



MAY ,11, 2003 TRACKING DOG TEST IN CLARINGTON

CCTC held their Spring test in Clarington Ont. yesterday in the pouring rain, and quite a bit of wind. Our Judge was Sharon Smith of Thorndale Ont.

We had 12 dogs entered and although they didn't all pass they all gave their best under these conditions. This may surprise you all but we had 12 track layers for 12 tracks !! It's great when Club members want to take part in the events even when not entered.

The lucky three received a qualifying Rosette and CCTC members who passed the tracking test will also receive one of our new CCTC pins with the title engraved, at the Christmas annual meeting and Pot Luck Party.

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1-Suzanne Grant of Orleans Ont. with a 3 yr. old English Cocker Spaniel
"VICTORIANA'S LITTLE MISS MAGS TD"

2-Eileen Fisher of Markham Ont. with a 16 month old German Shepherd Dog
"CARMSPACK KAVIK TD"

3-Alison Graham of Kemptville Ont. with a just under 2 yr. old Vizsla
"ONPOINTS COOL AS ICE TD"

The track layers were; Mel and Marie-P.Babin, Maryke Warwick, Sue Coutts, Sandra Coombs, Sue Godbehere, Kathleen Dahmer, Peggy Masanotti, Jackie Meharg, Shelley Empey, Lia MacDonald, and Cynthia Thomas.

The track layers were given the new CCTC foot crests .These crests will be given out to track layers, every time they lay tracks in future tests.

Club Pres, Marie-P.Babin.



**DID YOU KNOW THAT
YOU CAN BUY A
CCTC CREST FOR
ONLY \$5.00 ?**

Contact Elaine Gray

TD Trial - May 11th 2003. Sue's Weekend Memories

Having read in the last CCTC Newsletter that there was a "desperate" need for tracklayers for the May TD Trial, and being tempted with a FREE lunch of Fish & Chips, how could I not volunteer to drive over 4 hrs. (in one direction) to offer to lay tracks??!!

I originally hoped to have a couple of my own dogs ready for this trial, but with a winter that arrived early with deep snow, and stayed much longer than normal, I knew I couldn't practice enough in time to enter.

I have never laid tracks for a trial, but having spent a number of years laying hundreds of tracks, I figured it would be no problem.

I actually was expecting to lay 2 or 3 tracks, and was amazed when a total of 12 tracklayers actually turned up for this trial.

Although I had read for some time about all the food "these people" consumed for ANY excuse at all, I finally had a few days to see for myself. It's true! Party/food on Friday night, even the famous "Crispy Creams" which none of us could figure out why they were supposed to be so special. (please note: there's a donut counter among you!).

Saturday morning we were off to plot the tracks on a beautiful day, where some even received sunburned faces! Then it was off to the Fish & Chip store for a huge plate of food.

But then we had to rush "home" again to change our clothes and clean ourselves up so we could go out to dinner!!!

Well, it was a very interesting place, with wonderful food and drink, (except for the tea problem!).

I was beginning to worry about still being able to walk on Sunday morning with all this food weighing me down, and grateful so many tracklayers had volunteered so I only had to do one track after all.

Unfortunately, Sunday morning, the rain began to hammer down as we were laying tracks and just before the first dogs started. When I laid my track the rain was so heavy I couldn't see 2 of my distant markers, but luckily knew exactly where they were from extra markings on my map (in plastic). Good maps are so important. It was raining too hard to take pictures. Even my underwear was wet - perhaps something more than you care to know!

This really is a great club. Everyone was still out there in the pouring rain "rooting" for all the competitors. Although I'm sure some people in the test were disappointed, I think they still enjoyed themselves at this event. Imagine having 12 tracklayers, especially on Mothers' Day. And then, guess what?! Back to Bev's for MORE FOOD!!! I think some people figured they got their moneys' worth (well, almost) in the lunch alone. And to top it off - **a surprise Birthday Cake for Eileen and I** - it was also our birthdays on Sunday.

So thank you all for allowing me to come and join you this weekend. Laying tracks for the trial is a wonderful experience that everyone should do when they are able. You always learn something new from the judges, no matter how experienced you may be. It was so much fun! I really enjoyed spending time with some people I didn't know very well and feel we've now become good friends. I would especially like to thank Maryke for "chauffeuring" me and Kavik and Kenny for my good morning slurps and the donut counter for putting up with me. I truly did have a blast.



Susan Coutts

Passing rate for TD & TDX tests in Can. And the US.

| CKC | entered | passing | % passing |
|-----|---------|---------|-----------|
| TD | 174 | 84 | 48.3 |
| TDX | 67 | 23 | 34.3 |
| AKC | | | |
| TD | 775 | 419 | 54.06 |
| TDX | 534 | 96 | 17.98 |

To: Cross Country Tracking Club, Accounts From A First Time Track layer.

Just wanted to let you all know that if I didn't know before just how great a club CCTC is, I certainly do now! My hats off to you! The trial was fantastic.

You brought in a great judge and spouse who did the sport of tracking proud. Sharon was both personable and patient. She made both tracklayers and participants feel at ease. She was extremely fair and gave each dog a very fair opportunity to succeed. Even when they didn't succeed, she had wonderfully positive comments for the participant and their dog.

As a club and individuals you were great at explaining and teaching the newbies how to make this work. I'm sure that was a factor in the success of the event. After the horror stories I had heard online about how hard it is to be a tracklayer, I was greatly relieved at all the positive assistance to ensure that I was successful too. I learned a lot from my new perspective of both laying the track and following along behind - it's a lot different than the things you think of when you're at the end of the long line! For that too I am grateful, because I think it will help me and my dog become better at this. Trust your dog, learn how to read your dog, don't jerk the line - all these things are more in focus now because I've seen the purpose for these rules up close.

Following the test the club provided a great spread for lunch. Given that at least a quarter of the membership was there today, and that the lunch was a pot luck - these are great testaments to the generosity of the members of this club.

Team spirit was evident too in brisk sales and orders of more club merchandise. Obviously people are proud of this club and want to wear the proof.

The sense of family shown by the 2 birthday celebrations were also quite wonderful and fitting on this Mother's Day. The rosettes are gorgeous - who wouldn't want to work harder to be sure to get one of those. And the track layer "feet" were nice too. The judge's gift, and the acknowledgment gifts to her husband and to those who allowed us the use of their fields were also very classy touches. While \$75 is a lot of money for a test, you don't mind when you see the money used so wisely - obviously this isn't a stingy club - which will only further enhance it's reputation.

All in all, I can't say enough about what a wonderful opportunity this was for me and how glad I am to have joined such a great club.

Thanks!

Peggy Masanotti

INTRODUCTION TO K9 SEARCH & RESCUE with KIM COOPER

Kim has participated in over 100 searches in Ontario and Quebec in the past 12 years. She and her Belgian Malinois, Piper, are the only team in Canada certified by the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency in Disaster Search. This seminar will appeal to anyone interested in any type of dog sports or activities, not only those seriously involved in tracking or looking for more information on SAR.

Kim has a wealth of knowledge to share and presents a very interesting seminar. The majority of the day will be spent outdoors. Location is just south of North Bay, Ontario, near Powassan. North Bay is approximately 4 hrs. drive north of Toronto, 2 hr. east of Sudbury, and 4 hr. from Ottawa, Ontario

Only a few dog spaces left, lots of room for people. With dogs \$65., without dog \$50. INCLUDES a delicious hot lunch, fresh-made muffins, coffee/tea on arrival. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

For more info. or registration form: susiec@thot.net

STORY SHARING

“Carmspack’s Kavik TD” German Shepherd Dog owned by Eileen Fisher earned his tracking title at the CCTC test on May 11th /03 . Judge was Sharon Smith.

“Victory’s Mackenzie CDX, AGN” Std. Wire Haired Dachshund also owned by Eileen Fisher, earned a leg on her Am. AGN {Agility Novice } and a leg on her Am. JWW {Jumpers with weaves }



“CH. Selamat’s Rahontsi Quinn CDX, WC, JH, TD, Am.CDX” owned by Maryke Warwick, earned his Am. CDX in Syracuse NY in March /03

“Castlegar Marlo At Autumwynd” owned by Marie_P.Babin earned two legs on her Am.CD while at the Labrador Specialty in Maryland in April /03.

“CH.Castlegar Elliott” owned by Maryke Warwick earned a leg on his Am.CD .



This was a very muddy venue.



“Rip” owned by Dorothy Phillips earned her CD at the Victoria County Trial in April /03

**OTCH Landmark’s Causing Ruckus WCI JH CD CGC
SJA Therapy Dog, Am. UD WCI JH , UKC CD**

“Tu” Labrador Ret. Owned by Irene Mullan won the High Scoring Veteran Class at the Victoria County Trial. in April /03



NEW PUPPIES

“Jack” Std. Poodle owned by Corie Bonnaffon will be following in his big brother Montana’s paw prints as he starts his career in Tracking. He’s already enjoying his puppy obedience training and word is out that he may be seen in the near future as a Confirmation Show puppy.



“Mud” Chocolate Labrador Retriever owned by Lia MacDonald is already doing some retrieving like her big sister Gaia. She has started her obedience classes and even helps in the kitchen as you can see by the pic-



“Ty” "Sheltieranch Ty One On" is the new Shetland Sheepdog at Dorothy Phillips’ home. He has a sheltie sister “Rip” and a Std. Poodle brother “Cody”. He’s begun his training in obedience



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

“Tiffany” “CH. OTCH. Kincardine Clearly Outrageous TDX HC” owned by Michelle Visentin. Tiffany passed away in April /03. She was 14 yrs old.

