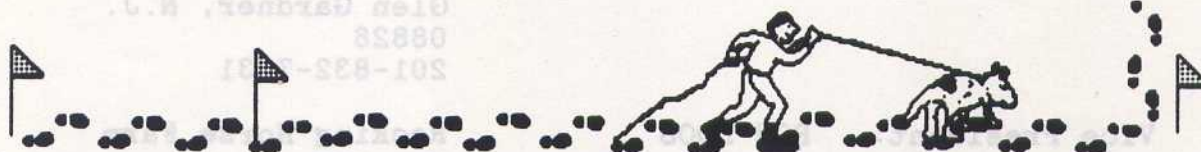


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COMMON SCENTS

NOVEMBER--DECEMBER 1988

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DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1989, ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1989, TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY

EXTRA SPECIAL NOTE

JANUARY 5, 1989

TODAY WE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM THE AKC THAT THEY HAVE APPROVED "YOUR CLUB TO APPLY FOR AND CONDUCT INFORMAL TRACKING/TDX MATCHES."

"IT IS OUR FEELING THAT ALL NEWLY ACCREDITED TRACKING CLUBS SHOULD CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE SUCESSFUL INFORMAL TRACKING/TDX MATCH BEFORE APPROVAL IS ISSUED FOR THE HOLDING OF "QUALIFYING" TRACKING/TDX MATCHES."

SO WATCH - HERE FOR THE DATE OF OUR REQUIRED "INFORMAL MATCH." THE BOARD MEETS ON JAN. 21 AND AM SURE WE WILL PICK A DATE FOR THAT EVENT.

WE ARE ON OUR WAY - WE WILL NEED SUPPORT FROM OUR MEMBERS TO GET THE REST OF THE WAY TO HOLDING TRACKING TESTS

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FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It is the start of a new year. If you took time to read the special note on the cover you know that it will be a special year for this club.

We have the go ahead to hold one informal match, it's too bad the 16 we have held won't count. The board will move ahead to hold this match as quickly as possible, so we can hold the necessary "qualifying" matches.

We will need support of our members. Holding matches and/or tests is a money losing proposition. Some times we manage to break even on a match, but we usually lose money. When we get to tests with the requirement of two judges we will lose more money.

The turn out at the general meeting was super, we easily had the quorum. I want to personally thank each member who took the time to call in that they were not coming. We were pleased how well that worked. Only ten members did not call and then not show up. Five of those live so far away we were not expecting them to come. Out of 62 members that was a great response. Those blasted tape machines do have a purpose. Since that time I have added one at my house, it does help.

At the general membership meeting held on Dec. 9, 1988 the members present voted to raise the dues to \$20 per person, \$10 for an additional family member. Junior members, \$10. We have not raised the dues since we became a formal club. This will help us defray the expenses we will be incurring in this and future years.

The dues increase will not cover all the costs. We are looking for fund raising ideas also.

The membership also passed the last change needed in the constitution for the AKC. But we will have to vote at the next general meeting to make the changes in the constitution that are needed due to the raise in dues.

May every one have a Happy and Healthy New Year May you all have successful tracks.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is the sale of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. All of those nominated have accepted.

PRESIDENT: Fran Wilmeth

VICE-PRESIDENT: Pat Etchells

SECRETARY: Dorothea Vail

TREASURER: Linda Riley

BOARD: Peg Forte

Martha Hamil

Charlotte Yurasek

Marion Rapp

Jeff Monda

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Riley, Chairman, Nominating Committee

NOTICE OF MEETING

CONSTITUTION CHANGE/NOMINATIONS FROM FLOOR

DATE, PLACE AND TIME WILL BE SENT AFTER JAN. 20TH

At the January Board meeting a date will be set for a meeting in February. At this meeting we will vote on yet another change in our constitution. This change is not being requested by the AKC, it is because the members have voted to raise the dues of the members and this is covered in the Constitution.

We will be voting to change the amounts listed in Article I, Section 2 Dues to \$20 for Regular Membership, \$10 for each additional membership in one household. Junior Membership will be \$10. or we will be voting to change the wording in Article I, Section 2 to allow the Board and the Membership to set dues with having to change the Constitution each time. We are looking into other constitutions to see if that section can be worded to cover such dues increases without having to amend the constitution.

Also at this meeting is where the membership has to opportunity to make additional nominations from the floor for the 1989 officers.

Bear with us members, we will get it right. Eventually.

PEOPLE TRACKS; FRAN WILMETH

This is the place where we get to know one of our club members, and this time it's our top name on the slate of nominees, Fran Wilmeth.

Fran got started in "dogs" early, but they were not her own. Throughout her childhood she was not allowed to have a dog because her mother was allergic to animal hair. Fran says, "several neighbors let me walk their dogs so I had close relationship with several cocker spaniels, a Doberman, a Wirehaired Fox Terrier and a "Spitz". One spaniel, the terrier and Spitz learn to heel, sit at curbs to wait for traffic to pass, stay and come. One cocker retrieved a stick or a ball over a bar jump made from a bamboo pole. I was fascinated by what I could teach these animals but my ideas came from a book. I did not know about obedience classes. Finally, after completing my Masters Degree in psychology and getting my first full time job as a school psychologist, I spent my first pay check on a Welsh Terrier."

That first dog was picked after reading all the breed descriptions in the AKC Pure Bred Dogs book. Fran had three Welsh Terriers in all and two for 15 and 14 years. She obtained an English Springer Spaniel from a friend Fran met in an obedience class, but that dog was later placed in a foster home. It was happiest as an "only dog." Through the years, Fran had has 17 Doberman Pinchers. She bought her first Dobe after participating in a Doberman Drill Team with a borrowed dog. Fran said she found the Dobs to be much easier to train than the terriers, and after living with one Dobe for a while, she had to have more. Then, after 12 years of owning Dobermans, Fran decided she wanted another small dog, and again read through the standards. At one of our certification matches, she laid a track for Pam Riker's Misty, a Norwich Terrier, who passed the test in the rain. Misty was pregnant at the time and Fran was able to acquire one of her pups who is now Ch. Neversink Mollie Brown, CDX. Della's breeder had trained several collies in Fran's obedience classes and Fran suggested that she try one of her Schips. The breeder said to Fran, "You try it," and gave her Della who turned out to be a delightful dog to train and to live with.

In answer to a request to list all the titles her dogs have earned with their registered name, Fran said that the names alone would take up a whole page and summarized this information. But even the summary is impressive. Fran has owned 25 dogs in 38 years and they have earned 26 obedience titles and three breed championships. Her Welsh Terriers had 3 C.D.'s and 1 C.D.X. She put a C.D. on the English Springer. Her seventeen Dobs collected 12 C.D.'s, 2 C.D.X.'s, 1 T.D., 2 Champions and 1 Best in Show!! The three

Norwich Terriers went out and worked for 3 C.D.'s and a C.D.X. and one breed Championship. And Della, the Schipperke has a C.D. and a C.D.X.

Fran became interested in tracking when she was training her Dobes at North Hunterdon High School. She met Peg Forte and Joanne MacKinnon, who had gotten involved in tracking and invited her to a meeting to organize a tracking group. Fran said, "I had seen a Dobe track and find my wallet in a field and decided to give it a try. I started with Vidar who developed so many bad habits because I didn't know enough, I dropped him and started Halla after going to Glen Johnson's seminar. Halla was close to certification but bad hips ended her career. Mollie Brown was gung ho but her allergies got so bad she couldn't go in the fields. We stuck with Carlotta for three years, finally getting a T. Now it's Morgan (Dobe) and Jackson (Norwich) that are in training."

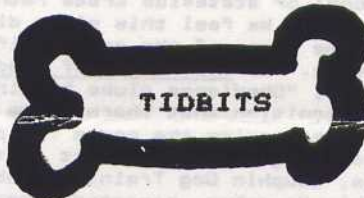
Fran says she is not a breeder, she just "collects" dogs. She's active in obedience training and showing her own dogs, teaching obedience classes, attending obedience seminars, stewarding in obedience at AKC shows, writing the obedience column for the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier News, and occasionally judging at matches. In addition to LTC, Fran belongs to Suburban Dog Train Club where she teaches the open and utility classes and Hilltown Dog Training Club. She is a past president. She is also obedience chairman of the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club and is a member of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, the National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors, the Obedience Stewards Club, and the Bucks-Mont O.H.A. where she is a former obedience instructor. Fran has also shown her Dobes and terriers in breed when she has had dogs worthy of such showing. In addition to all of this Fran enjoys dog photography and recently, dog agility.


The "non-doggie" side of Fran Wilmeth is as interesting and as varied as the "doggie" side. She is single and has lived in her old former one room schoolhouse for 33 years. Born and raised in Springfield, Illinois, Fran received a BA from the University of Illinois, an MA from the University of Pennsylvania, and EdS from Rutgers University. She worked as a school psychologist at Woods Schools for 3 years and the Bucks County Schools for nine years. While in Bucks County her work covered the entire county. "I was a sort of circuit rider," Fran says, "testing kids in one room schools." She also worked in the Neshaminy School District in Langhorne, Pa., for 20 years. In 1982, Fran took early retirement but continued to work 2 days a week until June 1988. "Now, fully retired, I enjoy walking the Delaware Canal, bird watching, nature in general, photography and care of the house and the yard."

PEOPLE TRACKS asked Fran her most amusing dog story.


"Years ago my 15 year old Welsh Terrier, Hank, tried to snatch a Milk Bone Biscuit from my first Dobie, Lindy. Lindy grabbed Hank by the scuff of the neck, shook him a bit and dropped him on the floor--Lindy then jumped up on my bed, stood there grinning as only a Dobe can grin, wagging her tail. Hank was having a temper tantrum on the floor, unable to jump on the bed due to old age weakness in the rear--I stood there laughing at the old man--The only damage was to his Ego--Lindy didn't break the skin on his neck, although she did shake out a few of his remaining teeth. Hank would have gummed her "real good" if he could have reached her."


Thank you Fran, for letting us peek in on your wonderfully busy and active life.



 We are long overdue in publishing the news of a T.D. earned on May 7th at the Dog Owner's Training Club of Maryland.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE DAINTY AND CHIPPER (Golden Retriever). It was their first test, they were certified at our match in the fall of 1987 after starting tracking at the TED in the spring of 1987. See folks it can be done.

 Fran Wilmeth has another title to add to all those you will read about in her People Tracks in this newsletter. It is a C.D.X. earned by Jackson (Norwich terrier). He finished on Dec. 18, at Lehigh Valley K.C. with a score of 192. They were tie for second place but lost the run off.

 Florence Miktus advised us that Gypay, the last of the dogs that John and Florence showed together, died on June 24, 1988. Florence still has a shepherd, named Johanna, to keep her busy. We extend our sympathies to Florence on the loss of Gypay.



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November 22, 1988

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Kenneth A. Marden, President
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Re: Tracking Clubs

Dear Sir,

As Chairman of the Inter-club Communications Committee of the Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey, I am in frequent contact with members of various tracking clubs scattered across the country. Some of these clubs are sanctioned by AKC to hold tracking tests and some, including Lenape, are in the process of seeking AKC sanction. The clubs often communicate with one another regarding their successes and failures in this process.

Richard Knapp of the Tracking Club of Central Florida has contacted us to express his concern over the New Club Operations Department's refusal to accredit his Club because only 30 of 100 members represent a "local" group. The remaining 70 members are scattered about the state but actively take part in Club activities.

At a meeting held November 18, 1988, the Board of Directors of Lenape Tracking Club voted to support Mr. Knapp and the Tracking Club of Central Florida in their request that new tracking clubs be permitted to cover regional, sectional or statewide areas rather than be limited to a local geographical zone. We feel this wider distribution of members is necessary in some parts of the country if tracking is to remain a viable AKC activity. In Guidelines of Obedience Judges, the AKC points out in Chapter 6, "Obedience clubs holding tracking tests should do so with full recognition that there is no way, financially, for clubs to break even after paying the costs for promotional material, judging expenses, and providing for the comfort of the exhibitors." Here, in our general area, Dauphin Dog Training Club is not holding their TD and TDX tests this November, reportedly because of the expense of bringing in two TDX judges from the midwest as none were available nearby. Four area AKC Clubs have dropped their tracking tests within the past three years. These are Allentown Dog Training Club, (PA), Town and Country Dog Training Club (NJ), Princeton Dog Training Club (NJ) and Burlington County Kennel Club (NJ). There are no longer any regularly held tracking tests in the state of New Jersey.

If obedience clubs and all breed clubs continue to drop their tracking tests, new tracking clubs will be needed to continue the sport. Therefore, if tracking tests are to be made available in all sections of the country, it would seem that AKC may need to reconsider its policy on restricting the geographical boundaries of tracking clubs since small clubs of 12 to 20 members would be hard pressed to finance such events. Once regional or statewide clubs are well established, it would seem logical that branch clubs or more localized groups could be formed in different sections of the state. Perhaps a time limit for the existence of the statewide or regional club could be set which would encourage the formation of more local groups as tracking became more popular. Interest in tracking appears to be growing but will diminish quickly if tests are not available within a reasonable distance for the participant.

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey asks that AKC consider broadening the geographical area covered by tracking clubs so that small scattered groups of enthusiastic trackers can unite in their support of the sport and promotion of more tracking tests.

Sincerely yours,

Frances H. Wilmett
Frances H. Wilmett, Chairman
Inter-club Communications

CC: New Club Operations
Richard Knapp
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Letter
To AKC
Regarding
Tracking
Clubs
In
Florida

December 1, 1988

AKC's
Response to
Fran's letter

Ms. Frances H. Wilmeth
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Dear Ms. Wilmeth:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the problems faced by local tracking clubs.

The suggestions you and Richard Knapp have made appear to have merit. I am forwarding copies of your correspondence to both our Performance Events Division and our Club Relations Department for their comment and consideration.

As you know, we are not inflexible where a good case can be made for a revision of existing policies.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Marden
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THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

January 5, 1989

Letter to
LTC of CNJ
Regarding
Our
Accreditation.

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Dear Ms. Forte:

This concerns the presentation submitted on behalf of the Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey requesting accreditation in order to conduct sanctioned tracking/T.D.X. matches.

Our committee has reviewed the information recently submitted on behalf of your club and in its opinion, at this time, feels that we can approve your club to apply for and conduct informal tracking/T.D.X. matches.

It is our feeling that all newly accredited tracking clubs should conduct at least one successful informal tracking/T.D.X. match before approval is issued for the holding of "Qualifying" tracking/T.D.X. matches.

It is our recommendation that the club continue its growth and activities in the greater Whitehouse, New Jersey area and upon completion of at least one informal event write this office indicating the club's intentions of being approved for the holding of "Qualifying" matches.

Enclosed are copies of the Obedience Regulations, Match Regulations and the Guidelines for Obedience Judges, which dedicates a chapter to tracking. Under separate cover you will receive AKC's Show and Obedience Trial Manual.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

Gus Sumner
Gus Sumner
Administrative Assistant

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THE MATCH....

Somewhere in this world is my catalog with the notes I made on it so I would remember what happened on the week-end of November 5th and 6th. I can't find my catalog so I'll have to rely on my memory and my first impressions to tell you what it was like. And I'll leave space at the end for our President to fill in the blanks.

The first thing I remember is that Saturday, it rained. It poured. It was very wet. We all turned out in our best or improvised rain gear. One of the major discussions was the merits of the various brands of "duck boots" we all were modelling.

The judge arrived, he'd come down from near Albany, and we started out to lay track in the fields that Peg Forte had secured for us. I had volunteered to be a track layer, and I somehow was picked to do the first track. I sloshed dutifully behind the judge, planting flags and mentally noting landmarks. (First mistake, write them down. I learned the hard way.)

Then it was back into the car and on to the next field. The rain kept coming down, the clouds dropped lower. At least it wasn't cold. Each of us went out for our "follow the judge and plant the flags" walk. We drove to another part of Lebanon Township, to a farm, where we had to ford a stream to get to the fields. Normally, I think the stream was a rivulet. By now the fog had settled on the top of the hills. We almost lost Charlotte.

We did the last track, a spare in case one got goofed-up the next day, and Peg did lose her glasses.

Sunday was gorgeous. There were several dogs eager to go and one basset hound. He was a favorite of us all. I went to walk my track and blew it. I missed a turn. I also blew it plugging in the coffee pot. This was not one of my better days.

The dogs and handlers had the same experience. With wet grass and beautiful fields, ideal conditions, the dogs were not doing awfully well. One by one the judge whistled them off while the rest of us felt sympathetic disappointment for the dog and handler team.

And then came Joanne MacKinnon's turn. We all held our breath while her Golden Retriever flawlessly covered the distance between the starting flags and the article. And there was jubilation in the wet grass when her dog brought the article to her.

She was to be the only one. The Etchells' Cocker Spaniel almost made it. She chose the wrong direction at the last turn. And the dear Bassett didn't even get to the second flag.

Janet Quodomine had provided a delicious lunch. Other members had brought desserts. We ate well.

After everyone had left, there was one last track to be run. The one after Peg Forte's glasses. Four of us went to the spare field, the one that was used for the first dog, and went over the track. One of us found the glasses. Perhaps they'll ask me to help again next year.

President's Foot note:

The above article was cleverly penned by your newsletter Editor, Harrion Rapp. (P.S. I wasn't wearing the glasses when I dropped them, the fog was ^{so} thick I couldn't see with or without them on.)

She welcomes articles and news from the membership. The next newsletter will be going to the printers on January 25. Her name and address and phone number are on the back of the cover.

NOVEMBER 5, 1988 MATCH RESULTS

JUDGE: MICHAEL CLEMENS

QUALIFIED BIT O'SKYE'S LORELIE DANIELE C.D.X., W.C.
handled by Joanne Mac Kinnon

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