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## Note from Editor

Anyone have puppy fever? It seems to be catching among our club members. In addition to my puppy Davy Cocker, Sarah Helber has a very handsome new Belgian Tervuren named Miles, Marian Beck-Edwards has handsome GSD puppy Hans, and Cindi Todd has a very cute mini wire haired dachshund girl named Beckett.

Between showing Davy in conformation, entering an occasional agility trial, and getting Zubie ready to enter a TDX test, this year is just flying by. I hope you all have a chance this fall to lay a fun track for your pup and then sit back and enjoy the cooler temps while your track ages.

Happy Tracking Everyone!

Jean-Maria



DFW TRACKING CLUB

# Tracks



### Next Meeting

**Date: Dec 14, 2013**

**Time: 2:00pm**

### Location:

**home of Susan Norvell  
1025 Allen Road  
Red Oak, TX 75154**

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# President's Message

## Changing of the Guard

Our 3rd quarter marks the annual meeting. This year we said “Thank You” to the officers who have served faithfully for several years and “Welcome” to the new officers who will take their place. I’m sure the transition will go smoothly. >:)

Please thank our outgoing officers:

President – Sarah Helber

Vice President – Tracy Freeling

Secretary – Cindi Todd

Treasurer – Charlene Dunn

Board Member at Large: Terri Lindsey

Please welcome our incoming officers:

President – Charlene Dunn

Vice President – Sarah Helber

Secretary – Tracy Freeling

Treasurer – Jeanine Wilson

Board Member at Large: Jerri Lindsey

Our 3rd quarter also marks our 2nd annual pilgrimage to Fossil Rim Ranch. As we did last year, we will be offering certification tracks for TD and practice TDX tracks. This is also an opportunity to train tracklayers and see the improvements that Peggy and Kirk Kirkland have done for us. We appreciate them allowing us to hold our test at their beautiful ranch.

Every other year the AKC has a Tracking Invitational, this year we had one member “make the draw”, please see Karen Yates article inside.

Charlene

# OCTOBER, 2013

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## EVENTS

- October 5: TD/TDX-Sullivan, MO closes  
September 18 Susan Boyd  
tsksboyd@hotmail.com
- October 6: VST-Sullivan, MO closes  
September 18 Susan Boyd  
tsksboyd@hotmail.com
- October 6: VST-Golden, CO  
closes September 18 Martha Rosner  
martharosner@gmail.com
- October 6: TD/TDX-Springfield, MO  
closes September 18 Carolyn Krause  
c.a.krause@mchsi.com
- October 6: TD/TDX-Elgin, IL closes  
September 18 Cindy Childers  
cindyfive0@aol.com
- October 6: VST-Lincolnshire, IL  
closes September 18 Deborah Zorn  
debzornpwd@aol.com
- October 13: VST-Golden, CO  
closes October 3 Ms. Lynn Kaemmerer  
badblackcorgi@gmail.com
- October 13: TD-Sycamore, IL  
closes October 3 Michelle Kolb  
partinthepaint1@sbcglobal.net
- October 20: TD/TDX/VST University  
Park, IL closes October 2 Liz Hixon  
ottn1xena@hotmail.com
- October 20: TD/VST Sullivan, MO closes  
October 9 Sandi Thompson  
gatewaytracking@yahoo.com
- November 3: TD/TDX Houston, TX closes  
October 4 Mrs. Glenda Robbins  
bwdogs@sbcglobal.net
- November 10: TD/TDX Valley View, TX  
closes October 31 Sarah Helber  
shelber@att.net
- November 17: TD/TDX Fort Worth, TX  
closes November 7 Ms. Judy Jackson  
jjblitzt@hotmail.com
- November 24: VST-Houston, TX closes  
November 14 Mr. Tom Hacholski  
tilbury.hac@netzero.net

# DECEMBER, 2013

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# JANUARY, 2014

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## EVENTS

December 1: VST Albuquerque, NM closes  
November 20 Penni Adrian  
penni@elyancardigans.com

December 1: TDX Sullivan, MO closes  
November 21 Mrs. Patricia Thayer  
conobtra@gmail.com

December 8: TD/TDX Houston, TX closes  
November 26 Mrs. Cynthia Krohn  
cynkrohn@gmail.com

December 15: TD/TDX Sullivan, MO closes  
December 4 Makalah Boyer  
mboyer12@aol.com

December 29: VST Houston, TX closes  
December 19 Ms. Pat Sayles  
psayles@att.net

January 1: TD/TDU/TDX St. Rosa, LA  
closes December 17 Ann Irwin  
annzde@gmail.com

January 5: TD/TDX Houston, TX closes  
December 26 Kathy Daniel  
vkdaniel@comcast.net

January 12: VST Bedford, TX closes  
January 2 Charlene Dunn  
crdslabs@yahoo.com

# DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Approved

## **8-4-2013 Natasha Decker's house, Flower Mound, TX**

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 pm by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Charlene Dunn, Rod and Nancy Barclay, Marsha Muse, Jerri Lindsey, Terri Lindsey, Jeanine Wilson, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Tracy Freeling, Natasha Decker, Marian Beck-Edwards and Cindi Todd.

The June 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 Natasha and her husband for hosting us.

Secretary's Report – no report

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Golden Retriever National – 10/19 & 20/2013. No new information.

Newsletter – Q4 2012 is published in the Yahoo Group. Jean-Maria's computer is back up and running and she will be working on getting the next issue out as soon as possible.

Nov 10, 2013 TD/TDX – Premium list will be available soon. October 31 closing date. Charlene to coordinate flights and housing with the other judge. Sarah will talk with Peggy, the landowner, about the possibility of having a practice on September 29.

1-2014 VST test – Charlene will contact the La Quinta and Sarah will contact the hospital for permission to use site.

3-2014 test - decision postponed.

Fall Classes – September will be a 4 week session for \$100. There will be an Intermediate class sometime in November/December. Specifics for that class to be decided by the instructors. In late November there will be a test for beginners to see which class they should go in should they wish to continue.

Motion made to remove the statement First Come/ First Served in regards to class enrollment on the website. Motion passed. There will be a limited number of positions available and the instructors will decide which students fit the class requirements.

By-Laws Changes – Current copy needs to be sent to AKC.

New Officers: The slate was unopposed and therefore elected.

President: Charlene Dunn Vice President: Sarah Helber Secretary: Tracy Freeling

Treasurer: Jeanine Wilson Board Member: Jerri Lindsey

## **NEW BUSINESS**

January Classes - will start on January 5, 2014.

Class Coordinator: Cindi Todd volunteered to continue doing this job. It was a duty of the Secretary.

Next Meeting: After the TD/TDX test at Valley View. November 10, 2013.

# DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

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## **8-4-2013 continued**

Frieda Burke contacted Sarah asking for a volunteer to be Chief Tracklayer for the Basset Club as Mary Bender would like a break. We had no volunteers for the job.

Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club contacted Sarah for help IF the local clubs get the bid for their National in 2016. Sarah will tell them that the Club will entertain the idea once we have more information including dates.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Cindi S. Todd, Recording Secretary

## **Minutes of September 29, 2013 DFW Tracking Club Meeting Fossil Ridge Ranch in Valley View, TX**

The meeting was called to order at 1:53 pm by President Charlene Dunn. Vice President Sarah Helber, Secretary Tracy Freeling, and Treasurer Jeanine Wilson were in attendance as were DFWTC members Nancy Barclay, Rod Barclay, Marian Beck-Edwards, Horst Bungarz, Natasha Decker, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, and Cindi Todd.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. Seconded and then approved.

## **Old Business**

Budget Committee – no report

Judges Committee – no report

Golden Retriever National – Need 4 tracklayers given small entry. Dates 10/19 and 10/20.

DFWTC Fall Tests – Need tracklayers and volunteers. Dates 11/9 and 11/10.

DFWTC VST Test – Need tracklayers and volunteers. Dates 1/11 and 11/12. Judges accommodations and hospitality room will be booked at the La Quinta used in the past.

## **New Business**

DWFTC Spring Tests – A motion was made to hold TD and TDX tests in March at Fossil Ridge Ranch. Seconded and then approved by the members.

A second motion was made to allow mixed breeds to participate in the tests. Seconded and approved.

A final motion was made instructing the Judges Committee to hire judges for these tests without waiting for the next meeting given the short time frame. Seconded and approved.

DFWTC Christmas Party – Date will be December 14th at Susan Norvell's home. Time to be announced later.

Seminar Committee – Board will discussion at its meeting. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved. DFWTC Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Tracy Freeling, DFWTC Secretary

# 2013 AKC National Tracking Invitational

As told by

**Rosie, CT Mellowrose Glad All Over CD GN JH WCI (3) RE CGC**



Every other year, the AKC holds the National Tracking Invitational. We all know how hard it can be to get into a regular tracking test. Imagine 200 invitations being sent, 55 dogs entered for 10 tracks. When I was drawn number 6 I told my driver Karen that we HAD TO GO.! My driver, Karen Yates was less enthusiastic than I was when the invitation arrived. She said 2000 mile roundtrip wouldn't be much fun since I am not one to chit chat on the road. I just wagged my tail like I've been doing since I was born and she gave in and agreed we'd go have fun.

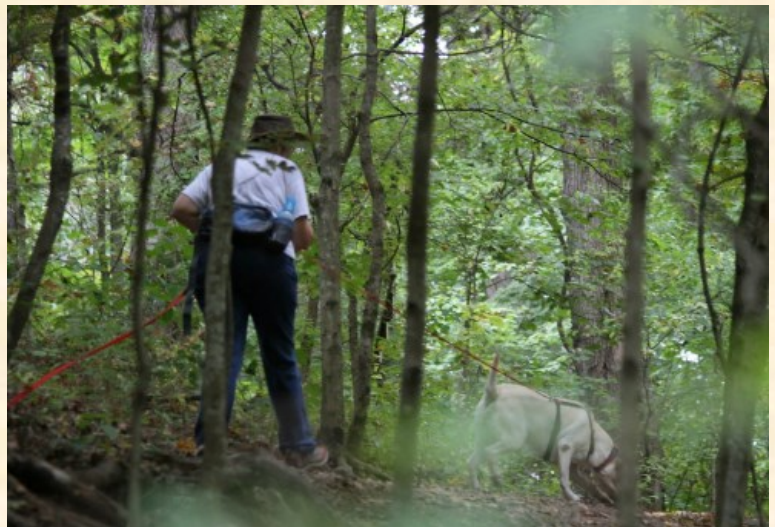
The invitations was held at Bernheim Forest in Kentucky. It was so beautiful, trees, green grass, nice weather, and stinky track layers. Unlike a regular test, no one fails. You either complete the track or you complete it with assistance. A cocker spaniel named Pink was the only dog to complete their track without assistance.

I got to work track 3 on Sunday. You can check out my map on the next page. As you can see on the map, I did a good job staying on the track and only needed assistance at one small spot where my nose followed the scent down the hill and missed a turn. Once back on the track, I finished in 14 minutes! And we had the most physically challenging track of the entire weekend.

Here is what Judge Hamzy had to say about my track:

"Went to a Labrador Retriever bitch, Rosie, and handler Karen Yates. Tracklayer was Carla Curtis. This fast moving girl quickly made the first leg (which included going through a tiny pavilion) and first turn. She immediately entered the woods, crossed a small bridge and started climbing. The woods path was steep, forked and perfectly negotiated by the team, I think. I caught up at an article. On the move again after the article, the dog came out of the woods at the

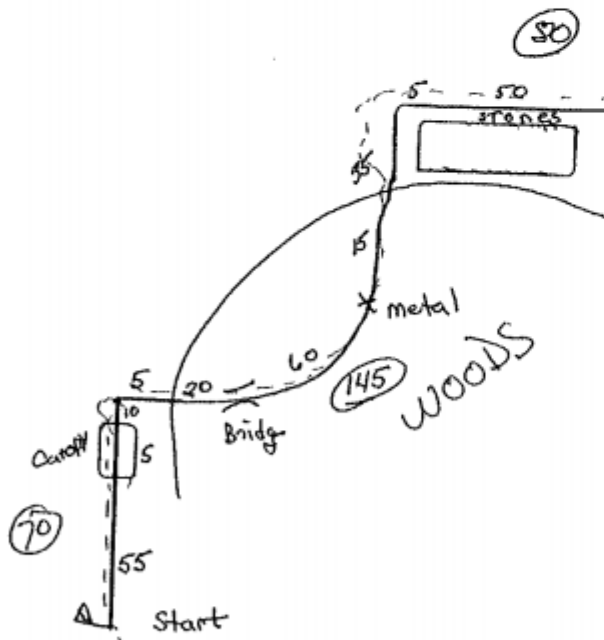
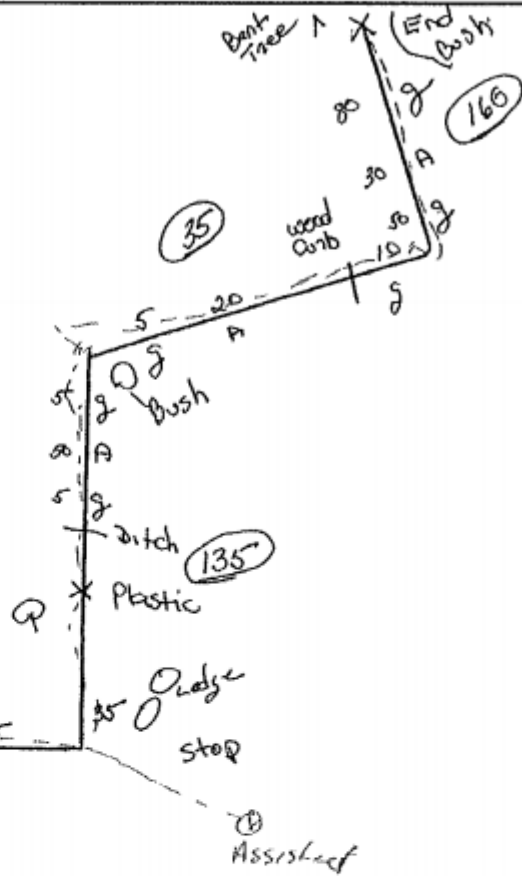
top of the hill, turned onto a stone path in front of a building and onto grass. The dog shot past the next turn as she continued downhill. Back on track the team recovered an article on the side hill, continued on grass over a stone ditch and into a parking area and onto grass. Next came an open turn, a parking lot crossing, a 6" wood wheel stop barrier and grass. The last leg was long and included grass along a roadway and a road crossing. Wonderful tracking from this nine year old girl."

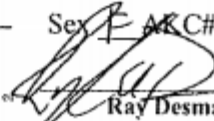


# Track 3

## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NATIONAL TRACKING INVITATIONAL

EVENT # NTI 2013 DATE 9/29/13 DOG'S CATALOG # 7 TRACK LENGTH 625 TRACK# 3



Tracklayer Started	<u>8:30</u>	Articles	<u>Fabric</u>	<u>Metal</u>	<u>Plastic</u>	<u>Leather</u>
X-Tracklayer Started	_____	Obstacles/Surfaces	<u>Canopy</u>	<u>woods</u>	<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Ditch</u>
Ground Conditions	<u>Dry</u>					<u>curb</u>
Weather Conditions	<u>overcast</u>	Dog's Starting Time	<u>10:47</u>	Breed	<u>Labrador Ret</u>	
Wind Speed	<u>Nil</u>	Dog's Finishing Time	<u>11:01</u>	Sex	<u>F</u>	
Passed or Failed	<u>Assisted</u>			AKC#	<u>SR14902601</u>	
If failed, reason		I hereby certify that I have judged the above dog after having read the instructions on the cover of this book and followed them out to the best of my ability.		 Ray Desmarais AKC #33109		





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Website: <http://www.dfwtc.org>

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

[info@dfwtc.org](mailto:info@dfwtc.org)

## *2013 AKC National Tracking Invitational—Rosie & Karen*

