



Next Club Meeting details available soon



Deeks – now CH EZ Goins Mr Deeks at Laci MW VST DFWTC Test, January 14, 2018 at TCC NE

We were the first VST track to run this day. I was very happy with that as nerves, for me, only get worse as the morning/day goes on so....off we went.

Deeks can be - trying :) He will have other agendas, other things to do, other things to investigate at a change in the wind or a ticking of the clock. Or, as was the case at one point in this track, he would have to watch joggers for an interminable amount of time.

Our track started in grass along a road, made a left across that road and over a small grassy median into a parking lot. Well....it was supposed to but Deeks went and investigated the judges during the jaunt into the parking lot (they were not particularly close to the track by the way). Sigh. After convincing him to leave the humans alone and get back to work he set off into the parking lot where we found our first article. We were heading across a median and on to another parking lot towards the long side of a building. There was one of those large air handlers behind chain link that FASCINATED him, then bunnies were in the grass to the north (track went to the south) but finally he got bored and took off south. YEAH!!



Cindi-Todd and Deeks with tracklayer Roberta Dunn and judges Linda Baschnagel and Mitzi Young

Unfortunately on this leg the joggers fascinated him (they were a LOOONGG way away) and they must have sent him signals as he missed his next right and investigated a very interesting fence that
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President's Message

Congratulations to our new titleholders and thanks to those who have worked our tests and made such titles possible. Even though we had no passes at our March TD/TDX (but we did in January!) we provided opportunities for titles.

Thanks also to all who helped at our winter and spring classes. By their nature our tests don't pay their way. These classes help us pay to hold tests in addition to providing tracking instruction.

I always think of the year in two separate halves. We have just finished our "tracking season", in which we put on three tests in five months and hold our winter and spring classes as well. That's quite an achievement. Now we're moving into our "club season", in which we elect new officers, make any changes we think necessary to our club rules and activities, and make all of the preparations necessary for our next tracking season.

Our first order of business is for a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of officers and a director. If you're interested in being on the Nominating Committee or serving as an officer or director please contact me or another Board member ASAP. We would love to have you!

Other than that, we have some clean-up to do on our Standing Rules now that we've used the Test Worker Option for a season.

At our last meeting the club voted to change our January test to a combined VST/TDU test rather than a VST-only test. It seems there are quite a few folks who would like a chance in January for that TDU title.

We are also moving forward on hosting a tracking seminar by Jean Hilbig the weekend of December 1-2. Keep your eye out for further information. It should be a good seminar.

Put these dates on your calendar now and when the time comes, if you're not ready to enter, please volunteer:

November 10-11, 2018 - TDU/VST
January 12-13, 2019 - TDU/VST
March 9-10, 2019 - TD/TDX

That's scary - planning for 2019 already - but it's coming fast.

There are still a few tests left this spring, so good luck to all who enter. Take advantage of this last bit of cold weather while you can!

Sarah

SPRING TRACKING CLASS.....

The 2018 Spring Class is made up of 8 "intermediates". The quotes are because everyone in the class is at a different level of "intermediate" requiring personalized instruction.

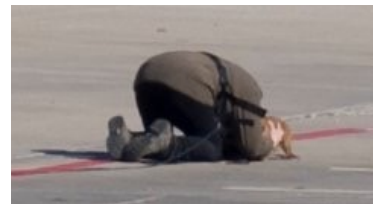
The class was broken up into 2 groups of 4 with the first class being more in line with true intermediates needing to continue lengthening their tracks, adding age, and learning how to make maps. The second class ranged from handlers needing to improve their line handling and reading of dogs to those who were working toward certification. One of the second class students earned her TDU during class so she is working on age, varying surfaces and obstacles now.

Everyone in the Spring Class has made great strides! Charlene will continue to meet with them once a month between the end of class and the fall to continue their progression in this sport.

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he had to cross another street to reach. We had a SERIOUS talk over there about where the track could not go (into stickers to the left) and under a pine tree that was heavy all the way to the ground (to the right). Unkind words were used, in a lilting voice of course, and he must have understood because he came back across the street, took the now left turn and found his next article YEAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We were back in grass and needed to take a right turn into yet another parking lot (where later we found the glove) and he did that rather nicely. I don't know what went through his mind then as he went only so far and then decided to investigate the building to our right and then motored to the grassy berm on the left and thoroughly investigated that taking us back towards our last leg and then he turned 180 degrees heading in the direction of the glove (with us still on the grass) and finally, finally he had pity on me. He went down the small embankment, dropped back onto the parking lot and walked directly to the glove. I collapsed on him. My boy showed everyone that he has what it takes!

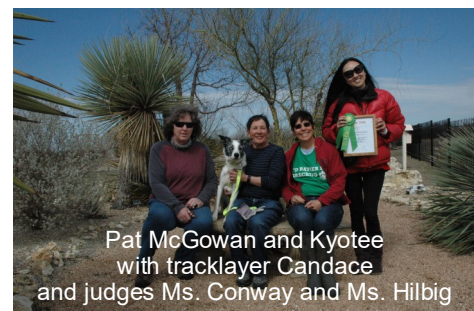


Start time was 10:24 a.m. End time was 11:20 a.m. 631 yds with 347 yds hard surface.

Thank you, judges Linda Baschnagel and Mitzi Young, for giving us the time to work through this track!

Misun Kyotee TDU
Texas Tri-City Obedience Club, Inc. Trial
Judges – Ms. G. Conway & Ms. J. Hilbig
February 25, 2018

I am so very proud of Kyotee getting his TDU. This track just seemed different to me and I gave Ky a long lead in. I have struggled with his indication but this time he just took charge and was very deliberate. His start was good, seemed to be working well and was not distracted. He did indicate on a Keystone Light Can and I acknowledged him for that. He made a turn south and started on his 240 yd leg, crossing several sidewalks and indicated on a white tube sock along the way. As we got near a building, he air scented, turned left, checked a tree for squirrels then proceeded to indicate on a McDonald's bag. After he got up he started moving through some small shrubs then picked up speed, I saw his head swing left and he indicated in a full down on the glove. Through my excitement I forgot to pick the glove up and I turned and the Judges were giving us a "thumbs up". I finally managed to pry the glove out of Ky's mouth and held it up. Kyotee was so proud of himself, although he seldom rears up on people, he made an exception rearing up on our Track Layer Candace. I appreciate DFW Tracking Club for working with me, all the training advice/comments and keeping me positive through all the "grass eating" adventures.



Pat McGowan and Kyotee
with tracklayer Candace
and judges Ms. Conway and Ms. Hilbig

Upcoming Tests

April 1: TD
Littleton, CO - closes March 21
Diane Thomson
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April 1: VST
Rogersville, MO - closes March 22
Ms. Cathy Hawkins
cathyannhawkins1@gmail.com

April 8: TD, TDX
Sullivan, MO - closes March 30
Cathy Greenfield
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April 8: TD, TDX, VST
St. Charles, MO - closes March 14
Carilee Moran
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April 22: VST
Golden, CO - closes April 11
Tracey Griffith
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April 22: TD, TDX, TDU
Houston, TX - closes April 12
Marsha McCaddon
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May 6: TDU, VST
Lakewood, CO - closes April 16
Donna Hacholski
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May 6: TD, TDX
Catoose, OK - closes April 25
Dr. Jane Wittstock
intcinfo@juno.com

May 13: TD, TDX
Gray Summit, MO - closes April 18
Ellen Calnan
redtileservices@gmail.com

May 20: VST
Golden, CO - closes May 9
Marty Sanford
randmsanford@q.com

June 17: VST
Greeley, CO - closes June 7
Karen Bever
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September 20: VST, TD
Gray Summit, MO - closes Sept 7
Denise Lumpkin
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DFWTC Meeting Minutes January 14, 2018 - approved March 11, 2018

Minutes of the January 14, 2018 DFW Tracking Club Meeting
City of Hurst Fire Station, 2100 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, TX, 76054

Sarah Helber, President called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

In attendance were members Carson Albright, Nancy Barclay, Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), Tracy Freeling (Vice-President), John Galbraith, Pandora Galbraith (Secretary), Sarah Helber (President), Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Laurel Hoevker, Pam Joyce (Board Member), Pat McGowan, Dori Page, and Cindi Todd. Guests were Jenna Albright, Donna DeYoung and Roberta Dunn.

The minutes of the December 2, 2017 meeting were approved as published on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group.

President's Report

- ◆ Sarah updated those present that during the Special Meeting for George Loucks Disciplinary Hearing members had voted to expel George from the club
- ◆ Sarah shared there had been a \$150 contribution to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance in memory of Gillian Salling
- ◆ Sarah had a CT Plaque to award to Jean-Maria Higginbotham and Zubie, and a CT Plaque for Jeanine Wilson and Shevy, although Jeanine was unable to attend.

Secretary's Report-none

Treasurer's Report

- ◆ The report was passed around for review
- ◆ Charlene noted dues were due December 31, 2017

Report of Committees

- ◆ Judges Committee has hired Ray Desmarais and Stephanie Crawford for the November 10-11, 2018 TDU/VST

Election of New Members-none

Unfinished Business

- ◆ Advanced Tracking Seminar
 - Had very positive results from participants who responded on Survey Monkey
 - Pam made a motion to sell extra books for \$20, Cindi seconded and the motion carried, and all the remaining books were sold.
 - Charlene made a motion to refund \$40 to 2 people who could not attend, totally at the club's discretion, and the motion carried
- ◆ T-shirts
 - Charlene made a motion we purchase 20 shirts whenever the next DFW Ink has a sale
 - ½ of the shirts would be the drop-eared drawing and ½ the prick-eared drawing, in various sizes
 - The shirts would be given to track layers who had laid a track that was passed in a test starting with the January 2017 VST.
 - Pam seconded the motion and it passed

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DFWTC Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2018

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- ◆ January Classes
 - Class has 3 beginners and 2 intermediates, small but good classes
- ◆ January VST-January 13-14, 2018
 - Despite multiple weeding attempts, there is still need for further work or treatment.
- ◆ March TDX/TD- March 10-11, 2018
 - Premium List is due to AKC by January 25, 2018
 - Judges are Nan Cochrane and Inge Suchanek
 - Peggy Kirkland volunteered to do hospitality
 - Committee-
 - Test Secretary/Chair-Charlene Dunn
 - Chief Tracklayer-Jeanine Wilson
 - Sarah Helber
 - Laurel Hoevker
 - Peggy Kirkland
 - Tracklayers-Charlene Dunn, Tom Hacholski, Laurel Hoevker
 - Jean-Maria Higginbotham and Donna DeYoung will help as track layers
 - Need John's truck and Jackie's truck for transport and will need spare crates for dogs
 - Inge has to be at the airport for a 4:30 p.m. flight and Tracy Freeling volunteered to take her
 - Need Cross track Layers
 - Sarah has received Signed Special Use Permit, and Pat will change the lock number before the test
 - Lock must be in place before March 9 for port-a-potty delivery
 - Test is going to be dedicated to Gillian Salling
- ◆ November TDU/VST-November 10-11, 2018
 - Charlene Dunn Test Secretary/Chair
 - Judges Ray Desmarais and Stephanie Crawford have signed contracts
 - Application and Judges to AKC by June 28, 2018
- ◆ Jean Hilbig Seminar
 - Charlene read the list of topics Jean can cover in her seminar
 - Charlene made the motion to hire Jean for a tracking seminar in December 2018, Pam seconded the motion and the motion passed
 - John will check on securing use of the Fire Station Meeting Room, and which dates it is available-December 1-2 or 15-16
 - Pam pointed out the large amount of work seminar workers must do, and Charlene will check in advance to see how much help Jean will need

New Business

- ◆ Spring Classes-
 - March 3 – April 21 at Park Hill Park, 8 weeks
 - Charlene and Cindi will teach
 - If subs are needed, Jean-Maria will help and possibly David
 - Registration begins February 1, and they will see who applies before deciding on the make-up of class

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More Upcoming Tests

September 20: TDX
Eureka, MO - closes Sept 7
Denise Lumpkin
deniselumpkin@msn.com

October 14: TDU, VST
Golden, CO - closes October 13
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

October 28: TD, VST
Sullivan, MO - closes Oct 18
Sandi Thompson
gatewaytracking@yahoo.com

November 4: TD, TDX
Smithville, MO - closes Oct 25
Debbie McHenry
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DFWTC
November 11: TDU, VST
Bedford, TX

November 25: TDU, VST
Houston, TX - closes Nov 15
Denise McClure
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December 2: TD, TDX
Bellvue, CO - closes ??
Karen Bever
Karen.bever@colorado.edu

December 9: TDX
Sullivan, MO - closes Nov 27
Sandi Thompson
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- ◆ January VST-2019
 - Application and judges due to AKC on August 30, 2018
 - The club authorized the Judges Committee to select judges for the test

The motion to adjourn was made by Charlene Dunn, seconded by John Galbraith, and passed. The next Regular Meeting will be after the March test.

Respectfully Submitted
Pandora Galbraith, Secretary

DFWTC Meeting Minutes March 11, 2018 - for approval

Minutes of the March 11, 2018, DFW Tracking Club Meeting
LBJ National Grasslands, Unit 49, Decatur, Texas 76234

Sarah Helber, President, called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

- ◆ In attendance were Carson Albright , Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), John Galbraith , Pandora Galbraith (Secretary), Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Laurel Hoevker, Pam Joyce (Board Member), Peggy Kirkland, Shari Price, and Benita Zapata. Guests were Nan Cochrane, Tom Hacholski, and Inge Suchanek.

The minutes of the January 14th meeting were approved as published on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group.

President's Report

- ◆ Sarah updated the group that the Board has brought charges against George with the AKC
- ◆ Sarah noted the Board will be selecting a Nominating Committee in April and nominations will be due in June

Secretary's Report-none

Treasurer's Report

- ◆ The report was passed around for review

Report of Committees

- ◆ Judges Committee have completed contracts for Stephanie Crawford and Ray Desmarais for the November test
- ◆ Judges Committee has asked judges Jean Hilbig and Allison Platt to judge for the January Test.

Election of New Members-none pending

Unfinished Business

- ◆ T-Shirts-
 - Charlene is planning to order successful tracklayers shirts from DFW Ink during their March madness sale- ½ shirts will be prick eared and ½ floppy eared
 - 20 shirts- 7 L, 7 XL,6 XXL
 - Successful Tracklayers starting with January, 2017 VST will receive shirts
- ◆ January classes have finished
- ◆ March TDX –March 10-11, 2018 (Dunn/ Cochrane & Suchanek) is complete
- ◆ November 10-11, 2018 TDU/VST
 - Charlene Dunn Test Secretary/ Chair
 - Judges Ray Desmarais and Stephanie Crawford

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DFWTC Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2018 for approval - continued

- ◆ Standing Rules Update for expiration of certificates will be discussed at a future date
- ◆ Jean Hilbig Seminar
 - December 1-2, 2018
 - Jean sent us a contract, she will do her printing of materials
 - She charges a seminar fee, for materials, and for each working spot

New Business

- ◆ Spring Classes
 - Classes have been divided into intermediate and 2nd level intermediate
 - Classes run from March 3 to April 21 at Parkhill
- ◆ January 2019 VST
 - Charlene Dunn Test Secretary
 - Judges are Jean Hilbig and Allison Platt
 - Laurel made a motion that our January test be TDU/VST combined test, Shari seconded and the motion passed
 - Application and judges due to AKC August 30, 2018
- ◆ March 2019 TDX-
 - Charlene made a motion to have a March TD/TDX test at the grasslands, Jean-Maria seconded and the motion carried
- ◆ T-shirts
 - Carson made a motion that we buy similar long sleeve club shirts when there is a sale, ½ orange and ½ gray, Pam seconded and the motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be held at Charlene's house, date and time to be announced. The motion to adjourn was made by Charlene, seconded by Jean-Maria, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Pandora Galbraith, 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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