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SPRING TRACKING TEST

Sunday, March 8, 2009 was a beautiful day! It was the day of the DFW Tracking Club's second tracking test and, the weather was cooperating. There were five dogs entered with one alternate. The day before, the judges, accompanied by track layers and flag bearers were on the site plotting six tracks - one for each person entered

in the test and an extra track "just in case". This extra track would prove useful, providing the alternate an opportunity to try for

a title.

Early Sunday morning the hospitality committee (Paula Gifford, Sherry Creighton and Benita Zapata) had sweet rolls and coffee for the early risers. Everyone around pitched in to set up the easy-up (why do they call them that when it takes four people to

do it?) and tables to put food on. Then it was time for the draw. When this was done we were ready to start.



The first track went to Deb Lyons and her Belgian Tervuren. (see her story later in this newsletter). Success! Cody found the glove and we had our first "T" of the day. This put everyone in a festive mood and

hopes were high for the other two Club members entered.

Cindi Todd and her wire Dachshund were third and it only took Vegas six minutes to find the alove.

Tracy Freeling drew the last spot but this didn't faze her Dachshund. There were a few heart-

stopping moments right at the end of the track but Harley was just taking a breather and went



find on to glove.

Along with these qualifiers was one non-club member: Wendy Zea with a German Shepherd who had just certi-

fied ten days earlier.

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Since the sixth track had not been used, we were able to allow the alternate to run. So we had a total of six runs that day with four qualifiers.

Lunch was appreciated after the tension of tracking and everyone enjoyed the potato soup and chili which was waiting. Awards and pictures came next, rounding out the day.

Thanks to our judges, Charlene Dunn and Gillian Salling, and thanks also to all the Club members who helped make this test a success. Cherita Sherrill was the Chief Tracklayer with Karen Yates, Cindy Morrow, Mary Bender, Freda Burks, Tom Hacholski. Benita Zapata, Paula Gif-

ford Sherry Creighton, Dava Carson and Rod Barclay were the flag bearers. For an idea of what a good time everyone had, check out these pictures taken by Dennis Lyons.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

With the regular meeting scheduled for December 14, Paula Gifford invited all the members to her home to combine the meeting with a buffet and gift



exchange. The plans had to be changed some at the last minute when Paula took a tumble through her front storm door. She spent the day at the emergency room getting stitches. So we re-scheduled for the following Sunday, December 21st and went ahead. Paula was black

and blue (and purple and red and yellow) but was a wonderful hostess. Everyone arrived with a dish and a gift. After a brief meeting (see minutes), we adjourned to the gift exchange in the



form of a game. This was a lot of fun and everyone went home happy. Hopefully we can make this an

annual event.



Thanks, Paula, for a fun evening!

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All

Well winter is almost over and spring has sprung off to a good start. Our winter class is drawing to a close. The beginners are progressing well thanks to Marian Beck-Edwards and Sarah Helber. I am sure we will see some future trackers out of this bunch.

I am very happy to say our second Tracking Dog Test was a success. We had a perfect day as our pass rate showed - four passes out of six exhibitors. Three out of the four passes were club members including myself, Cindi Todd, and Tracy Freeling as well as one non-member, Wendy Zea. Thank You to our judges Charlene Dunn and Gillian Salling. They did an Excellent Job. A special Thank You to all our members who helped. Everyone did a Wonderful, Outstanding Job. I know for myself that I will treasure that March day always.

Enjoy Your Spring!

Deb

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Tracking Advisory Committee Recommendations

The Tracking Advisory Committee has published its recommendations, which can be found at http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/2008 tracking advisory committee.cfm.

While not the final word, these are the changes that will *probably* be approved and implemented. At this time there is no proposed implementation date.

Major Items **NOT** included in the recommendations, and thus **NOT** likely to be implemented, include:

- 1 The elimination of the 30-yard flag at the start of the TD;
- 2 The introduction of the Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) test;
- 3 The implementation of a Tracking Dog Willingness test and Tracking Dog Started program;
- 4 Allowing Test Chairpersons to enter their own tests;
- 5 Requiring that the 20' (or 10' in VST) point on the line be clearly marked;
- 6 Allowing an obstacle on the first leg of a TDX;
- 7 Allowing tracking judges to handle dogs not owned or co-owned by them;
- 8 Including junior handlers that pass a test in the National Tracking Invitational.

Major Items included in the recommendations, in substantially the same manner, include:

- 1 Allowing 2-day tracking tests;
- 2 Allowing dogs to enter more than one test in a combined test in certain circumstances;
- 3 Providing for an option to allocate tracks to Test Workers;
- 4 Allowing the designation of the number of times a dog has passed a test (i.e. TD3);
- 5 Changes to the process of becoming a judge.

There are also many changes made for clarification, and some re-ordering of content.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first AKC National Tracking Invitational as held September 20-21, 2003 in Asheville, NC at the famous Biltmore Estates. Biltmore, the home of George W. Vanderbilt, occupies 8,000 acres and is the largest privately owned home in the United States. Only Champion Trackers may compete at this event.

TRACKING SEMINAR: 2009 by Sarah Helber

In January the DFW Tracking Club held a two day seminar which featured veteran tracker Steve Ripley. The focus of the seminar was on scent training work in an urban environment. Steve's intention was to supply helpful points for all dogs - novice to VST. He stated is objective was to "share with the participant all of the tips, problems and pitfalls I have encountered over my years of judging and observing the behavior of dogs while tracking." Sarah Helber was a member of the Seminar Committee and met Steve at the airport on Friday before the Seminar. She then helped him plot the tracks to be used in the seminar.

He wanted two fairly experienced VST dogs, so attendees could see what VST really looked like. For them, we plotted one track from the east parking lot and around the central utilities building, and one from there north to HWY 183 and back through the north parking lot area and through the cancer center parking lot. I was concerned that he was plotting the first track in an area over which all the attendees would walk back and forth between the meeting room and their cars. Steve believes that dogs can track a given person at a given time. I must confess that my own dog, Jordan, and I demonstrated that track on Saturday, and he didn't seem to have a problem with it.

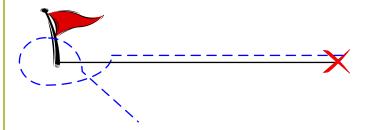
After plotting the two "advanced" tracks, Steve set up some training exercises for dogs that had done a little tracking, especially a little hard-surface tracking. Finally, we drove around the campus until we found an area where a grassy area went straight onto a flat concrete sidewalk, with no intervening curb. That was the area used for the beginner dogs to get them moving on grass and then going onto the concrete.

On Saturday, after the introductions were done, participants were treated to a power point presentation from Steve. He talked about the difference between tracking on hard surfaces and grass. There are several ways to get a dog to put his/her nose down. Steve showed several track types for participants to use:

- Use a curb
- Hard surface starts
- Extra articles
- Continue hard surfaces
- End in the grass

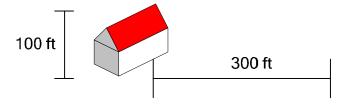
Always use chalk to mark the non-vegetated transitions, corners, etc. Dogs are visual, they see the chalk and smell what you want them to smell. This will help the dog to get the scent at transitions.

Steve talked about teaching a dog track direction in order to bring up the success rate of passing at a blind start.



- 1. Start the dog from the wrong direction.
- 2. Let the dog work to figure out which way the track goes.
- 3. The dog may struggle the first time, but should work the direction out without a problem.
- 4. This will teach the dog confidence at the start.

Steve also talked about how buildings effect scent. He showed a picture of the ratio 3:1 how a building will effect the scent. As an example he said a building 100 feet tall will effect the area 300 feet away from it.



Steve talked about how dogs need to be conditioned and motivated to continue tracking. Most dogs hit a wall at 500-700 yards. Therefore it is best when training to have the dog run motivating tracks and distance tracks.

The seminar participants adjourned outside to watch two of the dogs run practice tracks that had all the elements of a VST test track (just not the distance). As each dog worked, Steve commented on what the dog was doing to "problem solve" at different scenting areas.

The participants where then treated

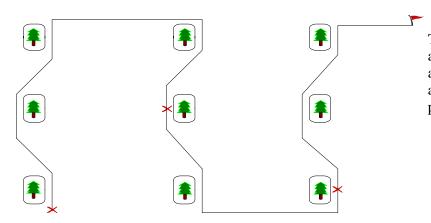






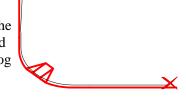
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homemade chili & cornbread, salads, and assorted desserts furnished by club members. After lunch Steve continued his power point presentation and talked about training track tricks to help dogs with the scent on transitions. The first was a serpentine island track:



This track is laid with the track crossing the medians and placing articles on the sides or corners so as to draw the dog and not allow the dog to bypass articles when they might be placed in inopportune places in a test situation.

The second type of track is a serpentine curb track. This track starts on the grass and moves towards the curb. The track then follows a curb around on the hard surface. The curb will draw the dog around and keep the dog on the hard surface. The dog will learn to work the hard surface. In the beginning, the dog may pop up onto the grass.



After a discussion about the VST starter tracks, the seminar adjourned for the day to have dinner with Steve at Texas Land & Cattle.

Participants then

adjourned outside to watch the dogs run these type of tracks and for the beginner dogs to run baby VST type tracks.

The next day brought more homemade goodies for breakfast from club members, and a recap of what the seminar participants had seen the day before. Steve then talked about how to proof the dog, what situations one might expect in a VST test, and answered other questions before adjourning outside

to watch the dogs run the practice tracks. As each dog worked, Steve provided feedback to the handler as to what



the dog was doing. He also addressed questions from the observers as to what they had seen the dog doing. This allowed each participant to feel involved in the tracks. After another delicious lunch provided by club members, seminar participants completed a survey for Steve, then adjourned outside to watch the reminder tracks, take a group picture, and

head for home.





APRIL 2009

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

EVENTS

MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 TD/TDX	4	5 TD	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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COMING UP

April 4: Smithville, MO

Dalmatian Club of America-Onofrio.

Closes March 18 - TD & TDX

April 5: Littleton, CO

Louise Hendryx (303-794-9246) <u>none@none.com</u>

Closes March 25—TD & TDX

April 11: DFWTC Meeting—HEB

April 12: Smithville, MO

Marshall Brown (816-532-9075)

Closes March 7- TD & TDX

April 19: Houston, TX

<u>Jeff Shaver (281-252-0585)</u> <u>Jshaver522@yahoo.com</u>

Closes April 9—TD & TDX

May 3: Skiatook, OK

Sue Young (918-232-7004) readtype@hotmail.com

Closes April 14—TD & TDX

May 5: Littleton, CO

Lynn Kaemmerer (303-794-9246)

Closes April 15—TD

(Last AKC Tracking Test until September)

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December 2008 DFWTC Meeting Minutes

DFW Tracking Club

December 21, 2008

Home of Paula Gifford

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Members in attendance were, Deb Lyons, Koni Vahdat, Charlene Dunn, Monica Becherer, Sarah Helber, Cherita Sherrill, Paula Gifford, Nancy Barclay, Rod Barclay, Ronna Miller, and Cindi Todd. One guest, Den Lyons, was present.

President Deb Lyons called the meeting to order. She thanked Paula Gifford for hosting the meeting, and arranging the pot luck supper and gift exchange. Cherita Sherrill moved and Charlene Dunn seconded to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter. Motion passed.

<u>President's Report</u> - Deb congratulated everyone on how well our first official tracking test went. The AKC has accepted the results and posted the passes. Then Deb said that we need to decide if we want to keep that weekend in November which is usually, but not always, Thanksgiving weekend. An advantage to this weekend is that the TCC campus is closed which means that there is very little traffic.

Vice President's Report - None.

Secretary's Report - Not present. No report.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - Charlene passed out an income expense report and a summary balance statement for the members to review. Rod Barclay moved and Ronna Miller seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed. A discussion was held on whether or not to raise the entry fee for our tracking tests from \$45 to \$50. Since this is in keeping with what most clubs charge, Koni Vahdat moved and Sarah Helber seconded to raise the fees. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tracking Test Committee - Not present.

<u>Seminar Committee</u> - Sarah reported that currently there are 19 participants registered: 9 working and 10 auditing. Food for the seminar will be supplied by members. It was decided to order copies of Steve Ripley's book and make it available to club members. One book will be placed in the club library.

<u>Winter Classes</u> - Sarah reported that there are presently 3 students who have filled out the application. Classes will be held on Sundays at different locations in the Grapevine/Southlake area. The classes will begin on January 11th and will continue for 10 weeks. The charge is \$150. Tracy is making a student contract which will be signed by each student.

Budget Committee - No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Fall Tracking Test</u> - Deb brought up that the club needs to decide to keep the same weekend in November which is usually, but not always, the Thanksgiving weekend, for our fall Tracking Test. An advantage to this weekend is that the TCC campus is closed which means that there is very little traffic. Sarah checked the calendar and said that this is week 48. It was decided to hold onto this weekend.

<u>T-Shirt Vendor</u> - Charlene said that we need to look for another vender to make our club shirt. The current vender has proved unreliable and has failed to follow through on the promised delivery of shirts. Ronna Miller volunteered to look into this and report at the next meeting. We would like to keep the price at or under \$10. This would exclude screen printing.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Spring Tracking Test</u> - A date for a spring test was discussed and week 10, the 2nd full weekend in March was chosen. This year this will be March 7th and 8th. We will apply immediately to AKC for approval to hold a test this spring. Judges were discussed. Koni Vahdat and Sarah Helber motioned to ask Charlene Dunn and Gillian Sal-

ling. During the voting for judges, Charlene abstained. Motion passed.

<u>Advanced Tracking Tests</u> - It is hoped that in the future we will be able to alternate TD, TDX, and VST tests, holding TD in the Spring, and TDX and VST in the fall. We need to schedule a match first before we can be approved for the advanced tests.

New Members - Anna Gustafsson was granted membership following a vote by secret ballot.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15th in the HEB hospital meeting room at 1:30pm.

Nancy Barclay moved and Charlene Dunn seconded to adjourn the meeting to the holiday party. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Barclay, acting recording secretary

February 2009 DFWTC Meeting Minutes

DFW Tracking Club

February 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:55 pm.

Members in attendance were, Deb Lyons, Charlene Dunn, Monica Becherer, Cindi Todd, Sarah Helber, Sherry Creighton, Tracy Freeling, Cherita Sherrill, Paula Gifford, and Benita Zapata.

The minutes for the December meeting were read by Charlene Dunn. Corrections to the minutes were discussed. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made by Tracy Freeling and seconded by Cindi Todd. Motion passed.

President's Report – Deb thanked everyone for helping with the seminar.

Vice President's Report – No report. Not present.

Secretary's Report - Not present. No report.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - Charlene passed out an income expense report and a summary balance statement for the members to review. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was made by Tracy Freeling and seconded by Paula Gifford. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

<u>Seminar Committee</u> - Sarah reported that the club received a lot of positive feedback from the people returning surveys. There were some suggestions for speakers. A discussion was had and the club decided to pursue 2 types of seminars. The first type of seminar would be an AKC tracking seminar. The AKC will send the tracking reps to discuss the current rules and how judges are evaluating performances. STA usually holds one of these, Sarah will check with STA and see if they have one scheduled. Cindy Morrow will contact the AKC to see what their schedule has available. The second was a tracking camp for beginner trackers. A discussion was had about what type of camp the club would put on. Cherita Sherrill will talk with Toni Skiles about her land. Sarah Helber will speak with Marian about her friends in Valley View. Sarah will also check out the costs for a port-a-potty.

<u>Tracking Test Committee</u> – Nancy Barclay sent her report via Charlene Dunn. The club currently has 3 entries in its test. Cherita Sherrill reported she has most of the tracklayers lined up, but needs people to carry flags. Paula Gifford and Benita Zapata volunteered to carry flags. Paula Gifford and Sherry Creighton will spearhead the hospitality. Awards will be handled by Deb and Dennis Lyons. Dennis Lyons will serve as the photographer at the test as well. Tracy Freeling will take care of the judges gifts.

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Budget Committee - No report.

Old Business:

<u>T-Shirt Vendor</u> - Ronna Miller was not present. Deb will talk to Mary Bender and see who she uses or if she can do it herself. Tracy Freeling suggested the club look into CafePress.

<u>Fall Tracking Test</u> – Deb Lyons will serve as the test secretary and will apply for the test online. A discussion was had about the judges. Cindi Todd motioned and Sherry Creighton seconded to ask Charlene Dunn and Bob Brown to judge the fall test. Motion passed. Charlene Dunn abstained from the vote.

New Business:

<u>Checking Account</u> – The club needs to look into adding another signatory to the checking account, so Charlene does not have to write checks to herself. Tracy Freeling motioned and Cherita Sherrill seconded to have the president's name added to the checking account as a signatory. Motion passed.

<u>Yahoo Group</u> – A discussion was had about closing the yahoo group and limiting it to members only. All information that we want to share with the tracking community can be moved to the website. Cindi Todd motioned and Tracy Freeling seconded to limit the site to members only.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11th in the HEB hospital meeting room at 1:30pm.

Paula Gifford motioned and Monica Becherer seconded for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Dunn, acting recording secretary

ARLEQUIN LONE STAR COWBOY CODY TD BY DEB LYONS

Cody's tracking story began when he was just sixteen weeks old. He did well with the idea of using his nose to find good stuff. We were off to a good start when I remembered that I wanted to show him in conformation. Since the way he was tracking might cause problems in the conformation ring, we stopped all tracking for the next eight months. Then, when he was a year old, we started up again. To my surprise he had not forgotten all he was taught as a puppy. Even with being a teenager it took only a few months until we were able to certify. We were lucky and made it into Tri-City's tracking test. That did not go well. Cody found some things better to track than the person whose glove mom was asking him to find. So on to enter the next test and try again.

March 8, 2009 DFW Tracking Club Test: We made the draw and got in the test - we were the fifth entrant in a five track test which meant we would be the last to draw for tracks. We drew the first track. I thought - O.K., good - get it over with.

I thought we were off to a good start. Cody started to be the enthusiastic tracker he can be and it did not take too long till he was working the way he should. A problem arose when he over-shot his first turn, then tried to work his way back. But mom was *sure* he wanted to go pee on some stakes that were there. Still, Cody kept persisting

that he wanted to go back, so we went back. He got back and picked up the second leg, then off to the next turn - a left turn which we navigated well. Onto the next turn, right, and what was to be the last turn (left). I'm not sure what else was out there but Cody struggled for a bit. I decided to back us up so he could figure it out and, sure enough, he worked through it, made the turn, and finally found and downed at the glove!!

Ah it is Good to be a Tracking Dog!!



WINTER TRACKING CLASS

The winter tracking classes are nearing an end. Instructors **Sarah Helber** and **Marian Beck-Edwards**, assisted by **Natasha Decker**, re-worked their approach this session, offering one 10-week class in the Grape-vine/Southlake/Coppell area, starting out following along with Glen Johnson's book <u>Tracking Dog Theory and</u> Methods.

The classes have provided an opportunity to watch puppies grow up as well as learn to track. German Shepherd Dog puppies "Ellie" with Marian Beck-Edwards and "Teddy" with Deb Lyons as well as Bloodhound puppy "Dudley" with Suzanne and Brad Rhodes must be twice as big as when they first started! Other "grown up" students are Portuguese Water Dog "Digby" with Diane Brundage, Border Collie "Tessa" with Susan Shipp, Aus-

tralian Cattle Dog mix "Daisy" with Nancy Strack, and Curly-Coated Retriever "Blue" with Stephanie Ayers.

The classes started out at Bob Jones Park in Southlake, moved to the North Campus of North Lake Community College in Coppell, and is finishing at Oak Grove Park in Grapevine, giving the dogs differing experiences in their training as they needed more and more land for their tracks.





There should be some new TDs out of this class, perhaps even at the fall DFWTC Tracking Test!

No man can be condemned for owning a dog. As long as he has a dog, he has a friend, and the poorer he gets, the better friend he has. _____Will Rogers

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2009

Meeting convened at 6:20p.m.

Present were board members Deb Lyons, Charlene Dunn, and Cindy Morrow

Report of Secretary: Cindy read the information she had received from AKC concerning the March, 2009 and November 2009 Trial.

A discussion centered around the email sent as to what is required to get approval to put on a VST match. Due to the confusion of the status of the club to conduct TD/TDX tests and what had already been received by AKC concerning the VST site, it was decided that Cindy should email AKC Club Relations for clarification.

The board further discussed having the match at the college once it has been determined from AKC where our club stands on licensed status and we are looking at possibly having a VST/TDX match in January 2010.

The board discussed refunding class money to Kim Couch or offering a slot for the next class session when she's ready due to a family emergency which necessitated her dropping out of class.. It was decided that Cindy would email Kim Couch and offer a slot for the next class session once she's able to attend.

Treasurer Report: None

New Business:

<u>Club Table:</u> The board made a decision to purchase a folding table that is more convenient to carry and will purchase a table from Sam's Club. Motion made by Charlene to purchase the table, Cindy seconded – Motion passed.

"Easy-Up" Tent: The board next discussed whether to buy a new "Easy-Up" tent or repair the one we have been using.

Cindy made a motion to repair the tent if possible and if this were not possible or proved very expensive, to purchase a tent top, not to exceed \$100, Charlene seconded – Motion passed.

Signs for Tracking Test Area: It was discussed to check into purchasing 3 signs for use at tracking tests and seminars. Those 3 signs being Tracking Test, Seminar and Potty Area. Cindy will check with Woolsey's in Duncan, Oklahoma to see what the charge would be to make these signs. Deb will email Cindy the logo to include.

<u>Class Guidelines</u>: It was suggested that Cindy prepare guidelines for class enrollment procedures to present at the next meeting.

Charlene moved to adjourn, motion seconded by Cindy. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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DC LACI'S CSI V KANIX MW TD by Cindi Todd

Many of you may not know this, but I am directionally challenged. I can't walk a straight line and if I turn around even a little I don't remember in which direction I was going. Soooooo, following any of my dogs is the easiest thing in the world since I'm sure any one of them will CERTAINLY know better than me which direction is correct. On Sunday, March 8, 2009 Vegas proved once again that this is true.

This time, our third attempt at a TD, we *didn't* find a covey of birds on the ground (nope, I never saw those but Vegas did on our first attempt!) and we *didn't* scare out a group of field mice which can be so very inviting (on the first leg of the track for our second attempt). This track, 440 yards and nearly an hour old, started in a grassy area minus trees, wound through some trees (I did see those) and ended in a grassy field (at least that is what the pictures show - I can't remember very much) with Vegas indicating the tracklayer's (you know that they lose articles at an astonishing rate, don't you?) glove by turning around to face me and digging at it.

Facts of the track: five legs - meaning four turns with the one last being a slightly open turn. Start time was 9:30 am and we finished at 9:36 am. According to the judges' record of the track Vegas only had two bobbles off course and those were teensy. Otherwise she was "dead on" the whole track.

There were two times when I "questioned" Vegas. I swear to goodness I thought we were taking a very irregular path (I felt we were walking like a drunk - come to find out that WAS a straight line and my normal "line" must be very unusual). She really didn't do much searching at corners and she always answered my "question" very strongly. By "question" I mean I would put a little more

pressure than normal to "ask" her if this was truly the direction she wanted us to go in. Her answer was to lean all 10 pounds of her body in to her harness as if to say "Come ON, I'm the one with the nose, Human!". If Vegas isn't sure of where she is going when I pose this question she will normally start searching in a circle. So I knew from this type of answer that she *was* sure (But it still felt like a drunken walk to me.)

I saw the glove before Vegas did since her nose was to the ground and she wasn't looking ahead. However, there was no question as to where she was going and no question when she indicated as she performs the perfect about turn ending up with the glove in front of her so that she is able to sit and dig at it:)

Vegas has been in serious training for slightly less than a year. Vegas LOVES to work. Her work ethic at this stage is incredible:) However, distractions in the form of birds and mice are most likely always going to be an issue.



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.

DFW Tracking Club is an AKC recognized club, and a 501(c) tax exempt organization.

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