



## COMMON SCENTS

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# Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

### TENTATIVE DATES TO REMEMBER

**T.E.D. Follow-Up 1**  
Saturday, June 12, 1993

**T.E.D. Follow-Up 2**  
Sunday, July 11, 1993

**T.E.D. Follow-Up 3**  
Saturday, August 14, 1993

**Certification Match/Tracklayer Certification/Annual Picnic**  
Sunday, September 26, 1993

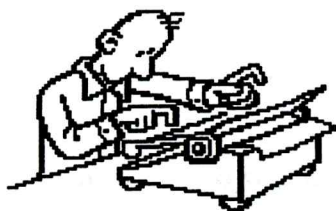
**Tracking Test**  
Sunday, November 7, 1993

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### WARES

The Club has an inventory of the first edition of the Ganz/Boyd *Tracking From the Ground Up* book. The second edition is now out, which incorporates the Tracking Dog Excellent information. We are making the first edition available for \$6. If you already have the TDX book, you may want to get it. Call Pat Etchells (908) 236-2423 or Linda Riley (908) 730-7717.

There was not enough interest generated in the Ganz videotape for us to get the discount rates. The Club copy is available for members to borrow - with postage being the responsibility of the borrower.



## From the President's Desk:

On May 1 Lenape members exposed 40 plus enthusiastic individuals and dogs to the sport of tracking. A big thank you goes out to the members who helped make the day such a success. Linda Riley spent hours on the phone getting people signed up and working with Pat in preparing the handouts. Speakers Fran Wilmeth, Peg Forte and Edie Braginton did their normal outstanding jobs.

Dot Vail and Bucky gave a great demonstration on what an experienced dog could do on Vicky Brown's track, and Hope Meaker and Pega showed how to start. Phyllis Broderick tempted everyone's sweet tooth and cured caffeine fits. Millie Hefner and Gerry Sullivan kept the wares moving briskly. Joining us for the hands-on segment were also Pat Blake, Anna Burbank, George Calverley, Karl & Priscilla Gabosch, Barbara Irwin, Barbara O'Brien, Pat Paulding, Christy Shore, and Martha Windisch. And we cannot forget Joanne MacKinnon, without whose dexterity and patience the field guides would not have been laminated!

TED is what makes it possible for our Club to remain an entity. Not only does it bring new blood into our midst, but it is what subsidizes our tests and matches. It's gratifying that so many members heeded the call for help. **Now let's see the same support for the Follow-Ups!**

This year we distributed a questionnaire to the participants in an effort to see where we could improve upon our presentation in the future. Generally we got very favorable comments - as well as a few important observations! The Board and group leaders got together shortly after TED for a debriefing session, and we have tentatively prepared a somewhat altered agenda for next year. The main change will be to divide up into groups early in the day and have much more outdoor time. We hope to set up stations which the groups will rotate among and learn such skills as plotting a track, learning about site markers, lead handing, etc. We will also eliminate the spectator category and raise the price to include lunch.

But that's next year. We still have to make the balance of 1993 memorable. Please let Pat or me know which of the Follow-Ups you can assist with. If you don't respond, expect to hear from us!!!

Happy Tracking.

John Etchells



After a dry spell of a year and a half from her first leg in Open, VICKY BROWN's Golden Retriever **Spice** got a second leg at Old Dominion and finished her CDX title at Trenton.

**Tracy** HAMIL, MARTY's Doberman, was BW at Lancaster and Group 1 at Hochelaga in Montreal.

JANET HORN proudly reports that she has just gotten her driver's license and is getting back into dog activities. She handled her Chessie **Keeper** to a Group 4 at Chambersburg and was BOS at Bucks.

RONN and MAELIENE LOOS' rescue Collie **Penni** was HIT at the Hunterdon Hills Collie Club from Open B with a 194.5. Then she repeated the honors at Tri-County Collie Breeders with a 196.5, also in Open B. She now has two legs on the challenge trophy.



## MEMBERSHIP

The following person has submitted an application for membership. She will become a member 30 days after the mailing of this newsletter unless the secretary Anna Burbank, 22 Darien - Village 2, New Hope PA 18938 receives any letters of objection within 30 days.

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Golden Retrievers

Tara Golden /Fleece of Tara, UD, TDI, CGC

Jason Golden Fleece Jason, CDX

Sponsors - Barbara Ridder Irwin & Linda Riley

## HELP WANTED

If anyone would like to be a tracklayer for the Dachshund National Specialty on June 14 in the Allentown, PA, area, give Trudy Kawami a call at (718) 499-1934.

## TRACKER'S DISEASE

### A Mental Disorder

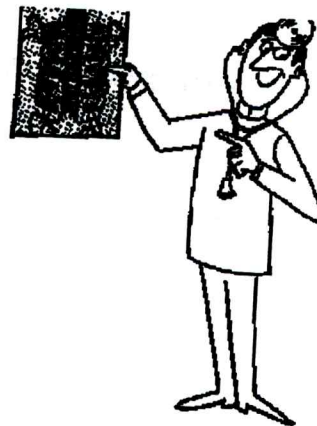
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A new disease has been discovered that is spreading across the nation in near epidemic proportions. The disease is characterized by the following symptoms:

- a. Missing meals regularly.
- b. Being annoyed by wind: particularly in the earlier stages of the disease.
- c. The tendency towards hoarding leather gloves and other small objects.
- d. The habit of wandering about in fields with a dog at all times of day or night.
- e. Continually searching for new fields to wander in.
- f. Being unable to drive past a field without picturing yourself and your dog wandering through it.
- g. Being unable to walk anywhere at all without counting your paces.
- h. A fondness for rain and rubber boots.
- i. A phobia for dry grass and foxtails.

The disease is highly contagious and may be chronic, although it has never been known to be fatal. In 1977, in the California area, a few cases were diagnosed for the first time in many years. Within three years, the disease had spread in the state to many thousands of diagnosed cases and many suspected cases.

There is no known cure. In a few cases, the disease is self limiting and never quite develops or simply goes away by itself. In most cases, however, it goes on for months and even years. Possession of an AKC Tracking or Schutzhund title will give some relief and may cause the disease to subside temporarily. However, the disease frequently reoccurs after a period of remission. The recurrence is usually associated with the acquisition of a new dog. There have been recent diagnosed cases of an advanced form of the disease. When this advanced stage is reached, the prognosis is doubtful.



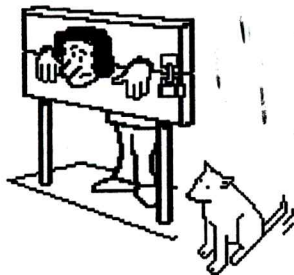
## When Good Dogs Have Bad Owners

by Edie Braginton

The morning of the tracking test was sunny, clear and cold. It was early Fall, with leaves just hinting at a change of color. The lush grass was wet with dew. Perfect conditions for tracking, the spectators said. The judges awaited the tracking team beside a beautiful grassy field bordered on the three near sides with hedgerows and on the far side, away from the judges and spectators, with a line of trees. The station wagon drove up and discharged a lady carrying a large bag and an energetic, happy Corgi. The club members waited expectantly. The track was just over 40 minutes old, and with conditions so good, it was going to be a classic track.

As the Corgi danced and barked, the lady opened the large bag and took out the 40 foot line and diminutive tracking harness. Immediately the Corgi realized that they were going tracking and began straining to get to the two blue flags in the field beside the gravel road. The lady yanked him back. He opened his mouth and barked once, as if to say, "Let's go!" She then took a bottle of water and a bowl out of the bag and offered water to the dog. He turned his face away and looked alertly at the waiting field. She grabbed his head and forced it into the bowl. He squirmed away, pulling her toward the field, and wagging his tail furiously. She followed, loudly commenting to one and all present about how he had never done that before. The spectators murmured. What was the hold up?

Once in the field, the judges wished her success and pointed out the two flags. "The one to your immediate left is the first flag. The one beyond it is the second flag. Good luck!" The lady suddenly walked off to her right, jerked her dog's lead several times and said, "Go poo, go poo now!" The dog gazed up at her in wonder and wagged his tail slowly. Everyone in the gallery was murmuring. "Just let him go! Let him do the track! Can't you see that's what he wants?"



The woman finally walked up to the first flag and laboriously straightened out her line. Then she adjusted her little dog's harness with agonizing slowness, and fussed at him for not drinking the water she had brought. The spectators' impatience grew, but everyone was surprised and hopeful when she finally let the little dog begin to work the scent path between the two flags. He porpoised through the lush grass with increasing speed until he passed the second tracking flag. Then both he and the gallery were jerked back to reality. "Wait!" the lady screamed, "I want to restart him!" She jerked him back, harder this time.

The judges exchanged sad glances with each other. Then the more experienced judge sighed and explained that a dog that had passed the second flag could not be restarted. The handler would have to continue the track.

It was now obvious to all that the dog was becoming tired of the continuous interruptions. While the woman pleaded with the judges, the dog wandered off the track and smelled the other interesting scents there. He nibbled on something hidden in the grasses.

The woman finally realized that nothing she said would change the judges' minds. She turned back to her dog who was exploring a mouse hole. When his owner yelled, "Track, track!", the little dog just looked at her. The spectators sighed.