



Note from Editor

By Pam Raymond

Hello everyone. Just a reminder to send me any articles you think might interest you fellow members.

Report on our TDX test:

I didn't get a write up from anyone about our TDX test, so I will write up a short one. We had 4 TDX tracks and 1 alternate. Five dogs showed up for the test. An American Cocker Spaniel drew the first track. Unfortunately, he never got off the start.

The second track was a bit of a heartbreak. A very nice Labrador was doing an excellent job until one turn confused it. After being restarted the Lab finished without a problem.

The third track was a German Shepherd who really was not overly interested in tracking that day.

The fourth track was another German Shepherd who followed the first set of cross tracks backward before recovering. Unfortunately it did the same at the second set of cross tracks and was unable to recover.

The fifth track was another German Shepherd who also was unable to complete its track.

Although we had no passes it was still a nice day spent with the dogs.

Next Meeting

Date: April 10th

Time: 1:30 pm

**Location: TCC NE
campus**

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President's Message

As we close out the first quarter of 2011, I realize how much the DFW Tracking Club has already done this year - the first quarter is by far our busiest. We've finished our winter classes, taught by Marian Beck-Edwards and myself, and started the spring classes, taught by Charlene Dunn, Deb Lyons, Cindi Todd and Tracy Freeling. We held our winter VST, with myself as Chair/Secretary, and our spring TDX, with Nancy Barclay as Chair/Secretary. Articles on these tests appear separately in the Newsletter.

Our tests truly do span the DFW Metroplex, from Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus on the northwest side of Fort Worth for the TD, through Texas Health Harris Methodist H-E-B Hospital and Tarrant County College, Northeast Campus in the mid-cities for our VST, to the Toni Skiles'/Bristol Boarding Kennel property southeast of Dallas near Ferris for our TDX. While the distances can be inconvenient for many of the workers, it also gives members living on either side of the Metroplex a closer opportunity to help and watch. Thanks to all who make our classes and tests possible.

It seems that summer is coming very quickly this year. Please remember that dogs use the air flow to breathe, scent, and cool down. Take care of yourselves and your dogs as you take advantage of the last "cool" time before real summer takes hold!

Sarah



Rainbow Bridge

UACH Shahbazin Bryga VCD1 CGC– Anatolian Shepherd - 12/14/1999 - 4/2/2011 loved by Pam Raymond

APRIL, 2011

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EVENTS

April 10: Membership meeting

April 10: TR- Littleton, CO closes
3/23- Adajane Knoll (303) 674-4590

April 10: TD/TDX- Houston, TX closes
3/9- Pat Sayles psayles@uh.edu

April 10: TD/TDX- Ft. Worth, TX
closes 3/31- jjblitz@hotmail.com

April 24: TD/TDX- Houston, TX closes
4/13- psayles@att.net

MAY, 2011

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May 8: TD/TDX- Skiatook, OK closes
4/27- readtype@hotmail.com

JUNE, 2011

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EVENTS

June 12- Club meeting. Time and place to be decided.

JULY, 2011

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DFWTC VST Test Report

By Sarah Helber

Don't you wish the dogs could talk! The DFW Tracking Club held its second VST test on Sunday, January 16, 2011. The tracks plotted by judges Linda Baschnagel and Carol Clark seemed like very nice, doable tracks with lots of room to work out problems. The weather was cool and damp, but the rain that had been threatened all week didn't materialize. The tracklayers were great, and some even began laying their tracks well before daylight to allow an early start. The dogs appeared ready - and at least one of them has passed since then, and others should as well. They all had earned their TDX title, so any pass would have been a new Champion Tracker.

But - there were no passes. Only the dogs know why.

Eight dogs entered, but when it came down to test day, only 7 dogs ran. One had withdrawn, graciously in time to only plot the 7 tracks. The first two tracks were in the Hospital area, followed by three at the Tarrant County College NE campus, and returning for two tracks in the Hospital area, to be followed by lunch, expected celebration, and the inevitable paperwork.

The first dog, a Border Collie, did a lovely job right up to the last leg. Then it appeared to invent a turn, realize it had lost the scent, looked and looked for it, but then went too far to recover to find the final article. It was a heart-breaker!

The other six teams - a Beagle, two Labrador Retrievers, an American Cocker Spaniel, a Golden Retriever, and a Border Terrier struggled at various places along their tracks, but none came as close as the first dog to passing.

Afterwards, we enjoyed a great lunch, thanks to Hospitality Chair Deb Lyons.

Thanks are also due to Cindi Todd, the Chief Tracklayer, and her crew of Deb Lyons, Tracy Freeling, Freda Burke, Natasha Decker, Mary Bender, Jon Bishop and Jerri Lindsey. It was great that non-club members from the local tracking community helped with the track laying, since several club members were otherwise committed to the test.

And finally, thanks are due to Terri Lindsey and Koni Vahdat for ferrying tracklayers and judges.

Maybe next year!

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Unapproved

Cindi S. Todd

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Stephanie Ayers, Susan Norvell, Rod & Nancy Barclay, Charlene Dunn, Tracy Freeling, Marsha Muse, Jerri Lindsey, and Cindi Todd. Guest Jeanine Wilson.

December Meeting Minutes were read. Nancy Barclay moved to accept the minutes with Susan Norvell as second. Motion approved.

President's Report – Thanked Tracy Freeling for filling in to lead the meeting in December.

Secretary's Report – no report.

Treasurer's Report – The Income/Expense report was passed around.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

March 12/13, 2011 TDX Test. No entries yet. All other arrangements are handled.

November 26/27 2011 TD Test. Charlene Dunn is Chair/Secretary. John Bishop & Tom Hacholski are the judges.

January 14/15, 2012 VST. Judges are under contract. Jeanine Wilson will be Chair/Secretary. Hospitality Chair is Nancy Barclay.

March 10/11, 2012 TDX. Jeff Shaver's contract is to be mailed.

Seminar Committee. Toni Skiles has expressed desire to house a beginning tracking seminar at her site. No decision.

Judge Committee. Jeff Shaver agreed to judge 3/2012 test.

Membership Readings. Terry O'Keefe and Jeanine Wilson were voted in as new members.

Budget – no report.

OLD BUSINESS.

Winter classes will end 3-12-2011. Spring Classes will begin 3-19-2011. Cindi and Jeanine will teach the first class. Deb, Tracy, and Charlene will teach alternating classes.

NEW BUSINESS

Golden Retriever National Show – We were asked if we would staff their tracking tests near Wichita Falls in 2013. They will provide motel rooms, food and rent our equipment for their TD/TDX tests in October, 2013. No decision.

Next meeting to be held April 10, 2011, Sunday at TCC NE, Room in NTAB 2203C. Meeting to start at 1:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlene Dunn, 2nd by everyone. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

DFWTC Active Member List

Stephanie Ayers
Nancy Barclay
Rod Barclay
Monica Becherer
Marian Beck-Edwards
Horst Bungarz
Jane Bungarz
Sherry Creighton
Natasha Decker
Charlene Dunn
Tracy Freeling
Paula Gifford
Sarah Helber
Jerri Lindsey
Terri Lindsey
Debra Lyons
Ronna Miller
Cindy Morrow
Marsha Muse
Susan Norvell
Cindi Todd
Betsy Watkins
Jeanine Wilson
Benita Zapata