

PAFTA VST Test Report 11/8/15 Event Number 2015 2854 04

My 'Cast of Thousands':

Judges	Meg Azevedo and Sally Diess
Secretary	Dick Symons
CTL	Jan Murphy
Tracklayers	Carol Vesely, Lynne Benson-Colbert, Mary Ann Graziano
Hospitality	Karey Krauter, Susan Guy, Sue Symons
Drivers	Rita Crawford, Claire Canderle, Becky Luft
Judge's Hospitality	Mary Ann Graziano
Document Preparation	Terry Southard

There were five entries for the four advertised tracks. After the closing, one team withdrew moving the alternate into the test. I then received communications from one of the four remaining teams that they would not be able to participate.

Saturday two tracks were plotted at Evergreen Valley College (EVC) and one at West Valley College (WVC). The weather was great for a 'walk in the park'.

Sunday morning early (6:20) the first track was layed followed by the second and then the third all without any problem.

While the tracks were aging, we all enjoyed a great breakfast and friendship (it's easy to be relaxed enjoying food and friends when you are not one of the testing teams).

The draw was done at 9:00 with a Standard Schnauzer drawing track 1, a Shiba Inu track 2, and a Bloodhound track 3. I am sorry to report that there were no passes.

In attendance for the weekend was Diane Schultz, Senior Executive Field Representative (Tracking, Obedience & Rally) for the American Kennel Club and Pia Paulsen (tracking judge applicant).

Being the Tracking Secretary has good and bad: good - you stay at base camp and keep the food company; bad - you don't get to see the tracks being layed or run. All the words that I heard were that the tracks were good. It was my pleasure to work with these two great judges - they made my life so easy.

I want to truly complement and thank my 'Cast of Thousands' for their dedication to each of the assignments for which they volunteered. A special thank you to the 'first timers' (Carol Vesely, Susan Guy, Becky Luft) who did there jobs flawlessly.

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