



President's Message

Hot enough for ya? I would expect that the Summer Check-in for July 23rd and August 27th will be cancelled. I would also assume that none of you are training but if so, do it early, early morning or quite possibly at night. It took me thirty years to realize the advantages of training at night; however, at this writing it's still 100 degrees at 8 pm.

Not only is it extremely hot but humid as well. For those of you training for VST, the non-vegetated surfaces are pad-blistering hot. Cool it for a while. Fall begins on September 22nd with classes beginning two days later - a good time to crank up the training again. Time enough to get ready for those late October and November tests.

Speaking of tests - DFWTC will again host TDU/VST tests on November 12-13, 2022 and January 14-15, 2023. In addition, we will hold our March 11-12, 2023 TD/TDX test hopefully at the LBJ Grasslands. Sarah Helber wrote a very informative article for the last issue of TRACKS that detailed some of our site problems with the Grasslands and that we all should be on the look-out for other possible TD/TDX sites. This goes for TDU/VST sites as well.

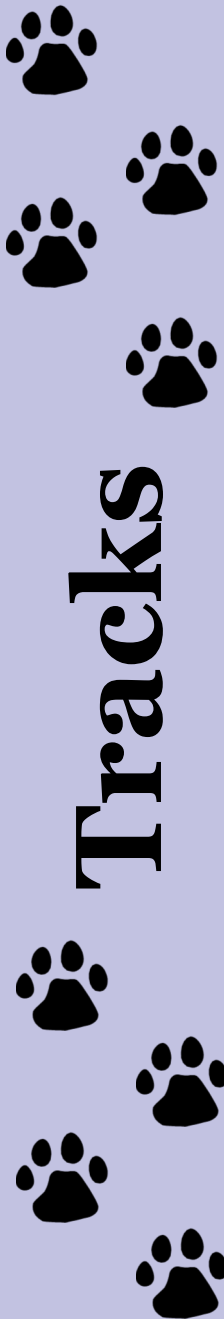


As has been my mantra for every President's message I have written, I've stressed volunteerism. I've been very happy to see over the last two years the membership taking part in laying tracks at our tests and taking on worker positions at our Scent Work trials.

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DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Next Club Meeting

Saturday, August 13

**Place, Time and Food
TBD**

Watch for an email!

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President's Message continued:

At the annual meeting on August 13th, the slate of officers will be elected from the following nominees:

President - Charlene Dunn

Vice President - Tracy Freeling

Secretary - Dori Page

Treasurer - Charlene Dunn and from the floor of the June 11th meeting - Shari Price

Board Member at Large - Benita Zapata

There will be a vote for the Treasurer position.

Most of the positions on the Board take very little of your time between meetings. Those who have served in the past will be happy to mentor you. I would also wish to add that everyone who hasn't served on the Board of Directors, in the future, consider doing so. It's your club – take ownership of it.

This will be my last President's Message. Thanks to all who have served the club and those who are willing to serve the club so that we can continue to hold our tests and trials for not only our own members, but offer the opportunity for fellow trackers and their dogs to earn their titles as well.

— *Tom Hacholski*



DFWTC Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2022 – for approval

Place: West Park, 600 Westpark Way, Euless, TX 76040

Time Started at 8:01 am

Attending: Tom Hacholski, Sarah Helber, Dori Page, Judy McDonald, Shari Price, Pat McGowan, Charlene Dunn, Benita Zapata, and Cindy Todd

Minutes of last meeting March 13, 2022, as published in TRACKS.

Any corrections, deletions or additions to the minutes of the March meeting as published? Chelsea Galbraith application 1st reading was at the March meeting. 1st by Sarah Helber, 2nd by Shari Price. The minutes are approved as corrected.

Report of the President: Since the Secretary is not here for a report on correspondence, we received a thank you note from Cindi Todd for the flowers that were sent on the passing of her Mother. Kudos to Shari Price on her first edition of TRACKS. Congratulations to Pat McGowan on Tot's TD AND VST passes.

Report of the Secretary: N/A

Report of the Treasurer: Passed around. We received an international charge for the MS Publisher software but that has been reversed as of 6/10/22. We used FTD for the flowers for Cindi's mom. That company came the closest to what we ordered vs others. Our TDX posted the highest loss we've seen to date, some of it was due to tickets we had already purchased for the original judges; however, we may need to look at our costs.

Report of Committees:

Budget Committee - status - Report at the Annual Meeting in August

Nominating Committee - present slate of officers:

President/Treasurer - Charlene Dunn

Vice President - Tracy Freeling

Secretary - Dori Page

Member at Large - Benita Zapata

Nominations from the floor. Shari Price volunteered for the Treasurer position

Judges Committee - Will be further discussed under future tests. Do know that Linda

Baschnagel will be one of the judges for the January 14-15 TDU/VST. We have asked Inge and Jane Jonas.

Election of New Members by secret ballot (must attend one meeting)

- Any new applications? No
- Second reading and election. We did not have Chelsea's application to review a 2nd time however a vote was had. Chelsea Galbraith was approved as a regular member. She will be sent a current copy of the bylaws, constitution, and standing rules.

DFWTC Meeting Minutes June 11, 2022 – continued

Unfinished Business:

1. November 12-13, 2022, TDU/VST - application made? Yes

Judges: Stephanie Crawford and Ray Desmarais - contracts sent? Ray's contract stands from last year, but Stephanie will need a new contract

Sites - HEB & TCCNE – Sarah has not contacted yet

Chief Tracklayer and committee? Need all spots filled

Headquarters: need to check with John to ensure firehouse is reserved

2. January 14-15, 2023, TDU/VST - application made? Yes

Judges - Linda Baschnagel and ??

Site – HEB & TCCNE - Sarah has not contacted yet. We will need new insurance certificate before TCC will approve

Chief Tracklayer and committee? Need all spots filled

Headquarters: need to check with John to ensure firehouse is reserved

3. March 11-12, 2023, TD/TDX – application made? No. Did not complete application due to pending discussion about raising fees

Judges: We have asked Becky Johnson and Cindy Soloway. We have not heard back from either.

Site - LBJ Grasslands – Sarah has not sent in our application

Chief Tracklayer and committee? Need all spots filled

Motion to raise TD/TDX rates to \$65/\$125 respectively by Charlene Dunn, 2nd by Cindi Todd. Motion passed.

4. Site Discussion - LBJ Grasslands as described by Sarah in TRACKS.

5. Scent Work site? Nothing new yet. Several suggestions were made. Charlene to send Tom the Scent work pamphlet we have for potential sites. If anyone else wants to check out, these places were named:

- A. Boyd Farm - Tom
- B. Boy scout camp off Camp Wisdom
- C. Ascend camp & retreat center
- D. Sanford Oil company in Decatur
- E. Uptown Mall - Benita

Scent Work - Discussion - if site is found and Trial Chair

6. Summer Check-in - depending on heat - June 25th, July 23rd and August 27th. Location will be sent out ahead of time.

DFWTC Meeting Minutes June 11, 2022 – continued

New Business:

Fall Classes – Sept 24th – Nov 19th, with the week of the test off

Meeting Location – Indoor, outdoor, Zoom \$150/year 1st level, IHOP has a meeting room, maybe John can get us the firehouse?

Any other New Business?

Shari would like 1-2 paragraphs on strange or scary things that happened to you on a track for the next addition of TRACKS

Next Regular Meeting: August 13, 2022, time and location TBD

Motion to adjourn made by Charlene, 2nd by Pat
Time of adjournment 9:27 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Tests

If you are willing to travel, the following states have (a few) tracking trials in September:

Alaska, Illinois, Massachusetts, Idaho. Plus, several breed clubs have events where all breeds are accepted.

Find more info at akc.org

Mark your calendars for upcoming DFWTC Trials (participants and volunteers):

**November 12-13, 2022
TDU/VST**

**January 14-15, 2023
TDU/VST**

March 11-12, 2023 TD/TDX

**Charlene Dunn
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Bloodhound Wins Westminster

Trumpet the Bloodhound

Handled by Heather Buehner, owned and bred by Chris and Bryan Flessner, Heather Buehner, and Tina Kocar, Trumpet is **the first Bloodhound ever to win Best in Show** at the Westminster Dog Show.

The world-famous 'Sleuth Hound' does one thing better than any creature on earth: find people who are lost or hiding. An off-duty Bloodhound is among the canine kingdom's most docile citizens, but he's relentless and stubborn on a scent.

The Bloodhound traces back to the Middle Ages. It is considered to be of British origin and was recognized by the AKC in 1885. There is no record of Bloodhounds in the U.S. until the 1888 Westminster Kennel dog show.



Bloodhound, continued

Bloodhounds are prized by law enforcement and search and rescue personnel for their ability to follow a cold trail and to discriminate one scent from many. The evidence of a well-trained Bloodhound with a credentialed handler is still accepted in Court.

Our club is fortunate to have several Bloodhounds and our tracking classes have attracted others. Below you will see Pandora and John Galbraith with their Bloodhounds, Ripley and Mayhem. Ripley has her TD and TDX; Mayhem earned his TD and is currently working with a Search and Rescue group where he recently passed his evaluation.

Judy McDonald also has had several Bloodhounds and participates in tracking and Search and Rescue.



YOU KNOW IT'S HOT



**WHEN EVEN THE DOG
STARTS TO MELT**

Can We Find a TDX/TD Replacement for the LBJ Grasslands?

By Sarah Helber

Don't panic – we haven't lost the Grasslands as a site – but it's time we started looking for other opportunities for our TDX/TD test.

I'm the primary contact between DFWTC and the US Forest Service, and I'm concerned that DFWTC's expectations and those of the USFS are diverging. We're reaching a point where we (me and, I hope, some others) need to spend significant time exploring other units in the Grasslands or we need to find an alternative.

As I understand it, the USFS is pursuing a restoration program based on both fire and cattle, with the ideal burning on a 3-year cycle. Their window of opportunity for burning is January through March. There is both an art and a science to prescribed burning, and when the weather is ideal, they need the flexibility to jump in and burn as much as they can of what needs to be burned. Of course, our March date falls in that "burn window", and that has caused a good deal of frustration on our part and on that of the USFS. Each year they have worked with us so that we could hold our test as scheduled, but each year has been difficult and frustrating for us and for them.

I had hoped that we could alternate units and work around their schedule, but we will probably need at least 3 separate units or groups of units to do that. I intend to continue to pursue this with them, but I also think it's time to begin putting out feelers for other sites. That's where all of our club members come in!

Set aside any concerns about how much work it might be to acquire a new site, put your thinking cap on and do a little brainstorming on what other sites we might be able to use. While you're thinking, don't discard something that might be a good VST/TDU site either – we might want to upgrade those as well.

Most of the test sites we have used over the years have been "discovered" by one of our club members, and the future ones will probably be discovered that way as well.

At this stage don't place unnecessary limits on your thoughts. Obviously, your backyard is a bit small – but I'd suggest anything over 100 acres. Where? I'd suggest anywhere you would be willing to go as a worker. What type of land? For a TD/TDX test open fields are needed, with obstacles (which can be streets or trees or ditches among other things). For a TDU/VST buildings are needed. For both, one of the important issues is access – getting tracklayers, cross-tracklayers, judges and entrants into and out of each tracking area in all kinds of weather.

Some other questions just to get you thinking –

Who do you know who owns or has access (via family, friends, business, etc.) to land? Where is it?

What areas do you see when you are driving around the metroplex that might be useful?

What types of areas have you seen used in other tests? What similar areas are there in the DFW Metroplex?

If you think of something, let me know what and where (and a contact if you have one). Don't feel bad if it doesn't work out – we won't know if we don't look. In the meantime, I'm keeping my own eyes open as well as working with the USFS.

INFORMATION and UPDATES

Tracking Test Closing

At the April 2022 AKC Board meeting, the following item was approved:

Tracking Tests Closing dates update – effective July 1, 2022.

If a tracking test is announced in a show or trial premium list, the show or trial closing date will apply to tracking entries; otherwise, the closing date for tracking test entries will be at least **seven (7)** days prior to the tracking test.

Companion Events Department | May 10, 2022

You can also check it out at :

<https://akctrackingjudges.akc.org/index.php/2022/05/10/tracking-test-closing-dates/>.

Thanks & Regards,

AKC Companion Events Department



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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.