

**PALO ALTO FOOTHILLS TRACKING ASSOCIATION VST 11/13/2011**

**Test Secretary – Dick Symons**

First order of business is to give a BIG ‘Thank You’ to a fantastic Cast.

Supporting our great judges, Carol Pernicka and Marti Kemper, was a hardworking Chief Tracklayer, Colton Meyer. This wondering group was accompanied by Meg Azevedo who was doing one of her VST apprenticeships.

Colton assembled an experienced team of tracklayers, Lynn Benson-Colbert, Linda Knowles, John Galloway, and Nancy Rynewicz. Peddle-to-the-medal on Sunday was supplied by Susan Klein and Sharon Hall - they did slow down when passing the police stations.

Our engines were extremely well fueled by John Galloway (Saturday breakfast), Mary Ann Graziano (Saturday lunch), and Kerri Shandro (Sunday breakfast). Kerri (a new PAFTA member) was supported by her husband, Jim.

Least we forget the talented fingers that produce the Premium List and Catalog. Terry Southard, please take a bow.

Second order of business is what happened? I would like to be able to say a lot more at this point in my report than I can. The dogs at test were a Sheltie, an Australian Shepherd, a Siberian Husky and Irish Terrier. The tracking descriptions would best be written by the CTL since he was in the ‘field’ while I was left to keep track of cars and food. My review of the maps indicates that all the tracks were very linear and all appeared to be quite workable, but there were little situations that prevented any of the dogs from getting to the end.

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