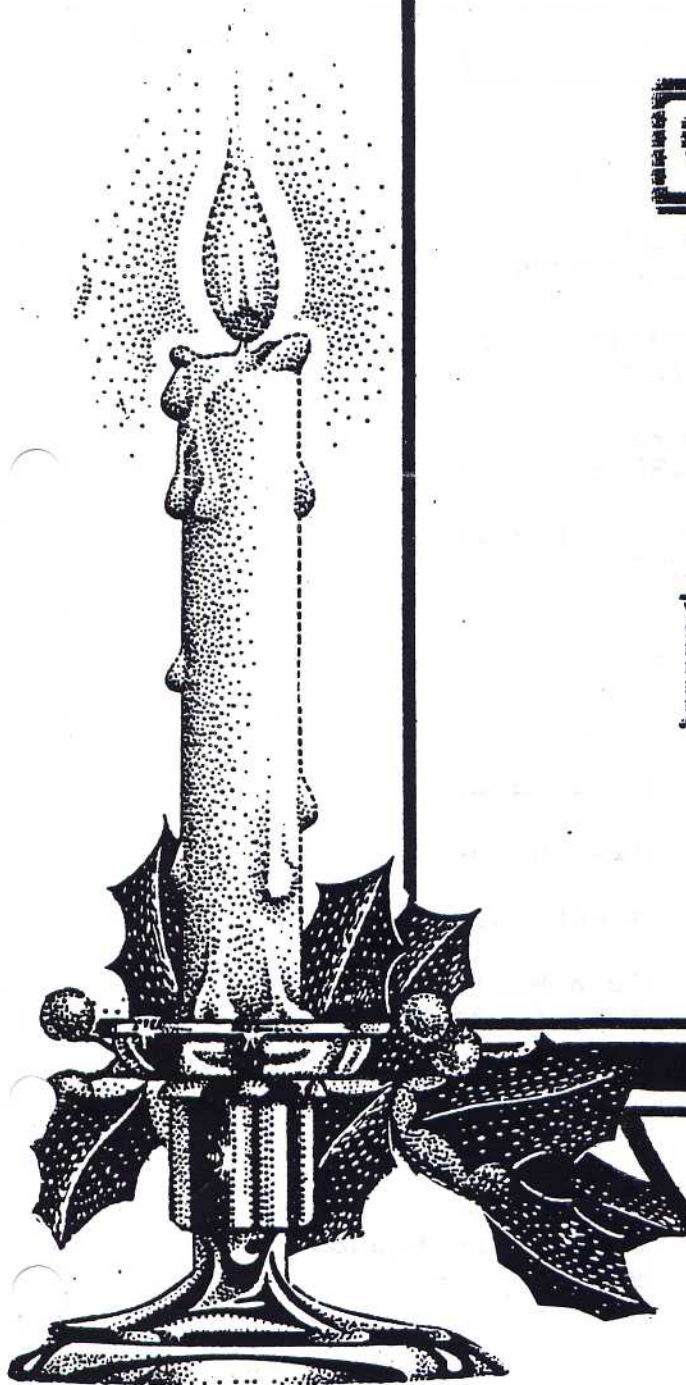


**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**



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## FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Some events went as planned, some didn't .... The match went off in the fog, results elsewhere in the newsletter. Janet Quodowine did a great job as usual, her crew of tracklayers included Pat Paulding, Martha Hamill (a non-member), Janet and myself. We all enjoyed meeting our judge's husband Mike Artus. Carol did her usual great job plotting the tracks and judging. Her comments to the entrants after lunch were both humorous and enlightening.

The Covered Dish Supper was great but we didn't have 'Buckwheat' as our guest. His handler is leaving the Sheriff's department in January and the dog is now under another handler. The transition was made the week of the dinner, with many news headlines and controversy. Perhaps we can try again when things in the Sheriff's office have calmed down, but the dinner was a success. Thanks goes to Charlotte Yurasak for handling the forms, and to Joanne and Ralph Mac Kinnon who know where things are in the church's kitchen. Details of the brief meeting are in this newsletter, please read these details as we will be making a big decision in the near future.

Apparently Port Chester was not able to put on their Scent Day this fall. We hope we will get invited to participate when they do one in the future.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and may you all get busy tracking your dogs and helping YOUR TRACKING CLUB in 1987.

*Peg Forte*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1987	GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 28, 1987	ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
APRIL 25, 1987	TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY

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TID BITS to Joanne Mac Kinnon by Jan. 15, 1987

# TIDBITS

Lisa Bush has been at it again ... another Irish Water Spaniel has earned his "T". Bushmill's Galway Blazer earned his "T" at the Berks County Dog Training Club's test on Oct. 12, 1986.

Fran Wilmeth's Norwich Terrier 'Leetons Jackson' now has his C.D. He finished at the Morris Hill D.T.C. on 11-9 with a 186 1/2. He finished in three straight shows, earning a 191 1/2 at Lower Camden DTC and a 182 1/2 at Huntington Valley KC. We had all hoped to have news of a TD earned by Fran's Doberman 'Charlotte' but they ran into some tough luck at the Dauphin DTC Test. We wish them good luck in the spring. 'Lottie' showed us at the match that she can do it and we are sure the 'T' is just around the corner.

News from the Forte's on their Seeing Eye puppies. Greg's black Shepherd 'Gayle' was rejected because of an immature cataract in one eye. She has a super temperament, agility and medium size, good hips, and a great future as a Search and Rescue dog. She will be leaving for Millie Curtis' in a couple of days. Dr. Clinton, who examined her eyes for Seeing Eye said she may never lose all the sight in that eye and he sees no reason why she won't be able to do the job of Search and Rescue. Greg's fifth puppy, a black Labrador, named 'Zesty' is already 3 1/2 months old. Two days after she arrived Greg accidentally stepped on her, breaking her left rear leg. Dr. Zolton set the leg, prescribed two full weeks of total cage rest and then three more of moderate exercise. She is just fine now and the x-rays show that the leg has healed. Boy, is she glad those five weeks are over !

Charlotte Schwartz's new address in Florida is 1468 Beechwood Trail, Ft. Myers, FL 33907. She wrote asking for names of Tracking Clubs to include in a new book she is working on, was able to send her a list of 16. We do hope she will keep in touch, perhaps write us a few words now and again. She is off to Australia for the winter.

Our first year of "People Tracks" has come to an end, seven of those who received the forms returned them and they have been published in the newsletter. Ten more 'lucky' members will be receiving their forms very soon. If you are one of these members please take the time to fill them out and return them so we can continue this feature in 1987.

## PEOPLE TRACKS ....

### DOROTHEA VAIL ...BOARD MEMBER

Dottie sent along these answers to our "Tracks" questions. She got started in obedience when the friend who sold them their first puppy (miniature poodle) was an obedience enthusiast and suggested the dog be entered in obedience classes. The dog did well in the classes, from there it was off to a few matches and Dottie became hooked on the sport of obedience. Dottie has owned Mini Poodles, Standard Poodles, one Golden Retriever (we read of his exploits in the last newsletter) and as of now a Kerry Blue Terrier.

The Mini Poodles were Bel Esprit Clare Charlemagne, Am & Can. U.D. and Bel Esprit Chevalier Bayard Am. & Can. U.D. The Standard Poodles were Carrilon Toliver Am. & Can. C.D. and Fabulous Star Sirius, Am. & Can. C.D. And of course we can't leave out Stardust Buckaroo, T.D. (Golden Retriever).

Dottie became interested in tracking as she likes to be outdoors, in the country with her dogs. Not being a hunter, nor tempted by field work, tracking seemed to be a logical outlet for this interest.

Dottie keeps quite busy conducting training classes (for the Poodle Obedience Training Club of Greater N.Y. for many years), as well as training and exhibiting her own dogs in obedience. She is a member of the Obedience Stewards Club and Stewards at many obedience trials.

A retired lab technician, Dottie is single and lives with her Golden Retriever and Kerry Blue Terrier. She enjoys hiking and photography but finds little time to do either as most of her time is spent on dog related activities.

### CLAUDETTE BARBER ... MEMBER

Claudette says she has loved dogs since she was a child. Over the years she has owned a Collie, mixed breed, Alaskan Malamutes, Australian Shepherds, Belgian Sheepdogs (Tervuren and Malinois), and a Blue Tick Coonhound. Her current dog is a Belgian Tervuren named Ch. Corsair's Kerwasse De Mai V.B., A.D.

An interest in Schutzhund led to her interest in tracking. Claudette is the only one in her family that is interested in dogs. She and her husband manage apartment complexes. She has two teenagers (children not dogs). Other hobbies besides obedience and Schutzhund are raising and maintaining tropical and salt-water fish, birds and cats.

Claudette sent along this amusing story. "Our three new kittens decided that my older Belgian Sheepdog bitch (who was twice a dam) looked enough like their own mom that they should nurse and she let them! In fact she licked them and cuddled them and let them try to nurse while she looked very pleased! I wonder if she was so willing because the kittens are also black!"

## **FREEBIES\* FOR YOUR DOG AND YOU**

**\* or inexpensive**

**SASE = Self Addressed Stamped Envelope**

**PASSPORT TO HEALTH** A place to keep your dog's health record. Send a SASE to The ALPO Pet Center, P.O. Box 2187, Allentown, PA 18001

**Poster and Bumper Sticker for \$1.00.** They promote the adoption of animals. Send to Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117

**Poster and Coloring Book for "latchkey" kids** entitled "Having Fun On Your Own With Buddy and Betay" Mail a postcard to "Pets are Wonderful Companions", Freebies Offer, AW Council, 500 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

**For a flyer called "Hot Car"** send to HSUS, 2100 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Explains the dangers of leaving a pet in a hot car.

**Trivia Pet Poster** Write to Borden, Inc., Pet-Ag Division, Pet/Vet Products, Route 1, box 127, Elgin, IL 60120 or call 1-800-323-0877

**Animal City Catalog** Send a postcard to Animal City, PO Box 1076 Dept. F, La Mesa, CA 92041-9984

**Holiday Hints from Mealtime.** Send a SASE, #10 (business envelope) to Holiday Hints Stocking Booklet, Mealtime Dry Dog Food, P.O. Box 58853, Vernon, CA 90058-0853

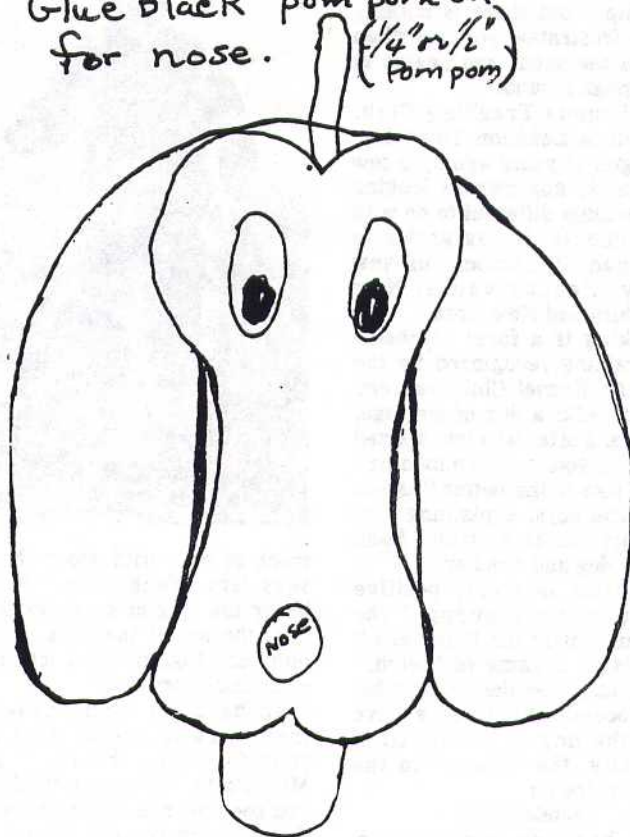
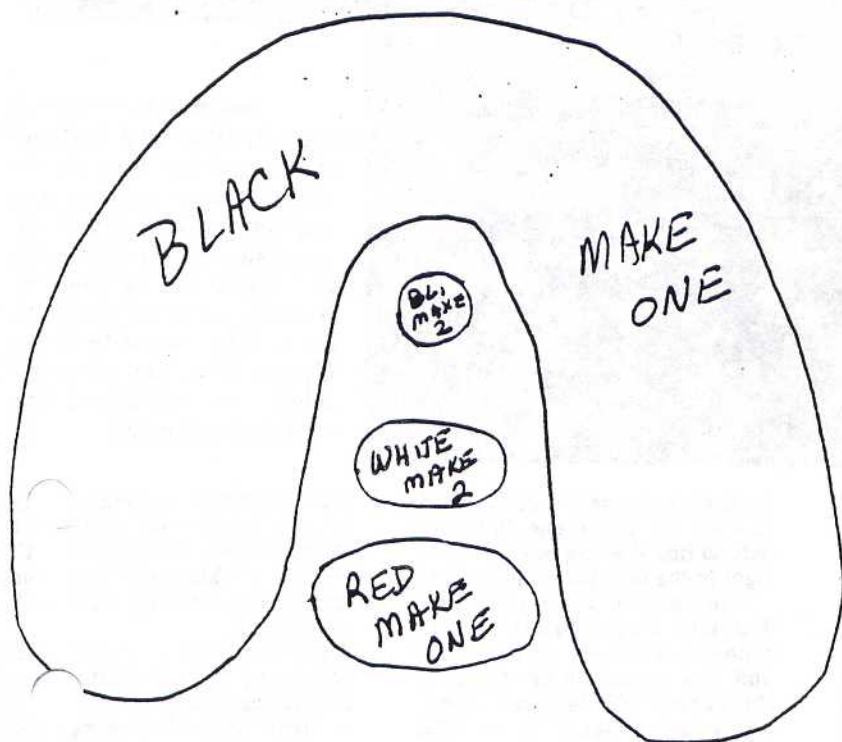
**Free Questionnaire** to help you select the breed for you. Processed by computer and they send back photos and information sheets on 3-5 breeds they feel are most appropriate for you. Send to Kai Kan Selectadog Service, 3386 East 44th St., Vernon, Calif. 90058

## MEATY BONE DOG ORNAMENT

Stole this idea from a Kindergarten teacher .... Greg's 4-H club is making them for a Christmas Craft night. Thought you might like to make some for your own Christmas tree. They are quite easy to make. Use large Meaty Bones and follow the directions. HAVE FUN !!!

### Directions for Dog Bone Ornament

Cut ears from Black felt.  
Cut 2 eyes from White felt.  
Cut 2 eyeballs from Black felt.  
Cut 1 tongue from Red felt.  
Turn bone so flat side is up.  
Glue hanging cord to top -  
(fold in half)  
Glue ears on over hanging cord.  
Glue tongue on bottom in the middle.  
Glue eyes on front.  
Glue eyeballs on eyes.  
Glue Black pom pom on for nose. ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " or  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Pom pom)



## Lebanon Township Club Now Spreads Across State Lines

# Dog Tracking Devotees At Both Ends Of Leash

By Janet Finley

The grass is wet with dew, the air is still and foggy. Peg Forte picks up her hand-drawn map and begins to walk a twisting trail through an open field.

At the end of the trail, marked by an "X" on the map, she drops a dark-colored glove, and walks away. The track is laid.

As the trail is left to "season" for 30 to 120 minutes, activity inside the small room in back of the Lebanon Township municipal building begins to increase.

The dog to be tested (there were five at Sunday's event) is taken aside and readied by her trainer — put into the leather working harness, attached to a 20- to 40-foot leash and walked up to the starting flag.

A second red flag flutters softly about 30 feet away, indicating the direction of the track. After that mark, the dog is on her own.

### Thrills — And Frustration

"There's nothing like the thrill of following your dog when you know he's on the trail," says Joanne MacKinnon of Franklin Township, "but there is nothing like the frustration you feel when he loses the scent and begins to just wander around."

The Lenape Tracking Club, centered in Lebanon Township, was begun 11 years ago by a few enthusiastic dog owners looking for something different to do with their animals. It has grown to more than 60 members in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and New York.

Tracking is a form of obedience training recognized by the American Kennel Club, and can be begun with a dog of any age, says Mrs. Forte, who has started puppies as young as two months.

"The sooner the better," is her motto, she says, explaining that the sport builds a strong bond between dog and handler.

"Tracking is a very positive experience for a puppy," she says, and "more fun than work." It starts as a game of "fetch," and advances as the handler begins to occasionally throw a glove while the dog is not looking. Gradually, the "track" to the glove gets longer.

### Telltale Signs

As a handler advances in training, he learns to "read" his log and knows if he is "on the



Staff Photos by Walt Lankenau

**BEGINNING AND END** of the track for Peg Forte and her Bernese mountain dog Quila, who starts at the flag and finishes with the glove in her mouth. Bottom, German shepherd Little Bits, owned by Rose Marie Dougal of Bensalem, Pa., was one of five dogs tested Sunday.

track or on a wild goose chase," says Mrs. MacKinnon. "It may be by the wag or carriage of the tail, the set of the ears, or any number of other clues unique to each and every dog."

All handlers learn, however, that "you've got to trust that your dog's nose 'knows'," says Mrs. Forte. "You may think that you see the trail in the grass and that the dog is going wrong, but in tracking the dog is in charge."

Many is the handler who has

been embarrassed when he tried to steer his dog in one direction, only to find that the dog had been right in the first place, she notes.

The test to earn the title Tracking Dog requires dogs to follow a track 440 to 500 yards and find an article belonging to the person who laid the track. After being tested by an AKC judge and earning this first title, dogs can progress to Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX), which Mrs. Forte says few dogs ever com-

plete. That test involves following a track 800 to 1,000 yards long, locating three articles along the course, working past two cross tracks and crossing more difficult terrain.

For many dogs, tracking is the beginning of formal obedience training and many handlers move on to other types of showing. "But there is no nicer way to spend a nice day outdoors than tracking," says Mrs. MacKinnon — "it's a great way to relax."

## MATCH SHOW RESULTS

On Nov. 2, 1986 Lenape Tracking Club's 13th (as near as we can remember it is the 13th) match was held. Weather conditions were great for the dogs, foggy and damp ... not so great for the track layers who had some difficulty in seeing the flags as they laid the tracks. There were 8 entries, only five showed up to give it a try.

The first track of the day was drawn by Fran Wilmeth and her Doberman 'Lottie', they did a great job and were certified ready to enter Tracking Tests. Everyone hoped that this great start would set the tone for the day, unfortunately it wasn't to be. The dogs had various problems of motivation (or the lack of it) and no other team was successful. Judge Carol Artum gave some tips to the entrants after lunch which is one reason we have these matches, so we can all learn.

We hope next year we will have a full entry of ten dogs and that all ten dogs will get certified. Until then, get out there and TRACK ! !

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## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board meeting was brief this month. We discussed the upcoming match, the covered dish supper, and we narrowed down the selection of main courses for the Annual Dinner next March.

Further discussion of plans for the Tracking Experience Day were continued. Lise Bush has agreed to teach part of the day with emphasis on starting puppies.

It was decided to bring up for general discussion at the Covered Dish Supper the problem of clubs in this area dropping their Tracking Tests and what we can or should do about it. Please see the report of the Covered Dish Supper for details.

The next Board meeting will be in January, no date has been set at this time.

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## COVERED DISH SUPPER AND GENERAL MEETING

In Nov. 9th we gathered at the First Presbyterian Church for what many thought would be an interesting program on drug detecting dogs. Unfortunately the plans for the evening were changed by the speaker being unable to attend with his dog. (Read the explanation in the Footprints from the President)

Those who were in attendance had a delicious meal and we all enjoyed catching up on each other's latest news and swapping dog stories.

A Nominating Committee was nominated, voted in, and their report appears on the <sup>last</sup> ~~next~~ page.

A long general discussion on the problem of other clubs ceasing to have Tracking Tests and how this effects Lenape was held. Town and Country DTC may have held its last Test as they are losing the land where they have always held the test. Allentown DTC did not hold a test this year. Princeton DTC has not held a test for the past few years. No one was sur about Burlington KC Test for this year ( we have since learned that they didn't have one this year but are definitely planning on one for next year ... Dottie Stringer is in charge). One bright note is the fact that Lillian Puchalski reports that there is a move afoot in the Lackawanna KC to seek to hold Tracking Tests.

Several years ago we as a Club made a choice to not hold Tests, to continue to provide people and dogs the opportunity to learn the sport of Tracking, that there were a number of tests being held in this area and therefore we would spend our time getting people ready for tests not holding them. We discussed the pros and cons a bit. Among the cons are the fact that we can't expect the same people to do all the work, holding Tests will mean more people will have to share the responsibilities. Also holding Tests is not an inexpensive proposition, so we might have to do more fund raising ( a chinese auction at a picnic won't do it folks). It was decided to have the Secretary write to the AKC to find out the following:

1. Just what exactly we steps we would have to follow to be able to hold TD Tests and/or TDX tests. (We have the general information at hand but want to have the latest from the AKC on this)
2. What the exact procedures are for someone becoming a Tracking Judge.
3. Where the AKC stands on Clubs such as our (Tracking only) ever being recognized and eventually being able to earn the status of Member Club and thereby able to have a Delegate who could attend the meetings to speak on behalf of our SPORT of TRACKING.

Janet Quodomine has sent the letter, a reply was not received in time for this newsletter, it will be in the next issue.

The question about the judges was so we have the information at hand to start really encouraging some of our own members to become judges. If we decide to hold Tests someday it would be helpful to have our own members be able to be called upon to judge.

Further discussion of all these matters is planned for a general meeting to be held on a date in February. It is then planned that we will take a vote at the Annual Meeting in March to decide what way Lenape is going to be headed in the near future.

So until February, please be thinking about this ... we will need your input, preferably in person but you are welcome to send in your comments on the subject so that we can include them in the next newsletter or at least share them with those present at the meeting in February. So just becaus you live far away doesn't mean you can't voice an opinion on all this, you are a member and your opinion is needed. Let's hear from you, in person or in writing.

*See You in February!*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the Nov. 8th meeting the membership nominated and elected to a Nominating Committee the following club members. Joanne Mac Kinnon, Dorothea Vail, Charlotte Yurasek with Joanne Irwin and Vickie Brown as alternates.

The committee's report is as follows:

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Treasurer:	PAT PAULDING

Board of Directors: VICTORIA BROWN  
RONN LOOS  
DOROTHEA VAIL  
FRAN WILMETH  
CHARLOTTE YURASEK

Each of these members has accepted the nomination. According to our constitution additional nominations may be made at the February meeting or in writing with the written acceptance of the nominee sent with the nomination to the Secretary by Feb. 1st.

Thank you to the committee and the Chairperson Joanne Mac Kinnon for their prompt handling of the nominations.

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**AWARDS REMINDER**

If your dog earned a T.D. or T.D.X. title (American or Canadian) during the calendar year 1986 please send us your dog's registered name or call name and A.K.C. titles he has earned so we can prepare his/her award plaque. (If your dog has earned a Canadian T.D. or T.D.X. please include any other C.K.C. titles) Send in by Jan 15, 1987

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Mail to Gerry Sullivan, Awards Chairperson 5 Lake Road, Morristown, N.J. 07960

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**DUES REMINDER**

Dues for 1986      INDIVIDUAL \$10      FAMILY \$15

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