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Lenape Tracking Club

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14	9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only
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10	9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only
16	7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb. Twp. Muni. Bldg.

February	
8	9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only
	1:00-3:30pm General Membership Meeting/ Program
20	7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb. Twp. Muni. Bldg.

March	
14	9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only
20	7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb. Twp. Muni. Bldg.
29	Annual Brunch - Awards & Program

April	
17	7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb. Twp. Muni. Bldg.
25	Tracking Experience Day
26	8:00am-4:00pm Variable Surface Tracking Seminar

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

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

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President's Message

The **Tracking Test** on Nov. 2 was a success despite the rotten wet weather. Five of the eight entries earned their TD's. Elsewhere in the newsletter there are reports from our members and notes from other participants. The only thing that would have made the day better was to have every dog pass.

Hope Meaker did an outstanding job as Chief Tracklayer, getting everyone where they needed to be, taking care of the judges and all the details. The tracklayers, John Etchells, Dot Vail, Mimi Ruch, Barbara Greenfield, Carl Gabosch, Lisa Pattison and Hope Meaker had to endure absolutely horrible weather on Saturday during the plotting of the tracks.

Our judges also had to deal with the weather conditions, do all their paper work, and they were still smiling at the end of the day on Sunday. Thank you Sandy Roth and Dolores Dedek for an outstanding job under the worst of conditions.

Mollie and Peter Heide were the gracious hosts who put up the judges. Pat Blake and Priscilla Gabosch handled the food on Sunday. On Saturday night the meal for the judges, tracklayers, etc. was planned by Joanne Mac Kinnon and I. While everyone else was out there on Saturday getting soaked I was at home getting nervous and cooking the chicken. Many members contributed food for the dinner on Saturday and the lunch on Sunday. Everyone's participation is what makes our hospitality so outstanding.

The watercolors of the tracks that Mimi Ruch provided for those who passed are marvelous. Each qualifier has received their watercolor already. Each qualifier also received a green rosette for earning their TD.

So a hearty Thank You to everyone.

Those who were entered in the **VST Seminar** were disappointed when the surprise winter snow & ice storm hit on Nov. 14th. Mike Clemens called to say he was in the middle of a blizzard (he lives in Albany) and he didn't think he could get here. We canceled for this year and have rescheduled the event for April 26, 1998. Next years' TED is going to be on April 25th - so mark your calendars for a great **TRACKING WEEKEND**.

Training Sessions are scheduled for the next few months. The flyer for the Dec. & Jan. sessions is in this newsletter.

Plans are in the works for a general membership meeting for February 8th, in the afternoon following the training session. We are hoping to have a speaker for that meeting.

The **Annual Brunch** is scheduled for March 29th - place and time will be in the next newsletter after arrangements are finalized.

This has been a good year for Lenape as we tried new things based on what the members indicated they wanted in the survey. We have gained eight new members already and some more new ones are published in this newsletter.

VST Titles Earned

According to an article in Front and Finish, 11 dogs have earned the elusive VST title. They were earned in Illinois, California, Colorado and Florida. Six of the dogs became Champion Tracker's when they earned the VST.

The 6th Champion Tracker is an 11 1/2 year old poodle, Reant Morning Sunshine UD TDX WC owned by Carol Pernicka. A tracking judge. They accomplished this feat on Oct. 5th at the Denver Foothills Tracking Associations' VST Test.

Tracking Tails or is it Tales?

It has been our unwritten policy that each member who passes a tracking test with their dog must write about it for the newsletter. Brand new member Vicki Wooters was informed about this as she left the day of the test where she and her dog Tikki had been successful in earning a TD. The following e-mail arrived that evening:

Peg, thanks for such a great day! There was obviously a lot of planning and hard work that went into such an organized and successful day. Here's a bit for the newsletter;

Today was one of the best days I've ever experienced. I'm a brand new member of Lenape Tracking Club and I feel very lucky to have met up with such a great bunch of people.

Those of you who met me saw just how "green" a handler I Am. I started training my dog, Tikki, by myself and didn't know anything. Luck, and a mutual friend, Penny Sullivan, led me to Peg. It's a good thing! I did all the things that Peg suggested, got the right book, harness, lead rope, etc. Trained 3 varying lengths/ages per training. Trained on horse, cow and sheep fields. Trained in the rain, heat, AM/PM. I thought I had it all covered. Yes, these basics helped me and Tikki to be prepared, but nothing is the same as being out there and seeing so many good dogs and handlers. Today taught me so much that 's not in the books (like the size of the flags I used little tiny underground cable type flags). But most of all I learned how special it feels to be training in a group. I want to thank everyone who helped Tikki and me have a super day. Vicki Wooters

Trust Your Dog

After Deacon's track at the test, I was told more than once, "What is it you always tell us about trusting your dog?" Well, I deserved to

hear those remarks because I didn't trust my dog entirely on the track at the test. But he persevered and he earned that TD with me standing there shaking my rain soaked head.

I was sure the glove couldn't be where it was, so close to the edge of the field - but Deacon kept trying to tell me and finally he got the point across as his head dipped and he ran back to me with the glove, that couldn't be there, in his mouth.

Deacon has been an extraordinary dog to train to track, actually it was more like he merely needed me to show him what I wanted him to do and then he allowed me to follow along. I serve as his anchor, to keep him from going too fast and overshooting a corner.

For Vicki Wooters, it was her first T on Nov. 2nd - for me it was my fourth and the first in fourteen years. But I can tell you that the thrill was just as great for this old timer - just hope I have enough in me to be Deacon's anchor for a TDX.

While Deacon was raised to be a dog guide, that was not in the cards for him. But he has joined his mother and grandmother by earning a TD. Thank you Hope for donating Deacon to the Seeing Eye. It was my good fortune to get to raise him and have him back in my life to become active in our sport of tracking. And thank you Carl Gabosch for a track well laid.

PS The tracklayer for Vicki Wooters track was Lisa Pattison. Lisa and Mimi Ruch went through Lenape's Track Layer Certification this fall so they would be eligible to lay track at the test. So this was Lisa's first time to lay a track in a test. Good job!

Deadline for the Jan/Feb 1998 issue of Common Scents: January 15, 1998.

Note the early closing date. We'll be publishing the slate of officers for 1998. Nominations from the floor can be made at the February meeting which is planned for February 8 with a snow date of February 15 at a location to be announced.

Membership

We're delighted to have Donna Coffin, Margaret Pierce, James Friedl, Vicki Wooters, Marilyn Begasse, Bruce and Jeannine Bennett, and Berdell Koch who all became members at the beginning of November. You'll find an updated membership list with their addresses and phone numbers enclosed with this newsletter.

The people listed below have applied for membership. They will become members 30 days after the mailing of this newsletter unless secretary Mimi Ruch, 179 Grove St., Somerville, NJ 08876 receives any letters of objection within 30 days.

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Andrews
311 Polktown Rd.
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

Clydette J. Lobach
4950 Buckeye Rd
Emmaus, PA 18049

Classified Ads

We'll be happy to publish your ads when you're looking for tracking partners or dog/tracking-related equipment to buy or sell. We can't accept the responsibility for litter listings because Lenape's expertise is in tracking only. Litter listings should be published through breed or kennel clubs.

Make sure you send us your brags so we have lots of Tid Bits.

Tid Bits

Ron and Maeleine Loos' rescue collie, Luckipenni, UDX, OA, CGC, TDI just finished here open agility title. She won 1st

place in the 24" division at Bayshore's agility trial.

Mail Bag

You'll find the results of the Fall Test elsewhere in this issue. We got two nice notes about our test from judge Sandy Roth and exhibitor Grazyna Gross:

Dear Lenape Tracking Club Members,
Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done under some very unusual circumstances. Nice new fields (with cows) and rain which we could have used weeks ago. At least the temperature was just right, especially for the dogs. Thanks for the hard working tracklayers and the wonderful food and hospitality.
Always, Sandy Roth

Dear Barbara,
I would like to thank the members of the Lenape Tracking Club for putting on such a good trial. I know only too well that a tracking test does not bring any financial rewards: it's truly a labor of love. Please let the tracklayers know that their efforts on behalf of the exhibitors -- two days spent outdoors in the rain -- are greatly appreciated. Hope to see you all next year when I bring out my "puppy", Tanya, CD, OA.
Sincerely, Grazyna Gross

Upcoming Tracking Tests

There isn't too much listed for this area in the upcoming months, so use the good days for your practice tracks to get ready for spring (yes, it will get here!).

Tracking Tests:

Sunday, March 8, 1998 in Elkton, MD. Oriole Dog Training Club, Joyce Lindloff, Trial Sec, 2710 Greene Rd, Baldwin, MD 21013. Closes Feb 18. Judges: S. Dolbin, J. Edwards, M. Huffman, D. Thompson. Number of tracks not given.

Sunday, March 29, 1998 in Eighty Four, PA. Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club. Sandy Schindehette, Trial Sec, 606 Norsen Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Closes March 11. Total entry: 4. Judges not listed.

Corresponding events are listed for Sunday, March 15 for Waynesboro, VA - Skyline Kennel Club and for Sunday, March 21 for Leesburg, VA - English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Assn. No trial secretaries are listed for these two tests yet.

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Corresponding events are listed for Saturday, March 21 for Leesburg, VA - English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Assn and for Sunday, March 22 in Cheltenham, MD - Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, CD, Inc. No trial secretaries are given yet for these events.

Tracking in Cyberspace

In the July/August 1995 issue of Common Scents, Pat Etchells gave information on the Internet. We thought we'd reprint it for new members and new surfers. Here's what she said:

"For those of you who have access to the Internet, there is a list devoted exclusively to tracking. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to

listserver@reepicheep.gcn.uoknor.edu

with the message

Subscribe tracking *Your Real Name* (i.e. Subscribe tracking John Doe).

Although there is an application process for some of the other obedience lists, to the best of my knowledge the number of subscribers here is still low enough that it is open to all. The volume of mail is moderate - maybe 10 messages a day. Topics discussed vary from TDX and VST to starting a dog, and posters include tracking judges and authors to people just starting out."

Blood Test for PRA

If you'd like information about the blood test for PRA of the type found in Labradors, Poodles, and Cockers, you can e-mail Opti Gen LLD at jfelix@servtech.com. The test should be available in June 1998.

**WE WISH YOU ALL
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND
A PROSPEROUS
1998**

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB TEST
NOVEMBER 2, 1997
TRACKING DOG TEST

- __F__T__5__T1 GEM VON DER LICHTEBIRKE, CDX, AX, DL498989/01,
1/25/93. Breeder: Herbert Baumann. By: Gorsi von Bad-Boll x Wolke
vom Wiesenborn. German Shepherd Dog. Bitch. Owners:
Konstance McCaffree and Grazyna Gross. Certified by
Michael Clemens 4/12/97
- __P__T__7__T2 LIGHT-FOOT'S DEACON, SN334409/01. 4/7/96. Breeder: S.
Hope Meaker. By: Ch Harmony Obsidian of Bandusia, CDX, MH x Ch
Light-Foot's Pegasus, CDX, TD, JH. Flat Coated Retriever. Dog.
Owners: Peg Forte and S. Hope Meaker. Certified by Dolores
A. Dedek 9/21/97.
- __P__T__4__T3 WYNTHEA'S TEQUILA, DL499074/03. 5/1/93. Breeders:
Winifred G. Strickland and John C. Haas. By: Wiko vom Kirscenthal x
Jet Stoneleigh Clover Creek. German Shepherd Dog. Bitch. Owners:
Chuck and Vicki Wooters. Certified by Carole Artim 10/19/97.
- __F__T__3__T4 LAR-LILL'S AGAINST ALL ODDS, CGC, DL608246/04.
11/13/95. Breeders: Nicole Puchalski and Geoffry Schmidt. By: Lar-
Lill Richeline Bootleger x Lar-Lill's Hell Raiser, CGC. Smooth Collie.
Bitch. Owners: Lillian Puchalski and Geoffry Schmidt.
Certified by Dolores Dedek 9/21/97.
- __P__T__8__T5 NEW SKETE'S WINTER OF ULRICH, DL612926/07.
10/7/95. Breeder: Rev. Laurence Mancuso. By: Sir Dillion von Dolberg
x Sluggo's Big Girl Sheena E. German Shepherd Dog. Dog. Owner:
Edwin P.Hodor. Certified by Michael Clemens 9/20/97.
- __F__T__1__T6 CH ARAGORN SOJOURNER'S BLUES, UD, OA, HS,
D773200. 3/28/88. Breeders: Steve and Marieann Gladstone. By:
Ch Aragorn Appraxis Blue Merlyn x Ch Aragorn's Triumphant Return.
Cardigan Welsh Corgi. Bitch. Owner: Barbara N. Miller.
Certified by Michael Clemens 3/15/97.
- __P__T__6__T7 SASHA OF TURKEY HILL, UD, D952579. 3/3/90. Breeder:
Owner. By: Ch Dingo vom Haus Wurdemann x Quiji of Turkey Hill, UD,
TDX. German Shepherd Dog. Bitch. Owner: Grazyna Gross.
Certified by Salle E. Richards 5/3/97.
- __P__T__2__T8 BAYBERRY'S CARRY NATION, OA, CD, HM466248/01.
4/22/93. Breeders: James E. and Barbara L. Macbride. By: Ch Lochopt
Rum Rikki x Ch Bayberry's River Lane Bridget. Basset Hound. Bitch.
Owner: Barbara Miller. Certified by Michael Clemens 3/15/97.

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

December and January Training Sessions for Members

Sunday, Dec. 14th 9AM

Topic: Indicating Articles

Saturday, January 10th 9AM

Topic: Corners

The topic will be covered at the beginning of the session then members will pair up and practice what was covered and/or lay tracks for each other.

Training sessions will be open to members only .

Dec. 14th Contact Peg Forte 1-908-832-7231

Jan. 10th Contact Barbara Greenfield 1-201-696-8787

Directions:

From Flemington/Whitehouse (Route 22): Take 523 North to Oldwick and Route 517 (523 turns right across from Hildebrandt Nurseries just before you enter Oldwick - stay straight and you'll be on 517). Go through Oldwick and continue on 517 to Fairmount. At the traffic light by the Fairmount Methodist Church (little old white church with white steeple and red doors) diagonally across from cemetery, turn left onto 512. Fairmount Farm Park's driveway is the third driveway on the left.

From Chester/Long Valley: Take 24 and 513 to 517 South. Turn right at the traffic light onto 512 (the cemetery will be on your right with the church diagonally across the intersection). Turn left at the third driveway on the left.