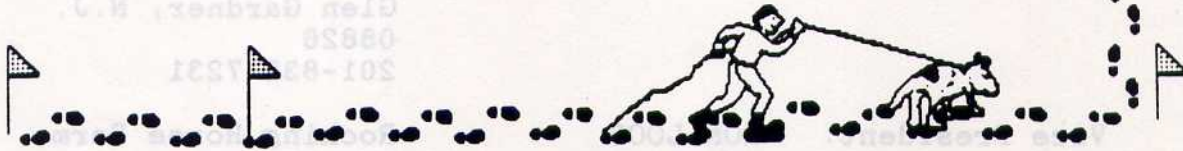


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### DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1989, ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1989, TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY

### TRACKING FUN MATCH

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1989**

We are holding our required tracking fun match in Stockton, N.J.

Interested in attending, please call Martha Hamill 201-846-5333

There will be three Regulation Tracks and three Beginner Tracks.

Judge: Edie Braginton, Spotswood, N.J.

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FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

This is the last of these messages for this President . We have come a long way in the last year, but we still have a long way to go before we are actually able to hold tracking tests. We need the support of all the members to accomplish this task.

On the cover you should have noticed the announcement of the fun match - April 23. We have also set a date ( pending AKC approval) for the first of the two required certification matches - June 11, 1989. Carol Crothers Artim has agreed to be the required licensed judge for that test. If the AKC approves our submission for that test we intend to apply for the second required certification match immediately. If a judge is available, we are looking at the date of Dec. 10, 1989. Please keep these dates open if you can, we will need tracklayers and entrants. You can learn by being there.

☛ You will find the dues notice on the last page of this newsletter. As expected, the membership approved the by-laws changes at the last regular meeting. So the new dues rates are in effect for 1989. We are aware that it is a 50% increase. But please bear in mind that this is the first raise in the dues since 1976. Most dog clubs have raised their dues in the past few years. Our costs for the newsletter, insurance and costs for judges expenses, land owner gifts have all risen. This raise in the dues will help us pay for the two judges required for each Tracking Test in the future. We are too spread out to have many fund raisers.

☛ Speaking of fund raisers - we do have one for the Tracking Experience Day - a specially designed T-shirt - a limited edition - It will be available at TED. This one is for members and non-members. We are only ordering 6 dozen shirts. When they are sold out - that's it. So come to TED and get your special T-Shirt.

If this President's message is a bit off on paragraph margins ..... bear with me as I am learning to use a new computer and a new desktop publishing program. It will do wonderful things as soon as I figure them all out.

Please give the new officers of the club your support in the next year. One last time I want to thank all those who helped to make the last two years of LTC work. If I start naming people I will surely miss someone. You each know the things you did to help the club grow, etc. **THANK YOU**

*Peg Forte*



## A TRACKING TRAINING TIP

by

Pam K. German

While training our dogs for their tracking tests, we came across this idea for marking our training tracks which eliminates all the extra flags. This is used in all phases of TD and TDX work and is especially useful for beginners and starting new dogs. We all know how important it is to get a good solid start with no handler errors in the beginning.

You will want to add this inexpensive item to your tracking gear: wooden "clip" type clothespins purchased at the hardware and grocery stores, approximate cost, \$2.00 per bag. They you will need two cans of spray paint, Safety Kote Florescent Orange and Bright Baby Blue, cost approximately \$2.00 per can. Spray both sides of the pins, about a half or more orange and the rest blue. These two colors show up easily in all types of foliage and can be easily seen 60-100 yards away! They are a snap to work with and so easy to carry--in pockets, fanny packs, clipped to shirt tails or onto the top of your clipboard. We use them to mark our practice tracks--the turns, food drops, crosstracks, article drops; also hazard areas such as partially hidden old fence wire, deep holes and broken glass.

Now as you head out past the 30 yard flag in TDX work, begin clipping the pins to tall weeds, low branches, brush berry pushes, etc., one about 20-30 yards pointing in the direction you are going. Two pins clipped to a branch and pointing a different direction is used for turns. For the cross tracks I use one orange and one blue together and a single pin pointed down to indicate the article drops. For the problem areas of the track, such as deer runs, rabbit or other wild game sections that you track through, mark them well using 3 pins together on both sides of your track. This enables you to work the dog through these animal trails and correct any unwanted habits before they start. Learning to read your dog early in training with minimum correction really helps keep that interest and motivation high.

Now, what if you are going to be working in a barren field or a large grassy area that has nothing to clip the pins to? Before starting out, gather about 8-10 long sticks, or cut off thin branches pointed at one end, approximately 36" long. These can be pushed into the ground at various distances, hill tops, the turns, and drops and could be left there when you are finished. I lay "blind" tracks for friends by using fewer pins and clipping them in spots that



only I am aware of.

I have also found it a lot easier to get someone to lay track for me by handing them a bag of colored pins to mark their way, instead of an armful of tracking flags, and telling them to use as many pins as they feel comfortable with to make the track a sure one with no wrong turns or missed articles.

This pin method has really helped us learn to read the dogs faster and stop unnecessary quartering and casting before it becomes a habit. Thus, you can keep your tracking days fun and exciting with a good steady working dog you'll be very proud of. Good luck!

About the author: Pam German has a small kennel and has raised Golden Retrievers for about 18 years. She had been tracking for about 5 and a half years, earning 4 TD's and is currently in training for TDX. A member of Pecatonica Tracking Club, Midwest Tracking Association, Golden Retriever Club of America, Golden Retriever Club of Illinois, and the Kishwaukee Kennel Club, she admits to being "Hooked on tracking!"

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"I didn't even know the paper had a dog section."

## HOWARD HUGE®



"Actually, he got that one for agreeing to go home early."



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Linda Riley, Chairman, Nominating Committee



## A POINT TO PONDER...

Obedience and tracking are two very different sports. In obedience the prime feature is that the dog does just what it is commanded, no more and no less. In tracking the dog is in control, doing what it can do naturally. In obedience the dog has to be trained to perform the exercises. In tracking the dog's natural ability may be enhanced by training, but unless the natural ability is present, the dog is not going to succeed. There is really no similarity between the two sports.....

From Tracking Scents,  
Spring, 1988

### DUES REMINDER:

Your Dues for the 1989 Season are due, NOW. Please mail them to Linda Riley, our treasurer. Like everything else they've gone up.

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