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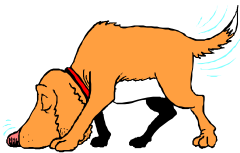
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Training commences

Saturday 9th April 2011

Membership forms
and Club Rules all
available for download
on the website.

REMINDER 1ST TRAINING DAY 2011

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL
TIME 7.45AM

PLACE: PESSOA ROAD (see map)

WHAT TO BRING: Water (for you and your dog)

Treats (for doggy rewards) & small containers.

Harness (or flat collar)

Long lead

Articles (old socks, at least 6) – carry these on you to get your Scent)

Flags

Flask for tea or coffee & nibbles for morning tea

Chair to sit on

MORNING TEA: Will be held at 10.30am at cnr of Pessoa and Macardo.

Morning tea is for humans, so please leave your dog in the car.

SPECIAL NOTICE Please come and join us for a cuppa and a slice of cake & Wish Denise Kevan "Bon Voyage" as she is leaving us to Travel overseas.

HOUSEKEEPING: Toilets are "au naturale" byo essentials

No smoking is permitted in the forest

Dogs must be contained inside cars or crates when left.

(NOT tethered outside)

Dogs can only be off lead 50 metres away from cars and

Morning tea areas with your instructor's permission.

MEMBERSHIPS: For new memberships and renewals please see Carol (Secretary)

ON ARRIVAL: Please see Sue (our Training Co-ordinator)

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Presidents Report

It's hard to believe we are three months into 2011 already! I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and are ready to get into the tracking season.

I am hoping that the forecast of higher than average temperatures in April will be wrong as I'm really looking forward to some cool crisp autumn days!

We had a great turnout for the Open Day at Lumen Christi, both with numbers of potential new members and current members who helped make the morning a success.

Thankyou to all, for your hard work!

Our first training day is 9th April, (see flyer), so it's time to find those socks, harnesses & flags ready for a great season ahead!

I look forward to seeing you all out in the forest!

Louise Crawford

Secretary's Report

Let me wish a warm welcome to all the new-comers to tracking and we hope that you will enjoy the sport. It is a team effort to get to trialling level so if you can 'buddy-up' with someone during the week to practice you will gain confidence faster; if not lay some tracks along your verge for your dog to follow your scent.

To all the 'return' trackers, the 2011 tracking season is here. I hope you have dragged out your tracking bag and checked all your equipment; given the harness a wash and made sure it still fits correctly. Check your own equipment as well – those tracking boots are still comfortable and you are prepared for wet weather (I am an optimist that rain will come!). Your dogs will not have forgotten what they are there for!

Check the calendar Lauren has prepared and mark the dates in your diary (breakfast, AGM and presentation dinner – as well as the trials you hope to enter).

I am sure that tracking this year will be an even better year than last and the fellowship achieved last year will continue. Good luck to everyone and **have fun!**



Is your membership up-to-date?

Training Coordinators Report

Hi everyone welcome to our first newsletter for the 2011 Season.

I hope you are all excited to be getting back to tracking after the long summer break.

Members of the committee are going up to Gngangara within the next couple of weeks to see how the areas that were logged last year are regenerating, we think we may have to get used to tracking in open spaces on sand until the rain arrives and gives us a grass covering. Our dogs will not have a problem with this just us humans may need to alter our mind set.

In conjunction with the Weimaraner Club we held a tracking workshop on the 19th March at Whiteman Park. This was a huge success and we had 21 dogs attend. Check out the photos on our website www.trackwest.com.au This was good practice for our Open Day on the 26th March at Lumen Christie College where we are expecting about 25 attendees.

Our training starts on the 9th April at Gngangara - still meeting on Pessoa Road just inside the gate. On arrival **Please everyone remember** to leave a flag just inside the gate with your name and mobile number written on one of the ribbons then **take it with you on leaving**. It is important that we know who is in the forest in the case of an emergency. We are going to run training the same format as last

year with the new people staying with Jim and myself for a few weeks before being integrated within the other groups. Each group will contain people of varying levels of experience with an instructor so that the smaller tracks can be worked while the longer ones are aging. Also the more experienced members can pass on their expertise to the newer members. We will also be running the "mini workshops" at morning tea during the season so please let any of the committee know if you have a topic you would like discussed. We will do the steps/distance work out within the first couple of weeks, this is always worth doing even for the more experienced members whose steps may have changed for various reasons. Members who's dogs have achieved their TDX and Tracking Champion titles will be able to stay behind after morning tea to do Track and Search Dog training.

Looking Forward to catching up with you all again

Sue

PLEASE NOTE

EACH COMPETITOR IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A TRACKLAYER WHO IS NOT A COMPETITOR (nominated on entry form)

IF ENTRIES WARRANT, SOME TRACKS WILL BE JUDGED ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 29th 2011, PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR ENTRY IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO BE JUDGED ON THAT DAY. Competitors who are to be judged on Wednesday 28/06/11 will be notified by Saturday June 18th 2011

2011 Open Day

TrackWest Open Day 26th March 2011

Our Annual Open Day was held on the 26th March at Lumen Christie College, Martin. The day was held to promote tracking to people who had not tried it before. A wonderful crowd of 36 handlers and dogs of all shapes and sizes arrived. President Louise opened the proceedings by introducing all the trainers and giving a brief description of TrackWest's aims. Training Co-Ordinator Sue then gave a quick run down of the basic tracking skills. Everyone was split up into groups of 6 with 2 trainers and we ran through how to start tracking by "finding the handler" then "finding the trainer" all the while having fun with our dogs. Many of the dogs were naturals and were soon finding the trainers as if they had known them all their lives. The day was very hot so while we sat in the shade and had morning tea, Judy explained the ins and outs of trialling while Jim and Valeta talked about Track and Search Dog training and the wonderful roast dinners we have at trials. It was great to see such a turn out of well behaved dogs. Thank you to all the trainers who helped out.



TRACKING ETIQUETTE

When entering a Tracking Trial there are many things to consider and do. Here are a few things that may help make things easier for all:

Entry Forms:

Please ensure these are filled out correctly and in writing that can be easily read. Make sure you say which test you are doing.

Ensure that you state clearly whether you are available on Wednesday. Depending on numbers, you will probably track on that day but you may be asked to track on Saturday. If you do not say you are available on Wednesday, it will be assumed you can only track on Saturday.

If you need a known tracklayer (Test 1 & Test 2) please place the name of **your** tracklayer on the entry form. If you possibly can, don't name another competitor – your mother, husband, sister, best friend is much better. You can name a teenager provided they are 14+ years old and can follow instructions

If you are doing a test 5 please put down your known cross-track layer.

It isn't the Trial Secretary's job to work out who is a known person for your dog.

If you are going for TD you must have passes under two different judges. Also if you are going for your TDX you must have passes under two different judges (tracks 4, 5 & 6). If you already have two passes with the same judge, please put in a note saying this with your entry. (This makes the trial secretary's job easier. Although the TS keeps a data-base, it is easy to miss)

If you can supply someone else who can lay tracks please let the trial secretary know with your entry. Remember, you are asked to nominate someone who can lay tracks when you put in your entry. Unless you are doing Test 1 or 2, they will not lay a track for your dog. They will be treated like Royalty, though !

Setting off for trial (night before/morning of):

Don't forget your dog's harness, lead and your tracklayer or cross-track layer. Also wet weather gear and possibly a change of shoes (in case it ever rains again)

Ensure you are socked up so that you are ready to lay a track if asked. After all we can't have passes if we don't have tracklayers. You will require 4 socks that are a dark colour (black is good). Put these socks on your body before leaving home.

Dog and tracklayer reward:

When organizing your dog's reward please ensure you don't overload your tracklayer. Your reward for your dog should be small, pocket size, you can always give your dog more treats back at the car. Ensure that your reward will NOT leak. Dogs like sardines but tracklayers **DON'T**, and the pull ring can often break off.

Along with the reward it is nice gesture to leave something for your tracklayer, e.g. small chocolate bar or lolly, lotto/scratchie tickets, thank you note, etc.

Place the dog's rewards and the tracklayer's reward in a zip lock bag. "Glad" zip seal bags are great for this.

Label your reward with YOUR name, your dog's name and the test you are doing; this helps the stewards and the judges ensure your dog gets the correct reward.

Arriving at trials:

Travelling with another person who is tracking a dog can get difficult as there is **NO** guarantee that you will be with the same judge and often you are miles away from one another and could even be on at the same time — judges and stewards don't always have room for you and your dog in the car to cart you around — to try and make things easier please make sure the trial secretary knows this.

Please ensure you arrive on time to the trial. If running late please ensure you call the trial secretary. There is always a mobile number to contact the trial secretary on during trial days.

Some tracks go out half an hour before judging commences so please be early as your track might be one of these and your reward may be required.

Judges often do a talk to all their competitors before judging commences so ensure you are there for this as you will find out the days proceedings.

Some judges will let you know beforehand when and where you will be required. If your judge has done this, follow their instructions.

Upon arrival ensure you check in with the Chief Steward ASAP, with your dog if she requires vetting. If you need directions to the start of your track, the Chief Steward has all that information.

By arriving early if you are the first track on the day you will have time to toilet your dog, relax and have a chat.

Check with the Chief Steward before you exercise your dog. She will direct you to an area away from any tracks.

After your track and the end of the day:

At the end of your track, pass or fail please don't forget to thank your tracklayer, judge and steward: without these people you would not have the opportunity to gain a pass (or even track).

Sometimes tracklayers are dropped off and don't have a car so offer them a ride back to the base camp.

If your track wasn't reflagged while you were tracking please offer to help re-flag your track if needed.

Unlike obedience/agility trials, tracking trials don't have many people around, so please stay until after presentation, to help celebrate the passes and enjoy lunch !

Other important information:

If you are involved in more than one track; ie. Tracking your dog and handling someone else's or tracklaying for others, please be aware that at times, this is a logistical nightmare for the Trial Secretary to co-ordinate. Ideally, you should be involved in only 2 tracks per day (be that handling or tracklaying).

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Trial Schedules

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday May 2nd 2011

CLUB: TRACKWEST (INC)

TYPE OF EVENT: TRACKING TRIAL

DATE & VENUE: Saturday May 14th and Wednesday May 18th 2011 GNANGARA PINE
PLANTATION

JUDGES:

NAMES

Mrs Sue Fletcher } All Tracks as required

Mrs Lynne Jooste }

Ms Geraldine Jenkins } All tracks as eligible

RESERVE JUDGE

Mr Neil Fletcher

CHIEF STEWARD Mrs Beth Spence

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday May 2nd 2011

ENTRIES TO: Trial Secretary, 27 Nyunda Drive, Wanneroo 6065

ENTRY FEES Tracks 1, 2 and 3 : Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Tracks 4, 5, 6 & 7 : Members \$25 Non-members \$35

Seniors Card holders will receive a discount of \$5 per entry.

CATALOGUES: Included in entry

CLASSES: Tracks 1 to 7 as required.

GATES OPEN: 7:30 am VETTING TIME: 7:45 am

JUDGING TIME/ORDER: 8:00 am Order as decided by the Judge.

REFRESHMENTS: BYO

ENQUIRIES: Judy Tsakalos Ph 9405 2790 Mob 0428 925 093 Email tsakalos@iinet.net.au

CONDITIONS: Bitches in season may not compete and may not remain in the vicinity of the trial.

Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday May 23rd 2011

CLUB: TRACKWEST (INC)

TYPE OF EVENT: TRACKING TRIAL

DATE & VENUE: Saturday June 4th and Wednesday June 8th 2011 GNANGARA PINE
PLANTATION

JUDGES:

NAMES GROUP OR CLASS

Mr Neil Fletcher } All Tracks as required

Mrs Lynne Jooste }

Ms Geraldine Jenkins } All tracks as eligible

RESERVE JUDGE

Mrs Sue Fletcher

CHIEF STEWARD Mrs Beth Spence

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday May 23rd 2011

ENTRIES TO: Trial Secretary, 27 Nyunda Drive, Wanneroo 6065

ENTRY FEES Tracks 1, 2 and 3 : Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Tracks 4, 5, 6 & 7 : Members \$25 Non-members \$35

Seniors Card holders will receive a discount of \$5 per entry.

CATALOGUES: Included in entry

CLASSES: Tracks 1 to 7 as required.

GATES OPEN: 7:30 am VETTING TIME: 7:45 am

JUDGING TIME/ORDER: 8:00 am Order as decided by the Judge.

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CONDITIONS: Bitches in season may not compete and may not remain in the vicinity of the trial.

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Trial Schedules

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday June 13th 2011

CLUB: TRACKWEST (INC)

TYPE OF EVENT: TRACKING TRIAL

DATE & VENUE: Saturday June 25th and Wednesday June 29th 2011 GNANGARA PINE PLANTATION

JUDGES:

NAMES	GROUP OR CLASS
Mrs Valeta Pethrick	} All Tracks as required
Mrs Honey Gross Richardson	}

RESERVE JUDGE

Mrs Lynne Jooste

CHIEF STEWARD Mrs Beth Spence

ENTRIES TO: Trial Secretary, 27 Nyunda Drive, Wanneroo 6065

ENTRY FEES Tracks 1, 2 and 3 : Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Tracks 4, 5, 6 & 7 : Members \$25 Non-members \$35

Seniors Card holders will receive a discount of \$5 per entry.

CATALOGUES: Included in entry

CLASSES: Tracks 1 to 7 as required.

GATES OPEN: 7:30 am VETTING TIME: 7:45 am

JUDGING TIME/ORDER: 8:00 am Order as decided by the Judge.

REFRESHMENTS: BYO

ENQUIRIES: Judy Tsakalos Ph 9405 2790 Mob 0428 925 093 Email tsakalos@iinet.net.au

CONDITIONS: Bitches in season may not compete and may not remain in the vicinity of the trial.

Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday June 27th 2011

CLUB: TRACKWEST (INC)

TYPE OF EVENT: TRACKING TRIAL

DATE & VENUE: Saturday July 9th and Wednesday July 13th 2011 GNANGARA PINE PLANTATION

JUDGES:

NAMES	GROUP OR CLASS
Mr Neil Fletcher	} All Tracks as required
Mrs Sue Fletcher	}
Mrs Lynne Jooste	}

RESERVE JUDGE

Mrs Judy Tsakalos

CHIEF STEWARD Mrs Beth Spence

ENTRIES TO: Trial Secretary, 27 Nyunda Drive, Wanneroo 6065

ENTRY FEES Tracks 1, 2 and 3 : Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Tracks 4, 5, 6 & 7 : Members \$25 Non-members \$35

Seniors Card holders will receive a discount of \$5 per entry.

CATALOGUES: Included in entry

CLASSES: Tracks 1 to 7 as required.

GATES OPEN: 7:30 am VETTING TIME: 7:45 am

JUDGING TIME/ORDER: 8:00 am Order as decided by the Judge.

REFRESHMENTS: BYO

ENQUIRIES: Judy Tsakalos Ph 9405 2790 Mob 0428 925 093 Email tsakalos@iinet.net.au

CONDITIONS: Bitches in season may not compete and may not remain in the vicinity of the trial.

Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

Track and Search Trial Schedule

ENTRIES CLOSE: 11/4/11

TYPE OF EVENT Track and Search Dog Trial (Track and Search Tests only)

DATE & VENUE: Sunday April 24th 2011 Gnangara Pine Plantation

JUDGES:

Mrs Sue Fletcher
Mr Neil Fletcher
Mrs Judy Tsakalos
Mrs Valeta Pethrick

CHIEF STEWARD: Ms Nyree Lally

ENTRIES TO: Trial Secretary, 32 Solander Road, Hillarys WA 6025

ENTRY FEES: All TSD Tracks : Members \$ 25; Non-members \$35
Senior card holders will receive a discount of \$5 per entry.

CATALOGUES: Included in entry

CLASSES: Tests 1 to 6 as required.

GATES OPEN: 7.30 am

VETTING TIME: 7.45 am

JUDGING TIME/ORDER 8.00 am Order as decided by the Judge.

REFRESHMENTS BYO

ENQUIRIES: Nyree Lally Ph 9403 3946 Mob 0411 265 610 Email pretan@bigpond.com

CONDITIONS: Entry open only to dogs which have Tracking Champion title.

Bitches in season may not compete and may not remain in the vicinity of the trial.
Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

ENTRIES CLOSE: 9/5/11

TYPE OF EVENT Track and Search Dog Trial (Track and Search Tests only)

DATE & VENUE: Sunday May 22nd 2011 Gnangara Pine Plantation

JUDGES:

NAMES

Mrs Sue Fletcher
Mrs Valeta Pethrick
Mrs Judy Tsakalos
Mr Neil Fletcher

CHIEF STEWARD: Ms Nyree Lally

ENTRIES TO: Trial Secretary, 32 Solander Road, Hillarys WA 6025

ENTRY FEES: All TSD Tracks : Members \$ 25; Non-members \$35
Senior card holders will receive a discount of \$5 per entry.

CATALOGUES: Included in entry

CLASSES: Tests 1 to 6 as required.

GATES OPEN: 7.30 am

VETTING TIME: 7.45 am

JUDGING TIME/ORDER 8.00 am Order as decided by the Judge.

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CONDITIONS: Entry open only to dogs which have Tracking Champion title.

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FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

LUNCH

When: 9th July

Where: Gnangara Pine Plantation - Morning Tea Area

Time: 1pm

Cost: \$10

Fancy Dress Competition—Dress up yourself and you dog!

Prizes given for:

Best Dressed Person!

Best Dressed Dog!

Best Dressed Team!

Most original outfit!

4 judges—including a Special Guest Judge!

Dates to Remember

Tracking Trials

14/05/11
4/06/11
25/06/11
9/07/11
23/07/11
6/08/11
27/08/11
10/09/11



Track & Search Trials

24/04/11
22/05/11
12/06/11
17/07/11
14/08/11

22/10/11 (urban tracks only)
12/11/10 (urban tracks only)

Other Important Dates

9/07/11— X-mas in July
17/09/11— End of Year Breakfast
12/10/11— AGM
29/10/11— End of Year Dinner

Donations

We are always looking for donation for our raffles. If you have anything you think may be appropriate, please see Gerry Jenkins.

We also are able to take donations from the local supermarkets and businesses. They can give out gift vouchers. Please see Carol Freele for a copy of the letter, containing information about the club, to hand to the manager.



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Please note the front gate will be dummy locked at 8.30am on training days.

Please leave the gate closed with the padlock in position but not “clicked” to lock

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