



Welcome to the Club



As we progress in our quest to form a new tracking club we have adopted a club logo. One of our members, a resident artist, gave us two exceptional choices to choose from. Both of Monica's



drawings are featured here. The logo you see to the left is the one we will be using.

The next step will be to choose a color scheme. On our quest for official clubdom, we are looking for success stories and pictures for the newsletter. You will read in the pages that follow about Pat and Diver earning a TD in Houston. Also included are pictures taken from the classes at DFW Airport. If you have brags or pictures you would like to see in the next newsletter, please send them to crdslabs@yahoo.com.



Even the little guys can do it!

Letter from the President



Can you find the Newfie in this picture? If so, then the air has cooled and it is once again TRACKING SEASON! The start of the tracking season was marked by a cool breeze and the end of summer. Here in Texas cool is 85 degrees, but we have to start back at some point!

As we work towards our final paperwork with the AKC, the State, and the IRS, we must take time out to play for that is the reason we formed this club.

We will be holding a certification match and continuing our tracking classes as the year progresses. We urge you to come join us in this great sport.

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Special points of interest:

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Schedule of Events

- 12/10/05—Tracking Class 7am AA Credit Union
- 12/10/05—Club Meeting 5pm Spring Creek BBQ
- 12/17/05-12/18/05— Deb Duncan follow-up seminar
- 12/24/05—Tracking Class 7am AA Credit Union
- 12/31/05—Tracking Class 7am AA Credit Union

December 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 class meeting
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 seminar
18 seminar	19	20	21	22	23	24 class
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 class

Minutes from Meeting

DFW Tracking Club October 16, 2005

Meeting called to order 5:50 p.m.

Attending: John Hubacek, Dana Hubacek, Charlene Dunn, Monica Becherer, Lisa Hawes, and Pat Tackett.

Minutes of last meeting: None

Report of the President: None

Report of the Secretary: Pat called the IRS about the EIN and 501c. They wouldn't answer the questions about 501c but they did tell us how to fill out EIN. There are issues with our incorporated name. Charlene will call the IRS for more clarification.

Membership applications for the following people were read:

Sharon Wild, Pam Kernen and Jeff Raymond, Julie Lessick, Gretchen and Greg Jernigan, Debra Duncan, and Lisa Hawes. Pat motioned to accept all applications as read by the secretary, seconded by Dana. Motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer: We have \$302.57 in the bank and \$355 in checks to deposit when we get a bank account set up under DFW Tracking Club.

Report of Committees: N/A

Unfinished Business:

- Classes: Charlene will teach a new beginner class starting Nov. 12th through Dec. 17th. Dana and Charlene will each teach intermediate classes beginning on Nov. 12 through Dec. 17th. There was a discussion on class goals. Beginner students need to be able to draw a map and run a one-turn track to advance to the intermediate level. At the conclusion of the intermediate class, students should be able to draw a map and run a two-turn track without flags.
- Logo: Monica is still working on it.

Insurance: We discussed buying insurance in January.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn made by Lisa, seconded by Dana. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07.p.m. The next meeting will be December 10, 2005 at 5pm at Spring Creek BBQ, I-20 and Wheatland, Duncanville.



Look ma I'm tracking!

Minutes from Meeting Cont.

DFW Tracking Club
December 10, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m.

Attending: John Hubacek, Dana Hubacek, Charlene Dunn, and Monica Becherer. Cindy Morrow and Benita Zapata were visiting.

Minutes of last meeting: Dana moved that we accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Monica. Motion passed.

Report of the President: None

Report of the Secretary: Pat has received applications from Marla and David Bull, Benita Zapata, and Cindy Morrow. Dana read the applications in the absence of the Secretary. Marla and David Bull's application was read for voting. This was the first reading of the applications for Cindy and Benita. Charlene moved to accept the Bull's applications. The motion was seconded by Dana. Motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer: We have \$600.61 in the bank. The bank account was opened under Compass Bank. Monica moved to accept the Treasurers report as read. The motion was seconded by Dana. Motion passed.

Report of Committees: None

Unfinished Business:

- We have obtained an EIN number and are now listed as DFW Tracking Club DFWTC.

- Tax forms: Charlene and Pat will work together on the 501c3 paperwork. Charlene will also fill out the application for Tax Exempt status in Texas. John will fill out the tax questionnaire and it will be returned it to the Comptroller.

- Insurance: There was a discussion about buying insurance in January 2006 from RV Nuccio. Dana moved that we purchase liability insurance from RV Nuccio at the beginning of January 2006. The motion was seconded by Charlene. Motion passed. Club Logo: Monica presented two drawings for the club logo. She discussed coloring options for the drawings. Present members preferred the drawing of the State of Texas dog as opposed to the dog on the patch. Monica is going to experiment with color combinations for the logo to present at the next meeting. Dana moved that we accept the Texas logo. The motion was seconded by Charlene. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Newsletter: The newsletter will be completed soon. The newsletter will be posted on the yahoo group and emailed to all club



Jett making a bee line for the article

members.

- 2006 Classes: Classes in 2006 will be 8-weeks in length and cost \$80 for non-members and \$40 for members. There will be two 8-week sessions offered between January and May. Tracking Match: We would like to hold a certification match for members who need to have their dogs certified. A certification match would need to be held in mid-January to meet the deadlines for local tracking tests. Dana will contact Deb Duncan to see if she is available to serve as judge.

Monica moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dana. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m.

The next meeting will be February 18, 2006 at 11:30 am at Spring Creek BBQ, I83 and Beltline, Irving.

Success in Houston

I have a BIG brag -- Diver passed in Houston! He was the 5th dog to run out of 5 tracks and he was the only dog to pass...WHOOOOOHHOOOOO! I'm sure EVERYONE heard me holler when he got to his glove <VBG>.

We had a heart stopping moment when I heard a whistle, but Diver was tracking strong. When he slowed down and was searching for the next turn, I half turned and looked at the judges, but they weren't acting like they had blown us off. He came back close to me and I took the opportunity to give him a little drink. He finished up his last leg in style which was 110 yards long!



Judges Sally Elkins and Kathleen Milford

He had a 'top hat' with two long legs. His first leg was 90 yards, left turn to a 55 yard leg, right turn to a 150 yard leg, right turn to a second short leg of 50 yards, and a left turn to a final 110 yard leg. His total track yardage was 455 yards.

The two short legs that were 55 & 50 made me feel clueless on where we were. I was starting to doubt him, but then he got in his tracking mode and plowed down the track. You can imagine my surprise to hear a whistle -- turns out it was from the soccer fields across the highway where they were playing soccer!

Pat & Gilij's Off the Deep End TD



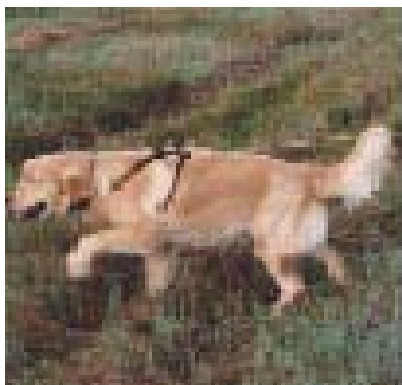
A Little Light Humor in the Life of a Tracking Article

OPEN LETTER TO "TRACKERS"...from Everyman's "article"

As EVERYMAN'S "ARTICLE", I have been asked to send an open letter to the tracking community from all of the tracking articles of the world. We think we can impart a positive perspective and attitude that can benefit anyone involved in tracking. Think about it...

We live most of our life cooped up in a dark, stinky bag of some sort. Then we go through the excitement and anxiety of "Will I be chosen today?". If chosen, the air and light are so invigorating. Then, we are stuck into some very private areas of these 2 legged creatures (must admit, not always a bad plight). Next, we are left laying in a field "all alone", except for the creatures that have carried off some of my brethren over the years. [May God bless... because, they are never heard from again.] Their fate, I can't bring myself to fathom.

We are stomped on. There is the heat, the wind, the cold, the wet, the fire ants (those buggers are really menacing and hurt!) Occasionally, someone strolling by picks us up and fling us away. Or worse, they keep us (for what purpose, I ask?!) Our anxiety comes from knowing we may never fulfill our potential and true life's mission as a "found article".



Deb's dog Ryan

Moreover, there is the anxiety and stress of hoping we yell "loud enough" to be heard and found by the "finders" (the dogs). As articles, we take our responsibilities very seriously! Unfortunately, even with all our best efforts, we sometimes fail. We are "not found", or worse, we are "walked over". Oh, the shame of it all. These are our worse failures. We let "them" (the finders) down. How can we go on? Do we blame "them"? No, rather we just strive to be better and hope we and our brethren learn from our mistakes!!!

You may ask, "Where is the positive?" Let me share with you "our" perspective...from the ground up! We go through all of this while keeping an upbeat and positive attitude. Why, how? We live to be "found". There is no greater experience, nor more rewarding calling than to be a "found article". Imagine the joy of being "bowed to" (a down), "curtsied to" (a sit), retrieved, shook, killed, slung, slobbered on, chewed, and the end all be all... "presented to" the most important person in the world (the handler). This is simply nirvana. Wait, there is more. When we are the "best of the best", we are "framed and hung" (not a bad thing!) on a "wall of honor".

Everything we have gone through is worthwhile. We are among the few, the chosen... the FOUND! It is so overwhelming and emotional; I find it difficult to continue at this point. But I must, if I am to fulfill my mission in the name of all the brave "articles" that have come and gone, those who are yet to come, and all of those articles that have already left their indelible mark on the world of tracking and on the hearts of the "finders" and their handlers.

We, the brave, the positive, the persevering "articles" of the tracking world...challenge



Deb's dog Beowulf CDX, TDX, ME, CG, TT, CGC

YOU, the brave and the persevering members of the tracking community to also be "positive"...to BELIEVE in yourself and your dog. If we, the "articles" can be all of that... so can all of you!

Take some time to examine your personal tracking perspective. Are your goals and your expectations realistic? Are they serving your relationship with your dog? If you can be there 100% for your dog, for yourself, for "the TEAM", I can assure you that the "articles" will be there to support you when you need us most!!

Track with your HEART and believe in your SOUL, because when you do, so will your dog!! You and your dog ARE the "heart and soul" of tracking.

Submitted by Deb Duncan



In the End, it's the glove that counts and the friends you make in-between.

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DFW Tracking Club was founded in the summer of 2005 by members of the tracking community who wished to offer tests, teach classes, and serve the tracking needs in the DFW area.

The mission of the DFW Tracking Club is to provide a need to the tracking community for tracking tests, tracking classes, and tracking education.

DFW Tracking Club has instructors who can service all levels of tracking from the novice to the advanced tracker. Our classes are structured to teach dogs and their humans to track for an AKC tracking test. However, we do have instructors who can teach for other venues.

For more information about the DFW Tracking Club, check out our yahoo group at dfwtrackers@yahoo.com or email the club secretary at Pat_tackett@yahoo.com.

We are on the Web!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dfwtrackers/>

Photos from the Club



Upcoming Events

Join us for our next club meeting on February 18, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Spring Creek BBQ on 183 and Beltline.

Our next beginner tracking class starts January 14, 2006 at 7 a.m. Classes meet at the AA Credit Union, DFW Airport. If you know someone who is interested in taking a class please have them contact Charlene Dunn at crdslabs@yahoo.com. There are only 4 slots available for each class.

We are having a certification match on January 15, 2006. We are looking for tracklayers. If you have a dog you need certified please contact Charlene Dunn at crdslabs@yahoo.com for a slot. We hope you will join us for our first Club Event.



Anyone can track!