



Four New TD's at our March TDX/TD Test!

by Sarah Helber, Test Chair

Four tracking teams found their way to the glove in the TD test portion of our March 12 combined TDX/TD test held at Unit 49 of the LBJ National Grasslands. Unfortunately, the four TDX teams were not so fortunate. Club members finding the glove gave us their stories in the March edition of Tracks. With all the new titles our club members achieved in the first quarter, I graciously told our editor that I could hold my recap article until June, when we're usually hard up for stories. It wasn't a bad trade-off at the time, since I was exhausted from the test.

Passing teams were:

Gillian Salling and her German Shepherd Dog Yancy Von Fernheim TD

Debra Hnath of Claremore, OK and her German Shepherd Dog Caisson's Storm Chaser at Da-Jo CD RN TD NAP NJP CGC

Gillian Salling (again) and her German Shepherd Dog Zephyr Von Fernheim TD

Jeff Shaver of Magnolia, TX and his Rottweiler CH Blackwood Khaleesi TD

This was our second test to be held at Unit 49 of the LBJ National Grasslands, and we benefitted from our previous experience.

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Annual Meeting Saturday, August 5, 2017

1:00 p.m.

at the home of

Charlene Dunn

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The Club will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish to share.



DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



President's Message

There is a very important issue that the Board plans to bring to the membership at our August Annual meeting. I hope you will read the brief article below and also read the proposal when it is distributed. Then I hope you will come to the meeting and discuss and vote. And perhaps pick up a t-shirt or two.

Fall will be here soon and there are lots of opportunities for volunteers for upcoming tests! Put these dates on your calendar and let someone know you'd like to help out! I can't believe we're talking about 2018, but those dates are:

November 11-12, 2017 - Combined TDU/VST Test at Texas Health Harris Methodist HEB Hospital and TCC Northeast Campus

January 13-14, 2018 - VST Test at Texas Health Harris Methodist HEB Hospital and TCC Northeast Campus

March 10-11, 2018 - Combined TD/TDX Test at LBJ Grasslands

Be careful in the heat, and I hope to see ya'll at our meeting August 5.

Sarah

Board to Present Update to Standing Rules at August Meeting Proposal Includes Implementation of Test Worker Option

The Standing Rules are an accumulation of the decisions that the Club has made about its normal operations. They are available in the Yahoo Group files and can be changed by a vote of the Club at a regular meeting. The Board of Directors is discussing an important new addition - the Test Worker Option. Along with the recommendation on how to implement the Test Worker Option, the Board has reviewed the existing Standing Rules and plans to present items that they feel need to be changed, as well as items that need to be added based on decisions at prior Club meetings.

The major new item is the implementation of the Test Worker Option. As was mentioned in the last issue of *Tracks*, the AKC allows clubs to set aside a specific number of tracks in each test to be made available for a priority Worker Draw that is designed to be a reward for test workers from prior tests. If a club chooses to implement it, the AKC requires that the clubs themselves specify how those who can enter the Worker Draw are determined. There was a good discussion at the last meeting and in the following Board meeting. The Board wants to finalize its proposal and put it to the membership for a vote at the August meeting.

Along with the addition of the Test Worker Option, the Board decided to go back through the Standing Rules to clean them up and propose any changes they thought should be made. Thus they plan to propose a replacement for the Standing Rules at the August meeting.

Most of the changes are house-cleaning, but there is one significant change in addition to the Test Worker Option that the Board feels should be made. The Board feels that the record-keeping and process required to identify "Active Members" is not worth the benefit derived from it. It will be proposing that the entire section on "Membership" be eliminated, along with the process of identifying "Active" members. The purpose of requiring certain activities for a member to continue to be a Regular Member was to ensure that the Club had a quorum at its meetings. Quorums have not been a problem. Thus the Board will be recommending that club members be admitted as they request. If they plan to come to meetings and want to vote and/or hold office they should be Regular Members. If they just want to stay in the information loop, but don't really plan on coming to meetings or holding office, they should be Associate members. In addition, the Household membership will be for two *Regular* members (of course the dollar amount is the same as if it were two Associate members). No one's dues should change, but we feel quite a bit of reporting and bookkeeping will be eliminated.

Watch your email for information on the final Board Proposal and come to the meeting with any questions or suggestions!

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This year the weather leading up to the test was much nicer to us. In 2016 nearby Decatur had over 4.5" of rain in the 3 weeks before our test. This year there was less than .33" of rain. The land actually drains very well and wasn't a problem this year for our tracklayers and teams in the field. The problem was getting everyone to the right place at the right time (and back). This year we had two designated drivers with BIG pickups for transportation, thanks to John Galbraith and Jackie Tinker.

Last year the tall grass and the rolling nature of the land combined with our short cross-track flags gave our cross-track layers a bit of difficulty. This year the grass was even taller, but we were ready. John and Pandora Galbraith had volunteered to make us new cross-track flags out of PVC (jointed for ease of storage no less). Not only was the flag taller, but the flag portion was brightly colored, with terrific decoration done by Pandora.



Also in 2016 our tent stayed grounded until about half-way through our meeting, when we had to temporarily adjourn the meeting to take it down or it would have been in the next county. This year we moved the tent to a location where we could strap it to the T-posts of a fence surrounding an old oil well. A line of storms moved through overnight between plotting day and test day. It was the greatest feeling early Sunday morning to drive over the ridge and see the port-o-potty and the tent still upright and in place. The tent stayed in place until we were through and ready to take it down.



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And finally, this year our local judge (Charlene, of course) was much more familiar with the land. She was able to move the TD's to a really nice area in the middle of the land and then have better obstacles for the TDX's.

Many thanks to all who helped put on our test. Our first-time Chief Tracklayer was Pam Joyce, and tracklayers were first-time tracklayers Laurel Hoevker and Peggy Kirkland and experienced tracklayers Cindi Todd, Freda Burks, Marian Beck-Edwards, Cindy Morrow and Pat McGowan. Lead cross-tracklayers were Pandora Galbraith and Carson Albright, and flag-carriers, secondary cross-tracklayers and drivers included John Galbraith, Benita Zapata, Teresa Collum and Jackie Tinker. Carla Coggins and George Loucks provided hospitality. Of course everyone pitched in to help as needed in other jobs as well.

And many, many thanks to our judges Charlene Dunn and Stephanie Gonyeau.

Protective Footwear for Dogs in AKC Tracking Tests

From the Minutes of the May AKC Board meeting:

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow protective footwear for dogs in AKC Tracking tests. On occasion, sites used for AKC Tracking tests have been found to have dangerous foxtail and thorny plants in them, as well as a potential to have lawn chemicals and broken glass. Because this change is a safety issue, the staff requested that the Board consider implementing the regulation change immediately. Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Battaglia the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Dok), to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual notice requirements.

Following a motion from Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Powers, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Dok), to amend Chapter 2, Section 4, of the *Tracking Regulations* **effective immediately**.

Chapter 2. Regulations for Performance and Judging

Section 24. Protective Clothing. Dogs may wear a protective coat and/or footwear. If worn the coat, tracking harness and footwear must be put on in the presence of both judges.*



*Bolding added by *Tracks* editor

Accustom your dog to protective footwear this summer while you protect his paws from hot surfaces.

Tracking Classes

Jean-Maria Higginbotham and David Bull will be the instructors for our Fall Tracking Classes. The beginning date is yet to be determined. The classes will be held at the TCC-SE campus.



Watch for the announcement of the beginning date - registration will begin 30 days prior to that date. Classes will be limited in size: 4 beginners, 8 intermediate students, and 4 advanced trackers.

UPCOMING TESTS

September 24: TD
Sullivan, MO - closes September 6
Lynda KcKee
tifflynldm@aol.com

October 8: VST
Golden, CO - closes September 20
Martha Rosner
martharosner@gmail.com

October 8: TD, TDX
Springfield, MO - closes Sept 28
Kelly Sisco
ksisco78@gmail.com

October 8: TD TDX
Gray Summit, MO - closes Sept 20
Gail Stiefferman
forstknoll@gmail.com

October 15: VST, TDU
Golden, CO - closes October 3
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

October 22: TD, TDX
Littleton, CO - closes October 12
Jill Pelis
billysgirlblue@hotmail.com

October 29: TD, VST
Sullivan, OK - closes October 19
Sandi Thompson
gatewaytracking@yahoo.com

November 5: TDX, TD
Smithville, MO - closes October 26
Mary Vick
m.vick@sbcglobal.net

November 5: TD, TDX
Houston, TX - closes October 26
Glenda Robbins
bwdogs@sbcglobal.net

November 5: TD
Littleton, OK - closes October 26
Diane Thomson
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

**November 12: VST, TDU
Bedford, TX - closes Nov 2
Charlene Dunn
crdslabs@yahoo.com**

November 18: TDX
Littleton, Co - closes November 8
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

November 18: TDX
Littleton, CO - closes Nov 8
Lynn Kaemmerer
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DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

For Approval

Minutes of the June 24, 2017, DFW Tracking Club Meeting

Home of Charlene Dunn, 8425 Whistling Duck, Fort Worth, Texas 76118

Sarah Helber, President, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and stated that we had a quorum.

In attendance were Carson Albright, Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), Tracy Freeling (Vice-President), Pandora Galbraith, Sarah Helber (President), Laurel Hoevker (Secretary), Pam Joyce (Board Member), and Benita Zapata.

The minutes of the March 12, 2017, meeting were approved as published on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group

President's Report

Sarah thanked the Nominating Committee and all those who have agreed to be, or continue to be, officers for the 2017-2018 year

Secretary's Report

Signed contracts have been received from the following judges

January 14, 2018 VST - Linda Baschnagel

March 11, 2018 TDX, TD Combined Test - Annette (Nan) Cochrane, Inge Suchanek

We have not yet received the signed contract from Mitzi Young who is to judge the January 14, 2018, VST with Linda Baschnagel - Charlene Dunn has been in contact with her

The club received a thank you note from Pat McGowan expressing her appreciation for our thoughts and the plant she received from the club when her father passed away

Treasurer's Report

The Income/Expense Report was passed around for review

A copy of the club roster was passed around for review and updating

A list of the club officers will be forwarded to AKC Events Operations after the August Annual Meeting

Charlene will send the details of the budget to Sarah (President) at the end of June

Committee Reports

Judges Committee

The committee has hired judges for the January 2018 VST and the March 2018 TDX/ TD Combined Test

New clauses have been added to the contracts

For the TDX/TD at the LBJ National Grasslands

"I understand that the Grasslands site is remote, physically challenging, and many areas can be inaccessible to cars. I will be prepared for the terrain."

For the VST

"I agree that I will notify the club as soon as possible if something should occur that I am physically unable to fulfill my assignment."

Nominating Committee

Tracy Freeling – Chair, Pandora Galbraith, George Loucks

The following proposed slate of officers for the club's 2017-2018 term was published on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group on June 10, 2017

President	Helber
Vice-President	Freeling
Secretary	Pandora Galbraith
Treasurer	Charlene Dunn
Board Member at Large	Pam Joyce

Sarah asked if there were any additional nominations

There were none

Since there is no opposition for any of the offices, there is no need for a vote at the August Annual Meeting and the nominated candidates will be declared elected

The 2017-2018 officers will assume their duties at the beginning of the August meeting

Applications for New Membership

Sharon (Shari) Price – first reading, applying for Regular Membership

Shari has a Goldendoodle

Jacqueline Tinker – first reading, applying for Regular Membership

Jacqueline has an Australian Shepherd and a Great Dane

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Applications for New Membership (continued from page 5)

Jeanine Wilson – first reading, applying for Associate Membership
Jeanine was a member of DFWTC previously
She has Irish Setters

Unfinished Business

Test Worker Option

Charlene had created a sample certificate/voucher for review

Lengthy discussion included

How would the voucher be worded?

Would we give 1/2 voucher or 1 voucher for volunteering for a day at a test?

Who might qualify for a voucher?

Judges

Non-members

Test Secretary/Chair

Chief Tracklayer

Tracklayers

Chief Cross-Tracklayer

Flag Carriers

Hospitality

Judges' Hospitality

Transportation/drivers

If the Test Worker Option is approved at the August meeting, vouchers would be given to workers at the November 2017 VST/TDU and going forward

The Test Secretary/Chair would make the final decision as to who gets a voucher and a record of the vouchers given would be kept with the Test Records

A worker can only get 1 entry into a Workers Draw for a test even if he/she volunteers for more than one job at a test

Vouchers will expire 2 years from the issue date

Vouchers are not transferable. They may be used by the worker for a dog that is owned, co-owned, or handled by the worker.

If there is no worker draw at a test, the voucher will be returned

The number of tracks set aside at a test for test workers is specified in the *AKC Regulations, Amended to January 1, 2016* Section 17d.

Tracy Freeling moved that the Test Worker Option be added to the Standing Rules

Following discussion, Tracy amended the motion to read that the Board would draft a standing rule for the Test Worker Option to be voted on by the membership

The amended motion was seconded and the motion carried

Advanced Tracking Seminar

Charlene will be the instructor

Seminar to cover the final portion of "*A Step in the Right Direction*" by Charlene Dunn

Possible dates are December 2-3 or December 16-17

Sarah will check with Susan Norvell to see when she wants to have the Christmas Party

Possible location - Webb Community Park

Pavilions can be rented

Have electricity

Restrooms available

Natural habitation – short vegetation – multiple surfaces

If an Arlington resident is needed to reserve a pavilion, Marsha Muse has an Arlington address

Hospitality

Box lunches?

Helpers

Pam Joyce

Laurel Hoevker

Cost will include lunch and copy of the updated "*A Step in the Right Direction*" by Charlene Dunn

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MORE UPCOMING TESTS

November 19: TD, TDU, TDX
Fort Worth, TX - closes November 9

Judy Jackson
jjblitz@hotmail.com

November 26: VST
Albuquerque, MN - closes Nov 16

Mr. Lisa Frankland
lisaf42@comcast.net

November 26: VST, TDU
Houston, TX - closes November 16

Sally Elkins
sallyjelkins@aol.com

December 3: TDX
Sullivan, MO - closes November 24

Patricia Thayer
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December 3: TD
Smithville, MO - closes Nov 22

Jan Winner
tracknhounds@aol.com

December 3: TD, TDX
Bellvue, CO - closes November 20

Karen Bever
karen.bever@colorado.edu

December 10: TD, TDX
Houston, TX - closes November 30

Cynthia Krohn
cynkrohn@gmail.com

December 31: VST
Houston, TX - closes December 21

Cynthia Krohn
cynkrohn@gmail.com

January 7: TDX, TD
Anderson, TX - closes Dec 28

Kathy Daniel
vkdaniel@comcast.net

January 7: VST
Las Cruces, NM - closes Dec 28

Norma Rust
njrust@aol.com

**January 14: VST
Bedford, TX - closes Jan 4
Charlene Dunn
crdslabs@yahoo.com**

January 28: TD
El Paso, TX - closes January 18

Sandra Hill
seranadehill@aol.com

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Advanced Tracking Seminar (continued from page 6)
\$120 for working slot
\$60 for Auditing

LBJ National Grasslands, Unit 47
We will not have a practice day

Inspection of the land is needed

Sarah will talk with her Forest Service Contact, Marc Pons, to try to get permission to add a lock at the gate and car entry
Sarah, Charlene and Tracy will look at the land

November 12, 2017, VST/TDU

Judges - Jane Jonas and Jean Hilbig

Test Secretary/Chair – Charlene Dunn

Tarrant County College - NE paperwork has been signed

Alice at Texas Health Harris Methodist HEB Hospital has given her approval

Headquarters will be at the Hurst Fire Station

2100 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, TX 76054

There is no charge for our use of the facility

There is ample parking

THANK YOU, John Galbraith, for securing this location for our headquarters for the November 2017 and January 2018 tests

Committee

Charlene Dunn – Test Secretary/Chair

Jeanine Wilson – Chief Tracklayer

Susan Novell – Hospitality

Tracy Freeling

Sarah Helber

January 14, 2018, VST

Judges – Linda Baschnagel and Mitzi Young

Test Secretary/Chair – Charlene Dunn

Committee

Charlene Dunn – Test Secretary/Chair

Jeanine Wilson - Chief Tracklayer

Nancy Barclay – Hospitality

John Galbraith

Tracy Freeling

Proof of insurance is needed by Sarah for TCC-NE by December 6, 2017

March 11, 2018, TD/TDX

Pam Joyce made a motion that the DFW Tracking Club hold a TD/TDX Combined Test on March 11, 2018, at the LBJ National Grasslands, Unit 49

Laurel Hoevker seconded the motion and the motion passed

Judges – Nan Cochrane and Inge Suchanek

Test Secretary/Chair – Charlene Dunn

Pam Joyce or Jeanine Wilson – Chief Tracklayer

Tracklayers – Tom Hacholski, Charlene Dunn

Sarah will talk with Marc Pons for approval

Tee Shirts

Charlene secured quotes for DFWTC logo tee shirts from 2 vendors

Price from either is \$17.28 + tax based on purchase of 60 shirts

Blaze Orange and Ash Grey, short sleeve

She will ask for a sample shirt from each and make a decision as to which vendor we will purchase from

Pam suggested we sell shirts at DFWTC events

Sarah cautioned that we could be charged if we sell them at the Grasslands

Charlene suggested that we give members 2 shirts – 1 orange (for use at the Grasslands) and 1 grey – or members may opt out

Charlene Dunn made a motion that the club purchase printed shirts for its members not to exceed \$1500. The order to be placed by July 15 for pick up at the August meeting.

Pandora Galbraith seconded the motion and the motion carried

Charlene will ask members for sizes required via the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group

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New Business

Fall Tracking Classes

Jean-Maria Higginbotham and David Bull will be the instructors

The start date is yet to be determined

Classes will be held at TCC-SE

Registration will begin 30 days prior to the start date

Class will be limited to

4 beginners

8 intermediate

4 advanced

Motion was made by Charlene Dunn to hold the next meeting on August 5 at her home.

The motion was seconded and passed. This is the club's Annual Meeting.

Lunch will begin at 1:00 with the meeting to follow

The club will supply the meat

Members will bring a dish to pass

There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Charlene, seconded by Carson Albright and passed unanimously

The meeting concluded at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Hoevker
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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