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Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tracking Test
Sunday, November 3, 1991

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; FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK: ;

Since my last president's message, Lenape has held two very successful events. The August heat wave broke just in time for our first Track Layers Certification Test, and we had two beautiful days to plot tracks and draw maps. On Saturday, August 24th, five of us gathered at Jane's to test each other and to test the procedure. We used the outline on the entry form, except that we followed a round-robin system instead of pairing off since we had an uneven number of participants. All five passed, and we decided the test plan worked. On Sunday the 25th, eleven more members were tested, and all passed. Many were experienced trackers but agreed they benefitted from being tested as it sharpened their map drawing skills and made them more aware of sight markers. So Lenape has sixteen certified track layers. Certificates will be presented at a later date. We will try to hold a second test this fall for those who were unable to attend in August. We are also thinking about doing a track layer's clinic next year which would be open to the general tracking public.

Our second big event was the Certification Match held September 22nd. Again, the weather was excellent all weekend. Linda Riley did an excellent job as match secretary and everything went smoothly. John Etchells, chief track layer, had his crew of track layers at the right places at the right times. As head of hospitality, Joanne MacKinnon not only organized the food for the match (her soup was delicious) but also housed the judge, her friend and two springer spaniels and hosted the judge's dinner Saturday night. The match committee was so proficient that I, as president, felt no responsibility for the affair except to serve as one of the track layers. It was nice to see a number of new members taking part.

The fields were in beautiful condition, most having been cut within a few weeks of the match. One had taller growth, but that didn't bother the Moser's Golden who passed with no difficulty. (We didn't tell LeRoy that there was a dead deer in the field until after he finished. The dog didn't hesitate as he sailed past the carcass). George Calverley and his Weimaraner had to work longer

at the corners, but turned in a successful performance, giving us two teams with passing grades. Several other dogs had a single problem spot which brought on the whistle, but once back on the track, finished in good style, demonstrating that they are very close to certification. Two of the failing dogs had been certified just prior to the match. Their difficulties seemed to be caused by the presence of so many deer. Again we are most grateful to Jane Henderson for letting us use her beautiful facilities.

I'm disappointed at the turnout for the picnic on September 28th. As this is being written, we only have eight people coming. We have cancelled the agility course, as it doesn't seem worthwhile to have Katrine Johnson transport all the heavy equipment for so few. We will have an intimate group and try to get the nominating committee appointed along with other essential business. It's very difficult to find a satisfactory date in the fall with all the dogs shows, obedience trials and field trials that our members attend. I guess I was too influenced by my aversion to driving to Long Island when I suggested the date, which is also the Suffolk County Obedience Trial. At least six of our members are showing, stewarding or judging there. We used to have our picnics in the summer, but decided it was too hot for the dogs. We may have to abandon the picnic meeting altogether. I'm open to suggestions.

I hope we have a good turnout at our second tracking test November 3rd. It's being run by the same committee that did the match, so I know it will be a great success. Come out and show your support.

Now that our record shattering summer (53 days with temperatures above 90°) seems to be over, maybe Jackson and I can get back on track. Call us if you want a tracking partner some day.

Fran Wilmeth, President

That Darn 20 Foot Mark

Reprinted from The Hudson Valley Tracker, June 1991

Are you having problems with finding a good way to mark your lead? Does that knot or ribbon you tied at twenty feet cause problems with unintentional corrections to your dog? Handling problems? Are you contemplating dyeing your lead but are reluctant because you know that dyes can sometimes bleed when they get

wet, getting on clothing as well as on your hands. Don't pull your hair out in frustration. The solution is simple and inexpensive. Cotton web leads can be easily marked by simply dipping the last ten feet in bleach, then washing. (LTC Editor's Note: You still have to mark the lead with something easily visible at a test.)

PEOPLE TRACKS

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Certification Match

Another successful certification match goes down in Lenape's history books. Most of the participants were club members - with the exception of one TED graduate - so everybody knew everyone else, and there was great interest in the outcome.

George Calverley drew the first track, and his Weimaraner **Max** got us off to a good start by reaching the glove after a few occasions of heart-stopping searching for corners. Dot Jancola's Shepherd on the second track ran into a little trouble on the first leg, then finished without further assistance. Golden Retrievers **Molly** and **Tawny** owned by Debby Gatier and Martha Windisch respectively put in noble efforts on the third and fourth tracks. Carol Salzetti's Dachshund **Tiger** had



Tracklayer Certification



Sixteen Lenape members participated in the August 25 Tracklayer Certification event, and sixteen members are now certified tracklayers! They are:

John Etchells
Pat Etchells
Peg Forte
Debby Gatier
Marty Hamil
Millie Hefner
Hope Meaker
Diane Moser
LeRoy Moser
Linda Riley
Carol Salzetti
Gerry Sullivan
Mary Ann Svizeny
Tony Svizeny
Dot Vail
Fran Wilmeth

All of these people demonstrated their ability to plot a track, note landmarks, draw a map, and retrieve poker

problems with deer droppings on his track, the fifth. Then LeRoy Moser showed us how it was done when he and his Golden **Nigie** put on a textbook performance on the last official track. Ronn Loos' GSD **Kandie** ran the alternate, but unfortunately deer also distracted her.

The Committee sends out a big thanks to all who helped. From member judge Edie Braginton to tracklayers Millie Hefner, Fran Wilmeth, Marty Hamil, Hope Meaker, Dot Vail, Peg Forte and John Etchells; from food preparers Joanne MacKinnon and Agnes McCloskey to people hauler Betty Fletcher and paperwork doers Linda Riley and Pat Etchells - all deserve a thumbs up for a job well done.

chips from the three corners of a 350 yard track. They worked in pairs with people they normally didn't track with, so there was a good opportunity to pick up new perspectives on track laying, object sighting, step taking, as well as a chance to get to know each other better.

Generally the exercise was snafu-free. A minor problem occurred on Saturday, when five members went out to give the exercise a preview. One tracklayer was sure of her corners, but couldn't seem to locate one poker chip. After about 45 frustrating minutes, she decided to go on, pulled up a stem of grass to mark the spot so she could come back later to try to get the chip out of the field - and lo and behold, beneath that clump of grass was the poker chip. She had apparently walked exactly to the corner and stepped on the chip in the process! People on Sunday were advised to place their chips carefully...

Everyone who participated seemed to think the idea had a great deal of merit. There will be opportunities for those who couldn't make this date to give the procedure a try, and possibly we will open future events up to the track laying public.

NJFDC SPECIAL MEETING - August 30

AKC judges Betty-Anne and Roy Stenmark from San Mateo County, California, were in the vicinity because of the Labor Day weekend shows, and the Federation had them present a program on the anti-breeding legislation they have been confronted with. Betty-Anne has spearheaded an effort to oppose the restrictions, and her husband is now part of a committee to come up with a solution.

It's not going to be as bad in San Mateo as the original reports would have indicated - primarily due to the efforts of a group of breeders who banded together to fight it.

Apparently San Mateo county is a wealthy, semi-rural area where there is but one pet store, homes are on multi-acre lots, and dogs and cats were generally unregistered. Animal rights people chose a time when media attention was focused on the county because of nationally televised golf tournaments, and they staged public euthanasia of a large number of pound animals. They then suggested that if breeding were stopped, many of these animals would have been adopted. Statistically, in San Mateo at the time, 85 percent of the animals in the shelters were feral cats, and of the remaining 15 percent, 75 percent were cross breed dogs (leaving less than 4 percent of the shelter population as pure-bred dogs).

The first hearing on the problem was held on a Tuesday afternoon in the animal shelter, where pictures of leg traps, euthanized animals and the like lined the walls. There was no organized group of dog clubs at the time, but the breeders managed to present a show of force, and the next meeting was changed to an evening at a neutral site. Two meetings have been held, and a third is still scheduled. Basically, there has been a lot of compromise. It looks like there will not be a breeding ban, all dogs **and cats** will be licensed, there will be a realistic limit on the number of animals permitted, and non-neutered animals will have a somewhat higher - but not prohibitive - licensing fee.

The Stenmarks explained the difference between animal rights people and animal welfare people. Animal welfare is concerned with the humane treatment of animals. Animal rights advocates feel animals are entitled to everything humans are. For example, some animal rights activists feel that chickens in a hen house are equivalent to the Jews in concentration camps; a pet and a child should have equal priority as far as rescue from a burning building goes; and companion animals and

service animals (such as seeing eye dogs) should be released or killed to free them from bondage. It does no good to argue or discuss the matter with animal rights people because they are "right". They are well funded - partially from donations people think they are making for animal welfare. They are organized and have fancy books instructing their disciples in the art of selling their cause to the public.

Some suggestions made by the Stenmarks, Ken Marden of the AKC, Ed Sayres from St. Hubert's Giralda - a private rescue shelter, and the NJFDC membership include:

- Join a humane society to know what is going on - but keep a low profile. Watch that any donations you make don't go to animal rights groups.
- Get involved in public education.
- Become active in local politics
- Read local newspapers.
- Know the agenda of town council meetings
- Visit local representatives.
- Invite local politicians to shows to present trophies.
- Donate cash to local politicians.
- Donate time to campaigns
- Rescue dogs of your breed which come into the shelters
- Sell non-show puppies only on a neuter contract
- Include take-back clauses in all sales agreements
- Educate landlords to encourage them to permit people to keep their pets

The Stenmarks pointed out that John Q. Public is generally not all that interested in this squabble between the breeders and the animals rights people and that the politicians aren't likely to want animal rights to become a major issue. By making the proper political connections, the breeders can have their view as readily apparent as the animal righters'.

It appears that PETA (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals) is, or will be, pushing breeding bans, etc., on a state-by-state basis. The Federation is monitoring the situation on the state level, and will soon be giving the Clubs guidance as to what can be done. AKC is preparing a video to counter the PETA film, and it will be made available to those in a position to influence opinion.

Footprints thru the Brambles

Reprinted from Indian Nations Tracking Club *Nose News*, September, 1991, by Bob Brown

After a summer of hard training, you and your dog are in that long sought after Tracking Test. Things are great going down the second leg when groups of people come charging out of the woods harassing you and obviously fouling the track. After what seems like hours of verbal abuse, the judges call you off the track and promise you another track later. After the disappointing walk back to your car, you find that while you were in the field, someone let your other dog out of his crate and he was last seen running over a distant hill.

Sound like a nightmare that couldn't happen? Don't bet on it. There are in this country several radical animal rights groups that believe that such methods are a means to an end. I'm sure you have read accounts of hunters being harassed in the field in the name of "prevention of cruelty to animals." If it can happen to hunters participating in a legal pastime, what makes you think it will not happen to you at a dog show, field trial or tracking test. It's only a matter of time and inaction. Inaction on your part!!!

Two "animal rights" organizations, PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) are well known for their radical confrontations. If you think these are fly-by-night organizations, you are badly mistaken. If you read their literature, their stated purpose sounds humane and forthright. Talk to them and they have the right

answers to your questions. However, dig a little deeper and their objectives become more perverse. They are against the use, by humans, of any animal for any purpose. This includes not only food and medical science but such things as guide dogs, hearing dogs and pets. They believe that all animals should be free and unencumbered by humans.

You say you've not heard of them in your area? That may well be ... their modus operandi is to work secretly and quietly behind the scenes, usually within animal shelters and humane organizations, until their goal is within reach and then strike with rapid precision. These goals are often laws or ordinances relating to animal control and ownership. Once their laws have been enacted, it is exceedingly difficult to get them reversed. They have proven themselves to not be above using harassment to help achieve their objectives.

I urge you to become familiar with these organizations and take an active role in combating their radical objectives. Our sport may depend on it. Hollywood, Florida, passed a PETA/PAWS backed ordinance in 1990, banning the display of animals for public entertainment or amusement on public property. This includes zoos, pet shows, petting zoos, animal displays, any kind of racing, etc.

Insect Repellent: Follow Directions

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Lyme disease has caused people who avoided or doubted bug sprays to reconsider, but if used incorrectly, repellents are as dangerous for humans as they are for ticks and mosquitoes.

The key to using bug sprays effectively and safely is to read the label and follow the instructions.

Repellents for skin application containing DEET are effective for one to several hours. They are removed by rain, sweating, swimming, wiping, evaporation, and absorption. The temptation to reapply more and more after the effects have begun to wear off can lead to

trouble. DEET is absorbed through the skin into circulation; 10 to 15 percent of each dose can be detected later in the urine. Skin eruptions, rashes and itching have been seen, and severe brain disorders have occurred with excessive or prolonged use, especially in infants and children. If you see or suspect these problems, stop using the repellent immediately, wash the affected area with soap and water, and consult your physician.

The best way to use the solution is by applying it to sneakers, socks, shirt collars, and pant legs and allowing them to dry before putting on the clothes. Spray a scarf and wear loosely around your neck to keep bugs away from your neck and hair.