



**Cross Country Tracking Club
Annual General Meeting
Awards and Christmas Party
Dec. 19th, 2014**

Thank you to Eileen Fisher for hosting the event !

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We had nineteen members and one guest . Lots of food and laughs as usual . The meeting went well and the executives stays the same. Awards were handed out to members earning tracking titles in 2014.



Monday, February 9th, 2015, our dear friend and Club member **Candy Rennie**, has lost the battle with cancer after being diagnosed with a brain tumor a little over a year ago. She will be dearly missed. She joined CCTC in 2003 and has helped at all tracking tests as a tracklayer, even if she was entered she'd help with another level. She has also been test secretary for some of our tests. It's a great loss !



Candy earned a TD on Salem, TD, TDX & UTD on Jersey and a TD on Abby.



CCTC Club Members' Tracking Titles in 2014 Congratulations !!!

**Laura Wright Oct 5, 2014 "Emma" Vizsla CKC TDX
CH. Sansouci's Gem North of Forty-Nine CD RE FDJ TDX**



**Laura McKay Oct, 19, 2014 "Tenor" Labrador Retriever CKC UTD
Pinebank's Encore Performer CD TDX RE WCX SH UTD**

**Connie Gavin "Sammie" Field Spaniel May 30, 2014 CKC TDX, Oct 19,
2014 AKC TD
Dragnflytes Dancin Through Life, TDX, AKC TD, RN CRN CGN ADC
SGDC SD-S NJ RATN**



Cross Country Tracking Club 2014 Club President Report

Another year has gone by and here we are at our 18th Annual General meeting.

We have one of the best Club there is and we owe it all to our dedicated members who come out to track-lay at the tests, and also to each person who has a position and a responsibility to keep the Club running smoothly and organize our tracking tests.

We do have good fields for TD tracks but have not had good luck in getting TDX fields up to now .We are going to check out some new fields in a new area in the Spring. Thanks to Connie Gavin we have been offered her relative's fields for us to check if we can use them. We may have some new TDX fields for 2015 !!

In 2014, we've held our five tests as usual plus the NAMBR test organized by Sue Godbehere.

Congratulations to all who have worked hard and have gotten more tracking titles this year !

Wishing everyone all the Best in the New Year and Happy Tracking.....

Yours truly, Marie-P Babin (Club Pres.)

CCTC Members' Brags.....



“Poppy”

**Popagana von Lowenherz, CGN TD CD
SE RA,**

1 Wire -Haired Dachshund
#4 in the Hound Group, and #170 in all
breed.in Canada for 2014 in Rally-
Obedience at age 12
Owned by **Pamela Burns**

“Tenor”

Pinebank's Encore Performer CD
TDX RE WCX SH UTD AKC
CD RN

Tenor earned his AKC CD & RN
January 10,2015 in Hamburg NY
Owned by **Laura McKay**

Tenor won the Performance Challenge at the American National Labrador Specialty Show in Gettysburg, PA in October, 2014. Over the course of 8 days (Oct. 5 to 12) he participated in tracking, agility, obedience, rally obedience, conformation and hunt tests. He got points for participating and for qualifying and for his score/time in the various events. He won the challenge over 42 other dogs and came away with two 1sts in Novice A Obedience, one 1st in Novice A Rally, one first and a second in Novice Agility (JWW), and two passes in Senior Hunter.

On January 8 and 9, 2015 he finished his AKC CD and RN at the Kennel Club of Niagara Falls Obedience/Rally Trial in Hamburg NY with 1st place in all 4 runs (2 Obedience, 2 Rally).



More CCTC Members' Brags.....

“Emma” finished her CDX on October 18th !

CH. Sansouci's Gem North of Forty-Nine
CDX RE FDJ TDX

Owned by **Laura Wright**



November 5th, she earned a **High In Trial !**

Happy 14th Birthday
to these littermates on Feb. 18th, 2015

Elliott & Marlo celebrated this big birthday
with cupcakes
Elliott on the right is owned by Maryke Warwick
and Marlo on the left owned by Marie-P Babin

May they have more birthdays together !!



New Little Trackers..

“Piper”

Elliquin Pipin’ Aboard
Born Nov. 24, 2014

Owned and bred by **Maryke Warwick**



“Penny”

Carnaby Love Child.
Born October 26 2014.

English Cocker owned by **Wendy Downing**

A bit about Nose-work by Marie-P Babin

www.sportingdetectiondogs.ca

Last year I started doing scent detection with Frankie and Jorja. Since they already use their nose for tracking I felt they could get right into this new sport. They're really enjoying this type of scent work and a quite a few other Club members have also gotten into SDDA scent detection. We're learning together.

It's a sport that you can practice at home with very little gear. All you need is about a dozen shoe boxes or plastic tubs with a small hole on the top and some wintergreen oil for the scent to start. Pine and thyme scent is added later. We do the container searches, room searches where the scent can be hidden anywhere and then a vehicle search where the scent is placed somewhere on one vehicle but there are three vehicles to search.

At the trials, they are all blind searches which means that the handler has no idea where the scent is hidden.

With (SDDA) Sporting Detection Dogs Association, what is really nice is you can enter just one search (maybe just containers) or all three. If you pass the container and room search but not the vehicle search in Novice, next time you enter a trial you can enter the first two in Advanced and the third in Novice to finish your Novice title.

Join the facebook group and learn more on what it's all about.

The group is called, Sporting Detection Dogs Canada
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/189479194526179/>

Peanut Butter Cookies !!

Ingredients:

1 cup of flour
1/2 cup of oats...
1/2 cup of peanut butter
1/2 or 3/4 cup of warm water

Directions:

Mix ingredients together – batter will be dry.
Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Let your doggies enjoy!

