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earned his SIN (Scent Interior Novice) and SCN (Scent Container Novice) titles at DFWTC's first Scent Work Trial.

He earned these titles thanks to his Aunt Jeanine, the trial secretary, because she entered him and then told me to send a check LOL. I wasn't going to enter since I was the chair but I follow orders well and sent the check. He entered having only one leg per element and qualified in both arenas both days with noooo problems. He is an awesome working little dog and wasted very little time finding the scent.

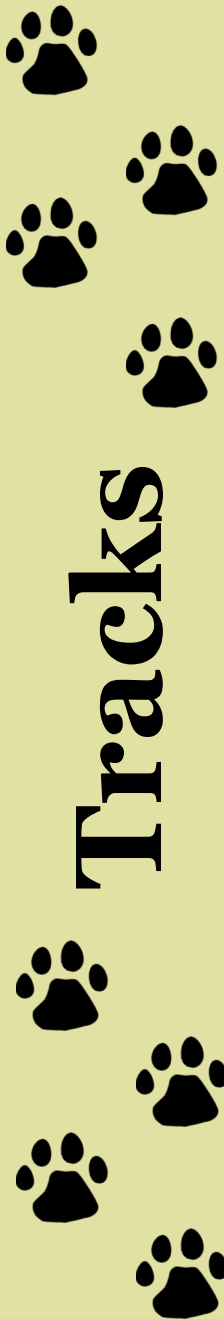
He was used as a demo dog (to make sure the scent was locatable - done typically by a dog not in that particular class) in a level above him and on an element he had never been on. BUT after all he is a Champion Tracker and should be able to find what he is sent after. AND he did it with noooo issues. He's such a good boy.

by Cindi Todd



DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Annual Meeting Saturday, August 22, 2020

1:00 p.m.

at the home of

Charlene Dunn

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

**As with everything these days,
please watch for updates
with possible changes.**

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President's Message

We did it! After two years of on again off again work on our first weekend of Scent Work trials we finally held them the weekend of June 20 - 21, 2020 and they were great! I think a large part of the credit goes to Test Chair Cindi Todd and Test Secretary Jeanine Wilson as well as to Charlene Dunn for finding the site (and judging, too). They set the stage and the volunteers also did a great job! There were so many more impediments than we had expected, mostly created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were able to deal with them successfully. I think that speaks highly of our club.

Speaking of the COVID-19 pandemic, when I wrote the March President's Message I thought that we would be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel by now. Boy was I wrong about that! Nevertheless, we are moving forward with our regular plans for our tracking tests. As I've said over and over, if you're not ready to enter, please volunteer to help. These are the dates for your calendar:

November 7-8, 2020 – TDU/VST

January 16-17, 2021 – TDU/VST

March 13-14, 2021 – TD/TDX

We are planning to hold our next meeting on Saturday, August 22 at Charlene Dunn's house (pandemic willing). This will be our Annual Meeting, with new officers taking place. Many thanks to those willing to serve on the Board of Directors, and a special thanks to Tom Hacholski, who will be taking on the job of President.

The incoming officers will be:

President – Tom Hacholski

Vice-President – Cindi Todd

Secretary – Jean-Maria Higginbotham

Treasurer – Charlene Dunn

Board Member at Large – Pandora Galbraith

Yes, this will be my last President's Message. I have every intention of staying very active, but it's time for someone else to enjoy the position of President. I'll be the first to admit that tracklaying is fun, but club work is really, really important. Thanks again to all who are willing to serve the club so that we can continue to hold tracking tests, lay tracks, and earn those tracking titles!

Stay cool and stay healthy!

Sarah

Report from DFWTC's first Scent Work Trial Chairperson: Cindi Todd

I have to thank our wonderful club members who gave up their time to work on this trial. They were long days involving lots of effort to keep the classes moving, the people informed and all while maintaining social distancing as much as possible.

Thank you and kudos to John Blakeway, David Bull, Teresa Collum, Tom Hacholski, Sarah Helber, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Laurel Hovker, Katie McCullough, Dori Page, and Benita Zapata for their efforts.

Thank you to Jeanine Wilson for giving up a LOT of time to learning about and being secretary. Her efforts practicing with the program ahead of time made the check in, "ring stewards/gate stewards" jobs (running orders per class/per element) run as smooth as possible and the judges' reports printed quickly so they could get done and be gone.

Charlene was a tireless worker not only as a judge but she was there for set-up and take down and of course, she is the Club's own personal storage facility.

The majority of the attendees were VERY appreciative of the Club's efforts, happy to be at a dog event and proud of their dog(s)' achievements!! They were also very impressed with the communication they had from our Trial Secretary before arriving and while exhibiting.

Except for a few entrants everyone was on time for their classes. We were even able to text those who were tardy individually!!!

Could we have used more people? ALWAYS! BUT.... this crew was awesome and with the entrants volunteering to go search for people to come line up we had a VERY smooth running weekend of trials!!!

There were over 50 new titles earned!!!!

This from the AKC National Tracking Invitational Steering Committee:

AKC National Tracking Invitational Postponed

It is with deep regret that we announce the AKC National Tracking Invitational, set to begin on October 23, 2020, will be postponed to 2021 as the world continues efforts to slow the coronavirus pandemic. After meeting on June 27th we the steering committee, composed of members of the Cornhusker Kennel Club and the Nebraska Kennel Club, concluded we cannot host this prestigious event with the grandeur it deserves based on the current circumstances. We also felt it was unfair to the judges, potential exhibitors, spectators and volunteers to ask them to make the difficult decision of participating given all the uncertainties of travel, lodging and safety at this time.

We have begun looking at dates in September and October of 2021 for rescheduling the event. We expect to host the 2021 AKC National Tracking Invitational at the Branched Oak State Recreation Area near Raymond, NE.

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Following is one of the many complimentary emails received by Jeanine Wilson, Trial Secretary, following DFWTC's first Scent Work Trials, June 20-21, 2020.

Shared with permission from Amy and Pickle.

Hi Jeanine.

Pickle and I had an amazing time. We regularly trial with three other scent-work organizations, so I've been to a number of trials like these over the years. Pickle was entered in novice because he just became eligible for an AKC number.

This club put on an amazing event. It ran flawlessly. I especially appreciate the work of the gate stewards, JM and Dori, who kept teams funneling through the searches without any downtime.

The maps, instructions, numbers for display and texts were so helpful, too. Your club really did think of everything. A really nice touch was that the volunteers were all wearing the same club t-shirt for easy identification.

I loved that you had the results of the runs readily available, labels already placed on the Q ribbons, and a lovely assortment of placement ribbons.

Since Pickle was in Novice B, we trialed only under Charlene. She was fantastic, upbeat and did a great job of placing hides appropriate for the level. I would trial under her again any time, anywhere.

Thanks so much for the trialing opportunity! I look forward to the club's next one.

Amy Mathews & Foster Grant's Predicament "Pickle"



AKC National Tracking Invitational Postponed continued

The American Kennel Club Director of Tracking, Pamela Manaton, has been fully supportive of our decision. The AKC will be extending eligibility for an additional year making the qualifying period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2021.

It is hoped that by postponing the event that all volunteers and eligible teams will feel that they can participate in the event and travel safely from across the country. We wish to continue the traditions of camaraderie and hospitality as is warranted at this prestigious event.

To see the AKC announcement please visit the AKC website at <https://www.ack.org/sports/tracking/events/ack-national-tracking-invitational/>

MORE UPCOMING TESTS

November 29: VST
Albuquerque, NM - closes Nov 18
Lisa Frankland
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November 29: TD, TDX
Smithville, MO - closes Nov 19
Jan Winner
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December 6: TD, TDX
Houston, TX - closes Nov 24
Cynthia Krohn
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December 27: VST
Houston, TX - closes Dec 17
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Mark Your 2021 Calendars for DFWTC Tests

January 17: TDU, VST
March 14: TD, TDX

DFWTC Meeting Minutes June 6, 2020 - continued

- Mission Statement needs to be updated
 - Deferred to the Board
- Benita asked if entrants would be required to sign a waiver re COVID 19
 - Discussion followed and it was decided that signing the AKC entry form was enough
- November 7-8, 2020 TDU/VST
 - Judges
 - Ron and Luci Seeley have been asked
 - Premium List due 9/24/20
 - Committee
 - Charlene Dunn – Secretary/Chair
 - Jeanine Wilson or Chief Tracklayer if Jeanine cannot be Chief Tracklayer
 - John Galbraith – Hospitality
 - Sarah Helber
 - Benita Zapata
- January 16-17, 2021 VST/TDU
 - Need Judges
 - AKC Application due 9/4/2020
 - AKC late fees waived through the end of October
- March 13-14, 2021 TD/TDX
 - Need Judges
 - AKC application due 10/29/20
- Website
 - Do club members have access to By-Laws, Constitution, Standing Rules?
 - Yes and No – Charlene and Jeanine will work on it after the Scent Work Trial

New Business

- AKC Companion Events Group representative
 - Sarah will put out a request to Club members for someone to be the DFWTC representative to the AKC Companion Events Group
 - DFWTC Representative will share applicable information with Club members
- Re-do of the By-Laws
 - Tom Hacholski made a motion that the By-Law restructuring be deferred to the Board.
 - Seconded by Benita Zapata
 - The Motion carried

Charlene made a motion to adjourn; Tom seconded; and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Hoevker in the absence of Pandora Galbraith, Secretary

Note from the Editor:

As the 2019-2020 Tracking Club year comes to an end I would like to thank Cindi Todd and Sarah Helber for all their help with the *Tracks* newsletter since I accepted the job of editor in 2015. I'm afraid I have not said "Thank you!" often enough over the years.

Cindi had already been proofing the newsletter when I started so I don't know how long she has been the proofreader. Each quarter she takes the time to read it and make suggestions needed to correct the typographical and grammatical errors that have been made... before it is published. I hope she continues as proofreader for as long as I am editor.

Sarah has helped in so many ways. She has, too often, been the only person to submit an article/articles for publication in *Tracks*. Her "President's Message" has always been interesting and informative and she has written articles and submitted others for publication that she knew would be of interest to *Tracks*' readers. I hope she continues to contribute to the newsletter as she assumes the role of Club Member.

Thank you, Cindi and Sarah!

Laurel Hoevker
Tracks editor

P.S. This note was added to *Tracks* after it was forwarded to Cindi and Sarah for review. I accept full responsibility for any errors in it.



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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 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) 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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