

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB, INC.

***** NEWSLETTER *****

MAY 1980

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Our thanks to Ursula Kempe, Barbara Irwin, Charlotte Schwartz and the whole cast of helpers that made the Tracking Experience Days a success. We hope to keep the enthusiasm going. Our special thanks to Jane Henderson for allowing us use of her beautiful grounds and facilities.

At the board meeting April 9th the dates were set for coming events: AUGUST 16, 1980: GENERAL MEETING and PICNIC
(at the MacKinnon's)
NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 1980: FALL CERTIFICATION MATCH
NOVEMBER 15, 1980: GENERAL MEETING

Other determinations at the meeting:

TDX: It was decided that both a TD certification and TDX match on the same weekend was a bit much, even for us, to handle. However, those of you with TD's that want a TDX match should contact any board member or myself to state your ideas and opinions on this matter.

GENERAL MEETINGS: We will try to schedule these meetings at more convenient times, coupled with programs or events, so as to draw maximum participation.

COMMITTEES: We are in the process of establishing permanent committee chairman whose areas of responsibility will be helpful to an events chairman thus distributing the work load of any particular undertaking. But of course, back-up help is always needed and appreciated so feel free to give us a call and we'll try to match you with the right committee for your talents.

PROGRAMS: We need fresh ideas for this area. Must be of interest to the widest possible portion of the membership. Let us hear from you.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 14, 1980

Any member may institute business to the board. We want your thoughts, preferably in writing, but you may call me at home between 7:30 PM and 9:30 PM on weekdays. 201 735 7793

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS:

Jeanne and Marion Smith:

Dickendall's Topaz CD TD passed TD test at Allentown DTC, Nita-Nee KC, Berks County KC and Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac.
MeadowRock's April Showers CD TD passed TD test at Nita-Nee KC, Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac.

CH Dickendall's Balmy Breeze CD passed TD test at Nita-Nee KC.
Tobrelle's Windswept CD passed TD test at Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac.

Tartan's Tobrelle CD completed her CDX at the following shows:

1st leg Oriole DTC 184

2nd leg Lower Camden DTC 190

3rd leg Philadelphia KC 185

She also has the following Breed wins:

Carolina KC WB BOS 2 points

Roanoke KC WB BOS 1 point

Elissa Kirkegard Bush:

Mallyree Molly of Bushmills passed TD test at Allantown DTC, Berks County KC and Town and Country DTC.

Fairlady Bridgette UDT passed TD test at Allentown DTC.

(Unfortunately, the Bushes have since lost Bridgette to cancer.

However, there is a new Irish Water Spaniel in the family.)

Bea Smith:

Dame Sonja Von Leer AM. CDX, CAN. CDX passed TD test at Town and Country DTC.

Ronn and Maeleine Loos:

Jodi became an OTCH by winning Open B at New Brunswick KC Trial. She is the second Collie in the country to attain this title and she is the first OTCH Collie with a TD. On 3/23/80 OTCH Jodi UDT was HIT at the Northern N.J. Collie Club Trial with 197 in Open B. On 4/19/80 Jodi was HIT at the Tri County Collie Breeder's Assoc. Trial with a 197 in Open B. This gave her a 2nd leg on the "DaBobs' Mischief" Challenge Trophy.

Heather McFeather CD finished her CDX title qualifying in 4 out of 5 trials. She was not yet 2 years old at the time.

Pam Riker:

CH Neversink Esmeralda earned her CD on August 31st and earned her TD on October 12th at Suffolk DTC. She also passed TD test at Town and Country DTC.

CH Neversink Big Red has earned his CD.

Fran Wilmeth:

CH Neversink Molly Brown has 2 legs on her CD.

Anieka Vom Ahrtal: OB has completed her CDX.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS CONTINUED:

Joanne and Douglas Irwin:

Spenrock Watermark CD WC passed the TD test at Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland, Inc. on May 3rd.

Joanne and Ralph MacKinnon:

Bit O' Skye's Bonnie Piper CD was 1st place in Grad. Novice and BAIM at Waterland Retriever Club's Fun Day last September. Piper was WB at Lehigh Valley KC for 2 points and Reserve WB at Valley Forge KC. At the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club on April 12 1980 she earned her first CDX leg with a score of 182 and 3rd place.

We received a note from Lillian Puchalski thanking us for sending her Moses' TD Trophy. She explained that she was not able to attend the Awards Dinner because she was in the hospital. It seems she has been in and out of the hospital a number of times since September. We all wish her well and hope that she will be out in the fields tracking again soon.

NEW MEMBERS:

We have received membership applications from the following:

Miss Jean Nevius

111 Broad Street

Flemington, N.J. 08822

201 782 5490

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Raftery

17 Ronald Terrace

West Orange, N.J. 07052

201 731 0749

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RD 2 Linvale Road

Ringoes, N.J. 08551

609 466 0610

Larry and Joyce Tatsch

and Julia

RD Box 81 Lindbergh Road

Hopewell, N.J. 08525

609 466 2684

Hazel and Jennifer Wickman

60 Powdermill Road

Morris Plains, N.J. 07950

201 538 6417

We will be voting on these perspective members at our Picnic Meeting in August. Membership blanks may be obtained by contacting Peg Forte, RD 1, Box 315, Sliker Road, Glen Gardner, N.J. 08826 or phone 201 832 7231.

We have received word of a new Tracking Club being formed in Eastern Massachusetts. It is the DOWN TO EARTH TRACKING CLUB. The club secretary is: Joan Giroux, 2480 Winthrop Street, Route 44, No. Dighton, Mass. 02764. We wish them much success!

AWARDS AT OUR ANNUAL DINNER

Each year we honor those dogs and handlers who have earned their TDs during the previous calendar year with a plaque commemorating all the hours of practice and training that goes into earning a TD.

This year's recipients were: CH Dickendall's Balmly Breeze CD TD, Marion and Jeanne Smith; Tobrelle's Windswept CD TD, Jeanne Smith; Dame Sonja Von Leer CDX TD, Bea Smith; CH Neversink Esmeralda CD TD, Pam Riker; Cummings Desert Wind CD TD, Lillian Puchalski; Mallyree Molly of Bushmills TD, Elissa Kirkegard Bush; and for his Canadian TD earned in 1978 Bee Jay's Hancz CD TD, Carol Parkinson.

With all the Smiths up there for awards we thought we might have to change the name of the club!

Additional Fun Awards were given out, bumper stickers and the like by an impromptu drawing. These livened things up a bit.

We honored one of our own hard working members with the Gaines Medal again this year. Without our recipients hard work on the publicity committee and doing any job when needed, dependably always, many things would not have been possible for the club in the past year. She also proved her sportsmanlike conduct by handling her husband's dog on a TDX track at the Fall Match. For those of you who weren't there and haven't figured out who this is.... Florence Miktus! we managed to keep it a total surprise and she was very surprised. It is members like this that keep a club going strong year after year.

For entertainment, slides from many of the past events as well as last spring's Tracking Experience Day were shown by Fran Wilmeth and Joanne MacKinnon. We enjoyed the memory of the past events, the great food and the presence of many members.

Respectively reported,
Peg Forte

NOTE: The club is looking for any slides or pictures anyone may have taken at any of the Club's events. If you have anything you think the Club might like to have please contact Ralph MacKinnon and he will arrange to reimburse you for additional prints. Our goal is to put together a pictorial history of our Club. We would also make use of such slides and pictures in giving presentations on tracking and on our Club to other interested organizations. Anyone interested on working on this project contact Ralph.

From CHARLOTTE SCHWARTZ

Just thought I'd write and tell you what a fabulous day I had when I visited your Tracking Days. I was proud to be a Lenape member as I watched everyone working together to make the day a success.

Thank you for inviting me to work with beginner dogs and handlers. I had a ball..... and I hope they did, too! By day's end I felt we had communicated sufficiently with the participants to instill enthusiasm and motivation in each one. And I do believe they'll work with their dogs and return to Lenape someday for advanced work and/or problem solving. I hope I'll be around to work with them again.

You know, it's such a rewarding experience for me when I meet folks who love their dogs and enjoy teaching them new things via humane methods. And when we can grasp such positive, pleasurable methods as Glen's, it becomes even more meaningful because the dogs respond with such enthusiastic reliability.

I wish there was more time and opportunities to demonstrate to dog people how successful they can be when they choose positive reinforcement over negative recognition. My dogs love to track and I credit it Glen's method with our successes. If I could live a million years I know I would never have been able to teach a sight hound to track without it. So I figure, if I can do it, so can anyone!

REPORT ON TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAYS:

Thirty one dog- handler teams and a few spectators were on hand to participate in our Beginners Day and what a beautiful day it was! The morning session began with an in-depth discussion on tracking and the Glen Johnson method in particular conducted by Charlotte Schwartz. The group was then divided in smaller groups for actual in the field work. Club members acted as field instructors and supervised as each participant was given the opportunity to actually start their dogs in tracking. After lunch break there was time for more discussion and an introductory lesson on corners. Then it was back to the fields to try what they had just learned. The work on corners was done to prepare the handlers for week three of the Johnson Method when the dogs will actually be ready for this instruction. Everyone went home tired I'm sure as we all enjoyed a very full instructive day.

The second day of our Experience Days dawned clear and bright. Now it was the Club members turn to work with their problems plus part of the session was devoted to TDX work.

Our Tracking Experience Days proved to be a very successful endeavor.

Respectively reported:

Joanne MacKinnon

REPORT ON THE MAY 3rd FOLLOW UP TO OUR TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAYS:

Even though the group was small (10 dog-handler teams) those that attended the May 3rd follow up felt it was well worth their time. On hand to help our beginners were Pam Riker and Joanne and Ralph MacKinnon. We began the session with a group discussion to determine what problems had developed, how often each one had managed to get out and any questions in general. Then we went to the fields and each team was able to go through one session of the day four schedule. The instructors were able to watch each team and point out handling errors and give general encouragement. We ended the session with a discussion on whether the group felt the day was a worthwhile session and if they would like to continue the sessions providing the land was available. The answer was an unanimous YES! It was decided to meet on Saturday, June 7th at 9:00 AM at the cottage on the Henderson Farm. Anyone who attended the April 19th session is invited to come along on June 7th providing you have been getting out with your dog. This will not be a Beginning session. This will be a continuing instruction for those that have been getting out with their dogs. Call Joanne MacKinnon 201 735 7793 by Wednesday, June 4th if you plan to attend.

Respectively reported:

Joanne MacKinnon

NEWS FLASH*****

Allentown DTC held a TDX Match on the Smith Farm in Quakertown, Pa. on Friday, May 2, 1980. Lenape Tracking Club member Elissa Kirkegard Bush and Molly her Irish Water Spaniel successfully completed their track. Of the three entries they were the only successful team however, Marion Smith, another Lenape member, was also entered and even though the dog missed the first turn she was successful on the rest of the track. Another Smith entry also had problems at first but clearly showed she was capable of doing a TDX track. The judges, Will Hutchins and Carole Crothers were both favorably impressed by the ability of the dogs.

BOOKS AVAILABLE

Glen Johnson's TRACKING DOG - THEORY AND METHODS is now available through the Lenape Tracking Club on a first come basis- one to a customer at over a 15% discount. Our price to anyone receiving this newsletter is \$10.00 (list price is \$11.95). Payment in full reserves your copy. Add \$1.50 for shipping. Send check payable: Lenape Tracking Club, Inc. to Ralph R. MacKinnon, Box 87A RD 1, Pittstown, N.J. 08867.

SCENT HURDLE TEAM ACTIVATED

Lenape Tracking Club's Scent Hurdle Team has been holding practice sessions at the home of Richard and Charlotte Yurasek on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Anyone interested in joining should contact Charlotte Yurasek and indicate a preference for day and time other than what has been stated above if that time is not convenient. The team will be participating at the Allentown DTC Trial on Saturday, May 17, 1980 at Macungie, Pa. If you plan to attend the trial come on over and cheer for us. The team scheduled to participate is as follows:

Pam Riker and Misty (Norwich Terrier)
Joanne MacKinnon and Roxie (Golden Retriever)
Charlotte Yurasek and Girl (German Shepherd)
Richard Yurasek and Bull (German Shepherd)
Our steward will be Peg Forte

INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT

Anyone seeking information on equipment such as where to get a non-restrictive harness, what kind of cord is good for the line, how long a line, etc. should contact Peg Forte, Box 315, RD 1, Sliker Road, Glen Gardner, N.J. 08826 or Joanne MacKinnon, Box 87A, RD 1, Pittstown, N.J. 08867.

NEAR-BY FALL TRACKING TRIALS

Allentown DTC --Tracking Test-- Sunday, September 21, 1980
Berks County DTC -- Tracking Test-- Sunday, October 12, 1980

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1980!!!!

Please forward any news to news editor Joanne MacKinnon. Due to the cost of printing and postage we will have to limit the size of the newsletter but please feel free to send along any news-worthy items and we will do our best to include them in future issues. If you would like to help with the newsletter or if you have any suggestions please contact Joanne at 201 735 7793.

NOTE*** WATCH FOR AN ANNOUNCE OF A " NAME THE NEWSLETTER " CONTEST!

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