

PAFTA VST April 2015 Report

On April 26th we had our Spring VST Test at Evergreen Valley College and West Valley College.

I want to thank all of the great help (especially hospitality) that came together so this test could be a success. My special thanks to Rita Crawford and Ann Begun who both went the extra mile with guidance and support so that I could be a successful test secretary for the VST which was new to me.

The test itself went well thanks to Kathy MacIntyre our chief tracklayer who had some real scheduling challenges because of the many changes to everyone's lives but in the end had everybody right where we needed them.

Unfortunately no dogs passed, but for a few dogs it was such a close thing, and for one, literally at the end of the last leg. Our judges, Mitzi Young and Curt Curtis were extremely complimentary regarding the work ethic of the dogs and skill of the handlers during the test and commented how nice it was to see dog/handler teams ready to compete which is not always the case. At the end of the test they gave a detailed review of what challenges they saw and made suggestions that may help with a successful outcome going forward. Both judges were wonderful to work with and they said the same about our PAFTA members.

As is said, it truly "takes a village" to make these events happen and PAFTA members make a wonderful village to be part of. They are a great team and I truly appreciate everyone's help.

Sincerely,
Claire Canderle
Test Secretary

P.S. All vouchers have been given or sent to members. Please let me know if you do not receive yours in the mail.

Report Addendum:

The below email is from Colleen Keough who entered her cocker at our VST. Unfortunately the dog passed away from a tumor rupture shortly after entering the test. Colleen donated her entry money to the club in memory of her cocker. I have sent her a thank you and condolence card from the club. Please see the email below from Colleen on April 4, 2015 in response to her entry being received.

I am very sad to report that last night, this wonderful dog passed away. He had an 11 inch tumor on his kidney that ruptured. His passing was very fast. He had tracked in the morning and was fine. He was lethargic in late afternoon and taken to the vet ASAP when I saw his gums were very pale. An ultrasound showed the tumor and we had him PTS immediately. He was not going to make it through the night.

Please keep my entry fee and donate it in memory of CH MACH Tropico's Soul Man, VCD2, RE, TDX, MXS, MJS, MXF, T2B. "Solo" was the first cocker spaniel to have championships in conformation and agility, as well as advanced titles in tracking (TDX), rally, and obedience.

Colleen Keough

VST April 26, 2015 Tracking Test Help Hands

Rita Crawford (Field Marshal)

Kathy McIntyre (Chief Tracklayer)

Claire Canderle (Test Secretary)

1. Barbara Adcock - tracklayer
2. Linda Knowles - tracklayer
3. Jan Murphy - tracklayer
4. Dick Symons - tracklayer
5. Sherrie McClung - tracklayer Alternate Track
6. Lisa Newton - backup for Sherrie

Mitzi Young (Judge)

Curt Curtis (Judge)

SATURDAY

Saturday Breakfast/EVC: Ann Begun - Full hospitality

Claire - Bring water, totes and coffee, hot water and cream – yogurt/applesauce for Mitzi

Saturday Driver: Ann Begun

Saturday Lunch/WVC: Sue Pokart – Pick up sandwiches at Nob Hill and soup for Mitzi

Claire – water and chips

SUNDAY

Sunday Breakfast EVC: Alex Reinecke – Pastry/Bagels for 11 and fruit and water

Claire – Coffee, hot water, cream, totes, table – yogurt/apple sauce for Mitzi

Kaye Hall – Hard boiled eggs

Shelly Johnson - Bagels and cream cheese

Sunday Driver EVC: Ann Begun

Sunday Driver WVC: Sharon Hall

Sunday Noon Snack WVC: Sharon Hall

Sunday Late Afternoon - Take judges to lunch- Claire