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CCTC TD Tracking Test October 2, 2016 Judge Sandy Briggs of Powassan On.

The morning started overcast then a light rain during a couple of the TDs. It was 19* then the sun came out on time for the Awards photos

We had 5 dogs entered and 5 Tracklayers ! Three dogs passed !!

1- Keeva Vom Ganaraska TD German Shepherd Dog (11/16/09) female owned by Rose Brown of Batawa On.
2- Pinebank Sundance At Santosha WC TD Labrador Retriever (05/30/14) female owned by Laura McKay of Guelph On (Club Member)

3- Lyra Border Collie (08/09/11) female, owned by Ginny Neher of Sharon On.

Congratulations to them all.

Thanks to our super duper tracklayers; Sue Godbehere, Pamela Burns, Connie Gavin ,Anne Passafiume and Dorothy Phillips !!



Tracklayers

Sue , Pamela, Connie , Judge Sandy Briggs, Anne & Dorothy



In this photo is **Bill Metcalf** who has allowed us to use his beautiful fields for our tracking tests for years. Such a nice man !!
With him is Sue Godbehere, Eileen Fisher and Dwyn Tomlinson



A few fun photos of the day !!



CCTC Urban Test held in Whitby On. Oct. 16, 2016

Judged by Marie-P Babin We had 5 UTD and 2 UTDX.
We only had one pass. Congratulations to Pamela Burns and Streak on a UTD !!!
Twelve year old Std.Wire-Haired Dachshund, Streak von Lowenherz CD, RN,ME, TDX, UTD and
AKC Field Champion



Our tracklayers;

Steve and Vivienne Hill, Eileen Fisher, Maryke Warwick who was tracklayer pick up,
Marg Schneider, Gail Gordon & Barry Robinson, Sue Godbehere also was a tracklayer but had to
leave before this picture.

CCTC TDX Test Oct. 30, 2016 with Judge Marie-P Babin

We had four TDX dogs entered but only one passed today.

Our tracklayers were; Vivien Brennan, Anne Whan, Connie Gavin and Eileen Fisher. The cross-tracks were walked by Sandy Brodie, Maryke Warwick and Stephanie McMahon. We also had extra helper carrying flags Lynda Rupay and also Cindy Trann who made it possible for us to use the fields in this new location in North Pickering.

It had rained earlier in the morning the rest of the day was overcast and very damp. The fields were hilly but the vegetation was great with nice changes of terrain.

The lucky team to pass the test was track #1 with Susan Bell and her 7 year old black Labrador Retriever "Roxxie" CH. MOTCH. Pinebank We Will Rock You MH TDX WCX RE



Susie Bell and Roxxie with tracklayer Vivien Brennan

A little fun after plotting the tracks in Western Town on the property. Left to right in jail are; Maryke Warwick, Anne Whan, Vivien Brennan, Marie-P Babin, Stephanie McMahon, Lynda Rupay and Eileen Fisher.

A few extra pictures to show the new area and Club Members



CCTC Members' Brags.....

“Cassie”
Pinebank Sundance At Santosha WC TD
“Cassie” earned her TD on Oct.2. 2016 at
CCTC TD Test.
Owned by **Laura McKay**



“Streak”
Streak von Lowenherz CD, RN,ME,
TDX, UTD and AKC Field Champion
“Streak” earned his UTD Oct. 16. 2016
at our CCTC Urban Test.
Owned by **Pamela Burns**

CCTC Club Members' Brags.....



“Roadie”

OTCH Thistletoon On The Road Again
PCD CDI RE AGN AGIJ, Am. CDX NA
NAJ, UKC CD, AAC ADC SG

“Roadie” earned her AKC AGN and AGNJ at
Finger Lakes Oct. 2016.
Owned by **Irene Mullan**



“Scotty”

GCH. Ambercroft Beammeup 2 Gowrielea
AKC RN

“Scotty” earned his AKC RN Oct. 5/16 at
the GRCA National Specialty in California !!
Owned by **Liz & Bruce Russell**

“Sterling”
Reynard's Folly CGN
“Sterling” earned his CGN Oct. 13/16
Owned by **Tricia Budrow**



More CCTC Members' Brags.....



“Leo”

GCH Poppenspaler's Ichiban PCD
“Leo” earned his PCD Oct. 29, 2016

“Eleanor”

CH. Neigenuveaux's Eleonore CGN CD RN
“Eleanor” earned her CD Oct. 29, 2016

Both Barbets are owned by **Veronica Matthews**

“Summer”

URO1 UCH Nuphar's Soak Up The Sun RN CGN
“**Summer**” completed her UKC Rally Novice title
URO1 on Oct.29/16 then also finished her CKC
Rally Novice title RN on Oct. 26/16

Owned by Stephanie Dixon



More CCTC Members' Brags.....



“Savannah”

Round the Bend Savannah CGN, NTD, ITD, CRN-MCL, JRTCA Rally I Obedience
“Savannah” earned her JRTCA Rally I Obedience
Owned by **Lynda Rupay**



“Sterling”

Reynard's Folly Sterling CGN CRN
“Sterling” earned his CRN Nov. 6/16
CARO Rally Novice Title
Owned by **Patricia Budrow**



“Trooper takes on the Show Ring”

OTCH Charis's Rush N Roulette RE TD
CGN

Anne Whan and Trooper go in the Show Ring for both their first time at 9 years of age and gets a Best Veteran in Group and also a Best Altered in Group !!

More CCTC Members' Brags.....



“Elroy”

GCH. Castlegar Elroy At Autumwynd PCD
CGN RN

“Elroy” earned his Rally Novice Title
Nov. 12/16.

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**



“Kara”

Goldencol's Karamel Delight WC. TD. PCD.
RI. CGN

“Kara” earned her Rally Intermediate Title
Nov. 11/16

Owned by **Eileen Fisher**



“Buffy”

Buffy vom Bergblick – IPO-3

“Buffy” earned her IPO-3 Nov. 13/16

(Schutzhund) score was 87-81-72,

Tracking-Obedience-Protection - each phase is marked out of 100

Owned by **Dwyn Tomlinson**

And more CCTC Members' Brags.....



“SKY”

CH. WTCH, ATChC, C-ATCH, U-CD, UR-03, Jubilee Dark Side of the Moon, VTCH, VCX, MVSN, CKC CD, MSCDC, ExGB, ExSB, AGMX, AGX, JS-N, ChST, RAE, CRNMCL, CRAMCL, CRXMCL, CRXT, CRS, FDCH-s, AKC HT, CKC HTT, CKC HI, HI-s, HA-d, SDI, AHBA HTADI-d, HTADII-s, HTDI-d, TT, CGN AHBA HRD111 CKC CA

“Sky” earned his AHBA – American Herding Breeds Assoc. – HRDIII-s (Herding Ranch Dog-Level III-sheep) CKC – CA – Starter level - lure coursing
Owned by **Sharon Palmer**

**CROSS COUNTRY TRACKING CLUB
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER**

The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Cross Country Tracking Club will be held at Eileen Fisher’s home, 53 Walkerton Dr. Markham on Friday December 16th 2016. Dinner at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 8:30 pm.



Nov. 13, 2016 was the NAMBR Tracking Test. Judge was Laura McKay.
Temperature was about 10* with extremely strong wind.
We had 1 UTD, 1 UTDX, and 4 TD dogs entered . They all worked very hard and most got at least half way to the end but no passes today.
Even when these things happen there's still the great camaraderie that comes with non competitive dog sports and it's still a good day out with our furry friends.



Tracklayers with Judge;
Deb Mahon holding youngster "Remington", Barry Robinson, Judge Laura McKay, Stephanie McMahon.
Eileen Fisher, Maryke Warwick and Sue Godbehere who organizes the NAMBR Tests.



Richard Vergolst

Rest in Peace



On November 7, 2016, one of our CCTC Club members passed away. Richard Vergolst joined the Club in 2010. He loved training his German Shepherd Dogs in Tracking, Obedience, Conformation and IPO (Schutzhund).



New Little Tracker.....



“Frolic”

Aristacrafts Blossom.

French Bulldog female...
Born on August 8,2016.
Picture taken at 6 weeks.

Owned by Ruth Ann Miller

Basic Puppy biscuits

These basic biscuits can be customized to cater to your canine’s palette

Ingredients

2 ½ cups whole wheat flour (substitute regular flour or oats if your dog is sensitive to wheat)

1 tsp. salt (or less) 1 egg

1 tsp. Beef or chicken Bouillon granules (can substitute beef or chicken broth/stock)

½ cup hot water

Bacon or chicken broth, eggs, oats, liver powder, wheat germ, shredded cheese, bacon bits

Directions Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Dissolve bouillon in hot water Add remaining ingredients

Knead dough until it forms a ball (approximately 3 minutes)

Roll dough until ½ inch thick

Cut into slices or bone shapes (you can purchase a bone shaped cookie cutter to make shapes with)

Place dough pieces on lightly greased cookie sheet
Cook for 30 minutes

Year End of the 20th Anniversary of Cross Country Tracking Club



First members of the Club, back row; Victoria Vidal-Ribas, Mary Secord, Michelle Visentin, Marie-P Babin, Mel, Sandra Coombs, Frank Downs, Anne Passafiume, Bev Wiggans.
Front row; Eunice Grierson, Colleen Gordon, Eileen Fisher, Sheila Cuja, Diana Kirkaldy, Linda Field, Maryke Warwick.

Dorothy Budge was the 1st Tracking Judge in Canada. She lives in Bromont Quebec and is 97 years old. She still keeps in contact with the Tracking Club and keeps updated on all the Quebec tests.

Marguerite Charter was the 1st tracking judge in Ontario. She was also an obedience judge. She passed away a few years ago.

In Canada, Tracking wasn't introduced till the late 40s. In the US it was introduced in the early 30s. Tracking used to be part of Utility obedience.

Cross Country Tracking Club had their second meeting at the Cross Country Donut Shop on Brock Rd in Pickering in 1996 when the Club was just getting organized. The early members from 1996/97 were Marie-P Babin & Mel, Eileen Fisher, Eunice Grierson, Maryke Warwick, Frank Downs, Diana Kirkaldy, Bev Wiggans, Sandra Coombs, Dorothy Phillips, Winnie Kluck, Bev Wiggans and her sister Lorna Caverly and Irene Mullan.

We held a tracking match June 27, 1997 with Marie-P Babin (New Judge)
Six dogs were entered and two passed. Club members Anne Passafiume with Bogey and Victoria Vidal-Ribas with Phanthom.

The 1st official test was on Oct. 19, 1997 with Ilene Newman judging. Tracklayers were Maryke Warwick, Bev Wiggans, Diane McHale and Diana Kirkaldy. There were 8 TD dogs entered and 4 dogs passed. Anne Passafiume with her Portuguese Water Dog **Bogey**, Linda Field with her Belgian Sheepdog **Jewel**, Sheila Cuja with her English Springer **Chippers** & Colleen Gordon with her Belgian Sheepdog **Summer**.

Random Thoughts on Tracking By Rosemary Janoch

In this column, I would like share some random thoughts that aren't quite enough to write an entire article on, but are worth mentioning to you. I would like to give tips on handlers, dogs, and the tracks themselves. Since I have seen tracks failed due to inept handling and tracks that I thought were beyond hope passed due to superb handling, let me share some thoughts on handlers first. Successful handlers embrace the sport of tracking, and don't just simply train their dogs to track. They can be seen at tracking tests watching each entrant handle their dog. Whether the team passes or fails, much can be learned from watching other handlers work. Successful handlers can be found laying tracks not only for their own club, but for neighboring clubs as well. They read books and articles on tracking. They have a sense of commitment both to the sport and to the training of their own dogs. Successful handlers have patience. They don't try to rush the dog into making a decision, but allow him the time to work out the problem. They don't second guess the dog, thereby undermining his confidence in himself. For that matter, they don't try to second guess the judges either by trying to figure out where the track goes, but rather wait for the dog to tell them the direction. They have learned to control their nerves and to trust their dog.

Successful handlers have often started in this sport under the guidance of a mentor, and then often become mentors themselves. A mentor helps to keep you honest in your evaluation of your dog's skill level, especially if you lay most of your own tracks. Would you have followed your dog on that turn if you didn't know that was where the track went? Would your dog have stopped at the turn if you hadn't put that tiny bit of extra tension on the line? A good mentor won't let you fool yourself into believing you are ready for a test when you really aren't. Do you remember that old saying about the three most important things in selling real estate are location, location, and location? I feel the same way when someone asks me what the most important things are to teach a tracking dog. My answer is always motivation, motivation, and motivation. If that is in place, the rest of the training is a piece of cake. If you ever find your own dog is losing his motivation to track, make the tracks shorter, fresher, and easier. Use food, toys, play, long walks in the woods afterwards, or whatever else highly reinforces your dog because if you lose your dog's love of tracking, you've pretty much lost it all. Work on your dog's article indication from Day One. Play scent games around the house and around the yard. Let your dog tell you if he prefers to retrieve the article, sit at the article, down at it, or just wag his tail at it, but whatever he tells you he is willing to do, be sure to insist on that indication each and every time. Do not allow the indication to get sloppy. If you decide you are going to use any sort of compulsion with your dog to get a reliable retrieve of the article, please do it away from the field to keep any negative fallout from affecting your dog's willingness to track. Unless your dog is already in great condition, start an exercise program with him that involves long walks. Build your dog's stamina. Tracking is a far more vigorous activity than it looks. Rarely will I come home from tracking my dogs without them crashing in a corner of the living room and sleeping the rest of the afternoon. They are wearing a harness and dragging me along behind them. They are not breathing normally, but rather are inhaling deeply every few steps. They are concentrating on not losing the track. In the end, the dogs are both mentally and physically exhausted after a difficult track. This is not a sport for wimps, and I am including both the human and canine variety in that statement. While you are working this exercise program with your dog, throw in more than what you expect to see at a tracking test. More length. More age. More obstacles. More contamination. More of everything. Over prepare your dog and nothing the judges throw at you will phase you. Learn to let the dog solve the problems. This goes back to the idea that successful handlers are patient. If you are eager to help the dog each time he runs into trouble, he will learn to ask for that help. He will turn around and look at you with pleading eyes and try to convince you he cannot possibly find the track. Other than offering a bit of encouragement, bite your tongue. When you start to help your dog find the track, you are headed down a slippery slope. It is best not to go there. Is the track really too hard for the dog? Then you need to plot a more appropriate track for your dog's ability level. Make it easier if he is having trouble, but don't do the tracking for him.

When you click the lead to the harness expect your dog to take off and never look back. I mean that literally. Your dog should not be looking back. If he is looking at you, you need to take a serious look at how you are training your dog. You might be giving him help without even noticing it and he is now learning to depend on you instead of learning to depend on himself. When you talk to a VST trainer, you might hear the expression "Speed kills." I agree with this statement but I don't think it should be confined solely to VST training. I have seen too many TD and TDX dogs overshoot corners and fly past articles to believe this statement only applies to VST dogs, so be careful with your training. Are you running after your dog because you believe you will squash his motivation if you make him track at a reasonable pace? Not true. I praise like crazy and encourage my dogs to pull with all their strength as I just walk along behind. Running in an unknown field is dangerous for you and foolish for the dog. I strongly suggest you not do it. Even with puppies and youngsters on a flat mowed field, I might walk very briskly behind them...but I do not run. Having talked about the handlers and the dogs, let me conclude this article with some thoughts on the tracks themselves. Have a plan before you step on to the field. Know how to get in and get out. Don't step one foot in the field without water on you and a cell phone in your pocket. Mark the tracks. More harm can be done by correcting a dog when he was right than you can possibly imagine so please don't let that happen to you. Mark the turn so you don't have to guess where it is. Mark the location of the cross tracks so you can tell if your dog is taking one. Mark the articles so you don't let your dog blow past them without giving you an article indication. Keep a journal of the tracks you lay so that you can measure the dog's progress and plan an appropriate track for the next lesson. If you have a specific test you would like to enter, a journal will help you map out a concrete plan of attack to be ready for that particular test. Scent the articles well that you will be dropping on the track. This is particularly true of the metal and plastic articles used on a VST track, but I do it with all my articles. My dogs find socks taken off my feet from the day before and I will take the hat right off of my head and drop it in the grass. Those well-scented articles sometimes provide the dog with the motivation to keep tracking. Throw in some non-traditional articles every once in a while like a ball or a toy just to spice things up for your dog. Or try to test his commitment to article indications by placing the article slightly off the track. On occasion, use something very similar to garbage, like a wadded up ball of duct tape, so that your dog really develops the habit of checking out everything he finds. He will learn not to be complacent about his surroundings. Run blind tracks several times before entering any tracking test. If you cannot pass a blind track put in by one of your friends on a training day, it is unlikely you could pass a blind track at a test where stress and added pressure are thrown in to the mix. But most of all, simply have fun. Tracking is a wonderful sport to enjoy with both your dog and your friends. I wish you the best of luck in all your tracking endeavors.

