



# Note from Editor

By Pam Raymond

The first set of classes went very well. Everyone made a lot of progress. Hopefully some of the intermediate students will be going to tests in the spring and coming home with TDs.

We already had our first tracking test of the season which was a great success. 100 percent pass rates aren't easy to come by. Great job everyone who was at the test.

Don't forget that I am always looking for articles. I'm sure there are many of you which have great articles to share.



DFW TRACKING CLUB

# Tracks



## Next Meeting

**Date: January 15, 2012**

**Time: after VST Test**

**Location: VST site**

**Our VST Test:**

**January 15, 2012**

**Harris Methodist HEB  
Hospital**

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# President's Message

Suddenly we're in the middle of our busy season - such is the nature of our sport.

We've already completed one session of classes this fall. In November we had a very successful TD test on a very windy day at TCC NW. Many thanks to our Chair/Secretary Charlene Dunn. I'm sure there's a better article on the test elsewhere in the Newsletter (including, I hope, an article by one of our own members who passed).

In December Charlene presented her "A Step in the Right Direction" beginning tracking seminar at Tony Skiles' place near Ferris. It was a beautiful weekend to be outdoors (and a lovely place to be). There were lots of happy excited dogs and people there. I hope many continue to earn their titles.

Now January is on top of us. Our first set of classes will be led by Charlene at a new location in Grand Prairie (not too far from the old). Then we have our VST test January 15. If you haven't noticed, WE HAVE A DIFFERENT TEST HEADQUARTERS for this test. The tracks will be at the same locations, but the Headquarters (including the draw and lunch) will be at the La Quinta - Bedford. Directions are in the Premium List which can be found on our website. Jeanine Wilson is our Test Chair/Secretary.

On March 11 we will again have our TDX test at Tony Skiles' place near Ferris. Of all of our tests, the TDX requires the most workers and, unfortunately, is furthest for many of our members. We need pole carriers and cross-track layers for the TDX, as well as tracklayers. Come on out to help. Charlene Dunn is the Test Chair/Secretary for this test.

Hope to see many of you at the upcoming tests - to watch and visit if not to work or compete. We have a meeting scheduled at the conclusion of the VST test in Bedford, at the Test Headquarters.

Sarah



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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.**

**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@yahoo.com](mailto:dfwtrackers@yahoo.com) or email the club secretary at [info@dfwtc.org](mailto:info@dfwtc.org)**

# JANUARY, 2012

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## EVENTS

January 1: VST—Houston, TX closes  
12/22— kmilford@flash.net

January 8: TD/TDX—Houston, TX  
closes 12/29— vkdaniel@comcast.net

January 8: VST—Las Cruces, NM closes  
12/14— spaniels@elp.rr.com

January 15: VST—Bedford, TX closes  
1/5— sunrunnerirish@gmail.com

January 22: TD—Placitas, NM closes  
1/11— leslie\_swisher@comcast.net

January 29: TD—Fort Bliss, TX closes  
1/19— sunwray7@aol.com

February 11: TD—Oakdale, TN closes  
1/19— jsteger1@yahoo.com

February 12: TD/TDX—Littleton, CO  
closes 1/26— cleancritter@iwon.com

February 12: TDX—Ashland City, TN  
closes 2/2— crwhitsitt@yahoo.com

February 19: TDX—El Paso, TX closes  
2/8— pcdundes@earthlink.net

February 26: TD/TDX/VST—Ft.  
Worth, TX closes 2/13—  
jjblitzt@hotmail.com

# MARCH, 2012

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# APRIL, 2012

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## EVENTS

March 4: TD/TDX- Littleton, CO closes 2/15— ancestorhound9@hotmail.com

March 4: TD—Smithville, MO closes 2/23— lksscottis@kc.rr.com

March 11: TD/TDX—Jackson, LA closes 3/1— tmeredithr@hotmail.com

March 11: TDX—Ennis, TX closes 3/1— crdslabs@yahoo.com

March 13: TD/TDX/VST—Kerrville, TX closes 2/22— june.pettitt@virgin.net

March 18: TD/TDX—Houston, TX closes 3/8— cynkrohn@gmail.com

March 25: VST—Tulsa, OK closes 3/14— rsbrownpe@indiannationstrackingclub.org

April 1: TD—Littleton, CO closes 3/14— badblackcorgi@gmail.com

April 1: TD/TDX/VST—Ft. Worth, TX closes 3/22— jjblitzt@hotmail.com

April 22: TD/TDX—Houston, TX closes 4/12— psayles@att.net



## Dues are due!

One more friendly reminder that dues are due before January 1. Please mail payable to DFWTC

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Individual \$20

Associate \$15

Family \$30

## Our Tracking Test Report

I'm still hoping for a write up from someone at the test, or maybe one of the people with a new TD!

We had 4 dogs enter our test. A German Shepherd Dog, Uschi Von Fernheim, withdrew having earned her TD the previous weekend. Gillian Salling was holding the rope for this puppy who was only 6 months and one day old. Congratulations on your TD!





## Our Tracking Test Report Continued

Of the three dogs which took the test one was a Whippet, Redglen I Love Rock N Roll TD RN, with Harriet Richman. They successfully negotiated the track to their TD!





## Our Tracking Test Report Continued

We also had a Portuguese Water Dog, Eauchien's Shamash TD, with Leslie McCracken. Who also passed their test!





## Our Tracking Test Report Continued

Not to be outdone we had a German Shepherd Dog, Illiana Von Starke Pfoten TD, with Marian Beck-Edwards. They also successfully passed their test!



Thanks to judges Jon Bishop and Tom Hacholski, Test Chair/Secretary Charlene Dunn, tracklayers Tracy Freeling, Rod Barclay and Charlene, Hospitality Nancy Barclay, and all who came out to cheer them on.

All I can say is the tracklayers must have done a fantastic job to get 100% pass rate on a very windy weekend.



# Pictures From Our Seminar

By Sarah Helber

It appears that we had a nice turnout for our beginning tracking seminar. Here are some pictures. I wasn't there so I can't tell you much about it.



# September DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Approved  
Cindi S. Todd

September 25, 2011 - Spring Creek Barbecue, Irving, TX

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Rod & Nancy Barclay, Charlene Dunn, Marsha Muse, Jerri Lindsey, Monica Becherer, Tracy Freeling, Susan Norvell, Benita Zapata and Cindi Todd.

August meeting minutes had been posted on Yahoo Group. Motion made to approve, 2nd. Motion passed.

**President's Report** – Sarah thanked everyone for coming.

**Secretary's Report** – The fall classes are full and ongoing. There are 2 audit slots and 8 working slots filled currently in the seminar. Cindy has mailed the class checks to Charlene.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Income/Expense report was passed around. The \$25 insurance form for TCC NW has been submitted to TCC NW as well as the Facility Usage Form.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**November 26/27 2011 TD Test.** Insurance done. Premium done and will be mailed/sent this week. Hospitality – Nancy Barclay said we will have food.

**January 14/15, 2012 VST.** Judges will be contacted as to their preferences in housing, etc. Sarah will contact Alice, contact at the Hospital, to ask about a Hospitality Room reservation. Charlene will make the judges' room reservations after contact has been made. 12-5-2010 Insurance form has been requested to be at TCC NE by this date.

*Chief Tracklayer:* Cindi T. *Secretary/Chair:* Jeanine Wilson. *Committee:* Sarah, Cindi T., Nancy B, Jeanine and Rod B.

**March 10/11, 2012 TDX.** AKC site says this test is still pending but Charlene has contacted them already and will contact them again this week. Problem is with AKC currently not realizing it is NOT a combined test. Linda Baschnagel, judge, is searching for good airfares and we will need to decide the best way to get Jeff Shaver here.

*Secretary/Chair:* Charlene. *Chief Tracklayer* to be named.

*Committee:* Sarah, Charlene, Tracy, Cindi and member to be named.

**Seminar Committee.** 12 working spots available (8 filled). Unlimited auditor spots (2 filled). December 17/18, 2011.

Location: Toni Skiles residence. Hospitality: light breakfast (aka Sam's Club items) Lunches: chili first day (Charlene); Chicken Tetrizzini 2nd day (Susan Norvell). Bandanna's are possibly needed for the seminar. Susan Norvell volunteered to watch Hobby Lobby's sale ads for Charlene so that more may be purchased for the seminar and the starter kits.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Fall Classes** – Classes started 9/17/2011. Pam Raymond/Cindi Todd teaching at TCC SE. Pam will be missing the last weekend in September and several weekends in October. Sarah and/or if available, Charlene, will fill in during those times. Cindi T and Susan are sharing assistance duties.

Golden Retriever National Show – no news

## NEW BUSINESS

**Grounds** – Grand Prairie Independent School District has given us the go ahead to use the land adjacent to Park Hill Park (Robinson and Camp Wisdom Rds). The Corps of Engineers has also given us permission to use their lands that are close to that area. Sarah to confirm with her Grand Prairie contact just what is available since they have leased some of the Corps of Engineer lands.

**January Classes** – Discussion about possible instructors. No decisions made.

Benita Zapata made correction to the June meeting minutes re her attendance.

Next meeting to be held Sunday, 11-27-2011 after the TD test with Board meeting to follow.

A motion to adjourn was made, 2nd, passed and adjourned at 2:40 pm

Cindi S. Todd, Recording Secretary (approved 11-27-2011)



# November DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Unapproved  
Cindi S. Todd

November 27, 2011

TCC NW, Fort Worth, TX

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Rod & Nancy Barclay, Charlene Dunn, Marsha Muse, Susan Norvell, Tracy Freeling, Benita Zapata, Jeanine Wilson, Marian Beck-Edwards and Cindi Todd.

Motion was made, 2nd and passed to accept September meeting minutes.

**President's Report** – Sarah thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and to the TD test.

**Secretary's Report** – No report.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Income/Expense report was passed around. The upcoming Seminar income has not been received nor deposited yet.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**January 14/15, 2012 VST.** Sarah will contact Alice, contact at the Hospital, to ask for prices on a room with and without food as a Hospitality Room reservation. Current quote is for \$175 for the room and lunch for one day. The Hospital will no longer allow outside food to be brought on to their premises.

Charlene will contact the La Quinta, host hotel, as to feasibility of renting their meeting room.

*Chief Tracklayer:* Cindi T. *Secretary/Chair:* Jeanine Wilson. *Committee:* Sarah, Cindi T., Nancy B, Jeanine and Rod B.

**March 10/11, 2012 TDX.** Linda Baschnagel, judge, is searching for good airfares. Contact will be made with Jeff Shaver as to his preferred method of travel.

*Secretary/Chair:* Charlene. *Chief Tracklayer* Jeanine Wilson volunteered. *Committee:* Sarah, Charlene, Tracy, Cindi and Jeanine.

**Seminar Committee.** All working spots have been filled. December 17/18, 2011. Location: Toni Skiles' residence.

Bandannas were purchased for the starter kits. Charlene will obtain the list of attendees from Cindy Morrow and send out an email asking for biographical information. Charlene will complete the starter kits and have the book printed in a quantity to cover the attendees plus a few more. This is a Bring Your Own Chair event.

## OLD BUSINESS

Golden Retriever National Show – no news

## NEW BUSINESS

**2012 Classes** – Charlene volunteered to do the January/February classes and Marian volunteered to do the March/April classes. January classes will begin on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the Park Hill Park (Robinson and Camp Wisdom Roads junction.)

There was discussion about the need to change location of TD test to allow for more tracks. Decision was made to go visit a site recommended by Marian sometime at her convenience.

Judges' committee will be meeting soon to select list of possible judges for the next TD test.

Dues are due this month! \$15 associate, \$20 regular member, \$30 household.

Next meeting to be held Sunday, 1/15/2012 after the VST test with Board meeting to follow.

A motion to adjourn was made, 2nd, passed and adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Cindi S. Todd, Recording Secretary (unapproved)