

New Tracking Champion Daniel !!

Congratulations to Wendy McCullough in finishing the four titles required for a Tracking Championship

On CCTC's 25th Anniversary..

She received an engraved Medallion for Daniel's Tracking Championship.

TCH. Signet Double O Seven THDN RN CGN VC

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As this is our 25th Anniversary, we had pins made to commemorate our special anniversary.

These will be presented or mailed to all our Members to enjoy and wear with pride !!

CCTC Members' Tracking Titles 2021

TD

1- Marianne Loughlin "Onslow" Bloodhound

CH. Boru's Surrealism CGN TD

2- Marianne Loughlin "Emmet" Bloodhound

Boru's The Night Watch TD

3- Wendy McCullough "Saphira" Std. Poodle

Signet Rhapsody in Blue TD

4- Vladimir Semechko "Bonny" Std. Wire-Haired Dachshund

Bonny vom Steinkreuz O NS TD

5- Marie-P Babin "Elroy" Labrador Retriever

UKC CH. U-RO3 NN AHD SC SI GCH. OTCH. Castlegar Elroy At Autumwynd CGN RM HIC SX SDO TT TD AKC RN NTD

UTD

Eileen Fisher "Kara" Golden Retriever

U-RO1 U-AC U-SE U-NN U-MI NHD Goldencol's Karamel Delight WC TD PCD RA CGN CD NTD HIC SDO SX UTD

UTDX

Wendy McCullough "Daniel" Std. Poodle

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START ARTICLE

In hoping that our tracking tests will happen this Spring, here's a bit of important information for our tracklayers as we get closer to our Spring Urban test..

10.3.1 Articles (112-05-19) Before laying the track, the tracklayer or the test-giving club shall produce for the judge's inspection, an article or articles which the dog is to find on the track and the article that is to be used to start the dog for UTD or UTDX tracks.

In case the handler for your track asks for a start article, please have your personal item of leather or fabric ready to hand over to them before they go to the start of their track.

This article can be used to scent the dog only up to 10m passed the start pad.

CCTC Members' Brags..



“Kaelan”

Legendale's Reigning Warrior RN

“Kaelan” finished his Rally novice Title on Nov.14/21

Owned by **Deborah Dorken**



“Salsa”

Charbr's Dancing on the Edge

CD RI SDIN SDN NS CGN

“Salsa” earned his Scent Detection
Novice Title Nov. 20/21

Owned by **Anne Passafiume**

CCTC Club Members' Brags...



“Angus”

U CH UR01 CH. Gowrielea's You're In My Heart RN NS AKC RI

“Angus” finished his CKC Conformation Championship Nov. 21/21

With a Group 2nd at the Aurora KC Show

Owned by **Sandy Brodie**



New Champion !



“Kara”

U-RO1 AC SE NN MI NHD Goldencol's Karamel Delight WC TD PCD
RA CGN CD NTD HIC SDO SX UTD

“Kara” earned her **UKC Master Interior** title Nov. 27/21

Owned by **Eileen Fisher**

CCTC Members' Brags...

New Obedience Trial Champion !

“Elroy” earned his OTCH Title on Nov. 14/21

RBIS MBISS MBOSS MBPISS BPIS UKC CH. U-RO3 NN AHD AI
SC SI GCH. OTCH Castlegar Elroy At Autumwynd CGN RM HIC
SX SDO TT TD AKC RN NTD

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**



“Levon”

New Conformation Champion !

BPIS MBPIG CH. Castlegar Autumwynd

He Shall be Levon

“Levon” earned his Conformation
Championship Title Nov.14/21

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**

CCTC Members' Brags

“Ruby”

CH.. Krymsum's Emerald Isle CGN, RN

“Ruby” earned her Rally Novice Title at the Georgina Kennel Club show and trial November/2021

Owned by **Mary MacKay**



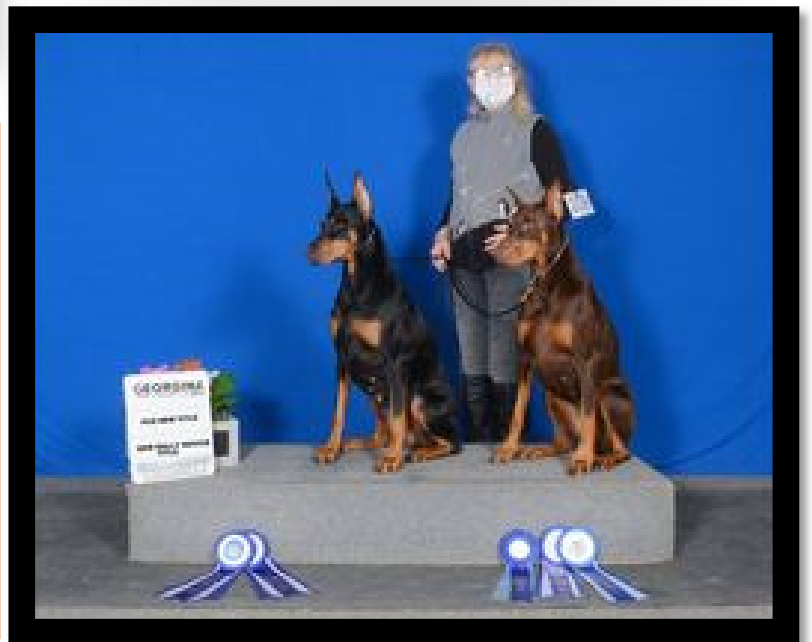
“Gemma”

GCH. FOXFIRE'S ALTIMATE GEMSTONE

CGN RN RI PCD

“Gemma” earned her PCD at the Georgina KC trial
Nov. 2021

Owned by **Mary MacKay**



New email address;

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WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR DOG'S NOSE!!

TRACKING !!

Someone once asked me why I enjoy doing 'Tracking' with my dogs. The first thing that popped into my mind was a picture of me standing on a hillside just after dawn with cold hands and face, looking out over the landscape dotted with kangaroos and cattle and listening to the birds. At the same time watching some wonderful dog using its great ability to scent, both tracking and hopefully, finding a very generous "lost" person. A very generous person who volunteered to lay the track as soon as there was enough daylight to see where the track had been set, then to lie in the dewy / frosty grass for anything up to an hour and a half until some very wet, very excited dog jumps on them.

Doesn't sound like your cup of tea? Don't knock it till you've tried it.

Tracking is when dogs, handlers, judges and volunteers gather in the bush during the cooler months to test a dog's tracking ability. A track is set out – a person pretending to have become lost in the bush and who has dropped 'articles' along the way – and then the dog is set on the track, in a harness and 10m lead, to find the 'lost' person. The length of the track may be anywhere from 400m to 1,200m and to have aged from between 20 minutes to 90 minutes before the dog is set to work. There will be corners and in the more advanced tracks there will be 'cross-tracks', that is where other people have walked across the original track.

My background is in Obedience so when I became involved in Tracking it was quite a wake-up call for me. In Obedience I was in control (most of the time, anyway) so for me to relinquish that control and to let the dog take the lead and to tell me where to go was a change of attitude that took some adjustment. If you become involved in tracking there is one instruction to handlers you will hear time and time again and that is "Trust your Dog".

Tracking is probably the closest dog sport we can do with our four-legged friends that resembles a dog's natural life in the wild. A dog must be able to track to survive. All breeds can track to a certain degree, although there are undoubtedly some that are better adapted to it than others. The main reason I became a Tracking Judge and then recently a Track and Search Judge was because each and every time I judge a dog I get a thrill out of watching that dog work a track. Whether they succeed or not, just watching them work at something that they were born to do gives me goosebumps.

The camaraderie between 'Trackers' is great. The support we give each other and the joy in each other's successes is fantastic. While you can certainly train on your own – most of my training has been with my dogs following a track that I set down previously – you also need your friends to be willing to be the 'lost person' for an hour or so!

The hardest part of training for tracking is not training the dog to track but training yourself to 'read your dog' so that you understand what your dog is doing when they are tracking well or when they may be struggling a little and need your help. You will need to train your dog to 'recognise' articles and to give good indication when they find an article but the rest is really just fine tuning what is already inherent in your dog's brain.

Get involved in Tracking and I promise you there is nothing like the buzz you get when your dog finds the person at the end of the track. This can be a great shot of excitement not only for you, but for the dog as well. I always remember when one of my dogs successfully found the tracklayer on her Tracking Champion Title track that she actually yodelled so loudly they could hear her back at camp.

So, if you are looking for something very special to do with your dog, consider Tracking. There are Tracking Clubs out there as well as individuals who run Tracking Workshops or training sessions. Ask about and I am sure you will find like minded people who are willing to become your training buddies. It is great fun for you and for your dog and it is also really great exercise both mentally and physically for you and your dog.

Happy Tracking!!

Coral Pethers,

Toowoomba, Qld.

CROSS COUNTRY TRACKING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

December 10, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Present:

Marie-P Babin, Maryke Warwick, Eileen Fisher, Susan Rickwood, Marg Schneider, Pamela Burns, Dwyn Tomlinson, [Peggy Masanotti](#), Kathleen Dahmer, Connie Gavin, Sandy Brodie, Irene Mullan, Valadimir Semechko and Cynthia Thomas

Meeting called to order at by Eileen Fisher at 7:23 p.m.

Previous Minutes

A motion made by Pamela Burns to accept the minutes of the Dec 12th, 2020, AGM and seconded by Susan Rickwood was passed unanimously. There was no business arising from these minutes.

President's Report

The following report was prepared and presented by Marie-P. Babin.

A motion made by Irene Mullan and seconded by Marg Schneider to accept the President's Report as presented was passed unanimously.

CCTC President's Report 2021

Welcome to our 25th Anniversary AGM and Awards meeting.

A big thank you to all involved in running our tests, tracklayers, for giving up your weekends, Eileen Fisher with organizing the equipment for the tests and the rosettes, Maryke Warwick with the footsies for tracklayers, Anne Whan for getting the Motel for the judges and handling of the cheque book, the secretaries taking in entries for the tests and getting the catalogues done, Superintendent in case of any problems on tests day.

In 2021 we also welcomed Wendy McCullough as the new Tracking Rep. for zone 5 which is where our tests are held.

With everyone's help it all comes together. We appreciate our volunteers!

Congratulations to everyone who earned tracking titles this year. It was a very good year.!

The title pins were handed out in person after the last Fall test

The executives had a discussion on doing something special to commemorate the 25th year as a Tracking Club. We decided on an anniversary pin for all members to wear proudly. They're in the process of being made at Dominion Regalia and will be handed out if we see you or they will be mailed to you.

All the best to everyone in tracking for 2022

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

Treasurer's Report

This report was prepared by Anne Whan and presented by Maryke Warwick. (A copy can be provided upon request)

A motion made by Peggy Masanotti seconded by Susan Rickwood to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, was approved unanimously.

Membership Report

Prepared and presented by Maryke Warwick. A motion made by Connie Gavin and seconded by Cynthia Thomas to accept the Membership report as presented was passed unanimously.

There were forty members active member and two Life members at the end of 2020. Three members did not renew for 2021 and three new members joined for 2021. We have forty active members and two life members as of Dec 2021.

Test Secretary Report

Prepared and presented by Eileen Fisher. A motion made by Susan Rickwood and seconded by Pamela Burns to accept the Test Secretary report was passed unanimously.

CCTC TEST SECRETARIES REPORT FOR 2021 (submitted by Eileen Fisher)

Once again Covid has had a profound effect on our tracking year.

We were forced to cancel both Spring tests.

Our Fall tests went ahead as planned, as we adhered to the strict Covid protocols.

The first test was the Urban Test held on October 17 in Whitby.

Marie P. Babin was our judge. We had 3 UTD entries and 2 UTDX entries.

Our tracklayers were: Dwyn Tomlinson, Sandy Brodie, Vladimir Semechko, Vivien Brennan and Steve Hill.

2 dogs passed the UTD and 1 passed the UTDX en route to a Tracking Championship.

The second test was the TD and TDX Tests, held on November 07 in Clarington.

Laura McKay was our judge. We had 4 TD and 2 TDX entries.

Our tracklayers were: Stephanie McMahon, Marianne Loughlin, Marie P. Babin, Anne Passafiume, Vivien Brennan, Eileen Fisher and Wendy McCullough (cross tracks)

1 dog passed the TD and 1 passed the TDX.

We have submitted 4 test days to the CKC for 2022 and they have been approved.

April 24, 2022. An Urban Test. Judge: Mary-Ann Boulet. Test Secretary: Sandy Brodie.

Test Superintendent: Eileen Fisher

May 08, 2022. A TD/DX Test. Judge: Marie P. Babin. Test Secretary: Eileen Fisher.

Test Superintendent: Maryke Warwick.

October 16, 2022. A Urban Test. Judge: Sandy Briggs. Test Secretary: Vivien Brennan. Test

Superintendent: Steve Hill.

November 06, 2022. A TD/TDX Test. Judge: Laura McKay. Test Secretary: Dwyn Tomlinson.

Test Superintendent: Stephanie McMahon.

Hopefully Covid will diminish, so that we can all get out and track with our dogs, on a regular basis again.

Social Report

2021 Prepared and presented by Dorothy Phillips.

Susan Rickwood - Sympathy - Father - January 2021

Marg Schneider - Get Well - January 2021

Stephanie Dixon - Sympathy - Sophie (Dog) - February 2021

Connie Gavin - Thank you - March 2021

Marie Babin - Sympathy - Frankie (Dog) - April 2021

Eileen Fisher -Sympathy - Mich (Dog) - May 2021

Andrea Thomas -Sympathy - Rogan (Dog) - June 2021

Wendy McCullough -Sympathy - Mother - July 2021

Peggy Masanotti - Get Well - August 2021

Vivien Brennan & Steve Hill -Sympathy - (Dog) August 2021

Eileen Fisher - Sympathy - Dexter (Dog) Sept. 2021

Wendy McCullough - Retirement - November 2021

Anne Passafiume - Sympathy - Charlie (Dog)- November 2021

Newsletter Report

A motion made by Dwyn Tomlinson and seconded by [Peggy Masanotti](#) to accept the Newsletter Report as presented, passed unanimously.

CCTC Newsletter Report 2021

Thank you to everyone who submitted their news to share in the newsletter. It keeps us all connected.

We always enjoy reading about your awesome achievements and are also saddened when we read of the loss of your pets.

We've had three newsletters sent out this year and are working on the next one which should go out in the new year.

Thank you to Connie Gavin who gets all the newsletter in order on the website where you can go back in time reading the old ones.

Thanks to Maryke Warwick who is always searching to find articles on tracking to add to the newsletter.

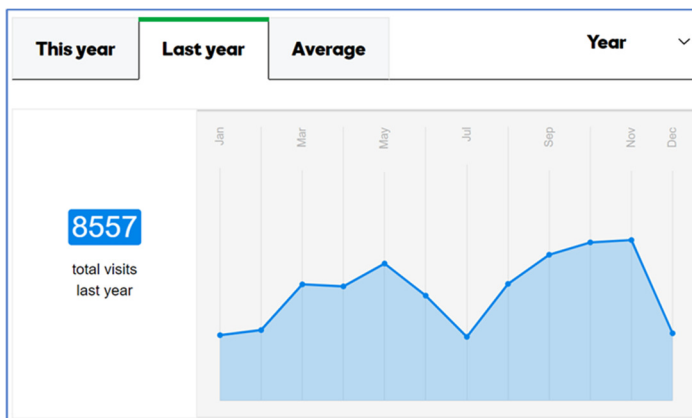
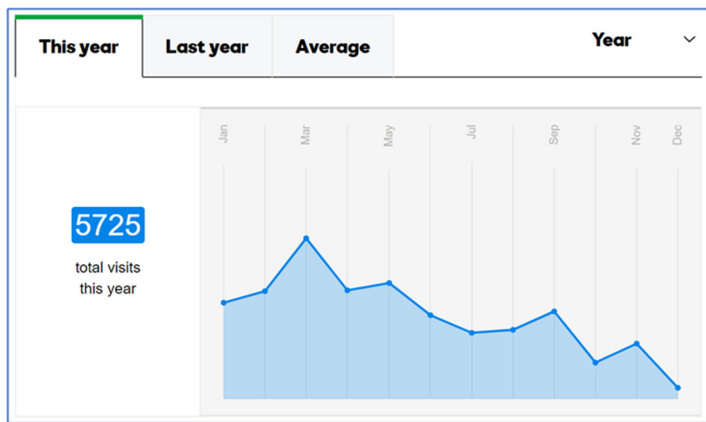
Keep sending in your news to autumwynd@eastlink.ca along with a photo.

Maryke Warwick & Marie-P Babin

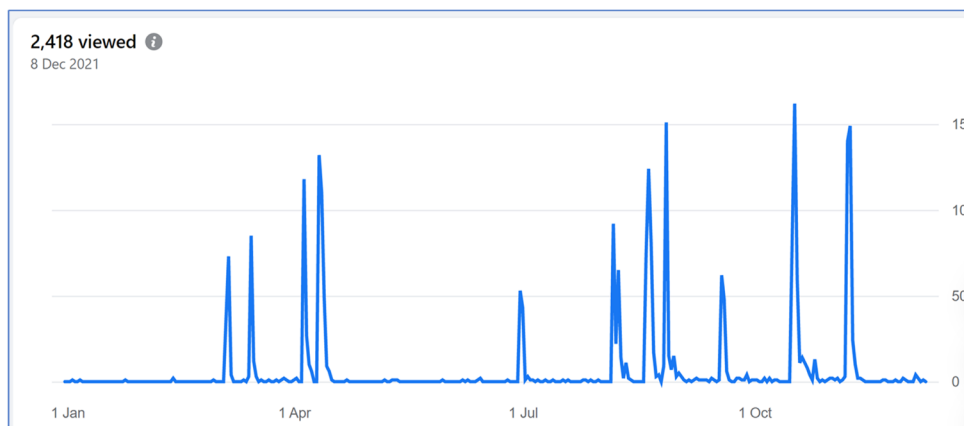
Website Report & Facebook Report

Prepared and presented by Connie Gavin. A motion made by Peggy Masanotti and seconded by Valadimir Semechko to accept the Website & Facebook reports as presented, passed unanimously.

Visits to CCTC's Website declined this year. The number of views so far this year (8258) are reduced slightly over last year, but the year isn't over yet!



Facebook Report



GoDaddy states: "Starting January 2022, your traffic might seem lower. We're updating all website traffic data reports, past and future, to give you better data like showing visits only by real people, not bot traffic. We recommend you document any old traffic data you need for your records before December 31, 2021."

From this we can assume that A) our numbers are down this year and B) some of those numbers are bots and not real people!

Elections Report

Presented by Maryke Warwick. There were no nominations and the current Executive have agreed to continue in their current positions for 2021. A motion made by Susan Rickwood and seconded by Dwyn Tomlinson to accept the Election Report as presented, passed unanimously

Marie-P. Babin,	President
Eileen Fisher,	Vice President
Maryke Warwick,	Secretary and Membership Director
Anne Whan,	Treasurer

Old Business

No Old business

New Business

No New business

A motion was made by Irene Mullan, seconded by Cynthia Thomas to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by Eileen Fisher at 9:02 p.m.