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## Six DFWTC Dogs Invited to the 2018 AKC National Tracking Invitational

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Six dogs owned by five DFWTC club members were invited to enter the AKC National Tracking Invitational to be held the weekend of October 6 & 7 at the Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest in Clermont, Kentucky.

The National Tracking Invitational (NTI) is a tracking event held approximately every two years. Entries are by invitation only and invitations are only sent to the owners of dogs who earned the Champion Tracker title within a specified time period before the test.

The period of eligibility for this year's test is January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2018.

Club members' dogs earning the CT title during this time period were:

CT Maddie Dunn (Maddie, All American) and Charlene Dunn  
CH CT Wildwest Power Play NA AXJ XF (Zubie, Cocker Spaniel) and Jean-Maria Higginbotham  
TC Laci's Csi V Kanix Mw VCD1 BN RE OA OAJ ME (Vegas, Dachshund) and Cindi Todd and Charlene Dunn  
CH CT Sunrunner Heartbeat Of America CD BN RN JH (Shevy, Irish Setter) and Jeanine and Tristan Wilson  
CT Mellowrose Glad All Over CD GN RE JH CGC (Rosie, Labrador Retriever) and Karen and Richard Yates  
CT Charlie Dunn RE (Charlie, Labrador Retriever) and Charlene Dunn

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DFW TRACKING CLUB

# Tracks

**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 11**  
**following the VST/TDU**  
(no earlier than 12-noon)

**Hurst Fire Station**  
**2100 Precinct Line Road**  
**Hurst, TX 76054**

Just northeast of the  
TCC-NE campus

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# *President's Message*

Here we go into tracking season again! But first, we have some changes in our officers as of August 11. Pat McGowan has taken on the position as Vice President and Jean-Maria Higginbotham has taken on the Director-At-Large position. Many thanks to them and also to Tracy Freeling and Pam Joyce for their past work.

Fall classes have just started as I am writing this, with Jean-Maria heading up the effort. Look for an update elsewhere in *Tracks*.

Our test calendar for the next 6 months is set. Please put the dates on your calendar and volunteer to help (unless, of course, you're entering). Those dates are:

November 10-11, 2018 will be our combined VST/TDU test at the Texas Health Harris Methodist HEB Hospital and also Tarrant County College Northeast Campus. Charlene Dunn is the Test Chair/Secretary and Ray Desmarais and Stephanie Crawford are judging. Jeanine Wilson will be Chief Tracklayer and I'm sure she will welcome volunteers.

January 12-13, 2019 will be a VST/TDU test, again using the hospital and Tarrant County College NE. Note that we've added an opportunity to earn a TDU to our January test since we have people looking for that title. Charlene will serve as Chair/Secretary, with Jean Hilbig and Allison Platt as judges.

Finally, March 9-10, 2019 we're planning another TDX/TD at the LBJ National Grasslands, Unit 49. Charlene will again serve as Chair/Secretary, with judges Sharon Jolly and Becky Johnson. As I've said many times, a combined TDX/TD is our most labor-intensive type of test, since we have to have flag carriers and cross-tracklayers in addition to tracklayers. We can use all the help we can get!

Also in December Jean Hilbig is coming back to give a seminar December 1-2, 2018 at Tarrant County College Northeast Campus. It should be a good seminar, so check out the flyer elsewhere in this *Tracks* if you haven't already done so.

Some club members are investigating adding an AKC Scent Work trial to our activities. Many of our members participate in Scent Work, so this might be a good opportunity for the club. We hope to have a proposal presented at the November meeting, so bring your thoughts, ideas and experience if you can.

Take advantage of the cool weather for some good tracking!

Sarah

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## ***Six DFWTC Dogs Invited to the 2018 AKC NTI (continued from page 1)***

Although it is an honor to be invited to enter (or judge), the NTI is not a titling event. Twelve teams will be drawn to run tracks, and there are two sets of judges. Saturday's judges are Nan Cochrane and Tom Hacholski (replacing Wally O'Brien). Sunday's judges are Meg Azevedo and Ken Barna.

According to the premium list, the tracks at the NTI are based on the TDX test with the following modifications:

5 - 7 turns

2 - 4 hours age

600 - 800 yards length

Articles: 4 (cloth for start, plastic, metal and leather)

No crosstracks plotted

At least two obstacles

Surface is variable terrain, cover and surfaces as available. Each track will offer different scenting challenges such as vehicles, pedestrian and animal traffic; woods, water and/or non-vegetated surfaces.

**Congrats to all who are invited, and here's hoping someone makes the draw!**



## AKC TRACKING & THE INFLUENCES OF SCENT WORK

Jean Hilbig has 25 years of tracking and scent work experience. She has been an AKC Tracking Judge for 15 years and recently has been licensed to judge AKC Scent Work. Jean has trained and handled 4 of her own dogs to Champion Tracker Titles, the most recent 2 earning their titles at the age of 2 years old. She is trialing successfully in NACSW Nosework at the Elite level and recently started trialing in AKC Scent Work.

During this seminar, Jean will share her Tracking training philosophy and techniques. She will discuss her reasons for encouraging integration of Canine Scent Work into your Tracking program. Finally, Jean will shed some light on why she believes the pass rates are so low, for a skill that dogs are born with.

The discussion portion of the seminar will be tailored to the experience levels of the participants, as reflected in a questionnaire that registrants will be asked to complete before the seminar. Issues submitted by participants will be integrated into the presentation.

The field portion of the seminar will be split between the two days. It will include starting new dogs and problem solving for experienced dogs. Dogs that have never tracked will run starter tracks. Experienced dogs will be critiqued on an abbreviated advanced track. Due to the continued complexity in the tracks, each working dog will only run on one day.

Working handlers will be expected to serve as a tracklayer for one other dog during the field session. Auditors and working handlers will participate in the field session as observers, using a set of questions provided, to critique each working dog's and handler's performance. They will be asked to provide feedback to the group, and the handlers, on what they observed with each working team as part of the critique of each track.

### TOPICS

- **Introduction to Tracking** • What Is AKC Tracking • **AKC Regs**
- **Dogs Ability to Scent** • What is Scent • **Roles (Dog/Handler)**
- **Article Indications** • Line Handling • **Guiding**
- **Starting a Dog** • Campaigning a Dog • **Overtraining**

## **SPEAKER** **JEAN HILBIG** **AKC TRACKING** **AND SCENT** **WORK JUDGE**

**WHEN**  
**Dec 1-2, 2018**  
**8am - 5pm**

**WHERE**  
**Tarrant County**  
**College NE**  
**828 W Harwood Rd,**  
**Hurst, TX 76054**

**COSTS**  
**\$60 Audit**  
**\$120 Working**

**LIMITS**  
**Unlimited Auditors**  
**10 Working**

**INCLUDED**  
**Seminar handouts**  
**Lunch, drinks, snacks**

**MORE INFO?**  
**INFO@DFWTC.ORG**

*As of this writing, all the working slots are taken. Sign up now to audit for only \$60.  
See page 4 for sign up information.*



## AKC TRACKING & THE INFLUENCES OF SCENT WORK

To sign up. Please send the following information and check made payable to **DFWTC** to:

**Charlene Dunn**

c/o DFWTracking Club  
8425 Whistling Duck Dr  
Ft. Worth, TX 76118

Handler Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Audit \_\_\_\_\_ Working: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Upcoming Tests

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

November 4 - TD  
Littleton, CO - closes Oct 25  
Diane Thomson  
dianethomson01@comcast.net

November 4 - TD, TDX  
Houston, TX - closes Oct 25  
Ms Pat Sayles  
saylesbeagles@yahoo.com

November 4 - TD, TDX  
Smithville, MO - closes Oct 25  
Debbie McHenry  
mmc5301@aol.com

**DFWTC**  
**November 11: TDU, VST**  
**Bedford, TX - closes Nov 1**  
**Ms. Charlene Dunn**  
**crdslabs@yahoo.com**

November 18: TD, TDX, TDU  
Fort Worth, TX - closes Nov 8  
Judy Jackson  
jjblitzt@hotmail.com

November 18: TDX  
Littleton, CO - closes Nov 8  
Tracey Griffith  
traceygriffith2@gmail.com

November 25: TDU, VST  
Houston, TX - closes Nov 15  
Denise McClure  
edmundmcclure@comcast.net

November 25: VST  
Albuquerque, NM - closes Nov 14  
Penni Adrian  
penni@elyancardigans.com

December 2: TD, TDX  
Smithville, MO - closes Nov 21  
Jan Winner  
tracknhounds@aol.com

December 2: TD, TDX  
Bellvue, CO - closes Nov 19  
Karen Bever  
Karen.bever@colorado.edu

December 9: TD, TDX  
Houston, TX - closes Nov 29  
Cynthia Krohn  
cynkrohn@gmail.com

## DFWTC Meeting Minutes August 11, 2018 - for approval

Minutes of the August 11, 2018 DFW Tracking Club Meeting  
Charlene Dunn's Home, 8425 Whistling Duck, Fort Worth, TX, 76118

Sarah Helber, President, called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

In attendance were Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), Pandora Galbraith (Secretary), Sarah Helber (President), Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Laurel Hoevker, Pam Joyce (Board Member), Pat McGowan, Dori Page, Shari Price, Jackie Tinker, Cindi Todd, Jeanine Wilson, and Benita Zapata.

The Minutes of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as published on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group.

### President's Report

- Sarah took Rick Scivally to lunch; he will be our contact at THR-HEB. He seems comfortable with our track laying group and activities.

### Secretary's Report - none

### Treasurer Report

- The report was passed around for review
- Charlene did file the required 990-n form

### Committee Report

- Judges Committee have hired Sharon Jolly and Becky Johnson for the March 2019 test
- Budget Committee Report was passed around for discussion
- Nominating Committee Report - At this time the new slate of officers became official

President - Sarah Helber  
Vice-President - Pat McGowan  
Secretary - Pandora Galbraith  
Treasurer - Charlene Dunn  
Board Member at Large - Jean-Maria Higginbotham

### Election of New Members - none pending

### Unfinished Business

- November 10-11, 2018 TDU/VST
  - o Charlene Dunn - Test Secretary/Chair
  - o Judges - Ray Desmarais and Stephanie Crawford-contracts done
  - o Chief Tracklayer - Jeanine Wilson
  - o Track Layers - Sarah Helber and Tom Hacholski will be asked
  - o Laurel Hoevker will be on Committee
  - o Pam Joyce might be a tracklayer
  - o Susan and Bill Norvell will be asked to do hospitality, and Susan will be asked to be on committee
  - o Insurance is OK, and has been approved by AKC
  - o Premium due to AKC by September 27
  - o Discussion occurred about puncture vine growth and construction issues and Sarah agreed to check with our contact Maria about future construction plans.

## DFWTC Meeting Minutes

### August 11, 2018 - continued

- January 12-13 2019 VST/TDU
  - o Charlene Dunn - Test Secretary/Chair
  - o Judges - Jean Hilbig and Allison Platt
  - o Chief Tracklayer - Jeanine Wilson
  - o Sarah Helber - on committee
  - o Jean-Maria Higginbotham committee member and track layer
  - o Nancy Barclay will be asked to do hospitality and be on the committee also.
  - o We have TCCNE approval pending insurance, we need insurance by December 9
  - o We have Jean Hilbig's contract, awaiting Allison's contract returned
  - o We have AKC Approval
  - o Same construction and puncture vine concerns
- March 9-10, 2019 TD/TDX
  - o Charlene Dunn - Test Secretary/Chair
  - o Judges - Jolly and Johnson
  - o Chief Tracklayer - Jeanine Wilson
  - o Committee member - Sarah Helber
  - o Peggy Kirkland will be asked to do hospitality
  - o Concerns about timing of planned burns on the site, and roaming cattle - Sarah will check into this pertaining to test dates.
  - o Need to apply to AKC by October 25
  - o Jean-Maria made the motion we change the March 2019 Test to 5X/2TD with substitutions as needed per AKC rules. Shari seconded, and the motion passed.
- Jean Hilbig Seminar - December 1-2, 2018
  - o Held at Hurst Fire Station Meeting Room
  - o TCCNE has approved use of campus for outdoor work
  - o Jean-Maria made the motion to approve flyer - \$60 auditor and \$120 for working dog - who will work only one day, but be expected and encouraged to attend and help both days and the motion passed
  - o There will be a beginner dog day and advanced dog day
  - o Jean needs numbers of working dogs and auditors by November 12
  - o November 26 is the deadline for sending participant questionnaires to Jean
  - o The flyer will be put on the Yahoo Group for members to sign up, then Cindy will allow students to sign up around August 26, and the seminar will be open to the public September 15.
- Fall Classes-
  - o Jean-Maria is teaching, David has tentatively agreed
  - o Class dates 9/29-11/17
  - o 10/26 Jean Maria will be out and Charlene and Cindi will cover
  - o Laurel will help
  - o Charlene can help teach the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class
  - o Jean-Maria might miss if invited to the Invitational
  - o Had discussed 4 beginners and 4 intermediate, but may allow more beginners
- T-shirts
  - o Charlene still is planning to purchase long sleeved shirts, but is waiting for a sale
- AKC Scent Work Trials
  - o Discussion about DFWTC holding scent work trials
  - o Costs and staffing needs were discussed
  - o Need to change mission statement was considered
  - o Charlene and Cindi will do more research and present a budget and plan

## MORE UPCOMING TESTS

December 9: TDX  
Sullivan, MO - closes Nov 27  
Pat Thayer  
conobtra@gmail.com

December 30: VST  
Houston, TX - closes Dec 20  
Cynthia Krohn  
events@hotdogclub.org

January 6: TD, TDX  
Houston - closes Dec 27  
Kathy Daniel  
vkdanielcomcast.net

January 6: VST  
Las Cruces, NM - closes Dec 20  
Norma Rust  
njrust@aol.com

**DFWTC**  
**January 13: TDU, VST**  
**Bedford, TX - closes Jan 3**  
**Ms. Charlene Dunn**  
**crdslabs@yahoo.com**

January 20: TD, TDX  
Smithville, MO - closes Jan 10  
Chris S Kimerer  
tanbarkgsd@yahoo.com

January 27: TD  
El Paso, TX - closes Jan 17  
Sandra Hill  
seranadehill@aol.com

February 3: TDX  
Placitas, NM - closes Jan 23  
Mr Lynn Wilson  
lynn@swcp.com

February 17: TDX  
El Paso, TX - closes Feb 7  
Michele Mauldin  
mauldinm@msm.com

February 24: TDX  
Littleton, CO closes Feb 14  
Tracey Griffith  
traceygriffith2@gmail.com

February 24: TD  
Placitas, NM - closes Feb 14  
Doranna Durgin  
doranna@chargespell.com

February 24: TDU, TDX, TD  
Fort Worth, TX - closes Feb 10  
Judy Jackson  
jjblitzt@hotmail.com

# DFWTC Meeting Minutes

## August 11, 2018 - continued

### New Business

- Standing Rules Update for expiration date of certificates
  - o Pam made a motion to remove any expiration date requirement from the test worker certificates, retroactive to 2016 and 2017 and for future certificates, Laurel seconded and the motion passed
- Next regular meeting - to follow November test - on the 11<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Party - December 15<sup>th</sup> - Charlene will check to see if Susan Norvell can host at her home

The motion to adjourn was made by Charlene, seconded by Benita, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Pandora Galbraith, Secretary

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## Fall Tracking Classes

Fall Tracking Classes got off to a very good (and very wet) start on Saturday, September 29. Jean-Marie Higginbotham is the instructor for the classes that are meeting at the TCC-SE Campus. She is being helped by Charlene Dunn, Pandora Galbraith, and Laurel Hoevker. Beginner teams include a Pointer Mix, Belgian Malinois, Catahoula, Standard Longhaired Dachshund, Otterhound and an Aussie-poo Mix. The Intermediate class includes a Poodle, Belgian Malinois, Labrador and a Ridgeback.



Beginner Otterhound  
"Dallas" with her handler

**Winter Classes** will begin after the first of the year. The number of students will be limited so watch our website ([www.dfwtc.org](http://www.dfwtc.org)) for information and sign up as soon as registration opens, sometime in late November or early December.

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## Dues Reminder and **CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

Remember that dues are due January 1st and are considered lapsed after January 31st. Send your dues to Charlene Dunn, Treasurer, or bring them to the Christmas Party and Meeting on December 15th at the home of Charlene Dunn in Fort Worth. The Party will begin at 2:00 p.m. Watch for more information....



## SWEET PUFFS

(recipe and *notes* submitted by Cindy Morrow, originally from Pearl Morrow)

### Dough

Pecans can be added to this dough  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup butter or margarine  
1/2 cup commercial sour cream (8 ounce cream cheese can be used instead)  
1 egg yolk (*I haven't figured out a use for the egg white so as not to waste it - can leave egg out*)  
Cheese filling (recipe follows)  
Powdered sugar

Blend flour and butter until mixture resembles coarse meal, add sour cream and egg yolk; process until dough forms a ball leaving the sides of the bowl. Divide in half; cover and chill 8 hours. (*I don't do this. I just start making them.*)

Roll dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut pastry into 3-inch squares. (*I don't measure.*) Gently press each square into a 1 3/4-inch muffin pan, leaving corners extending beyond edge. Spoon 1 teaspoon filling (*I use about a tablespoon full*) in each shell. Fold and seal corners over filling. Chill 30 minutes. (*I don't do this either. Usually in a hurry. Might try if you want to.*)

Bake at 375 for 20-25 minutes. Remove from pan and cool on wire rack. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. (*I usually sprinkle powdered sugar on top while they are hot. It seems to stick better.*)

*Since the last time I typed this, I made a batch and let it set in the fridge for a day or two and it does make the dough easier to work with and, after rolling and filling, the chilling before baking does make them stand up a little better.*

### Cheese Filling (*I double this recipe*)

1 (8 ounce) package of cream cheese softened  
1 egg  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind (*I used bottled lemon juice because that was all I had at the time*)  
Combine all ingredients; beat at medium speed of an electric mixer until smooth and fluffy.

**Remember the Recipe Rules:** The recipes shared in *Tracks* are original creations or favorite recipes. 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!



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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 fulfill the needs of 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

info@dfwtc.org