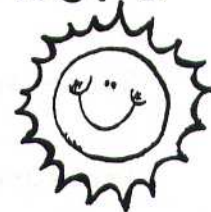


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SURE WOULD MAKE
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A REAL FEAT!!

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WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to all the officers for the 1986 club year (see Who's Who on the inside of the cover). A hearty THANK YOU to Pat Paulding, who served as President for the past two years and to Joanne Irwin, who served as our Vice-President for several years.

sincere Thank You to all who responded to our survey in the Nov.-Dec. 85 issue. Your ideas and suggestions have been taken under consideration by the Board. We held the first board meeting with the new officers and we have some new ideas and directions for the club. See the Board Meeting Highlights article for details.

You all indicated liking the newsletter as is, but there will be some minor changes. Slightly smaller print will be used when needed to enable us to get as much in as possible. Our responses to "People Tracks" are as informative as hoped, but they will take considerable room each issue.

THANK YOU to RANDIE MEYER and SUSAN LAVOIE for the articles they wrote for this issue. And to MARION RAPP for preparing the Tracking Test page. We hope more of our members will try their hand at writing articles for us. They don't have to be just on tracking, think about your favorite dog story ... we all have one. Be a contributor to the newsletter this year.

If you haven't called Fran Wilmeth yet to say how you'll be helping or participating in the Tracking Experience Day..... there is still time. Remember members pay half price. There is a flyer included in this newsletter, there is still time to sign up ... deadline is April 19th. Do it Today!!!

Peg Forte

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 26 TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY

NOV. 1 & 2 FALL CERTIFICATION MATCH
Judge: Carol Parkinson

Please send your TID BITS to Joanne Mac Kinnon by May 15th

ATTENTION: If your last newsletter had some blank sides of pages blank... that was a printing error. I think at least ten went out that way. If you were the unlucky recipient of one of these bogus newsletters and would like a correct copy let Gail Castro know and she will send you a proper copy.

● A black dot by your name on your address label means you have not yet paid your 1986 dues. Please submit your dues to Gail Castro, 99 Delmore Avenue, Berkeley Heights, N.J. 07922. This is your LAST Newsletter if you do not submit your dues.

TID-BITS



We received the following news items from Nancy Withers:
CHAD, "GAIRLECH'S SPIRIT O' GALENWOOD" Shetland Sheepdog owned by Nancy Withers completed his American CDX in three straight shows in April '85 - Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland, Tri State Shetland Sheepdog Club (3rd place) and Mason Dixon Kennel Club. CHAD also completed his Canadian CDX in June at the Canadian Save the Children's Fund Shows + the Kingston + District KC Shows with a 3rd and 4th placing. CAPER "RAMBLEWOOD CAPER O' GALENWOOD" another Shetland Sheepdog owned by Nancy Withers had a very busy 1985 completing her American CD in April at the Wilmington KC Show with a 4th place. CAPER placed in a total of 8 Novice B shows. In June she earned her Canadian CD at the Canadian Save the Children's Fund + Kingston + District KC Shows with scores of 197 1/2 (2nd place) 198 (2nd place) 196 1/2 (3rd place) + 197 (3rd place) earning her a Dog World Award. Last Fall CAPER also earned her American CDX at Pocono Mountain KC (3rd place) Hatboro KC (3rd place) + Back Mountain KC. (CAPER will be my tracking dog!) BEAMER a Kuvasz trained and handled by Nancy Withers completed his CD at the following shows, Oriole Dog Training Club, Dauphin Dog Training Club and Princeton Dog Training Club (194 1/2 !!!). Now that was a challenge!



Edie Braginton sent along the following items: Weimaraner GINNY earned her Canadian TD on July 28th at St. Catherine's District KC. On August 20th she finished her Canadian Championship at St. John's KC, New Brunswick. Now retired from competition, her titles make her: AM + CAN CH HEIDT'S DIAMOND DJINN AM + CAN CD + TD, SD, NRD, VX!!! Ginny's daughter HEIDT'S ANDENKEN NSD (ANDI) completed the requirements for her Canadian CD on August 23rd at St. John's Obedience Club Trial St. John, New Brunswick, with an average of 190. She got her first leg on her American CD at Princeton with a 196 and 4th place.



Ann Nowakowski reports that DOC now has his CD. He made three legs in three shows in eight days!!

PORT CHESTER SCENT DAY by Susan Lavoie

On Sunday March 16, 1986, the Port Chester Obedience Club held their advanced scent day at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River, N.Y. The reservation is a beautiful location with all types of terrain. There are hundreds of acres of open fields, wooded hillsides and swampy areas. After almost a week of rain there were more wet, muddy areas than normal.

The dogs involved in the "scent day" activities included working, herding and sporting dogs, hounds and terriers. They ranged in age from 3 months to 10 years which only proves what a long working life a dog can have.

The dogs and handlers demonstrated their skills at AKC TD and TDX tracks, scent discrimination, search and rescue, seek backs, puppy tracks, area searches and FH (Schutzhund) tracking.

Port Chester Scent Day...continued

Participants included many individuals and their dogs as well as members of the Connecticut State Police and the Ramapo Rescue Dog Assn. After each demonstration the handler answered questions about the dogs and their training methods.

The different activities ran smoothly with spectators moving from one area to another nearby or the next demonstration. There was only one mix up that I was aware of which occurred when Lydia Strawbridge and her FH tracking dog, Draco, were involved in a 3 hour old, 1500 yard, 6 turn track. Before Lydia and Draco completed the track another demonstration had begun in the same area. Draco had to pass a person hiding in the brush for the other demonstration plus a handler and a dog who were starting the next demonstration, and continue tracking through a field that had just been walked over by all the spectators! Draco continued on undisturbed and finished his track proving himself a fantastic tracker.

All in all a good day was had by all; Dogs, Handlers, and Spectators.



ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER, MARCH 15, 1986

The following dog and handler teams were presented awards for tracking titles earned during the 1985 calendar year.

AMERICAN T.D.'S

Lillian Puchalski and Golden Retriever, Lar-Lil's Perfect Princess T.D. T.T.

Randi Meyer and Belgian Tervuren, Souvenirs Trivial Pursuit, T.D.

Paul Harris and English Springer Spaniel, Jessica of Norfield C.D., T.D., W.D.X.

Susan Lavoie and German Shepherd, Elise T.D.

Gerry Sullivan and Standard Poodle, Kaeley Dial P for Panache, T.D.

CANADIAN T.D.'S

Vicki Brown and German Shepherd, Ylka's Master Blend U.D.T., Can. C.D.X., T.D.

Edith Braginton and Weimaraner, Am. & Can. Ch. Heidt's Diamond Djurin, Am. & Can. C.D., T.D.

MIKTUS AWARD

Fran Wilmeth received the John Miktus Award. We were all sorry that Florence Miktus was unable to be present to present the award this year. We understand that she had a prior engagement, square dancing.

Everyone enjoyed the dinner at the new Holiday Inn in Clinton, N.J. Thanks goes to Pat Paulding who made the arrangements for the dinner.

"PEOPLE TRACKS"

This issue starts our new feature "People Tracks". It is hoped that we all get to know each other better through these "tracks". If the first few I have recieved are indicative of what is to come, I'd say we are going to achieve that goal. We will include as many "tracks" as space permits in each newsletter, so watch for this regular feature and please return your "track" when requested. The order for the "tracks" has been selected with a balance of older members and newer ones in mind. Enjoy getting to know each other.

JANET QUODDOMINE, SECRETARY

Janet got her first dog, Danny, a Border Collie, while she was working as a Breeding Farm Assistant at Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Danny was being rejected from the Guide Dog training program and needed a home. Border Collies had always been her favorite, from the first ones she saw as working dogs on her relatives farm in Vermont. Danny has since died (they did earn a CD degree) and she now has two border collies (father & daughter) and two Austrailian Catteladogs (mother & daughter). Her male Border Collie has his C.D. and is working on the C.D.X. Gem, her female Border Collie is working on her C.D. and has just begun her tracking training. Honey (female Austrailian Cattle Dog) is working on her C.D. and Wiggles, who has no titles (female Austrailian Cattle Dog) is their resident Frisbee champ.

Janet became interested in tracking when she retired Danny from obedience training because of arthritis. She thought tracking would be good exercise for a dog who was still eager to learn. Unfortunately she never completed his training.

Her husband, Jim, and Janet have trained Honey, their two year old Austrailian Catteladog as a Search & Rescue dog. They are part of the West Jersey Canine S & R unit. They breed their dogs occasionally and Janet enjoys training for obedience

Janet and Jim also have two Quarter Horses which the dogs enjoy "herding". Since they both work full-time they don't have as much time to spend with their animals as they would like. However, one past time Janet does enjoy is cross-country skiing in the woods behind their home with their goat, Luther. Luther doesn't ski, but he follows happily along the trails behind Janet. They adopted Luther 2 years ago from the Brooklyn ASPCA. He was found abandoned in a cemetary in Brooklyn, next to a Lutheran Church. At the time their vet estimated that he was about 6 months old. He has turned out to be a very unique pet. Janet has occasionally threatened to trade-in all the dogs in exchange for goats.

HUGH AND CAROL MASTERS, NEW MEMBERS, 1985

Approximately 15 years ago, Hugh and Carol Masters decided to get a puppy. Hugh had always liked the looks and versatility of the German Shepherd Dog. They felt now was the time to get a puppy since they were about to move to a small place in the country, just outside Lakewood, N.J. They didn't know much about buying a dog so they bought several books on the subject and started to read. Even though the books all agreed it would be wise to purchase a puppy through a kennel, they still visited several pet stores and oo-ed and ah-ed at the puppies. But fortunately they finally saw an ad in the newspaper for a kennel nearby their residence and made an appointment with the owner to look at her new GSD pups.

The kennel owner was a very personable woman with a strong German accent. She impressed them with her knowledge about the GSD and after several hours they left with their first puppy, "Erlanglen's Master Fritz". Before they left, the woman recommended that the dog should be socialized and given obedience training and recommended a local dog club where she trained.

People Tracks Continued

Before very long, Hugh was taking "Fritz" to obedience classes at the Jersey Shore German Shepherd Dog Club (JSGSDC) and really enjoying it. The Masters' joined the JSGSDC and started to go to dog shows. Within a year, they had their second dog "Erlangen's Ingo", which was to become Carol's dog. Before long both "Fritz" and "Ingo" had their CD's and then their CDX's. The Masters became active in their club and trained obedience classes weekly for about 2 years. Carol was even president for a while.

They were obedience people at heart, but liked the show ring enough to try co-owning a Shepherd bitch that seemed to have show potential. "Pippen of Johnsondale" was a doll but didn't have what it took for the show ring.

Well after 15 years, Hugh and Carol have found their way to Hunterdon County and have recently purchased a home in Tewkesbury Township, near Califon. This location was convenient for Carol who recently transferred from Holmdel to AT&T Bell Labs new building at Liberty Corner in Warren, where she is a software engineer. The move didn't improve Hugh's commute to work, but he likes the area so much he was willing to put up with it. Hugh is a physical scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at Edison, NJ. Unfortunately, Fritz, Ingo, and Pippen are no longer here, but would surely have liked this new home in the hills.

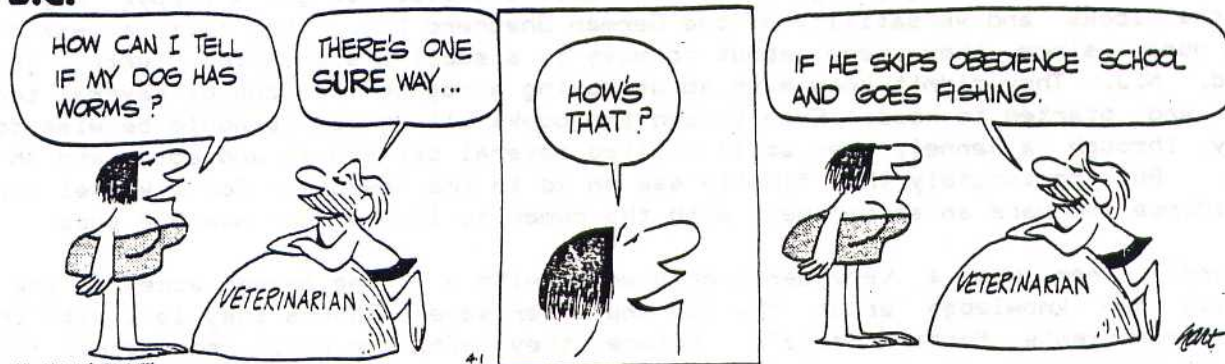
The Masters', never to be without a Shepherd, now have a "fresh" but beautiful "Wellsprings's Howard Johnson" son named "Oak Hill's Flashpoint", better known as "Flash". Carol says "Flash" has had "some" show handling and "some" obedience school but still requires a 2x4 at times.

Hugh and Carol found out about Lenape through the former owner of their new home, Mrs. Dorothy Villari, a club member. Through, Mrs. Villari's help, they made contact with our club and have brought Flash to several of our tracking classes (Experience Day Follow-Up Sessions). That is how they joined the club.

Due to circumstances beyond their control (one of them being Hugh's need of a back operation) they haven't been able to do much tracking since they moved in late summer of last year - but if all goes well they hope to start with "Flash" again this spring. Carol also keeps busy with her much larger pet, a horse named "Vixen" and in trying to keep their cat, "Sparks" from the playful (?) jaws of Flash".

When asked to relate one of their more amusing dog stories, Hugh was quick to remember a very hot, humid summer day about 12 years ago, when he was actively working "Fritz" towards his CD. "We were at a match show", he says, "I think at Washington Crossing State Park. It had to be 90 degrees with humidity to match. Fritz, never one to like long periods in the sun, was given the command to stay during the long sit-stay. I left him and walked to the other side of the ring. When I turned, he wasn't there. At first I didn't see him, but finally the laughs directed me to the judges table which had a large umbrella over it. There was "Fritz, lying down in the shade of the umbrella. I didn't have the heart to scold him - since it appeared to me he was the smartest "animal" or human there that day."

B.C.



THE QUEST TO BECOME A TRACKING JUDGE!

by Randie Meyer

It all began one day when I was sitting around the house. I had heard about this 'thing' called tracking and had decided to do some investigation.

My first mission was to contact my breeder who had 15 TD's and 7 or 8 TDX's - I figured she would know where to get started!!! She suggested that I purchase Glen Johnson's book on tracking.

With book, dog, harness, line and a friend (who I had to buy lunch for) we set out on our journey into trackdom.

Things progressed very nicely and before I knew it I was ready for a certification try. It was then I decided to become a judge. I had to drive 3 1/2 hours for the attempt! By this time I had become such a tracking addict that I had gotten several other people out there with me as well. I felt it was terrible to have such a lack of judges available in Connecticut; nobody should have to drive that far to have fun!

The procedure then began. Step #1 was to contact the AKC and obtain an application. The prerequisite for applying was to have trained and handled my own dog to a TD, trained someone else to their TD and I had to have layed track at an AKC Tracking Test. With all of the requirements met I tackled the application form. It should be noted that most of the form is slanted towards obedience judging. The AKC, however, does have a separate test dealing only with tracking which is a part of the application as well. The tracking portion took forever for me complete. On my test were samples of tracks which I had to critique, situations which could arise during a test and how I would handle them, etc. It literally took me two months to get my document on tracking back to the AKC. I also needed personal references from other tracking judges.

The next step was to be interviewed by an AKC representative. I scheduled the appointment for a nearby all breed show.

With the interview behind me I then had to wait for the Board of Directors at the AKC to review my application and interview results. I had noted on my application that I sometimes took care of dogs for friends. According to the rules I couldn't do this, so there was a few months delay in getting that all straightened out. My name was finally published a year after I had originally began my quest to judgeship! I was published in the Gazette and could now assume the title of provisional tracking judge.

That was all 3 years ago! I now have been accepted for my final provisional assignment next spring. It takes 3 assignments to complete a provisional. Once that is over I then will be reviewed again by the AKC's Board and a final decision will be made.

I don't want to discourage anyone from trying for their provisional license! It did take me longer than most because in the middle of everything I moved to New Hampshire and with the change of address I really had to start all over again; getting to know people, judges, and searching for fields in the area!

I have been very active in the meantime certifying dogs and giving clinics in the area as well as judging certification matches. It has been a very rewarding experience and I have totally enjoyed meeting the tracking enthusiasts! I'm so glad that I have found tracking because I truly believe that the relationship one develops with their tracking dog is like other in the sport of dogs!

I now look out my window longingly - there is 10 inches of snow on the ground already and we're supposed to get 3 more to add to it today. I think the Groundhog literally made a BIG mistake!

Till the spring thaw HAPPY TRACKING!

TRACKING TESTS

- APRIL 6 PA Exton PHILADELPHIA DOG TRAINING CLUB, LINC.
Church Farm School, U.S. Route 30. CLOSES Mar. 26
Fee: \$25.00. TRIAL SEC. A Edward Lang, 319
Cynwyd Rd., Bala Cynwyd, PA. 19004 Total Entry
Limit: 5
- APRIL 11 VA Manassas POTOMAC VALLEY GOLDEN RETRIEVER
CLUB, National Battlefield Park, CLOSES: Mar. 26
Fee \$20.00. TRIAL SEC. Mrs. Marie Huffman,
6212 87th Ave., New Carrollton, MD., 20784
- APRIL 20 PA Furnace MT. NITTANY DOG TRAINING CLUB, Penn.
State University Farms, Ag. Progress Farms at
Rock Springs, Rock Spring Rt. 45, CLOSES: Apr. 7
Fee: \$25.00 TRIAL SEC. Ms. Bonnie Jacobs,
Box 347 Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865 Total
Entry Limit: 4
- MAY 3 MD Westminster DOG OWNER'S TRAINING CLUB OF
MARYLAND, INC. Farmlands, Fridinger Mill Rd.
CLOSES: April 16 TRIAL SEC. Mrs. Patricia
Conway, 412 Kensington Rd., Baltimore, MD 21229
Total Entry Limit: 6
- MAY 4 MA Topsfield TRACKING CLUB OF MASSACHUSETTS
Coolidge Farms CLOSES: Apr. 18 Fee: \$30.00
TRIAL SEC. Ms. Marieanne Wood, P.O. Box 56,
148 Washington St., Ayer, MA 01432 Total entry
limit: 8
- MD Clarksburg CAPITAL DOG TRAINING CLUB OF
WASHINGTON, D.C. Communications Sateklite Cor-
poration, CLOSES: Apr. 25 Fee: \$25.00 TRIAL
SEC: Ms. Doris Baster, 7012 Wells Parkway,
Hyattsville, MD 20782 Total Entry Limit: 10
- TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT
- APRIL 6 PA Exton PHILADELPHIA DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.
Church Farm School, U.S. Route 30 CLOSES: Mar 26
Fee: \$50.00 TRIAL SEC. A Edward Lang, 319
Cynwyd Rd., Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 Total Entry
Limit: 3
- APRIL 11 VA Manassas POTOMAC VALLEY GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
National Battlefield Park, CLOSES: Apr 3 Fee:
\$35.00 TRIAL SEC: Mrs. Marie Huffman, 6212
87th Ave., New Carrollton, MD 20784 Total Entry
Limit: 4
- APRIL 20 PA Furnace MT NITTANY DOG TRAINING CLUB, Penn.
State University Farms, Ag. Progress Farms at
Rock Springs, Rock Spring Rt. 45. CLOSES: Apr. 7
Fee: \$55.00 TRIAL SEC: Ms. Bonnie Jacobs, Box
347 Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865 Total Entry
Limit: 4
- APRIL 25 MA Hamilton NEW ENGLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB
Nancy's Corner CLOSES: Apr. 10 Fee: \$25.00
TRIAL SEC: Theodore W. Sprague, 13 Follen St.,
Cambridge, MA. 02138 Total Entry Limit: 5
- MAY 3 MD Westminster DOG OWNER'S TRAINING CLUB OF
MARYLAND, INC. Farmlands, Fridinger Mill Rd.
CLOSES: Apr. 16 Fee: \$40.00 TRIAL SEC: Mrs.
Patricia Conway, 412 Kensington Rd., Baltimore
MD 21229 Total Entry Limit: 3

Cops seeking dog recruits

The Jersey City Police Department is looking for a few good dogs.

Specifically, the department is asking for male German shepherds to add to its newly formed K-9 Corps. The dogs, to be trained by the New York Transit Police, will join two other police canines already on the streets.

The dogs must be male German shepherds, not neutered, between one and three years old, said Detective George Marchitto. They must have erect ears and all their teeth and cannot be completely white, Marchitto said.

"If people in the area want to donate them to us, we'll be only too happy to come and pick them up," he said.

Anyone wishing to donate a dog can contact Marchitto, Capt. Robert Sabo or Lt. Robert Martin at 547-4688, 547-4717 or 547-4736.

The dogs undergo 15 weeks of training. The animals will live with the families of the officers assigned to the unit, Marchitto said.

AMY



"Archie's only a dog . . . but no one in a family has ever had the nerve to tell him."

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights of the last two Board meetings. It is hoped that this feature of the newsletter will keep you, our members, informed about what we are doing and why. Plus we hope you will give us input on items you see we have or are going to discuss. Please contact any Officer or Board member if you have something to suggest or to be discussed. Our addresses and phone numbers are inside the cover in the "Who's Who".

In January the rising cost of our insurance (from \$135 to \$250) was discussed. We stayed with the present company for this year but we are looking into prices and coverage with other companies.

Janet Quodomine will contact Sandy Brown to judge our Fall Match.

At the April Board meeting Fran Wilmeth announced that there are still openings for the Tracking Experience Day. Melinda Berger has agreed to assist Fran with TED.

Janet reported that Sandy Brown is unavailable to Judge the fall match. Carol Parkinson was contacted and has agreed to Judge the match on Nov. 1 & 2nd.

Gail Castro, Treasurer reported a balance of \$241.44 as of April 3, 1986. This balance does not include income or expenses for TED. Gail is the new Membership Chairperson.

Fran Wilmeth has agreed to assume the responsibility of Chairman of a new post, that of Inter-Club Communications. There are many Tracking Clubs now, she will handle the newsletter exchange and will correspond with the other clubs. We feel this exchange of ideas can help all concerned.

Janet Quodomine has agreed to Chair the Flyball/Scent Hurdle Committee. She now has the rules and directions for building the flyball machine. Club already has access to three sets of hurdles.

High cost of engraving for award plaques was discussed, several ideas were suggested. The Board will take action on this matter at a later date.

The club needs an Awards Chairperson, to keep records, duties would be to arrange for the wood and engraving parts of our annual awards, the assembly and presentation of the awards. Peg Forte will continue to do the leatherwork for the time being.

The Club needs a Program Chairperson. We have ideas for programs, and a place to hold them. Someone is needed to take the responsibility of finalizing arrangements and preparing the information about the programs for distribution.

The Board is looking forward to a good year spurred on by ideas and help from the members.

THE FAR SIDE



Canine social blunders