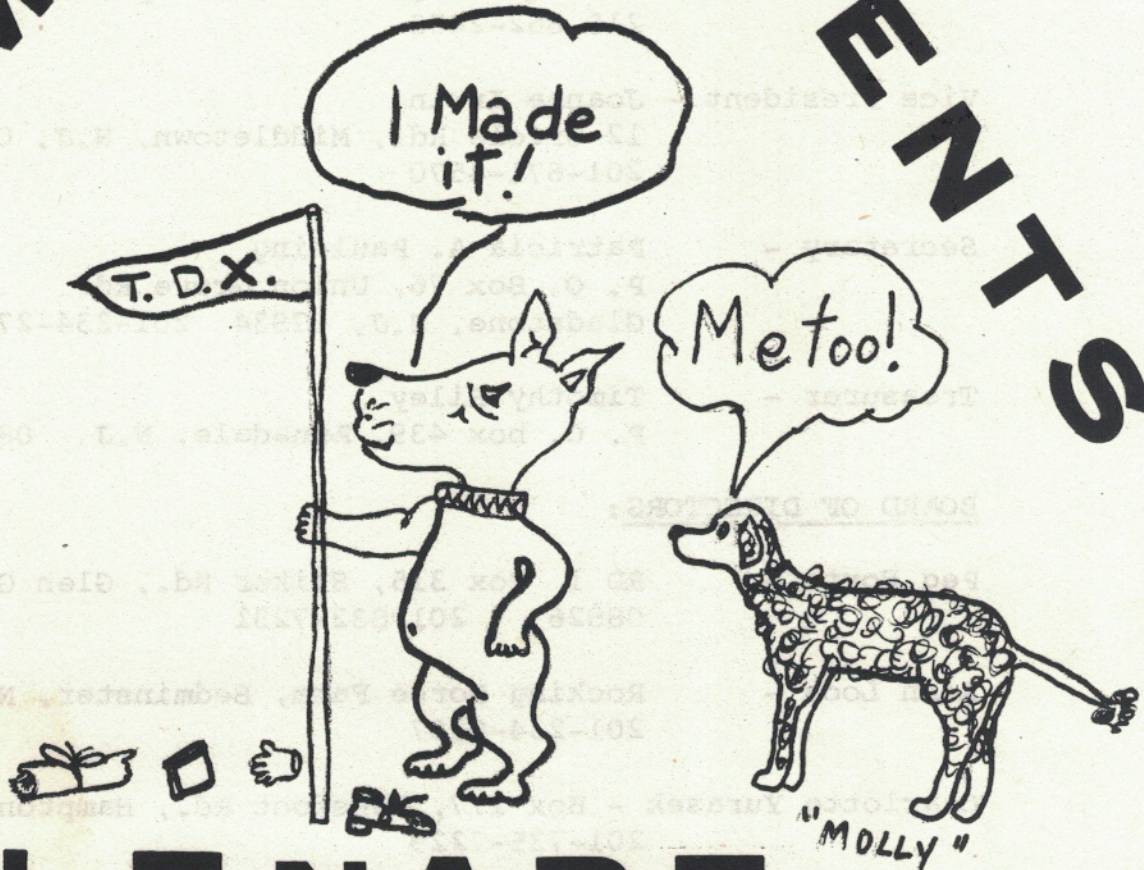


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Art Work for cover or any other column of your Newsletter would be greatly appreciated. ~~Send this material to Peg Forte.~~

Tracking is alive and well at Lenape if the turn out of the Experience Day is any indication. Over 50 people showed up in the wind, rain and muck to be inspired by our own Charlotte Schwartz. We are fortunate to have our own guru. The enthusiasm was such that some 30 people signed up for the first follow-up day. A number of people expressed interest in membership, so the number of the club continues to grow. Lets have a good turn out of members on the follow-up day to help the new comers and refresh your own dog. Someone will lay a track for you.

As the new president, it is most engouraging to see so many people and dogs being turned on by tracking. We are obviously a viable group with much to offer to new comers and veterans. We now have two members with TDX dogs and a few others working in that direction. We will continue to provide opportunities for problem solving, practice sessions and certification matches. We offer our cooperation with obedience clubs and offer assistance and support for the tracking test, such as the Princeton Tracking Test coming up in June. In addition, we will continue our summer Fun Day Picnic, our fall educational meeting and our winter Award Banquet; so happy tracking the weather has to improve.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 27 1982

The March 27th Annual Dinner Meeting had a turn out of 25 members. Everyone enjoyed socializing with members not seen for awhile and a good dinner.

The proposed slate of officers and directors was presented and unanimously approved. The new officers are as follows:

Fran Wilmeth - President
Pat Paulding - Secretary

Joanne Irwin - Vice President
Tim Riley - Treasurer

Directors: Peg Forte, Ronn Loos, Charlotte Yurasek, Janet Osoliniec and
Gail Castro.

Ralph MacKinnon, exiting president, thanked the officers and members for their support and professionalism and expects them to give the same loyalty to the new officers.

I'm sure the membership will join me (Pat Paulding) in saying "Thanks" to Ralph and Joanne MacKinnon for the excellent service they have both given Lenape these past years.

The program for the evening was unexpected and enjoyable. Peg Forte taped Charlotte Schwartz when she appeared on "Consumer Line" in March '82. Peg brought her tape machine in and Tim brought his TV in, thus the program was Charlotte Schwartz and Barbara Woodhouse and tapes on scenting work.

Our thanks to Tim and Peg for their kindness in bringing this equipment to the restaurant.

Hope to see more members at our next General Meeting.

TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY
APRIL 3, 1982

Believe it or not, 51 out of 54 registered applicants for the Experience Day reported on rainy, sloppy, nasty, miserable April 3, 1982. Not only did these people with their dogs (some small, some large long coats and some whom I'm sure would have liked a rain coat) showed-up, but they brought an interest and enthusiasm that helped to dull the rain.

Charlotte Schwartz gave her talk and showed her slides to a very interested group and then proceeded to the field. I personally worked with two small dogs (a Mini-Poodle and Border Terrier) in a downpour, needing windshield wipers for my eye glasses, and was amazed how these two dogs were anxious to keep going.

Our stay in the field was short due to the bad weather, but the questions were still many when we got back to the house and a large group signed up for the follow-up on April 24th.

I wish to thank Charlotte and Dorothy for coming all that distance and working so hard with the applicants in such bad weather. Also my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Group Leaders for another job well done; and my thanks to all members in attendance for making the day the success that I believe it was in spite of the weather.

Last, but not least, Lenape wishes to thank all participants for their cooperation in arriving on time and not complaining about the weather. We hope our follow-up on April 24th. will be nicer (I have put my order in for a clear day).

Remember, our follow-up will be on April 24th at 9 a.m. at the same location. If you have any questions please contact Pat Paulding (201-234-2785).

SEE YOU ON APRIL 24th.

TRACKING TEST

The Princeton Dog Training Club will be holding their first AKC Tracking Test on Sunday, June 13, 1982 at Assunpink Wildlife Management Area, Clarksburg, New Jersey. Entry Fee will be \$12; entries limited to 10 dogs; closing date 6 p.m. June 7, 1982 or when the numerical limit has been reached. Mail entry with fee, check or money order in US funds, payable to Princeton Dog Training Club to Joanne Irwin, 12 Oriole Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748.

Joanne is the new Vice President of Lenape and I am sure if you have any questions, she will be more than happy to answer them.

Good Luck to all who enter!

IN MEMORY OF ROYAL

by Charlotte Schwartz

Royal, O'Bre-On's Gyrfalcon Brandy Lane, TD, is gone now. Gone forever to, I hope, a sunlit field somewhere beyond to spend eternity racing across the windswept grasses in pursuit of her dreams. And I am left behind to remember her and heal the wounds of my loss. Part of the healing must be this memorial, a final tribute to a proud, gentle dog who lived every moment of her four and one-half years as if it were the best.

Undoubtedly she was the most talented dog I've ever known, and because she was, she had more friends than many humans. When she died people sent flowers, plants, cards and letters. The phone rang for days and everywhere I went, people stopped me to express their sorrow.

Her talents began emerging when we first met. She was eleven weeks old when Kathy O'Briend introduced us. Shortly after that, I began to teach her to track. Before many weeks passed, I introduced her to obedience class and she excelled. Then, at 16 months of age, she went to Maryland and passed her first Tracking Trial to become the first and only Ibizan with a TD.

Next, came back-packing. In four short weeks she learned to walk, off lead, behind me through forest trails carrying a specially made back-pack which contained our food and supplies. As long as she wore her back-pack, she never left the trail, ignoring squirrels, birds, and many other small animals of the forest habitat. Once we stopped to rest and I removed her pack, she'd bound through the woods to chase whatever wildlife she saw. Then a special whistle signal from me would bring her racing back to the camp-site to lay quietly beside me as we ate and rested.

The breed ring was the least of her favorite activities. It seemed senseless to her and most unrewarding. Though she was truly elegant in form, I did not pursue it because, I, too, found it equally unrewarding. We treasured her few blue ribbons and went on to more exciting horizons.

In all of these activities, Royal had quelled her natural instincts to do what I had asked. Now, after learning to be my hiking companion, I felt she should be given the opportunity to do what Ibizans have been doing for centuries. So, we began lure-coursing. And, oh how she loved it!

She earned her two first place ribbons in short order and continued to add up the points toward her Field Championship. As the motor of the lure machine whined in the wind, she'd jump up and down in anticipation of the chase. And, at the start, it was all I could do to keep her four feet on the ground until we heard that exciting "Tally Ho".

But, now all these things we did together have stopped, so tragically soon for both of us. I could not know that day I took her to the doctor to be spayed that she'd never make it. Ironically, I made the decision to spay for her. No more, I reasoned, would she be in season every spring and fall, just when we wanted most to track and hike and race.

And when she left, she took with her a significant portion of my heart. But I must not think of her as having left for good, for as one mourner wrote, "Wherever Royal is, she's waiting for your - grateful for your training and love." So, Royal, my friend, wait for me. Surely, Sooner or later, we will be together again.

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TID-BITS

ANOTHER AMERICAN
TDX

On Monday, March 29, 1982, Elissa Bush and "Molly" participated in a TDX trial in Suffolk, Long Island. "Molly" is an Irish Water Spaniel and Elissa believes the first of her breed to have completed a TDX track in the United States.

"Molly" had the first track of the day and she ran it in 25 minutes at a very regular pace, never having any difficulty and finding all three articles without any trouble. You can believe when she found the last article Elissa said she was speechless. In fact, Elissa could think of nothing better to do than cry. . . so she did and so did the judges, her friends and even her track layer! It was a moment she shall never forget nor will she ever forget the amount of time, emotion, frustration and energy she had poured into it. Elissa states that she shall miss being in the field with "Molly" in her harness at the end of a forty foot lead working on the mysteries of scent. In the meantime, Elissa is still on Cloud 9 and "Molly" is content basking in her glory and being given steak, ice cream and chicken as her reward for a job "well done".

Elissa is hopeful the club will have more TDX dogs this Spring and Fall. She feels we are finally figuring out some answers to this difficult and frustrating degree.

Perhaps Elissa will come to one of our tracking follow-up days and share some of her secrets with the beginners and other members.

Our congratulations to "Molly" and Elissa on their accomplishment.

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A Schipperke named "Marward's Indelible Ink" (Della) who lives with Fran Wilmeth earned her first leg in CD at Staten Island with a 186½. Keep up the good work "Della" and Fran.

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On February 25, 1982 a 6lb. 6oz. Sean Michael arrived at the home of Carol and Vince Parkinson (Carol is a tracking judge who judged at our Fall Certification in 1981). Congratulations to the proud parents.

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Janet Horn had a business Winter with her dogs and has the following to report:

Two champions were finished on the Florida Circuit in January - Ch. Eastern Waters' Leonessa, handled by Dan, and Ch. Eastern Waters' Domara's Aloha handled by me. Our Special, Ch. Eastern Waters' Coeur DeLion, went Best of Breed in four out of five Florida shows he was entered in. Leonessa went WB at the Garden in February.

We wish Janet continued success with future shows.

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Peg Forte has contributed an amusing anecdote for us to share. She writes..."After having Bernese Mountain Dogs for eight years, I had gotten quite used to the usual questions we get...what kind of dog is that?...is that an odd colored Saint Bernard?...is that a small Saint? So when a mature Golden Retriever joined our family of dogs I was looking forward to going places and not having to answer all those questions. How wrong I was. I took the Golden along on an outing to watch sled dog races and was twice asked what breed of dog he was, and once if he was a purebred Golden. An those questions didn't come from the northern breed people, either."

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BUYER BEWARE:

Peg Forte brought the tag from a new product on the market which is being sold in the dog food section in the supermarkets. It is called JUICEE TREAT. It is touted as being the first healthy, beefy flavored drink especially for dogs, developed by a veterinarian and a so-called cure all for the dog who does not get enough to drink. The tag on the bottle (which sells for \$1.29) says: "How would you like to drink nothing but water all your life...?" Since the basic ingredients of the product are sugar water and beef flavor, the conclusion is buyer beware! Your dog does NOT need sugar water in its diet. Water is just fine!!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tracking Experience Day Follow-up - Jane Henderson's
Farm, Stockton, N. J. 4/24/82 9 a.m.

Annual Picnic - August 1982

Fall Match Certification - 11/14/82



FOUNDED in 1975

The Lenape Tracking Club, Inc. of Hunterdon County in western New Jersey was formed in June of 1975 by a small group of people interested in tracking. Membership in the club has averaged over 40 persons each year since its founding.

Our purpose in forming the club was to do all in our power to assist people in training their dogs in the sport of tracking, to encourage sportsmanlike competition in tracking tests and to sponsor educational programs of interest to tracking enthusiasts.

To further its goals the club has held fun matches, certifying matches which simulate actual tracking trials, learning and training sessions. In 1979 the club held its first TDX match.

Club members work together in pairs and small groups throughout the year to train their dogs to track, encouraging each other when they have problems and cheering each track well done. The club publishes a Newsletter to keep all members informed of up coming events. Each March we hold a dinner during which we present awards to each member-dog team earning a TD or TDX anywhere during the previous year. One of our most popular events is our annual picnic held in August each year where the dogs are allowed to bring their owners. Highlight of the picnic is an obstacle course where the dogs really put their handlers through the paces.

In 1978 we formed a Scent Hurdle Racing Team and while we have not been too active in this area to date, we hope to really put together a couple of good teams this year.

That about sums up the Lenape Tracking Club, Inc. We are looking forward to a very active and productive future. KEEP ON TRACKING!!