



Dona Doodle Two TD TDX aka Sedona

by Shari Price

Dona Doodle Two, better known as Sedona, passed her Tracking Dog Excellent test on March 7. The trial was sponsored by Dal-Tex Basset Hound Club and held at the Resource Center in Fort Worth. Sedona completed her 800+ yard course in 15 minutes, ignoring the cross-tracks and finding two intermediate articles.

The track started facing north in the middle of the field on the east side of the Wilderness Road. Her first turn was a left 90° heading west, crossing the road with a quick right 90°. She headed north a short distance to almost the thorn patch and turned back east across the road. She was pulling at this point and headed towards the woods and ditch, but slowed down long enough to indicate the Batman hat article. She led me into the woods on the north end and started sniffing along the trees, meandering south. She checks out the area, turns back north, stops, turns back south and takes off. She indicates the blue sock in a bunch of dead limbs and veers left. We are paralleling the ditch, heading south towards the road and big parking lot. We have run out of real estate at this point, so it's just a matter of finding the glove, which she did quite proudly.

This was Sedona's second try at a TDX. She was on track and very confident. I had to trust her, but I know a part of me was waiting to hear a whistle as we crossed the road and then quickly turned back east. Once the first article was found on the 4th leg, my confidence in my Doodle soared. I saw how driven and determined she was; it was my job to watch and hold on. We may reinforce our dogs with treats and praise, but our dogs reinforce us with a successful performance.



DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Next Club Meeting

Saturday, June 12, 2021

The meeting will either be held at the home of Charlene Dunn in Fort Worth at 1:00pm or in the morning at West Park in Euless - depending on the status of COVID 19.

Watch for the announcement.

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President's Message

A new year is upon us and the COVID pandemic lingers on. Following the AKC's Best Suggested Practices for Conducting Tracking Tests, we were able to hold our January 2021 TDU/VST and March 2021 TD/TDX Tests under the chairmanship of Charlene Dunn. Kudos to her and all of the track layers, cross-track layers, drivers and other workers who helped to make both tests run smoothly. Only downside was no passes at either test. From personal experience, this seemed to be the fate of the exhibiting teams at many tests around the country.

With the revision to our Club's Mission Statement and Constitution to include scent related activities, I would remind the membership of the Club's next upcoming event and of another call for volunteers. Cindi Todd would greatly appreciate hearing from you and how you will help at the Club's May 22-23 Scent Work Trials. With enough volunteers, the work force could be split so that an individual member possibly only has to work one day. Cindi can provide you with the requirements of any assigned job.

Thanks to Jean-Maria, with the help of Dori and Charlene, for overseeing the beginner, intermediate and advanced tracking classes that continue through May 8th. While no formal classes will be held, see Charlene for the summer check-in.

Hope to see you all in May. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of Spring with your dogs.

Tom Hacholski, President

Spring Tracking Classes

Spring Tracking Classes are being taught by Charlene Dunn and Jean-Maria Higginbotham with Dori Page helping. The beginner class includes a Bloodhound and a Labrador. Intermediate teams include a Bloodhound, Cairn Terrier, German Shorthaired Pointer, a Catahoula, English Springer Spaniel, Portuguese Water Dog and a German Shepherd. The advanced dog is a Labrador Retriever.

Classes continue through May 8th.



Line Handling Instruction

Volunteers Needed!



DFWTC will host four Scent Work Trials the weekend of May 22 - 23.

Cindi Todd is asking for volunteers to fill the various worker spots to run these trials.

As a thank you for your hard work, those of you who sign up for Saturday and/or Sunday ahead of time will receive a complimentary lunch and all the water you can consume.

Please email Cindi at lacimw@sbcglobal.net to let her know which day(s) and how long you are available to work and if you have a job preference.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

DFW Tracking Club Scent Work Trials

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

Trials 1 and 2 - Saturday, May 22, 2021

Trials 3 and 4 - Sunday, May 23, 2021

Entries Close on April 30 at 6:00pm CT

YMCA Camp Carter

6200 Sand Springs Road, Fort Worth, TX 76114

Premium List is available on the akc.org
and dfwtc.org websites.

Upcoming Tests

May 9: TD, TDX
Catoosa, OK - closes April 29
Jane Wittstock
intcinfo@juno.com

**May 22-23
DFWTC
Scent Work Trials
Fort Worth, TX
Closes April 30
Jeanine Wilson
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June 22: TD
Sullivan, MO - closes June 2
Lynn Luikart
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October 31: TD, VST
Sullivan, MO - closes Oct 21
Kathy Yardley
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Nov 21: TD, TDU, TDX
Fort Worth, TX -
closes Nov 11
Judy Jackson
jjblitzt@hotmail.com

December 5: TDX
Sullivan, MO - closes Nov 25
Kristi Shaw
stlvizsla@gmail.com

**Mark your calendars
for these upcoming
DFWTC Tests**

**November 14, 2021
TDU, VST**

**January 16, 2022
TDU, VST**

**March 13, 2022
TD/TDX**

DFWTC Meeting Minutes January 17, 2021 - approved

Minutes of the January 17, 2021, DFW Tracking Club Meeting
West Park, Euless, TX

Tom Hacholski, President, called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

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

Minutes of the November 8, 2020 meeting, were approved as published in the September 2020 Tracks.

Report of the President:

- Thanks to test workers including judges, Charlene (Chair/secretary), tracklayers, et al.
- Condolences to Bull family on the loss of Marla's Dad and their beloved Wally.

Report of the Secretary:

- Email received from AKC 1/13/21 confirming board members have been updated on AKC website

Report of the Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's Report was passed around for review
- New insurance policy in place

Unfinished Business:

- March 13-14, 2021 TD/TDX
 - Judges changed to Sue Boyd and Inge Suchanek
 - Site: Grasslands 49 and 71 – Sarah noted unit 71 is on the burn schedule for this spring
 - Tracks offered will be 4X, 4T
 - Committee is Charlene, Sarah, Laurel, Cindi, and Jeanine
- Scent Work Trials
 - Corresponding date would be June 26-27 which conflicts with OKC Canine Olympics
 - Camp Carter available May 22-23 which is before the lake opens so less issues with getting in/out of the facility as well as cooler temps
 - Jeanine motioned to change the date to May 22-23; Benita seconded; and the motion carried.
 - Committee: Cindi chair, Jeanine secretary, Jean-Maria, Dori, Tom
 - Judges: Jean Hilbig, Charlene, TBD

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DFWTC Meeting Minutes January 17, 2021 - continued

- Changes to Constitution and Bylaws
 - Jean-Maria to send to AKC
 - Charlene to send to State of Texas
 - Copies on club website and to be distributed to club members
- Changes to club standing rules / worker certificates
 - Updated to specify untitled dogs first
- Changes to Membership Application
 - Changes discussed
 - Updated application to be sent to membership

New Business

- Sniff-N-Go Match – No match this year
- Spring classes
 - Instructors: Charlene & Jean-Maria
 - Location: Park Hill Park
 - Schedule: Start weekend of 3/21 and finish 5/8.
 - 4 beginners, 4 intermediate, 4 advanced
- Website revamp – option to add shopping cart functionality
 - Jeanine motioned to (1) enable electronic entry payments and (2) collect a fee with each payment at least equal to the service charges incurred
 - Shari seconded and the motion carried
- Retain Survey Monkey account
 - Hasn't been used in years
 - Dori motioned to let the account go
 - Jean-Maria seconded and the motion carried
- DFW Metro Scent Work Club proposal
 - Proposal discussed
 - AKC memo specifically prevents one club from allowing another club to hold an event under the club's name

Next Meeting

- March 14, 2021, following the conclusion of the TD/TDX test

John made a motion to adjourn; Pat seconded; and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Secretary

DFWTC Meeting Minutes March 14, 2021 - for approval

Minutes of the March 14, 2021, DFW Tracking Club Meeting
LBJ Grasslands, Unit 71, Decatur, TX

Tom Hacholski, President, called the meeting to order at 12:42pm.

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

Minutes of the January 17, 2021 meeting, were approved as distributed to the membership.

Report of the President:

- Thanks to test workers including judges, Charlene (Chair/secretary), tracklayers, et al.
- Thank you card received from Marla Bull for the flowers sent on her father's passing.
- Thank you card from Stephanie Crawford for having her judge for us.

Report of the Secretary:

- No response from AKC on changes to constitution and bylaws

Report of the Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's Report was passed around for review
- All dues have been paid
- PayPal available for scent work trial fees, going live March 15. PayPal fees are paid by entrant at time payment is processed by PayPal and are nonrefundable.

Judges committee:

- Motion by Pam to hold Nov 21/Jan 22 TDU/VST and Mar 22 TD/TDX tests. Withdrawn in favor of motion by Sarah to hold tracking tests as per AKC calendar unless club votes to stop or cancel a test. Second by Jean-Maria. Motion carried.

Nominating committee:

- Shari volunteered to be a member of the committee
- Committee to meet in April to nominate new officers

Budget committee:

- Will meet in June

Unfinished Business:

- Scent Work Trial May 22-23, 2021
 - Application made, fees sent. Opens 3/15
 - Judges: Jean Hilbig, Laurel Scarioni, Charlene
 - Committee: Cindi (chair), Jeanine (secretary), Dori, Jean-Maria, Tom
- Changes to Constitution and Bylaws
 - Jean-Maria to send to AKC – no response to date. Will re-send
 - Charlene to send to State of Texas
 - Copies on club website and to be distributed to club members

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DFWTC Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2021 - continued

- Spring classes
 - March 20 – May 8
 - Park Hill Park
 - Instructors: Jean-Maria and Charlene

New Business

- Orange Club Logo Hats
 - Request for Charlene to research and submit proposal to club
- DFWTC territory
 - Researching with AKC to determine what the boundaries are of our club's territory.

Next Meeting

- June 12, 2021, either 1pm @ Charlene's or morning at the park pending status of Covid

Dori made a motion to adjourn; Charlene seconded; and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Secretary



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DFW Tracking Club (DFWTC) was founded in August 2005.

The DFW Tracking Club encourages the training and competition of all breeds of canine companion animals for scent related activities, whether it is for fun, competition or for the potential life-saving value. It is the goal of the DFW Tracking Club to educate the dog-owning public about scent related activities for all breeds, and to encourage sportsmanlike behavior at all times, making the safety of the dogs, trainers, and handlers a priority. The DFW Tracking Club encourages dog owners to spend quality time with their dog(s) and to make friends with people who have similar interests.

The DFW Tracking Club is an AKC licensed club, and a 501(c) tax exempt organization.

For more information about the DFW Tracking Club, see the contact information to the left.