

VST April 2014

We had a good entry of 9 teams and though we had no passes on the five tracks, we had good weather for the test and saw some nice working dogs try hard to get to that end article.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the members and participants who made this test what it was. First off, a big, "Thank you" to our judges Barbara Adcock and Meg Azevedo. They went over all the tracks afterwards and had great advice to the handlers for their next (successful!) VST attempt.

Another big thanks to Chief Tracklayer John Galloway and his crew: Linda Knowles, Rita Crawford, Pattie Hartney, Kerry Krauter and Jan Murphy. John also stepped up and hosted the "after party" at Mimi's since I was falling asleep on my feet. More thanks go to our Saturday driver Claudia Holoday. Delicious food was cooked up and delivered by Claire Canderle, Ann Begun and Mary Ann Graziano. Linda Stamper was very helpful in explaining the check processing and showed up on Saturday just to deliver blank checks to someone she barely knows. Me! Ah...such trust. I have to especially thank Rita Crawford for handling all of the paperwork and contacts between PAFTA and the colleges as well as the insurance paperwork. I don't know that I would have offered to be Test Secretary if I also had to figure out that daunting task as well. And last (but not least) a huge thank you to Mary Ann Graziano for answering my many questions and 2:00 AM emails. Thank you everyone for pitching in and making my Test Secretary duties as easy as they could possibly be.