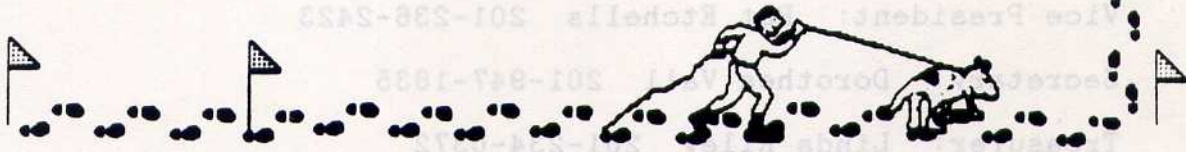


LENAPE TRACKING CLUB



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COMMON SCENTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 AND SUNDAY JUNE 11
CERTIFICATION MATCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1989
TED FOLLOW-UP

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1989
TED FOLLOW-UP

August 19

*October 14
Picnic*

As this is my initial year as a second judge, I would first like to thank Ted for his leadership and guidance over the past two years. We plan to carry on with the momentum she has given us.

Lanape is now listed as a second judge in the American Kennel Club's (AKC) calendar for April 1989. We held our required Informal Match on April 23, 1989 at Jane Henderson's. (AKC would not let us call it a Run Match, but those attending had fun anyway.) The event was officiated by Mary Hamill and capably judged by Edie Breginton. AKC has approved our Certification Match to be held June 10th, also at Jane Henderson's. (Track plotting is June 10th.) As this is written, entries have just closed. We have three entries so far did not have to hold a drawing. Mary Hamill is Match Secretary, Carol Arlin is the AKC licensed judge and Edie Breginton is serving as the second judge.

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FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As this is my initial message to the membership since taking office, I would first like to thank Peg Forte for her leadership and guidance over the past two years. We plan to carry on with the momentum she has given us.

Lenape is now listed as a Sanctioned Obedience Club by the AKC. (See the American Kennel Gazette Events Calendar for April 1 989, p. 62.) We held our required Informal Match on April 23, 1989 at Jane Henderson's. (AKC would not let us call it a Fun Match, but those attending had fun anyway.) The event was efficiently run by Marty Hamil and capably judged by Edie Braginton. AKC has approved our Certification Match to be held June 11th, also at Jane Henderson's. (Track plotting is June 10th.) As this is written, entries have just closed. We have three entries so we did not have to hold a drawing. Marty Hamil is Match Secretary, Carol Artim is the AKC licensed judge and Edie Braginton is serving as the second judge.

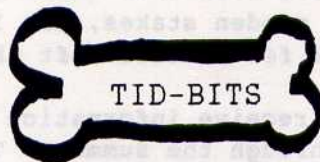
Tracking Experience Day went well on April 29th and I thank the many members who volunteered their help. The fliers have been mailed for the first TED Follow-up on June 17th. The next Follow-up will be July 15th. So Club activity continues. We must all thank Jane Henderson for her generosity in letting us use her property. And I thank all participants for being so careful. Jane has complimented us on our housekeeping, both inside and out.

I know that small groups of Lenape members get together on a regular basis to train their dogs to track. Other members may not have an appropriate dog to train at this time but they still support Club activities. We are going to need everyone's support if we are to be successful in our quest for AKC licensed status so we can put on AKC tests. Tracking tests are few and far between in this part of the country. Tracking and Obedience Clubs affiliated with the Midwest Tracking Association had held fifteen spring tracking events by early May. Ten were TDX's and five were TD's. Fifty-three slots were available for TDX with only four passing and 116 alternates. The five TD events had 34 available slots with 30 passing and 11 alternates. We cannot begin to match those numbers within our area but within the year, Lenape should be ready for their first licensed TD test. Several members of the Princeton Dog Training Club have expressed an interest in having Princeton get back into holding tracking tests. Perhaps we can work together to provide more opportunities for tracking enthusiasts to earn T's in this area.

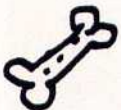
I expect to see more members at more events as the year moves along. Remember, members and dogs are welcome at TED Follow-up sessions. Hopefully, the current hot weather is not an omen of the summer to come.

HAPPY TRACKING!

Fran Wilmeth



Pat Etchells reports that the Etchells family has another CDX Cocker! Stormy, (Daybreak Stormtyde) got legs with Pat handling at Morris Hills and K-9, then Beth put the last leg on her at Allentown.



Maeleine Loos's collie Luckipenny earned her CD in three trials. She scored 194 1/2 which was High In Trial at the Collie Club of Northern N.J., but received no leg, that day. She went High In Trial again at the Tri-County Collie Breeders show for her third leg. She also retired the "Dabob's Mischief" Obedience Challenge Trophy. "This had a special meaning for Ron and I" wrote Maeleine, "as our Collie, OTCH Jodi, TD, won the first tow legs when it was offered and was trying for the third leg and working on a perfect score when I blew it for her 8 years ago. That was to be her last trial." Penni's other scores were 193, for a third place, 196 1/2 for first place and 197 for another first place. Penni was adopted from the Montgomery County Penn. S.P.C.A. at 5 1/2 months.

SUMMARIES OF LTC EVENTS

APRIL 23, 1989: INFORMAL MATCH at the Henderson farm. This was the first of several events required by AKC in the process securing our license to put on tracking tests. We had three entries for regulation tracks. These were Millie Hefner and her Standard Poodle, Gilliarde, Linda Riley and Mollie (Tibetan Terrier), and Beth Etchells with Black Cocker Spaniel, Snow. Unfortunately, none of the dogs passed but each demonstrated a knowledge of the fundamentals of the sport. Three beginner dogs showed potential by doing well on straight legs but they had not mastered turns. We had some new track layers and Edie Braginton had a chance to test her plotting and judging skills which should help her decide if she really does want to become a tracking judge. (We only have one AKC licensed Judge living in New Jersey, so "Go for it, Edie".) The weather was on our side. Match Secretary did a great job in organizing the event.

APRIL 29, 1989 TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY at the Henderson Farm. A total of 33 participants signed up, 25 with dogs, Vicky Brown's German Shepherd, Brock, did his usual excellent job of demonstrating what a proper tracking dog looks like when working. It did sprinkle a bit as we were finishing up in the field in the afternoon but no one got soaked. The fields were in beautiful condition for beginning dogs. All the dogs we saw were putting their noses down by the end of the field work and everyone seemed to be having a good time. All comments we heard were favorable ones. Mrs. Dominique Davis, an assistant editor at the AKC Gazette, was present with her husband to observe the activities. We received a complimentary letter from her a few days later and she will let us know if the Gazette decides to do an article on the day. She did take pictures as did Peg Forte.

The Club had special tee shirts for sale, a project coordinated by Peg Forte. The shirts show a tracking dog on the front, following footprints which go up over the shoulder, past a pine tree to a glove on the back. (We still have some large sizes left if anyone is interested in purchasing one.) The Club also had bundles of flags for sale. They are wire with small flags, go into hard, rocky or frozen ground more easily than wooden stakes, are light weight and make good corner markers. There are still a few bundles left that are available to members.

Twenty-seven people signed up to receive information on the follow-up days. We hope their enthusiasm continues through the summer. The day was a financial success. Our treasurer reported that our net for the day was approximately nine hundred dollars, which will help cover our expenses for the matches and other events leading to our AKC approval for licensing. As Chairman of TED, I thank all Club members who participated. We had an excellent turn-out this year.

AKC RULE CHANGES: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM CROSS TRACKS, THE NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY THE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL FLORIDA.

"ROBERTA CAMPBELL, COORDINATOR, AKC OBEDIENCE EVENTS HAS TOLD US THAT THE RULE CHANGES ARE IN THEIR 3RD REPRINT. THESE RULES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE AKC GAZETTE FOR COMMENTS FROM EXIBITORS. THE PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THEM AND IF ALL GOES WELL, APPROVE THEM AND FORWARD THEM TO THE AKC BOARD FOR THEIR APPROVAL. THEN, THE APPROVED RULES WILL BE PUBLISHED ONCE AGAIN IN THE GAZETTE. IT SHOULD TAKE AT LEAST FIVE MONTHS TO GET ALL THIS DONE SO WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT THE NEW RULES TO GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1990 OR LATER."

People Tracks Editor's Note:

A big thanks to those who put aside their modesty and returned the questionnaire Peg sent out to randomly selected members. The response was great, and the supply of articles far exceeds the space available in this newsletter. If you don't see them now, watch for features in the next few issues on Gail Palmer, Valerie Zubrod, Gerry Sullivan, Toni Brouillard, and the Etchells.

PEOPLE TRACKS

featuring Linda Riley

As a child, the two things Linda wished for the hardest were a horse and a dog. She didn't get the horse, but the family did get a dog - a wonderful mixed breed that lived to a ripe old age. After several years of being dogless, she got a mixed breed terrier of her own and then a year later added a Jack Russell Terrier.

When the Jack Russell passed away in 1985, her search for a replacement took her to the Somerset County Humane Society and there a tiny black puppy stole her heart. She thought she was simply getting a mixed breed puppy with whom she could maybe do a little basic obedience - something simple like "sit", "down" and "come"!

At this point Maeleine Loos entered the picture, and the next thing she knew, Molly and Linda were in matches trying for Molly's "All-American" CD. About this time also, several people suggested that Molly might be a Tibetan terrier. The AKC believed she was, and she got her ILP. She was then able to get her CD in March, 1986, her CDX in May, 1986, and her UD in May, 1987. (Her full name is now Molly, UD.) Molly also has the distinction of being the first Tibetan terrier to ever go High in Trial at an all-breed trial - and this was while getting her third leg in Novice A!

Maeleine and Ron Loos then encouraged her to try tracking, and once they started, it was very easy to get hooked. Molly and Linda are having a bumpy road to her "T", but they're still plugging along.

Linda enjoys all horse and dog activities, and luckily for her, Linda's job lets her enjoy fox hunting, horse shows and steeplechasing. Molly is now also enjoying Agility, and Linda hopes to next try herding, something that Tibetan Terriers once did in their native land.

AKC TRACKING SEMINAR

In April, Linda Riley attended an AKC Seminar as a representative of our club. This is a brief report of the information she obtained for our use at that event. We would like to thank Linda for volunteering to take the time to attend the seminar.

On a rainy Sunday in mid-April, approximately 80 tracking enthusiasts gathered in Boxborough, Mass. for an AKC Tracking Seminar hosted by the Tracking Club of Massachusetts. The AKC was represented by Bob Squires, Director of Obedience and Wally Kodis, Field Representative. Roberta Campbell had also been scheduled to attend but was forced to cancel due to surgery.

It was stressed at the outset that an AKC Seminar is not intended as a training session for handlers or dogs. Even though some training hints were included during the day, this was not the seminar's main focus. Instead it is a vehicle for a thorough examination of the tracking regulations and guidelines and as such to bring this information to the attention of judges, exhibitors, tracklayers, and test-giving clubs.

Bob Squires' opening remarks included statistics on tracking which impressed me as to the extent of the AKC's current interest in the sport. Currently, tracking comprises only 1.3% of the total obedience department, but 28% of the four field representatives' time is spent at tracking events and 25% of the obedience seminar budget is devoted to tracking! Also, this is the first time there has been a separate Tracing Advisory Committee. Previously, changes in the tracking regulations were handled by the Obedience Advisory Committee.

The new regulations proposed by the Committee have been aimed at achieving the greatest possible consistency in the sport across the country. However, there will always be some regional differences dictated by unavoidable variations in climate and terrain. The new tracking regulations and guidelines will eventually be published together in one handbook separate from the other obedience regulations.

Currently the time schedule calls for the entire new proposed regulations and guidelines to be published in the June or July AKC Gazette. The fancy (that's us, folks) will then have 60 days to address comments, pro and con, to the AKC. This will then allow for the changes to be approved in October, with the new regulations taking effect on January 1, 1990.

Following the opening remarks, the majority of the morning session was an extensive comparison of current TD and TDX procedures and how the two events differ in terms of starts, restarts, length of tracks, scent (age of), turns, crosstracks, articles, obstacles and spare tracks (advisable for both tests). Under each of these categories, Bob Squires reviewed the current regulations. Wally Kodis presented all the proposed changes. As you can well imagine this very thorough review of the regulations resulted in a wealth of information!

The AKC representatives then discussed guidelines and responsibilities for clubs holding tracking tests. This part of the program was especially relevant to Lenape as we prepare to hold; our first sanctioned match on June 11th. Premium lists, catalogs, fields, terrain, tracklayers and judges were the subjects covered. In addition they brought up just about any possible problems that might arise and then suggested solutions. This material has been reviewed with the Lenape board members, including Martha Hamil, our match secretary.

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Field work was scheduled for the afternoon portion of the program, but the inclement weather necessitated shortening this part. An outside demonstration was done on locating starts, plotting legs, selecting suitable cover and terrain, and avoiding obstacles. Seminar participants also got some "hands on" (or should I say "feet on") experience in converting paces to yards by walking a pre-measured course.

By the end of the day my head was crammed with information and I left impressed by 1. The efficient and clear manner in which Bob Squires And Wally Kodis presented so much material, 2. the depth and extent of the AKC's interest in tracking, 3. how much the AKC wants to help clubs putting on tracking tests. (AKC wants the clubs to do it right).

The proposed regulations reflect most of the changes people have requested and they should help the sport of tracking. So please, after the new rules are published in the AKC Gazette, make your views, for and against, known to the AKC. It is only by hearing from us that they can gauge the extent of interest in the tracking community.

Many thanks to Lenape for helping to make my attendance at the seminar possible.

LINDA RILEY



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We have received an application for membership from the following person:

Mrs. Barbara O'Brien 211 Old Croton Rd., Flemington, N.J. 08822 201-788-2034

Breed of dog: English Cocker

If no objections are received by the secretary, Dorothea Vail within 30 days of the mailing of this newsletter this person will be a member according to our by-laws.

Dorothea Vail, 329 Crescent Ave., Leonia, N.J. 07605

DUES REMINDER

Dues of \$20.00 dollars for an individual membership and \$30.00 for a family membership were due on APRIL 1st. Anyone who has not paid their dues will find a black dot on their mailing labeling of this newsletter.

● THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER until your dues are paid. ●

Please remit dues to our treasurer, Linda Riley, Box 365, Peapack, N.J. 07977

THANK YOU

PEOPLE TRACKS

featuring John & Pat & Beth Etchells

The Etchells got a buff cocker right after they got married, and she lived a "couch potato" life until her death at age 12. Still wanting a cocker, but not wanting a "replacement", they got Snow - a black (What else do you call a black dog you get at Easter when there is snow on the ground?) Despite a fenced yard, Snow could find plenty of reasons not to come, so a basic obedience course seemed prudent. Beth, then 12, enrolled her in an adult ed course and after placing first in the graduation ceremonies, further training seemed like a reasonable idea. They enrolled in Princeton, and the obedience bug bit.

Cockers have been the only breed the Etchells have owned. They are large enough not to be fragile, small enough to be lap dogs, and if bred and raised right have very loving temperaments. And maintaining their coats keeps idle hands busy!

The Etchells' list of titles now reads:

Midnight Snowbelle, CDX

Daybreak Stormtyde, CDX

Dur-Bet's Shadowdancin', CDX

Twilight Lonestarr, CD (1 CDX leg)

Interest in tracking was spurred by a TED flier. Tracking seemed to be a natural extension of obedience work that could be continued well after dogs are retired from jumping, and Snow's enthusiasm was infectious.

Non-tracking animal activities include Beth and Pat showing in obedience, Beth formerly showing in junior showmanship and teaching 4-H dog classes, Pat doing newsletter/show secretary duties for two other clubs, and John being president of a cocker club. Their house also contains a Maine Coon cat, who holds her own.

On a personal level, John is a manager for AT&T. Pat has been doing word processing work at another AT&T location as a temp for the better part of a year, and Beth is in Cook College (Rutgers) class of '92 as a bio-chem major. Son Sean, a year younger than Beth, will be going to the county college.

As far as dog stories go, probably the most amusing involves Buffy. Pat writes:

We never did any research on Buffy's pedigree, but she was what we needed at that time of our life - a very accepting dog who would roll over on her back rather than challenge anything two toddlers would do to her. But we are convinced that intelligence was not her strong point.

We lived with my parents for a few months after Beth was born. One nice day after giving Beth her a bottle while sitting in our recliner, I put her in her stroller to walk to the train station to meet John. When we returned, my mother was hysterical because she had searched the house and couldn't find Buffy. She was convinced that she had gotten out the door while I took out the stroller. Although I was sure that she hadn't, we called the police then started to walk and drive the neighborhood. About an hour later, my mother, who was then holding Beth and pacing the floor, thought she heard a scratching noise. So she searched the house again - from basement to attic. Finally the scratching noise continued in earnest - from under the recliner. Buffy had gotten scooped up in the footrest, and since it was a nice, quiet place to sleep, she opted to stay there rather than answer the many calls she must have heard...

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TRACKING CLUB

FIRST AKC SANCTIONED MATCH
JUNE 11, 1989

Brisk, sunny weather and damp fields greeted the three entrants in our first AKC sanctioned match. Judges Carol Crothers Artum and Edie Braginton plotted the tracks the day before on Jane Henderson's lovely fields. Tracklayers for the event were Joanne Mac Kinnon, Fran Wilmeth, and John Etchells.

The entries were all club members, Beth Etchells with "Snow," Millie Hefner with "Gallaird," and Linda Riley with "Mollie." A small gallery watched as each dog worked their track. Beth and "Snow" came close once again, but had trouble at one turn, they will get certified soon we are sure.

Millie and her effervescent poodle had us in stitches watching their antics as they bounced across the field. We wish we had been video taping their track. "Gallaird" did graceful leaps above the tall grass, as if she could look from that vantage point and see where the track went. Millie's handling as her dog ran in circles, and darted hither and yon, was delightful. Despite moments of sheer craziness, they were successful in finding the glove.

"Mollie" and Linda were next to run their track, and this time "Mollie" came through with flying colors. We were pleased to see they certified again and wish them success in the fall tests. Mollie, it is time to add that "T" to your UD.

The paperwork on the match has been sent in the AKC. We will be contacting them soon to see if we can have approval for our second required sanctioned match. We all owe Martha Hamil and the crew of loyal tracklayers and workers a round of applause for getting one under our belts. THANKS

TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY
T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

If you were not at TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY then you probably don't have your limited edition LTC TED T-Shirt. Well, lucky you, we happen to have 15 of these very special shirts available in XL and XXL sizes. Big is better than too small. They are available by mail from Linda Riley, Box 365, Peapack, N.J. 07977

Price - in person \$5.00 by mail \$6.00

Also we are still trying to amass a large enough order to get more club T-shirts and sweatshirts made. They are Kelly Green with the Club logo imprinted on them. Sizes can be ordered - Adults sizes - S-M-L-XL-XXL (the XXL will probably be heather gray not green)

Send your order in to Linda at the above address, we have enough to place the order you will be notified. Cost will be \$5.00 - T-Shirts \$10.00 Sweatshirts