

Saturday's Tracks

Track #1

Judge – Sally Elkins

A sunny cool morning with sparkling dew on the ankle to knee high native grass was the perfect setting to begin the 2013 NTI. Golden Retriever CT Gaylan's I'll Steel this Dance VCD2 RA SH MX MXJ OF and handler Deborah Abbot from Lebanon, IN. stopped at the start flag just long enough for Devon to pick up the start article. The enthusiastic team moved briskly down the first leg and to the first turn to the left without breaking stride. They headed to and through a heavy canopy of trees, checked out a bird house and park bench before heading right to the second article. After praise from the handler this confident team moved down the track to make a left turn to a ditch and culvert. Just pass the culvert they made a right turn and headed for the lake. Ten steps before the banks of the lake was a wide gravel walking path which was used by hikers as the test began. Devon went to the lake, backed up, checked right and said no it goes left and off they went down the middle of the gravel path to the next article. Continuing down the path they moved confidently on the gravel, easily moved back on to the grass, past a monument and past the turn to cross the street. On the other side of the road Devon showed loss of track and searched to find the scent she had been following. When she moved deeper into the field we called them back across the road. Devon and Deborah flew down the last leg to the final article. The brisk pace with a competent handler made this team a pleasure to judge. Thanks to Curt Curtis for laying this track.

Judge – Betty Winthers

CT Gaylan's I'll Steel This Dance, Golden Retriever, (Devon), Devon started out reaching for the scent and once she got it and away she go. She cast around each corner and off she goes, found both the interim articles, plastic and metal. She came to the last leg took off across the road and went up a slight hill and committed – we called she off. Once she back on track and nailed the last article