



Note from Editor

Here comes spring and right behind it, the summer heat.

I am not a fan of triple digit temperatures and neither are my dogs. Here's hoping we get at least a few days that are cool enough for tracking along the way.

This quarter we have two member's tracking title stories including a Champion Tracker! I won't steal their thunder except to say I was an apprentice track layer for the club's VST test in January and was absolutely thrilled to start the car horns honking when that glove went up in the air. This was my first time at a VST and it was pure magic watching them track through all kinds of surfaces and find the glove.

Be sure to note the upcoming meeting date, time, and location. An email was sent out, so please let Cindi Todd or Sarah Helber know if you plan to attend.

Ending on a personal note... There's a new member of the cocker boys. Tejas Wild Frontier, call name Davy is keeping me even busier. He will make his conformation debut July 4th in Dallas. Tracking and agility are on Davy's agenda along with lots of playing and torturing his cocker bothers (that's not a typo, it's how he spells it).

Happy Tracking Everyone!

Jean-Maria



Tracks



DFW TRACKING CLUB

Next Meeting

Date: June 15, 2013

Time: 11:30am

Location:

**Olive Garden in Irving
at 4001 W Airport Fwy,
Irving, TX 75062**

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President's Message

January seems so long ago, and that miserable, cold, windy day of our VST test seems like another world now. While we were disappointed with the entry, whether it was due to the weather, the economy, the construction, or all of the above and more, we have one club member who wasn't disappointed. Congratulations! Thanks to judges Charlene and Beth Walker, Chair/Secretary Cindi Todd, Chief Tracklayer Rod Barclay, and tracklayers and Test Committee members Tracy Freeling, Jerri Lindsey, Terri Lindsey and Nancy Barclay. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Thanks also to Marian Beck Edwards. She and I finished the winter class session, and Charlene and Cindi are well into the spring session. Anyone interested in being an instructor for the fall session, please don't be bashful!

Finally, thanks to our Nominating Committee, chaired by Cindi Todd, with Marsha Muse and Natasha Decker and also Rod and Nancy Barclay as alternates.

We have an issue coming up this summer that will need your attention. It's been 4 years since we reviewed the Club Bylaws, and we've accumulated a list of issues that we feel need to be addressed. You will be getting an (e)mailing showing the changes before the meeting at which the vote will be taken. Please take the time to review the changes and bring or email any concerns you might have.

Also, opportunity is knocking (as always)! We have several opportunities for volunteers. I for one love to train my dogs to track, and I strongly believe that tracking tests are the only true way to test my training. I also like those tracking titles. However, it takes a club and workers to put on tracking tests. Even if we were all willing to volunteer to work at tests, in the AKC world tests must be sponsored by a member or licensed club. So - please help support our local tracking tests by working for both the club and the tests!

As I said, we have several opportunities coming up that will need volunteers. In date order:

If we are to have a Fall Tracking Class, we need instructor(s) and assistants. If you're willing to help, let us know!

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, carry flags, or be Chief Tracklayer, please speak up. We need you!

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 us know!

If you're interested, but don't think you have the skill but are willing to learn, please speak up!

And finally, although we've had hints of summer, by the time you read this it will truly be summertime. I hope everyone can get some tracking done this summer, but PLEASE be careful. I think May and June are the most dangerous for our dogs because not only are we not accustomed to the heat, but the heat is here and the humidity hasn't left us. By July we know how hot it really is, but in June our dogs can struggle when we don't realize how hot it is.

Sarah

APRIL, 2013

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EVENTS

April 14: TD/TDX - Sullivan, MO, closes
March 27 Monte Wymore
koiradals@att.net

April 21: VST - Denver, CO, closes April 03
mrosner@frii.com mrosner@frii.com

MAY, 2013

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May 05: TD/TDX - Skiatook, OK, closes
April 24 Mrs. Sue Young
syoung@indiannationstrackingclub.org

May 9: VST—Sullivan, MO, closes April 12
Sandi Thompson jaysandi@sbcglobal.net

May 10: TD/TDX —Sullivan, MO, closes
April 12 Sandi Thompson
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May 19: VST - Golden, CO, closes May 01
Ms. Martha Rosner
martharosner@gmail.com

May 19: TD - Littleton, CO, closes March
21 Mr. Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

JUNE, 2013

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EVENTS

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

JULY, 2013

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DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Approved

Cindi S. Todd

January 13, 2013

Firehouse Subs, Grapevine Hwy., North Richland Hills, TX

The meeting was called to order at 11:16 am by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Charlene Dunn, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Rod and Nancy Barclay, Marsha Muse, Tracy Freeling, David Bull, Jerri Lindsey and Cindi Todd. Guest Beth Walker, VST judge, also attended.

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

President's Report – Sarah thanked everyone for coming and for working on the VST test while she taught the Winter class.

Secretary's Report – none

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

Committee Reports

Judges' Committee for Fall Test – Carol Clark was already approved. Several judges' names were put forward. Vote was held and Charlene Dunn was voted in as the 2nd judge. She accepted the assignment.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Classes – Sarah and Marion started class on January 6 with a full class load of 8 beginners and 3 Intermediates.

Spring Classes – Charlene Dunn and Cindi Todd will be instructing Class starts Saturday, March 2. Cindi will be away and David Bull volunteered to help in the Beginner Class.

January 12/13, 2013 VST – THANK YOU to Charlene Dunn and Beth Walker, the judges. Thank you to Chief Tracklayer Rod Barclay, tracklayers Tracy Freeling with apprentice David Bull and Jerri Lindsey with apprentice Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Hospitality Chair Nancy Barclay and Chair/Secretary Cindi Todd for their work on producing a successful event. Thank you to Charlene and Sarah Helber for their staying in contact with our host hotel, La Quinta-Bedford and the important people at TCC NE and HEB Hospital to maintain our ability to have those sites for the test. We had one successful tracker, club member Karen Yates, whose dog Mellowrose Glad All Over TDX JH CD GN RA earned her CT title.

Golden Retriever National – 10/19 & 20/2013. Sarah Helber volunteered to be Chief Tracklayer.

Combined November 9/10, 2013 test – Jerri requested someone order nice weather ☐ No one volunteered for the job of Chief Weather Controller. Need Chair and Secretary but Nancy volunteered to be Hospitality Chair.

Newsletter – Jean-Maria Higginbotham is working on getting them caught up.

NEW BUSINESS

Accounting Program – Charlene, Treasurer, would like to be able to investigate accounting programs in the Cloud so that others, if they would like to volunteer, could be Treasurer in the future and not have to be a Mac user. Also, the current program is terribly outdated and cannot be updated. Charlene will investigate the possibilities out there and the respective costs associated with them.

January VST 11/12/2014 – Voted to have the test at the same site as we currently do. Approved. Need Chair and Secretary. Judges' committee gave the list of 5 possible judges. The vote decided on Mitzi Young and Darlene Barnard.

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

Jerri Lindsey has friends in Corsicana that have offered their land of many, many acres for use. Investigation is needed.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Adjourned at 12:09 pm.

Cindi S. Todd, Recording Secretary

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Unapproved

Cindi S. Todd

3-27-2013

Holiday Inn, Irving, TX

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Charlene Dunn, Rod and Nancy Barclay, Marsha Muse, Jerri Lindsey, Terri Lindsey, Natasha Decker, Susan Norvell and Cindi Todd.

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

President's Report – Sarah thanked everyone for coming and apologized for the late change of venue.

Secretary's Report – TD/TDX and VST test applications were approved and the paperwork for each were distributed to the appropriate secretary. Judges' acceptance letters were also handed out to the appropriate secretary.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Classes – Class is extended for one week, till the end of April, due to bad weather last weekend.

Golden Retriever National – 10/19 & 20/2013. No word from them.

Newsletter – nothing new has been published. Sarah is going to email Jean-Maria to see if she needs assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Classes – have conflicts with our commitment to Golden Retriever National, OK tracking test and our own scheduled tracking test. Further discussion tabled.

Christmas Party - Motion made to have at Susan Norvell's again. 2nd and motion passed.

Nominating Committee – Volunteers were Cindi Todd, Marsha Muse and Natasha Decker. Alternates are Rod and Nancy Barclay. Chair is Cindi Todd.

Next Meeting: June 15 at 11:30 a.m. Location to be announced closer to meeting date.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Cindi S. Todd, Recording Secretary (unapproved)

Rosie is a CT!

By Karen Yates

Rosie is now a Champion Tracker! She did a beautiful job at the DFWTC VST test, with only a few anxious moments. Anxious for me, not Rosie, she was methodical and focused through the whole track.

Early in the track she almost convinced me there was a right turn, but when I asked, "are you sure", she broke off and continued down the very very long first leg. Tracklayer told me it was probably a squirrel that distracted her.

Shortly thereafter I managed to get her tangled in the lead, somehow I always do, but we overcame that also. Nothing was stopping her that day.

On we went, one article after another, and in an amazing 14 minutes she had pounced on the final article and obviously knew she had done something incredible!

The gallery was following us in vehicles because it was so cold and miserable out, about 30 degrees and wind 15-20 mph. So when Rosie succeeded, instead of shouts we heard car horns!



Rosie and I want to thank the many folks that contributed to her accomplishment, you all know who you are, and I don't want to miss mentioning anyone. I think it takes a whole tracking community to make a CT!

So, my beautiful yellow lab girl who will be 9 in just a few weeks, is now

CT Mellowrose Glad All Over JH, GN, RA, WCI (3) CGC
Karen Yates and CT Rosie

Deeks TD!

By Cindi Todd

On December 9th, 2012 Deeks and I competed in the H.O.T. Dog club tracking test. We drew the first track which I was actually thankful for so that I could get it over with and get my heart back in to its normal location.

Our track was 45 minutes old. We started at 7:57 a.m. and we found the glove at 8:05 a.m. He ran the whole track hauling me along with him. Because he was moving so fast, I thought I should catch up to him by running on the 2nd leg - not smart. You know how things slow down when you fall? As I was going down it was flashing through my brain: do NOT check your dog. I bounced up so fast that although I did a face-plant, there was only a teeny grass stain on my knees AND - I didn't check my dog!! 475 yards plus 4 turns - it was great!



Following is from the "official" write-up in H.O.T. Dog's tracking list:

Our first entrant, a Wirehaired Dachshund took to the field at a fast trot and barely slowed down, even when handler Cindi Todd fell on the second leg. The dachshund never missed a beat, made a neat right turn and headed down the next leg. He made a slight circle at the third corner before smartly heading down a 135 yard leg across the back of the field, then one last open turn and another 50 yards to his glove. It was very exciting to see him trot expectantly up to his glove and sit, waiting for handler Cindi Todd to come celebrate with him. We are pleased to introduce you to CH EZ Goin Mr Deeks at Laci MW now TD.

Cindi S. Todd and Deeks TD





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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 or email the club secretary at info@dfwtc.org

DFWTC Active Member List

Nancy Barclay
Rod Barclay
Monica Becherer
Marian Beck-Edwards
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Jane Bungarz
Charlene Dunn
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Sarah Helber
Jean-Maria Higginbotham
Jerri Lindsey
Terri Lindsey
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Cindi Todd
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Jeanine Wilson