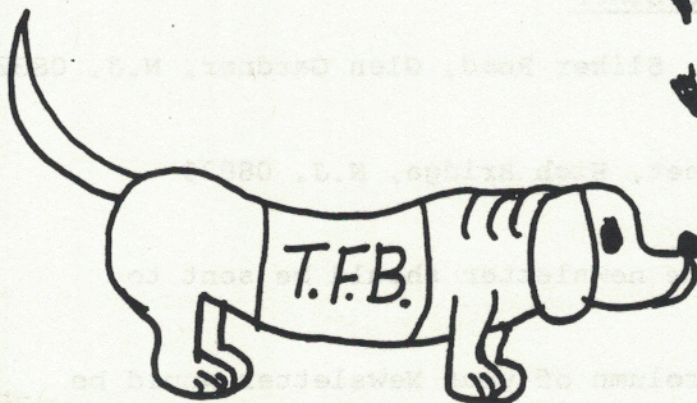


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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The 1983 Certification Match is now history. It was certainly a success with ten entries. We only wish that more than two had gained the coveted certification. All entries demonstrated a basic knowledge of what tracking is all about, but seemed to get hung up on a corner or were blown downwind. The judge, Lisa Kirkegard, was not quick to blow the whistle and gave the struggling dogs lots of time to figure out the turns. The details of entries and qualifiers appear elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Our thanks to the Match Chairperson, Janet Quodomine, for doing an excellent job. But this match would not run without the help, skill, loyalty and generosity of a few faithful club members who come year after year to lay track, provide extra food, transportation, hospitality, knowledge and contribute two days of their time. These include Pet, Forte, Ralph and Joanne Mac Kinnon, Pat Paulding, Gail Castro and Joanne Irwin. One new member, Paul Harris, also helped out by hand delivering entries from the two certified teams to the Burlington County Kennel Club Trial representative. Another new member Mae Dell also helped with the cleaning up. We would like to see more members take part in the match. It is a great learning experience as well as a real fun weekend with the most enjoyable people you'd ever want to meet. One could also mention the exercise and fresh air which must of us need.

The Club has only two working events a year, the Fall Match and the Spring Experience Day. There have been about fifty paid members for the last several years and yet only fifteen to twenty percent of the membership participates in the chief functions of the Club. We would like to see an increase in participation in the next year. Let us know what we should do to attract your attention.

We thank Peg Forte for arranging the joint meeting with her Bernese Mountain Dog Club on November 5th. We had a chance to handle some Club business and also, all present seemed interested in the speaker and his techniques for establishing dominance over our pack animal friends. There were several requests for another meeting in the Spring. so we can learn rule 3 and 4. This is a possibility.

Congratulations to June Oswald who got a TDX on her springer the first try! And congratulations to Peg Forte who put a TD on her Bernese puppy!

Our next major event will be the annual Award Dinner on March 31, 1984. Watch for details in the January-February Common Scents. The Experience Day will be April 7, 1984 in Stockton, New Jersey. Mark these events on your calendars now and become a participating member of Lenape.

FRAN WILMETH





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 31, 1984 - General Meeting - Annual Award Dinner  
April 7, 1984 - Tracking Experience Day

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\*Doug and Joanne Irwin's Chocolate Lab, "Reggie", got Open Dog, Chocolate, at the Mid-Jersey Labrador Retriever Specialty, October 1983. This is the second time he has earned this class at this Specialty.\*\*

\*In October 1983 Mary Rose Coyle's "Amy" (Norfolk Terrier) took Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed for a 3 pt Major at Union County. "Amy" also went Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex for 2 pts. at Palisades Kennel Club.\*\*

\*Also in October (what a good month for our people) June Oswald's Ayr's Mornin' Chocolate, TD (Chocolate Lab), better known as "Chipper", became Chipper, TDX at his first trial at Philadelphia Dog Training Club on Sunday, October 16. June says she could never had done it without the tracks laid by Bill Hutchins and Laurella McClelland and the many, many motivational tracks laid by Linda Knouse.\*\*

Congratulations to all. October was quite a month for members and it was really good to hear from them all. This is your column to report whatever accomplishments, failures or funnies you may have.

\*Ann Nowakowski's German Shepard bitch "Erika" (co-owned) has attained her Utility Degree making three legs in four shows. Nice going "Erika".\*\*

\*On October 29th at the Port Chester Training Club Tracking Test, Peg Forte's "Quila" earned her T.D. (See article in this newsletter about how following Lisa Kirkegard's advice on training puppies to track made this possible.)\*\*

\*Paul Harris, who started training his English Springer Spaniel, "Damon" this spring is pleased to say that they have earned their T.D. at the Burlington Kennel Club's test on November 20th. We are especially pleased that they have earned their T this fall as "Damon" is an excellent hunting dog and keeping his mind on tracking during the fall hunting season wasn't easy ...was it paul?\*\*

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\*Edie Braginton called the other day to report some news of her Weimeraners. "Ginny", who was the only dog to certify at the 1982 Lenape match earned her T.D. at Burlington on the 20th. "Ginny's" daughter "Peggy" has earned her C.D. this fall. At their Specialty she scored a 192 and second place. At Palisades she scored a 188½, at Lower Camden she scored a 190 and was Highest Scoring Weimeraner In Trial, and she finished up with a 192½ at the Morris Hills Trial. "Ginny" has been bred again and Edie has moved back in with her parents to await the arrival of the puppies. \*\*

\*Randie Meyer, who has moved to New Hampshire was also entered at Burlington (we assume with a Belgian) where they earned a T.D. Randie recently became a Provisional Tracking Judge. Congratulations and Good Luck, Randie!\*\*

\*Burlington's test also had the two dogs who were certified at our match the week before. Harold Edwards and his German Shepherd bitch, "Bee Jay's Princess Mandy" C.D. and an excellent tracking German Shorthaired Pointer, Ch. "Brunella Von Graufels" owned by Marilyn Gates. Unfortunately neither of these dogs were successful at the test, but we wish them good luck and are sure they will earn their T's soon.\*\*

\*Our fall match was held on a beautiful sunny day, quite a contrast to the day before when we plotted tracks in the bitter cold. Our entries varied from a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Bearded Collie, 4 German Shepherds, 2 English Cockers, 1 English Springer and a German Shorthaired Pointer. (Wonder how that would sound to the tune of the Twelve Days of Christmas'). Every dog and bitch entered showed us they at least had the idea of what tracking is about and we expect they will all be earning T's soon. Only one match entrant was a member of Lenape and while it was refreshing to see so many new faces at the match it sure would have been nice to see more of the Club members entered with their dogs. So how about planning ahead to the next fall's match, start training those dogs now.\*\*

It is heartwarming to know some folks have started thinking about joining again for next year. Have already received June Oswalds's 1984 dues.\*\*

And then there's Toni Broullaird who moved to Connecticut several years ago. She wrote that she "finally got to the bottom of my to do pile and noticed the March/April issued of Common Scents with a black dot on the label." She enclosed her 1983 dues and the 1984 dues also. Welcome back to Lenape, Toni.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR 1984 DUES, INSIDE OF BACK PAGE FOR DETAILS.



## TRACKING WITH A BERNESE PUPPY

In the May/June newsletter we had an article on training puppies to track. Using Lisa's advice in the article and following Glen Johnson's book "TRACKING DOG" with my young Bernese bitch puppy Aquila since early August, has brought us to the point of certification. (Oct. 4, 1983) Quila is entered in two tracking tests in October. The Town and Country Tracking Test on Oct. 22nd and the Port Chester DTC Tracking test on Oct. 29th.

Since this is the first puppy I have trained to track I really can't say if she progressed so quickly because she is still a puppy or if she is a unique puppy. Only after training several Bernese puppies would one be able to make that determination. If I am fortunate enough to have the opportunity to train other Bernese puppies and/or observe other Bernese puppies tracking I would then be in a position to state which is so.

Glen Johnson suggests keeping a notebook or diary of each tracking lesson. Because I followed this training tool it is easy for me to go back to the beginning and relate the details of Aquila's progress.

On Aug. 11th Greg (my 10 year old son) and I were waiting at the vet's office for Quila to get her last puppy shots. There were a lot of animals ahead of us and the waiting room was crowded so we were waiting outside for our turn. The wait was long and boring so I asked Greg to walk a short straight track and to lie down at the end and we'd see just what Quila would do. Like most ten year old boys, Greg didn't follow my instructions. He walked up about 35 yards, turned left and walked into some taller grass. I called to him to stay put and to lie down. Quila had been ignoring what was going on but when I told her to "go find Greg" she took off, head down sniffing for a few feet. Then she lifted her head and looked ahead, not seeing Greg she started sniffing

the ground. When she reached the corner she did a classic loss of track indication - lifted her head - she then checked to the right and finding no scent that way she checked to the left and tracked head down right up to a surprised Greg.

Figuring that this was beginners luck and with the hot weather it was several days later when I had the opportunity to try anything more. The next time Greg double-laid some short tracks (10-20-40 yards) twice for us. Quila tracked happily and brought the glove to me each time whereupon a great fuss was made. After two more occasions of informally tracking with Quila and each time being amazed that she really did seem to know what to do, I decided it was time to get serious.

The fifth day I remembered to take food along to use on the tracks (hotdogs) but found that all Quila wanted was the hotdog and she was no longer interested in picking up the glove. At this point I decided to eliminate the use of food for a few days based on my previous experiences with tracking dogs I felt Quila would do better without the food. When I made this choice I knew that it could backfire and that we might end up starting all over again with food drops but decided it was a risk I was willing to take. To encourage her to pick up the glove again, for a few evenings we went out and played with the glove. These sessions seem to renew her interest in the retrieving the glove at the end of the track.

At this point I went back and followed Johnson's training schedule fairly closely. We were able to get out about every other day, usually early in the morning or late evening. Having the use of some fields nearby helped to cut down on the time we had to spend out tracking in the heat. My notations on the weather and grass conditions for 15 days were almost identical, dry, hot, grass medium to short and very dry, ground hard and dry. In other words the conditions were lousy to train a dog to track and Quila kept amazing me by doing well each day.



There were occasional days when Quila didn't do well like the second day of working turns (all turns the first three days go to the right into the wind). Of course it may have been the fact that the dumb tracklayer (in this case me) who was so intent on getting the turns into the wind that she made them to the left instead of to the right. First turns are made to the right as dogs tend to turn to the right naturally, so they are more successful when the first turns are to the right. After many successful turns to the right then you make the turns to the left. Quila went back to right turns for several days and the next time the turn was to the left she did just fine.

It wasn't until Sept. 22 and day 22 of her training that Quila actually had wet grass to track in and it seemed to throw her off a bit. About this same time I had to stop using the flags at the turns as Quila would go up to them and pull them out of the ground. Obviously she couldn't continue to track carrying that in her mouth so I would have to take it from her which would distract her from working out the turn. Once the flags at turns were eliminated she tracked the corners well.

From the beginning of Quila's formal tracking training I kept in mind the things she would have to eventually learn for TDX Tracking. When the fields allowed I would lay two or three tracks at once and when we tracked we would do all at one time like one long track. So she was retrieving two or three articles on this one long track. When we approached the starting flags I would let her choose the direction of the track. About this time (day 23) I decided to try her on a track with three turns to see what she could or would do. She did fine and I made a notation on that morning's page that she would soon be certified. That afternoon the opportunity came about for me to lay another track, this one was nearly regulation length and had five turns. She worked that one very well also, then I was really excited and more convinced that she would soon be ready for certification.

The following day she had the opportunity to track some other people's tracks and she wasn't as strong, but she tracked them. It is sometimes difficult to find someone to go out tracking with at the times I can find to go out (for instance tonight while my roast was cooking I zipped over to a nearby field, laid a track, aged it 30 min., tracked Quila and was gone for less than a hour) so I have been forced to lay most of Quila's tracks myself.

Reference has been to Certification in this article, for those of you who may not know what that is, let me explain. In order to enter an AKC Tracking Test your dog must be certified by a tracking judge to be ready to enter such a test. This means that a judge will lay your dog a track unseen by you the handler that is at least a half hour old with only the starting flags in place. In other words a track just like you will face in a test. If your dog is successful the judge will write you out two certifications. One of these must accompany your entry form, or you will not be able to enter a tracking test.

We made an attempt at certification on Sept. 29th. We were not successful. There could be a multitude of reason but the main one was the handler (me) didn't read (or trust) my dog enough. Lisa Kirkegard, a tracking judge and author of last month's article said that one thing she may not have emphasized in her article was that puppies can be very inconsistent. But Quila did show that she sort of had the idea and Lisa said take her home, try to practice with other people laying her tracks and come back the next week. This is what we did and the second time after a poor first leg and first turn, she tracked like a pro and was certified.

The training continues as often as possible. Quila needed to try acute turns, which she has been doing for a week now. Also on the schedule are tracking on hilly areas and in alfalfa fields, plus more experience on other people.



If we are successful in either test it will probably be because Quila seems to be a natural at tracking. If one is willing to persevere most dogs can learn to track, but having been around tracking for some ten years now and having watched a lot of dogs track it is obvious that some dogs are easier to train to track than others. I urge you to consider trying tracking, the rapport that builds between you and your dog is different from any other dog-human relationship. Believe me it's worth all the miles of walking.

On Oct. 29 Wyemede's Aquila v. Butik earned her Tracking Dog title at the age of 6 months 24 days. We did not begin training to set records, if we have done so we are proud. But we are proudest of the fact that Quila thoroughly enjoys her tracking times and I am hopeful her enthusiasm and willingness to track will now take us to the difficult T.D.X. and that her eagerness to please will carry over into the obedience ring.

Peg Forte



## Dog-lovers' dilemma: 2 symposiums on 1 day

By Deborah Lawson  
Special to The Inquirer

Once again, both the University of Pennsylvania veterinary school's annual symposium and that of the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club will occur on the same day, Jan. 28. This poses a dilemma for local fanciers who find both immensely valuable.

The Penn event is geared more toward serious breeders and exhibitors, while the Lehigh feature, called the "Canine Learning Experience," is for everyone from the owner of a mixed-breed pet to the most sophisticated exhibitor/breeder.

Moderators and topics at Penn will include Drs. Charlotte Sheppard and Donald F. Patterson, who will speak on "Recognizing and Controlling Genetic Diseases of Dogs"; Drs. Lawrence Glickman and Carl Kirkpatrick, "Diseases Transmissible from Dogs to Humans," and Dr. Alan Klide, "Acupuncture."

The presentations, followed by question-and-answer periods, are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The \$25 fee includes lunch and parking. Attendance is limited to 200. For information, call Dr. Josephine Deubler, 898-8862.

The Canine Learning Experience annually attracts several thousand dog lovers to Agricultural Hall, Allentown Fairgrounds. In addition to the scholarly and pet-care topics discussed on Jan. 28, the annual match show judged by professional handlers will follow on Jan. 29. Many local dog clubs and humane societies will distribute information on grooming, dog care and their specific breeds. For information, phone

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## REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee places in nomination for the Officers and Directors of the Lenape Tracking Club, Inc. the Following candidates:

President:	Patricia Paulding
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	Ronn Loos
	Mary Stuart
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	Fran Wilmeth

Additional nominations may be made, in writing, to Peg Forte, Chairperson, RD 1 Box 315, Sliker Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 no later than March 16, 1984. The membership will be advised of any additional candidates prior to the March 31th Annual Award Dinner Meeting, at which time elections will be held. Please remember that only those members current in payment of dues may participate in elections.

## TRACKING TESTS

In each newsletter we print a listing of the upcoming Tracking Tests and TDX Tests that are being held in NJ or nearby states. This is just to give you an idea of when and where tests are being held and to whom to send entries. These listings are taken from the AKC Gazette, they are not always accurate and by the time we put them in the newsletter many have filled up.

It is especially difficult to get into a TDX test. So if you are really anxious to enter, using the information in the latest AKC Gazette will get you the facts you need faster. In the case of TDX tests it is helpful to have an idea of when they are usually run and be prepared to send in the entry as soon as the test is listed in the Gazette. Even being that prompt can find you merely on the waiting list. Good Luck!



# T. F. B. ?

Are you wondering what T.F.B. stands for? Did you notice the short long dog on the cover sporting a T.F.B. on his side? Well, we'll tell you what little we know and we invite you to join us to learn more.

T.F.B. stands for Twekesbury Foot Bassets. Ah ha you say, at least there's one part I recognize....a basset. These bassets are used to trail hares (imported from England). You have heard of Fox Hunting I'm sure. Well picture bassets following the hares like the hounds do the foxes..... got that? Then picture the hunt club following the hounds, oops I mean bassets on foot. That's it folks, now just remember before you start thinking those people must be crazy....how do you think we look walking around putting stakes in the ground and then following a dog on a long line telling them to 'get the glovie, etc'.

Through one of our newer members Kris Du Fosse we have been invited to join the Foot Bassets on one of their outings this winter. They hunt on Kris' farm. Now the big catch is the when. We will be called with a date, a Saturday most likely, but we may only have a few days notice. Therefore we are herein giving you the directions. Keep them handy if you are interested in coming. When we get a date and time we will call each member in the immediate area. Hope you can join us for an interesting time. Mr. Ted Coven, who is I think the Master of the Hunt, is very curious about Tracking. Who knows maybe we'll have lots of Bassets at the next match.

Kris and her husband have a dairy farm (near Flemington) on Cider Mill Road which is located in the center of a triangle formed by Reaville, Clover Hill and Wertsville. (these 3 crossroads are on NJ maps)

## Directions:

From the North: Rt. 31 South to the Hunterdon Theater. Turn left at the movie and cross Rt. 202. This will be 514 Spur. Continue on the T crossing and turn right. A short distance further is a road to the left which is Clover Hill Road. Continue on for about 1 1/2 miles until Cider Mill Road which goes off to the right. The farm is located about 1 1/2 miles on the right just before the river.

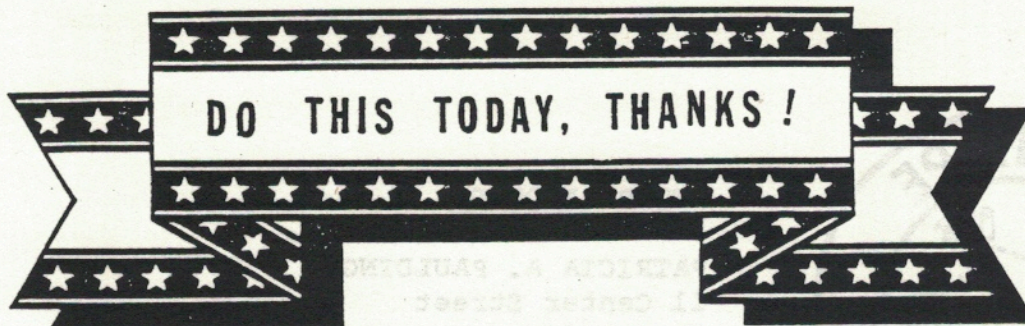
From the South: Come either from Hopewell or Rt. 31. Using your map, come to Wertsville, a crossroad with a few houses. Take Rt. 609 (also Manners Rd.) for 1 mile. Turn right on Welisewitz Road, the only turn you can take. Take the next left and there we are.

The basset group will park by the barn. The tracking group can park by the house and come in the door by the wood hoop.

Kris says she is looking forward to the occasion. And we would like to thank her for making the opportunity possible. Hope to see you there. Dress warmly and wear something comfortable for walking.







YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU DO FILL OUT THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE AND THE NEXT PAGE. Items on this page are for our club records, the form on the next page is the information we will need if we decide to seek AKC sanction for events. All the forms are to be mailed to Peg Forte, Box 315,R.D.#1,Sliker Rd., Glen Gardner,N.J. 08826

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Title Update: We need to update our files, please include any titles earned in the past four years, on all dogs you have owned.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog/s \_\_\_\_\_

Titles Earned \_\_\_\_\_

(This form has been repeated for all those of you who did not comply with the Nov. 30 deadline)

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TRACKING TITLE/S EARNED IN 1984 .....please give your dogs name the way you wish it to appear on the award your dog has earned by getting that T.D. or T.D.X. title. Canadian titles count also. Without this information from you we do not guarantee an award for your dog.

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### 1984 DUES REMINDER

It is that time of year again, please send your dues in today.

Individual Member \$10.00                      Family Membership \$15.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail this page  
out,by Jan 15th. to Peg Forte(address above) THANKS!!!!