

TDX WORKSHOP
Presented by Sandy McMillan
Saturday and Sunday May 13-14 2017
Summit Lake State Park
5993 N Messick Rd New Castle IN 47362

Sandy McMillan got her first Labrador in 1983 and has been occupied with multiple canine sports since then. In 1989, she began tracking with a new puppy who later earned both TD and TDX titles. Through those early years, she attended tracking seminars and worked with a small group of Capitol Canine Training Club (CCTC) members to develop a tracking program for the club. Since then she has tracked several of her own dogs and taught others either privately or in groups.

In 2002 Sandy was forced to retire from her fulltime job when diagnosed with Stage 4 Endometrial cancer. It took a year of treatment to go into remission. Once she began to feel human again, she decided to spend her remaining time doing whatever she enjoyed which was anything with dogs. In 2003, she applied to AKC for a tracking judge license and has now been judging TD and TDX tests for over 15 years. Her VST license is in the works. The training program Sandy has developed has enabled her and her Labradors to have earned 1 Champion Tracker, 8 TDX and 14 TD titles. She currently tracks 10 dogs many of whom are ready to enter tests.

During the warmer months of the year, Sandy trains retrievers for the AKC hunt test program and has trained or coached 7 Master Hunters, qualifying one dog for the Master Nationals six consecutive years, has earned 12-15 Senior Hunter and numerous Junior Hunter titles. Preferring outdoor sports, Sandy does not focus a lot of time in the obedience, agility or rally rings, but works with dogs to teach obedience skills they need to perform their performance sports well. She has earned some Rally and a few Companion Dog titles just for the heck of it. She also breeds and shows her dogs in conformation where she has finished several champions including specialty winners.

Sandy has a professional history of presenting to both large and small groups covering topics relative to her medical background and of course to canine audiences. She has been Chairman of the Labrador Retriever Club's National Specialty twice and has served as Director of Training at Capitol Canine Training Club of Springfield, Illinois; she still teaches beginner obedience classes for CCTC. Until recently, she has written a tracking column for Front & Finish, a position she enjoyed immensely. Sandy's motivation to teach tracking concepts to others is to spread the fascination of a dog's scenting abilities, find ways to motivate each dog to track well and to enhance each owner's understanding of the tracking dog and his work.



Caption: Judge Carol Clarke, Sandy & CT Trudy, Judge Linda Baschnagel, Tracklayer Sandi Thompson April 2016

Workshop Overview

This workshop is designed to share information about development of TDX level skills with experienced tracking dogs and their handlers.

Day 1 the speaker will cover TDX track criteria, how to age and lengthen tracks, motivating the dog and strategies to learn to read dog body language. These concepts will be practiced in the field in the afternoon with group discussions and analysis as the dog/handler teams work.

Day 2 the speaker will discuss obstacle training, "Factor" influences, crosstracks and proofing methods. In the afternoon, working dogs will practice tracking into obstacles and crosstracks as the group observes and analyzes the working team.

Fees: Registration forms completed and submitted with full Non Refundable payment to be received no later than April 10 2017.

**Submit Registration Form and Fees with CHECKS PAYABLE TO FWOTC to
Pam Johnson 15922 Lebaron Lane Hometown IN 46748.**

Refunds only if we can fill your working spot

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Workshop Fees

- ___ Working Spot SATURDAY \$100 FWOTC Member \$125 Non Member
- ___ Working Spot SUNDAY \$100 FWOTC Member \$125 Non Member
- ___ Audit Spot \$55.00 One Day Saturday
- ___ Audit Spot \$55.00 One Day Sunday
- ___ Audit Spot \$100.00 Two Days

Agreement

Your participation in this workshop acknowledges your acceptance and agreement to the following binding agreements:

I hereby agree to save and hold the Fort Wayne Obedience Training Club and Sandy McMillan their members, employees, agents and assigns harmless from any and all liability, including but not limited to reimbursement of all costs and attorney's fees, for damages and/or injury to self and/or to my dog, caused by my dog during any instruction period, before or after any session, and at any and all times while dog owner's dog is located on property used for the workshop and;

Workshop Attendee

Date

REGISTRATION FORM LIMITED TO 5 WORKING TEAMS EACH DAY - UNLIMITED AUDITORS

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Telephone (cell) _____ (home) _____

Email _____

Dog's Breed: _____ Age _____

Describe you and your dog's tracking experience including dog's titles if any. Also include problem areas and issues you would like to work on. This will help us plan tracks for you and your dog.
