



# President's Message



It's going to be a hard act to follow, especially since I am one of the newest members of DFW Tracking Club. In the past while I have been president of Texas

Kennel Club, Southwest Tracking Association and the National Tracking Chairman for the Dalmatian Club of America, I have not been that familiar with DFWTC's history and the Club's operation. Sarah was outstanding in running a tight ship and was highly organized. She was always on top of the Club's immediate needs and future challenges. She will remain as the Club's site liaison with HEB Hospital in Bedford, TCCNE - in Hurst and the LBJ Grasslands - and as a much needed advisor to this president.

In my association with the above mentioned clubs, I have found that a small number of the same members are burdened with the work of the club - committee members, tracklayers and workers at the club's tracking tests. Now, we are also hosting scent work trials and while many of us are not involved in or training for this event, it requires a lot of personnel to conduct this event. I am big on volunteerism within the club. In my short time I am happy to say I have seen the willingness of our members to help. I know with the seemingly never ending Covid-19 pandemic still looming over our events, the necessity for safety will continue to be emphasized. The success of the Club's first scent trial and the desire to continue this event in the future necessitates changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. These changes will be presented for approval. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the November 8th TDU/VST Test and general meeting immediately thereafter.

Tom

DFW TRACKING CLUB

## Tracks



### Next Club Meeting

**Sunday, November 8**  
**following the TDU/VST**  
(no earlier than 12-noon)

**West Park**  
**600 Westpark Way**  
(west side)  
**Eules, TX 76040**

**Bring a chair and**  
**your lunch!**

### Inside Tracks:

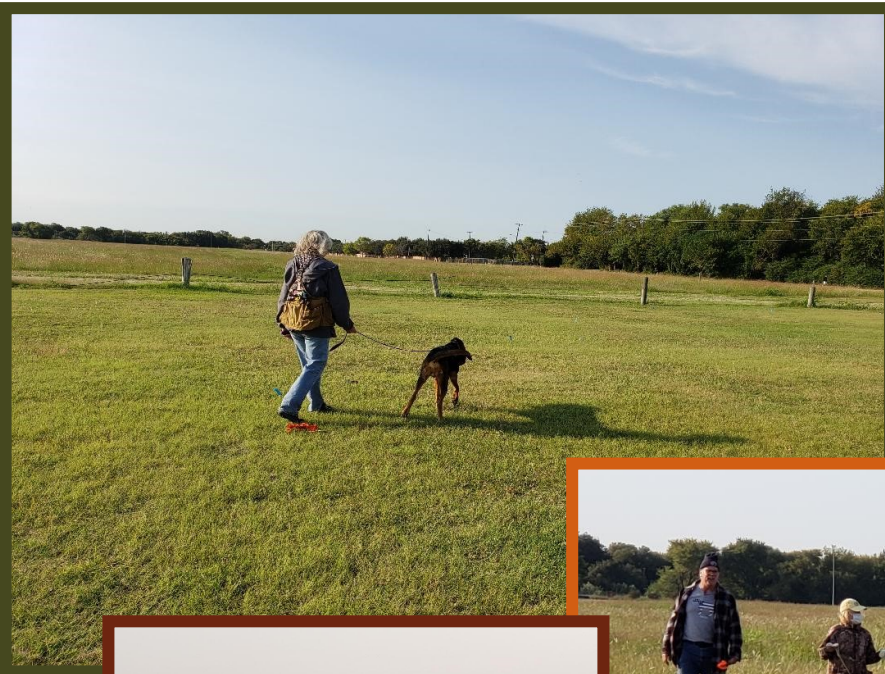
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## Fall Tracking Classes by Charlene Dunn

We have four Beginners - an English Springer, a Lowchin, a Bloodhound, and a German Shepherd. The star is our 3-legged GSD. He absolutely loves tracking and moves down the track. He has a wonderful down indication at his glove too! The Bloodhound puppy is tracking without food now and even has a sit at the glove. The Lowchin is hesitant when mom puts pressure on the line so we are working on drive in the harness. The Springer is slow and methodical. She will be a great tracker and at a speed that is perfect for her human.

We have five Intermediates. One is already certified and the other four are getting close. The biggest improvement over the summer has been the Catahoula and the GSD. These two dogs have matured and really understand the game. Let's hope the handlers can hang on 'cause they both MOVE OUT! Our Poodle and Terrier are slow and methodical which helps their handlers to read them.

We have 3 advanced dogs. We've been throwing a lot of challenges at them and they've stepped up every time. These dogs will be test ready before you know it.



The park has been busy with parties and other activities. It has been good distraction training for all the dogs.

Class instructors are Charlene Dunn and Jean-Maria Higginbotham.



11/17/2004 (age at rescue ~1.5yrs) - Released 7/31/2020

To say she bloomed later in life was an understatement. In 2015, at the ripe young age of ~13 years, **Maddie** was the 1st All-American with all 5 titles (TD, TDU, TDX, VST, CT) and it was completed in less than 1 year, earning her the spot in AKC history as the 1st All-American to earn a VST title, and the 1st All-American to earn all 5 titles. She shares the 1st CT title with another All-American earned on the same day.

It would seem most would retire, but not Maddie... She moved into ScentWork earning her Novice Handler Discrimination, Novice ScentWork, and Novice Elite Buried titles. She was over half way to her Elite Container & Interior titles when Kidney failure claimed her. She was ~19 years young.

She joins her Lab family (Bandit, Lani, Morgan, Shadow, and Charlie) at the rainbow bridge and leaves a hole in the hearts of her friends still here.



Remembered by Charlene Dunn



CH CT WildWest Power Play TDU NA AXJ XF GS-O JS-E RS-N APJ SPS SPG SPR  
Oct 15, 2007 - July 31, 2020

What do you write about the dog that changed your life? **Zubie** walked into my house at 13 weeks, sized up River and said “you might be in charge but I’m the master of silliness”. He was an imp of a puppy and sunshine in a bottle. He never had a bad day, not even his last. Zubie was my first breed champion, first experience with a dog in full show coat, my novice A agility dog (along with River), and first tracking dog. In agility we always had fun and sometimes he would actually touch all the yellow and get all 12 weave poles. Zubie enjoyed agility but he was truly born to track. Zubie earned every tracking title there was. We spent many weekends traveling to Houston, Tulsa, Missouri, and Tennessee for tracking tests. Zubie was my tracking demo dog right up to the end. I would have a student run the track with their dog and then Zubie would run it. It gave them so much confidence to see him work the scent fast and accurate but in a similar fashion to their own dog. He taught them to trust their dog. The cocker boy’s quartet is now reunited at the bridge. I miss them all. Run, sniff all the smells, and climb any tree you want Zubie Dooby Doo. Da Mama loves you.



Remembered by Jean-Maria Higginbotham

CT Tilbury's Cinnamon Splash of Pal  
2/13/06 - 9/8/20

In late March of 2006, Donna and I traveled to the Cracker Barrel in Conroe, TX. It was there in March of 2003 that we met John and Jennifer Cramer and picked up our Seeker, the first of our four Pal-Dal Dalmatians. So it would be the same in 2006 with John and Jennifer meeting us with their new litter. Robert and Donna Stein were also present to evaluate the litter. While we stacked and discussed the pros and cons of any particular dog, my Donna was observing the litter in the X-pens. She noticed one liver bitch who had been laying by herself taking in the interaction of the other pups. The liver pup got up, sauntered over to the group and took the toy they had been playing with - returning to the spot where she originally had been. Donna picked her up and the pup was calm and loving. Donna felt she exuded confidence and was of nice temperament. Add to this, she was a sound specimen. She looked to be a prospective show dog and suited for performance.

Because of her liver spotting, we named her Tilbury's Cinnamon Splash of Pal. I always liked the name **Sydney** – I guess from the always calm and clear headedness of Dr. Sidney Freedman of "M.A.S.H." fame. As time went on, her temperament was great but her headpiece didn't turn out well. In retrospect had we foreseen her head development, we would have named her "Ripley" for Lt. Ripley of "Alien" because she had the appearance of an alien. What happened was she didn't have much of a "stop" between the top of her head and her muzzle. She became our smooth fox terrier. We did show her and she did earn a few winners bitch points because of her great movement but her headpiece didn't get by most judges. What do they know? – she was still beautiful to us. Okay, so much for conformation, we'll just continue with her tracking.

From the start of Sydney's tracking training, she was very driven. When the training sets or track had been aged and set to run, she would come out of her crate and drag me to the start. While on the track she worked at a quick pace with which I could keep up – I was younger then. After her jackpot at the final article, she would then drag me back to the van to get her breakfast. If there ever was a dog motivated by food, Sydney was it. All through her life she loved to eat.

She certified in October, 2006 and got her TD title in November. Then played the alternate game until she got in and passed her TDX in the last test of the season in Tulsa in May, 2008. Then in one of the first VST tests in the new fall season, she passed on September 14, 2008. She was 2 years, 7 months old. The third attempt to try to be drawn for the 2016 NTI was the charm. On September 18, 2016 she ran the fifth track at the NTI. At the end of the track during picture time, Ron Seeley asked me how old Sydney was and did a double take when I replied 10 years, 7 months old. She was my Star.

Sydney liked to grab a shirt or sock that I wore the previous day and snuggle upon it. Now she's up in Heaven and just like old times, romping with Seeker or playing tug with a shirt or sock of mine.

Time is relative, Old Girl, so it won't be very long before you are reunited with Scarlett and Dove. Dad and Mom will be along and we'll all be together again.



Remembered by Tom Hacholski

## Upcoming Tests

October 25: TD  
Sullivan, MO - closes Oct 19  
Patricia Thayer  
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November 1: TD, TDX  
Houston, TX - closes Oct 22  
Natalie Wiest  
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November 1: TD, TDX  
Smithville, MO - closes Oct 22  
Pat Robinette  
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**November 8: TDU, VST  
DFWTC  
Bedford, TX - closes  
Oct 29**

**Charlene Dunn  
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November 15: TD, TDX, TDU  
Fort Worth, TX - closes Nov 5  
Judy Jackson  
jjblitzt@hotmail.com

November 29: VST  
Albuquerque, NM - closes Nov 18  
Lisa Frankland  
lisakblue@comcast.com

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

November 29: TDU, VST  
Houston, TX - closes Nov 19  
Denise McClure  
edmundmcclure@comcast.net

December 6: TD, TDX  
Houston, TX - closes Nov 24  
Cynthia Krohn  
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December 6: TDX  
Sullivan, MO - closes Nov 24  
Kathy Yardley  
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## DFWTC Meeting Minutes August 20, 2020 - for approval

Minutes of the August 20, 2020, DFW Tracking Club Meeting  
West Park, 600 Westpark Way, Euless, TX 76040

Sarah Helber, President, called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

In attendance were Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), John Galbraith, Pandora Galbraith, Tom Hacholski (Board Member), Sarah Helber (President), Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Laurel Hoevker (Vice-President), Pat McGowan, Dori Page, Shari Price, Cindi Todd, Benita Zapata.

Minutes of the June 6, 2020 meeting, were approved as published in the June 2020 Tracks.

Report of the President: none

Report of the Secretary:

- AKC needs updated board member names – Sarah to update on AKC site.

Report of the Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's Report was passed around for review
- Scent trial netted approximately \$1,600 after reorder of ribbons. Boxes on hand will cover 3 years of trials.

Report of Committees:

- Budget committee
  - o Report passed around.
  - o Discussed impact of 2020 classes or lack of as well as risk to tests.

Election of Officers and Board:

- There being no contested offices, the following persons took office:
  - o President – Tom Hacholski
  - o Vice-President – Cindi Todd
  - o Secretary – Jean-Maria Higginbotham
  - o Treasurer – Charlene Dunn
  - o Board Member at Large – Pandora Galbraith

Unfinished Business:

- AKC Scent Work Trial Wrap-Up
  - o Scent trial final accounting was distributed and discussed
  - o Site, day of show entries and concurrent trial options were discussed
  - o Laurel motioned to hold scent trial next year, weekend of June 26-27. Charlene seconded. Motion carried.
  - o 2021 trial committee: Benita Zapata, Cindi Todd, Jeanine Wilson, Charlene Dunn, Pandora Galbraith
- November 7-8, 2020 TDU/VST
  - o Judges
    - ◆ Ron and Lucinda Seeley have plane tickets
  - o Location is a challenge as the college is still shut down. Hospital has said ok, Oncology said probably ok. Professional 3 is under construction
  - o Without college, tracks offered will be 5 VST, 2 TDU
  - o Headquarters at WestPark or similar location in the area

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## DFWTC Meeting Minutes August 20, 2020 - continued

- January 16-17, 2021 VST/TDU
  - o Judges are Linda Baschnagel and Stephanie Crawford
  - o AKC Application due 9/4/2020
  - o Committee: Charlene, Cindi, Jean-Maria, Jeanine, and John G. for hospitality
- March 13-14, 2021 TD/TDX
  - o AKC application due 10/29/20
  - o Discussed original judges, Charlene will follow-up with Nan and Ray. May need to schedule alternative judges at this point.
  - o Site: Grasslands 49 and 71.
  - o Tracks offered will be 4X, 4T

### New Business

- AKC Companion Events Group representative
  - o Pam Joyce has volunteered to be the club's representative.
  - o Charlene will contact her to determine what club email address she would like to use.
- Purchase more T-shirts
  - o Charlene advised we are out of L and XL shirts. Need to reorder.
  - o Benita motioned to order more shirts. Shari second. Motion carried.
  - o Charlene to email members
- Re-do of the By-Laws
  - o Charlene motioned that the By-Law restructuring be deferred to the Board.
  - o Seconded by Tom H
  - o The Motion carried
- Fall classes
  - o Charlene motioned to hold fall classes. Cindi Todd second. Motion carried.
  - o Instructors: Charlene Dunn and Jean-Maria Higginbotham
  - o Location: Park Hill Park
  - o Schedule: Start weekend of 9/26, skip weekend of VST test, and finish 11/21.
  - o 4 beginners, 8 intermediate, 4 advanced

### Next Meeting

- November 8, following the conclusion of the VST/TDU test

Charlene made a motion to adjourn; Tom seconded; and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Secretary

## MORE UPCOMING TESTS

December 27: VST  
Houston, TX - closes Dec 17  
Cynthia Krohn  
events@hotdogclub.org

January 10: TD, TDX  
Houston, TX - closes Dec 31  
Kathy Daniel  
vkdaniel@comcast.net

**January 17: TDU, VST  
DFWTC  
Bedford, TX - closes  
Jan 7**

**Charlene Dunn  
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January 31: VST  
Fort Worth, TX - closes Jan 14  
Judy Jackson  
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February 7: TDX  
Placitas, NM - closes Jan 27  
Doranna Durgin  
doranna@changespell.com

February 28: TD, TDU, TDX  
Fort Worth, TX - closes Feb 18  
Judy Jackson  
jjblitzt@hotmail.com

February 28: TD  
Placitas, NM - closes Feb 17  
Laurel Shelton  
simontdx@gmail.com

**March 14: TD, TDX  
DFWTC  
Decatur, TX - closes  
March 4**

**Charlene Dunn  
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April 20: TDX  
Gray Summit, MO - closes Mar 11  
Donna Garske  
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May 9: TD, TDX  
Loveland, CO - closes Apr 7  
Denise McClure  
edmundmcclure@comcast.net



**DFW Tracking Club Membership dues** for the 2021 year are due by January 1. Please forward your payment to Charlene Dunn (Club Treasurer) before the end of this year. Yearly dues are:

- Associate \$15
- Regular \$20
- Household Membership \$30 (both individuals are regular members)

Mail your dues to Charlene Dunn at 8425 Whistling Duck, Fort Worth, TX 76118

OR

give your payment to Charlene at our TDU/VST Test or Club Meeting on November 8th.

Make your check payable to DFWTC.



Volunteers are needed for our November 8th TDU/VST Test. Please email Tracy Freeling (Chief Tracklayer) and copy Charlene if you can help.

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Thank you!



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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)(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](mailto:info@dfwtc.org)