

Sunday's Tracks

Track #1

Judge – Ray Desmarais

Was run by eight-year-old male German Shepard CT Hoch Berg Targhee V Waterton. The track started with a 50-yard leg in some moderate cover toward the edge of a gravel trail and some higher cover on the right. The track made a left turn to the left of a garden bench and a large evergreen. The dog indicated and made the turn but on the other side of the bench and tree. By the time they got around the large evergreen they were 10-15 yards to the right of the track but recovered to the first article, a metal one, 45 yards past the tree. They came onto the article at the wrong angle and continued on that line off the track for 50 -70 yards then returning to the track onto the other side a similar distance which required some assistance to bring them back to the track. They then negotiated the rest of the track well. The track then made a right turn for 125 yards to a left turn for 40 yards onto a trail through some woods. The second intermediate plastic article was on the trail in the woods. The track exited the woods onto a wood bridge into some more moderate cover. The track went up a small hill and then made a left following a walkway. The final turn was an open one across a 70-yard wooden bridge to the glove just off the bridge. The dog seemed to be better on non-vegetated surfaces and drier surfaces. This team was from Colorado, so may not normally see the dew-laden grass we had on this particular day.

Judge – Joe Hamzy

Went to a German Shepherd Dog dog, Targhee, and handler Dave Freddy. Tracklayer was Ginny Conway. The dog made a nice start down a slight hill and made a good first turn. There was dew on the short grass. Immediately after the turn the team passed a bench and then went through trees to the second article. The dog approached this article at an angle and continued in that direction following the slope of the land and passing two large sculptures on his left. The second turn was made and the track went up a medium slope to the third turn. This turn was just before a busy walkway and eventually followed the walkway and entered a steep path down to a wooden bridge. After leaving the bridge the track went straight into a low area adjacent to a pond. This area was notable during plotting when the tracklayer re-walked the track and found a couple um, well, 'busy' on a blanket. This leg continued to just before a walk/road and turned. The track proceeded on the road and grass to the last turn. This turn was at the approach to another bridge, continued along the bridge, and entered grass at the end to the final article. This was a nice working team.