



# President's Message



The cooler temperature presents a perfect opportunity to do more training. Keep a record of each session and set up a plan to improve. This is also the time of year that we host events. We all know that it takes hours of driving, preparation, and waiting just to practice. It takes that much effort multiplied many times to host an event. Everyone that spends the time helping will eventually be an entrant in our test or some other club's test. That is how our sport survives.

In my time I have encountered dozens of successful amateur and professional handlers. Each year I went to a large annual certification event for a myriad of search types (arson, bombs, drugs, electronics, human remains) and for tracking potentially dangerous people who were avoiding capture. I recall one instructor reminding us that training requires communication and, more importantly, communication requires the handler to listen to the dog's words as expressed through the dog's ability to communicate through body language. What did your dog tell you last time you trained together?

David Bull,

DFW Tracking Club President

## DUES ARE DUE - Don't Delay Send Today!

During the month of December, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year. Membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues have not been paid. Associate \$15, Regular \$20, Household \$30

## WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!

DFW Tracking club now has a Facebook group! Please go like the page "DFW Tracking Club", and tag us in pictures, events of the club, and our tracking classes! It's just another way to stay connected and share information about the club, our awesome dogs, handlers, and volunteers.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553376216492>



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## Next Club Meeting

Sunday January 14th

## Upcoming Tests:

### Jan 14: TD/TDX

Decatur, TX  
Charlene Dunn  
crdslabs@yahoo.com

### Jan 28: VST

Fort Worth, TX  
Judy Jackson  
jjblitzt@hotmail.com

### Jan 28: TD

El Paso, TX  
Michelle Mauldin  
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### Feb 4: TDX

Placitas, NM  
Gloria Napper-Owen  
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### Feb 11: TDU/VST

Houston, TX  
Janiece Newell  
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### Feb 18: TD/TDU

Baton Rouge, LA  
Karen Runnels  
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### Feb 18: TDX

El Paso, TX  
Michelle Mauldin  
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## DFWTC Meeting Minutes November 12, 2023—PUBLISHED

Meeting was called to order by President, David Bull at 12:53 p.m.

### Attending:

Dori P, John G, Charlene D, Pat M, David B, Chelsea P, Tom H., Sarah H, Benita Z, Leslie M, Jean-Maria H. Guests: Sil S, Roberta D

Minutes of last meeting. Jean Maria H. moved to accept, Chelsea P. seconded.

**Report of President:** None

**Report of Secretary:** None

**Report of Treasurer:** We have money, we spent money, income and expense sheet was distributed.

- Beginner seminar is full. Have one person who wants to cancel. Sil Sanders offered his book to either raffle or give at the seminar. All we have to do is ask him and he will send it. John G. moved that we ask Sil Sanders for the book. We have paid the city for the use of the site.
- Club insurance was paid early so the grasslands would approve our use of the test areas.

### Report of Committees:

- **Judges Committee** - We have judges for January. Aerials were sent of areas 71 & 49 to January judges. Judges will bunk at a hotel in Decatur. They need to get airfare sorted asap. Alison will come back at some point. Still had March tracking judges set. Still have scentwork judges for March set. Do not have Camp Carter. They do not want dogs back.
- **Newsletter Editor** - We still need one. Chelsea will do a facebook page for the club. We will start fresh.
- **Budget Committee** - Nothing to report.

There are no new member applications in hand and no new members pending.

### Old Business

- Go Daddy. Waiting on refund on sales tax. Aliases are not running. Info is running. Working on renewal on email. Bought two years, got a free year. Website is due in December. We own the domain so it will go wherever we go. New sites include SSL, email, domain, two emails for first year., and their version of wordpress. Do we want to stay with "go daddy"?
- Fall Seminar. Cindi and Jeanine already volunteered and Dori, Tom and Leslie will help.
- Winter Classes. Sarah and Marian are taking the winter off. Charlene and Tom judge in the winter. Maybe start Spring classes in February? Fall class beginners are awesome. Will discuss spring classes at the next meeting.

### New Business

- January test - Needs a committee. Dori, Sarah, Tom and Chelsea volunteered. John G. will cook.
- Scentwork Trial - Have judges, looked at potential sites. At Krum elementary we can use the cafeteria, gym and one other room. Would leave out interiors. Would not be possible to hold a full trial there. Also looked at Episcopal school on 820 it's a big campus. Nor-tex did a supply drive at their last trial to help location. Paid \$1K less than we paid Camp Carter. Also looked at a school in Colleyville. Charlene waiting to hear back. Pamphlet needs to be updated. Insurance is now set at \$2 million. Judges and AKC holding.
- Membership—John G. asked if students wanted to join the club. Applications were emailed to two students.
- Tax Exempt—John G. commented that he had to fill out a form the last time he used the Tax ID number. Hobby Lobby was renewed. Same with Dollar Tree and Walmart.

Charlene moved to adjourn the meeting. Jean Maria and Tom seconded simultaneously. Meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.



# A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

## SEMINAR SUMMARY



Working Slots: 12, Audit: 2

Team Traveled the Farthest: Alaska

Overall Seminar Satisfaction Survey:

- ◇ Food: Awesome
- ◇ Content: Awesome
- ◇ Will Attend Another: YES!

Seminar temps ranged from cold to way too hot. All working teams progressed nicely. We should see some great trackers in the future.

Enjoy some candid photos courtesy of Tom Hacholski

Thanks to the seminar helpers: Jeanine Wilson, Cindi Todd, Dori Page, Tom Hacholski, and Leslie McCracken. Cooks: Dori Page, Cindi Todd and Charlene Dunn

## TRIPP TD

First, this is my new favorites picture. Thank you Tracklayer, Cynthia Krohn, for snapping this of Tripp, me and the Judges Kathleen Milford and Jeff Shaver. Now... How did we get to this picture. Tripp came to live in Texas on memorial day weekend. That was probably the last cool weekend of the summer. For the entire summer, I am sure he thought he'd been sent to the third realm of Purgatory. Despite that, we started our tracking journey.

Our first order of business was to see if Charlie's harness fit. Check! Second order of business was to get him a cool coat so that we could survive the summer tracking.

After a summer of component training we entered the fall and longer tracks. Fall was not cool, and when you are the teacher's dog, you get the last track of the day in the heat of the day, to say Tripp struggled with a work ethic would be an understatement. He knew what he was supposed to do, he just didn't want to do it in that heat. Well after thanksgiving temps started to get cooler so I thought we'd give certification a try. He nailed the track dragging me along 40 feet behind him. The difference? 20 degrees or so... Now to





**Feb 25: TD**

Placitas, NM  
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**Mar 3: TD/TDU**

Fort Worth, TX  
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**Mar 10: TDU/VST**

Bedford, TX  
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**Mar 17: TD/TDX**

Houston, TX  
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**Mar 17: VST**

Overland Park, KS  
Chris Lero  
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find a cooler weather test. The closest test was Houston, which on any given day can be insanely hot or cold. We took our chances and entered. We lucked into the first track of the day and we were off to the races. Footing in Houston’s George Bush Park can be hit or miss and it had rained the day before so our first leg into the sun not only could I not see, but I was trying not to face plant. The harder Tripp pulled the farther I fell behind. Finally I was at the end of the 40’ line and I had to suck it up and speed up or risk him getting demotivated and quitting on me.

First turn was to the right, finally out of the sun so I could see, 2nd turn to the right, he slowed down and I almost caught up. 3rd turn was to the left and he was pulling 90 to nothing. 4th turn was open and he slowed only an instant. “Just don’t fall” was my chant as my covid impacted lungs were burning and I was trying to move faster than my knee wanted to and then he stopped. I looked and as I approached he fished out this gray glove and came running back to me. Oh good boy!

All that for a 5 minute run. Only dog I had move faster was 15 years ago and I was 15 years younger!

On a whim I had bought him a toy bottle of champagne while on a judging assignment in ABQ, guess what he got for his treat!

Now to find a cool weather TDX and VST!



## Open Position

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



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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.