



Welcome to the Club

As we progress in our quest to form a new tracking club we have launched a club website. One of our members, a closet web designer, has put together a wonderful site. On the site is the current schedule of classes, descriptions of what kind of classes we offer, pictures of the fields we track in, success stories of club members, pictures from the events gone by and links to other areas of interest. You can find it at <http://www.dfwtc.org>. If you have suggestions or ideas, please email them to crdslabs@yahoo.com.



Where are we going next?

Check out the pages that follow to see the results of our first two activities as a club: a certification match and a tuning seminar. You will see how well received the club is in the community. We filled all slots for both activities in record time, including an entry from Louisiana!

So what can you do to help the club? Glad you asked. See page 5 for more information on how the club can use helpers.

Letter from the President



Hello and welcome to the third edition of TRACKS. This edition marks some grand events for the club. We have launched a new website (check it out), we held a certification match (which was a huge success), and we held a tracking seminar (another giant success). The club has grown and we are pleased to welcome new members (see page 5 for a list of members).

On a more official note, we have still not received a ruling from the IRS. We also heard from the insurance company and they want us to have official AKC status before they will entertain the idea of insuring us.

As president, I cannot urge you enough to get excited about this club. It is a great thing for the DFW area and we need to keep it going strong.

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Special points of interest:

- *Letter from the President*
- *Certification Match*
- *TD Seminar*
- *Calendar of Events*
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Schedule of Events

- 1/14/06—Tracking Class 7:30am AA Credit Union
- 1/15/06— Certification Match
- 3/4/06—Fine Tuning for a Tracking Dog Test
- 3/25/06—Tracking Class 7am AA Credit Union

March 2006

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

Success in Houston



From Left to Right: Judge Kathleen Milford, Charlene Dunn, Bandit, Tracklayer Karen Cloud, and Judge

Bandit passed in Houston on January 8th, which makes her officially... Dunn's Bandit CD, RE, TD, WTXX (AKC doesn't recognize this, but it is a top level water rescue title).

Proud to say she was the only dog to pass, but is great at giving her owner heart failure...

She had to walk the entire length of her track to the start (it finished by the cars), so as we approached the start we went into routine mode, switch to



harness, give water, walk calmly (HA) into field and ask her to find it.

Start article is tied to flag, so in owner's haste to get it off, she didn't get enough line, causing her to stop and start circling. Each pass causes faster zoomies to ensue (I think she circled that start flag 30 times!). At this point just praying let us start. We go a bit farther down the line, more zoomies, until we finally evened out. First leg was 100 yards (seems short).

We took the first turn good and went right along to the 2nd turn where we noticed the judges moving so we stopped to look, ears perked, then got back to work at the corner (Owner at this time thinks leg is way too short and is waiting



for whistle) and proceeded to wrap the line under us. Second leg 85 yards. We tracked an entire leg with the line wrapped up. Being the good handler and out of nerves for nothing else, let the line out to try to untangle. At this point we are near water and birds so we chased some birds and then came back to get line out from under us. We then took the turn we were at and tracked on to the glove. Perfect indication too... Total yards 485, total turns 3, new gray hairs... Don't ask...

January Certification Match



DFW Tracking Club held its first Certification Match on Sunday January 15, 2006. The day dawned cool and overcast, a beautiful day for tracking. With a full test, many participants lined the parking lot of the American Airlines Credit Union, waiting to see what track they would draw.



T1 went to a young Golden named Mandy and handled by club member David Bull. Mandy took off strong and made it to the 2nd turn where the puppy in her took over and she had to investigate the trash, pants (yes there were pants in the field...) and other distractions. As you can see from the picture, we will soon see her in a test.

T2 went to another young Golden named Red and handled by club member Benita Zapata. Red fell victim to puppy antics too and got distracted. We will soon see him in a test though.



T3 went to a *more mature* Golden named Shaq and handled by Karen Couch. This team took a break from the Obedience and Rally rings to "play" in the fields. You can tell this dog really enjoys tracking as he pulls his handler swiftly down the track and retrieves his glove in typical retriever fashion!

T4 went to an Oklahoma Labrador named Boomer, handled by club member Cindy Morrow. This dog started strong and went straight to a pole to investigate, after being coaxed by his handler to "leave it" he went back to work and quickly sped down the track to the 2nd turn where he had to really convince his handler the track went that way. After that brief stall he made quick time to the third turn and on to the glove. You can see the excitement in his handler's face as she turns to show the judges he found it!



By the way, Boomer says Happy Birthday to his mom and what a good birthday present it was!



T5 went to another Golden named Raider and handled by club member Benita Zapata. He had trouble at the first turn, but finished the track with help from the track layer.

T6 went to a Basset Hound named Macaroni and was handled by Harriet Richman. This team tracked strong straight to the glove, despite nervous words from his handler at the beginning of the day. What a cute indication on this dog. He stood there tail wagging 90 to nothing and then sat, tail still going strong.



January Certification Match Continued



T7 went to our farthest traveler, a Golden from Louisiana named Lillian and handled by Karen Runnels. Lillian did her owners proud, showing that old girls could hang with these younger dogs! She was steady and true straight on to the glove even in the wind.

By the way, Lillian says Happy Birthday to her dad, and what a good birthday present it was!

T8 went to a German Shepherd Dog named Willie, and was handled by Karen Cook. This dog has overcome great obstacles to find a sport both he and his handler enjoy. Although the crowd proved to be too much for his nerves, he will soon be seen in a test.



T9 went to a spunky little Toy Fox Terrier named Rowdy, and was handled by club member Monica Becherer. Rowdy, who besides being the cutest dog out there (and such a ham he was), sped down the track in little terrier style checking out all the critters along the way. One cannot help but to be

tickled by this dog's indication, he was bouncing on the glove, as if to say "It's here, It's here!" as the crowd cheered!

March Tracking Seminar

On March 4, 2006 DFW Tracking Club held its first seminar. The "Fine Tuning for a Tracking Dog Test (TD)" seminar was a huge success. Seminar participants spent the day learning the tracking secrets from AKC Judge Deb Duncan and watching as she helped each team learn to better communicate in the tracking field.

The seminar was geared towards handlers who were entered in the spring tests. The participants had field work and oral presentation with personalized attention given to each handler/dog team and their issues and concerns. Just like "The Right Stuff" these teams showed that they are ready for victory! So bring on the tests!





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@yahoogroups.com or email the club secretary at Pat_tackett@yahoo.com.

We are on the Web!

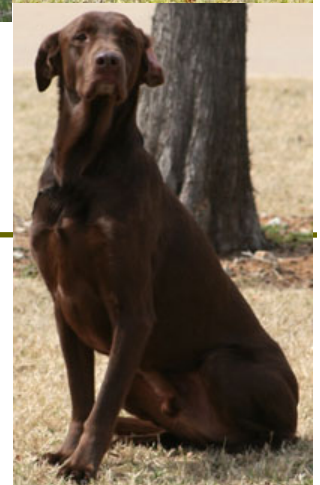
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dfwtrackers/>

Let's Welcome our members!

Do you know everyone on this list? If not, come to a meeting, visit a class, find out what we are all about! Even better, come help us and teach a class. We currently are turning down students due to lack of instructors. If you aren't comfortable instructing we can use assistants.

Becherer	Monica
Bull	Marla and David
Duncan	Debra
Dunn	Charlene
Hawes	Lisa
Hubacek	John and Dana
Jernigan	Gretchen and Greg
Kernan	Pam and Jeff
Lessick	Julie
Meredith	David
Tackett	Pat
Wild	Sharon

Also read for membership at the last meeting was Cindy Morrow, Benita Zapata, Gillian Sailing, and Marion Beck Edwards.



Upcoming Events

Join us for our next club meeting on May 13, 2006 at 10 a.m. We will meet at the American Airlines Credit Union. Corner of Amon Carter and Trinity Blvd, Ft. Worth, TX.

Our next beginner tracking class starts March 25, 2006 at 7:30 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.