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As most of you know, our editor Pam Raymond died last July. She had already completed this edition of *Tracks*, so we are publishing it as she had it, with the addition of this note.

Note from Editor

By Pam Raymond

Well we are back to the heat. Everyone please be careful both for your dog and yourself. Remember our weather is nothing to take lightly.

I'm sure we all have had interesting discussions with non tracking friends as to why we either get up before dawn or stay up past midnight in order to track our dogs. I know many of relatives just shake their heads.

Please remember that I am always looking for articles for our newsletter. I'm sure many people have interesting stories to tell! Pictures are always great to include as well, especially with an article.

I'm sure September will be here before we know it. New classes with new students! Don't forget to let interested people know to sign up for our classes.



DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Next Meeting

Date: August 15, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm

Location:

AA Headquarters

4255 Amon Carter Blvd.

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President's Message

Thanks to all who attended our mid-week meeting in June. I know some of our members just cannot make a mid-week meeting, but then there are those who cannot make a week-end meeting. We need to try to do both to give everyone a chance. Thanks, too, to Charlene for providing a place, and suggesting and ordering the pizza. It was really, really good.

Most people seemed to think that last year's "Christmas in August" meeting wasn't very Christmas-y, so our next meeting will be just that - a meeting. However, it is our Annual Meeting. This is the meeting in which we elect Officers and a Board member for the upcoming year. Thanks to all who are willing to serve.

We have two more events this year for which we will need volunteers. The first is the Weimaraner National Specialty tracking test. The Club has agreed to provide tracklayers for it the weekend of October 13-14, 2012. The judges are Charlene Dunn and Gillian Salling. It is a small test, with just 4 TD's. Following that, the weekend of November 10-11, 2012, we will have our first combined 4TD/4TDX test at Fossil Ridge Ranch outside of Valley View, Texas. This is a lovely new site, with plenty of room for some really nice tracks. Judges are Charlene Dunn and Nan Cochrane (from Wisconsin).

You'll note that I didn't say where the Weimaraner TD test will be. That's because it was scheduled to be at the Bristol Boarding Kennel near Ferris, but is moving. Unfortunately, the property owners adjacent to Toni Skiles have other plans for their land, and it will no longer be available for tracking tests. Our only problem with the site was that there wasn't enough of it, and now it would really be too small. We'll miss it ... and Guy and I have such fond memories of it.

Stay cool!

Sarah

JULY, 2012

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EVENTS

September 16: VST- Denver, CO closes
8/30 Karri Britton rahwynd@comcast.net

September 16: VST- Overland Park, KS
closes 9/6 Ms. Lisa Kramer
lksscottis@kc.rr.com

September 23: TD/TDX/VST- Sullivan,
MO, closes 9/5 Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

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
wicklowsetters@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

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Approved

Cindi S. Todd

April 14, 2012

Olive Garden, Irving, TX

The meeting was called to order at 1:52 pm by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Charlene Dunn, and Susan Norvell. Cindi Todd participated via phone.

The January meeting minutes had been posted on Yahoo Group. The correction of the Weim National date was 10/13/12. Motion made to approve with correction, 2nd. Motion passed.

President's Report: Sarah thanked everyone for coming.

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Income/Expense report was passed around. A discussion was had about the bank error that has several club members' checks in limbo and yet to be cleared. Charlene had to fax the deposit record to the bank and we have yet to hear from them. As an interim they have credited our account with the deposit total, but we still need a resolution on the checks. Charlene will follow up with the bank again as it has been over a month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

NEW MEMBERS:

Cindi read an application for full membership for Jean Maria Higgenbotham. 2nd reading will be at the June meeting. Per our bylaws/standing rules, Jean Maria must attend a meeting for full membership before her application is approved. Cindi will make her aware of the obligation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fall TD/TDX – Sarah offered to Chair & secretary the test, thus allowing Nancy B to enter. Sarah will change the AKC website to show her as the secretary. Susan offered to be on the committee. Sarah will campaign for the rest. CD will get with Nan about her flights.

VST – Jeanine is the chair/secretary. We need a committee. Sarah volunteered to be on it. Charlene will get with Beth about her flights.

March Test - We have to decide by October 25th if we are going to have this test. There was a discussion about seeing if Gillian would turn in her paperwork for TDX and then we could use her. Charlene will follow up with her. The test decision was tabled until the next meeting.

Golden Retriever National – no news.

Weim National – no news.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee – We have to have a nominating committee to put forth the slate of officers at the June meeting. The committee must be 1 officer and 2 non-officer full members. Charlene will chair the committee. Susan Norvell and Betsy Watkins will serve as the other members.

Christmas Party – Tabled until the June meeting.

Next meeting to be held 6/20/12 at AA headquarters 4255 Amon Carter Blvd. Time TBD, Cindi will put a poll up on the yahoo group. The club will buy dinner for all who attend. A Board meeting to follow.

A motion to adjourn was made, 2nd, passed and adjourned at 2:23 pm

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Unapproved
Cindi S. Todd

June 20, 2012

American Airlines, Irving, TX

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Charlene Dunn, Susan Norvell, Tracy Freeling, Monica Becherer, Terri Lindsey, Jerri Lindsey, Stephanie Ayers, Horst and Jane Bungarz and Cindi Todd. Guest Jean-Maria Higginbotham.

The April meeting minutes were read. Motion to approve, 2nd. Motion passed.

President's Report: Sarah thanked everyone for coming and Charlene for acquiring the meeting place..

Secretary's Report: None.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee presented the slate.

President: Sarah Helber

V. President: Tracy Freeling

Treasurer: Charlene Dunn

Secretary (Corresponding and Recording now combined): Cindi Todd

Board Member at Large: Terri Lindsey

Nomination for Board Member at Large from the floor: Horst Bungarz

No other committee reports.

NEW MEMBERS:

Cindi read the 2nd reading for an application for full membership for Jean-Maria Higgenbotham. She was subsequently voted in to membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

November 10/11/2012 TD/TDX - no report

January 12/13, 2013 VST – Judge Beth is worried plane tickets are too expensive. Discussion ensued pursuant to last minute judge change possibility. Susan Norvell and Jean-Maria Higginbotham volunteered to help.

March 9/10, 2013 Test – Discussion tabled till August meeting

Golden Retriever National – 10/19 & 20/2013. DFWTC is providing the workers for a \$100 donation. Wichita Falls location.

Weimeraner National – October 13 & 14, 2012. 4 track test. Now looking for a new site.

Christmas Party – moved back to December.

NEW BUSINESS:

Classes

Fall classes: Charlene stated that she had talked with Pam Raymond and she was willing to teach. Several people were willing to help depending on Pam's needs. Sarah volunteered to contact Pam for her dates and helper requirement.

January classes: Sarah and Marian will teach.

Spring classes: TBD

AKC Tracking Seminar: Notes to be published on the Yahoo Group.

Next meeting to be held 8/15/2012 at AA headquarters 4255 Amon Carter Blvd. 6:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made, 2nd, passed and adjourned at 6:47 pm

MY FIRST TDX DOG!!!!

By Mrs. Gillian M. Salling

I had been watching the weather forecast for ten days before the DFW Tracking Club's TDX test on March 11th, 2012, because it kept mentioning rain that weekend. I was afraid the judges would not be able to plot the tracks on the Saturday and also that the test would be canceled due to storms. I had decided that if it was pouring with rain that morning that I just would not go. Fortunately, it was only light rain and the radar didn't look too bad so I decided to load up the two dogs I had entered and leave.

However, before I got out of Sherman, it started raining heavily so I was really wondering if I had made the right decision! Luckily the rain did lessen but it was not easy driving as there was a lot of water on the roads.

My first GSD who was entered, Greta von Fernheim TD BH, drew the first track but after doing a very commendable job in the light rain and working very hard, she overshot the second to last turn so that was a huge disappointment since I knew she was already almost 9 1/2 years old. But since she did so well, I was really hoping my other girl, Liesl von Fernheim TD HCT, would be successful. Liesl had first tried for her TDX a year earlier and had done well until she went off on the second set of cross tracks so I was hoping those would not be a problem this time.

Liesl was the first alternate so she had to do the last track of the day after the 4 others. It was no longer raining and there was a light wind but the temperature was pleasant. Liesl's first leg went in an area where there was some prickly pear on each side of the track. I had not tracked her around cactus before so I was hoping she would not have a problem with that. But she appeared to be on a roll so off we went!



Her second leg went into some longer brushy vegetation so I made sure to get close behind her and gather up my line so that I would not get tied up as I did on Greta's track! After we came out of that, the track meandered around the thickest part of the woods, which is



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a bit disconcerting if you mostly track in straight lines, but I had worked Liesl on some of those tracks and she was telling me she was on track. I was also concerned on this leg as it went past the kennels next to the house but Liesl was not distracted by them or the smells there.



After the next turn she set off in a straight line for several yards and then lay down perfectly straight in an article indication that the Schutzhund people love to see! I went up to her and held up a tie, which was the first article, so now I was starting to feel pretty confident! I knew that Liesl would not be interested in waiting long enough to get a drink of water, so I restarted her and off we went again towards the road, where she hesitated momentarily but then

crossed it and set off again at a good fast pace.

She apparently then went over the first cross tracks without getting distracted and got to the next turn and started on the next leg. There was another set of cross tracks which did not pose a problem to her and she continued to the next turn and turned left again. She continued at her fast pace and then all of a sudden did another perfect straight down article indication! I went up to her and picked up a cap, so now I was starting to get a little excited! She then continued on towards the road again and I had been warned that if I saw a pickup stuck on the road in the mud to not worry and just ignore it. The track did go fairly near the truck and Liesl did look at it, but then she put her nose back again and crossed over the road and headed towards some cedar trees. I was a little nervous at that point as I knew that there could be some tracks there from various wild life. As she got near the trees she did check out a couple of smells and then made an open turn to the right leading away from the trees. The track angled a bit but then all of a sudden I saw something yellowish in front of Liesl and once again she did a perfectly straight down article indication!!!! I went up to her and raised that coveted TDX glove and shouted with glee!!! Jeff Shaver asked me how long I thought that track was and I said, "Oh, probably 830 or 840 yards" and he replied, "985 yards and she did it in only 20 minutes!!!!!!" Well, I knew she was going fast but I had no idea the track had been that long! So when Jeff signed her glove he wrote, "985 yards of perfection!" It was a great tribute to Liesl and quite a coincidence in that he had been one of the judges when she got her TD! So a big thank you to Jeff and to Linda Baschnagel for helping me obtain the first TDX title that one of my GSDs has earned and thanks so much to the DFW Tracking Club and all of its dedicated hard working members! I'm so happy that I got my first TDX at your club's test!





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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