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

Gaines Medal 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:

There really isn't much to say at this time. The Fall Certification Match is behind us. An excellent job was done by Janet Quodmine and the tracklayers. Our thanks to all in attendance.

I am, however, disappointed that no one replied to my request in the last Newsletter as to what type of programs you would like to have. A survey sheet is included on the last page of this Newsletter, along with your 1986 Dues Renewal form and I would appreciate your taking a moment to respond to the survey. It is important to the continuance of the Club.

On a happier note (at least for me) at the Palisades Kennel Club show in October, "Niobe", my 16 month old Alaskan Malamute bitch took 2nd place in American Bred. She is real sweet and very much the opposite of "Nicolle" who is now 9 years old. "Nicolle" is the one who got me involved in the dog world where I have met some very nice people.

Enough talk about dogs. I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a very happy, healthy New Year.

Pat Paulding

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 23rd Visit to Seeing Eye 10:15 Morristown, N.J.
 call Peg Forte 201-832-7231 if you plan to
 attend, space is limited, deadline Jan. 9th

April 26th TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY
 with Charlotte Schwartz

March ? Annual Awards Dinner

Nov. 1st & 2nd CERTIFICATION MATCH

TIDBITS REMINDER

In order to insure we have the facts straight and the names spelled right please submit your Tidbits in writing (postcards are terrific) to Joanne Mac Kinnon RD 1, Box 197, Pittstown, N.J. 08867 Thank you.

RECOMMENDED READING

THE EYES THAT LEAD; The story of guide dogs for the blind. Michael Tucker Howell Book House

The story of guide dogs in England, including details of training. The second half of the book with its' true stories gives the reader great insight into what our dogs can and will do.

TD & TDX TESTS

In each newaletter 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. It pays to plan ahead by having an idea of when clubs hold tests. These listings are taken from the AKC Gazette, they are not always accurate. With the new rule on how your entry gets drawn may mean a long suspenseful wait until you hear whether you are in the test. So train and be ready. Good Luck!

TRACKING TESTS

MARCH 9 VA Manassas POTOMAC VALLEY ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB
National Battlefield Park, Hugh Pollon, Trial Sec.,
2705 Clarkes Landing Dr., Oakton, VA 22124 LIMIT: 4 FEE: \$20
CLOSES: FEB. 26

MARCH 23 NC Fletcher ASHEVILLE KENNEL CLUB, INC. 'Bredenbrog',
Butler Bridge Rd., Jane Doty, Trial Sec., 347 Jackson Rd.,
Fletcher, NC 28732 LIMIT: 10 FEE: \$25 CLOSES: March 12

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

MARCH 1 NC Lewisville WINSTON-SALEM DOG TRAINING CLUB 'Hilltops',
Conrad Rd., Sarah R.Spoon, Trial Sec., 1999 Ardmore Rd.,
Winston-Salem, NC 27107 LIMIT: 3 FEE: \$35 CLOSES: FEB. 12

MARCH 9 MD Clarksburg CAPITOL DOG TRAINING CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
Communications Satellite Corporation, Doris Baater,
Trial Sec., 7012 Wells Parkway, Hyattsville, MD 20782
LIMIT: 5 FEE: \$40 CLOSES: FEB. 28

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Dog endorsements

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

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German Shorthaired Pointer & Standard Poodle

Ms. Joyce Ann Brobst 70 Grandview Rd., Easton, Pa., 18042 215-253-8895

Standard Poodle

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.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 1986


The Nominating Committee appointed at the August meeting of Chairman Fran Wilmeth, Janet Horn and Charlotte Yurasek present their proposed slate of officers for 1986

PRESIDENT:	Peg Forte
VICE-PRES:	Dan Horn
SECRETARY:	Janet Quodomine
TREASURER:	Gail Castro
BOARD MEMBERS:	Ronn Loos, Fran Wilmeth, Pat Paulding, Charlotte Yurasek, Dorothea Vail


According to our Constitution:

Additional nominations may be made at the February meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position and the additional nominations which are provided herein may be made only from those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee. No candidate may be nominated twice for the same position.


Tid Bits




I just knew we would be hearing very soon again about DOC! Sure enough, Ann Nowakowski called just recently to say that DOC is now a CHAMPION!! DOC finished in style with a 4 point major at Ramapo KC on Sunday, October 13th. Not letting any grass grow under their feet Ann has DOC trained through Utility already so you can expect them to continue their success in the Obedience ring. In fact Ann also reported that DOC was 1st in Novice B at the Trenton KC Match on 11/3/85. As if that wasn't enough DOC also took the First Place Ribbon when they combined Novice A with Novice B and went on to be High in Match !! His score was 195 1/2. DOC is a Norwegian Elkhound and he is only 19 months old. DOC is not the only one bringing in the Ribbons at the Nowakowski Household, ERIKA (a German Shepherd) was 1st in Open B with a 197 at a German Shepherd Speciality recently.



Another young dog that has been making her owner real proud is JESSICA, a 2 year old Springer Spaniel bitch. JESSICA is owned, trained and handled by Paul Harris. Paul first reported that JESSICA had gotten her CD. Then they went on to have the following wins at the Spaniel Field Trials:
2nd in the Amateur All Age in Maine for 3 points
Then on October 12th and 13th at the Cocker Club Trials:
1st in the Open All Age and 2nd in the Amateur All Age
On October 26th and 27th at the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial:
3rd in the Open All Age and 2nd in the Amateur All Age
For those not involved in Field Trialing, you might like to know that you are awarded points for your placements. After accumulating a certain number of points and/or wins you become a Field Champion or an Amateur Field Champion or both. It is interesting to note that at this time JESSICA is high point Spaniel in the East and 2nd highest in the Nation! She is very close to attaining her Field Titles. Paul and JESSICA are heading to the Nationals at the end of the month and we wish them continued success!!



Vicky Brown sent along the following news about her German Shepherd, BROCK. BROCK earned his Canadian TD on July 28 at St. Catherine's District KC. He earned his Canadian CDX on August 24th at St. John's Obedience Club Trial with a second and third place in Open B. Returning to this country, BROCK proceeded to get his UD! His first leg was earned at the South Jersey German Shepherd Club, his second leg at Lower Camden DTC and he finished at Dauphin DTC. BROCK is now an American UDT and a Canadian CDX TD at only two and a half years old!! CONGRATULATIONS!!



Lillian Puchalski wrote us to let us know that LAR-LILL'S PERFECT PRINCESS TT has earned her TD! DAISY MAE (as she is more commonly known) passed the TD test at Berks County DTC Trial on Sunday, October 13th. She also passed at Town and Country DTC on Saturday, October 19th. DAISY MAE is a Golden Retriever and is a Moses' granddaughter.



Joanne and Ralph MacKinnon's BIT O' SKYE'S PIPE MAJOR CDX passed the Working Certificate Excellent Test at the Lenape Golden Retriever Club Trial on Saturday, September 21st. BIT O' SKYE'S LORELEI DANIELE CD WC earned the third leg for her CDX at Hatboro KC on Friday, October 4th.



The following short stories were sent along to us by Betty Bailey:

HOUSE GUESTS FOLLOW DOG (my tracking story!): On an occasion or more we have had guests who were unfamiliar with our second floor facilities. Upon inquiring about the bathroom with the usual question "where is it?" smilingly, I have advised said guest "follow Belle, she'll lead you to the bathroom". Not certain about my sanity but going along with the advice, guest politely obliged, questioning their own sanity! But true to form Belle led the way to the bathroom door then came running downstairs to me tail wagging happily! Oh, about the guests? Well, Belle left them to find their way back downstairs on their own!

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE: When the time was due to take Belle's litter of five lively Shelties to the Vet's office for the removal of their dew claws I wondered "how do I transport them"? My only available STURDY solution was a carton from a case of Dewar's scotch. As usual when I arrived at the Vets I had to wait. There was also a pharmaceutical salesman waiting to see the Vet. The nurse behind the desk asked if she might see the puppies. "Certainly", I said. At which time the salesman remarked, "Oh, I thought you had Dewars in that carton". I laughed and replied, "I do, I have five DOERS"!



Randi Meyer sent along the following news: Belgian Tervuren SOUVENIRS TRIVIAL PURSUIT got her TD on October 26th at the P.C.O.T.C. Test in New Paltz, N.Y. "SKY-BRAT" is a 10 month old gal owned by Dana Mackonis and myself. Fortunately, I had the honor of training and getting the TD writes Randi!!



LOGAN, the German Shepherd who was certified at our fall match, unfortunately did not pass the Tracking Test at Burlington, his owner Marti Caldwell writes.



Kris DuFosse was entered in some TDX Tests this fall with her Bearded Collie without success unfortunately. Kris is looking for people to continue working on TDX through the winter. Please call her at 201 782 3162 if you are interested.

CONVERSION: THE OFTEN NEGLECTED REQUIREMENT

Fran Wilmeth obtained permission from Ruth Ivers, editor of "SCENT" magazine, for us to reprint this important article written by Julie Treinis and originally appeared in the Spring 1984 "SCENT" magazine. Thank you Ruth, Julie and Fran.

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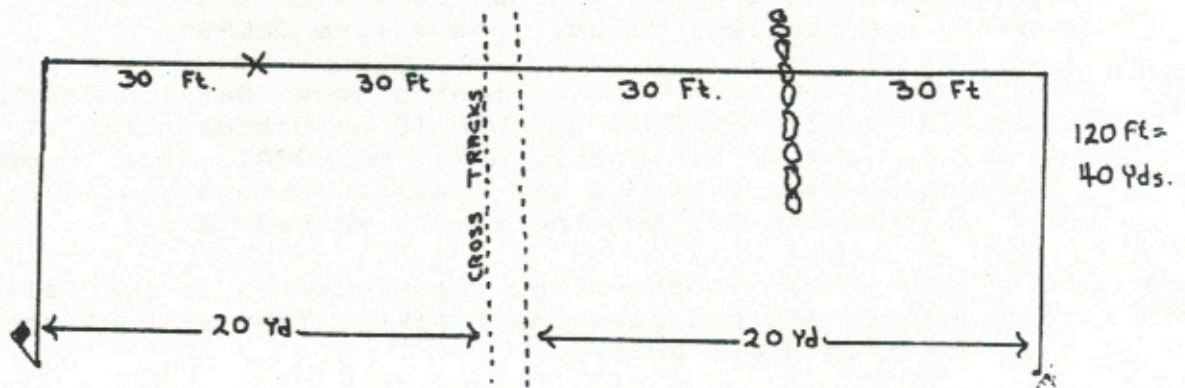
by Julie Treinis

One often neglected area essential to proper tracklaying is that of converting paces to yards. The following quotation is taken from the AKC publication, Guidelines for Obedience Judges:

Each judge approved for Tracking should determine the length of his own stride while walking normally. This is particularly important for women judges, whose pace is usually much less than 36 inches. Each judge should have an appropriate factor by which to convert his pace, so that the length of each step may be converted to a yard.

Reducing the actual length of the track (but falsely noting the yardage for the various legs ...), is a violation of the rules and a disservice to the sport.

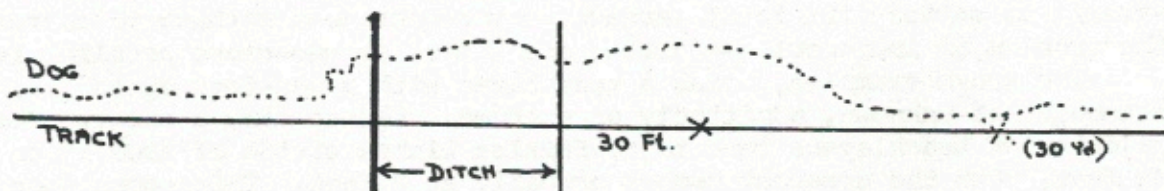
Since the tracks at AKC TD and TDX Tests must be laid in yards, and not paces, it is necessary for each tracklayer to determine and use his own personal conversion factor, during practice and training sessions. Certainly this is important and required for TD tracks, but it becomes absolutely mandatory when plotting TDX tracks. Utilizing obstacles and cross-tracks presents what can be insurmountable problems if paces are used rather than yards. For example, a short tracklayer, with a one-foot stride, could theoretically lay the following track:



Thus, within an actual 40-yard distance, there are the start, one article, one set of double crosstracks, a stone wall, and two corners. There are also parallel legs separated by only 40 yards, and double crosstracks only 20 yards from the first and third legs. Whether or not a given dog on a given day could negotiate such a track is of no consequence. According

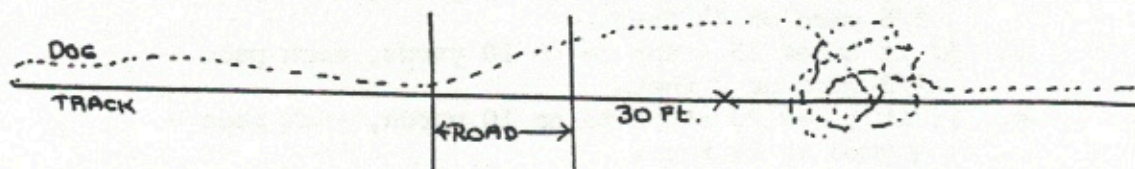
to AKC regulations, it is an improper track and presents an unfair challenge to the dog and handler. Add some wind and hilly terrain, and the stage is set for failure.

Another example of how a dog may be failed by an improperly laid or non-converted track is as follows:

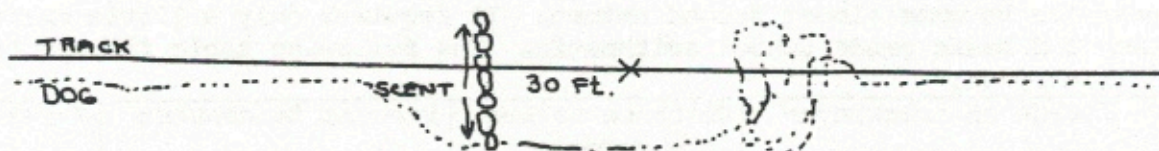


Dog fails because he misses the article.

It is certainly feasible for the dog to be tracking to one side of the track when he reaches the ditch and to take the path of least resistance across it (even if this is somewhat wide of the actual track), picking up the track again on the other side, as in the illustration. The article, which is improperly dropped only 30 feet from the obstacle, would be missed, while one at 30 yards would be located. Hopefully, the improperly placed article would draw the dog back to itself, but ground and wind conditions may preclude that from happening, and the dog will have failed. This same situation can be encountered at roads, where the dog might cross diagonally and require extensive searching to relocate the track:



and at stone walls, where the scent may spread, causing the dog to cross at other than the exact spot taken by the tracklayer:



Also, the problem of gross inconsistency due to lack of conversion, must be obvious. The dog tracking the short tracklayer with the one-foot stride is continually encountering conditions not met by the dog whose tracklayer has a 3-foot stride. And conversely, the second dog is faced with enduring a track three times as long as that of the first dog.

A tracklayer who does not want to be bothered or feels insecure with

converting may try to make things right by adding a few extra paces to each leg. Obviously, this does not work. Our tracklayer with the one-foot stride would have to add 100 more paces to her 50-foot leg in order for it to equal 50 yards, as indicated on the map. This is hardly "a few extra paces." Also, adding an extra leg at the end of the track in an attempt to satisfy the total yardage requirement does nothing to correct the problem on improperly separated challenges or too-close parallel legs.

The above examples, using a tracklayer with a one-foot stride is, although not unknown, admittedly an extreme, used to make a point. The majority of tracklayers tend to be females with a stride of from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet, with the greatest number probably at 2 feet. This means that unconverted legs are still only $\frac{2}{3}$ of the required distance. It means that the dog which runs a track of 600 paces has covered only 400 yards, 40 yards less than the minimum TD track required by the AKC.

The first step in converting from paces to yards is that of determining one's length of stride. One method is to measure and mark off a ten-yard distance. Walking as she does when laying track, the tracklayer should begin striding several yards before the start of the marked ten-yard expanse and continue for several yards after the end of it. Either she or an assistant should count her paces over the measured distance. From this, the length of stride can be determined.

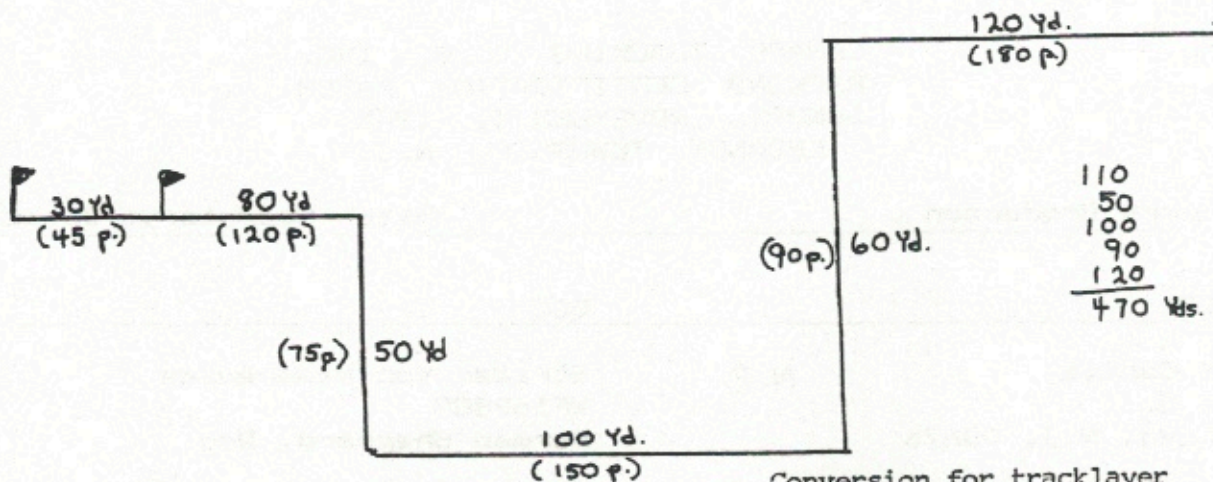
Examples:

1. If it takes 10 steps to go 10 yards, each pace = 1 yard or 3 feet.
2. If it takes 12 steps to go 10 yards, each pace = $\frac{5}{6}$ yard or $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.
3. If it takes 15 steps to go 10 yards, each pace = $\frac{2}{3}$ yard or 2 feet.
4. If it takes 20 steps to go 10 yards, each pace = $\frac{1}{2}$ yard or $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet.
5. If it takes 30 steps to go 10 yards, each pace = $\frac{1}{3}$ yard or 1 foot.

The next step is to convert the length of stride and distance covered to yards walked. The conversion itself is quite simple and with practice becomes almost second nature. It requires only a little extra time and basic grade school arithmetic. The following table illustrates this process:

Stride of tracklayer	Distance walked (in paces)	Process to convert	Yards
1 ft. ($\frac{1}{3}$ yd.)	60	divide by 3	20
$1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. ($\frac{1}{2}$ yd.)	60	divide by 2	30
2 ft. ($\frac{2}{3}$ yd.)	60	multiply by 2 & divide by 3	40
$2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. ($\frac{5}{6}$ yd.)	60	multiply by 5 & divide by 6	50
3 ft. (1 yd.)	60	multiply by 1	60

A useful way of noting the conversion when drawing the map is to place the number of paces in parentheses along the leg, as illustrated below:



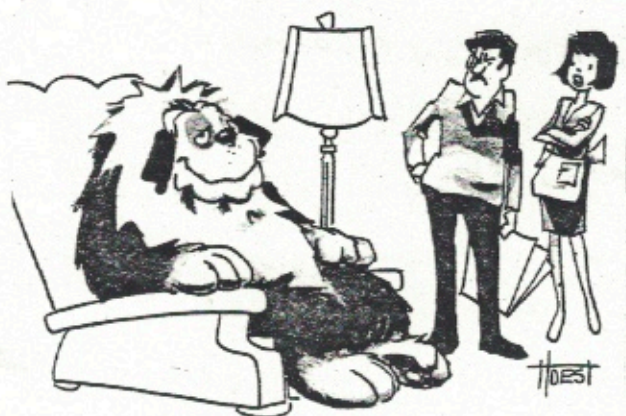
Conversion for tracklayer with 2 ft. stride.

Using this system, tracks can easily be retraced without requiring the reverse conversion of yards to paces.

Since the AKC is adamant in its requirement that the track be laid in yards, it behooves each tracklayer to know the length of her own stride and how to convert that to yards.

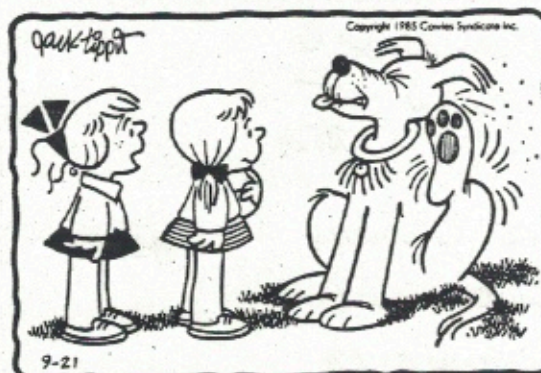


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"Well, you're the one who taught him to sit."

AMY



"It's sort of a nervous twist . . . caused by fleas."

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB, INC.
TRACKING CERTIFICATION MATCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1985
LEBANON TOWNSHIP, N.J.

Judge: Harry Brodersen

Match Secretary: Janet Quodamine

EXHIBITOR		DOG	TRACK
1. Millie Curtis PO Box 5 Pittstown, N.J. 08876	N.Q.	Strider von Hammhausen WF169889 German Shepherd, Dog	2
2. Don Tanquay Box 226 Lakeside Ave Franklinville, N.J.	DID NOT SHOW	Lowenhart's Dabu UM995563 Rottweiler, Bitch	
3. Frances Wilmeth 294 Aquetong Road New Hope, N.J. 18938	N.Q.	Amulet Carlotta of Jira WEB78605 Doberman Pinscher, Bitch	1
4. Debra Hamilton 35-05 146 Street Flushing, N.Y. 11354	DID NOT SHOW	Raisin in the Sun SD978107 Irish Setter, Bitch	
5. LYNDY TEDESCO 170 CHANGewater RD WASHINGTON NJ 07882	N.Q.	RHYDOWN VIN-LYN'S PIED PIER D-298516 CORGI, DOG	4
6. MARTI CALDWELL 70 CHURCHVILLE LN. CHURCHVILLE, PA 18966	PASSED	NEW SKETEY LOGAN V. CALDWELL SHEPHERD, DOG	3

SURVEY & DUES REMINDER

It's that time of year again, time to remind members to send in their dues for the 1986 year. We have just celebrated our 10th Anniversary, and we tried in the last newsletter to get you - THE MEMBERS - to tell us what you'd like us to be doing in the future. We had ----ZERO---- response to this request. So we are going to try again with the survey below. Please fill in and return this survey with your membership renewal.

In order for the LENAPE TRACKING CLUB to continue to be successful we need --- YOUR --- INPUT. We realize that our membership is spread out geographically, but that doesn't stop you from SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS. Thank you.

PROGRAMS

I would like regular meetings a year. _____
___ 2 times a year ___ 4 times a year ___ bi-monthly ___ monthly
I would attend _____ times a year.
Program suggestions _____

I can arrange for a program on _____

ACTIVITIES

Presently our activities include Tracking Experience Day, Follow Seasons from May to Aug., Certification Match (2 days), Annual Picnic or Fun Day, and Awards Dinner.

We do ___do not___ have enough activities each year.

I suggest the following activities _____

I will help at _____ activities this year.

I will help plan a new activity. _____

NEWSLETTER

I always read all of my newsletter _____
I read my newsletter sometimes _____
I never bother reading my newsletter _____
I like the newsletter as it is _____
I would like to see articles on _____
I will send in a TIDBIT _____ Times this year.
I will write an article this year _____
I will send in a cover idea this year _____
I can and will contribute to the newsletter by _____

AWARDS REMINDER

If your dog earned a T.D. or T.D.X. title (American or Canadian) during the calendar year 1985 please indicate how you would like the dog's name to appear on his plaque.

Dues for 1985 ___ INDIVIDUAL \$10 ___ FAMILY \$15

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____