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Send "Tidbits" to Joanne, art work and other articles to Peg.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Many thanks to everyone for making the covered dish Annual Dinner meeting a success. It's always interesting to see the variety of foods that appear at such a dinner. It's also a lot of fun.

I wish to thank the members for their support in re-electing me as President. I wish to extend my thanks to the Officers and Board members for their support and look forward to working with them in the coming year.

I am also looking forward to our 10th Anniversary dinner on June 29th. I hope to receive many reservations and see many new faces. I know it is not possible for everyone to attend all functions of a club, but this one is special for Lenape. A flyer with further information appears elsewhere in the Newsletter.

The Tracking Experience Day is behind us and I believe another success. Charlotte Schwartz made it safely back from Australia and was her usual cheerful self. Thanks Charlotte for another job well done.

After the dinner in June, the next big event will be our Certification Match in November. Janet Quodomine is the Chairperson and will be needing your help, please volunteer your services. Janet also needs a Co-Chairperson who will work with her this year, please, let her hear from you. It's not hard, but it is a lot of fun. Continue to make Lenape the great club it is by continuing to support its activities!

Flea and Tick season is upon us. Trackers take extra care of "Fido".


Looking forward to seeing you in June.


Patricia Paulding


CALENDAR OF EVENTS


- JUNE 8 Follow-up Session - Henderson Farm
- JUNE 29 10th Anniversary Dinner - Coach and Paddock
- AUGUST ?? ANNUAL PICNIC
- NOV. 2 & 3 CERTIFICATION MATCH


TIDBITS

 Garry Sullivan writes that she and "PANACHE" earned their "T" at the Philadelphia DTC test on 4/14/85! CONGRATULATIONS!

 Joanne and Ralph Mac Kinnon's "REBEL" has earned his C.D. The first leg was earned at the Philadelphia DTC Trial on 5/4/85, the second was earned at the Delaware Water Gap Trail on 5/6/85 and the third was earned at the Allentown Dog Training Club Trail on 5/18/85. Extra Congratulations are deserved here as all this was done in the midst of the Mac Kinnons preparing for their daughter's Nancy's wedding being held on May 25th at their home. CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!!

 Paul Harris' Springer Spaniel "JESSICA OF NORFIELD WDX" earned her TD in Maryland recently. That makes three TD's in three years for Paul. He says he's going to try the Old English next. GOOD LUCK Paul.

 Halla vom Ahrtal, C.D., is gone. The red Doberman was a loyal friend and companion for nine and a half years. She loved to track but her hips gave out before she could get her "T". Hal is missed not only by Fran but also by her canine friends.


 From Kris Du Fosse come the following bits of information:


ITS A DOG'S LIFE One trained dog can search the snow for buried avalanche victims faster than 20 humans can. The dog can cover an area twice the size of a football field in half an hour - eight times faster than 20 people can poke around it with sticks. In dry snow, a dog can pick up the scent of a person buried as deep as 16 feet, according to National Geographic.

DOGS TRACK PRISON ESCAPEES, WARRENTOWN, N.C. - Tracking dogs searched woods in the darkness last night near the Virginia line where two sets of footprints were found, as authorities sought two men believed to be among four killers who escaped from Virginia's death row.

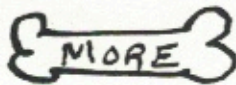
"They're getting pretty tight on them," said Max Powell, spokesman for the state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

Kris is looking for someone to work with on TDX tracking in the Flemington-Hopewell area. Please contact her if you are interested.

 Anyone who has items they'd like to get rid of, perhaps you'd like to consider donating them to the West Jersey Search and Rescue for their garage sale. Contact Millie Curtis 996-4090

 An excerpt from a letter from June Robinson (Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Association)

"I was really interested to read your newsletter, and see that your tracking season is just about to begin. About another month



and ours will be all through. We start tracking around the middle of October after the first rains (we hope). And quit about May, due mainly to the fox-tails (which I believe are a California curse) and rattle-snakes. It always seems like such a short tracking season. I keep threatening to move to Oregon or Washington where I believe they are able to track just about all year around. If we really get desperate in Summer sometimes we can find a park, that dogs are allowed in, and can track there among the picnics. This is always fun. Ha! Ha! Why don't you track in the the Winter?" (Anyone wishing to answer that question for us in the next newsletter please send the answer to Joanne Mac Kinnon).



The Membership Chairperson received a note from Mae Dell asking her to investigate her membership renewal, as she was sure she'd paid....she even sent a copy of her cancelled check. The investigation showed she had not paid her 85 dues, the cancelled check was for her last minute entry into the Fall Certification Match. Good try Mae!

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Debra A. Hamilton	35-05 146 Street
	Flushing, N.Y. 11354
Irish Setter	718-961-8818
Nancy J. Hopping	c/o Arrow Crest Lodge
	Hopatcong, N.J. 07843
Labrador Retreiver	398-9340

The above proposed members will be members as of thirty days from the publication of this newsletter if the Secretary has received no letters of opposition by that date.

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. TRACKING TEST

MAY 17, 1985

On Thursday morning the judges for the test, Mrs. Carole Crothers and Ms. Elissa J. Kirkegard, the Tracking Test Committee Chairperson Ms. Fran Wilmeth, and Ms. Mary Stuart, Tracklayer met at the fields to plot the tracks for the test. The judges and tracklayers went to each field and planned the track by walking it leaving flags at the start, at thirty yards, at each corner and the end. They also drew a map of the track with landmarks on it so they would know for sure where the track was when the dog was working it. They plotted four tracks in case they needed a spare track. Fran and Mary were each assigned two tracks to lay the following morning.

May 17, 1985 Tracking Test

What a day.....the weather cooperated beautifully, a light rain the night before after weeks of dry weather, no breezes, and moderately tall grass fields combined to make the tracks ideal.

There were three entries, just enough to make it count for those entered who had dogs without their "T". Promptly at 9:00 AM the Show Secretary, Mrs. Mary Lou Tingley had the handlers draw for their tracks.

The judges and tracklayers had gone to the fields at 8:30 to start laying the first two tracks. The judges watched as Mary laid Track 1 and Fran laid Track 2. Each tracklayer walked the track they were assigned, leaving only the first two flags, and dropping a glove where the last flag had been. Then they returned to tell the handler who had drawn Track 1 that they were ready. The Track in a test must be a minimum of a half hour old.

Dog #1 was Wyenede's Aquila V, Butik, T.D. owned by Peg Forte & Steffie D'Ambola, handled by Peg. The pressure was on this team that drew the first track of the day to do well, as this dog had earned her "T" before. (Dogs with a "T" may enter a Tracking Test if it has not filled with dog seeking their "T".) The first leg was a long one of 160 yards and they took their time. Peg backed up twice waiting for Quila to convince her that the track truly went on straight. Finally Quila made the commitment and once she made the first turn she really began tracking. She ate some wet grass along the way and right at the last turn she decided to sit down in front of Peg to spit some of it out. It seemed like an eternity, but it was probably only ten seconds, when Quila got up, made the last turn and trotted down the track towards the glove. When she found it, they heard a loud cheer from the gallery watching from the corner of the field, what a welcome sound. Time to complete the track was 15 minutes.

The second track of the day was drawn by Ch. Shepherd's Patch Elise and her owner-handler Mary Horatick Eschweiler, from Hartland,

Wisconsin. Their track was in a large field with a slight slope, which meant we could not see all of the track. They got off to a good start, and for a while were out of sight. But it wasn't long before we saw them again, Elise tracking away. She soon dipped her head and came up with a glove, and again a loud cheer from the gallery. Her track time was eight minutes.

The third track of the day was Weyburn's Grande Damia, owned by Kathy and Christopher Milar from Hagertown, Indiana. This bitch took right off, with Kathy running behind her much of the time, as the dog pulls hard and moves right out. When they got to the last turn the dog didn't seem to sure as to where the turn went (there was a definite change of cover from tall grass to low wild strawberry patches at this point). After what must have seemed like an eternity to Kathy, Damia struck out strongly and soon located the glove. An enthusiastic response from the gallery again. (One of the nice things about tracking is all the dog's can pass in a test, there is not one best dog.) Track time was 6 minutes.

A clean sweep, with all dogs passing their test. Many members of the gallery had never seen tracking before, and were duly impressed. After returning from the last track we found some more people had arrived and had missed seeing the dogs track. So Fran went out and laid the spare track and later Judge Carol Crithers ran her male Rottweiler, Rommel on the track so those people got to see a dog track too.

At the Judge's dinner Gloria Henes thanked the Lenape Tracking Club for their help in putting on the Test. We in turn welcomed their thanks and thanked the BMDCA for giving us the opportunity to have the experience of putting on a Tracking Test. Tracking has not always been held in conjunction with the BMDCA Speciality, but I think all who were present would again it is well worth the effort to see some of our dogs actually working. This was the second time Tracking was available in the East at the Speciality, and so far the record stands that all have passed in the East. May that record continue in the future.

My own special thanks to Fran and Mary Lenape members, Judges Lisa Kirkegard and Carol Crothers, to Mary Lou Tingley, Show Secretary who was present in body and spirit despite a Briard bitch ready to whelp at home (she's called in a friend to assist) and the Show Committee and spectators for coming to watch. And last but not least, to the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America for including the Tracking Test in the Speciality. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

Peg Forte

TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY 1985

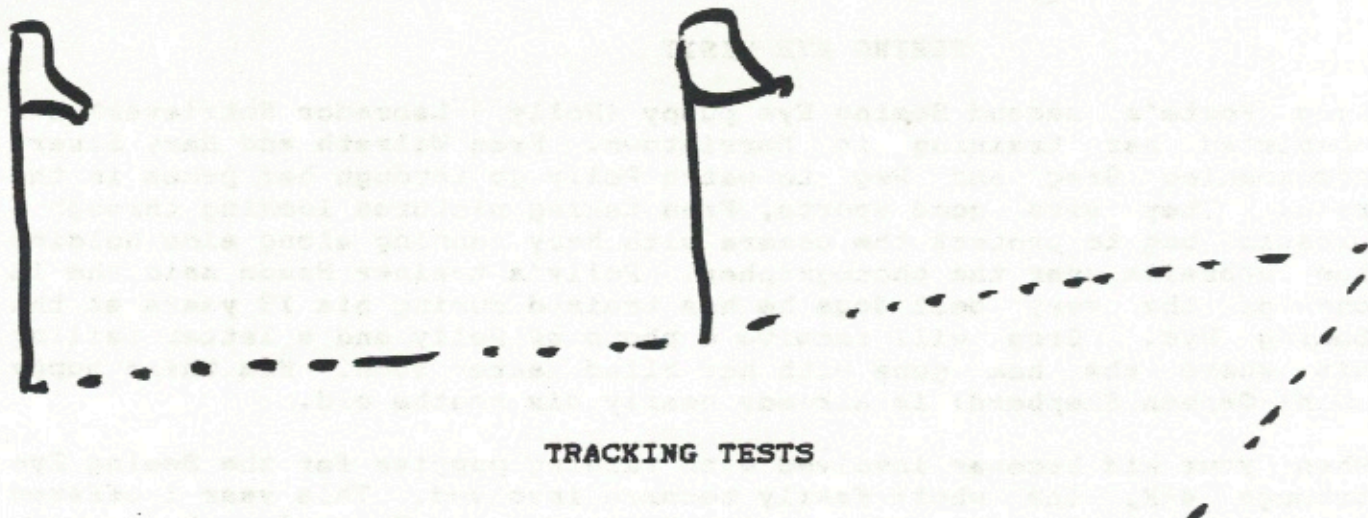
The weather was glorious: bright sun, cooling breezes, warm but not too hot. The fields were dry but the vegetation was green and thick so it held the scent. The cover was short enough for little dogs but tall enough to make the tracks easier to follow. A just about perfect day. And the people came! Of the forty handler/dog teams entered, thirty-seven arrived on schedule. One of the eight spectators entered had her dog along and filled in for one of the missing teams. Thirty-six people have signed up for the first follow-up day (June 8th).

Charlotte Schwartz was fresh from a long stay in the Australian summer sun. She kept her audience entertained as she educated them in the intricacies of scent work and tracking dog handling. The nine group leaders put their dogs and handlers through Day One of the Johnson method, teaching track laying along with getting dogs started on their tracking careers. By the end of the afternoon, many participants were talking about the fun both they and their dogs had experienced, no body left early.

The day was well recorded. Charlotte's morning presentation is now on video tape. During the afternoon a camera crew from Channel 69 in Allentown, PA. filmed many of the beginning dogs and also filmed two short tracks, one run by June Oswald's TDX Labrador, Chipper, and one run by Laurelle Mc Clelland's TDX Papillion, Cory. We hope to obtain a video tape of the edited story when it appears on T.V. (We have it!)

Tracking Experience Day 1985 was an unqualified success. The Chairman extends her heartfelt thanks to all the Lenape members who made the day possible. There were new faces among the group leaders which were most welcome. The usual core of faithful club workers did their part, also. The Club couldn't function with out them. And then there's the generosity of Jane Henderson who makes her lovely farm available for club use each year. And Charlotte's expertise assures a top quality program each year. Thank you one and all.

Fran Wilmeth, Chairman, T.E.D.



TRACKING TESTS

- SEPT 22 PA Quakertown ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. Smith's Farm RD 4; Emily McDermott, Trial Sec., 2428 Nottingham Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017 LIMIT: 10 FEE: \$25 CLOSES: Sept. 11
- SEPT 29 NY Great Bend NORTH COUNTRY KENNEL CLUB, INC. Knightime Kennel, Champion Rd.; Jane Eckelman, Trial Sec., RD 2, Box 145, Carthage, NY 13619 LIMIT: 12 FEE: \$25 CLOSES: Sept. 11

These are the only tests listed in the May AKC Gazette within a reasonable traveling distance. The next newsletter should include most of the fall tests.

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Computer rescue for lost pets

By Mary Daniels
Special to The Inquirer

CHICAGO — Two million pets may be lost forever in pet shelters each year because no one knows how to get in touch with their owners.

That's the estimate of Alpo Pet-foods Inc., which has endorsed a new computerized system, the National Pet Locators Network, that could keep a lost pet from being a lost cause.

An ordinary pet tag usually contains the pet's name and possibly the owner's name, telephone number and address.

But the Pet Locators tag contains a

computerized, coded membership number and a national toll-free number that is available 24 hours a day for that one call that could bring owner and lost pet together.

When a pet owner calls to report an animal missing, the National Pet Locators Network will call all local animal shelters, according to Tyrone Allen, group marketing manager for Alpo.

"And we don't quit," he added. "A couple of days after that, we send out a 'pet-gram' as a reminder to the shelter. If we still haven't found the pet, we might run an ad in local newspapers."

For the finder, a cat or dog's tag contains instructions to call the network's toll-free number. The network's computer contains instructions on how to contact the owner or a designated friend, relative or veterinarian.

The fee is \$9.95 for the first year, \$5 for each additional year. Coupons for registration are included in Alpo ads appearing nationally in newspapers; they also will be inserted in Alpo products. Further information is available by calling 800-841-8000, extension 20, or writing Pet Locators Network, Box 942, Valley Forge, Pa. 19482-0942.

SEEING EYE VISIT

Greg Forte's second Seeing Eye puppy (Polly - Labrador Retriever) has completed her training in Morristown. Fran Wilmeth and Mary Stuart accompanied Greg and Peg to watch Polly go through her paces in the rain. They were good sports, Fran taking pictures looking through a plastic bag to protect the camera with Mary running along side holding the umbrella over the photographer. Polly's trainer Ramon said she is one of the very best dogs he has trained during his 19 years at the Seeing Eye. Greg will receive a photo of Polly and a letter telling him where she has gone with her blind master soon. His third puppy (Gina-German Shepherd) is already nearly six months old.

When your kid becomes involved with raising puppies for the Seeing Eye through 4-H, the whole family becomes involved. This year I offered to help find speakers and demonstrations for the Puppy Camp being held June 7th and 8th. So now many Lenape members are on the schedule. On Friday night the Hug-A-Tree program will be presented, and on Saturday morning Millie Curtis talk and do a demonstration of Search and Rescue work with Strider, and also will show the kids how you train puppies for Search work with her new puppy, Boulder. After lunch Charlotte Schwartz will be talking with the kids on the importance of socializing their puppies. Charlotte is excited about the opportunity to see 70+ Seeing Eye puppies, living, eating and sleeping with their "kids". She is looking forward to this opportunity to do research and photography for her new book on puppies. And I will be with a lot of familiar faces.

For the teenagers at Puppy Camp, we have developed a 4-H Trivial Pursuit game, full of dog questions. A Tracking version of this game will be unveiled (and played) at the big shindig on June 29th. So you have been warned.....study hard.

Many club members have been asking questions about the Seeing Eye, and we realized that few have ever visited the Seeing Eye. So arrangements have been made for up to 20 members of the Tracking Club to have a tour of the Seeing Eye in Morris Township on Thursday, October 17, 1985 at 10:15. Anyone interested please contact Peg Forte for details. 201-832-7231 If we have more than 20 people who wish to go we will have to schedule a second date.

MORE FOR THE T.D.X. HOPEFULS

On the following page you will find some more information borrowed with permission from Shirley Hammond of the Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Association. This is more information to go along with the article that was in the Jan/Feb Common Scents.

The track laid for the TDX dog in training should be assigned parameters from this list. For example a track laid could be 2.5 hours old, with cross tracks laid at 1.5 hours later, the length of the track could be 800 yards, and the degree of difficulty could be 4 because the tracklayer put in an acute corner, the track goes through marsh grass and mustard, and through a barbed wire fence. By keeping a log book record and varying the assigned parameters from this list you can ensure that your dog has been exposed to a variety of situations thereby making him truly ready for that TDX Test.

T.D.X. PARAMETERS TO PRACTICE:

Assigned parameters:

Time: 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5
Cross Tracks: @1.0, @1.5, Group, Older than track
Length: 300, 400, 500, 600, 800, 1000, 1200
Difficulty: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Difficulties to be chosen by track-layer:
(add 1 point for each star)

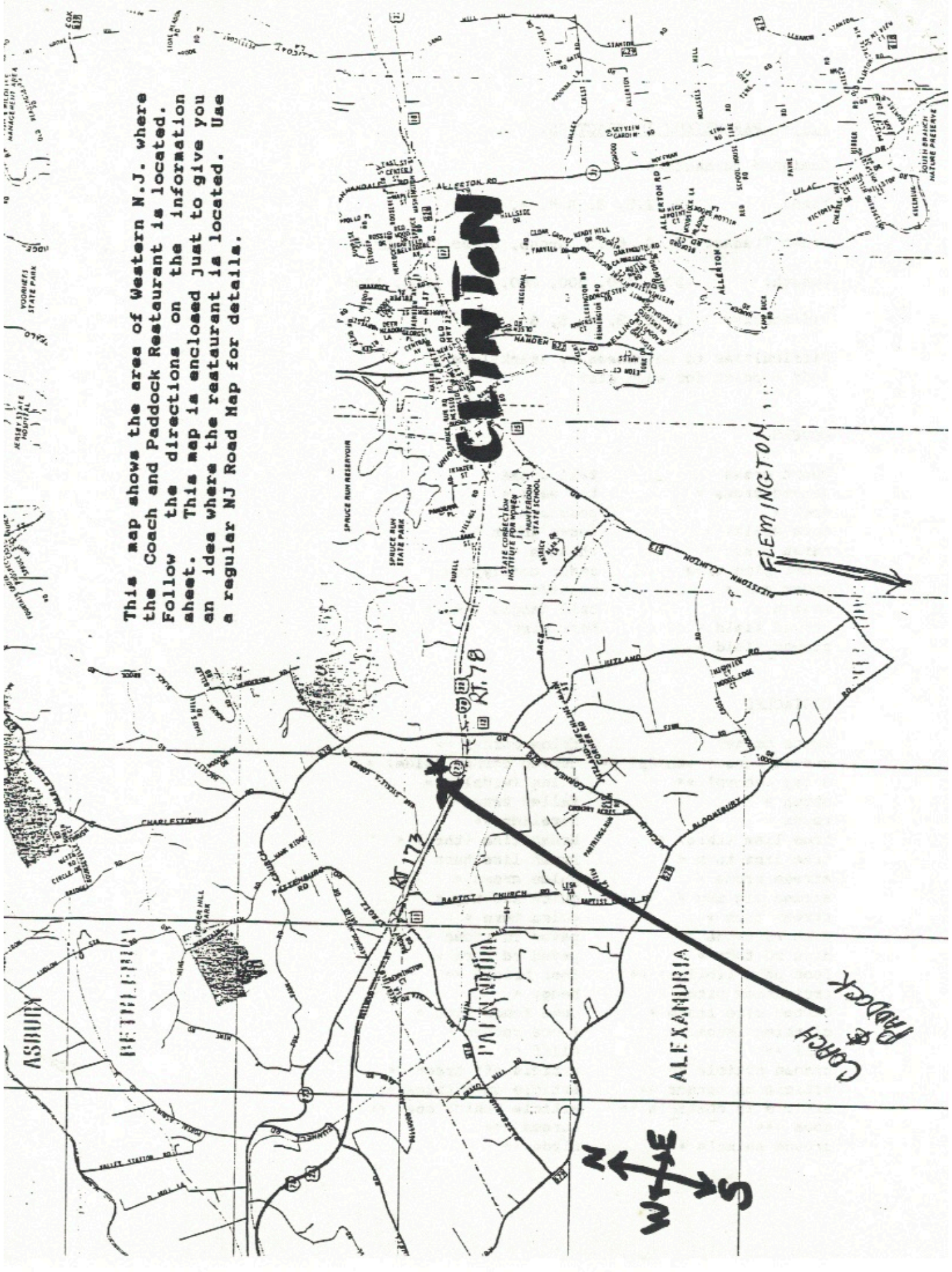
COVERS

short grass	tall grass
grazed grass *	tar weed *
dock *	pampas *
corn stalks *	swamp grass *
marsh grass *	thistle **
under pine tree *	under eucalyptus *
under oak *	mustard *
radish *	tall tangle weed *
burned field *	bare dirt *
plowed field *	

OBSTACLES

acute corner *	false corner **
curved corner (sharp) **	curved corner (wide) *
S leg (sharp) **	S leg (wide) **
stump *	fallen tree *
rocks *	derelict **
tree line (thru) *	brush line (thru) *
tree line turn *	brush line turn *
stream cross *	gulch cross *
stream zig zag *	gulch zig zag *
stream turn *	gulch turn *
dirt rd cross *	paved rd cross *
dirt rd turn *	paved rd turn *
foot path (follow) **	foot bridge **
irrigation ditch *	hedge *
barbed wire fence *	down fence line *
climbing fence **	fence corner *
wall **	cliff **
hidden article **	article off track **
article on corner **	article on X-track **
article in obstacle **	article behind obs. **
cows ***	horses ***
ground animals **	birds **

This map shows the area of Western N.J. where the Coach and Paddock Restaurant is located. Follow the directions on the information sheet. This map is enclosed just to give you an idea where the restaurant is located. Use a regular NJ Road Map for details.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE

Your presence is requested on June 29, 1985 at the Coach & Paddock Restaurant, Hampton, New Jersey in order to help celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lenape Tracking Club. We plan to have special guests, special prizes, a gift for all current members and the presentation of our Annual Awards.

The Menu for the evening will be:

Florida Fruit Cup
Roast Prime Ribs of Beef au Jus
Potatoes and vegetables
Rainbow Sherbert Parfait
Coffee Tea Sanka

We hope you will be able to join us at this gala event. To be sure your seat is reserved, please respond by June 15, 1985 by filling out and returning the reservation below in full.

DIRECTIONS:

Take Routes 78 West (coming from the North) or 78 East (from the South) to Exit 12 in Hampton (2 miles outside of Clinton). Get onto Route 173 West from the West side and 173 East from the East side to the Coach and Paddock Restaurant.

10th ANNIVERSARY, LENAPE TRACKING CLUB, INC.

Please reserve _____ seat(s) at \$20.00 per person for the gala event. The names of the people coming with me are:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____.

Reservations MUST be in by June 15, 1985.

**Please return your reservation to Pat Paulding, 11 Center St., High Bridge, New Jersey 08829. If you have any questions, please contact Pat on 201-638-8794 after 6 p.m. during the week.