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August 2011



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TRACKWEST (Inc)

WHEN: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

TIME: 7.30 pm

WHERE: Meeting Room 2
Canine Association Grounds
Cnr Warton & Ranford Roads
Southern River

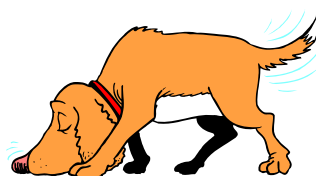
AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Office Bearers
6. Election of Auditor
7. Notices of Motion
8. General Business

NOTICES OF MOTION

All Notices of Motion for the Annual General Meeting must be in the hands of the Louise Crawford by the

31/8/2011



Position	Name	Phone	Email
President	Louise Crawford	0439 903 083	friendsforlife07@bigpond.com
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	Carolyn Gale	6161 6972	cgale@q-net.net.au

Presidents Report

I would like to start by thanking all of you for braving the cold early mornings to come to training and trials! It can be tempting to press the "snooze" button one more time!

If your dogs are anything like mine, they know it's tracking day and keep dashing to the door in anticipation, eagerly awaiting the moment when they get to race out into the front yard & jump in the car. Their enthusiasm is contagious, although my coffee has to kick in before I catch up!

As usual at this time of year we've all been extremely busy, especially the Judges with back to back trials and greater numbers of entries. Those stewards, who have been able to come up and help flag tracks, have been a great help to the Judges, so please remember to thank both when you are trialling.

A special thankyou to all those dedicated volunteers, who always put their hand up to help when we need them.

A big welcome to those people new to trialling, who are just starting to compete. It's a steep learning curve when you start tracking with so much to learn, so you've done extremely well to get to this stage. You've now discovered the great feeling of working as a team with your dog with nothing but a start flag and a scent article!

Congratulations to all those who have achieved passes and titles in both Tracking and Track & Search so far this year.

We had a great Xmas in July, with Sue and Denzil taking out the best dressed "couple" on the day!

Thanks to everyone for bringing their Xmas spirit and making the day a great success. A big thankyou of course to our Café D' Gnangara team, as well as Lauren for organising the fancy dress competition.

Don't forget to RSVP for the End of Year Breakfast and get your tickets for the Presentation Dinner from Carolyn. (see flyers).

See you all in the Forest.

Happy Training!

Regards

Louise Crawford



Secretary's Report

Only two trials left before our end of year breakfast. It has been a difficult year for the Trial Secretaries trying to juggle both regular and track & search trials. They have a difficult job of assigning judges, competitors and tracklayers, especially when a tracklayer has not been nominated. Judges have also spent many hours mapping, laying tracks and scheduling in order that we can trial our dogs. Our Wednesday trials have been a success and continuing with training on trialing days has assisted new members. A special thank you also to Beth for providing lovely lunches. Don't forget to put our AGM and presentation dinner dates in your diary.

Trial Secretary's Report

It's hard to believe, but Tracking Trials are almost over for the year ! We have held five and a half trials so far (today, Sunday August 7th; the other half is on Wednesday) with 115 tracks, 69 passes (60%) and 23 titles. Thirteen handler-dog teams have taken that first step and passed their TD 1.

As far as organisation goes, things have been fairly smooth, even though I feel like the proverbial duck – smooth and unruffled on the surface (I hope) and paddling like mad underneath. Thankyou to all the beginners who have laid tracks for us this year – I know you also managed to train your own dogs, thanks to Jim's efforts – but it is a tremendous help to have a pool of people I can call on. Thankyou as well to Jim for supervising training on Trial days.

If there is anyone who is not one of my regular Wednesday tracklayers and who is available on the morning of either Wednesday August 31 or Wednesday September 14th (or both) could you please contact me. By this time of year it is becoming very difficult to find "unknown" tracklayers.

Now for a small grizzle. Handlers doing TD 1 and TD 2 need to nominate a known tracklayer because under the rules their dog must find a known person. This person can be a family member or friend or it can be someone who has laid tracks for you in training and whom your dog tracks well.

SO if you are entering for TD 1 or TD 2 please write the name of your known tracklayer on your entry form. And please don't all nominate the same person ! Similarly, if you are doing a TDX 5, you need to nominate a known cross-tracklayer.

Remember too: if you are entering for TD 3 and higher, you track an unknown person but you are still expected to nominate a tracklayer who will be used to lay a track for someone else.

***Reminder: for those
who have gained their
championship this
year, please forward
your details for our
website***

***(tracking@westnet.com.au) -
check website for details.***

Thoughts from a beginner.

A 'newby'. What 'tracking' has taught me

I am new to all dog disciplines. I am still learning. Finding my way. Before I tried tracking I had dabbled in 'agility', and persevered (through gritted teeth) 'showing'. It didn't take long before I realized that the people and the ethos of tracking was a completely different world.

You might not have anything else to compare it to. Tracking might be the first dog discipline you have tried. Believe me, its special. It is unique.

What we have there is a group of people committed to helping you learn. A group of people who actually want YOU to succeed (this is not a given in other dog disciplines) A community who do not look down on your chosen breed, who just love dogs and who, as you are, learning from dogs on a daily basis.

Tracking is primarily about you learning to read your dog (not your dog learning new skills). It is about what you put into your dog, but more than that, it is about what you contribute to others. Simple things. Asking how you can help other trackers in your training pod. Listening. Laying as many tracks as YOU would like to do yourself. If you have two dogs in your car, you should be doing twice the amount of work for others, as tracks have to be laid by others for YOUR dogs. Bring more articles than you usually do. Ask more questions than you did the week before. Start the morning off by thinking about those in your training pod, and what skills they need to develop.

Tracking has taught me many things. It's a multifaceted sport that is not as easy as it looks! It is about reading the dog who is working for you because you asked them to 'find'. It is about relating to the other people around you in a positive, polite and grateful way. It is about offering to lay as many tracks for others as you can. This is where you learn. It is about offering to be available at trails to lay tracks for people competing. One day you too might want to 'trial' and this is impossible without the time and effort of others. You need tracklayers and trainers just as much as you need your dog. Tracking is about you, but more than that, tracking is about what other people contribute towards your development and learning.

This is what I have learned. And this is what I am grateful for, every Saturday morning in winter.

Anonymous

July 2011.

Noticeboard

SPECTATORS

If you would like to follow up on a track,
Please obtain permission from the Judge and Handler
BEFORE the track is worked

Following up on a track is a great way to learn from others
and increase your observation skills.

Please show good sportsmanship and respect
towards the Judge, Steward and Competitor at all times.



CLUB CHAMPION

The Club Champion will be decided as follows:

All dogs gaining their Tracking Champion title during the preceding season will be eligible.

In the first instance dogs will be selected by their grading eg all dogs with Excellent.

Finalists will then be narrowed down according to other factors eg comparison of how the track was worked, tracking history etc.

This will be discussed and decided by TrackWest Judges and the Trial Secretary.

If necessary a "track off" between evenly scoring dogs may occur.

The Club Champion award will be presented at the Presentation Dinner.

TRACK AND SEARCH TRIALS

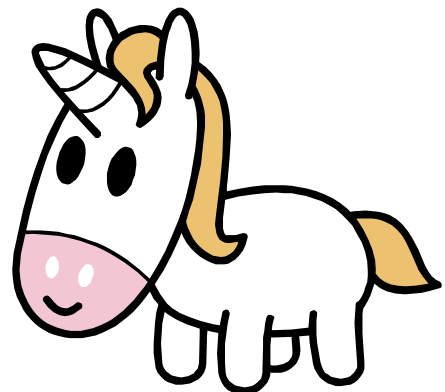
2011/2012

TrackWest has approval to run Track and Search Trials

On Sunday and Wednesday. (Tracks 1 to 4)

Urban tracks (Tracks 5 & 6) will be judged on Saturday.

When submitting your entry, please indicate which day you are available to trial.



Noticeboard

BUSINESS SPONSORS

Commercial Sponsors will be listed on the website as follows:

AAA Sponsors – A single donation of \$100 and above

Logo listed on the sponsor's page and from time to time on the front page of the website.

AA Sponsors – A single donation of between \$50 - \$100

Logo listed on the sponsor's page following AAA sponsors

Other Sponsors – A single donation of \$25 - \$50

Line listing of the business and contact details following the AAA and AA sponsors.

All businesses will remain listed for 12 months

Please support our sponsors

If you know of a business who may be willing to make a donation please contact Carol Freele for a copy of an official

TrackWest Donation letter.



DOGSWEST AGM

The Canine Association of WA

Wednesday 31 August

7.30pm

Please consider attending this AGM so tracking in WA has representation.

As our governing body, issues discussed and decided at this meeting may impact on us and our sport.

**** Please remember to send in your ballot paper for the three council positions****

Closes 24th August

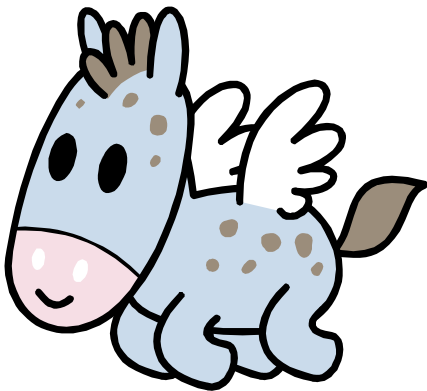


Noticeboard

TRACKWEST ENTRY FORM

The entry form included in the last newsletter is a draft which has been submitted for approval by DogsWest.

At this time it is to be used in conjunction with the official entry form.



TRAINING ON TRIAL DAYS

TrackWest offers limited training on Trial Days.

This is open to ALL TrackWest Members, but must be co-ordinated with the Chief Steward and the Training Co-ordinator.

Areas are limited so as not to interfere with judging.

Judges often re-flag, or flag tracks in advance for the next trial day, so these areas may also be off limits.

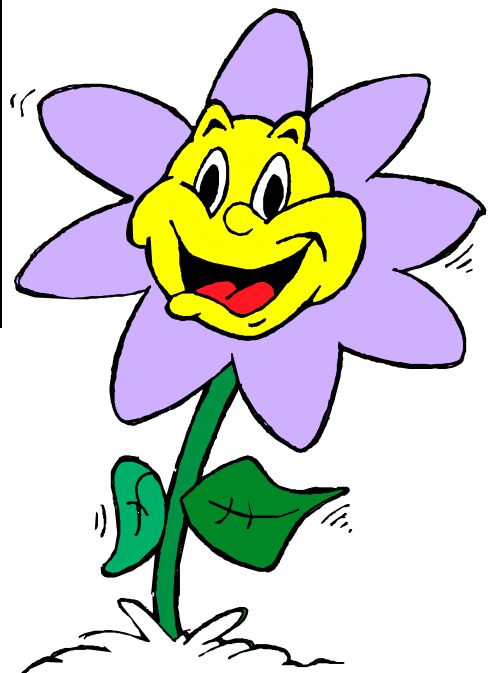
ALL VISITORS

TRACKWEST'S TRIAL & TRAINING AREA is currently bound by Gnar-gara Rd, Centerway, Tick Rd And Gaskell Rd. (subject to change)

ALL visitors entering this area must check in with the Chief Steward at ALL trials.

Visitors who are not Competitors entered in the trial, or TrackWest members attending training, shall NOT bring dogs into the Trial Area without the permission of TrackWest and the Chief Steward PRIOR to the day of the trial.

The only training available within the Trial Area is for TrackWest members on the above conditions.





Cordially Invites You to Our

End of Year Forest Breakfast



Saturday September
17th

7:30 am for 8:00 am start

AT BASE CAMP CNR OF

MACARDO AND PESSOA RD

Please RSVP to Carolyn Gale
for catering purposes
by Monday September 12th
mob: **0401 032 820**
cgale@q-net.net.au

Cooked breakfast

Fun Games

Prizes to be won!

Bring a chair

Pay Carolyn on the day



Cordially Invites You to Our

Annual Presentation Dinner



Saturday October 29th

6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m.

VENUE IS LICENCED - NO BYO

**CROATIAN HOUSE,
18 WISHART STREET, GWELUP**

Tickets available from Carolyn Gale
9383 3614 mob: **0401 032 820**
cgale@q-net.net.au

Buffet Style

Fish

Roast, Pasta, Salad
(catering for Vegetarians)

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Equipment

Hi All

Not much to say this issue except don't be shy, be a club member and buy a shirt and to save me lugging up all the boxes please email me a gerryjenks1@iinet.net.au re your size (S,M or L) and I will bring it to training/trials I always have a few with me anyway

Also if you leave or forget anything please contact either Carol or me and we will do our best to locate it for you and the same goes if you find anything, please give it to either me or Carol so we can get it back to it owner saves playing pass the parcel around the committee members

Thankyou to everyone that has donated raffle prizes and congratulations to the winners The raffles have been very successful this year which helps keep costs down in the long run

On the note of cost if anyone has any tracking equipment they no longer use please feel free to sell it It will be done privately between you and the buyer and the club will not be involved just let Carol know what it is and we will go from there

Many thanks again

Gerry

Titles Gained since the last Newsletter

TD Barbara Butcher and Bruvic Jaalah
Fay Gretton and Silas
Desma McLeod and Blake
Fran Wilson and Billy

TDX Antonia Baker and Emma
Antonia Baker and Hector
Louise Crawford and Basil
Jacqui Humphrey and Patch
Jean Hurn and Sheba
Gerry Jenkins and Caesar
Rae Whitehead and Indy

TCh Bev Auld/Jim Spence and Drift
Louise Crawford and Basil
Jacqui Humphrey and Patch "from Death Row to Tracking Champion"





President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Committee

5 positions available for re nomination

Please tear off below and send into the Returning Officer

TrackWest Nomination Form

Position Being Nominated For: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Signature Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____

Signature: _____

CLOSING DATE OF NOMINATIONS:

31st August 2011

All nominations to be sent to:

The Returning Officer

Mrs Beth Spence

90 Foreshore Road

SINGLETON WA 6175



The TUTU Memorial Plaque

Being for

Club Person Of The Year

DEED OF GIFT

The Tutu Memorial Plaque is presented to the Club Member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to the principles of The Club

throughout the preceding financial year. Their contributions embody the true spirit of membership, both in terms of fellowship and also event participation.

The recipient of **The Tutu Memorial Plaque** will be a positive and active member who consistently demonstrates goodwill towards The Club and its members.

Rules to apply:

Must be a financial member of TrackWest.

The person nominating must be a financial member of TrackWest.

The Committee to vote on the nominations.

Committee Members are eligible, however their normal duties are not to be considered. This must be for work over and above normal duties.

The Tutu Memorial Plaque will remain the property of TrackWest and must be returned to the Secretary two weeks prior to the AGM.

A replica will be given every year at the AGM.

The name of the recipient will be engraved onto The Tutu Memorial Plaque.

Tutu Memorial Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Deeds Achieved: _____

Nominated by: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CLOSING DATE OF NOMINATIONS:

31st August 2011

All nominations to be sent to:

Louise Crawford

35 Lunar Way

Beckenham 6107

Please send to:

The Secretary
 Carol Freele
 27 Aerolite Way
 Beldon WA 6027



TRACKWEST DOG CLUB (INC)
 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM - 2012

DATE OF JOINING:...../...../.....(AS RECEIPTED BY THE TREASURER)

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (Please circle) NEW (N) – RENEWAL (R)

	<i>Nomination Fee \$10</i> <i>Payable by new members on joining, or for members rejoining after a lapse in membership.</i>		Renewal
Single \$35	Full Year	Half Year	
Family \$50	Full Year	Half Year	

Membership No: _____

Paid by Cheque/Cash Received by _____
 TrackWest Representative

(please print neatly)

NAME _____ Ph: _____ (H)

Mobile: _____ Ph: _____ (W)

CAWA No: (if applicable) _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ P/C _____

E-mail Address _____

I/We hereby apply for membership and agree to be bound by TrackWest Dog Club (Inc) Rules and Regulations.

PTO for adding your Dog/s information and signature.

1.
DOG'S PEDIGREE NAME _____

PET NAME _____

DOG'S REG No _____ BREED _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ SEX _____

CAWA NUMBER _____ Sterilized? YES NO (circle)

2.
DOG'S PEDIGREE NAME _____

PET NAME _____

DOG'S REG No _____ BREED _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ SEX _____

CAWA NUMBER _____ Sterilized? YES NO (circle)

DO YOU HOLD A CURRENT FIRST AID CERTIFICATE? YES NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:

Name:

Relationship:

Phone: Mobile:

In case of Emergency do you have any relevant medical issues/allergies? (optional)

I/We hereby apply for membership and agree to be bound by TrackWest Dog Club (Inc) Rules and Regulations.

Applicant's Signature(s).

Date

IMPORTANT

YOU AND YOUR DOG MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF CAWA,
BEFORE YOU ARE PERMITTED, TO ENTER A TRIAL.

DATE & VENUE: Saturday September 10th and Wednesday September 14th 2011

GNANGARA PINE
PLANTATION

JUDGES:

NAMES	GROUP OR CLASS
Mrs Valeta Pethrick	} All Tracks as required
Mrs Honey Gross-Richardson	}
Ms Geraldine Jenkins	} All tracks as eligible

RESERVE JUDGE
Mrs Judy Tsakalos

CHIEF STEWARD Mrs Beth Spence Membership No : 6007212300

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday August 29th 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.

TROPHIES & SASHES: N/A

SASHES ONLY: N/A

REFRESHMENTS: BYO

ENQUIRIES: Judy Tsakalos Ph 9405 2790 Mob 0428 925 093 Email tsakalos@inet.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.

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 September 14th 2011, PLEASE
INDICATE ON YOUR ENTRY IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO BE JUDGED ON THAT DAY. Competitors who are
to be judged on Wednesday 14/09/11 will be notified by Saturday September 3rd 2011.



Club Rules

1.

Any member who misappropriates, damages or causes loss or breakage of the club's property shall forthwith make good any loss or breakages the Committee may direct.

2.

2.1 No member's dog or dogs shall be off lead during official training sessions unless being trained and supervised by an instructor.

2.2 Any member not complying with a Request to place their dog back on lead, by a committee member or instructor, shall be disciplined at the committee's discretion.

3.

Club joining fees and membership fees are non-refundable.

4.

All members are expected to volunteer assistance in line with the club's statement of purposes.

5.

5.1 Members' dogs are not permitted to chase or harass livestock or wildlife whilst visiting tracking areas.

5.2 Members should ensure that they remove all rubbish and keep tracking areas clean.

5.3 Members to ensure that they provide adequate shade and water for their dogs at all times.

5.4 Members shall take all reasonable steps to maintain cordial relationships with other legitimate users of tracking areas.

6.

6.1 The person authorized by the committee may order the removal from the training session, of any dog or handler whose conduct is objectionable.

6.2 The committee shall be empowered to discipline any handler who wilfully interferes with another member's training, or another member's dog, or whose behaviour is objectionable.

6.3 Any instances related to 6.1 and 6.2 should be reported to the committee in writing, within 7 days of the incident.



Dates to Remember

Tracking Trials

27/08/11

10/09/11

Track & Search Trials

22/10/11 (urban tracks only)

12/11/11 (urban tracks only)

Other Dates

31/08/11 Notice of Motions Due

31/08/11 Committee Nominations Due

31/08/11 Tutu Memorial Nominations Due

31/08/11 - Dogs West AGM

17/09/11 - End of Year Breakfast

29/10/11 - End of Year Dinner

12/10/11 - AGM



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.

**It is with a sad farewell we say Goodbye to a member
of our Tracking family.**

**Jerry Haagedorn, who passed away on the 8th July
2011.**

RIP

PHOTOS



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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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