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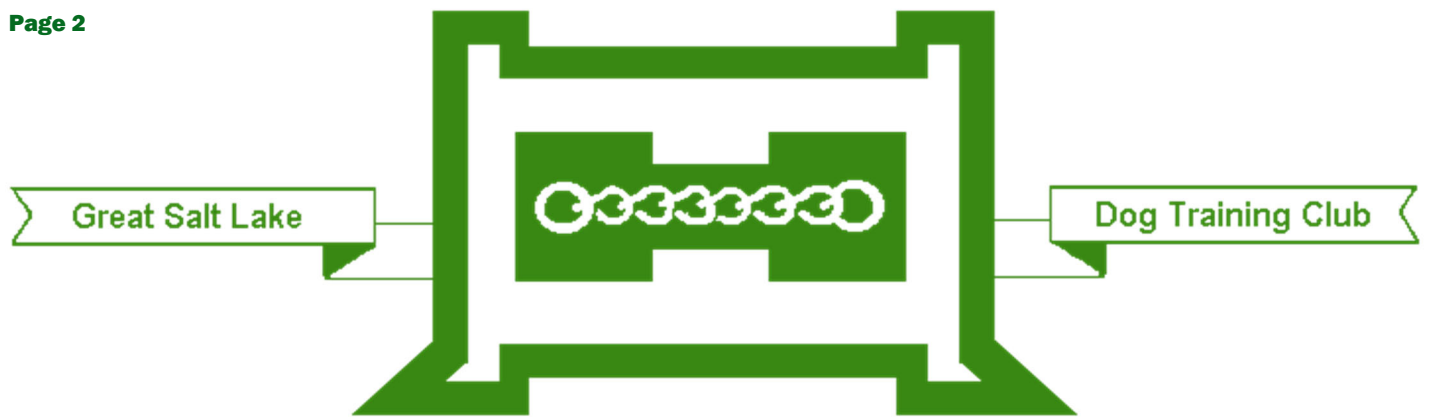
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How are YOU?

That's right, I'm asking YOU. It's important we reach out to others in these times. Everyone has a different way of dealing with and handling the different emotions we feel over the current events going on in our world. Not just COVID, but all of it. Actually I am asking for do over WITHOUT the pandemics, earthquakes, riots, protests and everything else that this year has brought us so far and what's still to come. Or could we get lucky and only need to try to forget half the year instead of the whole?

I personally have been struggling. I've been working mostly from home since March 16th, although I do need to be in my office 2 days a week. The work from home part is not what I'm struggling with, as I actually enjoy it and get a lot more done at home than I ever could in the office full of co-workers. The part I struggle with is the worry, pain and death going on in our world. Yes I know it's been happening for years, but with the pandemic we have no choice but to listen, really listen and see what is actually going on around us. Before, admit it, we were all way too busy with our "things" going on, we would vaguely watch the news and vaguely hear or see what was going on around us. In a sense, to me, this seems like a 'wake up call'.

In April my work came up with a step challenge. Due to everyone working from work and the fact that many may be struggling more than others. It was a way to keep everyone active. Of course joining the challenge was voluntary. I live right on the Porter Rockwell/Draper Canal Trail system and of course the dogs are I am very familiar with it. So I joined the challenge. Started out taking 2 dogs in the morning and 1 dog at night, would end up with 6 to 7 miles and tired dogs at the end of the day. Great, then 2 weeks into the challenge, I pulled my back out carrying Budha up our stairs. I couldn't move for 2 days, then started walking the yard with the dogs and realized my back actually felt better while walking. But didn't think it would be safe to take the dogs out just yet in case they decided to act like untrained hoodlums due to my injury. So I started walking 3 times a day by myself. Oh the things that go on in your mind when you're walking alone! I tried playing music while I walked, but found I wasn't listening to it as there was so many other things going through my mind, work, dogs, life etc. Then it hit me, I was going through these walks not seeing the sights around me. Being too busy and preoccupied to notice all the lizards running across the trail, the sunrises on my 5:45am walks, the sunsets on my 8:30 pm walks and the heat (ie sunburn) on my 1pm walks. My neighbors walking the same trails. I was walking to get steps in, not to enjoy being out, seeing different things, grabbing glimpses of others backyards for ideas in my own yard. So 3 days and 9 walks later, I started seeing, listening, and enjoying these walks. I started taking the dogs again, one at a time to give them one on one, really paying attention to their body language with each new situation. It was wonderful, even started taking pictures along the way of interesting things and would get in 14 miles a day.

I'm torn over which is sweeter, sunset or sunrise.

Sunrise..... the beginning of a new day, new adventures, new challenges, new everything. The start of activity, in the mind, the trails, the streets, a new view, new outlook.



Sunset..... the peace and serenity of a day ending, preparing for a new one, the mind and body relaxing in the quiet aura of color as the sun sets among the clouds in the distance. Be proud of your accomplishments no matter how big or small each and every day, see the beauty all around and rejoice on being alive to witness it.



Let's all take the time to really see and listen to things around us. See the beauty instead of the ugly.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

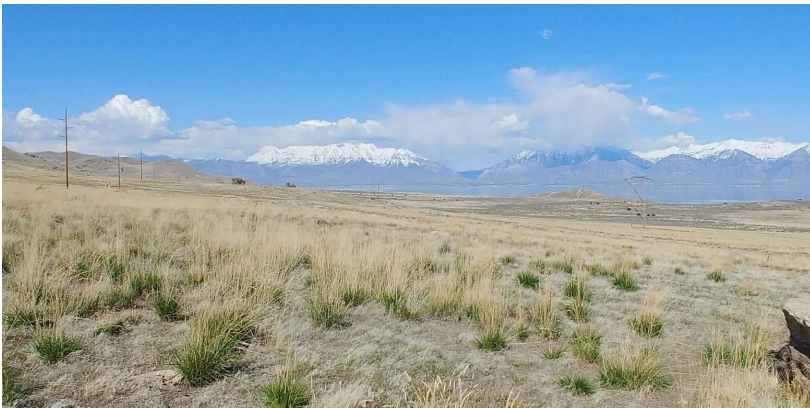
Embarking on a Journey

Chapter 5

First Tracking Judge Apprenticeship

By Judy Campbell

After several months of down time and missed opportunities due to the current events of the COVID 19 pandemic, I was finally able to complete my first Tracking Judge Apprenticeship. As luck would have it, I was able to apprentice locally for our own club and with Kristie & Wendy. Two of my mentors and the best judges I know! We weren't sure the tracking test would be able to go on due to COVID 19, but as it got closer to Mother's Day and the active cases were low, along with only have 3 entries, the thought of being able to safely pull it off was evident. We



could have less than 20 people gathered no problem and we can space the chairs 6ft or more apart. Wendy received approval from the BLM that we could hold the test as long as we adhered to the social distancing.

The test was held at a new location in Saratoga Springs. Much closer and easier to get to than the Vernon site. Plotting day we were to meet at the Maverick to all head out to-

gether. Arriving at the site, there was much to see. The grounds are varied. Good pieces for TD, great pieces for TDX without needing to travel far. The cover was very similar to the Vernon grounds. Dry grasses, great for winter and spring tracking training, but feel the summer and fall would pose too many dangers and of course heat. Dangers as far as weeds, foxtails, thorns and stickers, etc. To give you an idea of how hard it is to truly see the terrain and to take all the regulations of a TD track into consideration, Kristie started to plot the 1st track, all was going well until we came up to a ditch type divot right in front of us. It was too deep to be on a TD track. So scratch that, move over and up about 50 yards, this looks good, so she starts again. Another 50 or so yards and she runs into another ditch type impression.





Again to deep to be on a TD track. So she needs to move again, this time a bit further. And was able to complete a 425 yard track in the new area. As we walked up to the road, we turned to see the track. Even being slightly elevated, we could not see those divots we needed to avoid,

but also realized the start of this first track was going to be quite a hike from the road for the 1st team.

Wendy plotted the 2nd track and it went in without any troubles. We jumped into Jeff's truck to look for another suitable area for the final track. Wendy & Kristie allowed me to plot this one. It was in a stretch of land between 2 roads, Wendy suggested a "lightning bolt" track, which the parcel was perfect for! So I surveyed the land and picked my markers, visualized the track in my mind then set out. All the while hoping I wouldn't mess it up! So many things you need to keep in mind. First and most importantly, the track requirements and regulations of the track level you



are plotting. Is your track going to be equivalent in length and difficulty as the others plotted this same day? And don't lose count of your steps! The track went in without any "hiccups" so I call that a win!

Short walk back to "basecamp", get some snacks and water while waiting for all track layers to complete their walk through of their tracks. During this time I could reflect on all the times I have been a track layer with and without the team of Kristie &

Wendy. I can tell you, all but 1 set of judges I have laid track for truly believe that making all tracks equivalent in length, turns and difficulty gives all exhibitors equal ground. It totally makes sense. Why would a team of judges plan NOT to have equal tracks? I was also able to talk some in length with Dorraine, who if you remember, just completed the same journey and became a Tracking Dog Judge this past Feb.





After a bit we set out to see all the petroglyphs that surround the area. Some amazing history right here. Once home, I set up to redraw my maps. Once I was satisfied I texted them to both Kristie and Wendy. Both gave hints, tips and suggestions which is very helpful when you want to do your best.

Test day.. everyone arrived on time and we started the draw as the tracklayers and 1 judge went to start laying the tracks. As we pull into the site, we still have a few minutes before the 1st track is ready to run, so the exhibitor had time to get herself and dog ready.



Track 1 was drawn by our club member Jann Redding and Aria, her Wire Fox Terrier. Great, if you remember the start of track one starts VERY far from the road, it's already getting a bit warm as the sun is shining brightly. My heart sank thinking oh poor



dog is going to be hot and tired before he even gets to the start flag! Well Jann was smart and drove as far as she could through the field to the start. Jann & Aria headed off to the start flag, once scented Aria put her head down and was all business right to the end to earn herself a TD2 title!!

Track 2 was drawn by Suzanne Lusk with her Bernese Mountain Dog from Florence, MT. This is a very young dog at just 7 mos old. They started out well until they got to the 1st corner. This is when the age and experience was evident to me. Wendy & Kristie gave them a lot of time, let them work as long as the handler wanted until they went



so far off track to no return did they blow the whistle. This team will have a bright future, you can tell the pup has a lot of potential and just know all their hard work together will pay off soon.





Track 3 was drawn by Bridget Honan and Grazie, her German Shepherd Dog from Klamath Falls, OR. What a great working team, like the 1st track, Grazie put her nose down and didn't stop until she found that glove and all Bridget could do is just hang on and go with it!

You know, the feeling doesn't change, whether I lay a track for my own dog or a friend's dog, as a tracklayer for a club to a completed stranger or as an apprentice judge plotting my 1st track in an official test for a complete stranger, when you watch a dog/handler team just flow right through a track without question, it's overwhelming joy in my heart.



There is just no other way to explain it.



Once back at basecamp everyone was able to get some lunch and pictures commenced. I have officially completed my first tracking judge apprenticeship! What's next? I need one more apprenticeship and I do not know when that will be with so many clubs cancelling their events through Aug already. Once I get the next apprenticeship completed, I need to turn in my paperwork, maps and forms and request an interview/test with the AKC Tracking Field Rep (if they reinstate all reps and judges they let go in March) Then the wait begins to see if I pass or not. If I pass, then I become a provisional Tracking Dog Judge and will need to judge at 6 Tracking Dog or Tracking Dog Urban Tests and then have another evaluation and wait so more to find out if I become an official Tracking Dog Judge. As I mentioned in the beginning of this journey, it's not a quick one and now with COVID 19, will seem to take even longer. So until the next chapter, stay safe and stay well everyone!



AKC Temperament Test—POSTPONED

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 - 2 tests that night

National Guard Armory, West Jordan, Utah

Premium List is on our website under Upcoming Events

Beehive Cluster/Intermountain KC & Utah Valley KC—CANCELLED

April 30, May 1, 2, 3, 2020

Equestrian Center

South Jordan, Utah

TD Test (Tracking Dog)

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Plot Saturday, May 9, 2020

Entries close Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Saratoga Springs, Utah

Premium List is on our website under Upcoming Events

Scent Work Trial

Summer 2020 Dates to be Announced

National Guard Armory

West Jordan, Utah

Premium List is on our website under Upcoming Events

Agility/Obedience/Rally Trials

September 11, 12, and 13, 2020

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Agility Trial x 3 days

Obedience Trial x 3 days

Rally Trial x 3 days

Held with Bonneville Basin KA

Farmington, Utah

Combined VST/TDU Test (Variable Surface/Tracking Dog Urban)

Sunday, October 2020

Date to be announced after the University of Utah football schedule is finalized

Obedience/Rally Trials

Friday, November 6, Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8, 2020

Farmington, Utah

General Meetings Schedule: held at the Columbus Center. 2530 South 500 East—Salt Lake City at 7 pm Room 101 but occasionally moved to the gym.

Mar 23rd—Presentation will be **Wendy & Penny speaking on the AKC Temperament Test—CANCELLED**

April 27th—Presentation will be **Joe the Vet Tech speaking on Seasonal Allergies—CANCELLED**

NO General Meeting in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday

June 22nd—Presentation will be TBD

July 27th—Presentation will be TBD

Aug 24th—**Annual Picnic held at Murray Park Pavilion #4**

Sept 28th—Presentation will be TBD

Oct 26th—Presentation will be TBD

Nov 23rd—Presentation will be Train the Trainer by Wendy McCleery

NO General Meeting in Dec due to the Holidays

NO CLASS SIGN UPS OR CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

THANK YOU so much for all our dedicated instructors and support members!!

Once Classes resume we will pick up where we left off, all continuing classes will resume and sign up will be for the “new” classes.

Tuesday Classes:

7:00 pm—Rally with Deb & Jessica

7:00 pm & 8:00 pm—Competition Classes with April

7:45 pm—No Tricks until May with Lisa

7:45 pm—Beginning Scent Work with Darlana & Toni

8:00 pm—8:30 pm—Conformation Class held as a 4 week class cost of class is \$40.00 for the 4 weeks

8:30 pm—Advanced Scent Work

8:30 pm—Advanced Class with Michelle

Wednesday Classes:

7:00 pm—New Puppy Class with Jani & Jessica

New Puppy Class with Crystal & ?

New Beginning Class with Tony & Donna

New Beginning Class with Lance & Tonya

7:45 pm—Con't Beginning Class with Michelle & Brandy

Con't Beginning Class with Penny & Mary

8:00 pm—Con't Puppy Class with Jen & Jo

8:30 pm—New Intermediate Class with Tony

New Intermediate with Steve

9:15 pm- New Intermediate with Wendy & Jo



Proposed Board Meeting Minutes of May 2020

Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club May 18, 2020 Board Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members: Wendy & Jeff McCleery, Penny Morrison, Tom McLelland, Michelle Larsen, Donna Smith, George & Dorathy Hart present - on phone Catherine Beattie, Lisa Quibell, Darlana Quinn, Judy Campbell

Excused: Stephanie Evans, Brandy Childs, Lexi Hancock

Guests: Linda McLelland

Meeting brought to order @ 7:00 pm



Minutes of April 2020 Board Meeting, Michelle 1st, Penny 2nd, no opposed Minutes approved as written.

President's Report:

Nothing at this time

Vice President's Report:

Sent several cards out

If anyone has ANY suggestions, topics or persons they would like to see speak/present at any of our General Meetings, Please contact Penney Morrison @ pennlcm@yahoo.com

Executive Secretary's Report:

Everything for Sept/Nov set except Rally. Will contact AKC regarding

Home Secretary Report:

Directories completed



Treasurer's Report

Columbus Center will give us credit once we are allowed back in for meetings. All Pavilions at Murray Park are being demolished and new built. Something should be available for our June Board Meeting.3

Show Report:

Mastif Club is cancelling their Nationals. Pumi Club will go on as of right now in Sept. They will use our agility judge Monday after the BBKA shows at the same cost.

Training Report:

We still have no access to the Armory for training classes. Most of the military is working PT. Michelle motioned to issue refund checks to the Beginning class that was to start in April. Donna 2nd, all in favor, no opposed.



Hospitality:

Nothing @ this time

Trophy Report:

Nothing @ this time.



Committees:

Advertising – Website updated.

Agility – Nothing @ this time

Obedience – Nothing @ this time

Rally – Nothing @ this time

Tracking – 2 out of 3 passes at the TD Test. Still nothing from the Univ of UT regarding the VST/TDU test or their football schedule. Thinking maybe just offering 4 TDU's this year.

Scent Work – Trial June 27 & 28 has needed to make some changes and the trial will be all outdoors, 1 judge, 50 entries per trial. Tony is looking into running order. Seminar in Aug

Trick Dog – Doing virtual sign offs

Volunteer – Nothing @ this time

ATT - AKC Temperament Test Possible reschedule of ATT, thinking of April's or Hannah's mom's yard.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Board Meeting: June 15, 2020 Hosted by Michelle Larsen– Murray Park 7 pm

Next General Meeting: Possibly June 22, 2020 – Columbus Center 7 pm

Michelle motioned, Wendy^{2nd}
Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm



As of right now, the Scent Work Trial is still a go on June 27th and 28th. It will ALL be outdoors, crating in cars, no interiors.

Wendy has received word that the trial can happen. So wish for good weather and lots of fun and success for the exhibitor teams.

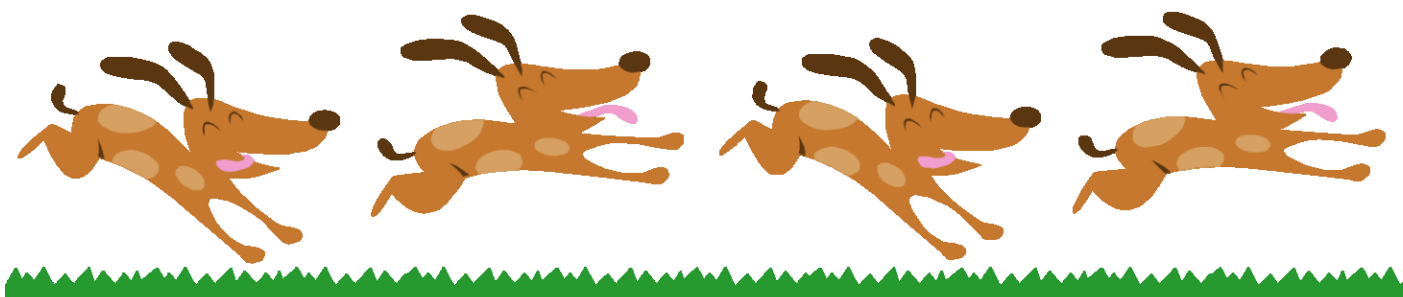
I will be expecting to have several brags in next months newsletter! So send those brags on!!



You just have no idea how hard it is to create a newsletter with nothing going on!

Good luck to everyone!!!





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This space is waiting for your brags!

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