



President's Message

With cooler weather comes the opportunity to train, and perhaps enter a test. Take the time to review your notes and formulate a training plan that will give you the results you want. Make every training experience in the field a positive experience.

There will also be opportunities to support our club as we host events in the coming months. Our club does not thrive on the financial generosity of donors. The club thrives on the gifts of time and talents of the members. Thanks to everyone on their gifts.

Our next club meeting will be November 12, 2023. The food is tasty and plentiful, and the fellowship great. Please come to the meeting to gain an understanding of our history, and to participate in the planning of future events. Everyone's voice is important.

David Bull,
DFW Tracking Club President

BAKER = CERTIFIED



April 29th. I head to tracking class to help with the newbies and work Dokk. The day was gross. Overcast, windy, muggy.

Charlene told me Tom was laying a track for Baker and I needed to go run it. Baker and I had tried to certify on a track Tom laid a couple of times previously and hadn't gotten far either time. First time Baker found a nest of mice and we had to retire that track. Baker thought the mice were jolly good fun. Second time, I mess us up, Baker got frustrated and we just didn't do well. I figured we didn't have a chance. I got Baker geared up, pottied him and headed to the track. Baker took off down the first leg with no issue, made the first corner, did the second corner, cut off a teensy bit of the third corner, found the article, identified it like a champ and headed off down the leg. We crossed the street and nearly bungled the last corner when I pushed Baker past the corner. Baker started barking at me and I knew I was messing him up. I brought him back to where I saw him act like he wanted to turn and he motored right across the street to the next field and found the glove!!!

Can't wait to enter a test and try this for "real".

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Next Club Meeting

Sunday November 12th

Upcoming Tests:

Oct 8: VST

Overland Park, KS
Chris Lero
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Oct 15: TDU/VST

Sheridan, CO
Lynn Kaemmerer
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Oct 29: TD/VST

Sullivan, MO
Kathy Yardley
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Nov 5: TD/TDX

Houston, TX
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Nov 5: TD/TDX

Smithville, MO
Pat Robinette
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Nov 5: TD

Denver, CO
Beth Elliot
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Nov 12: TDU/VST

Bedford, TX
Charlene Dunn
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DFWTC Meeting Minutes August 19, 2023—PUBLISHED

The August meeting of the DFW Tracking Club was called to order by President Tracking Freeling at 1:55 p.m.

Attending:
Charlene D, Dori P, Judy M, Pandora G, Chelsea P, Sarah H, Laurel H, David B, John G, Benita Z, Tom H, Tracy F.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved by Benita and seconded by Dori

Report of President:

Tracy talked about registration for fall classes, and appreciates all who volunteer their time to help the club.

Report of Secretary:

No member applications received. Nothing else to report

Report of Treasurer:

Financials for the End of the Year and preliminary 2023 were passed out and discussed. We have some \$\$\$. Most income comes from classes, shirts and entries. Expenses last year are still running in the negative. Tracking tests are expensive and will not get better. Air fare is running \$700 per judge. Per Tom, lots of clubs went up on entry fees. Got a donation for sympathy flowers sent this year. Have not yet renewed insurance. In 2024 we will have the added expense of the website. Website will cost us approximately \$400. Scentwork brings in up to \$12K gross. Scentwork computer program is paid for 3 years. Have plenty of boxes. Club is willing to sell boxes to other clubs at cost. Will need to get new title ribbons, high in trial and 1st place.

Report of Committees:

- **Judges Committee**—Both November judges canceled due to circumstances beyond their control. Have called/contacted several judges to find replacements. Sil Sanders is willing to come. May use Tom H or Charlene as second judge. Tom said he would judge November. Still need one judge for January VST. Sharon in El Paso has no VST license. Have March and November of next year covered. Getting judges is starting to be a problem.
- **Newsletter**—Still need a newsletter editor. Tracy asked if it was worth the effort. Chelsea suggested we use a Facebook page. David will ask Tracy Dulock and see if we still have access to the original Facebook page. Chelsea said she was willing to moderate the Facebook page should we decide to go with one.
- **Budget Committee**—Sarah passed out a 2 year budget. Dues no longer cover admin expenses. Classes help. 2024 GoDaddy expenses are large. Scent work adds up to \$3500. Lots of detail on where our money actually goes. Airfare is still a big hit. Sarah suggested raising entry fees. VST @ \$125 and TDX raised to \$125. Hard to recoup test costs. Most cost effective when we have local judges. We can use some local scent work judges. Still forecasting a profit as long as we do scentwork.

Election of Officers:

Elected as listed. Tom moved that the secretary accept officers as listed. Judy seconded.

Old Business:

- Go Daddy is still a huge issue. We were told we have pay for MS Office to make email work. Go Daddy would cost \$100 a year until we renew. MS Office is supposed to be part of the new website fee. Google workspace email is \$5 a month. There is a free service called "Zoho" where we now have an account which gives us 5 free emails. Zoho is not allowing forwards. Since we don't have a ton of business, we technically could survive with 5 emails. Our options are paying GoDaddy, try Zoho or Google Workspace. Our domain name is important and needs to be protected. Tracy suggested we find a solution going forward so we don't lose any pertinent information. Will work with free options or spend money until we decide to renew with GoDaddy. Charlene stated she needed approval to spend money. John G moved that we spend up to \$200 and Chelsea seconded. All present were in favor.



Plant Guide for Pet Owners

Pet Friendly Plants

Alyssum	Echevarria Succulents	Polka Dot Plant
Blue Daisy	Gerber Daisy	Rose
Boston Fern	Gloxinia	Snap Dragons
Bottlebrush Tree	Impatiens	Spider Plant
Camelia	Marigold	Star Jasmine
Canna	Nasturtium	Sunflower
Celosia Plumosa	Pampas Grass	Sword Fern
Christmas Cactus	Persian Violet	Viola
Coreopsis	Petunia	Zinnia

Toxic Plants

Aloe	Elephant Ear	Pansy
Begonia	Fleabane	Peace Lily
Bird of Paradise	Gardenia	Pink Dianthus
Bougainvillea	Geranium	Plumbago
Calia Lily	Hibiscus	Poinsettia
Coleus	Hydrangea	Primrose
Cosmos	Iris	
Dumb Cane	Mother-in-law Tongue	

Poisonous Plants

Azalea	Easter Lily
Castor Bean	Star Gazer Lily
Cyclamen	Sago Palm
Daffodil	Tiger Lily

A Step In The Right Direction

A Beginner's Guide to Tracking

Date: December 16-17, 2023

Time: 8am—5pm both days

Costs: \$200 Working \$100 Audit

Location: Hurst Community Park



Seminar Particulars: A comprehensive two day seminar covering everything a beginner needs to know to start tracking, up to, and beyond, earning a TD. This seminar is based on the lesson plans developed by Charlene over the years. These lessons have produced several tracking dogs, with many going on to obtain upper level tracking titles, including multiple champion trackers.

Seminar Topics:

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| 1. What is Tracking? | 9. Map Making |
| 2. What is Scent? | 10. Serpentine Tracks |
| 3. Equipment | 11. Turns, Turns, Turns |
| 4. Books | 12. Does Age Matter? |
| 5. Article Indication | 13. What is "In Shape"? |
| 6. "Puppy" Tracks | 14. Certifications |
| 7. Line Handling | 15. Test Day |
| 8. Stride Length | 16. TD! Now What? |

Logistics:

Price includes snacks, lunch, seminar book, and drinks.

Working slots are limited to 12, auditor slots are not limited. Minimum 5 participants required for seminar to run.

Tracking is not a fair weather sport, there is a covered pavilion in case of weather. Location is a public park.

About the presenter: Charlene Dunn is an AKC & ASCA Tracking, AKC Scent Work & Earthdog, and AKC & UKC Rally judge.

With over two decades of experience in Obedience and Tracking, she owner handled the first All American CT with all 5 tracking titles. She has also handled 2 diverse breeds, Labrador and Miniature Wirehair Dachshund, to their "CT" titles along with earning multiple other TD's. Other venues: multiple CD/CDX titles along with all levels of Rally through RAE in AKC/UKC and CGC titles; licensed thru TDI therapy dog, WTX titles – water rescue; 1 Lab cleared for Search and Rescue; and most recently Scent Work: overall master title on 17.5 yr old Dachshund and overall novice and elite buried on 19yr old All-American.

She believes all dogs should have a basis in obedience for focus and control and tracking gives them an avenue for "work". As many breeds do, her Labs, Dachshund, and BC/Basset mix liked to have "jobs".

She has taught tracking for over 20 years having worked with over 40 breeds and many mixed breeds.

She teaches all levels of AKC & ASCA tracking and beginning level Schutzhund.

**Mall form and entry fee to:
Make checks payable to DFWTC**

DFW Tracking Club
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Fort Worth, TX 76118

For more information email:
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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dog's Name _____

Breed _____

Age _____

Circle one:

Working

Audit

Nov 19: TD/TDU/TDX

Fort Worth, TX

Judy Jackson

jjblitzt@hotmail.com

Nov 19: TDX

Denver, CO

Lynn Kaemmerer

badblackcorgi@gmail.com

Nov 25: TD/TDX

Catoosa, OK

Jane Wittstock

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Nov 26: VST

Albuquerque, NM

Gloria Napper-Owen

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Dec 3: TD/TDX

Smithville, MO

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Dec 10: TD/TDX

Houston, TX

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- **Fall Seminar** - Jeanine sent out an email to scentwork people gauging interest in a fall seminar, "Intro to Tracking". Freda has five people interested and Jeanine has five people interested. Charlene emailed the City of Hurst about holding the seminar at the City Park. Contact was out of the office and will get back to us. This will be a two day seminar December 16th and 17th. \$150 per working spot, \$100 to audit. Includes lunch, book, starter kit and snacks. 12 teams max, unlimited auditors. Tracy made a motion to hold the seminar, Benita seconded, all present agreed. Tom will take flyers to the Houston meeting. Chelsea will post on Facebook if we get it going.

New Business:

- **Fall classes** - 2 beginners, 7 intermediate, 3 advanced, 2 certification. Class starts 9/23 and runs until 11/18. Week of 11/11 off for tracking test and week of 10/14 or 21.
 - **Test Swap** - Last meeting we discussed tests. Many club members are gone in May. Discussed moving May Scentwork trial to March and moving March Tracking Test. We have judges, secretary for March. Discussed possibility of doing a night tracking test in May. Judges are pretty agreeable. Hospital and college are well lit. Tracks would be laid in the light and run after dark.
 - o March 9-10, 2024 - Scentwork Trial
 - o May 18-19,2024 - Tracking VST. Would lose TDU
 - o Can do TD and TDX at grasslands
- John G asked why we couldn't just change the date. Changing is not possible due to club member availability. Need 3 people per judge plus floaters. Could go later in year, but if we use Camp Carter, we run into the issue of Berger Lake being open and it causing significant traffic problems. The swap is a one time thing for 2024. Move TD/TDX to January. Likelihood of hunters at the grasslands is still a problem. Motion was made by Tom to move TD/TDX to January 13-14 at the grassland and Charlene seconded. Judy moved that we move the scentwork trial to March. Pandora second, no one opposed. Will likely use Camp Carter. No vote on May Test at night.
- **Winter Class Instructors**—Sarah is not sure if she wants to do winter classes. If she doesn't do it, Marian will not either. Classes do bring in income/members and practice. Sarah wants to focus her time and attention on Miles.

No other new business, Dori moved to adjourn, John seconded. Next meeting 11/12/23.



Open Position

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



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.

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