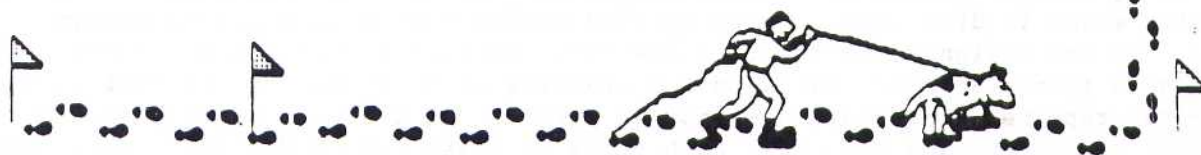


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DATES TO REMEMBER

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1990

BOARD MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1990

TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 1990

TRACKING MATCH OR TEST

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

This is being written before the annual dinner but will not be read until after the big event which makes it difficult to come up with topics that will still be timely, but we will try. We are delighted to report a new "T". Betty Fletcher and her Corgi, Colonel, traveled down to the Southern Maryland Dog Training Club of Forestville test on March 25th. Betty reported that there was snow on part of the track. It was cold and wet and Colonel had to hop and jump over high tufts of grass but he did it. Betty and Colonel were introduced to tracking at our TED last year, were certified at our fall Match and wrapped up the Title within eleven months of their start. Our hearty congratulations to the pair.

Interest in tracking does seem to be increasing in our area. With a month to go, we have 29 paid entries for Tracking Experience Day. We have never been so close to reaching our limit of 36 handler/dog teams so early. We can accommodate a number of observers but I hope we don't have to turn away people with dogs. Please remember that we need volunteers to help at TED. Give me a call.

Joanne MacKinnon and I spent two mornings watching videos on Schutzhund tracking when the weather was too hot (in February yet!) or too cold and wet. Schutzhund is a different world but we picked up some hints we're trying to slow down our dogs and improve turns. We'll probably discuss some of the ideas at TED. By the way, Joanne has a new tracking dog. She will continue to train Skye, the Golden, but she got smart (writer's prejudice is showing) and adopted a Norwich Terrier from the Norwich/Norfolk Terrier Rescue Committee. Danny is fifteen months old and a delightful little fellow. He has quickly adjusted to being chief house dog and he had his first tracking lesson four days after his arrival.

Peg Forte also has a new canine friend. Alf is a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, about two years old. You won't find a picture of one in your AKC Book of Dogs. They are fairly new members of the Miscellaneous Class. However, try to visualize Peg's Bernese Mountain Dog with a short coat and you will have a rough idea of a Greater Swiss. We're sure this big fellow will be out tracking soon.

The new tracking regulations take effect July 1st. They are supposed to be available from AKC in a printed booklet in April so we each will have to write for one. The tracking and obedience regulations will be in separate booklets and not combined as in the past. Tracking is coming into its own!

I want to thank all of you who returned your AKC information forms. Only two are not back and I know one of those is on its way. Don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't done so. Send the check to Linda Riley. The dues form was in the last Newsletter.

A final note - I had lunch with Charlotte Schwartz the other day. She was in the area to do several workshops (not tracking) at Brandy Lane Obedience School. She had just been to the NADOI conference in California. Her new book should be out soon. It was good to see her again.

Get those dogs out tracking so we can get more T's this year.

Fran



PEOPLE TRACKS

featuring Joanne & Ralph MacKinnon

Joanne and Ralph got started in dogs in 1970, when they got their first Golden Retriever, "Reb" and the owner of his sire suggested that they "do something" with him such as obedience classes. Joanne took him to the Adult Education Dog Obedience classes and has been involved in obedience, field, tracking and conformation ever since!

The MacKinnons have always had Golden Retrievers. They like the breed because they can actively participate in many areas of dog work. They also love their personality - it suits their life style. They enjoy the "out of doors" and are wonderful "out of doors" companions.


Titles earned by their dogs are::

Master MacReb of Jolly Way, UD
Bonnie Island Golden Flyer, CD
Bit O'Skye's Rocky Point Roxie , UD, WC
Bit O'Skye's Bonnie Piper CDX, TD, WCX
Bit O'Skye's Pipe Major CDX, JH, WCX
Bit O'Skye's Rocky Point Rebel, CD, WC
Bit O' Skye's Lorelei Daniele CDX, WC
Valleyview's Skye Hi Jezibel, CD, WC

They got interested in tracking when Joanne met Peg Forte while attending the Adult Education Obedience classes. They were both interested in "tracking", although they weren't really sure what it was about. They went to a tracking test to observe what it was they wanted to do! They then gathered books on the subject, very large tomato stakes, their dogs, and headed for the fields.

Other animal activities include field work with their Goldens. They are particularly happy that the AKC has developed the Hunting Tests and have attended a number of their tests at the Junior level. At present Jezibel has 3 legs (of 4 required) for her Junior Hunter Title, and Joanne hopes to be able to go on to the Senior level with her.

Personally, Ralph and Joanne have been married for almost 33 years. They have 5 children (3 girls, 2 boys). The children are all grown and off on their own - two are married. However, anyone who knows them knows the children are often home on the weekends for get-togethers. Some of the children have been somewhat involved with the dogs and enjoy dog activities.



TRAINING TIPS
by Joan Telfer

Now that tracking test season is gearing up, I'm going to go over some tips I think will be helpful.

HARNESS: It should fit snug. Too loose allows it to slip around on the dogs body and interfere with her/his working. The belly band should be fairly snug. This allows the pull from the line to be felt by the dog around its middle and not on the shoulders. If you have a nylon harness, it is a good idea to tape all the buckles shut but one. They have been known to unbuckle while on the dog. Leather does not seem to have this problem.

LINE HANDLING: First keep the line tight between you and your dog. You should keep the line tight whether you're tracking a teacup poodle or a flat coated retriever. Keep your line up in the air by raising it in one hand or the other. This is not always possible if you have a big, fast dog. Even with the big fast dog, it is best to try and keep your line as high as possible.

Second: Practice stripping the line back smoothly and quickly. I know dogs are absolute masters at getting completely tangled in the line. You minimize the chances of this happening by learning to strip back fast and efficiently. There is nothing worse than the dog having a problem. You finally get the dog going only to have a heavy correction accidentally put on the dog by a tangled line. The fastest way to strip is with your line running across your thumb, not your palm.

STARTS: "If you don't get a good start, you don't get a good track". These are words to live by. Do not let your dog wander up to the start flag. Take him/her up to it. The AKC allows you to point at the ground at the start, take advantage of it. Hold or down the dog at the start box until you're sure it has taken a good scent. Then tell the dog to find it, track it, etc. If you do all this, your chances of a successful track are greatly increased.

If your dog gets into trouble and has been unsuccessfully searching for too long "Back Up!" Back up at least 5-6 steps. If the dog still does not pick up the track, back up another 5-6 steps. If that doesn't do it, back up to where you know the dog was tracking. Dogs will frequently over shoot the turn by some distance, especially if the wind is at your back.

Also, remember to let the dog search a full circle around you. Many handlers decide the track goes in a given direction and will only let the dog search in that area. Trust your dog. Let it look 360 degrees.

Form 1040-DOG

ALL
Breeds

Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service

U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 1989



Use IRS label	Registered Name:	Dog Tag number:	▶
	Calling name:		
	Master's name:	Rabies I. D. number:	▶

Filing Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Stray dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Family dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Top dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Underdog
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Exemptions for Dependents	▶ Check all dependents:	<input type="checkbox"/> Fleas	<input type="checkbox"/> Worms	<input type="checkbox"/> Other dependents
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Ear mites	<input type="checkbox"/> All of the above

Income	1 Dry Kibble, and other gross income	1		
	2 Stolen roasts, turkeys, hams and other capital income	2		
	3 Income from beef by-products	3		
	4 Kidney, liver, and other organ meat	4		
	5 Compensation from hunting, herding, or watching	5		
	6 Show winnings	6		
	7 Acting fees (dog star)	7		
	8 Stud fees	8		
	9 Capital gains and appreciation of assets:			
	a Appreciation of personal assets	9a		
	b Appreciation of assets of other dogs	9b		
	c Appreciation of doghouse	9c		
	d Appreciation of buried bones not yet fully appreciated	9d		

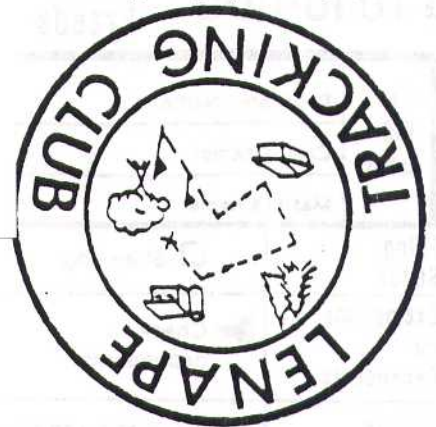
Credits and Deductions	10 Veterinary benefits		
	a Credit for not trembling and whimpering in waiting room	10a	
	b Credit for not yelping during shots	10b	
	11 Casualty losses from accidental elimination (special allowance for puppies only)	11	
	12 Laundry expenses (ring around the collar)	12	
	13 Spay pay (credit for neutering)	13	
	14 Deduction for losses of tennis balls	14	
	15 Depreciation of rubber tug toy	15	
	16 Tax-exempt income from service as a guide dog for the blind	16	
	17 Damages from housebreaking	17	
	18 Poultry retrieval without appreciation	18	
	19 Impoundment charges	19	
	20 Fines for voluntary contributions to sidewalks and lawns	20	
21 Credit for deposits behind bushes (safe deposit)	21		
22 Interest in the deposits of others	22		

Balance Due	Your total tax bite	▶	
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Please Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, Impoundment, and dry kibble for a month, I declare that I have examined this return, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it smells great.	
	Your paw print (front right): ▶	Dog Day:

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶	
	Firm's name (or your name if self-employed) ▶	
	E.I. No. ▶	
	ZIP Code ▶	

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If no objections are received by the secretary, Dorothea Vail, within 30 days of the mailing of this newsletter, these persons will be members according to the by-laws.