

The DISCussion – January, 2002

The Informative Newsletter of The Yankee Flyers Dog & Disc Club



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2001 in review...

The Yankee Flyers Dog and Disc Club is gearing up for our fourth year!! 2001 was a fantastic year for the YFDDC! In only our third year of existence, the YFDDC hosted competitions, was instrumental in coordinating numerous competitions for other organizations such as the Unified Frisbee® Dog Operations (UFO) and Skyhoundz, and performed countless demonstrations here and there to promote our great sport. Club membership was continuously on the rise, and YFDDC members were always among the best performers in competitions both local and nationwide. Junior competitors continued to impress, and YFDDC veterans and charter members proved to be valuable resources for newbies trying to overcome those familiar feelings of "if I could just get my dog to do that!" or "oh I think we're just going to call it a season..." when it was only the middle of June. But before we gear up for 2002, let's take a moment and be mindful and proud of the sacrifices that our 2-legged and 4-legged friends made during the rescue efforts at both the Pentagon and World Trade Center. At a time of complete distress, it was heartwarming to see the efforts of search-and-rescue dogs in action, and to see good triumph over bad.

The results are in...

Congratulations to all of this past year's competitors!! Performing in front of people is tough, but in your dog's eyes, your team is always a winner! Special kudos go to the following teams for these memorable performances:

Torv Myshka & Brat - UFO (Norwich) Junior Champion, Open Division

Ian Myshka & Smokin' - UFO (Norwich) Junior Champion, Sport Division

Katherine Marshall & Beggin' Meggin' - Catskill Classic Junior Champion

Haley Boren & Austin - Skyhoundz (Rocky Hill) Jr. Champion, Sport Div.

Chris Vitale & Bear - Skyhoundz World Finalist, Open Division and YFDDC (Durham Fair) Open Champion

Julie Norman & Sprint - Purina IDC High Jump Runner Up

Nick Grabosky & Riley - Purina IDC Qualifying Round Champion

Bruce Monte & Luke - Skyhoundz NE Regional Finalist - Sport Division

Ed Jakubowski & Dasher - Skyhoundz NE Regional Finalists – Open Division (25th time!) and 2001 Ashley Whippet Hall of Fame Inductee

Postscript...

Thanks to Phyllis McGuire for the new name of our newsletter!! (Much better than last year's name!)

Mark your calendars...

The YFDDC will be holding our annual meeting on Saturday, February 9, 2001 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at "Paws and Effect" in Hamden, CT to prepare for the upcoming season. Please consider volunteering for an officer position, or think about nominating someone for an officer position. Directions to "Paws and Effect" are as follows:

From I-91 – Exit 10 (Rte 40) to end. Turn right onto Rte 10/Whitney Ave. After 1.5 mi. turn left on Sherman Ave. (Dunkin Donuts). After 1.5 mi. turn right on Overlook. "Paws and Effect" is on right.

From I-84 – Exit onto Rte 691, first exit (Cheshire, CT. Rt. 10 South). Follow Rte 10/ Whitney Ave through Cheshire into Hamden. Turn right onto Sherman Ave. (Dunkin Donuts). Follow directions from above.

From Rt. 15 South – Exit 62 (Whitney Ave. North). Turn right on Whitney Ave. Follow directions from above.

From Rte 15 North – Exit 60 (Dixwell Ave). Turn left at end of exit ramp. After 0.8 mi., bear left at Duchess Diner. Go through light onto Shepard Ave. After 3 lights, turn right onto Sherman Lane. Take first left onto Sherman Ave. Take first left again onto Overlook. "Paws and Effect" is on the right.

SEE YOU THERE!!

Check out these cool sites...

www.skyhoundz.com

www.ufoworldcup.org

www.dogchow.com/incredchal.html

www.discdog.org/index.html

www.discdogezine.com

Something to think about...

If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.

– James Thurber