

MRC Annual Fall TD/TDX Tracking Test – October 6, 2013

Sunday, October 6th marked MRC's Annual Fall TD/TDX tracking test.

The test was originally slated to be a 4 dog TD and a 2 dog TDX. Two of the TD entrants withdrew and as there were no TD alternates, MRC has the capability, per AKC regulations, and as published in the Premium to exchange tracks. The test became a 2 dog TD and 3 dog TDX.

The weather on Saturday was extremely warm and humid. Thankfully, a front came through at night with considerable amounts of rain. The temperatures on Sunday were most pleasant....very cool and the cover extremely wet....ideal tracking conditions.

Unlike last year, when there were no Rottweilers entered, this year we had three.

Congratulations to the new TDs:

CH Braeside's Edinburgh Von Bach CD, RN
Rottweiler, Dog
Breeder(s): G. & D. Bach, L. Fried, and D. Banko
Owner(s): Mike Jackman and Ann Felske Jackman
Track layer: Donna Cordoba

Marlo's Jack of All Trades V Glen Oaks
Rottweiler, Dog
Breeder(s): Marlene Keene & Robert Schulte
Owner(s): Donna J. Garske
Track layer: Tracy McMahon

Congratulations also to the new TDX:

Kanosak's Timbertop RA, TD, NAP, NJP
Rottweiler, Bitch
Breeder(s): Barbara Palm, Julia Simmons & Ronnie Bizer
Owner(s): Barbara Palm & Julia Simmons
Track layer: Paul Childers

The two non-Rottweilers that were also entered gave it their best shot, but today was not their day.

Sincere thanks, again, to our judges Pam German and Wally O'Brien; my other track layers, Ed Gegenheimer and Penny DuBernet as well as to my cross track partner Nancy Gegenheimer.....what a great team to work with!!! Ed and Nancy are former, long-time MRC members and Penny DuBernet is a member of Pecatonica Tracking Club.

An abundance of home-made delicacies along with great friends all made for a wonderful weekend!

Cindy Childers
Fall 2013 TD/TDX Test Secretary/Chair
MRC Tracking Committee Chair



Mike Jackman & "Albert" New TD



Donna Garske & "Jack" New TD

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Barb Palm & “Charlie” New TDX

MRC Fall VST Test – October 27, 2013

MRC's Fall Variable Surface Tracking Test on Sunday, October 27th is now officially in the record books....all paperwork completed and ready to go to the Post Office. We had five wonderful, great working teams (three handling Rottweilers), but unfortunately no passes. Saturday's weather was cold and extremely windy. On Sunday when we arrived at the site at 6:30 a.m., the temperature was 28 degrees, but the sun finally came out and the temperatures, thankfully slightly warmed, were perfect for tracking

Special thanks and deepest appreciation to our judges Pam German and Wally O'Brien. My track layers, my wonderful, wonderful track layers were MRC members Liz Hixon and Paul Childers and non-MRC members Penny DuBernet, Sylvia Schultz and Amy Vose. My deepest thanks to Liz Hixon who found this wonderful NEW site, coincidentally where she works. The management team of this facility could not have been more gracious to us.

On Saturday, I tried my hand at making Donna Cordoba's "world famous" chicken salad sandwiches and on Sunday, Sylvia made pulled pork sandwiches that were out of this world. Sunday morning, former MRC members Ed and Nancy Gegenheimer came out to watch and

volunteered to help wherever they could. Nancy also brought home-made brownies. Once again the tables were filled to the brim with special treats. Also on Sunday, Marilyn Blenz brought a beautifully decorated, delicious cake and Paul and I were presented with cards of appreciation.

This test is the last MRC tracking test that I will be involved in as the Chair of the Tracking Committee and the current committee as it stands has been dissolved as of yesterday.

Over the last nearly eleven years, I have had the honor and privilege of working with a great Committee (the late Donna Wielert, Donna Cordoba, Liz Hixon, and Marilyn Blenz). Being true/dedicated "trackers" themselves, this small group has a deep love and appreciation for the sport of tracking. I would be remiss in not mentioning Cindy Mann and Karen Perry, who joined our Committee a few years back. Neither one of these ladies ever tracked a dog, but saw that our small team was struggling and offered to help; an offer we gladly accepted.

We have worked with judges who will be our life-long friends. Our Committee has also had the support of so many members (non-MRC members) of the tracking community. They answered our call for help time and time again and we are most indebted to them and are very happy to be able to call them our forever friends. We have cheered passing teams and cried tears of disappointment along with those who have failed only to pass another day. We have stood together in parking lots and along sides of fields waiting for tracks to age and then to run in the cold, the rain and intense heat and on mornings when we were lucky, together we saw beautiful sunrises. There is no other sport where everyone truly wants the entrant to pass. The camaraderie amongst tracking folks and the small tracking community is like none other.

MRC President, Joan Klem, has announced that there are volunteers in place to take the lead and they would like to move the tests to Wisconsin. I know the entire Committee joins me in wishing them well.

Cindy Childers, MRC Tracking Chair &
2013 Fall VST Test Secretary/Chair

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Photos provided by Liz Hixon



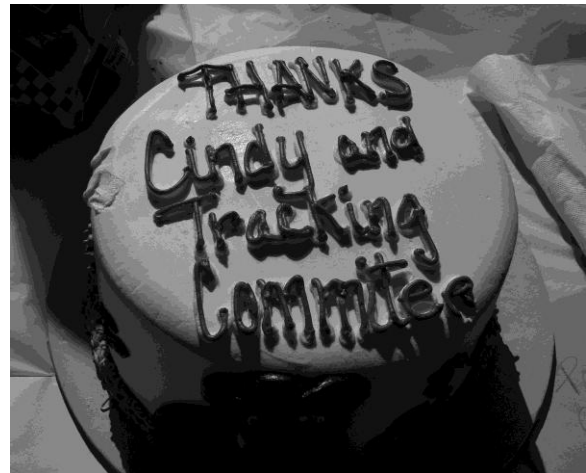
Ed & Nancy Geggenheimer & Cindy C.



A Rottweiler Cake!



MRC Members at Tracking Site



Thank you Cindy & Tracking Committee



Good Eats!



Waiting for it to warm up