

# Lenape Tracking Club, Inc.

## Newsletter

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Our dinner meeting was very enjoyable, the food was superb as last year. The talk that Charlotte Schwartz and Carol Parkinson gave on the Johnson Seminar they attended last summer, accompanied by their slides and movies was informative and enjoyable as they told stories on each other.

Each dog and handler who earned a TD or TDX title during 1977 were given their awards. The following dogs and handlers earned their awards in 1977. Badger, CDX TD and Sally Lacy; Bee Jay's Hancz Am.&Can. C.D., Am. T.D. and Carol Parkinson; Jodi, UDT and Ronn Loos; Actondale's Fargo C.D.T.D. and Bill Hoops; and O.T.C. Ebony of Springdale Ranch Am. & Can. U.D.T. and Can. T.D.X. and John Miktus.

John Miktus was presented with a Gaines Good Sportsmanship Medal for his "Initiative" in getting Ebony through all three tracking titles in one year despite some set backs along the way. They both set a good example for us each to follow.

Each of the dogs received besides there awards a rawhide chewie, in Ebony's case it was shaped like a footprint, in case John wants to lay some more tracks.

John Miktus and Ebony are participating in an American TDX Match on April 16th, we hope they fare well and perhaps John will write up his experiences at the match for the next newsletter.

Beatrice Smith and her Schnauzer were entered at the Philadelphia DTC Test on April 2nd, since we've heard nothing am asuming there was nothing to report....next time for sure.

This reminds me to say again this is your newsletter, if you want news of your dogs in here or your own accomplishments make sure I know about it, sometimes I hear via the grapevine and sometimes I don't.

Jodi, UDT racked up another super win at the Collie Club of Northern N.J. when she won Utility with a 197½ and Open B with a 198, Highest scoring Dog in Trial and won the Collie Club of America's trophy for Highest Scoring Dog on the Regular Classes.

Ursula Kemp's Sam earned his UD last fall. Several of Ursula's other dogs have been hitting the show curcuit, Hexe earned a C.D., their Father Balou earned his C.D., another brother Tippy has earned his C.D. and two legs on the CDX. Each of the dogs has done it's share of placing in the shows where they earned legs. Sam is currently working on Schutzhund work and is back at work in tracking.

Jack Castor has been accepted for membership in the National Association of Obedience Instructors. The Castors have a new Old English Bitch Puppy, named Margaret who is a cute as can be.

Charlotte Schwartz is also a member of NAOI and is currently serving as the Education Chairman, boy are they lucky to have her in such a position.

Fran Wilmeth discribes Molly Brown, Her Norwich Terrier's heeling as a "bumble bee on a leash as she darts around so much when heeling".



How many have been watching "SAM" each Tuesday night at 8PM on Channel 2. Would be interesting to hear your opinions on the show. My own are that the show being produced by Jack Webb, gives it a rather poor dialogue ala the old Dragnet shows, and many of the situations and their solutions by the "super-dog" Sam are a bit unconvincing at times. He is more believable than the bonic dog anyway. Perhaps we should take a vote as which case was the most unbelievable and which one the most believable.

Newsletter is short this time as we wanted to mail it with the match flyer. But keep those cards and letters coming folks.....

MARK JUNE 5th on your calendars for the next general meeting...details to follow.

## Judges find dog owners liable for 'playful, affectionate' injury

By JOSHUA McMAHON

Dog owners beware. You can be held responsible for any injuries your enthusiastic pet may cause when jumping up to greet a friend or relative, a state appeals court ruled yesterday.

A dog owner, aware of his pet's "overly demonstrative affection or playfulness with a propensity for enthusiastically jumping up on visitors," must take the necessary steps to ensure the animal does not hurt anybody, the court said.

The ruling cited a 1967 decision which stated, "... all dogs, even those ordinarily harmless, have a potential for biting, and that owners should, as the social price of keeping them, compensate those innocently sustaining injury in that fashion."

The Appellate Division of Superior Court opinion resulted from a suit filed by the parents of Denise

bitten and that the Wilkens were not liable for other injuries the dog may have caused.

While the appeals court agreed Denise was not bitten, it reversed the jury findings that the Wilkens could not be held liable and ordered the trial judge to hold a hearing to determine the monetary award for the child.

The decision said Denise's parents did not have to show that the Wilkens were negligent in their handling of the dog but only that the family knew of Prince's similar behavior in the past.

Jannuzzelli, 3, against their East Brunswick neighbors, Edward Wilkens and his wife, Melina.

Jannuzzelli claimed the Wilkens' dog, Prince, bit Denise in the face and neck as she bent down to pet the animal, which was attached to a backyard doghouse by a five-foot chain, the decision said.

Denise required 13 stitches to close the wound, the parents said, according to the ruling.

Wilkens maintained, however, the dog loved to be petted and when somebody ceased the petting, it would jump up in an attempt to have the stroking continued, the court said.

The family asserted Prince had not bitten Denise but had jumped up on her and scratched her with his paws, the opinion added.

A jury had determined the little girl had not been

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The opinion said Wilkens had admitted that on two occasions, prior to the incident with Denise, the dog had "injured small children by jumping up and scratching them on the face with his paws."

Judge Eugene L. Lora, writing for a unanimous court, said knowledge of the "dog's mischievous propensities was clearly admitted and consequently it was not incumbent upon plaintiffs to establish that defendants were negligent in their control of the dog."

The decision added, "The keeping of the animal and the occurrence of the injury within the control exercised, made defendants who had . . . (knowledge of the dog's past behavior) . . . liable as insurers for the injuries sustained."

Judges Baruch S. Seidman, Leon S. Milmed and Lora issued the decision.

### WIZARD OF ID





# 5th Certification Match

Lenape Tracking Club, Inc.

May, 14, 1978

Judge: Mr. Art Hartzell, Laureldale, Pa.

Stockton, N.J.

All tracks will be regulation AKC tracks. All dogs passing these tracks will be certified ready to enter AKC tracking tests by the judge. Dogs with a "T" may enter for exhibition if the tracks are not taken by dogs who have not been certified. There will be 10 tracks. Entries will be taken in the order by which they arrive in the mail. If the number of entries warrants, a list of alternates will be maintained and in the event a dog is withdrawn a replacement from the list of alternates will be notified. This list will be kept in the order by which they arrive in the mail. You will be notified by mail of the status of your dog's entry. Please include your telephone number on your entry in case we need to contact you.

Order of the tracks will be drawn at 7:30 AM on May 14th, 1978.

Entry Fee \$5.00 Make check payable to LENAPE TRACKING CLUB, INC.

Entries close on May 6th at 6PM Please enter on a standard AKC entry form, we have enclosed one for your convenience. Add phone number, please.

Mail entries to: Mrs. Carol Parkinson, 13 Brockton Rd., Trenton, N.J. 08619

For any questions call either Carol Parkinson at 609-587-5535 or Tim Riley at 201-638-4596.

Complimentary donuts and coffee before the drawing for tracks.

Please bring your own lunch, there will be beverages and desserts for sale at lunchtime.

Reminder: Bring boots for wet morning tracks, rain gear, binoculars, chairs.

These tracks are open to all, members and non-members.

Directions: From the North, West and East. Proceed to the Flemington Traffic Circle, junction of Rts. 202 & 31. Follow signs for Rt. 12, Frenchtown around the second circle. At the third circle go past Rt. 12, take next Road (Rt. 523) to Stockton. Proceed 7.9 miles, passing through Sergeantsville at a blinking light. At 7.7 miles a sign on the left will read Sandy Ridge Baptist Church. Staying on Rt. 523 take the next turn onto a dirt road. Go in road to second gate on the left, turn into cabin which will be our headquarters. There will be signs posted.

From South or Southwest: Go to Rt. 29 in Stockton, N.J. heading for Baptistown. Right past the center of Stockton, Rt. 523 bears right, up a hill, proceed in this direction for 1 mile. Turn right onto the dirt road. There will be a chain link fence on the left corner as you turn. Follow the directions above for part.

TRACKLAYERS NEEDED: Great opportunity to learn about tracking and laying tracks. If interested you must report the day before match (May 13th) for the plotting of the tracks by the judge. You will be notified as to the time we will meet if you indicate a willingness to help in this part of the match.

I wish to be a tracklayer \_\_\_\_\_ and can attend on May 13th \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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