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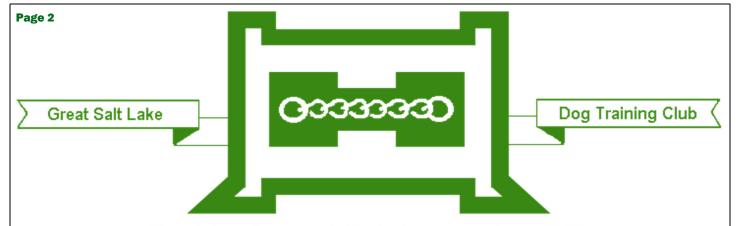


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Teaching dogs and their humans since 1962.

If you missed the email that went out informing everyone of the passing of Jack Smith.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the early morning passing of Jack Smith. Best friend, soul mate, and husband of Donna Smith, our club's Treasurer. Jack passed peacefully from this life in the wee morning hours of Monday, Nov 30, 2020. Donna & Jack have been involved and members of the GSLDTC since the early 1990's. I remember when I first came to the club to get some training in 2006, of course Wendy & Michelle were 2 of the 1st people I met, then Donna & Jack. Jack was such a jokester! Up to just a few years ago, whenever you saw Donna, you knew Jack was either chatting with or hugging someone nearby. He was a great supporter of the club's events, whether it was obedience, rally, agility or tracking, Jack was there if

Donna was there. If you came out of the field or ring without a pass or Q Jack always had a fun way of explaining it. "You just haven't spent enough money yet!" He was a friend to all, such a dear sweet funny sincere man. He is going to be missed, but our fond memories will remain forever.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Donna and her family at this time. There just isn't enough words to express our sorrow or any that will take your pain and heartache away. But know we are here for you, sending virtual hugs until we can see you.

Donna has said that there will be no obituary or funeral at this time. Sometime in the spring when it will be safe for folks to gather, she will let us know the timing of a graveside service.

Please keep Donna and her family in your thoughts. Donna we love you! Please let us know if we can do anything for you!

Another Angle among us.





Embarking on a Journey

Chapter 6

Second Tracking Judge Apprenticeship



Well, I was finally able to do my 2nd apprenticeship on my journey with IC-CKC in Idaho. If you remember in Chapter 4 of my journal I was a track layer for them this same time last year. I had contacted them in late Sept to ask if I could apprentice at their test. They informed me that they already had an apprentice coming, so I search for other tests. For the apprenticeship to count there needs to be at least 3 entries and all 3 need to be tested. All the other tracking test I was finding mostly in CA and TX had an entry limit of 2 TD dogs and 4 TDX. Sure, I could have requested to apprentice in

hopes that they would have fewer TDX entries and more TD to come up with 3 TD dogs entered. But decided instead to enter a conformation show in Phoenix instead, as I am still chasing the last major for Ali. We made it into the entries and as time went on and the COVID cases were increasing drastically, I started getting a bit worried. Is getting that major at a show 10 hours away, with the COVID cases rising so high, really worth it? I decided to let things ride. As you need 8 class girls for a major and with Ali there were 9 entered, so there is a major and if I decide not to go hopefully no one else will drop out and the major will hold for the other girls entered. Now the Phoenix shows and the Idaho Tracking test are on the same weekend. A week before the shows, I get an email from the IC-CKC informing me that the apprentice that was coming has decided not to come and if I was still interested, I am welcome to apprentice at their test. I asked what their entries were, they had 3! Just enough if all showed up! Hmmm 10 hour drive to Phoenix with the "hopes" of earning that major or 5 hour drive to tick off the last requirement needed to turn in my paperwork for testing to become a provisional tracking dog judge? Conformation is no guarantee of bringing home the major, bust as they say, you don't know unless you try. So I weighed my options, my fears and talked it over with Lane. Basically a no brainer.. go to Idaho. So I informed the club I would love to come, emailed both judges introducing myself and asking if I could apprentice with them in Idaho. The judges were Franna Pitt and Jan Wesen. Both were agreed, YES and so it was set, I'm going to Idaho, again!

The test is the week before Thanksgiving, who knows what the weather will do. I had an airline ticket from earlier in the year that I had to cancel and needed to use before Dec 31st. So I decided to fly. Yeah, I was a bit concerned if I was making the right decision to fly during this pandemic, but once I arrived at the airport all my fears were dispersed. First, the new part of the airport is BEAUTIFUL! But a VERY long walk right now to gates. Can't wait until it's all finished to walk through again. The airport was very strict with protocols, no exceptions! That made

me feel very good. As I always fly Delta, once at the gate, they too were very strict. The plane was only half full as they had every other seat left open for social distancing. There were several airline employees trying to get on this flight, but the gate agent apologized to them and said they would not be getting on this flight as they had all available seats filled. The flight was very pleasant and everyone kept their masks on!

Arrived in Idaho, got the rental car and off to the hotel. Again, the LaQuinta in Towne Square, very strict on mask wearing through the hallways. They informed me upfront that they will not be coming to clean my room or replace towels due to COVID, but if I needed new towels to just let them know and they would leave them at my door. No worries, on my part, the LaQuinta always fills the bathroom with 4 towels and washcloths anyway.



In the morning I made my way to the Eagle Island Park. It was COLD! I was told to be there for plotting at 8 am, however they didn't inform me they were plotting TDX tracks first. But I was able to make myself useful and be a pole carrier for the track layers on the 4 TDX tracks that were plotted. There was a team setting up a hot air balloon that looked like a clock. Fun to watch. It wasn't until 1 pm that we started plotting the TD tracks, but we only had 3 to do. So off to the 1st site to plot the 1st track. Both judges were very nice and both gave clear instruction to the track layers. They were very helpful in my questions also. Both judges are awaiting to be observed by AKC tracking rep to become VST judges and have been waiting since Feb! So.. who knows how long it will be before I can get my test, as I have heard they haven't even hired back the AKC Tracking Rep yet. Anyway back to plotting.... Each judge plotted a track and both made them equal in length and turns to the other and now going to the 3rd and last track to plot, Franna & Jan inform me that it is customary to allow the apprentice to plot the last track. Gulp! Funny Wendy & Kristie had me plot the last track to in May and I thought they were just being nice to me! So we get to the area where the last track will be laid, an all too familiar field. I turned and looked at the judges ready to say something and they both

smiled and said yep you remember this field. Indeed I did, it's the field my Ali passed her TD in and Franna & Jan were our judges. I knew it, but didn't say anything to them when I saw them that morning. But here they BOTH remembered me and my spunky little Vizsla who nailed her track in just under 5 mins and me asking to see her route and how off track she went searching. Then when they showed me her path, she was right on, to me it seemed like she took many turns, and the length of each leg seemed very short, but that was because she was going so fast, I was running to keep up. So now I get to plot a track in this field, nice! So we discussed the options with the shape of the field and basically only 1 way in, which is also the only way out. Drew a few possible shapes and decid-



ed on one then off to make it work. Coming to the last leg I find I will need to do an open turn instead of a 90 degree, which is fine as the other 3 turns were 90's so an open is ok to do here. Go back to base and discuss with the track layers what they need to do and what time they should arrive to plot each track in the morning. The judges were staying with Francis (who is a local judge for the Idaho club) but she wasn't judging this year. They asked me to come to her home to draw our maps and have dinner. It was already 4 pm so we all left together and headed to Francis' house.

Now during all the track plotting and standing around we all wore our masks, for one it was mandatory by the park rangers and they were coming around making sure everyone followed rules. I've learned, no matter how tight your mask is up around your nose in 20 degree temps if you are wearing glasses they STILL fog up! Tucking the mask up under the rim of your glasses won't even help. AND to make matters worse, not only do the glasses fog up, but the steam rises up to your bangs and soon it looks like you have just washed your bangs and not dried them! Removing the glasses will only form icicles on your bangs, so not a winning combination!

Ok so at Francis', since I haven't been around them without a mask and now we are inside, I decided the best thing for me was to keep my mask on. Everyone was fine with that, so the judges and I sit down at the table to draw our maps while Francis and her husband cooked dinner. When the 3 TD tracks were drawn, both judges examined mine. The shape, length etc were the same as theirs. They had a couple great suggestions for me, mostly on where I was drawing my "distance landmarks" (basically at the edges of the paper). They said I could bring those in a bit. But all in all they were good maps. Conversation during map drawing and dinner was good and finally around 8 pm I said I needed to head out. So I headed back to the hotel. I was exhausted and still COLD. Jumped into a hot shower and felt oh so much better afterward.

Started organizing my packing for tomorrow as I need to be at the tracking site by 7 am and my flight will leave at 1 pm, and as tired as I was right then, didn't want to need to rush in the morning if I chose to lay there an extra 30 mins. Before I laid down for the night I was curious as to who won and if the major held at the Phoenix shows, so I pulled them up. Oh my, the major broke, 5 girls were absent, and so the WB only walked away with 2 pts and that was also the entry for the boys! It's one thing to drive 10 hours in hopes of earning a major and someone else get it, totally different if you drive 10 hours and find 4 of the CA girls entered didn't even make the trip and no chance for a major. So it would have been a wash for us in Phoenix anyway!



Morning came way too soon, but didn't need to rush, had plenty of time. Got all loaded up and headed out to the tracking fields. I was able to go with Jan to watch the 1st TD track go in and be sure all poles except the 1st 2 were pulled up and the glove dropped at the end. Then we headed over to the 1st TDX track and watched that go in, headed back to base where the 3 TD exhibitors were there waiting for the draw. 1 exhibitor was local with a Beagle and the other two dogs were Belgian Sheepdogs owned by the same owner from Oregon. They all said hopefully the Beagle draws track 2 so the owner of the other 2 will have a short break in between running his 2. And without any interference the Beagle was catalog number 1 and drew track 2! So it all turned out perfect!



Track 1 went to the male Belgian Sheepdog. The husband trained the dog for tracking, but is actually the wife's dog, and they spent the last 8 years as a team in agility. Wife was in the van, on the way to the start flag, the dog kept stopping, looking back to see if the wife was coming, she was not, the husband said let's go, he took several more steps, stopped to look back again. The husband thought as we were that the dog knows Mom's in the van and why isn't she coming? Now at the flags, they do their routine and as the dog starts down the 1st leg, we all say, ok, he knows what he's here for, he just needed that bit of routine to get him going. Once he started, he didn't stop until he found that glove and then carried it all the way back to Mom who now was out of the van and was able to watch him run the last leg.

Track 2 went to the Beagle and this little girl was all business! She tracked her way to the start flag and then trotted down all legs without lifting her head until she reach her glove!

Track 3 was the female Belgian Sheepdog. She is the husband's dog and had no issues heading out to the start flag. Once there, they did their routine and off she went! She like the Beagle trotted the whole way, the corners were spectacular! No question at all and then she was at the glove laying down!

Wahoo all 3 tracks PASSED! What amazing dogs to watch! Back at base the judges completed the AKC paperwork, check over my maps for dashed lines of the dogs path, signed my apprenticeship paper-

check over my maps for dashed lines of the dogs path, signed my apprenticeship paperwork, said some very nice things about me, we did the awards, had a few snacks then the judges held the draw for the TDX exhibitors. While I changed my shoes and headed off to the airport. This year like last in Idaho brought super COLD mornings with really neat sunrises and a great group of club members who work hard to help make each and every test successful. Not to mention the judges were AWESOME and great to work with.

Now to complete my application, put all my paperwork together and send off to the AKC. The next step is to have a written test and interview with the AKC Tracking Rep. With COVID and AKC shorthanded as they have yet to call back many of Reps and workers they laid off back in March, I am not sure how long this will take. So until the next chapter... Be safe, be well and happy training! I have faith that one day WE WILL be back to somewhat normalcy.



ICCKC Tracking Dog Test Passes







GSLDTC 2021 Schedule of Trials & Tests

AKC Temperament Test

5th Tuesday of 2021 months Dates to be Announced National Guard Armory, West Jordan, Utah

Scent Work Trial

Spring 2021 to be Announced National Guard Armory West Jordan, Utah

TDX Test (Tracking Dog Excellent)

Sunday, April 25, 2021 Plot Saturday, April 24, 2021 Entries close Wednesday, April 14, 2021 Saratoga Springs, Utah

Beehive Cluster/Intermountain KC & Utah Valley KC

May 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2021 Equestrian Center So. Jordan, Utah

TD Test (Tracking Dog)

Sunday, May 16, 2021 Plot Saturday, May 15, 2021 Entries close Wednesday, May 5, 2021 Saratoga Springs, Utah

Scent Work Trial

Fall 2021 to be Announced National Guard Armory West Jordan, Utah

Agility/Obedience/Rally Trials

September 17, 18, and 19, 2021
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 2021

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

Obedience/Rally Trials

Friday, November 12, Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14, 2021 Obedience Trial x 3 days, Rally Trial x 3 days 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—CANCELLED

July 27th—Presentation will be TBD—CANCELLED

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

Sept 28th—Presentation will be TBD—CANCELLED

Oct 26th—Presentation will be TBD—CANCELLED

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

NO General Meeting in Dec due to the Holidays

NO CLASS SIGN UPS OR CLASSES UNTIL AT LEAST FEBUARY 2021

The Armory is not allowing any use of their building until COVID evaluations in January 2021

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

Tuesday Classes:

7:00 pm—Rally with Deb & Jessica

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

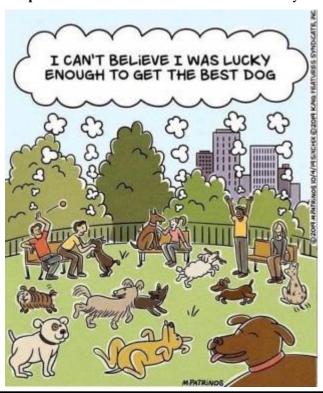
7:45 pm— Tricks with Lisa

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

8:00 pm—8:30 pm—ATT or Conformation Class held as a 4 week class cost of class is \$40.00 for the 4 weeks. ATT & Conformation class is held on alternating months. Not the same month.

8:30 pm—Advanced Scent Work

8:30 pm—Advanced Class with Michelle or Penny



Wednesday Classes:

7:00 pm—

7:45 pm—

8:00 pm—

8:30 pm—

8:45 pm—

The above are normal start

times of Wednesday's classes. The classes held on

Wednesday's are:

Puppy, Beginning Obedience, & Intermediate Obedience



I USED TO BE COOL... NOW I'M JUST MY DOGS SNACK DEALER

Proposed Board Meeting Minutes of November 2020

Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club Nov 16, 2020 Board Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members: Due to the surge in COVID cases, new group restrictions, and lack of news/updates, this meeting was held via email updates. All Board Members responded.

Excused:

Guests:

Meeting brought to order @

Minutes of Oct 2020 Board Meeting, Minutes approved as written.

President's Report:

Nothing @this time

Vice President's Report:

Nothing @this time.

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



Sent renewals out over the weekend with the option of paying dues via PayPal, received a great response with many members sending dues and forms back.

Treasurer's Report

Everything paid to date. The audit was planned, but due to COVID was canceled, but will be done before deadline.

Show Report:

Still very sad we had to cancel our trials, but it was really the prudent thing to do. Wendy went onto the DMV website and added her email to all the club trailers so renewal info will come to her since they have stopped sending out the postcard reminders as of July 2020. The tracking trailer is due in Dec.

Training Report:

It's hard sitting at home doing nothing for all the puppies that need training, hopefully we can get back to training in Feb and see how all this shakes out.

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 – Wendy received a mountain of paperwork to get the 10 year BLM permit for the tracking area in Saratoga Springs. About the same on rental money but lots easier on yearly paperwork for everyone. We need to decide soon if we are going to hold the TDX test or not.





Scent Work – Nothing @this time Trick Dog – Nothing @ this time ATT - Nothing @ this time

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Next Board Meeting: Dec 21, 2020

Next General Meeting: None until further notice - Columbus Center 7 pm



Postponements/Cancellations of 2021 Events

Awards Banquet- Along with many things this year, we will be **postponing** the Annual Awards Banquet, normally held in January. At this time no city is allowing reservations for any pavilions or places until restrictions are lifted. So currently we are thinking of including it with our Annual Picnic that is held in August of 2021. Let's hope we are done with COVID by then!

Scent Work Trial—**February**— Due to not knowing whether we will be able to use the Armory for training or any other activity until late January, it has been decided to **postpone** the February Scent Work Trial. New date to be announced.

TDX Test—April—Currently the thought is to cancel this test due to the unknown of would we have entries and could we get judges? More to come on the final decision of this test next month.

We ARE still planning the May TD Test. Of course if anything changes, I will send out updates via email and also post on our Facebook Page.

It's Renewal Time again! I'm a bit late with getting the renewals out, but you should be seeing them hit your email boxes soon. Last year we implemented the ability to pay your dues via credit card in person only as we couldn't be responsible for you entering your credit card info on a form and someone getting that info that shouldn't. With the current times we live in and not able to hold General Meetings, this year we are implementing the use of PayPal for you to pay your dues. On your renewal form will be a link to go to PayPal to pay your dues. You do not need to have a PayPal account in order to pay through PayPal. For those who do not have an account, you will use your credit card through PayPal to pay. For those who do have an account, once you go in through the link, there is an option for you to log into your account and pay your dues with your payment options you have set in your account.

The forms will STILL need to be completed and sent back to ensure we have the most current information on file for you. The renewal forms will come as they have each year in two formats, a pdf and a word doc. Both can be filled out online, saved and then you can attach them to an email to send to me at **board@gsldtc.com** of course your renewal will not be processed until I receive the notification of your payment. So please complete the form and make payment at the same time.:)

Of course you still have the option of completing the form and mailing it in with a check for your dues to Donna (address will be on the forms)

There is also a check box on the forms to check if you would like an electronic copy (google doc) of the Membership Directory.

From the AKC November Board Meeting Minutes

Virtual Pilot Programs

Sports & Events launched several virtual pilot programs in 202.0 – Virtual Rally Novice and Intermediate classes, Virtual Agility ACT1 and ACT2 classes, and Virtual Water Test for Pointing Breeds. These programs have all proven to be successful. The Staff requested that these programs become permanent additions to their respective sports. Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to extend these programs through 2021; Staff will report back on impact and results a year from now.



The above virtual programs have been so successful that the AKC has added some Obedience!

Virtual Obedience Test Program

The Board reviewed a recommendation to create an AKC Virtual Obedience Test Program consisting of two beginning level classes – Virtual Beginner Novice and Virtual Novice. The purpose is to provide owners that are not able or willing to attend an in-person event an opportunity to stay engaged in the sport by evaluating their skill and teamwork via video. The experience with Virtual Rally has demonstrated, a virtual approach also attracts new participants to the sport. The exercises in virtual obedience will be slightly different than in-person tests, therefore the titles earned will be designated with the letter V - Beginner Novice Virtual (BNV) and Companion Dog Virtual (CDV). There will be two beginning levels of virtual obedience offered, with possible expansion of the program over time. The first two levels in the Virtual Obedience Test program will be Virtual Beginner Novice and Virtual Novice classes. Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve an AKC Virtual

Obedience Test Program effective March 1, 2021.

I have attached the regulations as a pdf in the email with this newsletter.

Great to start training now and be ready to video in the spring when the weather warms up!

Unlike in the virtual rally, the virtual obedience **will have** a minimum and maximum ring size requirement. There are 2 virtual obedience titles you can earn, the CD-V and the BN-V. These titles are different then the in person CD (Companion Dog) Title and the BN (Beginning Novice) title. So if you haven't completed the legs required for your CD or BN, these titles **will NOT** complete them as I mentioned they **ARE** different titles.



Keep your dog safe this winter

is visible in the dark with a flashing collar or high-vis jacket



Snow is fun, but keep your dog on a lead! Snow can be unusual and exciting for dogs



Make sure your dog is microchipped and the chip details are up to date

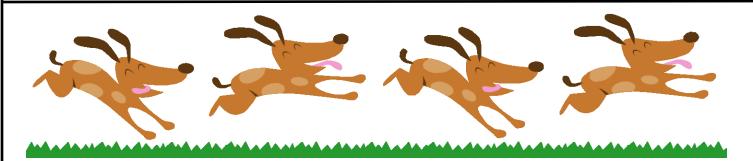


Keep anti-freeze
out of their reach
and mop up
any spillages.
It's poisonous



Wipe paws, legs and tum after walks. Grit and dampness irritate skin





Member's Page

From: Wendy McCleery: Olly earned his International Championship and a group 3 on Saturday December 5th.... This was his response... But I was excited!!



From: Maria Sweeten: Gracie had three group wins and received four V-1 ratings in four IABCA shows achieving her IABCA National Champion title. Special thanks to the judges and IABCA show staff for making the socially-distanced shows happen--everyone had a great time!



From: April Bruce: A very fun weekend at the IABCA show in Ogden! Puzzle had fun winning Companion (Altered) Best in Show both Saturday and Sunday! Bacon competed both days as well, earning her International Championship!



From: Monique Latteier: Malik earned his International Championship and a Group1 over the weekend of Dec 5—6th at the IABCA shows in Ogden.



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Dottie earned her International Championship at the IABCA shows in Ogden, UT along with her littermate Mikey owned by Corinne.



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