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CCTC Annual General Meeting and Awards Night

Held on Dec.14, 2018 at Eileen Fisher's home.
 Attended by 18 Club members.



Left to right...

Pamela Burns , Cindy Trann and Dwyn Tomlinson

CCTC Tracking Titles 2018

TD

Wendy McCullough "Daniel" Std Poodle
 Signet Double O Seven RN CGN TD

TDX

Cindy Trann "Rush" Golden Retriever
 OTCH Goldendreams Good To Go MH RE WCX TDX

UTDX

Pamela Burns "Lieder" Std Wire-Haired Dachshund
 TCH. Lieder Von Lowenherz RN

Tracking Champion

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(4rd) IPO 3

Dwyn Tomlinson "Buffy" German Shepherd Dog
 Buffy Vom Bergblick IPO-3 TD



**On January 25, 2019, we sadly lost one of our Club members “Wendy Downing”
Wendy had been a CCTC Club Member since 2008.**

She first started tracking with her English Springer Spaniels and then with her English Cocker in the last years . She truly enjoyed tracking with her dogs.
She had earned a TD on Winston her first English Cocker and had worked on Urban tracking with him. Wendy had also put obedience, Rally & Agility titles on him.
More recently she had earned obedience titles on Penny and also an Agility title.
Wendy will be missed by all who knew her.
She’s pictured here with her Honorary Membership Certificate in 2017 that made her very happy.



Helena Tracz was presented with an honorary membership starting 2019.

This is done and decided by the executives when a Club member has done their part in helping the Club in anyway possible and now can no longer track with their own dogs through hay fields although they would love to. Eileen Fisher presenting the certificate. It's in appreciation that we feel it's well deserved. Congratulations to Helena .



Peanut Butter Banana Dog Cookies

1 Banana
1 c. Flour
1 c. Oatmeal
1 egg
1/2 c. Peanut Butter

Mix it up well to play-do consistency, roll out and shape.
Bake in a 325° oven for 15-20 min. Cool and bag.



So easy to make and simple ingredients.
Dogs love them..

New Little Trackers...



“River”

Somershire’s Fast Express Lane
Baby Brussel Griffon
Born July 16, 2018

Owned by **Barry & Marie Robinson**



“Wing”

Zaniri Flight Back to Goldendreams
Born Jan 13/19 in BC

Baby Golden Retriever owned by **Cindy Trann**



“Anna”

Bournecrest Brightstar Anna
She is a Miniature Long Haired English Cream
Dachshund. Born November 19, 2018.

Owned by **Tascha Gagnon**



What do you do when your dog grows old? When his feet are tired and the pads are worn? When your words of praise are muffled in his ears, and his eyes are milky from their years of use? When his face is grizzled and his color isn't as vibrant?

You love him.

You rub the feet that dutifully carried him by your side.

You speak your praises more loudly, so everybody else can hear the words that he can't.

You guide him the way he has guided you, and prevent him from getting lost as you were before he came along.

You kiss his muzzle and admire the wisdom that has beset him in his later years.

And when it comes time to put him to his final rest, knowing that an irreplaceable part of your heart will follow him, you will do so knowing that you loved him.

And he loved you more.

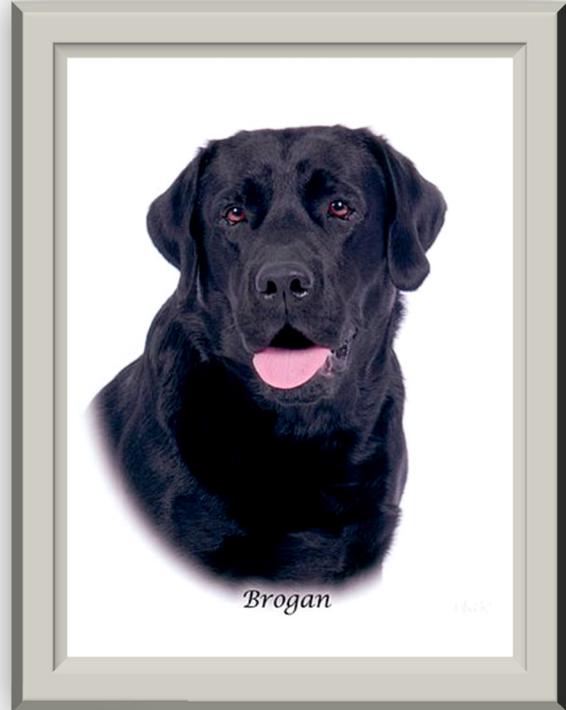


Gone But Never Forgotten.....



“Brogan”

CH. SR Autumwynd Harvest Knight
CDX TDX WCI JH RE
Sept 19, 2005—Jan. 16, 2019
Loved and missed by **Maryke Warwick**



“Ace”

CH. AKC CH. MOTCH AGMCH Carnaby Ace Ventura TDX UTD AKC TD RE CDX
First English Cocker to earn an AKC National Performance Challenge Award,also was the first
English Cocker to earn a CKC AGMCH in which made him a “Versatility Dog Extraordinaire”
July 23, 2004 - Mar. 3, 2019
Loved and missed by **Helena Tracz**



A Review of *Scent and the Scenting Dog*, by William Syrotuck By Marg Schneider

I recently inherited a box full of dog books. Among them was *Scent and the Scenting Dog* by William G. Syrotuck, published in 1972. It's probably out of print but copies are being sold on Amazon. It is short, only 99 pages, but includes a great deal of scientific but easily understandable explanations of what constitutes scent (aka "odour"), what it consists of, how it travels, how dogs smell, and how they follow a track. Perhaps none of this will be new to you, being members of a tracking club, but most of it was new to me. So here are a few facts that I found most interesting.

Scent is transferred to the ground through bits and pieces of dead skin, called "rafts" that continually fall off us and float away. Where the rafts land depends upon wind, humidity, temperature, the geography of the land and currents of air that surround us.

The scent of the skin is determined by eight types of chemicals secreted from the body as well as the inevitable bacteria that hitch a ride, consuming the skin and emitting vapours. Then there's the contribution of clothing and toiletries. Because of the myriad elements that can potentially contribute to the odour, there are over six billion different blends, making each person on earth uniquely odiferous -- at least to a dog.

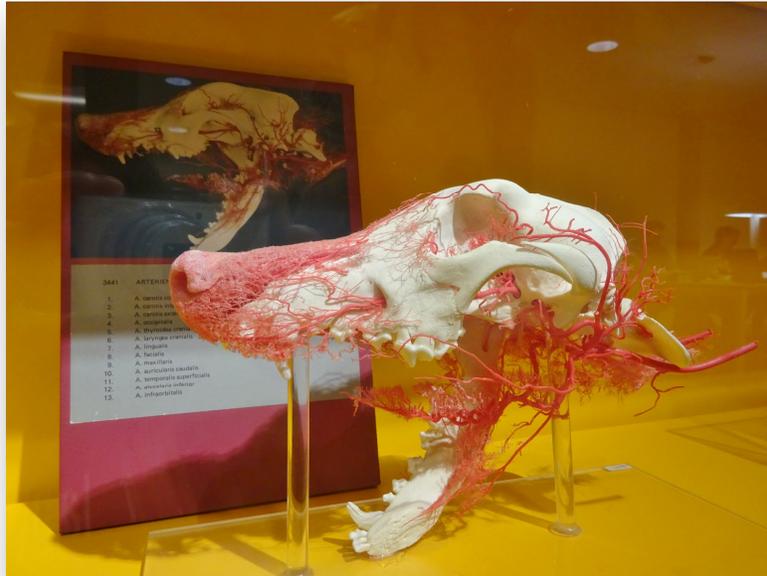
If everyone has a unique scent, I wondered why a cross track can be problematic for dogs since it wouldn't smell like the target. The answer is that some dogs are actually following the trampled vegetation, which is also emitting vapour as the bacteria in the soil devour it. Since the rafts may not land on the footprints, dogs may be following the grass vapour rather than the trail of rafts that may be inches or feet away. In that case a cross track would smell the same or similar.

This brings me to my perennial question: Why is so much emphasis often placed on training the dog to keep his nose on the footprints while discouraging the dog from air scenting, given that the scent might be most concentrated inches or feet away? Wouldn't it be better to let the dog air scent? I've never received a satisfactory answer, until now. The author's answer, and now mine, is that the air scenting dog might not be on the actual footprints of the lost person or object, but when he is near the object he will be drawn to the strong odour and find it. That seems more effective to me than following broken, rotting vegetation (with perhaps a soupcon of rafts) which can lead to confusion when encountering cross tracks.

Some of you may remember Charlie the Irish Water Spaniel, who was a wildly enthusiastic tracker – so much so that as soon as I neared the field on McCowan he started howling and wouldn't stop until I'd laid a 10 foot track and ran him immediately. Charlie always followed the scent at a predictable distance from the footprints (given wind strength and direction) with a combination of nose to the ground and air sniffing, but would return to the footprints to indicate an article. At corners he would circle, bouncing like a leaping gazelle until he solved the problem. At first I thought he was clowning around, but now I realize that he was air sniffing to make sure he caught the scent even if it was several feet off the ground. I'm glad I never reprimanded him for his strategy. It may not have conformed to common wisdom, but it was effective.

The book includes a longer discussion identifying the difference between "tracking dog," the "trailing dog," and the "air scenting dog" – how they work and implications for training. I realize that thinking might have changed since 1972, not only in terms of categorizing dogs and understanding how they work, but also in terms of what we know about scent. However, this interesting and readable book has motivated me to read more and to get back out in the field.

Blood vessels in a dog's nose.
Pretty amazing to see how many blood vessels are all over the nose area.
Dogs have incredible noses for scenting...
Picture of the nose was taken by Judith Lissenberg at the Utrecht University (Veterinary Medicine) in the Netherlands



5 Dog Nose Facts You Probably Didn't Know

By Aly Semigran

On the surface, your dog's nose may look wet, wriggling, and cute. But your pup's nose is actually a powerful device that guides him through his days in pretty impressive ways.

“Dogs noses are specifically adapted to function much better than ours,” explains Michael T. Nappier, DVM, DABVP, of the Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. “They have up to 300 million *olfactory* receptors in their noses, versus only about 6 million for us. And the part of their brain dedicated to interpreting these is about 40 times larger than ours.”

Here are six interesting facts about your dog's sense of smell that prove canines have superior sniffers.

A dog's nose has two functions—one for smell and one for respiration. According to Nappier, a canine's nose has the ability to separate air. A portion goes directly to the olfactory sensing area (which distinguishes scents), while the other portion is dedicated to breathing.

Dogs also have the ability to take in and breathe out air at the same time. “When sniffing, dogs noses are designed so that air can move in and out at the same time creating a continuous circulation of air, unlike humans who have to either breathe in or out only,” says Nappier.

Dogs have a special scent-detecting organ that humans don't have. This is called the vomeronasal organ, says Nappier, and it helps canines detect pheromones, chemicals released by animals that affect other members of the same species. This organ plays an important role in reproduction and other aspects of canine *physiology* and behavior.

Dogs smell in 3-D. Dogs can smell separately with each nostril. Just as our eyes compile two slightly different views of the world, and our brain combines them to form a 3-D picture, a dog's brain uses the different odor profiles from each nostril to determine exactly where smelly objects are in the environment.

A dog's nose has evolved to help them survive. According to David C. Dorman, professor of toxicology at North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine, dogs have used their noses to assist with major life events since the beginning of time. “Evolutionarily, a dog's sense of smell helps them find a mate, *offspring*, food, and avoid predators,” he says.

Dogs can smell up to 100,000 times better than a human. Nappier puts this tidbit into perspective with an awe-inspiring analogy. “A dog's sense of smell is its most powerful sense,” he says. “It is so sensitive that [dogs can] detect the equivalent of a 1/2 a teaspoon of sugar in an Olympic-sized swimming pool.”

Which Dogs Have the Best Sense of Smell?

While all dogs have strong sniffers, Nappier says “hound breed dogs have the best sense of smell.” Dorman points out that sturdy working dogs like German Shepherds and Labradors also rank high in their smelling abilities.

Some dogs, like Pugs who have short faces (also known as brachycephalic dogs), may “have some airway compromise that could affect their sense of smell,” explains Nappier.

Welcome to New Club Members;

Cheryl Woods . Belgian Malinois Cookstown chellawoods1@gmail.com

Annie O'Neill-Kahn Airedales Oshawa aokdale@hotmail.com

CROSS COUNTRY TRACKING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

December 14, 2018

At the Home of Eileen Fisher

53 Walkerton Drive

Markham, ON

Present:

Marie-P Babin, Vivien Brennan, Steve Hill, Trisha Budrow, Maryke Warwick, Pamela Burns, Stephanie Dixon, Eileen Fisher, Sue Godbehere, Gail Gordon, Anne Passafiume, Susan Rickwood, Lynda Rupy, Marg Schneider, Dwyn Tomlinson, Cindy Trann, Anne Whan & Annie O'Neill-Kahn

Meeting called to order at by Eileen Fisher at 8:52 p.m.

Previous Minutes

A motion made by Susan Rickwood and seconded by Dwyn Tomlinson to accept the minutes of the Dec 15th 2017 AGM 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 Vivien Brennan and seconded by Gail Gordon to accept the President's Report as presented was passed unanimously.

We're going into our 23rd year of holding tracking tests with Cross Country Tracking Club, All the time and work Club members give is very much appreciated. All positions in the Club are important to keep it running well and we can be proud of how our tests have run.

Thanks to our Executives who most have been there for 22 years so far. Vice President Eileen Fisher, Secretary and Membership Director Maryke Warwick, Treasurer Anne Whan and also Website administrator & Tracking Rep. for our zone Connie Gavin.

We happen to have two Tracking reps who are club members Connie Gavin and Laura McKay. If there's something you feel should be changed in the rules, they are the ones to speak to.

Thanks to our test secretaries who take turns so others can take part in the tests.

Also thank you to Bev Wiggans for a warm and dry place for our lunches after the field tests.

Our many tracklayers always ready to help no matter what the weather brings is always appreciated too.

Thank you to Eileen for the hospitality in her home for the AGM and party every year!!

Congratulations to our members who earned Tracking Titles this year. We'll be doing the presentation after the meeting.

I've travelled a bit further than usual this year to judge tests, In April I judged in Comox Valley BC, in May I was in Red Deer Alberta, in June in Ottawa On, and in Sept. I was in Brigham Quebec, then in Oct. for our Club and then I was supposed to judge in Thunder bay but hurt my knee so had to cancel that assignment.

Wishing everyone lots of enjoyment in your training and tracking titles to celebrate!!

All the Best in Tracking for 2019!!!

Yours Truly, Club Pres. Marie-P Babin

Treasurer's Report

This report was prepared and presented by Anne Whan. ("Copy of 2018 Financial for details available upon request).

A motion made by Anne Passafiume, seconded by Stephanie Dixon to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, was approved unanimously.

Membership Report

Prepared and presented by Maryke Warwick. A motion made by Anne Whan and seconded by Marg Schneider to accept the Membership report as presented was passed unanimously.

There were 54 members at the end of 2017. 8 members did not renew for 2018 and 2 new members joined the club for 2018. As of the end of 2018 we have 47 active members and 3 life members.

Test Secretary Report

Prepared and presented by Eileen Fisher. A motion made by Steve Hill and seconded by Marg Schneider to accept the Test Secretary report was passed unanimously.

CCTC held the following tracking tests in 2018:

Urban Test held on April 22nd. Judge: Sharon Smith

There were 3 UTD entries and 2 UTDX entries.

Unfortunately, there were no passes in either category.

TD/TDX Test held on May 06. Judge: Laura McKay.

There were 2 TD entries and 4 TDX entries.

Unfortunately, once again there were no passes in either category.

TD/TDX Test held on September 30th. Judge: Mary-Anne Boulet, who was judging for the first time for CCTC.

There were 6 TD entries and 2 TDX entries.

This time the results were far more encouraging.

There were 5 TD passes and 1 TDX pass.

Urban Test held on October 14th. Judge: Marie P Babin.

There was 1 UTD entry and 4 UTDX entries.

Unfortunately, there were no passes.

TD/TDX Test held on November 04. Judge: Sandy Briggs.

There were 8 TD entries and 2 TDX entries.

There were 4 TD passes and 1 TDX pass.

In Summary, no titles were gained from either Spring Test.

No Urban titles were gained in either the Spring or Fall Urban Tests.

In the Fall TD and TDX Tests, out of 14 TD entries, 9 gained their titles and

Out of 4 TDX entries, 2 gained their titles.

Again, for all of our Tests, we had a fabulous group of tracklayers come out and enjoy both the plotting on the Saturday, and the test itself on the Sunday.

For the 5 Tests we also had 5 different Test Secretaries, which again shows the depth of enthusiasm within the Club.

While we are always facing new challenges to secure land for both urban and field tests, we have been very fortunate to have the continuing support from both Linda Fraser at the goat farm and Bill Metcalf on Base Line.

Let's hope for a successful tracking season in 2019 with lots of titles earned and most importantly, fun With our dogs out on the track.

(Submitted by Eileen Fisher)

Social Report

Prepared by Dorothy Phillips and presented by Marie-P. Babin. A motion made by Susan Rickwood and seconded by Pamela Burns to approve the Social Report as presented was passed unanimously.

Hi, Sorry to miss the party this year, for sure next year.

Please find the list of people that received cards for 2018.

Bev Wiggans- Sympathy for her husband Ray's passing Dec. 2017

Fay Meeson - Get Well - Surgery - Jan. 2018

Susan Rickwood - Thinking of you - Feb. 2018

Cindy Trann - Get Well - Surgery - Feb. 2018

Pauline Norman - Sympathy - Brother - April 2018

Tascha Gagnon - Sympathy - Dog-Emma -Dachshund April 2018

Stephanie McMahon - Sympathy - Cat - May 2018

Stephanie McMahon -Sympathy- Dog - Mynder- German Shepherd Dog Aug. 2018

Maryke Warwick - Sympathy - Dog - Layla - Labrador Retriever Aug. 2018

Bev Wiggans - Sympathy - Dog - Kieran -German Shepherd Dog Aug. 2018

Irene Mullan - Sympathy - her Sister Minnie's passing - Sept. 2018

Sue Godbehere- Sympathy -Dog - Knickers- Jack Russel Terrier Sept. 2018

Cindy Trann - Sympathy - Dog - Rogue -Golden Retriever Sept. 2018

Susie Coutts - Sympathy - Dog - Blast -German Shepherd Dog Oct. 2018

Dorothy Phillips

Newsletter Report

A motion made by Gail Gordon and seconded by Eileen Fisher to accept the Newsletter Report as presented passed unanimously

I'm enjoying putting pictures and results in the newsletter. I sometimes find club members' brags on Facebook and take them to add into the newsletter.

Still make sure I have all your information, so we don't miss anything.

Once we have about 13-15 pages, Maryke Warwick finds an interesting article to add to it and sends it out to the membership.

Let's keep the CCTC newsletter going.

Marie-P Babin & Maryke Warwick

Website Report

Prepared and presented by Connie Gavin. A motion made by Vivien Brennan and seconded by Trisha Budrow to accept the Website report as presented passed unanimously.

(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

Marie-P. Babin, President

Eileen Fisher, Vice President

Maryke Warwick, Secretary and Membership Director

Anne Whan, Treasurer

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

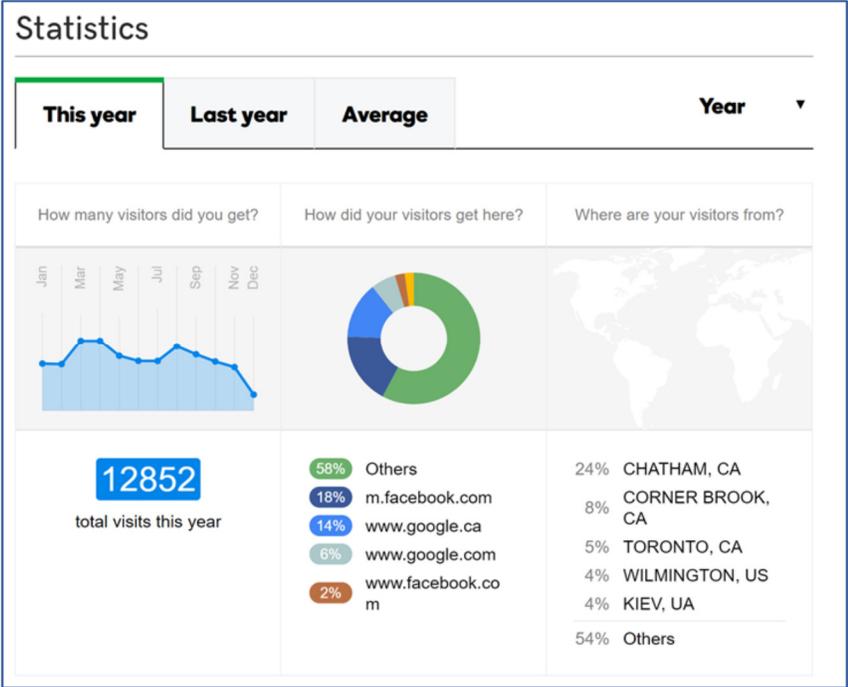
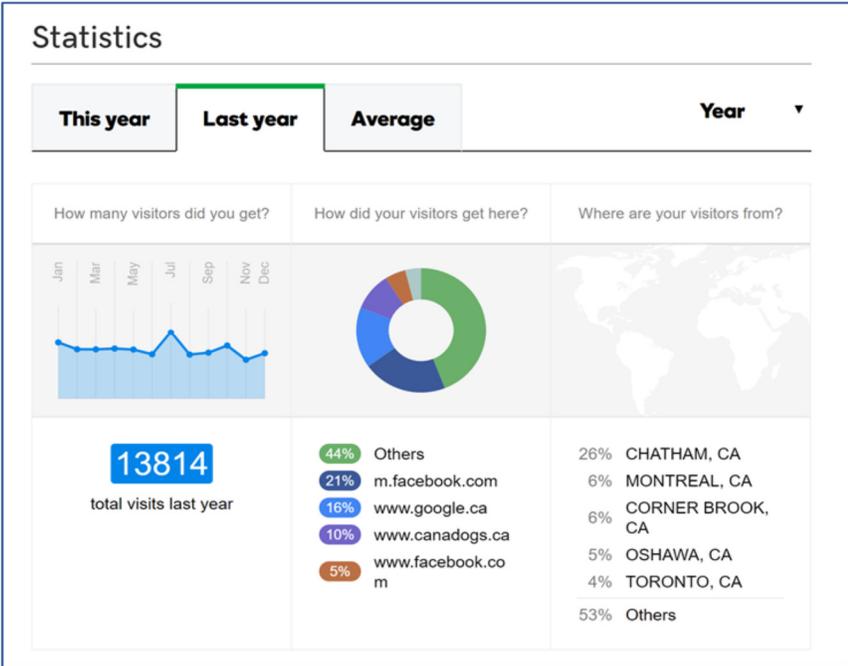
Anne Whan and Trisha Budrow will look after putting a gift basket together to raffle off at our tests as a fund raiser.

Any items for the basket can be sent to them.

There being no other new business, a motion was made by Marg Schneider, seconded by Pamela Burns to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by Eileen Fisher at 9:37 p.m.

CCTC’s Website continues to attract visitors. The number of viewers so far this year (12,852) are reduced slightly over last year, but the year isn’t over yet!



Membership to CCTC’s Facebook page also continues to grow, and now has **183 members**. More members are participating each year with their posts of photos and comments, and it is becoming a good way to communicate test dates and tracklayer requests. Over 20% of our visitors to our website come via our Facebook page.