



Josie TD!



Tracking is one of the few activities that puts your canine partner in the lead. Any attempt by me to describe how a dog processes the activity would likely be insulting to the dogs. For me tracking is all about the time spent with friends in the early morning hours, walking in the mud and rocks, countless poop bags, and long drives to a good site. It is also about allowing your friends to share stories about current and former canine and training partners. My human olfactory abilities are limited but I am pretty sure that when I grab Josie’s leather harness and bring it to my nose, I can smell the other dogs in our household that came before her. Close to 50 years ago I had a friend that I would go to the Ranger baseball games with. Herman was probably 70 years old and had pitched against Babe Ruth during the time in history that major league teams travelled the country by train during the early spring. He once told me that he may be sitting with us at today’s game, but at some time during the game you are experiencing every game you ever played and sitting with every person you ever sat with. Tracking trials are similar in this way.

The day of the trial at the Grasslands was different from other tracking experiences for her only because it was a new place with new odors, and a larger crowd. We arrived at the headquarters site early enough for her to do her dynamic version of meet and greet, and to “air out”. We were lucky and got an early track. The weather was good and everyone was eager to start the day. I could tell that Josie had found her track as we approached the start flag. I picked up the article and she moved forward purposefully. All I did was hold the line and not mess her up. We are looking forward to the next event in the fall. It takes a lot of people to hold a tracking event. Thanks to everyone involved.

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Next Club Meeting
Saturday, June 24
Dunn’s B&B



DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Upcoming Tests:

February 26: TD/TDU/TDX
Fort Worth, TX
Judy Jackson
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March 5: TDU/TDX
Fort Worth, TX
Judy Jackson
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March 5: TDX
Sullivan, MO
Pat Thayer
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March 12: TD/TDX
Decatur, TX
Charlene Dunn
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March 19: TD/TDX
Houston, TX
Marsha McCadden
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March 19: VST
Overland Park, KS
Chris Lero
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March 26: TDU/VST



Open Positions

Newsletter Editor—No previous experience necessary, OTJ training is available. If interested please contact the current Board.

Companion Events Club Liaison to AKC—No previous experience necessary. Job entails relaying information sent out by AKC

Nominating Committee Member—Our bylaws call for one person from the current board of directors to chair the nominating committee and two

members from the membership to serve. One more member is needed. If you are willing to serve, please email Benita Zapata at bzapata21@yahoo.com

2023 Winter Tracking Classes

Winter tracking classes, held January and February, can be quite a challenge. This year had an extra challenge added to the equation – whether the land adjacent to Parkhill Park would be available at all. The Grand Prairie school district has sold the northwest 5 acres (the most convenient) to a church, and construction was to have already started. While there was still room without the 5 acres, it's not unusual for construction crews to really make a mess of surrounding “unused” land.

Instructors Marian and Sarah held their breath and were especially cautious not to take more than the normal number of students. As it turned out, construction had not even started by the end of the session. Whew!

It was a good class. They were a good group of people and dogs. The weather was also amazingly accommodating. For all of the really, really cold weather during that period, the weekends were quite nice – no sleet, no ice fogs, not even serious rain. Let's hope we see some tracking titles from this group!

Spring Classes

Spring classes are being held at Tarrant County College Southeast Campus. Levels offered are Beginners, Intermediates, Advanced, and Certification. Classes run from March 5th—April 29th, 2023.

We only have 2 beginners this time a Poodle and a Wirehaired Vizsla, both are doing excellent!

Our intermediates is an overfull class so we ended up adding a 2nd assistant instructor. We have a Bloodhound, Malinois, Poodle, All American, Rough Collie, Catahoula, 2 Border Collies, and 2 Labs. All are progressing nicely and should be ready for certification class in the fall.

Our advanced class consists of a Golden, Lab, and Poodle. All are progressing in their skills for TDX and VST

Our certification has a Portuguese Water Dog and a Border Collie, one is already certified!

We were blessed with cool temps all spring, hopefully it will carry into a mild summer!



Volunteers Needed!



DFWTC will host four Scent Work Trials the weekend of May 20 - 21.

Tracy Freeling 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 Tracy at taf76137@yahoo.com 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 28 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.

DFWTC Meeting Minutes January 15, 2023—APPROVED

DFW Tracking Club January 15, 2023 Minutes

Place: Main Firehouse, 1200 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, TX

Attending: Charlene Dunn, David Bull, Dori Page, Jean Maria Higginbotham, Sarah Helber, Judy McDonald, John Galbraith, Pat McGowan, Chelsea Perez, Tom Hacholski. Guests: Leslie McCracken, Roberta Dunn and Linda Baschnagel.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President David Bull at 12:17 p.m.

Minutes of last meeting were approved by Jean Maria Higginbotham and seconded by Charlene Dunn

Report of President - Absent

Report of the Treasurer - We have money, we spent money. Charlene got notification about a change to our insurance. Only change was the name. Judge Ilene Morgan sent us reimbursement for airfare we paid.

Report of Secretary - Nothing.

Judges Committee - Sharon Jolly will replace Charlene for the March test at the grasslands. Still need judges for November and January tests.

No new members or reading of applications.

Unfinished business:

- March Test, Sarah got permit in mail and will get it signed and sent back. Burning plans for grasslands are still an issue. Jean Maria is Chief Track Layer and needs volunteers to lay tracks, carry flags, etc. John Galbraith will be at grasslands when they burn and can update us on burns.
- Scentwork Trial: Premium is out. Opens March 6th for entries. Tracy and Jeanine need volunteers. Deposit made to Camp Carter. Once Stephanie is approved for higher levels, classes will be transferred from Charlene. We are the only people on site at Camp Carter that weekend.

New Business:

- Classes -Winter classes are going well (only 2 so far). Spring classes open 2-1-22. Some intermediate spots will be held for Sarah's students. Spring classes will likely be held at TCC SE Campus.
- Dues are due.
- GoDaddy has migrated our email from Google Workspace to MS Essentials. Charlene spent a good amount of time getting emails reestablished. GoDaddy wants more money for email accounts. Contract is up end of 2024.
- Tracks will be republished.

Jean Maria Higginbotham was awarded her CT Frame for Temper's CT.

Tom H. moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:35. Jean Maria H. seconded it, Pat McGowan third.

Next meeting will be at the LBJ Grasslands following the test, March 12, 2023.

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March 26: TDX

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April 2: TD/VST

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April 2: TD

Littleton, CO
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April 16: TD/TDX

Tulsa, OK
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April 23: VST

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April 23: TD/TDU/TDX

Houston, TX
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DFWTC Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2023—PUBLISHED

DFW Tracking Club Meeting March 12, 2023 Minutes

Attending: Jean Maria Higginbotham, Pandora Galbraith, John Galbraith, Benita Zapata, Judy McDonald, David Bull, Dori Page, Sarah Helber, Charlene Dunn Guests: Lucie Hiser, Sharon Jolly, Rebecca Johnson

Meeting was called to order by VP David Bull at 1:22 P.M.

Minutes of last meeting: Approved by David Bull

Report of President - N/A

Report of Treasurer: We have money, we spent money. We also have a deficit paid for judges, \$1100 just for flights, not payment for judges. Site price for trial is \$3K. There is a fuel service fee for the port-a-potty. Scentwork Trial: We will not realize any money until the trial closes. Detective is full, rest of trial is $\frac{2}{3}$ full. Ribbons have been ordered. Got extra new title ribbons.

Report of Secretary: First reading of Leslie McCracken's application.

Judges Committee: Down a member. Benita Volunteered.

Newsletter Editor - Need a new one.

Unfinished Business:

- Scentwork
 - Jeanine told Charlene that detective is full for Scentwork Trial. Rest of trial is $\frac{2}{3}$ full.
 - An exhibitor wants a food truck at the trial. Most trucks have a minimum. If that minimum is not met, then the club is responsible for the deficit. McAlister's will be there for worker/judge food. There was a question about whether Camp Carter would have any issue with a food truck on site. Also need to check if a permit is required. It was moved and seconded that we would not employ a food truck for the trial. Jean-Maria made the motion and Benita seconded.
 - Still need volunteers for the scentwork trial. Need 3 volunteers for each judge. We will need a group to meet the afternoon of the 19th to prep the site for the trial. Windows need covering, John Blakeway will pick up sand.. Per Jeanine people have sent in volunteer forms. Need a volunteer to be in charge of the volunteers. Very likely we will need a replacement trial chair.
- Spring Classes: Classes are full. 1 beginner, 8 intermediate, 2 advanced, 2 certification.
- Fall Tests: Need judges. Charlene stated that she planned to ask Allison Platte, but she may be in cancer treatment. Sharon Jolly here for January.
- GoDaddy still has issues. Migration did not happen. Worked for a week or so and quit again. Charlene will contact them again. If they can't get it fixed, we can create new lists. Sarah suggested sending another test email.
- Need to publish a new club roster on the website

New Business:

- Nominating committee will meet in April for board and two members at large. Jean Maria volunteered to be member at large along with Benita chairing. Still need one more member to serve
- Staffing of tests. Charlene made a motion that we discontinue the Grasslands test due to a lack of volunteers. After much discussion about lack of volunteers, John G. moved that we table this discussion until the June meeting. Jean Maria second, Charlene opposed.
- Sarah stated she had no idea what would happen with units 49 and 71 due to burning.
- John G. stated that we might lose the fire station as HQ due to leaks/structure issues. John stated he would find out if we could use Brookside Convention Center.

Charlene moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Jean Maria Higginbotham. Next meeting 6/24/23 at 1:00.

January 15 TDU VST

This test was a challenge from the start. We had a judge cancel on us last minute and we ended up substituting one of our local judges. The Hospitals exit ramps and roads were closed for construction all weekend, which meant we were on the college campus. It was a struggle to find grass that did not have stickers and fit in the TDUs and VSTs all in one site. Alas we had no passes. However we were warm and well fed by our chief of hospitality, John Galbraith. All these dogs will see titles soon!

March 12 TD TDX

We held our spring TD/TDX test on our backup unit at the LBJ national grasslands due to the burning of our unit just 1 week before our test. This is by far the most labor intensive test we put on. We need all hands on deck for this test, and unfortunately we did not have the help we needed, so several folks had to do double duty carrying flags for another tracklayer and then long walks back to trucks, as it was too wet for cars or vans on the “roads” we use. Despite the winds and the heat our members still managed to have a good time and bonus our very own David Bull and Josie earned their TD so it made all the work worth it in the end. We were well fed again by John Galbraith who never disappoints, even cooking with a generator!



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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.