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Gaines Medel nomination deadline: Dec. 31, 1985  
John Miktus Award deadline: Oct. 1, 1985

Send nominations with reasons why to the President by the above dates.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thank you to all who attended the 10th Anniversary Dinner and helped to make it the Gala affair that we hoped for. We had over 30 thirty members plus four guests. That's quite an impression turnout for our club considering our logistic problem. It was good to see faces not seen for awhile.

A number of awards were given out for "TD"s during the past year and one TDX was given to Dr. Laurella McClelland and her Papillon. Two recipients, Vicki Brown and Edie Braginton advised earlier that evening that they were planning on going to Canada in an attempt to do it again. GOOD LUCK to all.

Two special awards were presented: The Gaines Award to Ralph MacKinnon for his support during the past ten years as an officer, tracklayer +, host and all round "good guy". The second award was the John Miktus Award and it was presented to Joanne MacKinnon in recognition of her efforts in founding Lenape and her continuous support of its activities.

A gift (key chain with Lenape logo) was presented to each member present and will be mailed to all members as of 1985. A special gift was presented to eight of the original fifteen founding members who are still active and whose continued support has more than earned this gift for them.

A lovely blue and white Lap Blanket was donated by Mary Rose Coyle and won in a raffle by Charlotte Yurasek. Another raffle was held (50/50) in which Laurella McClelland and Fran Wilmeth were the winners.

A special "thanks" goes to Joanne Irwin who wrote to several dog food companies and after receipt of free coupons went to the grocery store a number of times for all the dog goodies handed out that night(it is only right that the dogs benefit too, they are part of the "team").

Another special thanks to Joanne MacKinnon and Peg Forte for their amusing and informative history presentation of Lenape. The photo album they so painstakingly prepared will be available for viewing at the next several events. Also shown by them was a short film on Scent Hurdling which I believe was enjoyed by everyone.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 17	ANNUAL PICNIC at the Mac Kinnons (info on last page)
NOV. 2 & 3	CERTIFICATION MATCH Judge Harry Broderson



Speaking of events, the next one is an Annual Picnic, which will be on August 17 at the MacKinnon home (one of the many reasons both deserved the awards they won). A flyer appears elsewhere in the newsletter for details on the Picnic. After the picnic the next event will be the Fall Certification. Janet Quodmine still needs a co-chairperson. The job is not difficult and does not require a lot of time, but it is important and important that someone volunteer NOW. Please contact Janet and volunteer your services, it is really a lot of fun.

The summer is here, the time I usually go into hibernation, however, this year my new Alaskan Malamute puppy "Niobe" (who is now a year old) will not let me do that. She still lives with the breeder until I find a new place to live, therefore, I try to see her twice a week to keep her socialized. I find her very sweet and playful and quite different from "Nichole" (who is now 8 1/2 years old). I am enjoying the new challenge and am looking forward to a busy future with her.

Again my sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the Anniversary Dinner a wonderful night to remember. I am very pleased to have been President at this time and to have participated in such a memorable event.

Have a good summer and hope to see you at the picnic.

PATRICIA PAULDING

#### 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 July AKC Gazette had not yet arrived when it was necessary to get this newsletter in the mail. If you need dates, etc. for fall tests please refer to the AKC Gazette.



## 1985 AWARDS

At the dinner awards were given to each dog and handler team that earned a T.D. or T.D.X. title in 1984. We were able to honor 7 such teams this year.

Vickie Brown & Ylka's Maater Blend CDX, TD German Shepherd  
Edie Braginton & Heidt's Marchenhaft Magie Am & Can. CD, TD  
Weimeraner

Paul Harris & Melanie Cricket of Norfield, CDX, TD, WDX

Eng. Springer Spaniel

Kris Du Fosse & Witherspoons Lucy Riker TD

Lisa Bush & Yates on Lindabrogue TD, WC Irish Water Spaniel

Lisa Bush & Killountain Delta Queen CD, TD, WC Irish Water Spaniel

Dorothea Vail & Stardust Buckaroo TD Golden Retriever

Laurelle Mc Clelland & Kine-Ahora Wrong Way Corrigan CD TDX  
Papillon

CONGRATULATIONS to all, may 1985 bring many more awards for next year's dinner.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

We honored two members at the dinner with special awards. Ralph Mac Kinnon received the Gaines Medal for Good Sportsmanship. Joanne Mac Kinnon received the John Miktus award for Outstanding Dedication. Members of the Board of LTC selected these recipients this time as they have in the past.

At the Board meeting in July it was decided to draw up formal guidelines for the selection of candidates to be considered for these awards in the future years. Also Committees were appointed to handle the selection. It is the Board's wish that members make nominations to the current President in writing. The nominations should include reason or reasons why you are making the nomination. Deadlines for these nominations will appear on the Who's Who page in each issue of the newsletter.

Basic Qualifications to be considered when nominating someone for these awards are: they must have served the club for more than two years as either an officer, board member, or Committee Chairperson, they have helped others in learning to track, or have given their support to other tracking events, have shown good sportsmanship in dog related activities.

Any member may nominate a person for these awards. In the case of the John Miktus Award, the Committee making the final decision will be Florence Miktus, the current President, the immediate past President, the two most recent recipients. In the case of the Gaines Award the committee making the final decision will be the current President, the immediate past President and the last recipient. These awards do not have to be given each year, they are special awards given to those special people who give above and beyond. Keep the guidelines in mind and make a nomination of someone you really feel deserves the award.

Past recipients of the Gaines Medal were Peg Forte, John Miktus, Joanne Mac Kinnon, Florence Miktus and Charlotte Schwartz. Past Recipient of the John Miktus Award was Peg Forte.



# TIDBITS

Dan and Janet Horn report the following:

A new CD is Am/Can CH EASTERN WATERS' LEONESSA owned by Janet but always trained and handled by Dan. "LENA" made the title in 3 straight shows, at Harrisburg, Trenton and Chenango Valley.

Am/Can CH EASTERN WATERS' BREAK O' DAY Am/Can CD placed in Sporting Groups on two successive weekends with a 3rd at Glean KC, May 18 and a 2nd at Plainfield KC on May 21. "BREAKERS" was Best of Breed at Buck's County, Glean, Plainfield, Union County, Bryn Mawr, Burlington County and Chenango Valley. He was Best Opposite at Monmouth County.

CH EASTERN WATERS' DAMARA ALDHA CD made one ring appearance this spring and won Best Opposite at Trenton.

EASTERN WATERS' ALDHA'S CORAL is a new CHAMPION !! "CORAL" finished with Best of Winners and Best Opposite at Burlington County, just 10 days before her second birthday ! "CORAL" was shown only in Puppy and Bred-by-Exhibitor classes. She was BOW at Westminster 1985.

The Horn's Chesapeakes also have two new "WD" certificates earned in American Chesapeake Club Working Dog tests. EASTERN WATERS' ELI'S BRANT made his first title on June 9 at Springboro, Pa. at age 17 months. "BREAKERS" added the WD to his how and obedience titles at Assunpink, N.J., two weeks later on June 23, trained and handled by Janet.

"BRANT" went Best of Winners for two points at Chenango Valley KC on June 23.

Seeing Eye visit date has been changed due to conflicts, new date is Thursday January 23rd. If the weather does not cooperate we will have to reschedule.

Lillian Puchalski and her granddaughter attended the Newton KC match in June. Granddaughter cleaned up with a win in Junior Showmanship and a 1st place in Novice. She is showing a sheltie. Lillian's planning on attending a Volhard clinic in New England in August and is looking for someone to travel with as her family doesn't want her to go alone. Contact Lillian if you are interested (717-842-9888).

Tim and Marie Riley have moved again, not too far from where they were but they now have an old farmhouse in the middle of ten acres, land is adjacent to large tract purchased for a school site that has yet to be built. Tim's three young ones are beginning to start tracking again. With fields right outside his door he hasn't got any more excuses. Thier new address is RD#6, Lambertson-Vincentown Rd., Vincentown, N.J.



At the 10th Anniversary Party, Joanne and Peg gave a brief history of the club. We were missing some early information and also when people weren't in photos from dinners we may have overlooked naming them as recipients of awards. Please accept our apologies if you were accidentally overlooked. We hope to fit all the missing pieces of the history together soon.

If you missed seeing the Photo Album at the dinner, you'll get a second chance at the picnic. If anyone has photos of any of our outings we would love to have them to add to the album. Thanks!

#### FOUNDING MEMBERS HONORED AT DINNER

At the 10th Anniversary dinner the eight members who have been with the club from the first meeting on June 30, 1975 were honored. Fifteen people from a list of 23 interested people attended that first meeting. That fact that eight of these are still members speaks well for our venture into the unknown. In 1975 we were a novelty.

Each of the original eight were presented with a desk pen on a marble base with a club logo especially inscribed signifying the fact that they were founding members. Those so honored were Marrion Case, Peg Forte, Maeliene Loos, Ronn Loos, Ann Nowakowski, Joanne Mac Kinnon, Ralph Mac Kinnon, and Fran Wilmeth.

Your cover this month is the club logo with signatures of all who attended the 10th Anniversary dinner. It was necessary to reduce the original to fit it on the cover, since the reduction wasn't made yet as I type this I don't know if all the signatures will be legible. We will keep the original. Wonder how many of us will be at the 20th Anniversary party.



# Dogs being tested to sniff out toxic dangers

By KATHLEEN CASEY

Tracking dogs sniff out drugs, bombs, contraband food, termites and gypsy moths.

They sniff their way to escaped convicts, missing children and buried avalanche victims.

Staffers at the federal Environmental Protection Agency in Edison have set out to prove that tracking dogs can also be taught to follow their noses to sites contaminated by chemicals.

An initial study has indicated that the idea is sound. But it will take about two more years to produce scientifically defensible data, said Hugh Masters, research project manager at the EPA's hazardous waste engineering research laboratory in the township.

When a consultant made the proposal to EPA two years ago, it sounded like "a common-sense idea" to Masters and other EPA staffers in Edison.

To the consultant, Herbert S. Skovronek of Morris Plains, it was more like an idea whose time may finally be coming.

He had proposed the idea to the EPA more than five years earlier, when he was a staffer himself.

This time, approval was obtained for a study to be conducted by a pack of dog lovers including Masters, who owns and trains tracking dogs, and Skovronek, a professional dog trainer for over 15 years. The study cost about \$20,000.

Justa, an 8-year-old black and tan female German shepherd, and Niner, a 4-year-old black male German shepherd, were sensitized to toluene and trichlorophenol.

Both dogs are veteran narcotics sniffers and also trained in search and rescue.

"We went to the international experts," for the training, Masters said.

Glen H. Johnson of Windsor, Ontario, author of "Tracking Dog: Theory and Methods," instructed dog trainer Don Arner of Denville, co-founder of the North American Canine Olfaction Society, on a methodology. Arner trained Justa and Niner.

Each dog was handled by its owner, both associates of Arner.

In November 1983, Masters said, the dogs proved their worth by detecting from 25 feet away a drop of toluene on a piece of cotton encased in a hidden wood dowel.

A scientific instrument able to detect less than one part per million of the substance registered nothing until the instrument's probing device was placed in contact with the dowel, Masters said.

The dogs also performed well on variations of the game.

"We don't understand this canine nose," Masters said, marvelling at its acuity.

He speculated that properly trained dogs could be useful to the EPA in several ways.

The point, he said, is to use the

dogs to detect very low concentrations of chemicals—concentrations below levels picked up by scientific instruments.

"The intent is never to use dogs in the center of identified toxic waste dumping sites," he said.

Rather, they might be used in residential areas on the perimeter of such sites to determine if any of the chemicals had seeped that far.

There would be two benefits to this, he said.

First, an EPA staffer walking a dog could work inconspicuously, where-

as the traditional technician in a protective "moon suit" digging up soil samples for testing is an alarming sight to local residents.

Second, those samples are expensive to test for contamination. A dog's nose might do away with the need for collecting and testing soil samples at all.

Another possible application of educated canine noses, Masters said, would be to detect any remaining traces of chemicals on clothes, equipment and vehicles used in toxic waste cleanup jobs after those items have

been washed.

In the second phase, expected to get under way in September, sophisticated lab measurements will be made of exactly what concentrations of what chemicals dogs detect and from what distances, he said.

By such measuring, observing and recording, Masters hopes to develop the scientific data that could lead to the day when chemical-sniffing hounds work for either the EPA or for private contractors employed for chemical cleanups.





WHEN? Sat. Aug. 17 1PM  
WHERE? THE MAC KINNON'S (rain or shine)  
WHAT? Fun! swimming, Chinese Auction  
Special Dog/Tracking Trivia game  
WHO? Humans only, no Canines

CHINESE AUCTION - One of the highlights of the picnic each year. It's success depends on your bringing some GREAT items (that you no longer want or need) for the auction. REMEMBER.... one man's trash is another man's treasure.

FOOD - the hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided by the club via your reservation fee of \$4.00 per person...see form below. You are welcome to bring your own beer or liquor. Please send in your reservation by August 10th so that the food can be gotten in ample amounts.

SALADS, DESSERTS - we are asking each Family to bring a salad or a dessert to help with the cost of the picnic. Please indicate on your reservation slip what you intend to bring so that if we get all potato salads we can contact some of you to change your minds.

BRIEF GENERAL MEETING - election of the Nominating Committee

DIRECTIONS - take Clinton-Pittstown Exit #15 from Route 78; go south towards Pittstown on Rt 513 for approximately 1/2 mile and make a left turn onto Rt 617 (Sidney-Cherryville Road) and proceed approximately 1 1/2 miles to Mac Kinnon's on the right. Sign "Bit O' Skye" denotes driveway. Mac Kinnon's phone # is 201-735-7793.

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#### PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Mail to Ralph R. Mac Kinnon, Box 179 RD 1, Pittstown, N.J. 08867

Mail by August 10th with your payment of \$4.00 per person.

I plan to attend the picnic \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
The following people will be attending with me \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ salad \_\_\_\_\_ dessert  
(please indicate which you are bringing)

Total number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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