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Waldenmark Nose for Fashion Qui Rit TD  
"Miles"

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**MEETING NOTICE**

***The next meeting of the LSBTC  
will be in conjunction  
with the Fall Fun Day.***

***Date and time to be announced!***

## WALDENMARK NOSE FOR FASHION QUI RIT (AKA "MILES") TD!!

by Sarah Helber

I am so proud of my Terv puppy Miles - he kept his focus in a new situation around new people and passed the TD test at the Belgian Tervuren National Specialty in northern Ohio in April 2014 to become Waldenmark Nose for Fashion Qui Rit TD! And he was barely 10 months old.



*It may look like snow, but it was clumps of switchgrass - photo by clintjudiphoto*

I drove to Vermont in August, 2013 to bring home a puppy (thence the name "Miles" - we drove miles and miles). After a couple of days to adapt to the new sights, sounds and smells I started him tracking. He took to it with great enthusiasm, and I apparently didn't confuse him.

In late January Miles was certified to enter a test. I must confess it took two tries - the first was around working construction equipment and Miles did well until the track headed back towards the equipment. The next week he did well in a less exciting place, and we mailed our entry for the Texas Tri City TD in Fort Worth.

At Texas Tri City we drew the first track. Miles started well, was pulling hard and seemed quite confident. On the 4th turn he turned right towards the trees at the top of the hill, rather than making an open left turn. He wasn't pulling quite as confidently, but the grass had changed and I thought perhaps he was dealing with the slight change in vegetation . . . until the whistle blew. When the tracklayer put him back on the track he found the correct direction immediately and found the glove 50 yards away.

While I was disappointed in the failure, I was pleased with Miles' performance, so I entered the DFWTC combined TDX/TD test at Fossil Ridge Ranch. I knew it would be a very different environment for this

## MILES TD, Continued

city dog. We found some tall grass to practice in, and I tried to take him to new places, and certainly we practiced open turns, but he was still a puppy and I knew the puppy brain might kick in. On test day we once again drew the first track. I didn't think he would handle riding in the "mule" very well, so we parked the car and walked across the creek and along the path to and into the hay fields. Perhaps it was the different approach to the track, perhaps it was something in the fields, almost certainly it was puppy brain, but once again we failed.

He started well, broke at the first turn, showed the second leg, and then became distracted. He spotted another tracklayer in the distance and decided she really was coming to say "hi". He couldn't take his eyes off of her. Ah well - what's another entry fee?

By this time it was March, the environment was turning green, and Miles was still very much a puppy. If he flushed a bird or a butterfly he might well leap into the air for it. After his performance at the DFWTC test I decided that perhaps I'd pushed him too fast. I had just about decided to wait until fall, much as I hated having to do so. However, I had previously agreed to go to our National Specialty so that Miles' breeder could see him, so I entered the TD test there. I rationalized that maybe the varmints would still be hibernating in northern Ohio in late April, and it certainly wouldn't be hot.

I looked at the long range weather forecast - rain, rain, rain. We practiced in the rain on the couple of days that it rained in Dallas, along with open turns, tall grass, new places and "find it". I looked up the location - Charlemont Reservation - and its website said there were seven ponds. Oh boy!

We left early enough for me to at least get my eyes on the site before plotting day. When we arrived I took Miles out of the car and let him sniff around the parking area. Then we drove around looking for terrain similar to what I had seen. I was having no luck finding anything similar, so I decided that something new in the rain would have to suffice. We went to a state park nearby where I laid a one-turn track along the side of a pond, turning into tall grass near some woods. Miles really struggled. It did not warm my heart. The next day I watched herding, but had noticed some clumpy grass similar to the test site at a fairground not too far away.

The following morning we went to the fairground and I laid a two-turn track. I discovered that the clumpy grass quickly became a bog - but I continued laying my track. When we ran, Miles really struggled and the track became a serious training track. At least I was holding him close to the track when he stuck his head in the water and came up with something that crunched. Who knows what it was, but he got his "food on the track" I suppose. Once again, my heart was not warm.

Finally it was test day. There were 4 TD's and 4 TDX's. Our judges were Carol Ruthenberg and Ken Basra, with apprentice judge Cathy Greenfield. It was not raining yet, but clearly it would be before the morning was out. Our draw articles were really cute hand-made Terv potholders which were made by our chief tracklayer Beth Lange. I drew first, and drew the first track - my favorite!

## MILES TD, Continued

The judges said my track was ready to go, so I put Miles's harness on and we headed to the start. The first leg crossed bands of tall wispy clumpy switchgrass and short winter-green type grass, going directly into the rising sun with a road not far to our left. Miles was not pulling hard, and was not pulling straight, since he seemed to be weaving around the clumps of grass. Somewhere on that first leg there was a large hole. The judges had warned us that the footing wasn't good and that there were holes, but I hadn't envisioned a hole 2 feet wide. Between the sun and the bad footing I decided to watch where I was walking and let the feel of Miles' confidence in the line tell me when he was on the track.



***Clumps of switchgrass in bands - photo by author***



***The pond - photo by author***

About half way down that first leg a tracklayer came out of the woods across the road. The judges apparently waved at her to stop where she was, but Miles' head popped up and he stared at her. Shades of our DFWTC failure! However, when I said "Find It" he put his nose down, and then when I said "Where's your track" he took right on off. I breathed a sigh of relief. We went 150 yards, all the way across the field, almost to the woods, and then Miles took a right turn.

I think it was somewhere alongside the woods that a bird called out to him. Once again, his head popped up, but he went right back to work when I said "Find It" followed by "where's your track". We went about 110 yards to another right turn. He was still pulling confidently, but not so fast that I had to try to slow him. In fact, I would have said he never reared up on his hind legs like he does when I'm not keeping up, but the photographer would prove me wrong.

I was still watching where I put my feet, more or less moving from clump to clump and didn't see it I suppose. After a left turn I found myself thinking nervously that the next turn could be really important. The fact that I had time to think speaks to how well he was working, and how slowly (for him).

## MILES TD, Continued

By now we were tracking near a pond. Lots of birds called out to Miles. At least once more his head popped up, but once again he went right back to work. Finally he broke again, searched, and then made an open turn alongside the pond. Ah - the dreaded open turn next to a pond with birds calling to him. It was "trust your dog" time, and I did. About 50 yards down that leg he stopped and pawed at a glove and looked at me. That was enough indication for me! In a short 10 minutes he had become Waldenmark Nose for Fashion Qui Rit TD.



*Sarah and Miles with Cathy Greenfield, Ken Basra and Carol Ruthenberg - photo by clintjudiphoto.*

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## DUES ARE PAST DUE -- Hurry!

"Membership dues shall be \$10.00 for single membership and \$15.00 for family membership per year."

*Per the LSBTC Constitution:*

A membership shall be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first of June of each year.

**Remit dues to:**  
**LSBTC Treasurer**  
**Shirley Stowe**  
**1517 Cimarron Ridge**  
**El Paso TX 79912**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING, JULY 6, 2014 (DALLAS, TX)**

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m.

### **Attendees**

Members in attendance were: Dennis & Deb Lyons, Glenda Fick, Jeff Curran, Gerard Bermel, Pat Thomas, Cynthia Parker, Sarah Helber, Susan Hervey and Pam White. Guests were Scott and Susan Wilson and Joella Flory.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

### **Report of the President**

None

### **Report of the Secretary**

The Secretary received a membership application and check from a **Leah LeBlanc** in Lafayette, LA, who had gotten a Terv from Eddie Williams (Silvertrace). Unfortunately, there were no sponsor signatures. Sarah had replied to Leah that we require two sponsors, that sponsors like to at least get to know new members before sponsoring, and urged Leah to let us know any shows she might be attending where we could meet her. Sarah also asked the members to keep an eye out for her at our activities. Sarah will stay in touch.

Sarah also reported that she had received an email from Robyn Cosenza, the chair for the 2015 ABTC National Specialty. Robyn is seeking volunteers for all sorts of activities. Sarah said that she would forward the email to the membership. In discussing the 2015 National, Joella Flory said that the Gettysburg location is a great site, but a bit difficult to get to by air.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

The Treasurer's Report was passed around for review. Cynthia told us that the checks for the banquet were lost in the mail. Those who wrote checks should please write her another. Also, dues are OVERDUE!!

### **Report of Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee report was published in the last *Texas Terv Trails*.

### **Election of New Members**

none

### **New Business - 2014 Play Day**

We hope to have a fall "Play Day" in the October/November timeframe. Cynthia and Dennis were going to compare calendars and come up with some alternatives.

### **Braggs**

Glenda bragged on "Streak" who just today finished his Championship! Streak is now CH Blackfyre Greased Lightning (pending AKC approval).

Sarah bragged on "Miles" who passed the Tracking Dog Test at the ABTC National. Miles is now Waldenmark Nose for Fashion Qui Rit TD.

Pat Thomas bragged on "Becka" who earned her L1C (level 1 container element) and earned a leg toward her L1I title (level 1 interior element) at her first nosework trial. Becka was successful in 3 of the 4 elements in the NW1 trial, but that was unfortunately 1 element short of the 4 required for a Q.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the "Play Day". Date and time to be announced later.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

## SHOW RESULTS - TEXAS SHOWS

**LONGVIEW KENNEL CLUB, July 26, 2014, Judge Mr Carl Gene Liepmann**

BB GCH CH Tacara's Racelon Rembrandt CGC CD RN NA, Carol Lautzenheiser

**LONGVIEW KENNEL CLUB, July 26, 2014, Judge Mr Carl Gene Liepmann**

*Puppy Bitches 4 Mos. and Under 6 Mos.*

BPBPB/BPG1 Sky Acres Shamrock Lucky Charm, Pamela Chrystal

**LONGVIEW KENNEL CLUB, July 27, 2014, Judge Ms F Susan Godek**

BB GCH CH Tacara's Racelon Rembrandt CGC CD RN NA, Carol Lautzenheiser

**LONGVIEW KENNEL CLUB, July 27, 2014, Judge Ms F Susan Godek**

*Puppy Bitches 4 Mos. and Under 6 Mos.*

BPBPB/BPG2 Sky Acres Shamrock Lucky Charm, Pamela Chrystal

**HOUSTON KENNEL CLUB, July 18, 2014, Judge Cheryl Paterson**

BB CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes and Melinda Andric

**BEAUMONT KENNEL CLUB, INC., July 19, 2014, Judge Dr Steve Keating**

BB CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes and Melinda Andric

**GALVESTON COUNTY KC, INC., JULY 20, 2014, Judge Ms Minna-Liisa Koltos**

BB CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes and Melinda Andric

**COMAL COUNTY KC INC., July 10, 2014, Judge Mr Charles E Trotter**

BB CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes and Melinda Andric

**BEXAR COUNTY KC INC., July 11, 2014, Judge Mrs Tomas (Alane L) Gomez**

BB CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes and Melinda Andric

**COMAL COUNTY KC INC., July 12, 2014, Judge Mr Jack H Ireland**

BB CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes and Melinda Andric

**BEXAR COUNTY KC INC., July 13, 2014, Judge Dr Carmen L Battaglia**

*Amateur- Owner-Handler Dogs*

1/W/OS Beau Shado Alo Dayo HT, Devota M Swenson

BB CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes and Melinda Andric

## SHOW RESULTS - TEXAS SHOWS, Continued

### TEXAS KENNEL CLUB INC. July 4, 2014, Judge Mrs Patricia A Mowbray-Morgan

#### *Open Dogs*

- 1/W Agape's Fun on the Run, Pamela White
- 2/R Blackfyre Greased Lightning, Glenda Ann Fick

#### *Best of Breed*

- BB GCH CH Stonewall's Let's Make It a Double, Vicki Havicon & Robert Skief
- OS CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes and Melinda Andric
- SEL CH Kindred Special Agent Gibbs CGC, Brenda Steely

### TRINITY VALLEY KC INC., July 5, 2014, Judge Dr Robert A Indeglia

#### *Open Dogs*

- 1/W Agape's Fun on the Run, Pamela White
- 2/R Blackfyre Greased Lightning, Glenda Ann Fick

#### *Best of Breed*

- BB CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes and Melinda Andric
- OS GCH CH Stonewall's Let's Make It a Double, Vicki Havicon & Robert Skief
- SEL CH Cynfyr's Valentine's Day Casanova, Cynthia Parker and Jeff Curran

### GREATER COLLIN KC INC., July 6, 2014, Judge Prof Douglas C Taylor

#### *Puppy Dogs, 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos*

- 1 Tacara's Nicolas Ntlenyana, J. Scott and Susan Wilson, L. Newsome

#### *Open Dogs*

- 1/W/BW Blackfyre Greased Lightning, Glenda Ann Fick
- 2/R Agape's Fun on the Run, Pamela White

#### *Open Bitches*

- 1/W Touchstone's Finale, Lindsay Meyers & Carol Hein-Creger

#### *Best of Breed*

- BB GCH CH Stonewall's Let's Make It a Double, Vicki Havicon & Robert Skief
- OSX CH Sindarin's Where the Magic Begins, Judy M Hawes & Melinda Andric
- SEL Ch Cynfyr's Valentine's Day Casanova, Cynthia Parker and Jeff Curran

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## 2014-2015 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

No additional nominations were received for Club offices for the year 2014-2015, so the slate of the Nominating Committee will take office in October.



**NEW CHAMPION**  
**CH. BLACKFYRE GREASED LIGHTNING**  
*and Glenda Ann Fick*

**NEW LEVEL 1 CONTAINER ELEMENT (NOSEWORK) TITLE**  
**SHUMAKER HILLS BENDIT LIKE BECKA**  
**MX, MXJ, OF, HT, L1C**  
*and Pat Thomas*



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