



Sedona TD

by Shari Price

Pillowhead. Curly Jo. Doodle 2. Sedona. She gets called lots of names, but when I got her July 3 at 8 months, she was used to being called Sedona. Then when I registered her with the AKC, I couldn't use the name Sedona as it was linked to a registered borzoi kennel. And I'm sure she would have been mistaken for a borzoi!

Sedona came from a home with four female golden retrievers and a mini-doodle, but she didn't really have any defined personality. The previous owner said she counter-surfed, she doesn't. She said she didn't get on furniture, she does. She would not play with any kind of toy. I even took her to an all-day seminar about how to engage your dog with toys. She was the only dog who wouldn't even try. I thought Ozzy would be thrilled to have a new playmate as my other two dogs are getting old. He wasn't; he growled for 10 days, then finally decided that he could chase her and she chased him, so they are now best buds.

I took Sedona to obedience class in August, she did fairly well, but didn't want to get out of the truck to go into the building. Once inside she was okay with the other students and their dogs. In December she earned her CGC and CGCA.

I took her tracking for the first time the last weekend in August. A very short track with lots of articles, no treats, and she blew past all of them. This continued for quite a while. Put the harness on, pull to the start and take off. She was looking



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DFW TRACKING CLUB



Next Club Meeting

Saturday, June 6
following the
Sniff-N-Go

at
Fireside Subs
6020 Parker Road
N. Richland Hills
TX, 76180

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President's Message

Wow . . . what can I say? The world has changed since we held our TD/TDX the weekend of March 7-8, 2020.

Nevertheless, we must keep planning for the future and celebrating the past, even though we may be totally consumed by current events.

Yes, we are still making plans to hold the Sniff-N-Go on Saturday, June 6, 2020. If you haven't guessed, a "Sniff-N-Go" is a practice Scent Work trial. This one is really important because we want to get our club members up to speed before our first Scent Work trial, which is scheduled the weekend of June 20-21, 2020. Come on out to work the Sniff-N-Go, even if you're not entering it. It's limited to 40 runs (it will be, after all, June), so we have time to have our next meeting afterwards – at the Firehouse Subs.

While I'm thinking about volunteering, we have two more opportunities in the near-term. One is, of course, the Scent Work trial. The other is serving on the DFWTC Board for the next year. It's now April, and time to get a nominating committee to find volunteers to serve starting in August. Anyone interested, please let one of the current Board members know!

We've held two tracking tests since the previous edition of *Tracks* was published. Thanks to all who worked our VST/TDU test in January, 2020 – especially Chair/Secretary Charlene Dunn, Chief Tracklayer Jeanine Wilson and John Galbraith, Hospitality Chair.

I also want to thank all who worked our TD/TDX test in the LBJ National Grasslands in March. That may have been the finest weather we've had for that test! Thanks especially to our Chair/Secretary Charlene, Chief Tracklayer Tom Hacholski and Hospitality Chair John Galbraith. I'm sure there's an article elsewhere in *Tracks* that will give the complete list of those who helped at each test.

We had no passes at our January test, but congratulations are in order to our passing TD team in the March test! I'll let them tell their own story elsewhere also.

I also wanted to (correctly) thank Pam Joyce for serving as Chief Tracklayer at our November 2019 TDU/VST test. My mind was already on January's test when I wrote my last President's Message. Pam did a super job in November and I accidentally gave someone else the credit. Thank you very much, Pam!

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

November 7-8, 2020 - TDU/VST

January 16-17, 2021 - TDU/VST

And finally, watch your email and our website (www.dfwtc.org) for the most current information and stay healthy!

Sarah



Spring Tracking Classes were put on hold due to the COVID-19 virus.

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for flags, so I took the flags down and used arrows or just articles. Then I decided she was looking for articles and used fewer of those. At times it seemed like she was really tracking, at others, just racing to the finish. When she got certified, I was told to believe my dog, she didn't lie. I still didn't really trust her. Which brings us to the grasslands and her first tracking test.

The weather conditions were great: cold and recently wet, some wind. Sedona took off on course and easily made the first turn. That took us to the bottom of a hill with a thicket ahead of us that was probably swampy. She checked out the area in all directions and then took off on a left turn. At this point, I just followed (which is what you're supposed to do). She then took a right turn and then an open left that was going uphill. At this point she was really pulling, so I felt like she was headed for the glove. I manage to stay on my feet while tripping over cow patties and she pounced on the glove. My little girl did it! 450 yards in 10 minutes.

I thought later what was different about being at the grasslands and being able to just let go and follow. I realized that when I am at any of the three places where we practice the most, I know the areas, I look for the line-ups, and I am trying to think too much. Being in an unfamiliar environment kept me from being able to influence my dog and I had to let her be in charge. Silly human, the dog knows what she is doing. Not only did Sedona get her first title, but her handler learned a valuable lesson.

BTW, she now plays with any and all toys and is very mischievous. And, I really wanted to name her Harriet.

Shari Price and Sedona (Dona Doodle Two)



Shari and Sedona TD
with judges Ginny Conway and Sharon Jolly,
tracklayer Cindi Todd

DFW Tracking Club Scent Work Trials (Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

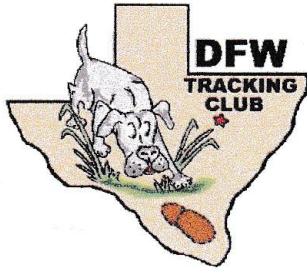
Trial 1 Saturday, June 20, 2020 - 7:30am to 6:00pm

Trial 2 Sunday, June 21, 2020 - 7:30 am to 6:00pm

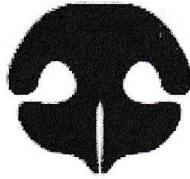
Entries Close on May 26, 2020 at 6:00pm CT

YMCA Camp Carter
6200 Sand Springs Road, Fort Worth, TX 76114

Premium List available on the AKC.org website.



On 6/6/2020
DFW Tracking Club
Is Hosting a



SNIFF -N- GO

Location:

Tarrant Count College NE Campus
828 W. Harwood Road
Hurst, TX 76054

ENTRY LIMITS

40 entries

To be held & Outdoors

Hours:

Handler's Briefing at 8:00am, first dog to follow

Judge:

Charlene Dunn – Fort Worth, TX

CLASSES OFFERED
Saturday 6/6/2020
Handler Disc – All Levels
Containers – All Levels
Exterior – All Levels
Buried – All Levels
Judging Begins at 8:00am

ENTRY FEES

Mail entry forms and fees to: **DFW Tracking Club** checks payable to – DFWTC
Charlene Dunn
8425 Whistling Duck Dr.
Ft. Worth, TX 76118

Entry Fee \$5/class

SEARCH AREA AND CONDITIONS

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include crating, warm- up and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The **Handler's Briefing** will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler's Briefing the judge will explain number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. **NO DOGS** are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.

A warm-up area will be available consisting of ONE container of Birch, Anise, Clove and Cypress

and may also consist of blanks containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to (2) two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior their run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. A wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

All dogs must be on leash at all times, and retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

From Loop 820: Exit Precinct Line Road. Go North to Harwood. Turn Left onto Harwood. Take the 2nd entrance to the College (traffic light). Go Straight towards the tennis courts. "base camp" will be in the small parking lot next to the tennis courts.

Entry Form

	Container	Buried	Exteriors	Handler Disc
Saturday June 6, 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice B
	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent
	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master

Entry fees: \$5 per class Make checks payable to DFWTC

of classes _____ **x \$5 =** \$ _____
entered: _____ **Total due**

Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

Call name		Date of birth		Sex	
Breed				Variety	
Owner					
Owner's Address					
City			State		Zip
Telephone		Email			
Handler name (if different from owner):			Junior Handler # (if applicable):		

Upcoming Tests

April 19: TD, TDU, TDX
Houston, TX - closes April 9
Mr. Jeff Shaver
jshaver522@yahoo.com

June 14: VST
Greeley, CO - closes June 4
Karen Bever
Karen.bever@colorado.edu

June 14: TD
Gray Summit, MO - closes
May 20
Ellen Calnan
redtileservices@gmail.com

October 4: VST
Golden CO - closes Sept 23
Tracey Griffith
traceygriffith2@gmail.com

October 11: TDU, VST
Golden, CO - closes Sept 30
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

Nov 1: TD
Littleton, CO - closes Oct 21
Diane Thomson
dianethomson01@comcast.net

**November 8: TDU, VST
DFWTC
Bedford, TX - closes
Oct 29**

**Charlene Dunn
crdslabs@yahoo.com**

November 15: TDX
Littleton, CO - closes Nov 4
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

November 29: TD, TDX
Smithville, MO - closes Nov 19
Jan winner
tracknhounds@aol.com

DFWTC Meeting Minutes January 12, 2020 - approved

Minutes of the January 12, 2020 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 1:21 p.m.

In attendance were members Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), John Galbraith, Pandora Galbraith (Secretary), Tom Hacholski (Board Member), Sarah Helber (President), Laurel Hoevker (Vice-President), Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Pat McGowan, Katie McCullough, Shari Price, and Cindi Todd. Guests were Sue Ammerman and Linda Baschnagel.

President's Report -

- ◇ A roster update is still needed
- ◇ Sarah addressed a concern - Associate Members do not have to attend a regular meeting before joining the club, only Regular/Household Members - per the Standing Rules section on Dues and Membership
- ◇ Sarah presented Cindi with a Champion Tracker picture frame she and Deeks earned!!

Secretary's Report - none

Treasurer's Report -

- ◇ The Report was passed around for review
- ◇ The website was renewed for 5 years and the domain also
- ◇ The SSL certificate only lasts for 2 years then must be renewed
- ◇ Dues are due

Unfinished Business

- ◇ March 7-8, 2020 TD/TDX - Judges Ginny Conway and Sharon Jolly
 - ⇒ Committee Members
 - Test Secretary - Charlene Dunn
 - Hospitality - John Galbraith
 - Sarah Helber
 - Laurel Hoevker
 - Tom Hacholski
 - ⇒ Tom Hacholski volunteered to be Chief Tracklayer
 - ⇒ We will need trucks and Shari and John will be there
 - ⇒ We will need workers- Pandora will lay a track
 - ⇒ Sarah signed approved application for Units 49 and 71, still no information on burn dates
 - ⇒ Our contact Marc Pons has been re-assigned as of February
 - ⇒ Premium List is due 1/23/2020
- ◇ November 7-8, 2020 TDU/VST- Judges Ron and Luci Seeley
 - ⇒ Test Secretary - Charlene Dunn
 - ⇒ AKC Application due 6/25/20
 - ⇒ Premium List due-9/24/20
- ◇ AKC Scent Work Trials
 - ⇒ Still looking for sites - Canton may not be in our radius and Alvarado is filling up
 - ⇒ We might also check into Fair grounds in Wise County - The woman's club building is large - might be cheaper for a non-profit
 - ⇒ Charlene made a motion we try to have the tests on June 13-14, or back up dates June 20-21. She will check with Caroline and find whether Alvarado is open and email the club the dates. Jean-Maria seconded the motion and it passed.

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- ⇒ Caroline is a scent work judge, we will need to see what supplies we'll need to get and what she can help us with
- ◇ Stinky T-Shirts
 - ⇒ Laurel moved we table the shirts for now, John seconded and the motion passed
- ◇ Yahoo Website-
 - ⇒ Jeanine and Cindi have downloaded the content, and Jeanine has moved the website to another server - our fees were raised as we updated to a newer server and SSL with higher security
 - ⇒ Updated Roster will be loaded at DFWTC
 - ⇒ Jean Maria made a motion to switch from Yahoo email use to DFWTC.org by March, but to parallel use until then, Cindi seconded and the motion passed.
 - ⇒ Charlene will send out message for members to add the DFWTC.org so members will know about change.

New Business - none

The next meeting will be held following the March 8th TD/TDX Test Conclusion at the grasslands.

The motion to adjourn was made by Charlene, seconded by Jean-Maria, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Addendum - Immediately after adjourning Charlene remembered an additional item and moved to have Ad Hoc classes in March on dates as instructor is available, Charlene will notify students, Pandora seconded and the motion passed.

DFWTC Meeting Minutes March 8, 2020 - for approval

Minutes of the March 8, 2020 DFW Tracking Club Meeting
LBJ National Grasslands, Unit 71, Decatur, Texas 76234

Sarah Helber, President, called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.

In attendance were Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), John Galbraith, Pandora Galbraith (Secretary), Tom Hacholski (Board Member), Sarah Helber (President), Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Laurel Hovker (Vice-President), Pam Joyce, Shari Price, Benita Zapata and guest Sharon Jolly.

Minutes of the January 12, 2020 meeting were approved as emailed by secretary

President's Report - none

Secretary's Report - none

Treasurer's report -

- ◇ The report was passed around for review

Unfinished Business-

- ◇ March 8 TD/TDX - went well
- ◇ November 7-8, 2020 TDU/VST - Judges Ron Seeley and Luci Seeley
 - ⇒ AKC application due 6/25/20
 - ⇒ Premium list due-9/24/20
 - ⇒ Test Secretary - Charlene Dunn
 - ⇒ Will ask Jeanine Wilson to be Chief Tracklayer

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DFWTC Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2020 - continued

- ⇒ John will check on use of the firehouse
- ⇒ Need committee members
- ◇ Winter Classes wrapped up
- ◇ AKC Scent Work Trials
 - ⇒ Jeanine has downloaded the software and is having difficulty with the version working on her computer - its \$300 for 3 years.
 - ⇒ The contract has been signed with the YMCA Camp Carter - Charlene will walk through the campus with her contact on March 21 at 2:00 p.m.
 - ⇒ Premium needs to be submitted to AKC, it is completed and will be done tonight
 - ⇒ Opening March 15 - Closing May 26/ Random Draw will be May 27
 - ⇒ Will need printer on site for photo copies, will need paper, ink, and labels
 - ⇒ Jeanine will supply paper at her price \$5.00 ream as needed
 - ⇒ Jeanine will need to purchase a router for about \$30 to backup software on site, if she does not use it she will not charge us for it
 - ⇒ So initial costs will be \$400-500 for supplies
 - ⇒ We should clear \$2000
 - ⇒ AKC has been paid, and down payment has been made to Camp Carter - paid \$650 deposit - still owe \$2700
 - ⇒ Jean Hilbig will be judging, will need airfare costs
 - ⇒ Jean Hilbig is having emergency back surgery. Caroline Odom has offered her services and can supply some stewards
 - ⇒ Dogs can be crated at Rec Hall
 - ⇒ We will have access to most of camp
 - ⇒ Jean-Maria made the motion to allow Charlene to spend money as needed for the test, Benita seconded and the motion passed.
- ◇ Website -
 - ⇒ We can now decommission Yahoo site as our SSL is working
 - ⇒ Roster is being updated and will be placed in the file section and a link will be sent to everyone
 - ⇒ Charlene will check on Go Daddy, about possible online payment possibilities for the future
- ◇ Spring Classes -
 - ⇒ Charlene will offer condensed classes at Park Hill-Saturdays-
 - ⇒ Dates-3-21,4-4,4-11,4-25
 - ⇒ For intermediate and advanced
 - ⇒ She will offer monthly check-ins throughout the summer before classes start in Fall
 - ⇒ Send entry form to Cindi, bring your check to class - will be ½ price

New Business -

- ◇ Sniff'n' Go -
 - ⇒ Suggested we hold to provide training for workers before scent trial. Sarah will check with TCCNE
 - ⇒ Offer 4 of the 5 elements (no interior - with 10 slots per element available)
 - ⇒ Open to club members and non-club members
 - ⇒ \$5.00 per entry
 - ⇒ Laurel made a motion we have the Sniff'n'go on June 6th at TCCNE, Jean-Maria seconded and the motion passed
- ◇ Pandora made the motion we donate the incorrectly printed t-shirts to the Woman's Shelter in Decatur (as suggested earlier by Pat), Jean-Maria seconded and the motion passed.
- ◇ January 17, 2021 TDU/VST- Charlene made the motion we have the TDU/VST on January 17, 2021 and Jean-Maria seconded and the motion passed.
- ◇ Charlene moved we have the TD/TDX in March, Jean-Maria seconded and the motion passed
- ◇ Sarah announced the Board needs to appoint a Nominating Committee in the month of April. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee (or the Board) - please let a current Board Member know!

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DFWTC Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2020 - continued

Next Regular meeting - Charlene made the motion we have the next meeting June 6, 2020 following the Sniff'n'go at Firehouse Subs, Jean-Maria seconded and the motion passed.
The motion to adjourn was made by Charlene and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pandora Galbraith, Secretary



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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) 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