

## Cornhusker Kennel Club held its Tracking Test on the weekend of March 25 & 26.

We had LOTS of volunteers - some regulars and some newbies. We all know how important all the workers are and as Chairperson I appreciate everyone's participation. They made it easy on me, knowing everything would go in on time, etc.

I have to give special thanks to our Chief Tracklayer Diane Hoy, even though she doesn't track herself, she helps us every year, keeping the tracklayers on time, picking them up at the end of their tracks, picking up all the flags, and doing whatever else she has time for. She is also our photographer and has put pictures on the CKC website.

Another special thanks this year to Mary Kramer, our Chief Crosstrack layer. She was sunburned on Saturday and her face swelled up, but she endured on Sunday and we hope she heals to her normal self very very soon!!

Judges were Rosemary Janoch & Vince Ramirez. They both were GREAT to work with, taking care and deliberation in plotting equal tracks for everyone. Our tracking site provides many fields to choose from and most of the tracks this weekend were spectator friendly.

Weather was cool, windy, windy, windy, some snow cover, some grass on all of the tracks.

We are pleased to present 4 new TD's and 3 new TDX's!!

TD's -- 440-500yards, aged minimum 30 minutes, finding one article.

Track #1 (470yds)- German Shepherd Dog, Noblecroft's Panache, PT, TD handled by Dea Jaffey.



This track had the deepest snow, and the early morning draw made it a bit difficult for Dea as she would be on top of the snow for a few steps and then break through. She said she sank up to her knees on the fourth leg and it was difficult to lift her leg up to get back out! Her dog was patient with her and waited. This fourth leg began with a turn in the grass and then went into the deeper snow. The fifth leg ended on grass.

Track #2 (470yds) Springer Spaniel Ch Woodbeigh All Things Considered, NA, NAJ handled by Ginny Mohr. This dog started out strong, straight down the track, then went off to the side a couple times.



Ginny did a fantastic job of handling, I thought. Years ago a judge told me "if you see the dogs butt, it is on track, if you see the dogs side the track might be turning and stand still and wait for the dog to commit" This is exactly what Ginny did. They made it to their glove easily.

Track #3 (460yds) - Elkhound. Greyplume's Won't Back Down handled by Connie Schulte. This was the only TD track that we chose not to let the gallery move up to watch. The logistics just didn't allow that many cars to move ahead in that short of time.



This dog started out kinda silly :) Our part of the midwest hasn't seen a lot of snow so the dogs were pretty excited to be in it!! But once he locked in, he was serious about what his job was. This track also had a HUGE amount of wind coming off of the lake and across the 3rd leg, by then there wasn't anything that was going to stop him from finding that glove!!

Track #4 (485yds) - Labrador. Daisy handled by Jocelyn Baker. Daisy felt the need to take a couple snow baths



down her first leg. Jocelyn was patient, but I think Daisy felt the sweat on Jocelyn's brow and hopped up to get on track! The wind was blowing across most all of these legs. The track went up over a hill, so it was exciting when we all saw her cresting the hill and tracking to the glove!



TDX's - 800-1000yards, minimum 3 hours old, finding 3 articles, two people cross the track in two different places.

Track #1 - Aust Shepherd. Granite's Fly Like the Wind TD, NA, NAJ, handled by Karen Nenow. This team didn't pass :( :( and Yes! I'm putting their names out here anyway, because they have absolutely nothing to be ashamed of or sorry about. They made their way past the cross tracks, found all their articles, road crossings, woods, and fallen LOGS! were the obstacles -- just got stuck in those darned woods.



Track #2 - Belgian Tervuren. Montage Red Hot Quesadilla HSA, TD handled by Sharon Johnson. This 7 year old dog wasn't sure she should be on the first leg, but then decided YEP! this is it!! She picked up steam as she got into the track. Road crossings, woods and a ravine(which by now was MUD!) were the obstacles to conquer before finding the glove!! This handler said she didn't think she could physically pull her dog off the track towards the end -- she was so committed to the track.



Sharon Johnson and Montage Red Hot Quesadilla HSAs TD running TDX Track #2.

Track #3 - Sheltie MACH2 Romayne's Prairie Skye, TD handled by Alice Michaels. This was our least spectator friendly track. It started down a hill near the lake, the wind was fierce, the third leg we lost them going down another steep hill and through thick thicket, another steep hill with high winds and the track came back around so that we could see the FIND at the glove!! It makes it pretty exciting actually when you lose sight of the team and then they appear and you can see the last article find!! :->



MACH2 Romayne's Prairie Syke TD (Sheltie) and Alice Michaels enter the woods on TDX Track #3.

Judge Rosemary Janoch, Tracklayer Norm Tucker and Judge Vince Rameriz follow.

Track #4 - German Shepherd Dog. The Baron v Dings-Da UD, TD handled by Rose vonFintel. We saw this team a year or so ago and Man-o-Man have they really gotten it all together!! This dog started out and didn't quit - well, except when Rosi had to put him on a sit to untangle the line in the thicket - Road crossings, Woods, and Sumac were the obstacles. Again, close to the lake and lots of wind but Baron had only one thing on his mind -- the GLOVE! He carried it all the way back, held it for his picture and shared it with everyone he could convince to toss it for him.



Judges Vince Rameriz and Rosemary Janoch and TDX Track #4 Tracklayer Ann Kleimola observe The Baron v Dings-Da, UD, TD and Rosi von Fintel on their way to a successful TDX run. And pictured, justifiably proud of his TDX glove.

Thanks again to everyone!! It was a long 2 days, but somehow you forget about all those hours spent in preparation and in the field when the dogs pass their test!!  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!

Below are some "thank you" notes that I received.



-Dian Quist Sulek, Test Chair/Secretary

Dian,

Thank you again for putting on a great test and a really fun weekend. I really appreciate. I so enjoyed being a tracklayer, put me down on your list for next year too! Sharon Johnson (exhibitor)

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Dian,

Please convey my thanks and appreciation to all the Cornhusker Club members that helped with the tracking tests yesterday. I was amazed at all the snow you had left and know that you had a hard week of getting dug out without the burden of the test coming up! Needless to say, I was thrilled to come home with a TDX, my first. Everyone was so pleasant, and supportive and I was sorry to miss the social opportunity at lunch, but needed to head home. Thank you especially to my tracklayer for track #3! I hope to have another candidate tracking in a couple of years and Lincoln is a "must enter".

Alice Michaels and Skye TDX (exhibitor)

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Dear Dian & Tracking team,

Thank you all very much for your generosity in awarding \$20.00 to the passing team, of which Baron & I luckily were one! Two years ago we came within 50 yards of the glove when he decided to take a cross track. How fortunate to get a second chance and pass. Thank you very much for all your hard work in putting on another great tracking test. With kindest regards,

Yours Rosi & Baron UD TDX!! (exhibitor)

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Thanks so much for the link and the great trial in Nebraska. You have a really nice club, your members were all very friendly and welcoming and the location of the test was really nice. Hopefully I will be there for a TDX one day.  
Connie Schulte and Cozzy (exhibitor)

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Hi Dian,

I wanted to let you know that I got home safe and sound without any delays. I managed to fall into bed at 1:00 am after a really fun weekend. Could you please thank for me all the hard working club members that came out to lay tracks, cross tracks, drive, organize, and feed the hungry masses? Gathering together at the pizza place was a really great way to end the test. Your club does all the right things.

I hope to hear soon that you are applying to judge! Rosemary (judge)

Dian,

Thank you and the members of the Cornhusker Kennel Club for your hospitality. I enjoyed your tracklayers and your wonderful tracking fields. Great job – you all. Vince Ramirez (judge)