

**PALO ALTO FOOTHILLS TRACKING ASSOCIATION TDX 2/27/2011**  
TEST SECRETARY REPORT – Dimity Mueller

On February 27, our 2011 TDX test was held at Coyote Park in Morgan Hill. Our judges were Barbara Adcock and Anne Hershey and they braved freezing cold weather on plotting day and test day with great stamina. The tracking conditions were pretty good and the weather was dry but freezing cold. We all enjoyed hearing a brief description of the tracks at the awards ceremony.

Two very happy dog handler teams passed and are now sporting TDX after their AKC names! Congratulations to Joan Carpenter with her Rhodesian Ridgeback, DC Freedoms Tower of Power, SC RA TDX and Chris and Shay Cook with German Shepherd Rixi Von Sontausen TDX! The four other teams gave a very good effort but sadly had some bad luck and failed. I wish them all good luck at their next test. Keep on trackin'.

A TDX test takes a village to pull off. Many thanks to the following persons who volunteered their time to make this test a success. Each and every person was needed and greatly appreciated!

Chief Tracklayer: Stephanie Whitton – great job organizing all the tracklayers!

Tracklayers: It is a very important job to be a tracklayer. All of our tracklayers were skilled and efficient. Thanks to **Lynne Benson-Colbert, Louie Urbina, Barbara Fowler, Rita Ledda, Susan Klein, and Terry Southard.**

Primary Cross Tracks: Another very important job well done thanks to Dick **Symons, Sherri McClung, John Galloway, and Margot McKereghan.**

Secondary Cross Tracks: Essential helpers also much appreciated. Thanks to **Eileen Oshiro, Debi Best, Jeanine Lenihan, Nancy Rynewicz.**

Field Marshall: **Bea Moore** was our “Field Marshall” to help the dog handler teams get to their tracks and let the spectators know where they could safely watch the tracks.

Hospitality:

**Ann Begun** kindly offered to do Saturday and Sunday breakfast *and* Saturday lunch. We were treated to homemade muffins, fresh fruit and granola Saturday AM and on Sunday Ann made a very wonderful breakfast casserole. The recipe is still a secret but many were asking for the recipe when she finishes “tweaking” it. I think it was quite perfect as served on Sunday along with more muffins and fresh fruit. Hot potato soup and salad were most welcome and delicious on Saturday. And can’t forget the yummy brownies. Thank you Ann!!

Big thanks also to **Lisa Newton** and **Bea Moore** who brought coffee and hot water.

Drivers:

Thank you to the Sunday drivers: **Steve Newton, Jan Murphy, and Ann Begun.**

We did not need any drivers on Saturday because the judges and tracklayers preferred to drive themselves to second site on the west side of Hwy 101. Plotting day concluded about 5 pm.

Premium List, Catalog: Thank you **Terry Southard!**

Signs and lots of Test Sec. help: **Mary Ann Graziano**

Judge’s contracts, permit and lots of Test Sec. help: **Rita Crawford**

It was a pleasure working with everyone and I am grateful to you all for making the job of test secretary pleasant and successful!!

Sincerely, Dimity Mueller