



CCTC Urban Test April 17, 2016 Judge Jack Wilhelm

We had 5 UTD and 2 UTDX dogs entered with Jack Wilhelm judging. Beautiful warm weather and sunshine but no dogs passed this time. Some were very close to a pass.

We had a tracklayer for each track. A couple were first timers and did an awesome job ! All were very appreciated and we of course enjoyed our fish & chips as usual . Anne Whan came to track-lay on her birthday so we had to celebrate with some Birthday party cupcakes.

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Tracklayers;

Susan Coutts, Maryke Warwick, Marg Schneider, Stephanie Dixon,
Ann Whan, Barry Robinson & Eileen Fisher



At the fish & chip restaurant



Birthday Girl Anne Whan

Change of position

Dorothy Phillips has decided to step down from the Treasurer position and Anne Whan has graciously agreed to take the position as of March 29, 2016. Thank you Dorothy for your time as the treasurer and welcome Ann to your new position. It's very much appreciated !!!

Pictures from the TD & TDX Test May 8, 2016



Congratulations !!!

Our two Club Members who passed the TD Test; **Barry Robinson with KT** (Doberman Pinscher) and tracklayer Gail Gordon.

Anne Whan with Trooper (Golden Retriever) and tracklayer Irene Mullan.



Paparazzi



The Gallery



The Birthday Girls **Susan Coutts & Eileen Fisher !!**
Cake made by Marie Robinson

CCTC TD & TDX Test May 8, 2016
Judge Laura McKay



Barry Robinson with KT TD



Anne Whan and Trooper TD



Jancy Watkins with Bella TDX

Congratulations to all three passing teams !!!

Thank you Laura McKay for judging for CCTC test today and thanks to all our tracklayers. Gail Gordon, Irene Mullan, Deborah Dorkken Lynda Rupay & Susan Coutts. Marie-P Babin walked the X-track.

Out of the four TD dogs entered, 2 passed today.

"KT" CH. Gatehouse Rustenblack Kiss This TT CGN TD Doberman Pinscher female 4 yrs old Owned by [Barry Robinson](#) of Sunderland On. (Club Member)

"Trooper" OTCH Charis's Rush N Roulette RE CGN TD Golden Retriever male 8 yrs old Owned by Anne Whan of Oshawa On. (Club Member)

The one TDX dog entered passed also;
"Bella" TDX PEN German Shepherd Dog 7 yrs old Owned by **Jancy Watkins** of Kemptville On.

Thanks to all members who brought food for the pot luck which made a great lunch and to Bev Wiggins for the HQ close to the fields with lots of space to walk dogs.

CCTC Members' Brags.....



“Casey”

Longgun's Sharp Shooter CD CDI RN
AGN AGNJ AGI PI WC JH

“Casey” finished his CDI in April with a 1st place ribbon. He also earned his Rally Intermediate Title (RI) May 15, 2016 . Then earned his AGI (Agility Intermediate) and PI (points & distance) on June 10, 2016.

That's four titles in less than two months !!

Owned by **Anne Whan**



“Rogue”

Goldendreams Going Rogue TD WC JH CDX

“Rogue” earned her CDX on April 3, 2016

Owned by **Cindy Trann**



“Savannah”

Round the Bend Savannah NTD, ITD

“Savvy” earned her Novice Trick Dog title April 18,2016 and her Intermediate Trick Dog Title the next day !

Owned by **Lynda Rupay**



“Kara”

Goldencol's Karamel Delight WC TD PCD RN CGN

“Kara” earned her RN Nov.21,2015

On June 10, 2016 Kara also earned her CGN

Owned by **Eileen Fisher**

More CCTC Members' Brags....



“Rush” and “Rogue”

OTCH Goldendreams Good To Go SH TD WCX RA

“Rush” earned her RN with a High in Class May 12, 2016 and her RA May 15, 2016

Goldendreams Going Rogue TD WC JH CDX RN

“Rogue” earned her RN with a High in Class May 15, 2016

Owned by **Cindy Trann**



“Grimm”

Von Kalt Bach

“Grimm” passed a Herding Instinct test.

Owned by **Gladys Kinsman**



“Higgins”

Pheasant Ridge's Just You Wait, TD, CGN, AgNJ, AgN, NTD, CRN, ADC, SGDC, ADG, AADC

“Higgins” earned his Advanced Games Dog Title (AADC) May 21, 2016

Owned by **Phyllis Shortt**.



“Stirling”

UKC CH, Can GCH, URO1, Gowrielea's Scots Wha Hae CD, RE, CGN, Am RN, CCA

“Stirling” earned his Rally Excellent Title (RE) May 23, 2016

Owned by **Sandy Brodie**

More CCTC Members' Brags.....



“Savannah”

Round the Bend Savannah NTD, ITD CRN-MCL
“Savannah” earned her CARO Rally Novice Title (RN)
Two 1st place and one 2nd place. 197, 190, 190. May 1, 2016.

Owned by **Lynda Rupay**



“Zina”

Batik Simply Amazing NTD
“Zina” earned her Novice Trick title April 18, 2016

Owned by **Irene Mullan**

“Elroy”

CH. Castlegar Elroy At Autumwynd CGN

“Elroy” earned his Championship in his first official Show at 6 months over three days, 4 shows. Three BOB , a Group 2nd and 1 BPIG !! May 1, 2016 finished under judge Morley Thornton.

On June 10, 2016 Elroy also earned his CGN.

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**



More CCTC Members' Brags.....

“Lieder”

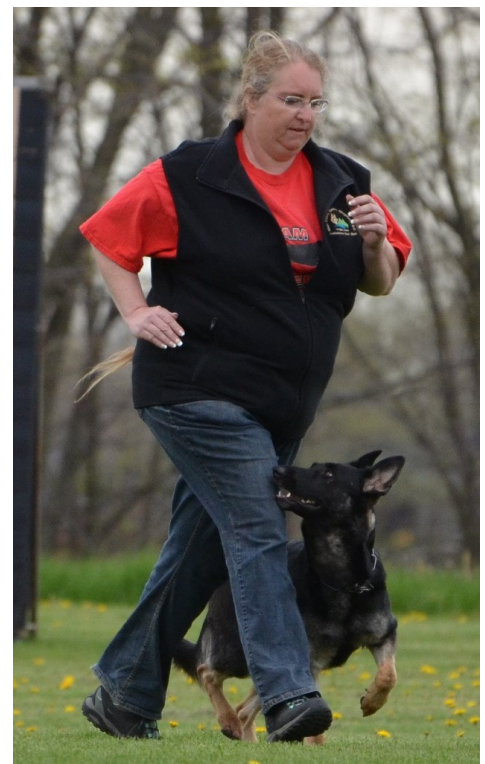
Lieder von Lowenherz TDX, UTD, RN and
AKC Field Champion and TD
“Lieder” earned his AKC TD April 27, 2016
Then his UTD on June 5th, 2016 at the By-
Town Obedience Club near Ottawa.
Owned by **Pamela Burns**



“Buffy”

Buffy vom Bergblick - IPO-2
with High IPO and High Obedience.
“Buffy” earned her IPO-1 title April 23, 2016
And her IPO-2 May 8, 2016
She also entered the SV show (German style show)
and got an SG rating which means "Very Good"
(Sehr Guht.)

Owned by **Dwyn Tomlinson**



More CCTC Members' Brags...

"Sammy"

Dragnflytes Dancin Through Life, TDX, RN, AG.N, CGN, AKC TD, CRN, ADC, SGDC, SD-S, NJ, RATI, RATO, PKD-N

"Sammy" is the first Field Spaniel with an International Dog Parkour Association title.

Read what it's all about here;
<http://www.dogparkour.org/home>

Owned by **Connie Gavin**



"Elroy"

BPISS. GCH. Castlegar Elroy At Autumwynd CGN
"Elroy" won best Puppy in the Quebec Specialty June 26/16 and also finished his Grand Championship at the Bobcaygeon Show on Canada Day !!

Owned by Marie-P Babin



"Whistle"

CH.Elliquin Whistlin' Thru TDX RE CD WC CGN HIC
"Whistle" earned her TDX title at the Labrador Owners' Club 50th Anniversary test June 2, 2016. in Puslinch.
Judge Laura McKay , handled by Marie-P Babin

Owned by **Maryke Warwick**

Make Your Own Tracking Treats

Two great Recipes

I found a tracking/reward bait I use instead of hot dogs-loaded with salts, preservatives etc. This bait really works.

Liver treats-

- 1 pound of chicken or calf liver
- 1 1/2 cups cornmeal
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons of molasses
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder



They can also be made with Tuna or Sardines

Combine all the wet ingredients in a blender or food processor and liquefy. Add dry ingredients and blend well. Pour into a greased cookie sheet, bake at 400 degrees until a knife comes out clean or bake a little longer to produce a somewhat jerky texture. Cut into 3/8 or 1/2 inch cubes.

If you use a dark flour it has been my experience that it is hard to see the bait on the track. Also with younger dogs or dogs starting out tracking if you increase the garlic to 3/4 or 1 teaspoon in the beginning they learn the game quicker, once learned reduce the level of garlic. I have also reduced the level of garlic to 1/4 teaspoon when my dog appears to be bored.

From Leerburg.com

Thanks Barry Robinson for sharing the recipe

Tuna Fudge

- 2 cans undrained tuna
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 C flour
- 1/4 C grated cheese or parmesan
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder

Mix until brownie like consistency.

Spread into greased baking pan (I use coconut oil or you can use safflower)
bake 20 min. at 350 degrees.

Keep refrigerated – freezes nicely!

New Club Members;

Sherri Hall of Alliston On. elite@zing-net.ca Dutch Shepherd
Patricia Budrow of Whitby On. pbudrow@bell.net Jack Russell Terrier
Adrienne Almey of Trenton On. aalmey@cogeco.ca Labradors & German Shepherd Dog

New Little Trackers.....

“Sterling”

Reynard's Folly Sterling
“Sterling” is a Jack Russell Terrier owned
by new Club member Trish Budrow, and
training with Lynda Rupay in tracking.



“Cubbins”

Flying Dog Lyin' in the Shade
Is a rescue dog from Quebec. Briard/Beardie/
Golden Retriever mix possibly, and approximately
6 yrs old.
Owned by Marg Schneider and Susan Rickwood



Gone But Never Forgotten.....

"Marlo"



"Marlo"

CH. OTCH. SR. Castlegar Marlo At Autumwynd WC JH TD UTD RE CGN Am. CD RA
Feb. 18, 2001—Mar. 15, 2016

"Marlo" was a kind soul and always willing to please, loved and missed by Marie-P Babin



"Jorja"

CH. SR. Autumwynd Midnite N Jorja
CDX TD WC JH RE CGN SDDA SD-N
Sept. 19, 2005—July 8, 2016

"Jorja" has gone to joined her mom Marlo at the Rainbow Bridge . It must have been a happy reunion for them but a sad time here.

We'll miss you Jorje..
Marie-P Babin

Gone But Not Forgotten.....



“Angell”

“Angell” passed away July 5, 2016
She was 15 years old Brussels Griffon
and will be missed by
Ruth Ann Miller



“Spider”

2006 —Mar. 21, 2016
Best Little Twerp Ever...
Will be missed by Sue Godbehre





What if...?

By Rosemary Janoch

I had a funny thing happen at an obedience trial two weeks ago. The judge had just finished examining my dog during the moving stand and said “Call your dog.” I started with “Brinks...” and then stopped because Brinks had sat down and was busy scratching behind his ear. When he was done scratching, I finished his command to come to heel. We failed because there was a huge 15 second pause between his name and the command to finish. Had I thought a little faster on my feet, I would have given the complete command of “Brinks, heel!” and then let the cards fall where they may. He either would have finished scratching himself and then come to heel or he wouldn’t have. But at least then the ball would have been in his court. I blew it for the two of us by delaying my command.

I wasn’t ready for the “What if my dog starts to scratch right when I start to give a command?” scenario. Because I had not planned on having this happen, I didn’t know what to do when it occurred. What I would like to do for you in this article is present some of the “What ifs” that can happen when you are at a tracking test. If you know what to do ahead of time, the presence of the judges and the pressure of the test won’t throw you off.

What if you get lost on the way to the test? Premium lists generally have a cell phone number that can be used the morning of the test to reach the test chairperson. Call and let her know you are lost but are on your way. If an alternate is present, however, they will be allowed to draw for a track instead of you and you will be out of luck. If no alternate is present, the secretary will draw for you if you miss the draw. The catch is, however, that you need to show up before it is time to run your track. I suggest you try to find the site the night before so you don’t get lost and you know how long it will take you to get there from the hotel. However, if you get a flat tire or have something else delay you, you may simply be out of luck for running your dog in the test. It is your responsibility to be there on time.

What if my dog picks up an extra article on the track? For example, your dog might find a glove or a hat on the second leg of the track. Just pick it up, put it in your pocket, praise your dog for being so very clever, and tell your dog to “Go find!” Hopefully you have practiced restarts on your training tracks so that your dog will continue tracking.

What if you see a flag in the middle of the field? Ignore it and continue tracking your dog. A flag left in the field by the track layer will not invalidate your track.

What if I can *see* where the track goes? This is not a problem unless you try to guide your dog. Rarely can you see an entire track from beginning to end, but it is very common to be able to see a leg or two due to the type of vegetation the judges walked through. Let your dog use his nose to do his thing and don't try to influence him. When tracks are visible, judges are very aware of the temptation handlers have to guide the dog and they will be on the lookout for any funny business.

What if my dog has to relieve himself after we have started the track? This is not an uncommon occurrence so don't panic. In fact, many times a dog is totally distracted and doesn't seem able to track and the problem is simply that the dog has something other than tracking on his mind. Let him do his business and then command "Go find!" Your dog should restart with no problem once the potty issue is over. Generally, you don't need to pick it up out in the middle of a big field, but if it is a VST track and you are in a well manicured area, the poop will need to be picked up. Good hearted track layers will usually do it for you so be sure to thank them for going above and beyond the call of duty!

What if you see something dangerous directly ahead of you? Immediately stop and turn around to inform the judges of the situation. I once saw a pair of judges walk a man and his dog in a big arc away from a huge (and I do mean *huge*) black snake that was aggressively coiled on the track. The judges put the man back on the track on the far side of the snake and told the handler to continue from there. I have also seen this done when a skunk was sunning herself on the track. They all walked a big arc around her and continued the track farther down.

What if my bitch comes in season the morning of the test? For this answer you will have to consult the premium list. Some tests allow a bitch in season to compete but she will be kept off the test grounds until she needs to run and she will be given the last track of the day. Some tests do not permit bitches in season to participate and in that case I would try to get in touch with the trial secretary as soon as possible in case there is an alternate who could be contacted in time so that dog could run in the test.

What if a storm moves in while I am on the track? Since tracking is an outdoor activity, be prepared for anything Mother Nature wants to throw at you. However, in the case of severe weather like thunder and lightning it is likely the judges will tell you not to run. They may delay the test for a short time if the storm looks like it is going to blow over.

What if my dog is allergic to bees? May I carry emergency medicine on my person? In the case of medicine (for you or the dog), I would simply inform the judges before you begin the track. I cannot imagine a single judge anywhere that would object to you having it on you. The rules say that anyone may carry water on the track. No food or toys may be on you while you are tracking so empty your pockets of all goodies before starting.

What if you discover you left your harness and lead at home? First, immediately look around for anyone at the test with a dog approximately the same size as yours. Then pray they will let you borrow their equipment.

What if you discover that your dog is tracking on his collar and you never actually attached the lead to his harness? If the dog was doing fine, I would probably just let him continue to track on his collar. If he looked like he was having a hard time, I would probably stop for a water break and casually clip the tracking lead to the harness while my dog was drinking the water. Do this subtly so the judges don't notice what a dork you are.

What if you are going through some tough cover and the lead gets terribly tangled in the vegetation? I suggest you turn to the judges and let them know you are going to untangle your dog. If your dog has a reliable stay command, I would put the dog in a sit or down while I pull the lead free. You don't want the dog to continue to tangle more of the lead while you are working on the section of lead that is already tangled. Nor do you want the dog to try to pull you down the track while you are busy getting the lead free from the vegetation. A stay command is really valuable here. I do know of one handler who carries a spare tracking lead in her bag and when the lead gets hopelessly tangled, she simply unclips it and clips on a fresh lead and continues on. When the track is over, she goes back and works on untangling the original lead.

What if your lead breaks while you are tracking? If the clip at the end broke, tie the lead to the D-ring and be sure to use a good sturdy knot that is not going to come loose. If the lead snapped in half, stop your dog, gather the two pieces together and knot them together as well as you can. Or snap on a new lead if you carry a spare in your bag.

What if someone, like a hiker, starts to talk to you on the track? I would briefly explain my dog is in the middle of a test and is being judged and would politely excuse myself and tell my dog to continue to track. I know you are nervous at a test, but try not to just ignore the person. Someone told me his dog was crossing a road and a driver stopped and asked him for directions. The handler gave the driver directions and then continued on the track. You will not be failed for talking to someone. Nor will you be given a new track just because a random hiker is walking through your field.

What if the track passes close to a body of water and your dog jumps in for a little dip? You can't really drag him out of there, but you certainly do need a command that says "Quit fooling around and get back to tracking!" You won't fail because your dog jumped in for a swim, but you will fail if you can't get him back on task relatively quickly.

What if a loose dog comes running across the field at you and your dog? If the dog is friendly and just wants to play with your dog, the track layer or the judges will usually try to step in and shoo the dog away or hook the dog up to a spare lead and get it away from your dog so that you can continue. Sometimes, you can just say "Go away...shoo!" and the dog might leave on his own. If the loose dog looks and sounds like it is aggressive, however, you are in a nightmare situation. If I had a little dog, I would try to pick it up and call to the judges for help. At that point in time, I am no longer worried about a tracking title. I have a much bigger concern. With a bigger dog like a Lab or a Golden, I would tell my dog to sit-stay and position myself between my dog and the dog that is approaching us. Use your best "don't mess with me" voice and tell the dog to go away. Surprisingly, some of these loose dogs are trained and you might be able to forcefully command "Down!" and stop the dog from coming any closer. Fortunately, loose dogs coming at you during a test are few and far between, although I have had this happen to me while training.

What if I drop the lead and my dog is continuing to track without me? I guess I don't have the strongest grip in the world, so this has actually happened to me twice. The first time it happened, I was much younger and I ran like crazy after my dog and picked up the lead on the fly. I don't think my dog even noticed I dropped it. When it happened many years later, I simply told my dog to sit and I walked up to him and picked the lead back up.

What if the judges lose sight of me and my dog? Should I keep going? The answer to this question is: it depends. This really doesn't happen very often with a TD dog, but it is a real concern on a TDX track with heavy cover and thick woods. If my dog and I have gained a lot of ground on the judges and are in danger of leaving them in the dust, I slow down a bit and perhaps offer my dog a water break which gives the judges time to catch up. If, however, I have completely lost sight of them and they have lost sight of me, I keep moving along the track. Most judges will move to the location of the next article if they totally lose sight of the exhibitor. If the next article is already gone, the judges will assume you have already been there and left the location and will hurry along to catch up with you. If the next article is still there on the ground, the judges will likely stay at that location and wait for you to show up or will attempt to backtrack to find you. Judges certainly don't try to lose you on purpose, but random things happen that delay them. For example, an elderly judge fell in the field and the second judge stopped to help him up. It only took a few minutes to get the judge back on his feet and walking again, but the dog and handler were moving quickly and they were in thick cover. The two judges lost sight of the team and it took quite a bit of time to determine that the team had made an incorrect turn while the two judges were busy. The team was now far off the track and in a completely different direction than where the judges were looking. In fact, the team circled around and ended back up at the test headquarters. I give the dog a lot of credit for using his nose and leading his owner back to the food!

What if I need to ask the judges a question after I have started my track? The time to ask questions is before you start, but handlers will sometimes ask if they can give their dog water, or ask if they can untangle the dog's lead. Do *not* ask the judges questions like "Am I still on the track?" or "Is this one of the articles?" since no answers to those types of questions will be forthcoming.

What if the dog walks right past an article without indicating it but you see it? Since I can only see my dog's tail and not his face, I always assume he gave the article a good hard look and I simply missed his indication. So I run right up to the article, pick it up, and wave it madly over my head for the judges to see. Unless you are extremely wealthy and don't care about your entry fee, I would advise you to do the same thing.

What if there is no start article at the first flag? Simply turn around and tell the judges. They will have the track layer bring you a new start article.

What if the glove is missing at the end of the track? Since you will not actually know the glove is missing, you may just see your dog fuss around at a particular spot for a while and then continue to track the track layer right out of the field. The judges may stop you and let you know they are looking for the glove. If they can't find it (perhaps a critter carried it away), the judges will pass your dog so don't fret if the glove is truly missing.

What if your dog completely stops tracking due to some distraction and you cannot get him restarted? I once judged a basset hound at a test in the Cleveland area. He started well but stopped half way down the first leg where he had found a bunny nest a mere yard off the track. Baby bunnies look like little mice when they are newborns. There was nothing that handler could say to get that hound back on the track. He had found a nest of bunnies and had no intention of leaving such a prize. This is why they call it "the luck of the draw." That basset would probably have passed had he gotten any other track that day but the bunny track. Sadly, if you cannot get your dog to track after dealing with a distraction, you will fail.

No matter what sport we compete in with our dogs, we need to be prepared for the "what ifs" we will face at a test. The better prepared we are ahead of time for the unexpected, the more likely it is that we will deal with the situation in an appropriate and successful manner. I wish you the best of luck with all the "what ifs" in your life!