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Note from Editor

Here comes summer with hot weather and fire ants. I recently became acquainted with a few of those evil fire ants and no, I was not using food. I laid a track with several intermediate articles in a field in Grapevine. Zubie does not like to stop any longer than absolutely necessary for articles so I generally grab them up, stuff them in my fanny pack and ask him to "find me another". Well about the time we finished the track, something stung the palm of my hand again and again. Then something stung me on my back, right at the waist line where my fanny pack sits. So pay close attention to where you put those articles on your track, fire ants will swarm even without any food on the track.

New puppy Davy got to do a few starter tracks early on but is now working on growing his show coat so no tracking until he's finished and I can take that hair off. A five minute puppy track can take an hour of brushing just to get all the sticks, grass, and twigs the coat vacuumed up during the track.

Happy Tracking Everyone!

Jean-Maria

Next Meeting

Date: August 4, 2013

Time: 12:30pm

Location:

home of Natasha & Mark Decker 5204 Townsend Drive Flower Mound, TX 75028

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President's Message

By the time you get this President's Message our new slate of officers and director will be already on board and I'll soon have a new puppy to focus my time on. Thanks to all who served with me, and also those taking on the current jobs.

We will be having a Practice Day at Fossil Ridge Ranch in Valley View on Sunday, September 29. It will be a one-day affair. There is an entry fee for those who want to run an actual, plotted TD or TDX track, and certifications are available. Contact Charlene Dunn if you'd like to enter, and/or contact me if you'd like to help out. Additional information was included in the Yahoo message that went out on the subject. I know it's hard to think of tracking when it's as hot as it is now, but that will change!

As always, we have several upcoming opportunities that will need volunteers:

- The Club has agreed to lay track for the Golden Retriever National Specialty the weekend of October 19-20 near Wichita Falls. The GRCA is providing some (shared) hotel rooms for our use the night of October 19. Several of our members have a date conflict, so if you are available to lay track, lay cross-tracks, or carry flags please speak up. We need you! I am the Chief Tracklayer, so please contact me.
- Our fall TD/TDX test at Fossil Ridge Ranch near Valley View, Texas is the weekend of November 9-10. A combined TD/TDX test can be one of the most complicated events to schedule, and the more workers we have, the easier it is to schedule workers. Once again, if you can help out, please let me know! I am the Test Chair/Secretary. The Premium List will be out next month.

Sarah

Rainbow Bridge

Teal Oaks That's My Guy TDX
February 2, 2003 - 2013
loved by Marian Beck-Edwards
and Sarah Helber



JULY, 2013

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EVENTS

July 7: VST - Fort Collins, CO, closes June 27 Elaine Verdill everdill3@gmail.com

AUGUST, 2013

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August 11: VST—Missoula, MT, closes July 29 Mike Bayer, mbayer6363@aol.com

SEPTEMBER, 2013

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EVENTS

September 29: VST—Mendota Heights, MN, closes September 19 Ms. Nancy Ames nancyaone@comcast.net

OCTOBER, 2013

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October 6: VST—Golden, CO
closes September 18 Martha Rosner
martharosner@gmail.com
October 6: VST— Whitewater, WI
closes September 26 Ms. Lisa Pruka
redborders@msn.com

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Approved Cindi S. Todd

6-15-2013

Olive Garden, Irving, TX

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Charlene Dunn, Rod and Nancy Barclay, Marsha Muse, Jerri Lindsey, Terri Lindsey, Jane and Horst Bungarz, Benita Zapata, Jeanine Wilson, Jean-Maria Higginbotham and Cindi Todd. Guest present was Travis Wilson.

The March meeting minutes were available on the Yahoo Group. Motion to approve, 2nd and motion passed.

President's Report – Sarah thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.

Secretary's Report - no report

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

OLD BUSINESS

Golden Retriever National – 10/19 & 20/2013. More track layers would be appreciated.

Newsletter – Q4 2012 will be published this evening. Q1 2013 should be ready shortly. Q2 2013 is due the end of June.

Nov 10, 2013 TD/TDX – Nancy Barclay hospitality. Sarah Helber Test Secretary/Chair. Test Committee Volunteers: Nancy Barclay and Tracy Freeling. Jean-Maria Higginbotham – volunteer track layer.

1-2014 VST test – discussion about advertising earlier to increase visibility of test. Charlene will work on premium list. Committee: Test Secretary/Chair – Charlene Dunn. Nancy Barclay – hospitality. Committee will consist of Charlene Dunn, Sarah Helber, Nancy and Rod Barclay and Jerri Lindsey

3-2014 test - decision postponed. Will be investigating the Resource Center across from TCC South and TCC South as possible location.

Fall Classes - Charlene volunteered to work on a proposal for alternative lesson plans due to most of the instructors being busy during the month of October (2nd month of classes). Jean-Maria has access to several calendars for different venues and will make the schedule for those available to Charlene.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – no additional nominees were made from the floor.

By-Laws Changes – It was moved to accept the by-laws changes as published. 2nd and motion passed.

Next Meeting: August 3 as 12:30 p.m. Location: Natasha Decker's house. More information will be available after discussion with Natasha.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Cindi S. Todd, Recording Secretary



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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 website at http://www.dfwtc.org or email the club secretary at

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2013 AKC National Tracking Invitational

Congratulations to club members invited to participate in the 2013 AKC National Tracking Invitational!

Sarah Helber and Jordan CT Ambition's Almond Joy Qui Rit VCD1 RAE MX AXJ NF

> Cindi Todd & Charlene Dunn and Vegas TC Laci's Csi V Kanix Mw CD BN RE JE

Karen Yates and Rosie CT Mellowrose Glad All Over CD GN RE JH CGC

Charlene Dunn and Charlie
CT Charlie Dunn RE