Tracking Successes 2016

May 1, 2016, Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois Tracking Dog Test at Hampshire Forest Preserve

Pam German (Judge), Bobby Stevens with Ely GSD, Bruce Bachcall (Test Secretary and Track Layer) and Carla Ogert (Judge) on May 1, 2016 at Hampshire Forest Preserve and the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois Tracking Dog Test. Bobby and Ely were instructed by Greg Hayward.
September 4, 2016 Pecatonica Tracking Club TD in Hampshire Forest Preserve

9 New TDs at 9-4-16 Test!

Izabela Racynski-Bell & GSD (D) Yako & Kojca Holan, Wendy Israel & GSD (B) Cassidy’s Irish Cream, Mary Domes & Golden (D) Ch Rosecrest’s Wide Receiver, Judges Pam German, Pat Thor & GSD (B) Kenlynn Lily of Aescop, Judge Eibhlin Glennon, Mary Ann Pecen & Pembroke Welsh Corgi (B) Ch Wyntree’s Birch Hill Pure Spyc, Inge Suchanek & Sheltie (D) Trinity Special Edition, Lois Leidahl-Marsh & Berner (B) Leidmar Artio Awakens, & Jans McKoski & Basset (B) Rockstar’s Shoot for the Moon. Not pictured: Carla Wolter & Terv (D) Ch Saffron’s Red Sky at Night.

Wow, another great test with 100% pass rate! The weather moderated from the high temps and the judges were able to plot the 8 planned tracks plus an alternate one, although they were really tired by mid-afternoon on Saturday. It was hotter in the field than at the shelter on both days, but not so hot that the dogs couldn’t work. We had 11 entries, and 1 withdrawal so all but one entrant got to run a track & earn their TD titles at the Hampshire Forest Preserve, Hampshire, IL. Many thanks to our hard working judges Pam German & Eibhlin Glennon; Head tracklayers Lisa Warren & Pet Schroder (Pet walked every track!) and Hospitality Chair Sylvia Schultz who made sure we were all well-fed. Lisa made up bics to pass out of our tracklayers so these important helpers would not remain anonymous©. Our stinky-footed tracklayers were: Peggy Granger, Penny DuBernat, Lisa Warren, Nancy Einwich (who also reserved the site for us), Pam Kristoff, Beth Elliot, Gail Ray, Carol Retzig & Pat Schroder.

The cover was tall and the ground damp with no breeze in the fields. The tracks had 3-4 turns. All of the tracks were run in 14″ or less and most were run in the 6″ range. The judges really had to hustle to keep up! Many thanks to everyone for another success story, Jan July, Test Chair/Sec
Izabela Raczynski-Bell with Apollo TD are on the left. Wendy Israel with Cassidy TD are on the right. Both are students of Greg Hayward.
October 23, 2016 the German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago TD and TDX Tests, Burnidge Forrest Preserve Elgin, IL

Ulysses and Danny boy passed their TD tests on October 23, 2016 at the German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago's Tracking Test at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. Greg Hayward handled them both back to back, which was a first time for him. Danny Boy was track #3 and Ulysses was track #4.

Greg Hayward with Ulysses vom Mittelwest III TD, Eibhlin Glennon (Judge), Pam German (Judge), Amy Vose (Track Layer). Uli passed on his first TD test at 11 ½ months old. He had “practiced” at a previous TDU to gain experience.
Eibhlin Glennon (Judge), Pam German (Judge), Cathy Stein with We Love DuChien's Danny Boy TD. Danny Boy Uli passed on his first TD test. Greg Hayward (Handler) was taking picture and holding Uli.
Pam German (Judge), Greg Hayward with Danny Boy, Eibhlin Glennon (Judge), and Beth Walker (Track Layer and judge). Danny Boy Uli passed on his first TD test in the tall cover you can see in the picture.
Beth Walker (Track Layer), Cathy Stein with GSD Danny Boy TD, Pam German (Judge), and Eibhlin Glennon (Judge), Greg Hayward (Handler) was taking the picture.
We had one TD dog team pass at the LTC Tracking Test. Shown left to right are Patty Barra (Track Layer), Eibhlin Glennon (Judge), Pam German (Judge), George Lindemulder with GSD Cinder, and Bobby Stevens (Test Secretary and Cross Tracker).
Izabela Raczynski-Bell with Apollo passed on their TDX at the LTC Tracking Test on Track #1. Shown from left to right are Jill Bouche, Penny Kurz, Izabela, Marleen Janson (Track Layer behind Izabela), Pam German (Judge) and Eibhlin Glennon (Judge). GSD Apollo was in the high ground cover.
Eibhlin Glennon (Judge), Izabela Raczynski-Bell with her Apollo GSD, Pam German (Judge), and Marleen Janson (Track Layer).
Robin Thybony with Heidi passed their TDX test at the LTC tracking test on Track #2. Bobby Stevens (Test Secretary and Cross Tracker), Eibhlin Glennon (Judge) Robin Thybone with Heidi GSD, Pam German (Judge), Kristen Scott (Track Layer) not shown.

It was Izabela and Robin’s first time attempting the TDX title and they both passed. I've been told the pass rate for TDX is 17%. So they did extremely well! They both handled their own dogs and are students of Greg Hayward.
Mary Merlin's Gypsy was handled by Penny Kurz and passed on the TDX track that Greg Hayward laid at the LTC tracking test, track #4. Eibhlin Glennon (Judge), Mary Merlin (Owner), Penny Kurz (Handler) with Gypsy GSD, Pam German (Judge), Greg Hayward (Track Layer). Bobby Stevens (Test Secretary and Cross Tracker).