



Note from Editor

By Jean-Maria Higginbotham

Wow, what to say about the last quarter of the year... For me personally, the highlight was Zubie finding his glove and earning his TD at the Indian Nations test in December. I won't give it away but another club member earned a TD at that test as well.

Not much to say about our club's TD/TDX test except how ugly can the weather be for test day? Drizzle, rain, wind, cold front, huge temperature change, reverse the wind direction between laying a track and running it, and top it with a downpour. Add in a naughty feral hog you have a tough tough tracking day.

I can always use more articles for the newsletter so if you lay a track at a test, have an interesting day out training for your next test, or have related topics, please send them my way. Pictures are great to help tell the story as well.



DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Next Meeting

Date: January 13, 2013

**Time: Immediately
Following VST Test**

**Location:
TBD**

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President's Message

Thanks also to those who helped out at the Weimeraner Club of American National Specialty test in September, including our judge Charlene as well as Chief Tracklayer Horst Bungarz and tracklayers Natasha Decker, Jeff Raymond and Jill Peterson.

We had a full test at our November TD/TDX test at Fossil Ridge Ranch, with alternates for both the TD and the TDX test. Unfortunately no one passed, but we had good food and good camaraderie. Thanks to those members (and non-members) who helped: Chief Tracklayer Marian Beck Edwards, tracklayers/flag carriers/cross-track layers Natasha Decker, Jerri Lindsey, Tracy Freeling, Leslie McCracken, Jeff Raymond, Jill Peterson, Rod Barclay, Susan Norvell, Diane Brundidge and Benita Zapata and Hospitality Chair Nancy Barclay with assistance from Benita. We were fortunate to have non-members to help us out, as several of our members were entered in the test. Now, if any of our members are in good standing with the Weather Gods, I hope you will step forward to be our contact! Saturday was hot and windy (gusts to 50 mph) and Sunday was rainy. Oh well, we needed rain.

Our Christmas party was great. Thanks to Susan Norvell for hosting us! I still believe we need to have a column in Tracks for club member recipes. We have some good cooks in the club.

Finally, congratulations to our new title-holders! I'll let them tell their stories.

Sarah

Rainbow Bridge

CT Ambition's Almond Joy Qui Rit VCD1 RAE MX AXJ NF NGC SSA SG

Jordan—Belgian Tervuren

May 1, 1998 - November 20, 2012

loved by Sarah Helber



OCTOBER, 2012

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EVENTS

October 7: TD/TDX- Bellvue, CO, closes 9/27 Elaine Verdill everdill3@gmail.com

October 7: TD/TDX- Springfield, MO, closes 9/19 Sarah H. Schroeder wicklowssetters@gmail.com

October 7: VST- Golden, CO, closes 9/19 Martha Rosner mrosner@frii.com

October 14: VST- Golden, CO closes 10/4 Lynn Kaemmerer badblackcorgi@gmail.com

October 14: VST- Albuquerque, NM closes 10/4 Lynn Wilson lynn@swcp.com

October 14: TD- Columbia, MO closes 10/1 Judy Harris riverpoodles@embarqmail.com

October 28: TD/VST- Sullivan, MO closes 10/18(VST) 10/25(TD) Jackie O'Guin cockers4ever@yahoo.com

October 28: TD- Littleton, CO closes 10/10 Lynn Kaemmerer badblackcorgi@gmail.com

November 17: TDX-Littleton, CO, closes 11/7 Patti Pigeon ppigeon105@aol.com

November 18: TD/TDX-Fort Worth, TX, closes 11/8 Richard Nance richard@bobacbassets.com

November 25: VST-Houston, TX, closes 11/15 Thomas Hacholski tilbury.hac@netzero.net

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EVENTS

December 02: TD/TDX -Bellvue, CO, closes
11/19 Joan Borel ma22corgis@aol.com

December 02: TDX-Sullivan, MO, closes
11/20 Jackie O'Guin
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December 09: TD-Smithville, MO, closes
November 29 Susie Long suez17@aol.com

December 09: TD/TDX -Houston, TX, closes
11/29 Cynthia Krohn
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December 30: VST-Houston, TX, closes
12/20 Ms. Kathleen K Milford
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January 06: TD/TDX -Houston, TX, closes
12/27 Kathy Daniel vkdaniel@comcast.net

January 13: VST-Bedford, TX, closes 1/03
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January 13: VST-Sullivan, MO, closes 1/03
Sandi Thompson
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January 13: TD-Placitas, NM, closes 1/02
Vickey Jones gordongirls@comcast.net

January 27: TD-Fort Bliss, TX, closes 1/17
Sandra Hill seranadehill@aol.com

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Approved

Cindi S. Todd

October 16, 2012

American Airlines, Irving, TX

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Charlene Dunn, Susan Norvell, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Horst Bungarz, Marsha Muse, Rod and Nancy Barclay, Benita Zapata, Stephanie Ayers, Marian Beck-Edwards and Cindi Todd.

The August meeting minutes were read. Motion to approve, 2nd and motion passed.

President's Report – Sarah thanked everyone for coming. Sarah also thanked everyone that attended and worked the practice in Valley View and those who worked the Weimeraner Tracking Test on October 13/14.

Secretary's Report – None.

Treasurer's Report – The Income/Expense report was passed around. Treasurer has purchased the judges' gifts for the upcoming test.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Classes – Sarah and Marion will be the instructors. Class starts Sunday, January 6 and will go through February for a total of 8 classes. Class fees are \$120 for non-members, \$60 for club members. Discussion was held over possible locations for classes.

November 10/11/2012 TD/TDX – Motion made to gift Peggy & Kirk Kirkland \$100 for allowing us to use their land for the practice and test. 2nd and motion passed. Nancy Barclay will be in charge of hospitality for the test weekend. We still need worker bees. Host hotel will be the La Quinta in Denton at I380 and I35. Saturday dinner to be announced. 9:00 start time for Saturday plotting.

January 12/13, 2013 VST – Both locations (HEB Hospital and TCC NE) are aware we are still using their sites. Hospitality will be at the La Quinta on 183 near the hospital as it was last time. Insurance forms are required to the sites by 12-7-2012. Currently we have Jeanine as secretary with Nancy Barclay (hospitality), Sarah, Rod and Jerri or Terri (hopefully) as the committee.

March 9/10, 2013 Test – Discussion about the TCC South Campus which Terri has garnered approval for us to use the site from the college. The Resource Center across the freeway from this campus has lots of areas but Charlene has been unable to get a reply from them. Motion made: If we have the OK from the Resource Center the Club will hold a full VST test on 3-9 & 10 – 2013. 2nd and motion passed with one abstention.

Golden Retriever National – 10/19 & 20/2013. Jean-Maria volunteered to assist and Stephanie volunteered a Labrador friend of hers who lives in the area of the test.

Christmas Party – December 15, 2012 at Susan Norvell's home Thank you again, Susan at 2:00 p.m. \$25.00 gift limit.

NEW BUSINESS

By-Law Changes – if anyone has anything they would like to have considered please get them to Sarah by December 1.

Next meeting to be held 12/15/2012, at Christmas party.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Adjourned at 7:07 pm

Cindi S. Todd, Recording Secretary (approved)

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Approved

Cindi S. Todd

December 15, 2012

Susan Norvell's House, Red Oak, TX

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Charlene Dunn, Susan Norvell, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Horst and Jane Bungarz, Monica Becherer, Rod and Nancy Barclay, Benita Zapata, Marian Beck-Edwards, Jeff Raymond and Cindi Todd.

The October meeting minutes were read. Motion to approve, 2nd and motion passed.

President's Report – Sarah thanked everyone for coming and Susan and Bill Norvell for hosting the Christmas party. Sarah also thanked everyone that attended and worked the TD/TDX Test in Valley View.

A reminder to all club members that the Dachshund owners will be absent for duty at the Golden Retriever National Tracking Test due to a prior commitment. Therefore we need volunteers now willing to commit to working that test in the Wichita Falls area on 10/19 and 10/20/2013.

Secretary's Report – none

Treasurer's Report – The Income/Expense report was passed around. The combined TD/TDX test was profitable. Treasurer has purchased the judges' gifts for the upcoming VST test.

Committee Reports - none

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Classes – Sarah and Marion will be the instructors. Class starts Sunday, January 6 and will go through February 24 for a total of 8 classes.

Spring Classes – Charlene Dunn and instructor to be named.

January 12/13, 2013 VST – Charlene will send Beth, the other judge, the site maps for the locations.

Judges' Amazon gift cards have been bought. The La Quinta contract is in our hands. Tracklayers already committed to work are Sarah Helber, Tracy Freeling, Jeff Raymond, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, David Bull and Jerri Lindsey. We would like two more track layers.

Dinner will be at Texas Land and Cattle on Saturday night. Please let Charlene know if you wish to join them.

Benita will help Nancy with the hospitality.

Charlene will post on the tracking lists about our VST test.

Golden Retriever National – 10/19 & 20/2013. Let Charlene know if you are willing to go lay track. The Golden Retriever club is paying for 4 rooms at the Best Western with 2 people per room.

By-Law Changes – if anyone has anything they would like to have considered please get them to Sarah by the end of February. Sarah will post a request for input to the Yahoo Group.

NEW BUSINESS

March 2013 tests - none will be held this year.

Fall Combined Test November 9/10/2013 – Motion made, 2nd and passed to have this test at Valley View. Motion made, 2nd and passed to ask Carol Clark to judge. Motion made, 2nd and passed to have the Judge's Committee bring a list of possible 2nd judge at their earliest convenience.

Newsletter – Jean-Maria is our newsletter editor now and is working on the last 3 issues.

Next meeting to be held 1/13/2013 after VST.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Cindi S. Todd, Recording Secretary

MY FIRST TD!!!!

By Jean-Maria Higginbotham



At the Indian Nations Tracking Club test in Skiatook, OK, my Cocker Spaniel, Zubie earned his TD!

We drew the second track so it was still cool and damp. We watched the first team, David Bull and Wally motor through their track and then it was our turn.

Just 9 minutes from flag to glove. I had to look at the track layers map to figure out where we had been. Zubie circled a little at the start flag, I don't think either of us have ever seen a tracking flag that big, then he put his nose down and took off with me hanging on for dear life. The vegetation was as tall or taller than Zubie and hid lots of boulders, rocks, holes, cracks, gullies, and sticky things (that's a technical term you know).

Our track ran straight away from the gravel road, Zubie went left and left again so in my brain, all I knew at that point was we better turn right soon because I didn't think a TD track could/would cross the gravel road. Sure enough, Zubie took a right turn and took off even faster. I was forced to look down a few times to stay on my feet as Zubie went down and after a slight hesitation, took off up the hill. I think he was out past 30 feet while I figured out how to safely jump across a gully. I was starting to get really worried... is he on the track, will he find the glove, and have we missed a turn since this leg seems to go forever. Somewhere along that leg, I felt like I had picked the wrong tree to line up to where Zubie was heading. Zubie stopped, hesitated for a few seconds and then I saw it, just as he slapped it... the GLOVE!!!

I hustled up the line as fast as I could to wave the glove and tell my sweet boy how well he had done. Zubie was pretty much done with the praise and in a hurry to get back to his car since he knows there is canned food on ice just waiting for him. He put his nose back down and tried to follow the track layer step for step out of the field. Once back at the car, I loaded Zubie into his crate and opened his cup of food for him to celebrate the way Cocker Spaniels do best – nom nom nom...

About that line up I was worried about... Our track went 80 yards, left 100 yards, left 70 yards, right 140 yards, then a slight open turn left for 60 yards. No wonder that leg seemed to go on forever! Zubie really did go towards one tree for a long way and then shift toward the tree to the left of the one I originally was following him towards. The judge's maps show Zubie was step for step with the track layer.

Zubie is my first conformation champion, my novice A agility dog, and now my first tracking dog. We aren't done playing yet. Now to work TDX/VST tracks so we can play some more.



Wally TD!!!!

By David Bull



Wally and I were alternates at the Indian Nations test until Thursday. We drew last but drew the first track. All of the Golden "gifts" were there. It was a cool morning, very little wind and the morning's dampness was still there for us. We saw water foul at two of the ponds, and there were some familiar faces there as well.

It was a short walk from the car to the start. Wally buried his nose in the article left for us by Cindy Morrow and drew a deep breath. He looked at me briefly, put his nose down and stepped off briskly. Almost too briskly for the uneven footing hidden by the grass and small trees. He overshot the first turn a little, found his track and kept on a nice pace to the end. Track time was six minutes. I had forgotten how exciting it is to find a glove.

Editors note: I was there and I can tell you that David kept that glove in his pocket the rest of the day. Several times I saw him check to make sure it was still there while we watched the rest of the teams take their turns.



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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@yahoogroups.com or email the club secretary at info@dfwtc.org