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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Resolve to:

PAY Lenape Dues On Time

Earn a T.D./T.D.X. on my
dog/dogs in 1985

Write an Article for
"Common Scents"

Send "Tidbits" in at
least twice in 1985

Encourage other dog
owner's to try the
'sport' of Tracking

Attend/Help at one
or more Lenape
events in 1985

Happy New Year

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, another busy month is behind us. In November we had both the Fall Certification Match and the Gaines Classic. The entries for the match were disappointing, but several members entered their dogs and were pleased with what they had learned.

At the Gaines Classic, Lenape had a table displaying tracking equipment and a video tape showing beginning tracking. My sincere thanks to all members who helped man the table and special thanks to Janet Quodmine and Peg Forte for their hard work both days. Fran will be pleased with the list of interested parties for the next TED.

A special committee was set up to further investigate the interest of tracking clubs and clubs holding tracking tests in forming an Advisory Committee to work with the AKC. Joanne Irwin is the Chairperson. We'll keep you posted.

WDEF is still trying to get on the agenda with Bill 1509. Keep your letters going to Mr. Karcher and your Assemblyman. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

Joanne Mac Kinnon is the new Co-Editor of the newsletter. Please cooperate with her by sending Tid-bits to her and continue with art work to Peg Forte.

That's about all for now. Have a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Pat Paulding

Calendar of Events

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| March | Annual Dinner, date & place to be announced* |
| April 28 | TED (Tracking Experience Day) Jane Henderson's Farm
Volunteers needed....contact Fran Wilmeth |
| May 16 & 17 | Bernese Mt. Dog Club of America Tracking Test,
Lebanon Twp. Municipal Bldg. May 16 - plotting tracks
May 17th - Test Help needed both days. |
| August | Annual Picnic |

* The place we held the dinner last year is unavailable, we are open to suggestions and assistance. Call Ralph Mac Kinnon 201-735-7793 if you can help us solve our dilemma.

THE MAGIC OF TRACKING
or
Tracking in Austrailia? Who me???

(Received this article from Charlotte Schwartz in Aug., no room in the last newaletter, our apologies Charlotte, but here it is...)

My notebook cover reads "Degen's Tracking Log". Inside, on the first page, it says:

"July 1, 1984 Well, here I go again! This time it's Degen, age fourteen months, Gremen Shepherd Dog. He loves to eat so he should enjoy tracking the Johnson way. I'll be OK as long as He doesn't have to move out more than 15' from me --- my hand is still very weak from the recent surgery and the scar is VERY tender. (Unlike Morgan, Degen's a slug around the house and he just may chose to track more slowly -- at least at a pace these old legs can keep up with -- and then I'll be fine.) We'll begin on a S lead until he gets going. Wk 1 - cool, wet grassy field, wind 5mph, 50 degrees, early am.

Day 1 - 3x and Day 2 - 3x

He had no food at home last night. I put meat on the track. He was very hungry but was more interested in the smell of meat on my hand than what was on the ground. Oh well, tomorrow should be better."

Well, tomorrow was better and the next day was better yet. In fact, as with most dogs, each day's tracking improved over the previous day's performance. What was it Glen once told me? "the best teacher in the world is a hungry stomach."

Now, six weeks later, Degen is my tracking friend. He has built up muscle, has developed a fine nose, and learned to concentrate on his work. We no longer go out every morning because the groundwork is done -- he'll never forget how to use his nose -- and now we just rack for fun several times a week. We've tracked over frost, in the rain, against gale-type winds, in fog so thick we couldn't see the thirty-pace flag as we stood at the start. We've tracked in lush grass, through prickly thistles that bite a dog's feet and a handler's ankles, through weeds and brush crotch-high, over fields peppered with sheep manure, and through cow manure that was so strong I wondered how he smelled anything but the manure.

We've done it all. But nosework isn't the only thing we got out of tracking. We got more than money can buy or a book can tell about, but let me try.

First, Sue Hill, who owns Degen, and whose home I'm visiting these two months, said to me the day we began, "Now that Degen's going to learn to track, he should sleep in your room with you. That way you two can build a bond together."

I agreed and, that night, Degen moved in complete with his brown blanket and nighttime cookie (they call them biscuits in Australia). Well, the first morning, Degen thought that 6AM was late enough to sleep so he woke me with a wet tongue in the face. Needless to say, it didn't take me long to convince him that I prefer to arise about 8AM! Now, he waits for me to get up first.

The next week, Sue said, "I'm starting a new beginner obedience class tonight and since Degen has never been through one, I think it would be just great if you'd train him for me."

Well, how do you say "no" to your hostess when she asks you a question like that? Anyway, lacking a rapid response that would get me out of it, I once more agreed.

Tonight we go to lesson number six and, actually, it hasn't been all that bad. Except that I do wonder every once in a while, what am I, an obedience instructor on vacation, doing in a class like this...in Australia yet?! Oh, it hasn't been all peaches-and-cream. Degen hated it for the first four weeks...remember I said he's a slug. But, when he's hungry and I'm very UP, he doesn't mind it too much. At least we're as good as any of the others in the class, better than most and everyone thinks he's just brilliant. (Nobody's said anything about me being brilliant, but then who watches the handler anyway?!!)

Seriously, Degen and I have now built a bond between us and, though I must leave here in another few weeks, I know he'll remember me the next time I return. Actually, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if I hear that he really misses me when I first leave. You see, this bond thing is very mysterious, magical and powerful.

You can't see a bond between a dog and a person. It's not a sign that pops out on the dog's chest that reads "This person is mine." And the dog will never announce to the world, "I belong to this person." Nope, to most people it's invisible.

But to the dog and his person, it's very obvious and loud and strong and beautiful. And they both feel it. It's just there like a certain feeling you get when you hear your favorite song or see a photograph of someone you love. It conjurs up vibes that pass invisibly between you, this bond.

I'll give you an example. Sue and I teach obedience classes in a large fairground pavilion that's laid out in two levels. Sue teaches on the lower level and I teach on the upper level. There's no door or barricade between us --- just a ramp leading from one to the other.

When we go to classes, we take Brock, Sue's German Shepherd, and Degen with us. Both dogs stay on the lower level with Sue on a long bench on which we spread their blankets.

The other night, in the middle of my class, a bystander called out to me that a loose dog was coming up the ramp toward my students. I walked over to take a look and, there, with his ears layed back as if to say, "I'm sorry, boss, I just couldn't wait any longer for you!" was Degen. He'd chewed through the lead that tethered him to the bench and found his way through all the people and the dogs to me. That's bond. He was happy to be near his dog friend and his owner, but, more than anything, he wanted to be with the person with whom he's built a bond.

That's the MAGIC of tracking!

Charlotte Schwartz

TID BITS



Gail Palmer sends her thanks for the cards while she was in the hospital. She had surgery in Sept., recuperated and enjoyed her sons' wedding in Late October. Then a relapse put her back in the hospital for thirteen days (fluid on the lungs). Talked to her today and she is feeling fine, getting out and looking forward to some tracking real soon. Great News!!!



BIT O' SKYE'S POCKY POINT REBEL earned his Working Certificate (WC) at the Lenape Golden Retriever WC/WCX Trail on September 22nd. Rebel also passed his WC at the Golden Retriever Club Of America Specialty WC/WCX on October 3rd.

BIT O' SKYE LORELEI DANIELE earned her Working Certificate at the Lenape Golden Retriever WC/WCX Trial on September 22nd. Danele also has 2 legs on her C.D. ***** UPDATE Daniele finished at Dauphin with a 191.5 and got a fourth leg at Delaware Water Gap.***** The 1st leg was earned at Perkiomen Valley KC on August 3rd with a 188.5 and 4th place. The 2nd leg was earned at Penn Ridge KC on August 4th with a 183 and 3rd place.

BIT O' SKYE'S PIPE MAJOR CD WC finally earned the 3rd leg for his CDX title at South Jersey KC show on Oct. 21st. Rumor has it that there's a new set of scent articles under the tree at the Mac Kinnon's for Major...so we know what he'll be doing the next few.....

Congratulations and Good Luck.



From Elissa Kirkegard came the following dated September 24, 1984

"I just wanted to write a note and 'brag' a little about Delta's accomplishments these last two weeks.

As you know, Little Del came from England about 10 months ago and in a nine day period, she finished her CD with a first and second place at the four shows where she was entered, she obtained her working certificate and she passed her tracking test at Allentown.

I was really pleased with her ability to work so hard. She is such a little shrimp, but she has a big heart!

Keep up the good work on the newsletter. As you know it was Pat and you who started me on my literary career* and I now have another article being published in Dog World about importing dogs but I do not have a month of publication yet."



The September, 1984 issue of McCall's Dr. Michael Fox's article on "What Your Pet's Nose Knows" makes very interesting reading. Since it's in a major publication we don't want to violate copyright laws by including it here, but do read it.



An apology from your new newsletter staff on the lateness of this issue, with the holiday season, illnesses, and other more pressing obligations, we were unable to get it out sooner. Our own New Years' resolution is to have them out on schedule next year.



In case you have missed hearing about it....there is New Tracking Magazine available to subscribers called "TRACKING SCENTS" It's to be published quarterly. Cost \$5.00 a year Contact Ruth Ivers, Editor, 32 Glen Road, Reading, MA 01867 They also welcome ideas and articles.



Christmas card from Tim and Marie Riley brought the news that they are expecting momentarily a new baby. They are also hoping to sell their house soon as they have found a nice farmhouse with six acres they wish to move into, then maybe Tim will carry out his threat to get trackin' with BJ.....let's go Tim. Congratulations to the Rileys.

* Editors note.....we twisted Lisa's arm to write the article on "Puppy Tracking" a couple of years ago. We welcome articles from "budding" authors anytime....they help to make this your newsletter.....so how about making that your #1 New Year's pledge....write for the newsletter...all of our dog's are special....let's hear from you.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS:

Applications for membership have been received from the following:

., Millie Curtis PO 5 Pittstown, NJ 08867

201-996-4090

German Shepherd Dog, Chesapeake Bay Retriever

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Standard Poodle, Golden Retriever

If no objections are received within thirty days from the mailing date of the newsletter these people will become members for 1985.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Charlotte Schwartz, Brandy Lane Dog Training School, RD#1, Smithville Rd., Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060

Valerie Livingston, Star Route 2, Box 507, Bracey, Virginia 23919

The following clipping from the December, 1984 FRONT AND FINISH is included for those who do not subscribe to F&F. It's nice to know we've been noticed. Thank you Mr. Brown.

Next To The Last Word

By Wentworth Brown
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I'VE GOT MINE

The sport of Tracking becomes a more complete entity with every mail delivery. Now we've got a CAUSE. No more envy of Obedience people tilting at the AKC windmill over jump heights. Now us shabby creatures in the muddy sneakers and sweat-creased denims, odd types with weed seeds on our shoelaces, warm weenies in the pockets of disreputable flannel shirts, and gloves in our armpits, are invited to join ranks. Lenape Tracking Club of New Jersey is doing the organizing. They seem to be a sincere bunch with a lot of years experience in the game.

The cause to which they are rallying us is AKC's recent ruling which requires all entries to a Test, from the time the premium list appears till closing, to be subject to a drawing. I'm sure our fearless leaders had in mind addressing the complaints of non-club-members who often find it impossible to get into anybody's Test, particularly in the Midwest and East.

The main objection to this ruling, an objection we can all embrace, is the summary way it appeared on the scene, evidently without discussion with any of those who might feel concerned, namely Trackers. But who's surprised? AKC, and the

Obedience Department particularly, know nothing about Tracking and what's more, couldn't care less. So far as I know, the only Rep they've ever had with real knowledge of the subject was Fred Effinger — when he resigned we were left with a well-meaning bunch who know the reg's to a fault and nothing else.

But Lenape's arguments are faulty. They cite, as primary drawback, the difficulty of keeping a possible entry in condition till two weeks before a Test. Anyone sincerely in this game would in any event have his dog ready, because dedicated handlers don't slack off when no Test is in the offing — they are out there working their dogs every week because that's what they like to do. And I've never met a likely prospect for winning T or X who wasn't being worked at least twice a week, and stepping that up to the optimum three times weekly will bring that dog up to peak performance.

I'm afraid that those who embrace such arguments are demonstrating the very cupidity which AKC was attempting, in its hamhanded way, to remedy. They are really saying: "We do all the work and deserve to keep the entries to ourselves as we need them." Not out loud, however. But no AKC-sanctioned organization is chartered to permit this sort of member preference. And if these same protesters are really thinking, "Let the outsiders hold their own

Tests," they'd better consider that one over again. Because our clubs count on their neighbors, organized or not, to help fill entries at one time or another, and anyway do they really want that many additional Tests on the books? Then nobody would fill, and Tracking would become even more of a break-even risk. And the result would probably be less Tests offered, rather than more.

Lenape would like to see the alternate TDX track used if still available, allowing a sixth dog to try for its X. We're all singing that song — I first advanced the idea in an '82 FRONT and FINISH column titled Waste Not, Want Not. But AKC has already scotched at least one attempt to let that sixth dog run (see the account of the Allentown TDX Test in last August's GAZETTE.)

Stand up and be counted, folks. But count me out of the new entry-drawing furor. Let's give the outlanders an even chance for a change.

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The Lenape Board made the following decisions at the Board meeting on October 26, 1984.

Since most of the responses we received from others (clubs and individuals) was in agreement with our position we have decided to proceed with the idea of forming a Tracking Advisory Committee.

We are gathering addresses of all tracking judges and all clubs holding Tracking Tests. We are compiling a letter asking for those interested in forming such a Committee to so inform us. (Postal reply cards will be sent with the letter).

Joanne Irwin is Chairperson of the the Lenape Committee. At present those serving on the committee with her are Ronn Loos, Pat Paulding, and Peg Forte. If you have comments or are interested in serving on this committee please contact Joanne Irwin. (address & phone number inside front cover)

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Fall Tracking Match:

There were four entries, three club members and one man from Pa. (who didn't show up). Mae Dell who came to watch to watch entered that day and took the absent gentleman's track.

Joanne Irwin's Lab "Reggie" nearly made it through, and showed he can do it. Mary Stuart's Lab "Michael" also did well for part of the track. A bit more work ladies and the "boys" will succeed. Mae Dell's "Sallie" isn't ready yet, but she's come a long way....hang in there.....she'll get there some day.

It remained for Peg Forte's Bernese "Quila TD" to show the spectators how a dog can do "it" but Peg nearly blew the next to last turn by not believing her dog, but "Quila" managed to finish despite the handicap of her inept handler.

It was a beautiful day for tracking, we had a great lunch and good fellowship. Judge Carol Crothers did a great job and we all learned many pointers from her. Thank You Carol.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE

Once again we forgot one small section that needed changing.

Article 4, Section 4(c) Delete the sentence "There must be a minimum of two candidates nominated for each position."

Explanation for the deletion: The club is not large enough to insist that there be two candidates for each position. However the deletion of the sentence does not mean there cannot be two or more candidates for each position, it only means that it will not be required.

This change will become effective thirty days after the newsletter is mailed, unless we receive any objections before then.

WDEF update.....

The Working Dog Education Fund is making progress in its efforts to get bill a-1509. It is anticipated that the bill which was unanimously passed by the Agriculture and environment Committee will be voted on in the Assembly before the end of December. Since this action came late in the year, final action by the Senate and signature of the Governor cannot happen until 1985.

Letters to Assemblyman Alan Karcher in support of his efforts in getting the bill introduced in the Assembly would be appreciated. Thank him for his efforts thus far, and encourage him to continue the fight. Writing to your own Assemblyman would also be appreciated, if you don't have the address of your Assemblyman, you can obtain it from your local library, your town or county clerk.

WDEF is making this effort that will enable all "dog" people to work their dogs in various activities, protected from harassment by "well-meaning" SPCA officials and the like. Your support in this effort is needed. DO IT TODAY!!!!!!

WDEF PO Box 641, Chester, NJ 07930
Assemblyman Alan Karcher, 76 Winkler Rd., Sayreville, NJ 08872

HUG-A-TREE update.....

The slides arrived in mid-September and we have been busy. Millie Curtis, Carolyn Hebard and Peg Forte have been doing the presentations in schools, public and private, for 4-H clubs and Scout groups for approximately two months. They have reached approximately 1,860 kids thus far.

Newspaper publicity appeared in the Newark Star Ledger on Oct. 28, 1984; the Easton Express on November 8, 1984; the Hunterdon Review on October 30, 1984; and the Hunterdon County Democrat on November 8, 1984. All the articles were informative, the last three included some great photos that help to tell the story. Many of the calls we have received for programs came as a result of this publicity.

Programs are already scheduled for 1985 as far as June. There are still openings, but if you know someone who says they want to make arrangements please have them contact Peg Forte (201-832-7231) soon to make arrangements or they may miss out this spring. We can only do so many a month, get your booking in early.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 1985

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These are the current officers, addresses inside front cover.

The club Constitution allows for additional nominations in writing by mail to the Secretary accompanied by a signed statement of the Nominee of a willingness to be so nominated. These nominations must be to the Secretary by January 15th.

1985 DUES REMINDER

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES TODAY. DEADLINE JANUARY 31ST.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER \$10.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00

NAME _____ INDIVIDUAL _____

ADDRESS _____ FAMILY _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

IF YOUR DOG EARNED A TITLE DURING 1984 PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR DUES
HOW YOU WISH YOUR DOG'S NAME TO READ ON THE PLAQUE

