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President's Message

by Peg Forte
It's really high time
that this club
motivates and
supports some of our
members to become
Tracking Judges.

It took me two weeks of calling all over the East Coast to finally get someone to fill in for the judge who canceled out on judging our fall match. All of the tracking judges live outside New Jersey.

In the May/June 1996 newsletter all the qualifications and procedures for becoming a Tracking judge were listed. We have several members who could qualify to be a TD judge. To apply you must have:

Owned, Trained & handled a dog that has earned a TD.

Been active in the sport of Tracking for a minimum of 6 years.

Have observed judges in planning and plotting tracks and served as a tracklayer 5 times at AKC Tracking Tests.

Actively participated as assistant trainer or trainer in a dog training club or similar organization, specifically as a trainer of tracking.

That's it !!!!!!

Of course, there is a little more to it, as applicants are interviewed and have to pass a written test. The test has two parts, Part I is an open book test. Part II is administered by a Tracking Field Representative and is a 50 question multiple choice test. Following the initial screening your name is published in the AKC Gazette. After the interview applications are reviewed and a final determination is made. A provisional judge can certify dogs, judge at a match and at tests with a Tracking Judge.

Several of our members could already qualify and for those of you who do not, we can help you meet the requirements if you will let us know you are interested. We will need tracklayers for the match and test. (You must be a LTC Certified Tracklayer to lay tracks at our events, but we will make arrangements to put you through that training before the events if you let us know you are interested).

We will need trainers for our regular training sessions (please see the schedule for those elsewhere in this newsletter).

Our goal needs to be to get at least three club members to become Tracking Judges by the end of 1998 or sooner. I can think of a least six members who could help the sport of tracking and LTC by making the commitment to be one of those three people.

So stand up and be counted - stop making excuses - remember our new motto needs to be "Lenape Makes Tracking Judges."

President - Peg Forte & Vice-President - Barbara Greenfield & Secretary - Mimi Ruch & Treasurer - John Etchells & Board Members - Anna Burbank, Kathy Davis, Joanne MacKinnon, Ralph MacKinnon, Linda Riley & Newsletter Editors - Mimi Ruch 908/722-9723 and Peg Forte 908/832-7231 or e-mail RForte@compuserve.com

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Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

Regular Training Sessions for Members

The LTC Board has set the dates for regular monthly training sessions. It was decided that we would pick one weekend day a month (staying with the same weekend every month) and alternating between Saturday and Sunday to accommodate people who work one of those days. We did not try to pick the dates around other events such as dog shows, agility trials, etc. as that would be impossible.

Sat.	Sept.	13	Sat.	Jan.	10
Sun.	Oct.	12	Sun.	Feb.	8
Sun.	Dec.	14	Sat.	Mar.	14

The first session will be an organizational one. We will discuss how to run the sessions. Currently we are planning to have one member, not always the same member, in charge at the sessions. Teaching will go on at the beginning, then members will pair up and practice what was covered and/or lay tracks for each other. We will announce the topic to be covered at each event via the newsletter.

The majority of members who returned their surveys last winter said they wanted these training sessions. We will need the help of the members finding more places to hold these training sessions. We will also need members to volunteer to be in charge at the sessions. A member has volunteered to run the first session in September. But the topic to be covered that day has not been selected, we are open to suggestions.

Training sessions will be open to members only (potential members are invited to observe without their dog). The number to contact for these sessions will appear in the newsletter.

Sept. 13th Session will be on Starts - Hope Meaker will be the Trainer

To Receive Directions to the Training Session call 908-832-7231

We Took the Show on the Road

(or Joanne & Peg's Pennsylvania Adventure)

On Sunday, June 22, 1997 Peg Forte and I ventured south of Valley Forge to the Dog Training Club of Chester County meeting. Their club's program chairman had called Peg eight weeks before to see if someone from Lenape could do a program on scent work for their June meeting.

Unaccustomed to doing programs like this where we can not demonstrate tracking, Peg and I agreed that we could give an overview of AKC Tracking, Schutzhund and Search and Rescue. We decided to give them more information on the AKC TD, TDX, and VST while just touching briefly on Schutzhund and Search and Rescue. We included some general information on scent work.

Our discussion started with my giving a description of the AKC TD, using a diagram of a TD track, I explained some basic tracking terms and showed them some of the necessary equipment. I ended my part of the program with information on how to get started in tracking and mentioned Lenape's TED as one place to start.

Then Peg discussed Schutzhund and Search and Rescue, and included other uses of the scenting dog such as narcotics and bomb detection. Using some of the materials we have developed for TED she talked about the things that effect the tracking dogs and the tracks. We ended our program with our scent "cartoons."

We found the group of 20+ members to be really interested in hearing about tracking. They asked many questions as we did our presentation and several signed up to receive our TED '98 flyers.

We both agree that we had a most enjoyable evening, in spite of the oppressive heat, and just maybe we inspired some future trackers. The members of the DTC of Chester County made us feel very welcome. They also donated \$50 to the Lenape Tracking Club as well as paying for our traveling expenses.

Joanne MacKinnon

Classified Ads

WANTED NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Qualifications: Interest, desire, and a PC with spellcheck. Common Scents is issued six times a year and is mailed to members, the current year's TED participants, and other tracking club newletter editors. Its primary purpose is to keep members informed about club activities.

If you'd like the job, call Peg Forte at 908/832-7231. Make this call as soon as possible, because Peg and Mimi are acting as protempora editors through December 1997 only.

PERSONALS

If you're looking for a tracking partner, send your ad to Mimi at 179 Grove St., Somerville 08876. Give partiuculars on days, times you're available along with general area you can travel to easily. Make your ad fun to read (it should be relatively clean).

TIDBITS

Send your brags to Mimi. Remember to give your name, the dog's name, what you did at what show/test.

Kelsey, the chocolate Labrador who was at the Lenape meeting on raising Seeing Eye® puppies in 1996 with PEG FORTE completed his training and was placed with a 32 year old man from Texas. He is living in the country with 2 other dogs and a swimming pool.

Kelly, a Flat-Coated Retriever owned by HOPE MEAKER has picked up a major and a total of 5 points in her first two breed show outings. After being shown in breed classes this fall, Kelly will begin her tracking training. Derby, another of Hope's Flat Coats has earned two legs on her AKC Open Agility title.

Caballero Mimi's Angus, WC, MIMI RUCH'S Labrador earned his Working Certificate at Mid-Jersey Labrador Retriever Club's Working Certificate test on June 7.

Jones, the Golden Retriever who attended the meeting when the Seeing Eye® trainer spoke to us, has been through a training cycle. He is going through a second training cycle to build his confidence level. He was raised by PEG FORTE, Her bushand, Russell (who wants him back), and for the first 8 months at the University of Delaware by their son Greg.

Deacon, the Flat-Coated Retriever donated to the Seeing Eye® by HOPE MEAKER and raised by PEG FORTE has not been accepted into training. He will be returned to Peg and will now have the opportunity to become a tracking dog.

Nellie, a Golden Retriever, arrived at the Ofrte's on July 9th at nine weeks of age.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE BOARD MEETING

Correspondence: Pat Etchells' letter of resignation from the Board and as newsletter editor; approval of judges Sandy Roth and Dolores Dedek for the November test; receipt of signed letter from Dolores Dedek accepting our invitation to judge; letter of thanks from Hunterdon County Library for sponsoring Dog Fancy for one year; letter from AKC explaining their plans to retain the New York offices as their headquarters.

The secretary will write to Pat accepting her resignation with regret.

Old Business

TED follow-ups: For future TED's the first follow-up should be within 2-3 weeks of TED. e.g. Early May, with #2 at the end of June and #3 at the end of July or beginning of August.

The #1 follow-up this year will be June 29 at the Lebanon fields; #2 will be July 20 at MacKinnon's; #3 will be August 17 at the DelVal HS (Hope will get permission). Fall Match: We have no judge yet. Peg will be contacting people in the upcoming week. At the same time be asking people for the '98 match and the '98 and '99 tests. The corresponding date for the '98 match is 9/19 and 20, and the corresponding date for the '98 test is 10/31 and 11/1. For this year's match, we'll try for someone as nearby as possible. We'd like to have Sandy Ganz in '98 for a seminar/workshop. Peg will contact Mike Clemons for a VST program and possible future test.

Land Committee: Ralph talked with two landowners approximately one mile from Lebanon Borough Hall. This land could be used for two T tracks. The owners want as few cars and dogs/people as possible. We would arrange for the gallery to car pool.

Monmouth Battlefield Park and Tewksbury Municipal Park are additional possibilities for land.

July general meeting: July 26. The speaker will be Megan Carbone from Nutro's. General meeting at 1:30. **Board Meeting at noon. Board members should bring their own lunch.** Place: Lebanon Borough Hall.

Newsletter: Peg and Mimi will serve as protempora editors until at permanent editor can be found. Suggestions for new columns: a personals column for members who are looking for tracking partners or who know of land that can be used; and a profile column so that our members and their interests can be better known. We'll also be asking for an interested person to assume editorship.

Vests: Nothing yet. Peg will look in the Thomas Register. Barbara will inquire where she bought one. Most catalog offerings are \$50.00-60.00.

Training Sessions: These should start in September and go through March. We'll have to see if these work well. The first meeting will be on 9/13 and will be an organizational one to be attended by all those interested.

The training sessions will be for members (potential members are invited to observe without their dog). One person (not always the

same person) will have to be responsible for each session. Members who plan to attend must notify the leader ahead of time. No full-length tracks will be run in a training session, but anyone who wants to use the land after the session is done may do so.

Possibilities for what may be in an intermediate title (club title) may come from these sessions.

The additional dates will be:

10/12/97

1/10/98

11/8/97

2/8/98

12/14/97

3/14/98

We know these dates may conflict with other shows and events; people will have to set their priorities and schedule accordingly.

New Business

We plan to make a donation to the Rescue Squad near our test date.

Peg and Joanne will be making a presentation to the Chester Dog Training Club about TED. Chester will donate \$50.00 to Lenape for their help.

Barbara Greenfield will act as Program Chairman after August 1. Possibilities for programs would be presentations by John Bernard, John Rice, or Sandy Roth (what it takes to become a tracking judge).

OOO IN THE MEANTIME

Dolores Dedek has agreed to judge our Fall Workshop. We'll be announcing the location shortly.

Kathy Davis has agreed to fill the unexpired term of Pat Etchells as a Board Member. We're delighted to have her.

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Deadline for the September/October issue: September 18, 1997

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August

15 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting Leb. Twp. Muni. Bldg.

17 8:00-11:00am TED Follow-up Session

September

13 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only-Hope Meaker

19 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb. Twp. Muni. Bldg.

20 Lay Tracks for Certification 9:00am-4:00pm Plot Tracks for Certification 6:30-8:30pm Judge's Dinner

21 8:00am-4:00pm Certification Workshop 6:30-8:30pm Judge's Dinner - Pot Luck

October

12 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only
17 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb. Twp. Muni.
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November

1 10:00am-5:00pm Plotting Tracks for Test

2 7:00am-4:00pm Tracking Test

15 9:00am-4:00pm VST Seminar with Mike Clemens

21 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb. Twp. Muni. Bldg.

December

14 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only
 19 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb. Twp. Muni.
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January

10 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only

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