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## CCTC AGM and Awards was once again on Zoom for 2022

This year we had three dogs get Tracking Titles.

### UTD

Vladimir & Olga Semechko “Bonny” Std Wire-haired Dachshund June 5/22  
UKC CH. Bonny Vom Steinkreuz O TD NS CGN UTD

### TD

Cassia Devison “Forest” Australian Cattle Dog Nov. 6/22  
BluForEwe Like Peas’N’Carrots SDN S ETD TD CARO Novice  
SDDA Excellent.

### TD

Marie-P Babin “Levon” Labrador Retriever Sept. 24/22  
GCH. Castlegar Autumwynd He Shall Be Levon PCD RI SDIN S VN TD



Forest



Bonny



Levon

## CCTC Members' Brags...

### "Lieder"

TCH Lieder von Lowenherz, RN UTDX VN JE SX

RATN Rats Canada NBRH NBAR ITL MBRH

AKC Field CH. TD

"Lieder" earned his Sprinter Excellent Title

Owned by **Pamela Burns**



### "Stirling"

Can GCh/UKC CH, URO2, AN, NHD Gowrielea's Scots  
Wha Hae CGN RE CD ATD SDIN SDN, VE, GRCC VCI  
Am CCA, RI, TKA, CD-V

**Stirling** gave himself an early birthday present on Oct.27/22

**(He will be 13 years old Dec.5 / 22 )**

He passed the last leg of his advanced interior search that he needed for that UKC title. That also gives him his overall advanced nosework title. (AI & AN)

Owned by **Sandy Brodie**

## CCTC Members' Brags..



### “Nash”

CH. Hellwigg's Firestorm SDIN SDN CGN RN

“Nash” earned his Rally Novice Title Nov. 11/22

Nov.13/22 he finished his Conformation Championship Title !

Owned by **Adrienne Almey**

### “Casey”

OTCHX Longgun's Sharp Shooter SDO SDX SX RE CGN  
IPS AGIS JH AGnJ WC VB

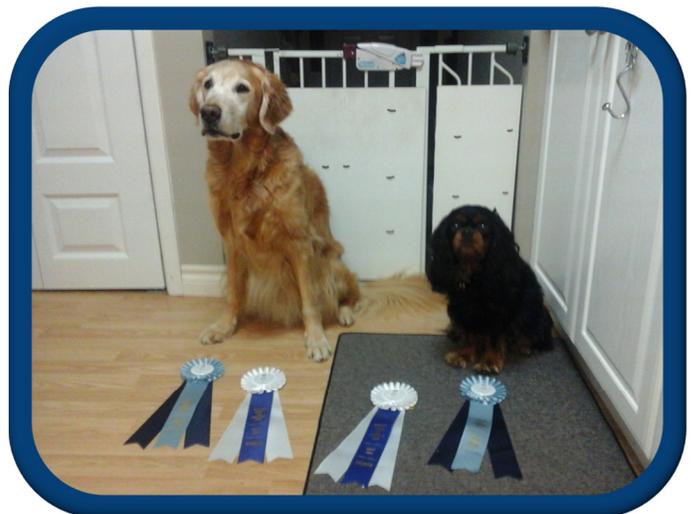
“Casey” On Nov. 11/22 he earned his Rally  
Excellent Title and his Versatility Bronze Certificate.

### “Sydney”

Buddington's Down Under CGN PCD SX4 RN

“Sydney” earned his Rally Intermediate Title Nov.11/22

Owned by **Anne Whan**



## CCTC Members' Brags...

### "Sterling"

U-RO1 Reynard's Folly Sterling SPOT CGN PCD CD RE  
RI CA SX-6 SDM CRN ETD JRTCA RO1 JRTCA PNO  
AKC RI

"Sterling" earned his Rally Excellent Title Nov. 11/22

Then on Nov. 28/22 he finished the CKC SDM

( Scent Detection Master ) Handled by **Lynda Rupay**

Owned by **Lynda R. and Patricia Budrow.**



### "Forest"

Bluforewe Like Peas 'N Carrots SDN S ETD TD  
CARO Advanced (MCL) SDDA Scent Detection Champion.

"Forest" earned his SDDA Scent Detection

Championship Title on Dec. 5/22

And CARO Advanced with an MCL (Magna Cum Laude)

Owned by **Cassia Devison**



### "Casey"

UKC NC OTCHX Longgun's Sharp Shooter SDO  
SDX SX RE CGN IPS AGIS JH AGnJ WC VB MI  
SDI

"Casey" earned his UKC Novice Container Title  
(NC) Nov. 26/22

And CKC Master Interior Title (MI) on Nov. 27/22

Which gives him his (SDI) Scent Detection Interior

Owned by **Anne Whan**

# New Little Trackers....



*"Zack"*



Vomgusseroff's Victory Lap

"Zach" was born Oct. 14/22

Owned by **Eileen Fisher**

Bred by Club Member Vladimir & Olga Semechko



*"Aya"*

Vomgussaroff's Aya Corona Borealis

Born Oct.14/22

Owned by **Vladimir & Olga Semechko**

# Gone But Never Forgotten..



## "Gemma"

### GRCH Foxfire's Alltime Gemstone CGN, PCD, CD, RN, RI, RA

In memory of my Gemma, you were my heart dog, a great mom and a show dog with great presence and loved to please. Her temperament was second to none. She took me more places that I could have ever imagined. She a great ambassador of the breed. So sad you had to left us too early, my heart is shattered and a part of me has died with you. She was my velcro dog and a wonderful demo dog in my Competitive Obedience and Rally Obedience classes. You will never be replaced. Rest in Peace my Gemmy

Loved and missed by **Mary MacKay**



*Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas*

*and all the Best in 2023 !*

*Happy Hanukkah !*

*From your Club executives.*



## PUMPKIN, CARROT, COCONUT DOG BISCUITS

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### INGREDIENTS

1 ¾ cup almond or all-  
purpose flour blend  
½ cup canned pumpkin  
puree

2 tbsp peanut butter or  
almond butter  
2 eggs

1 cup grated carrots  
1 cup shredded dried  
coconut

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### DIRECTIONS

Combine ingredients, roll to ¼- to ⅜-inch thick, and shape with cookie cutters. Bake at 350° F for 30 to 35 minutes or until light brown.

# **CROSS COUNTRY TRACKING CLUB**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**December 9, 2022**

**Zoom Meeting**

### **Present**

Marie-P Babin, Maryke Warwick, Eileen Fisher, Marg Schneider, Pamela Burns, Kathleen Dahmer, Connie Gavin, Sandy Brodie, Valadimir Semechko and Cynthia Thomas, Stephanie McMahon, Wendy McCullough, Anne Passafiume

**Meeting called to order at by Eileen Fisher at 7:15 p.m.**

### **Previous Minutes**

A motion made by Connie Gavin to accept the minutes of the Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, AGM and seconded by Pamela Burns 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 Eileen Fisher and seconded by Kathleen Dahmer to accept the President's Report as presented was passed unanimously.

## **CCTC President's Report 2022**

### **AGM & Awards**

This is now our 26<sup>th</sup> year as a Tracking Club.

We're gone through lots of changes over the years with losing fields one after the other.

It's not getting any better as we now don't have a field in Bowmanville to use in the future.

We will again look into the field that was offered to us in the Brooklin area for our Fall test.

We can discuss this matter in New Business.

We've also welcomed Wendy McCullough as a new judge in our Club this year. It was a blessing as she was able to step in at the last minute when I came down with Covid and could not judge the October Urban test.

Big thank you goes out to all the volunteers. Superintendents, test secretaries, that we've had all year and to all our tracklayers. Hoping to get some new and younger tracklayers in the coming year.

Thank you to Anne Whan who keeps us in line when it comes to expenses and Connie Gavin who keeps the website always updated and Dorothy Phillips for social with sending cards to members.

Congratulations to those who earned tracking titles this year. The awards will be at the end of the meeting.

Hoping everyone keeps healthy in the New Year and enjoys tracking with their best furry friends and earn more tracking titles in 2023!!

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

This report was prepared by Anne Whan and presented by Maryke Warwick. (a copy of the 2022 Financial can be sent on request ).

A motion made by Eileen Fisher and seconded by Sandi Brodie to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, was approved unanimously.

## **Membership Report**

Prepared and presented by Maryke Warwick. A motion made by Pamela Burns and seconded by Sandy Brodie to accept the Membership report as presented was passed unanimously.

There were forty members active member and two Life members at the end of 2021. Three members did not renew for 2022 and one new member joined for 2022. We have forty active members and two life members as of Dec 2022.

## **Test Secretary Report**

Prepared and presented by Eileen Fisher. A motion made by Marie-P Babin and seconded by Cynthia Thomas to accept the Test Secretary report was passed unanimously.

Although we are still under the influence of Covid, we were able to hold all 4 tests this year.

### **The first test was an Urban Test held on April 24 in Whitby.**

Marie P-Babin was the judge and Sandy Brodie was the Test Secretary.

This test was dedicated to Susan Rickwood.

In the Urban Tracking Dog Test, 5 were entered and 1 dog passed.

In the Urban Tracking Dog Excellent Test there was 1 entry.

The dog unfortunately, was not successful

The track layers were Eileen Fisher, Maryke Warwick, Stephanie McMahon, Vivien Brennan,

### **The second test was a Field Test held in Courtice, on May 08**

This test was dedicated to Barry Robinson.

Marie P-Babin was the judge and Eileen Fisher was the Test Secretary.

There were 4 dogs entered in the Tracking Dog Test.

3 of the dogs passed.

There was 1 dog entered in the Tracking Dog Excellent Test and it passed.

The track layers were Anne Passafiume, Stephanie McMahon, Wendy McCullough,

Maryke Warwick, and Vivien Brennan.

### **The third test was an Urban Test held in Whitby on October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Wendy McCullough was the judge and Vivien Brennan and Steve Hill were Test Secretaries

In the Urban Tracking Dog test, 3 dogs were entered and 1 passed.

In the Urban Tracking Dog Excellent test, 2 dogs were entered.

One dog passed and became a new Tracking Champion.

The track layers were: Eileen Fisher, Maryke Warwick, Kim Cooper and Vivien Brennan

### **The fourth test was a Tracking Dog Test held in Courtice on November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Laura McKay was our judge and Dwyn Tomlinson our Test Secretary.

There were 4 dogs entered. 2 dogs passed.

The track layers were Eileen Fisher, Marie P-Babin, Maryke Warwick and Vivien Brennan

This November Test will be the last one to be run on these fields.

This concludes the Test Secretary's Report for 2022

### **Social Report**

2022 Prepared by Dorothy Phillips and presented by Maryke Warwick

Marg Schneider, Sympathy card - Feb. 2022 (For Susan Rickwood)

Stephanie McMahon - Get Well card on her surgery. Aug. 2022

Connie Gavin – Condolence card (For her dad). Sept. 2022

Tasha Gagnon - Get Well card Oct. 2022

Mary Mackay- Condolence card on her Doberman Gemma's passing. Nov.2022

### **Newsletter Report**

A motion made by Stephanie McMahon and seconded by Pamela Burns to accept the Newsletter Report as presented, passed unanimously

#### **CCTC Newsletter Report 2022**

Thank you to our members who send in their brags, we all enjoy keeping in contact with all your events and how well you're doing.

I usually catch most of them on Facebook but make sure I have your info.

For 2022, we've had a newsletter from Jan.to June 2022, July to Nov. and we will have Dec. to Jan. which includes minutes from the meeting.

Thank you,

From your newsletter editors Marie & Maryke.

### **Website Report**

Prepared and presented by Connie Gavin. A motion made by Marie-P Babin and seconded by Marg Schneider to accept the Website report 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!

(See separate attachment for details).

## **Elections Report**

Presented by Maryke Warwick. There were no nominations and the current Executive have agreed to continue in their current positions for 2023. A motion made by Pamela Burns and seconded by Cynthia Thomas 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**

The club has lost its fields in Bowmanville. We held our last field test in November. We were able to use 1/3 of the field, enough for us to offer 4 TDs, the TDXs had to be cancelled the rest of the field had been sowed in wheat.

We must decide if we will keep the May date for another Urban test or let it go and just have the April Urban test. Our dates for the 2023 tests have been approved. We are going to see if we can change the May 7<sup>th</sup> test to the weekend of May 21st

In the Fall (November) we might be able to hold 4 TDs in the Brooklin fields if they are still available.

A motion was made by Maryke Warwick, seconded by Stephanie McMahon to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by Eileen Fisher at 9:10 p.m.

## CCTC Website and Facebook report, December 2022

Visits to CCTC's Website show as declining again this year, with the number of views so far in 2021 being 844, down from 1,313 last year.



Last year I reported the visits as showing below. You will see a huge difference...the above "Last Year" stats should equal or be close to the below "This year" stats, but there is a difference of over 4,000 visits.

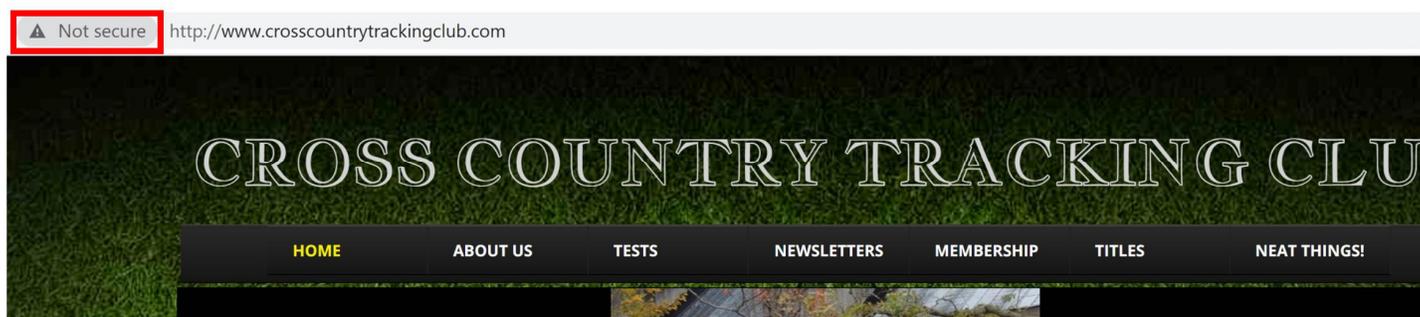


## GoDaddy states:

- Previously, website traffic was calculated based on page hits. This approach counted all requests to the web server to display content (such as images or text blocks) on the page. This information can offer insight on the depth of user exploration within your site.
- Going forward, website traffic will be calculated based on page views. A page view is counted every time a page on your website is loaded. For example, if a visitor goes to three pages on your website, that will count as three page views.
- Overall, the total count of page views is usually less than the total count of page hits, since there are multiple page hits per page that is viewed. This is why you will see your traffic data show lower counts after this change is fully deployed.
- In addition, we will no longer count pages views generated by bots, which are not real people. While your traffic counts will decrease, rest assured that it does not mean fewer people are visiting your site.

Also:

When you go to our website, you may see a “Not Secure” notice on the URL bar:



That is because our URL shows as

<http://www.crosscountrytrackingclub.com/>

and should show as

<https://www.crosscountrytrackingclub.com/>

Many browsers do not support websites that do not have a URL that starts with https://.

I contacted Go Daddy and they replied that our domain is hosted in an old Website Builder that does not have SSL option.

SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is a protocol for establishing secure links between networked computers.

“Website Builder 7 is a

legacy product and is no longer available for purchase. Try our new website builder.”

There is currently no fix, other than to update our contract with a new plan and then manually recreate our website from scratch...an onerous task!

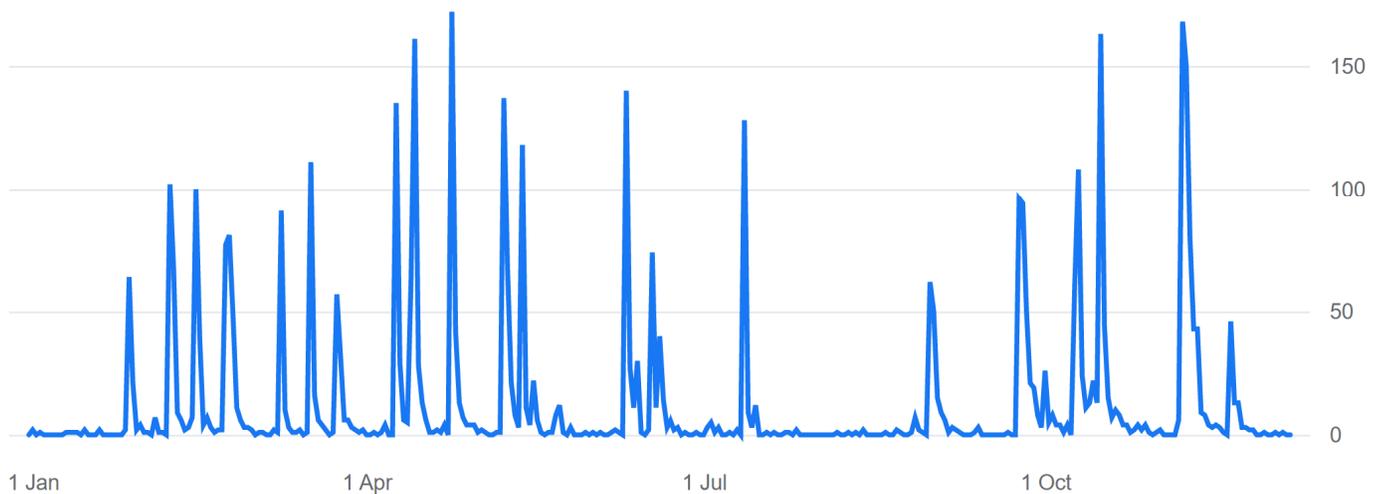
Membership and activity on CCTC’s Facebook page continues to grow, and now has 273 members. It is a good way to

communicate test dates and tracklayer requests, as well as posting results of our tests and photos of passing tracking teams.

There were 4,497 views of our Facebook page from Jan 1 2021 to date, up from 2,418 last year

4,497 viewed ⓘ

6 Dec 2022



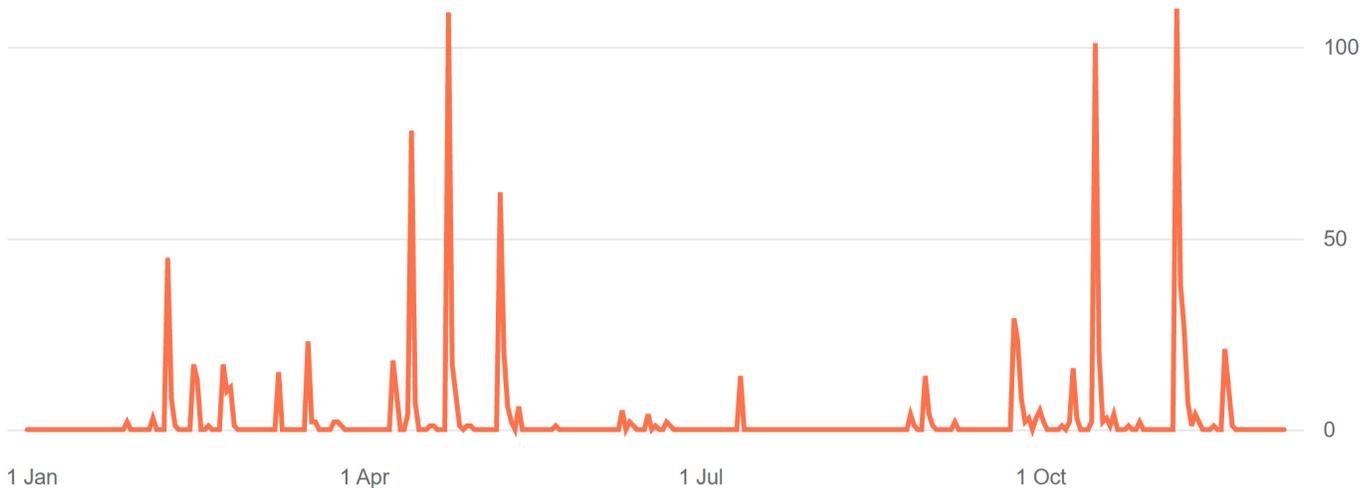


There were 1,040 reactions (Likes, etc.), down from 1140 last year:

1,040 reactions ⓘ

31 Dec 2021 - 6 Dec 2022

- Posts
- Comments
- Reactions
- All



Connie Gavin