

Individual Overall Comments

Saturday Judges

Judge – Sally Elkins

It was a pleasure to again work with Betty Winthers at this very special tracking event. Terry McGauley as chief track layer for our team saw to it that we were escorted through the park to our starts and gave us tips as to where paths would lead us. The guys, Ray Desmarais and Joe Hamzy may have finished plotting their tracks first using modern technology but Betty and I had more fun skipping through the flowers. Thanks to all for the pleasure of judging such well-trained tracking dogs. Sally Elkins

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I was pleased and honor to be invited to judge the 2013 AKC National Tracking Invitational. The events were held at the Bernheim Arboretum, Clermont, Kentucky. AKC Staff, Pam Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking, Test Chairman, Lisa Strickland, Test Secretary, Diane Schultz, Sr. Obedience, Rally and Tracking Representative, and Douglas Ljungren, Vice President of Companion and Performance Events were in attendance. An event of this magnitude cannot be possible without the help of the local clubs, and their members. My co-Judge Sally Elkins and I worked very well together. We were the Saturday team judges with the help of Terry McGauley, Chief Tracklayer, and Tracklayers Curt Curtis, Linda Hurst, Marge Schultz, Cheryl Tisdale, and Jennifer Hall. They were experienced tracklayers – everything went flawless. My sincere appreciation for their help.

This year there were 55 entries – a record. All fifty five are Champion Trackers – We salute you for your outstanding achievement. Saturday, Team 1 five dogs with their handlers in tow and ready to track. The day started out with light fog which cleared up soon and the first track was in.

I enjoyed being part of this wonderful event – Thank AKC for continue to support this project. I like to thank everyone involved with the event – was like smooth sailing.