

May 7, 2017

BOTC TRACKING TEST, TD/TDX RESULTS

Mother Nature provided a very overcast and wet weekend for the annual TD/TDX tests held in So. Hero, Vermont with headquarters located at the So. Hero Congregational Church on South Street.

There were 3 TD tracks offered plus an alternate. Judges Ilene Morgan and Lynda Morgan-Gardiner took the first entrant to the start flag for the running of the TD, with Kevin Gardiner, tracklayer, close behind. Wet fields, pouring rain and brisk wind did not stop this Rottweiler from making short work of his track, to become Seren's EZ Rider CD RE OA NAJ AXP IOFP CA TD. Track 2 went to a Bernese Mountain Dog who also found no problem navigating a wet, cold, windy field to become Snowpaw's Chilli'n at the Summit CGC THDN TD. Track 3 went to a young Labrador retriever who did a fantastic job on her track only to leave the field following the tracklayer, Don Denette, but without indicating finding the glove at the end of the track. We feel certain this dog will be successful on her next attempt. The Alternate track was run by another Labrador retriever who went astray on the third leg. Another good attempt which will surely produce a TD title in the near future.

There were 4 TDX tracks offered and were run by a German Shepard, Papillion, Golden Retriever and Bearded Collie. All valent efforts under wet and challenging conditions, but unfortunately was not their day to earn a TDX title.

BOTC thanks Rio Demers who was a first time Trial Secretary and Chair who did a fantastic job keeping all entrants informed and catalog entries straight. Tracklayers included Kevin Gardiner, who also served as driver for the judges, Alice Wells, Patty McMahon, Lynne Mayo and sister Sharon, Don Denette and Veronica Metevier. An excellent luncheon buffet was served by Kathy Murphy and Lorna Fortune for all to enjoy as we warmed up and dried off from our adventures in the fields. Awarding of ribbons was presented to those successful dogs after our luncheon. Alice Wells and Veronica Metevier also assisted with church cleanup at the conclusion of our event. It truly does take a village to orchestrate a tracking test and we are so grateful for all the wonderful help and smiling faces from those who worked and others who joined us as spectators for this event.

Keep Tracking!!!

