



2016 VST

January 17, 2016

by Charlene Dunn



Our first test of the year started out a little rough. We did not fill this year, so while not needing as many workers and making the day which was cold and rainy shorter, doesn't bode well for our checkbook. We had an entrant drop their van's transmission right before their track, so they had to be carted to the site and towed home. :(

Regardless of the challenges, as we always do, this club did not disappoint. We had 6 excellent tracklayers who braved the cold both days (and some the dark) to lay tracks and a chief tracklayer that kept them all moving. We had 2 first time VST tracklayers, one who is a new member to the club. We had 2 excellent cooks holding down the fort at the LQ. We also played host for an apprentice judge. Soon there will be another VST judge to choose from!

Unfortunately we did not have any passes.

Track 1 went to a Dachshund who motored down the first leg, indicated the first corner, took it and then took a detour to see his adoring crowd watching from across the street. As soon as he was sure all eyes were on him, he motored back to the track and stopped briefly at the next corner. He then paralleled the track, but got sucked back to where the cars were, and opted for warmth over tracking.

Track 2 went to an Irish Setter who started off casting, made it to the first open turn, and decided to continue down the field, she lifted her head to air scent the 2nd article but was too far off to recover, having cut 2 turns of the track.

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DFW TRACKING CLUB



Next Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2016

1:00 p.m.

Club Bar-b-Que at the home of

Charlene Dunn

8425 Whistling Duck

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The Club will provide the meat.
Please bring a side dish to share
and beverage of your choice.

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President's Message

The first quarter is the busiest time of the year for our Club. In January we held our VST test, followed by our combined TD/TDX test in March. I'll let you read about those tests elsewhere in *Tracks*.

Also in the first quarter we held two sessions of tracking classes. The winter session ran through February, and the spring session will continue through much of April. Marian and I taught the first session - it was a really good class of students. Charlene and Cindi Todd are teaching the spring session with David Bull stepping in as needed.

Thanks to everyone who has made these activities possible!

This spring I ended up at the end of the Alternates List for several TDX tests. Our own test had seven alternates, in addition to what became 5 TDX tracks. Although I no longer need a TDX test (yea!!! - see next quarter's *Tracks* for details), the TDX is a key component of the AKC tracking program, and I think it's important to offer TDX tests. That's why we're still scrambling to find a place for our November test.

Looking to the future, it's time for our annual Club elections. To me, laying track and holding classes is fun club work, but the actual business of the Club has to be done as well. In the AKC world, it is the Club that is licensed to hold tests, regardless of the number of folks who volunteer to work those tests.

If you're interested in serving on the Board of the Club, or on the Nominating Committee to find those willing to do so, contact me or any other current Board member and let us know.

In the meantime, make use of these last few days of tracking before the heat really sets in!

Sarah

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Track 3 was the heartbreak of the day. The Dalmatian took off strong, made the first corner, flew into the parking lot overshooting the next corner but recovered, found the 2nd article, and was within sight of the end article when the judges called the team for missing the 3rd article.

Track 4 was a Cocker Spaniel who started strong, made the first turn, but would not go into the parking lot, instead chose to parallel the track in the grass, thus bypassing the MOT turn and an article.

Track 5 was a Golden who went down the first leg, bypassing the corner and had to be called back.

Track 6 was a Doberman who started out casting and never really settled into the track. In fact he thought the geese were much better fun than the tracklayer.

We all returned to base camp where warm food was waiting for us!

A big thank you to judges Jean Hilbig and Mitzi Young and to our club members who helped us put on a great test, despite the lack of passes.

Hospitality - Pam Joyce and Susan Norvell

Chief Tracklayer - Tracy Freeling

Track Layers - Cindy Morrow, Pat McGowan, David Bull, Donna DeYoung, Tracy Freeling, and Charlene Dunn



Active Members Report for 2015

As noted in the DFWTC Standing Rules:

Membership

Regular members must participate in three (3) Club activities a year, one of which must be a Club meeting.

- a) Teach a class
- b) Assist with teaching a class
- c) Serve as tracklayer for matches and/or tests
- d) Serve as chief tracklayer for matches and/or tests
- e) Serve as club photographer at matches and/or tests
- f) Editor for the club newsletter
- g) Hospitality (bring food for matches and/or tests, pick judges up from airport, etc.)
- h) Serve as an officer
- i) Attend a club function

First Name	Last Name	Membership	2015 Activities
Marian	Beck Edwards	Active	5
John David	Bull	Associate	5
Horst	Bungarz	Active	3
Carla	Coggins	Active	7
Charlene	Dunn	Active	15
Tracy	Freeling	Active	9
Sarah	Helber	Active	11
Jean-Maria	Higginbotham	Active	4
Laurel	Hoevker	Active	9
Pam	Joyce	Active	10
Peggy	Kirkland	Active	3
Susan	Norvell	Active	3
Cindi	Todd	Active	8

A club function may include, but is not limited to, hosting a club meeting or event. Class instructors or assistants who taught a class session will be credited with two (2) activities. Substitute instructors who substitute for one (1) class will be credited with one (1) activity. The Secretary shall keep a record of all activities of regular members, taken from club meeting minutes, classes, and events. The activities of members will be published in the 1st quarter newsletter, if regular membership is not met, the member will automatically be made an associate member. New members will be given a full year of membership to fulfill regular member status, based on the club's fiscal calendar year.

Nominations for Club Office

From the DFWTC By-Laws:

Article IV, Section 4. **Nominations.** No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. During the month of April, the board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and an alternate, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternate of their selection. The board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before the end of April.

a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and position on the board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report the nominations to the Secretary in writing. b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, at least two weeks before the June meeting, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated. c) Additional nominations may be made at the June meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position. d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

TD/TDX

March 13, 2016 at LBJ Grasslands, Unit 49

by Charlene Dunn

This test was a first for us.

- 1st time on the new land.
- 1st time we have had an alternate list 7 deep!
- 1st time we had to replace a judge.
- 1st time we dedicated our test to members we have lost - Rod Barclay and Kirk Kirkland

On the not 1st front for us, we seem to be getting used to dealing with Mother Nature and the rain storms she throws at us right before a test.

All-in-all I have to say we did a bang up job.

Months of work went into this test. It started before the Fall with Sarah and I driving out to view several "lots" of the LBJ Grasslands, and her taking it farther to make contact with the LBJ Grasslands and explore other lots. Kent Rudolph of the North Texas Sporting Spaniel Club was very helpful, showing us around and giving us background information about holding a test on the LBJ Grasslands. We held a "Play Day" at Unit 49 and were able to walk some of the land. More trips, more walking, and getting through the government paperwork yielded us **Step 1** - permission to hold the test.

Step 2 - Getting judges. Since we had already contracted two judges for our November 2015 test, we asked if they would mind judging in March. Step 2 complete.

Step 3 - Application with the AKC for a new test site.

Step 4 - Test Chair/Secretary and committee. This one took awhile. We were still looking for committee members right up until the premium was due to the AKC. If we are going to continue to offer tests, we need to have people willing to serve on the committee.

Step 5 - Find a Chief Tracklayer and all the tracklayers needed to put on a test. Chief Tracklayer was easy enough, thank you Marla! and getting the first few tracklayers was easy, but as we got closer and closer we still did not have enough workers. Marla was beating the bushes looking for people who could lay track when several people on the alternate list withdrew from the test after closing in order to lay track. Part of being a test giving club is the ability to staff a test.

Now here is where it got interesting. **Step 6** - Plotting Day should have been our next step but we received notice that we would have to replace one of the judges. This required finding someone to step in as Test Secretary/Chair since I would now be judging, calling the AKC and every entrant to notify them of the change, and replacing a tracklayer. We also had the added problems of 80 degree days and the start of Daylight Saving Time which made it impossible to lay tracks as early as we would have liked.

Plotting Day finally arrived and went on without issue (whew) and then arrived Test Day. Everyone was out early,



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well before sunrise, to help get the tent set up and tracklayers to where they needed to be. We also played AAA by pushing an entrant's vehicle out of the mud.

Draw time for the TD tracks came and we were off to the TD fields. The roads had gotten worse over the night and we could only let the judges' car and one entrant at a time down the road. Our first T was a heart-break. The boxer seemed to think whatever had unearthed the flags across the street was much more interesting than her tracklayer. The next T dog seemed to be of the same opinion about our overnight visitor but decided to follow the track instead. Four turns later and we had our 1st pass! Way to go Basset Hound - CH Southlake Raylan Givens, now TD.

Back to base camp for the TDX draw, TD awards and a lot of down time. Once the allotted time passed we were off to the back of the property. The roads there were worse than the TD fields so no one was allowed to drive back except the 4-wheel drive vehicle. This meant that everyone else was walking back to watch.

TDX1 started well, stopped momentarily at the first turn and then decided the woods looked better.

TDX2 didn't make it off the start. We think he decided he would rather not play that day.

TDX3 also had a shaky start. He kept lifting his feet as if to say, "You want me to track in this?!"

TDX4 started strong, stopped at the first corner and then kept on going.

TDX5 had a long walk into the fields, into which he was carried. Once put down at the start he fussed around and then took off, cutting the first corner but picking up the next leg and then never stopped again.

After that we all headed back to basecamp for a delicious lunch and lots of homemade desserts.

Thank you to Darlene Barnard for judging (*editor's note*: and also to Charlene Dunn who stepped in at the last minute to judge) and to our club members and friends who volunteered to help.

Test Chair/Secretary - Cindy Morrow who replaced Charlene Dunn

Tracklayers - Marian Beck-Edwards, Tom Hacholski, Sarah Helber, Pat McGowan, Cindy Morrow, Marla Bull and Tracy Freeling

Flag Carriers - Elizabeth Kee, Jody (Kendall's friend) and Laurel Hoevker

Cross Tracklayers - David Bull, Laurel Hoevker, Kendall Lake

Hospitality - Carla Coggins and George Loucks

Photographer - Pam Joyce

Transportation - Nancy Barclay and Sarah Helber

UPCOMING TESTS

April 24: VST
Golden, CO - CLOSED
Martha Rosner
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April 24: TDU, TDX, TD
Houston, TX - CLOSED
Ms. Pat Sayles
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May 5: TD, TDU
Gray Summit, MO -
Closes April 20, 25
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May 8: TDX
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Golden, CO - Closes May 11
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June 12: VST, TDU
Greenley, CO - Closes June 2
Karen Bever
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September 18: VST
Denver, CO - Closes September 8
Hildy Morgan
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DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

For Approval

Minutes of the March 13, 2016, DFW Tracking Club Meeting

LBJ National Grasslands, Unit 49, Decatur, TX 76234

Sarah Helber, President, called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

In attendance were members Nancy Barclay, Carla Coggins, Tracy Dulock, Charlene Dunn, Tracy Freeling, Sarah Helber, Laurel Hoevker, Pam Joyce, Pat McGowan, Cindy Morrow and Cindi Todd. Guest was Darlene Barnard.

The minutes of the January 17, 2016, meeting were approved as published on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group.

President's Report

Sarah thanked everyone who worked on Saturday and/or Sunday to make the TD/TDX Test possible

An updated Membership Application form has been posted on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group

New form requires two (2) sponsoring DFWTC Member signatures

Changes in DFWTC Recording Secretary contact information will not require Board approval going forward

Secretary's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

The report was passed around for review

Committee Reports

Judges' Committee – needs to meet

Election of New Members

none

Unfinished Business

Newsletter

Sarah reminded members that articles for the 2016 Q1 *Tracks* newsletter (January through March) are needed soon

Spring Classes

Charlene Dunn and Cindy Todd are the instructors with David Bull stepping in as needed

2 Beginners

4 Intermediates

1 Advanced

March TD/TDX Combined Test, March 13, 2016

Paperwork has been completed

Discussion about Unit 49, LBJ Grasslands location followed

limited by prickly pear

difficult access to some of the areas

There was a temporary adjournment when the wind came up and threatened to destroy the Test Headquarters. The equipment was packed up and placed in cars.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

For Approval ~ continued

November Test

We still do not have a location for the test at this time

We cannot use the LBJ Grasslands

First day of hunting season

Unit 49 is slated for a "burn" this summer

Lake Ray Roberts State Park

Sarah has checked the location

Cannot drive to tracking areas

Would probably require rental of ATVs

Samuell Farm

Sarah said the hay fields might work but the site is not ideal

DFWTC Logo Tee Shirts and other apparel

Discussion was tabled until the next meeting

New Business

Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club has requested rental of our flags

October 8-9 National Specialty at the Resource Connection

In the past, rented flags were taken by a DFWTC Member who was responsible for their return

DFWTC flags were specially made for the club and cannot be replaced if lost or damaged

Peggy Kirkland got similar flags

Where?

Further discussion and decision were tabled until the next meeting

The Board will select a Nominating Committee in April

Nominating Committee reports in May

Members will be notified of the nominated candidates at least two weeks before the June meeting

Next Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

Charlene Dunn's home

8425 Whistling Duck, Fort Worth, TX 76118

Club Bar-b-Que

Club will supply the meat

Members to bring a side dish and beverage of their choice

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. Meeting concluded at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Hoevker
Secretary

Tracking Classes

Spring Tracking Classes are underway. Charlene Dunn and Cindi Todd are the instructors with David Bull stepping in as needed. The spring session has 2 Beginners, 4 Intermediates, and 1 Advanced team.



Our thanks to Charlene, Cindi and David and to all the others who willingly share their time and expertise as instructors, substitute instructors, and class helpers. We appreciate you!

Charlene Dunn's Oriental Slaw

Ingredients:

- 1 package of Broccoli Slaw
- 1 2.25 oz package Diamond Almond Slices
- 1 3.75 oz package David Sunflower Seed Kernels
- 2 packages of Ramen Noodles, broke into small pieces (Charlene uses Oriental Ramen)
- 1 bunch green onions – finely chopped

Dressing:

- ½ cup white wine vinegar
- ½ cup sugar (Charlene used Splenda instead of sugar)
- 1 cup canola oil
- spice packages from the noodles

Mix all the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Just before serving, mix the dressing and coat the dry mixture evenly.

Remember the Recipe Rules: The recipes shared here are original creations or favorite recipes. We are sure these dishes will become your favorites also. Please do not bring one of these dishes to a DFWTC covered dish event as the person who submitted the recipe may very well be planning to bring it. Thank you!



DFW Tracking Club

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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)(3) 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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