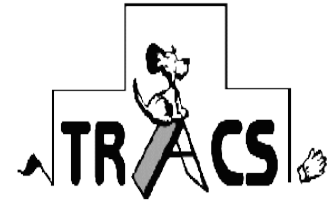




The Art of VST Seminar (2 days)

Hosted by

Sacramento Dog Training Club, Inc. (SDTC, Inc.)
and



Two Rivers Agility Club of Sacramento (TRACS)

Presented by Ray Desmarais, AKC Tracking Judge

Cosumnes River College, 8401 Center Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823

Business & Social Science Building, Room BS129

Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21, 2025

Time: 8:00AM-4:00PM

SDTC, Inc. and TRACS are pleased to present Ray Desmarais. Ray is a well-known and popular AKC tracking judge who was invited to judge the 2013 AKC Tracking Invitational. He has trained and handled Golden Retrievers to numerous TD, TDX, and VST/CT titles and is the chair of Yankee Golden Retriever Club's tracking program. Ray loves tracking and sharing his knowledge and experience through seminars.

This seminar is designed for tracking enthusiasts who have earned a Tracking Dog, Tracking Dog Urban, or Tracking Dog Excellent title and are working toward a VST title. The seminar will focus on helping handlers better understand the art of reading their dogs while tracking in a VST environment. The seminar will consist of classroom lectures, with a PowerPoint presentation, and actual tracking. Each day, all 10 teams will work a short VST track with various elements.

The 2-day seminar will begin, each day, at 8:00AM with classroom lectures, question and answer (Q & A), and working teams tracking a VST track. Sunday, the working teams will run another track utilizing head cam video, followed by classroom debriefing, Q & A, and seminar wrap up. Working teams will receive a copy of their head cam videos on a USB stick. All attendees will receive a seminar handout.

Registration is limited to 10 working teams (1dog/handler). Due to the complexity of VST, teams will be **limited to dogs that have already begun variable surface training. Prior to registering for a working spot, please contact Cindy Hult; cahult@frontier.com to confirm there is a spot available for you and your dog.**

Auditing spots are unlimited and appropriate for handlers at all levels. All dogs are welcomed to attend but must remain crated in the owner's vehicle (there will be opportunity to "exercise", aka potty, your dogs).

Meals included: Lunch and bottled water will be provided on Saturday and Sunday.

Hotels: Check with hotel regarding their pet policy

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 9175 W Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95758, Phone: (916) 478-9000

Extended Stay America, 2201 Longport Ct, Elk Grove, CA 95758, Phone: (916) 683-3753

La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1080 N Lincoln Way, Galt, CA 95632, Phone: (209) 251-7788

Days Inn, 1040 N Lincoln Way, Galt, CA 95632, Phone: (209) 210-1868

Registration Deadline: Mon., Dec. 1, 2025 (All registrations are final. Sorry, no refunds)

Fee: Working Spot: \$265.00

Auditor: \$125.00

Contact information: Cindy Hult cahult@frontier.com

A confirmation notice will be emailed 7-10 days prior to the seminar.

-----Please submit signed release and payment-----

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Working Spot (limited to 10 teams; 1 dog/handler): \$_____

Breed: _____ Dog's Name: _____ Age: _____

Brief description of your VST experience: _____

Auditor: \$_____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please Print Clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please include an email address as all correspondences will be sent by email. Thank you.

Release of Liability: Please read and sign the following statements to indicate your acceptance of responsibility:

I agree to hold Ray Desmarais, Sacramento Dog Training Club, Inc. (SDTC, Inc.), Two Rivers Agility Club of Sacramento (TRACS) and Cosumnes River College (CRC), its officers, directors and members; the Owner or lessor of the competition premises and any employees of same, harmless from any claim of loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused by my dog or any person or thing on the premises or grounds. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claims. In addition, I hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or injury to myself, my dog or my children by any means. I assume responsibility for actions of myself, my dog, and my children as it affects others and their property. I understand that SDTC, Inc. and/or TRACS assumes the right to expel from the grounds any person or dog which in its opinion engaged in any conduct which may be prejudicial to the sport of dog obedience. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of this event.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____