



# The Loss of a Legend

By Members of the Tracking Community

People may not have known Pam Raymond by her name, but everyone recognized Pam as the lady who tracked the Anatolians. It wasn't just the dogs we all recognized; it was the tenacity of this "woman" to train and exhibit these instinctively protective, reserved, independent thinking dogs.



Katya

Pam's tracking career began in 1997 with Katya. She entered the Indian Nations Tracking Club test in Tulsa OK under the judges Anne and Everett Campbell, with Margaret Sweatman as her tracklayer and earned her first TD.

Pam's second tracking Anatolian was Zerrin. She earned her TD at the Texas Tri-Cities test in Octo-

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DFW TRACKING CLUB



# Tracks

**This edition is published in memory of PAM RAYMOND**

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Zerrin

ber of 2000. Judges were Debbie Duncan and Dorothy Nichols, with Judy Jackson as their tracklayer.

Pam's third tracking Anatolian was Ruark. Together they earned their TD at Houston Obedience Club's December 2001 test. Judges were Sally Elkins and Everret Campbell.

The next time Pam earned a TD was with Bryga back in Tulsa at the 2004 INTC test. The judges were Bob Brown and Orrin Eldred.

Pam also enjoyed showing her Anatolians in Rally, Obedience, and Agility.

Pam was active in the DFW Tracking Club, volunteering as tracklayer, instructor and newsletter editor.

Pam's sudden passing in July is a loss to her family and to our tracking community.

**She will be missed.**



Ruark

## President's Message

What can I say but "Welcome, Jean-Maria and THANKS for being our new Editor of Tracks!"?

As of August we have a newly-elected Board. Returning members are myself as President, Tracy as Vice-President, and Charlene as Treasurer. Cindi Todd has added the job of Corresponding Secretary to her previous job as Recording Secretary, and Terri Lindsey has agreed to be our new Member-at Large. Thanks to all who are willing to serve.

Additional thanks are also due to those who helped out at our Practice Day at Fossil Ridge Ranch in Valley View, Texas. It will be a great site for future tests, and we learned a lot from our experience - including how slick the road to the "Hay Field" can be! Thanks to all who worked - Charlene, Marian, Jerri, Jean-Maria, Susan, and Cindi as well as non-member Craig Nash. Also, thanks are due to the landowners, Kirk and Peggy Kirkland, for being such fine hosts. We're looking forward to our first test to be held there - the 4 TD/4 TDX test the weekend of November 10-11, 2012.

Be sure to put on your calendars our upcoming events:

TD/TDX at Fossil Creek Ranch in Valley View, TX November 10-11, 2012

Christmas Party in December

VST test at HEB Hospital in Bedford and TCC NE Campus in Hurst January 12-13, 2013

Sarah

# OCTOBER, 2012

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## EVENTS

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

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

October 7: VST- Golden, CO, closes 9/19 Martha Rosner [mrosner@frii.com](mailto:mrosner@frii.com)

October 14: VST- Golden, CO closes 10/4 Lynn Kaemmerer [badblackcorgi@gmail.com](mailto:badblackcorgi@gmail.com)

October 14: VST- Albuquerque, NM closes 10/4 Lynn Wilson [lynn@swcp.com](mailto:lynn@swcp.com)

October 14: TD- Columbia, MO closes 10/1 Judy Harris [riverpoodles@embarqmail.com](mailto:riverpoodles@embarqmail.com)

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

October 28: TD- Littleton, CO closes 10/10 Lynn Kaemmerer [badblackcorgi@gmail.com](mailto:badblackcorgi@gmail.com)

November 17: TDX- Littleton, CO closes 11/7 Patti Pigeon [ppigeon105@aol.com](mailto:ppigeon105@aol.com)

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

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

# NOVEMBER, 2012

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## EVENTS

December 2: TD/TDX- Bellvue, CO closes November 19 Joan Borel  
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December 02: TD/TDX- Skiatook, OK closes November 14 Mrs. Sue Young  
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December 02: TDX- Sullivan, MO closes November 20 Jackie O'Guin  
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December 09: TD/TDX- Houston, TX closes November 29 2012 Cynthia Krohn  
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December 09: TD- Smithville, MO closes November 29 Susie Long  
[suez17@aol.com](mailto:suez17@aol.com)

December 30: VST- Houston, TX closes December 20 Ms. Kathleen K Milford  
[kmilford@flash.net](mailto:kmilford@flash.net)

January 06: TD/TDX- Houston, TX closes December 27 Kathy Daniel  
[vkdaniel@comcast.net](mailto:vkdaniel@comcast.net)

January 13: VST- Bedford, TX closes January 03 Cindi Todd  
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January 13: TD- Placitas, NM closes January 02 Vickee Jones  
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January 13: VST- Sullivan, MO closes January 03 Sandi Thompson  
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January 27: TD- Fort Bliss, TX closes January 17 Sandra Hill  
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# JANUARY, 2013

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# DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Approved

Cindi S. Todd

August 22, 2012 American Airlines, Irving, TX

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Charlene Dunn, Susan Norvell, Tracy Freeling, Monica Becherer, Terri Lindsey, Jerri Lindsey, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Horst and Jane Bungarz, Marsha Muse, Paula Gifford, Rod and Nancy Barclay, Benita Zapata and Cindi Todd.

The June meeting minutes were read. Motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**President's Report** – Sarah thanked everyone for coming and Charlene for acquiring the meeting place. Very sad to say that Pamela Raymond passed away.

**Secretary's Report** – None.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Income/Expense report was passed around. Plane tickets for judges have been purchased (Nan Cochrane for the TD test and Beth Walker for the VST test). Compass Bank has credited our account for the dues checks they lost.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget** - Report for 2013 and 2014 was passed around and discussed.

No other committee reports.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Sarah Helber

Vice President: Tracy Freeling

Treasurer: Charlene Dunn

Secretary: Cindi Todd

Board Member at Large: Terri Lindsey

## OLD BUSINESS

**Fall Classes** – Sarah asked if anyone was willing/able to teach classes in the fall. No one volunteered their availability.

**November 10/11/2012 TD/TDX** – Judge Nan Cochrane's ticket is bought. Nan Cochrane and Charlene Dunn are judging. 4 TD tracks – 2 TDX tracks being interchangeable up to 4 TDX tracks.

**January 12/13, 2013 VST** – Judge Beth Walker's ticket is purchased. Jeanine Wilson will be secretary. Charlene will contact La Quinta to rent room to use as Headquarters and to have our after test meeting. Sarah will contact Alice Lander, the hospital contact.

**March 9/10, 2013 Test** – Discussion tabled until October meeting. Motion made to explore new VST site and then those who are exploring the site will report to Special Board Meeting and subsequently report back to club members. Motion passed.

**Golden Retriever National** – 10/19 & 20/2013. No report.

**Weimeraner National** – October 13 & 14, 2012. 4 track test. Will be held at TCC NW.

**Christmas Party** – December 15, 2012 at Susan Norvell's home Thank you Susan at 2:00 p.m. This was done in the form of a motion and it passed.

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# Bourbon, Bluegrass, Horses, and Dogs?



Judge Billie French, John Barnard, Charlene Dunn, Charlie, Judge Darlene Barnard – Absent Tracklayer Mary Macklin

Ok so what do those things have in common? They happen to be all things in the state of Kentucky, and that my friends, is where this story ends, but to get there we have to start at the beginning...

Charlie's tracking career almost never got started. As a rescue dog with issues, his activities were limited. We started tracking Charlie using a hide a seek method, where I would run away and he would have to drag someone to find me, which he was very good at, but any formal tracking was "too much" for him. As soon as the harness was on, he went into full-fledged panic mode. So he got to "sit out" for a few years, until I decided to try him again using a method from a newfy book. This too proved not to be his best game, so again he got to "sit out". By 2006, my dogs that still could do things had dwindled and I started tracking Charlie while I was teaching class. I used the same methods I teach in my classes and this time, he seemed to get the game. Late in the year I had a judging assignment in Tulsa and decided while I was up there to see if Charlie could certify, which he did with flying colors. Now came test time. We entered 2 tests in Houston before we found out we had an issue with traveling and tracking at the same time, so we took time off and went EVERYWHERE. Any time I had to go out of town, Charlie went with me and was "allowed" to track. Since



Tulsa was home and it wasn't really traveling, we entered a test there. Charlie earned his TD at the INTC May 2007 test, so now the question was, could I get him over his issues with tracking and traveling to go after a TDX or VST?

The answer was maybe... Charlie gained confidence as he tracked but he still had travel issues until he met his "mini me". She is a miniature wirehair Dachshund (call name Vegas) that came to live in a tracking household on her quest for upper level tracking titles. They went everywhere together and the first time I saw a glimmer of hope was at an AKC tracking seminar in 2009. It appeared that Charlie could track and travel with his companion, so 2 months later we were off to Colorado. I couldn't have been happier to report that both earned their titles that weekend, so now it was onto VST for both.

I'm the type of trainer who trains from the get-go multiple surfaces, so the issue with VST would be the locations of the tests. There are very few in the TX area, and most locations have an abysmal passing rate, so now the question was "How far will we go for this title?" In short – 10,000 miles... One might question one's sanity for a title when you look at the time, effort, gas, etc. involved in the quest for a VST title, but for those of us who have earned that coveted CT we know that no amount of time and energy is too much.

So obviously there were a few hiccups in our quest for a VST title. Some I blame on training (my fault), others I blame on dumb luck (fire alarms, dogs charging us, bad calls), but our road finally ended with a trip to Kentucky in November 2011. Charlie once again proved that he was up to the task the judges set before him. We were track 2, required to stay at base camp until called because of how busy the Kentucky Horse Park was with a horse show, Christmas lights, and limited places for VST tracks. The judges came for us and we followed to a parking lot at the front of the park. The wind was blowing so hard my line was horizontal and the crowd was nowhere to be seen, just us and a few dozen horse trailers. Charlie seemed ready enough until we got to the start where he

downed and then took off very tentatively down the first leg, stopping several times and circling. Not his normal tracking style at all. We made our first turn between the buildings and got a break from the wind only momentarily. Charlie picked up pace here and flew up the next two legs to pop out onto the circle drive in front of the building and stop. He checked left/right, up and down the hill on the other side and back across the street to the grass where he circled and circled. The





wind was swirling around us and I stopped and re-scented him and asked him to “find it”. At that point he shot off on a diagonal, which I would’ve sworn was wrong until I spied the article on the next leg. We picked up our piece of leather on the sidewalk and off into the parking lot we went to our moment of truth turn and up to a turn on a berm full of 10 feet tall Christmas decorations. At this point Charlie flew over the berm into the next parking lot and then stopped, circled and came back up the berm, unfortunately on the other side of those ac-

cursed decorations. We are now wrapped around the anchor lines and all over the place and it took me about 5 minutes (and about 10 more tangles!) to come to my senses and pick up my line, back down into the parking lot we came from and give Charlie room to work. This time he took off straight across the top of the berm and with him I went. He went another 40 yards and started his “looking for an article” behavior, and I thought “Great... An article in all these leaves” so I started looking too, but I couldn’t see one and Charlie was pulling for a road so we



took a few forced steps forward and I let out my line just as a car came by, so I called Charlie back to wait, all the while searching for that cursed article I just knew was in those leaves... After the car, we ran across the street as another was coming and I yanked my line up to me just in time to see Charlie 20’ ahead of me, drop his nose to the ground and stop, wagging his tail... I walked up and there in an open patch of grass was a metal article. I thought “Thank God, only one more to go” and I picked it up to the screaming of the two judges... Bewildered I flipped it over looking for a #4 and then quizzically looked at the judges. Apparently in the 40 mph wind our plastic article had “flown the coop”! I collapsed on the ground hugging Charlie and



telling him what a great dog he was, as the crowd (they finally found us) came screaming up. We were the first and only pass that day on the VST side. I also learned that Charlie’s tracklayer (who we finally met at the end of the track) was a cancer patient and currently undergoing chemo treatments., which the judges explained could have been the reason for Charlie’s shaky start. Unfortunately she had to leave before our pictures could be taken. The Lexington Kennel Club offered an “Older than Dirt” award and at almost 12, Charlie took that one home too.

The drive to Memphis that night seemed to be surreal. We ordered takeout from the Texas roadhouse and I had a salad and Charlie had steak. The next day as we pulled wearily (but happily) into the driveway, I thought to myself, yup, 10,000 miles for a title isn’t that bad... Especially when you’ve just earned two CTs in one year!

## DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes (continued)

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### NEW BUSINESS

**Tracking Practice/Certification Opportunity** – Moved to have a \*match\*/tracking certification day on 9-30-2012 at the new TD/TDX location for the fees of \$15/\$30 respectively with priority order of club members needing certification. Plotting would occur in the morning and running of tracks in the afternoon. This is providing the Kirkland’s approve and/or are available. Motion passed. Sarah will contact the Kirklands.

**Newsletter Editor** – anyone wishing to volunteer for this job please contact Sarah.

**Club Roster** – is up on the Yahoo Group

**Lost dog/help requests** – We are getting requests for dogs that will track lost dogs. Charlene will add links to our website for people to contact who might be able to help in those instances as no club member dogs are currently used for such activities.

**President’s Challenge from AKC** – Sarah read letter from AKC wanting Club President’s to encourage not only their clubs but individuals in the club to donate to AKC’s PAC. AKC was asking for \$150 from Clubs and \$100 (\$10 each individual donation). Motioned that DFWTC donate the \$150 was made. Motion passed. Sarah will post to Yahoo Group how individuals can donate.

Next meeting to be held 10/16/2012, TUESDAY, at AA headquarters 4255 Amon Carter Blvd. 6:00 pm .

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Cindi S. Todd, Recording Secretary (approved)



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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)

## FYI:

The American Kennel Club® announces that it will be offering AKC® Title Medallions to all owners whose dogs have earned titles at AKC events. The medallion is modeled after the original American Kennel Club Silver Championship Medal that was offered to AKC champions of record in 1910.

"As we look back on our history, our 125th Anniversary is a great time to bring back this tradition," said AKC President Dennis Sprung. "These medallions illustrate how our dogs are part of AKC's history and allow fanciers to proudly display their achievements. They also make a special gift to congratulate someone on earning a title."

The AKC Title Medallion can be ordered for any dog with an AKC title and comes with a certificate of authenticity which verifies the achievement as well as space on the back of the medallion for the dog's name and title to be engraved. Owners can choose between two sizes: a small medallion that can be incorporated into jewelry and a larger size that can be displayed. Either size is \$25.

All past and present AKC title holders are eligible to purchase the medallion, which will be available in December 2009 through the AKC online store. In the future, when AKC-registered dogs complete a title, they will receive a customized order form and an additional blank form to order the medallion.