



Welcome to the Club

A tale of two seminar speakers...

DFW Tracking Club is proud to present the next seminar. The club has narrowed the choices down to two speakers: John and Darlene Barnard and Carol Pernicka. Their bios and seminar styles are listed below. Please come to the next meeting to help us vote on who we will invite. Tentative dates are the second weekend in January and the first weekend in March 2007.



She went that way.

John and Darlene Barnard

All of our workshops emphasize scent, which in turn, emphasizes VST because we believe that if you start in a VST venue, you will be more successful in TD and TDX. We don't believe in the T, X and V transitions. We want people to work with scent in mind from day one and if you focus only on T and X work, they lose that scent focus. In addition, it's easier on us and participants if the workshops take place in a VST setting. There's still plenty of grass and trees etc. that may be needed, but the walking is easier, driving to tracks etc. Field work is hot, messy, buggy and more difficult to communicate in to the group when outside working. John has been training dogs in tracking, obedience and ANY type of scent work imaginable for over 45 years. I've been in obedience for 30 years and tracking for about 25. I have the first CT dog and he got a CT about 1 1/2 years ago on our male GSD.

Carol Pernicka

I try to cover what people want, and have some questions on the sign-up form to find out what people are currently doing with their dog and what they know, as well as what they currently doing with their dog and what they know, as well as what they want to get out of the weekend so I'm sure I'm addressing people's concerns. I also do a lot of questions and answers along the way, although I also have a list of topics I want to cover.

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Letter from the President



In the right direction

Hello and welcome to the fourth edition of TRACKS.

This edition is the last edition before we send in our AKC paperwork to be recognized as a club.

This is an exciting time for the club. After our annual meeting, Aug 12th, we will be sending the packet to the AKC.

In 4-6 weeks we will have a ruling on whether the AKC needs more data or whether we are recognized as a club. Upon approval from the AKC, we will schedule our first sanctioned match. This will lead us to accredited status,

and then, after the AKC views one of our matches, we can apply for licensed status. At that point, we will be able to hold licensed TD tests.

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Special points of interest:

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Schedule of Events

- 04/01/2006—April Meeting
- 05/13/2006—May Meeting
- 06/10/2006—June Meeting
- 08/12/2006—Annual Meeting
- 10/07/2006—Fall Classes begin



PSST! Classes start soon

June 2006

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

April Minutes

DFW Tracking Club

April 1, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Guests: Karen Cook, Koni Vahdat, Cindy Morrow, Deb Lyons, Sharon Kang, and Julie Gatlin.

Minutes of last meeting: Charlene moved that we accept the minutes as published in the club newsletter. The motion was seconded by Dana. Motion passed.

Report of the President: None

Report of the Secretary:

Membership applications for the following people were read: Karen Cook, Koni Vahdat, Deb Lyons, Julie Gatlin, Robyn Elliott, Stephanie Ayers, Connie Napier, and Sharon Kang.

Membership applicants to be voted for membership: Benita Zapata, Cindy Morrow, and Marian Beck-Edwards

Charlene moved to accept the applicants voted for membership. The motion was seconded by Dana. Motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer: Charlene gave Income/Expense report as of 3/31/2006. We are unable to get insurance coverage until we are recognized by AKC. The IRS has our paperwork but no word on status of 501c3.

Committee Reports: Two new committees were formed. Any members interested in helping with either committee can contact Charlene or Pat.

Charlene will chair the Seminar Committee. Cindy Morrow & Deb Lyons volunteered to help with food. Dana Hubacek was asked to check with Judi Adler for a future seminar. Charlene reminded everyone that STA will host a seminar conducted by AKC in August 2006.

Pat will chair the Tracking Match Committee (Fall Sanctioned Match/Certification Match). Karen Cook, Lisa Hawes, and Deb Lyons volunteered to serve on the committee.

We will need a judge, track layers, information flyer, and food. It was stated that we need to hold a track laying/map making workshop prior to the tracking match to train additional volunteers.

Unfinished Business:

- Tax forms: We have not received any information from the IRS.
- Insurance: We are unable to get club insurance coverage until we are recognized by AKC.
- Club Logo: Monica had several versions of our logo with different color schemes. ALL were very nice. A decision was made to use a basic black outline for letterhead. Charlene will use one of the colored logos to scan for our club website (www.dfwtc.org).



April Minutes Continued

New Business:

- Newsletter: The March Newsletter is almost ready.
- 2006 Classes: The fall class session will start by mid-October and finish by Dec. 15th.
- Tracking Match: We will host a fall tracking match (TBD) as soon as we receive recognition from AKC. We hope it can be our first AKC Sanctioned match. If it is a Sanctioned match, we will need to plot tracks on Saturday and hold the match on Sunday.
- T-Shirts: Now that we have our club logo completed we will start looking at getting club T-shirts. Koni Vahdat was asked to check with her sources and gather cost and price projections.

John Hubacek will purchase surveyor tape to begin making our club tracking flags.

Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cindy. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next club meeting will be on Saturday, May 13, 2006, with time and location to be announced at a later date.



May Minutes

DFW Tracking Club

May 13, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. and John Hubacek wished a Happy Mother's Day to all the doggie moms.

DFWTC Members Attending: Pat Tackett, John & Dana Hubacek, Charlene Dunn, Monica Becherer, Benita Zapata, and Cindy Morrow

Guests: Robyn Elliott, Karen Cook, Koni Vahdat, and Deb Lyons

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes from the April meeting will be posted in the upcoming newsletter.

Report of the President: None

Report of the Secretary:

There are no applications to be read.

Membership applicants to be voted for membership: Karen Cook, Koni Vahdat, Deb Lyons, Julie Gatlin, Robyn Elliott, and Sharon Kang.

Charlene Dunn moved to accept the applicants voted for membership. The motion was seconded by Cindy Morrow. Motion passed.

Stephanie Ayers and Connie Napier were not present and therefore could not be voted for membership at this meeting.

Report of the Treasurer: Charlene gave Income/Expense report as of 5/12/2006. Charlene presented two solicitation letters to list our website with different search engines. It was decided that since we are listed free on Google there is no need to pay for different search engines.

Committee Reports:

Seminar Committee – The Seminar Committee is comprised of Charlene Dunn, Monica Becherer, and Cindy Morrow. Deb Duncan, a DFWTC member and AKC Judge, presented at our last seminar. Charlene Dunn spoke with Indian Nations club members for input on future seminars. Dana Hubacek spoke with Judi Adler about a potential seminar. Carol Pernicka was also suggested. The committee will investigate other presenters and report at a later date.

Tracking Match Committee - The required paperwork will be submitted to AKC in August to gain club recognition. We then expect to hear from AKC in four-to-six weeks if we can proceed with a Sanctioned Match in the fall.

Unfinished Business:

- Club Logo: Monica Becherer has finished with the club logo. Charlene Dunn has posted the logo on our club website (www.dfwtc.org).
- Fall Classes: The fall session will be October 7 through November 25.
- T-Shirts: Deb Lyons reported that she can make an embroidery outline of the club logo. The background of the logo will be the t-shirt color. Deb will bring a sample to show at the next club meeting.

New Business:

- Club Flags: John Hubacek has finished putting surveyor tape on all the flags. He brought samples to show of all the different colors. John also made a carrier for each set of flags to carry them easily in the field. VERY NICE!!! Way to go John!

Charlene Dunn moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Cook. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

The next club meeting will be on Saturday, June 10, 2006, with time and location to be announced at a later date.



June Minutes

DFW Tracking Club

June 10, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

DFWTC Members Attending: Pat Tackett, Monica Becherer, Charlene Dunn, Cindy Morrow, Deb Lyons, and Benita Zapata

Guests: Connie Napier and Stephanie Ayers

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes from the April and May meetings were read by Pat Tackett, Secretary. Monica Becherer moved to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Charlene Dunn. Motion passed.

Report of the President: None

Report of the Secretary:

There were no applications to be read.

Membership applicants to be voted for membership: Connie Napier and Stephanie Ayers.

After introductions, Pat Tackett moved to accept the applicants to be voted for membership. The motion was seconded by Cindy Morrow. Motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer: Charlene Dunn gave the Income/Expense report as of 6/10/2006. We still have no response from the IRS regarding our application for 501c3. Cindy Morrow moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Monica Becherer. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Tracking Match Committee: The Tracking Match Committee is comprised of Pat Tackett, Lisa Hawes, Karen Cook and Deb Lyons. The committee is considering Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, as a date for the match; however, we must first receive AKC approval before a date can be finalized. Fall classes start Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, so plotting of tracks for the match would be done that afternoon. Possible judges for the match will be Charlene Dunn and Pat Tackett. There will be a limit of eight entries. Since the AA fields have spear grass, we may need to find an alternative site unless the fields are mowed before the weekend of the match. Pat Tackett will begin work on the necessary paperwork to be filed with AKC to apply for a Sanctioned match.

Seminar Committee: Charlene Dunn passed out information detailing the four possible seminar presenters. Monica Becherer moved to limit the seminar to either John & Darlene Barnard or Carol Pernicka. Connie Napier seconded the motion. Connie Napier made a motion to ask the Barnards about a March date. Pat Tackett seconded the motion. Monica Becherer then requested to amend her original motion on the table to limit the seminar to either the Barnards or Carol Pernicka and that the Seminar Committee Chair would contact both to see whose schedules would work best for a March seminar. Deb Lyons seconded the final motion. Motion passed.

Slate of Officers and Board:

Deb Lyons moved to accept the current slate of officers and board. Connie Napier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- John Hubacek, President
- Dana Hubacek, Vice President
- Pat Tackett, Secretary
- Charlene Dunn, Treasurer
- Monica Becherer, At Large Member

Unfinished business:

T-Shirts: Deb Lyons presented a sample of the embroidered outline of our club logo she made with her software. Further discussion was tabled until Koni Vahdat is in attendance to discuss screen printing options.

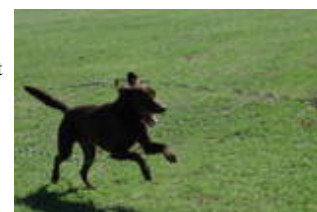
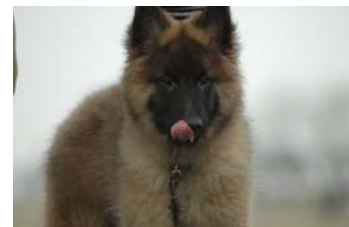
New Business:

AKC paperwork: Pat Tackett, Secretary, and Charlene Dunn, Treasurer, will work on the DFWTC presentation to be submitted for AKC approval.

Deb Lyons moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Monica Becherer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next club meeting, our 1st Annual meeting, will be held Saturday, August 12, 2006, with time and location to be announced at a later date.





***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>

Welcome to the Club Continued

Generally, I try to talk and explain in the morning and then we work dogs in the afternoon. There's usually time to start all the beginning dogs. I prefer to get information on the dogs that people volunteer to work and I'll choose an assortment of breeds and training problems to use from those offered so everyone gets an idea of how to work through various issues. I also have handouts, and prefer to send them via email a week or two before the seminar so people have some background information and before we begin. We can do TD and TDX on Saturday and VST on Sunday, or arrange things however else works best for all of you depending on the people who sign up. I generally ask to limit the number of people attending to 30-35. I have titled 8 dogs of six different breeds in obedience, tracking, agility, retriever hunt tests, rally, herding, lure coursing and finished a breed champion. I've taught obedience for approximately 25 years and tracking for about 15. I've done seminars all over the country from Alaska to Georgia for clubs and SAR groups. I am an AKC tracking judge, approved to judge all three tests. I have put a TDX on 4 dogs, 3 Standard Poodles and 1 Whippet, and a VST and Champion Tracker on 2 of the Poodles. I haven't counted them up for a while, but suspect I've worked with more than 70 breeds by now from all 7 groups.

Costs:
Cost for food for all involved for the weekend breakfast and lunch: \$300
Any photocopying we would need (for advertisement, etc): \$100
John and Darlene: \$1424
Carol Pernicka: \$1419

Either speaker, plus other items mentioned above, total cost is under \$1,900.



Upcoming Events

Join us for our next club meeting on Aug 12, 2006 at 5 p.m. We will meet at the Irving Spring Creek BBQ. Corner of Beltline and 183, Irving, TX.

Our next beginner tracking class starts October 7, 2006 at 7:00 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 fill out a form, located on the website, or email the club secretary at info@dfwtc.org. There are only 4 slots available for each class.



Our next certification match will be in October. Please keep checking the website for further information.



THE END!