



Welcome to the Club



Since receiving our AKC accreditation, members should note the following changes required by the AKC. These changes can be found in the published standing rules and bylaws. Regular members must participate in three (3) Club activities a year, one of which **must** be a Club meeting. Other activities are:

- Teach a class
- Assist with teaching a class
- Serve as an officer
- Editor for the club newsletter
- Serve as tracklayer for matches and/or tests
- Serve as chief tracklayer for matches and/or tests
- Serve as club photographer at matches and/or tests
- Hospitality (bring food for matches and/or tests, pick judges up from airport, etc.)
- Attend a club function



A club function may include, but is not limited to, hosting a club meeting or event. Class instructors or assistants who taught a class session will be credited with two (2) activities. Substitute instructors who substitute for one (1) class will be credited with one (1) activity. The Secretary shall keep a record of all activities of regular members, taken from club meeting minutes, classes, and events. The activities of members will be published in the 1st quarter newsletter, if regular membership is not met, the member will automatically be made an associate member. New members will be given a full year of membership to fulfill regular member status, based on the club's fiscal calendar year.

All dues are due before January 1. Dues are considered late after January 1st and lapsed after January 31st. Applicants voted into membership during the month of October will not pay dues for the following year. Yearly Dues: \$15 associate / \$20 regular / \$30 household.

Letter from the President



We are rapidly approaching the close of 2006 and the beginning of 2007. As I reflect back on this year, we as a club, have encountered and overcome numerous obstacles and have experienced many accomplishments. We have had several very successful class sessions, put on two successful certification matches, as well as our first seminar, and we have been officially recognized by the AKC as a tracking club.

Above all, we have grown in membership numbers and with that, added enthusiasm and positive attitude that each new member brings to the club.

I and the other board members wish each and every one of you and your canine team members a very happy holiday season and many thanks for an outstanding year.

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Special points of interest:

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Schedule of Events

- 12/09/2006—December Meeting
- 01/14/2007—Tracking Seminar
- 01/20/2007—Winter Classes Begin
- 02/17/2007—DFWTC Meeting
- 03/04/2007—AKC Sanctioned Certification Match
- 03/18/2007—Spring Classes Begin



December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Club Meeting</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29	30
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October Minutes

DFW Tracking Club
October 7, 2006 Meeting Minutes
11:20

In attendance: Connie Napier, Daphne Price, Monica Becherer, Marian Beck-Edwards, Koni Vahdat, Charlene Dunn, Deb Lyons
Guest: Glenda Fick

Minutes of last meeting: Monica discussed the resignations of previous board members. The new board members: President: Monica Becherer, Vice-President: Pam Raymond, Secretary: Deb Lyons, Member at large: Cindy Morrow. Meeting minutes will be printed in the next new letter, and will be read at the next meeting.

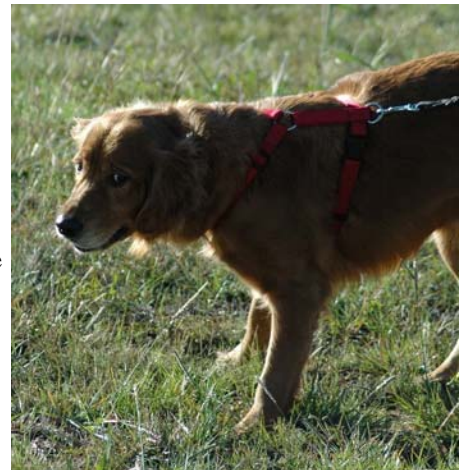
Report of Secretary: Deb Lyons reported that fall classes are full.

Report of the Treasurer: Charlene Dunn gave the Income/Expense report as of 10/06/06 totaling \$1,515.40. This does not include income from some of the fall students.

Status of club IRS standing: The club sent in 501(c)3 paperwork at the beginning of the year. We had not heard anything until three weeks ago when we received notification that our file was closed. We called to find out why the file had been closed and was told that they had not heard from us, and we had not sent the information that they requested. We explained that we had not received any information from them, and inquired as to what information we were supposed to have submitted. We were told to file 501(c)4 paperwork instead of 501(c)3. We have now filed 501(c)4 papers and are awaiting further notification.

Charlene asked if anyone would be interested in helping to file the club franchise tax. Marian said that Sarah was very good with tax stuff, and she would probably be able to help when she finished with the agility trials in a few weeks.

Old Business: T-shirts have been done with a hot press application, at the cost to the club of \$10.00. We are hoping to sell them to the public for \$15.00. Indian Nations sells their shirts for \$16.00.



October Minutes Continued

Certification Match: will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2006 with plotting on the Saturday after class. We offered slots for 10 tracks. Marian asked why we changed the date of the match. We changed the date so the people that certified could still enter the Houston trials; Indian Nations and Houston close early this year. Discussion as to who was doing what; Chief Tracklayer: Marian, Tracklayers: Monica, Cindy, David, and Pat, with more to be added. Marian is going to call Lara Nickelson to see if she can help as well. All fall students are invited to come watch the match. Match Judges are Charlene Dunn and Tom Hacholski. Food for the match: Deb is doing crock-pot tortilla soup. Marian is bringing dessert. Connie is bringing chips. Daphne is bringing cheese, and Koni is hospitality chair.

Voted in New Members: Sarah Helber, Frank Brauer, and Daphne Price. Connie Napier made a motion to accept new members, and Marian seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be in December, date and place TBD.

Charlene moved and Daphne seconded to adjourn at 11:50am.



November Board of Directors Minutes

DFW Tracking Club
November 4, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes
12:08 pm

In Attendance: Monica Becherer, Charlene Dunn, Deb Lyons, and Cindy Morrow

The club is to contact the AKC events planning department to change the club contact information from Pat Tackett to Deb Lyons. Monica asked for a motion, Cindy made a motion to contact the AKC, and Charlene seconded. Motion passed.

AKC Letter- Bylaw –Changes

Article 1 Section 1 –
Change membership types a) Regular b) Household c) Associate d) Honorary

Article 1 Section 3 -
Change voting method from a show of hands to secret ballot

Article 2 Sections 1& 2 –
Quorum needs to change from 10% to 20%

Article 7 Sections 2 –
Change wording (show of hands) to (secret ballot)

Article 8 Section
Add to the end of the first sentence, (in good standing)

Sanctioned Match – Chairperson needed -Email Pam, Sarah, Marian, Marla & David, and David Meredith and ask if any of them are willing to be chairperson.

Send notice for Dec.9 meeting. Ask for new editor for newsletter.
Need to make budget for 2008

Monica asked if we covered everything. Cindy made the motion to adjourn, and Deb seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.



December Minutes

DFW Tracking Club
December 9, 2006 Meeting Minutes
Meeting called to order at 9:45am.

In attendance: Connie Napier, Cindy Morrow, Benita Zapata, Charlene Dunn, Sarah Helber, Monica Becherer, Marian Beck-Edwards, Pam Raymond, Julie Gatlin, Daphne Price, Koni Vahdat, and Deb Lyons.

Guests: Cherita Sherrill, William Chaillot, Natasha Decker

Minutes of last meeting: Deb read the minutes from the board meeting. Pam made a motion to accept the minutes as read, and Julie seconded. Vote: 12 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Monica discussed the club now being an AKC recognized club. The club received a letter from the AKC with recommended changes to the club's by-laws. Deb made a motion to accept the changes specified in the letter, and Pam seconded. Vote: 12 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Standing Rules – Changes made to the standing rules, due to the changes in the bylaws were discussed. Pam made the motion to accept the changes and Cindy seconded. Vote: 12 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Report from Vice President – Nothing
Report from Secretary – Nothing

Report from Treasurer – Franchise Tax has been filed. Insurance for the club is paid for next year. Income/Expense reports \$4000.00 in the bank. This does not include club dues or winter class, but does cover the expenses to date from the seminar and the insurance for next year.

Seminar Committee - The seminar is full. The plane tickets and hotel for the Barnards has been paid for.

Tracking Committee – Chairperson – Julie Gatlin; Chief Tracklayer – Marian Beck-Edwards; Other committee members – Karen Cook, Koni Vahdat, and Deb Lyons. Julie will get together with the board to fill out the form for the March Sanctioned Match and mail to the AKC ASAP.

Newsletter - Koni volunteered to take over as newsletter editor. Charlene will write the 4th quarter newsletter.

Classes for 2007 – Winter Session - Jan.21 to March 11. Beginner Instructors: Charlene & Deb. Beginner starts at 7:30 am. Class size is four students. Intermediate Instructor: Charlene. Intermediate starts at 9:00 am. Class size is ten students. Advanced instructor: Charlene. Advanced begins at 11 am. Class is limited to 5 students.

Spring Session – March 18 to May 13. Instructors/Assistants needed, volunteers are to sign up on the yahoo calendar.

Budget Committee - Charlene, Deb, Sarah.

New Members - Bill Chaillot & Cherita Sherrill were read for the first time.

New business – Club t-shirts - short sleeve, sweatshirt, and long sleeve available.

Charlene moved to adjourn at 11:33 am, and Pam seconded. Meeting adjourned.



October Certification Match

On October 22, 2006, DFW Tracking Club held its 2nd certification match. The match had 10 slots available, 6 filled with one pulling due to illness. Judges were Mr. Tom Hacholski and Ms. Charlene Dunn. The day dawned cold and mildly windy as entrants gathered close to the breakfast table awaiting the draw. Breakfast was provided by Cindy Morrow's mom and consisted of home made cinnamon rolls and cheese puffs (the judges' favorite!). After the draw, entrants departed the base camp and headed for the first track. Once the tracks were completed, the group returned to base camp for home made Tortilla soup and other great munchies provided by Deb Lyons and other members.



T1 went to a GSD named Ndy and handled by club member Deb Lyons. This dog made quick work of the track, struggling only at the second turn into the wind, and then tracked straight on to the glove.



T2 went to a yellow Lab from Austin, named Rosie, handled by Karen Yates. This dog already has its TD and made record time to the glove, thoroughly enjoying the cold weather!



T3 went to a Belgian Tervuren named Grace and handled by club member Sarah Helber. Despite Sarah's excellent handling skills, the surrounding proved to be too much for this girl.



T4 went to a Golden from Louisiana, named Khayenne, handled by John Runnels. This fast girl sped down the track, but made a left when she should have gone right.



T5 went to a yellow Lab from Alabama, named Opal, handled by Rhonda Miller. This girl was training for hunt tests and thought the trees were a bit too enticing.

And after it was all said and done, the food, flags, etc picked up and stored away, the judges took time out to play with their dogs!





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.

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

We are on the Web!
<http://www.dfwtc.org>

Success at Nationals

Robyn Elliott and CH Elliott Unique Sapphire Scout RN, TD



Scout earned his TD at Giant Schnauzer Nationals on Tuesday September 26, 2006, Robertsville State Park, near St. Louis, Missouri. There were 7 tracks laid and Scout was one of 3 to pass. There were many cross tracks- including deer, but that was not what slowed Scout down. We had to walk quite a long way through dense cover to get to the start marker, so it was really a longer than expected; unfortunately, we had never really practiced walking that far into a field before starting. He broke before the 30 yard marker and I just knew we were NEVER going to finish. The cover was up to my shoulders and there were stickers everywhere. Scout hated the stickers, he wanted them OFF- and it took us over 2 hours to do that when he was done. The start article was a sock covered in those same stickers...not much help! The 1st, 3rd and 4th legs were 120 yards each. The 2nd was 90 and the 4th was 50. There really wasn't

a shape, maybe the Big Dipper, but there was one left turn and 3 right turns. Scout took what seemed like FOREVER to finish, but the judges say it only took him 20 minutes! The glove was finally found, in more stickers, and then we had to work our way back through all of the thick cover to get out of the area. Scout won an engraved trophy that we are waiting to arrive. The GSCA put on a really nice lunch and the judges spoke about each dog: pass or fail. It seems that they felt Scout has some potential, so we are starting to work on the X. Scout came home from the national with 2 titles, the TD and RN. Trackers would be proud as he tracked the entire rally course both days, but it made the required sits a little difficult! So, here we are, me and Scout, a novice owner and a "pet-bred" dog that finished his championship with 4 majors and now 2 more titles- he is officially Ch. Elliott Unique Sapphire Scout, RN, TD.



Upcoming Events



Join us for our 2nd seminar, featuring John and Darlene Barnard. Audit spots are still left. Contact Charlene Dunn for more information at crdslabs@yahoo.com.

Join us for our next class! Classes start on January 20, 2007. There are only 4 spots in the beginners class, 10 in the intermediate class, and 5 in the advanced class.

Our next meeting is February 17, 2007 at American Airlines Credit Union, 4151 Amon Carter Blvd. Ft. Worth, TX starting at 2pm.