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
EMAIL: _____
CALL NAME: _____ CLASS: _____ DOB: _____
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No cross-entries allowed: 1 class per dog, except for Blind Competition (dogs may enter Open Singles and Open Blind). Entry confirmation will be sent via email.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

BABY (Under 6 months)

Judges: John Dawber and Tom Hoagland

(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.

PUPPY (6 - 12 months)

Judges: Chris Rawson and Kate Lussier

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

1. Distances no more than 75 yards land/50 yards water.
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: Chris Rawson and Kate Lussier

1. Distances no more than 100 yards land/75 yards water
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: Chris Reynolds and Claudia Norton

1. Distances no more than 150 yards land/125 yards water
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 dogs with advanced handling skills) Judges: Chris Reynolds and Claudia Norton

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: John Dawber and Tom Hoagland

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: John Dawber and Tom Hoagland

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 is a ***YWHRC FUN EVENT!*** In addition to the stated rules, questions shall be directed to the Event Chairs Carment Kuegler, Jo Ann Reynolds and the Judges. Except where otherwise stated above 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 WMA
54 North Windham Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
41°75181"N 72°16036"W

Map: <https://ywhrc.com/resources/Documents/Directions/MansfieldHollow.pdf>

From South and East: Follow RT 2 or I-395 to Norwich and continue to RT 32 North, follow to RT 203 which is a right turn. Follow RT 203 to intersection of RT 6. Go straight through intersection and follow map below.

From South and West: Follow I-395 to Norwich and continue to RT 32 North, follow to RT 203 which is a right turn. Follow RT 203 to intersection of RT 6. Go straight through intersection and follow map below.

From North and East: Follow I-295 to RT 6 West to intersection of RT 203 and follow map below.

From North and West: Take I-84 to Exit 68 (RT 195), follow RT 195 South to RT 6. Turn left onto RT 6 East, follow to end of highway. At bottom ramp turn right onto RT 6 (business route), follow past airport, turn left opposite RT 203. At this point follow map below.