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# Tracking Season is Here!

DFW TRACKING CLUB

## Tracks



### Next Club Meeting

Sunday, November  
13

Hurst Fire Station after  
VST/TDU Test

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# DFWTC Meeting Minutes

## August 13, 2022 – for approval

Minutes of the August 13, 2022 DFW Tracking Club Meeting (Annual Meeting)  
West Park, Euless, TX

Tom Hacholski, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Attendees were Tom Hacholski (President), Cindi Todd (Vice President), Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), Tracy Freeling, Marla Bull, Marian Beck Edwards, Sarah Helber, Pam Joyce, Pat McGowan, Shari Price, Benita Zapata and Jeanine Wilson. In the absence of the Secretary, Sarah Helber agreed to take the minutes.

Minutes of the June 11, 2022 meeting were approved as published in *Tracks*.

### Report of the President

- Welcome and thanks for coming to yet another outdoor meeting.
- Volunteering is important – both for working tests and for serving as a club officer or director.

### Report of the Secretary (reported by the President in the Secretary's absence)

- Received form from AKC to be used to report the new officers after the election takes place
- Charlene electronically filed Form 990-N with the IRA

### Report of the Treasurer

- The Treasurer's Report was passed around.
- We have finally received the refund for Sharon Jolly's airfare for the March test (the flight was cancelled and Sharon was replaced as a judge).
- Fall classes are mostly full – Beginner and Intermediate are full, Certification and Advanced almost so

### Report of the Budget Committee

- The Budget Plan was passed around. There are still many open issues for next year, but the plan is optimistic and projects tests and a scent work trial consistent with our past schedule but with price increases factored in. It was noted that our biggest tracking expenses are our judges' airfare. There are not enough local judges, so we can expect to lose more money on each test.

### Report of the Judges Committee

- We have one judge each for the January and March tests. Several have turned us down for a variety of reasons, so we are still looking for judges for January and March.

### Election of Officers and Board

- Charlene withdrew her nomination for President. After considerable discussion, it was determined that according to the bylaws, no additional nominations could be made at the annual meeting.
- The President asked for a vote by acclamation for all uncontested offices, and the vote passed.
- After brief presentations by Charlene and Shari, an election was held by secret ballot for the office of Treasurer, and Charlene won the election.

# DFWTC Meeting Minutes

## August 13, 2022 – continued

### Election of New Members

- no new applications have been received. Charlene will be publishing an updated roster soon.

### Unfinished Business

- November 12-13, 2022 TDU/VST
  - Judges are Ray Desmarais and Stephanie Crawford
  - Sarah stated that the hospital and Texas Oncology sites were fine, but TCCNE has yet another new contact person and Sarah is working through the issues there.
  - Headquarters will be the Firehouse, with John Galbraith doing hospitality
  - Test Committee will be Tracy Freeling, Pam Joyce, Charlene Dunn, Pat McGowan and Tom Hacholski, and Tom will be Chief Tracklayer.
  - Premium List is due 9/30/2022
- January 14-15, 2023 TDU/VST
  - One judge hired (Linda Baschnagel) so far, and we need to submit the judges to AKC by September 1.
  - Site status, headquarters and hospitality are the same as the November test.
  - Test Committee will be Tom Hacholski, Tracy Freeling, Shari Price, Sarah Helber, and Charlene Dunn, with Tom as Chief Tracklayer.
  - Premium List is due to AKC 12/1.
- March 11-12, 2023 TD/TDX
  - One judge hired so far (Becky Johnson)
  - Sarah is still working on the site issues, anticipating other unit(s) in the LBJ Grasslands. She is investigating using the Valley View Group Campground area or possibly another combination. Both Units 49 and 71 were not burned as planned last year and are a high priority for this year.
  - We need a Chief Tracklayer (Tom will be out of town) and a test committee.
- Scent Work trial sites
  - Tom reviewed the territories and trial sites of the 12 clubs offering scent work trials in the area. Camp Carter is expensive and it would be good to find someplace cheaper. However, in light of the fact that we are running out of time, Jeanine suggested that we get on their calendar for our weekend.
- Fall Classes – Beginners and Intermediate are full and Certification and Advanced are almost so.

New Business – none

Next Regular Meeting: November 13, 2022 at the Hurst firehouse after the conclusion of the TDU/VST test.

## Upcoming Tests 2022-2023

**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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**October 30: TD, VST  
Sullivan, MO - closes October 20  
Kathy Yardley  
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**November 6: TD, TDX  
Smithville, MO - closes Oct 27  
Pat Robinette  
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**November 6: TD, TDX  
Houston/George Bush - closes Oct 27  
Kathy McLemore  
kathymclemore@msn.com**

**November 20: TDX  
Littleton, CO - closes Nov 9  
Lynn Kaemmerer  
badblackcorgi@gmail.com**

**November 20: TD, TDU, TDX  
Fort Worth, TX - closes Nov 10  
Judy Jackson  
jjblitzt@hotmail.com**

**November 26: TD, TDX  
Catoosa, OK - closes Nov 16  
Debra Hnath  
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**November 27: VST  
Albuquerque, NM - closes Nov 16  
Gloria Napper  
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## Upcoming Tests, continued 2022-2023

December 4: TDX  
Sullivan, MO - closes Nov 22  
Kristi Shaw  
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December 4: TD, TDX  
Bellvue, CO - closes Nov 23  
Donna Dolezal  
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December 11: TD, TDX  
Houston/George Bush - closes Dec 1  
Cynthia Krohn  
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January 8: TD, TDX  
Houston/George Bush - closes Dec 29  
Kathy Daniel  
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January 8: VST  
Las Cruces, NM - closes Dec 29  
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January 29: VST  
Fort Worth, TX - closes Jan 19  
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January 29: TD  
El Paso, TX - closes Jan 19  
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February 5: TDX  
Albuquerque, NM - closes Jan 26  
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February 19: TDX  
El Paso, TX - closes Feb 9  
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# Fall Classes 2022

*by Charlene Dunn*

Well Fall Classes started HOT. With temps over 90 before 10am several teams had to "sit out" after the first round of beginner tracks and we had Advanced and Beginners running concurrently. Same for Intermediate and Certification. Hopefully in the weeks to come we will cool off significantly and be able to comfortably hold class.

Beginners is full with 4 teams; 2 Labs, Rough Collie, and All American. Intermediate has 4 teams: 2 Labs, Canine Corso, and Catahoula. Advanced has 2 teams: Lab and Poodle, and Certification has 3 teams: Golden, German Shepherd, and Cairn Terrier.



Classes are being held at the TCC SE Campus on Saturdays from 7am -11 am.





# FALL CLASS IN COLOR





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# Fall Classes 2022

## Hard Surface Tracking

*by Charlene Dunn*

So what happens when you show up to tracking class (before the sun rises) and see lights in your field. Yep... This is a mowing weekend. So... Now what to do with a full class? Well, we went urban today. Usually the Spring class carries through the summer with hard surface tracking but this year, the Texas heat put a "hold" on any training with record days over 100 degrees and no rain in sight. So for the last two classes, the intermediates have been learning hard surface tracking. Starting with short tracks and lots of articles (hopefully pulling from the dog's memory of the article game on the hard surface) and moving into longer tracks with curves and turns, eventually ending up with that "Moment of Truth" turn that is so hard (pun intended) for dogs in VST tests.

Not to be outdone by the Intermediate class going Urban, the certification class took a turn on the hard surface as well. Fall tests here they come!





# Beware Stinging Nettle

Channel your inner Pretty Woman and hear "beware of the Stinging Nettle". A lot of people are allergic to Nettle, but did you know dogs are too? Yes dogs can be stung by Nettle! Signs of an allergic reaction in dogs:

- redness
- swelling
- intense itching
- profuse salivation
- pawing at the mouth
- vomiting
- labored breathing
- muscle twitching
- ataxia
- diarrhea

In your tracking kit you should always carry Benadryl and wet wipes in case of an allergic reaction but even better is to know what it looks like and avoid it completely! This is a close up picture of nettle and the plant "hairs" that cause the pain and discomfort.



This is a picture of the nettle at Tarrant County College South East Campus. It is found in the grass between the high school outreach building and the access road to 360, usually in the low areas, although mowing has caused it to spread.

How to handle if your dog gets into nettle:

- Wipe the dog down with wet wipes
- Use oral Benadryl and watch for other signs of distress
- Immediately wash dog in warm soapy water
- Continue to monitor for distress

If symptoms worsen seek veterinary support.



## INFORMATION and UPDATES

Send in your brags! When you pass a tracking test—please write an article about your experience and send pictures! You and your dog deserve the recognition!



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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.