



# Common Scents

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Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

## **COMMON SCENTS**

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# 1998-1999

## Lenape Tracking Club

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November

- 14 9:00am-4:00pm VST Seminar - with Mike Clemens  
4:00-5:00pm Board Meeting

December

- 13 10:00am-1:00pm Training-Tracklayer Certification-  
Members Only  
12:00-1:30pm Board Meeting - If Needed

January

- 9 Training Session - Members Only  
15 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting

February

- 14 9:00-11:00am Training Session - Members Only  
11:00am-1:00pm Board Meeting  
1:00-3:00pm Program - General Meeting  
21 11:00am-1:00pm Board Meeting - Snow Date  
1:00-3:00pm General Meeting - Snow Date

March

- 13 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session - Members Only  
28 10:00am Annual Awards Brunch & Program

April

- 24 9:00am-4:00pm Tracking Experience Day

May

- 8 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session - TED &  
Members

June

- 13 8:00-11:00am Training Session - TED & Members

July

- 10 8:00-11:00am Training Session - TED & Members

August

- 15 8:00-11:00am Training Session - Members Only

September

- 25 Certification Workshop-Plotting Tracks  
26 9:00am Certification Workshop

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## President's Message

Elsewhere in this newsletter there is a full report on the Tracking Test held on Nov. 1.

It was a successful day because of the support of our members. One item omitted from the report was that since the alternate track was not needed for the test, John Etchells laid the track and Hope Meaker and her Flat-Coated Retriever, Kelly were given the opportunity to use the track to be certified. Salle Richards, one of the judges for the test was gracious enough to watch the team before leaving on her long drive home. Kelly did a very nice job and was certified.

A flyer describing the **Tracklayer Certification** planned for the December Training Session was sent out to all members on Nov. 16. If you have not yet joined the ranks of those of us who are "certified" (and I mean to lay tracks not our mental state) here's your chance. Those of you who are certified can come and help John Etchells prepare these members to be eligible to lay tracks in tests for our club. Sometimes we are asked to lay tracks for other clubs, i.e. specialty tests, and we only recommend members who are certified by our standards to ensure that we are providing quality tracks for the entrants.

During the lunchtime following the test, **Barbara Greenfield** was presenting with the club's 1997 Outstanding Service Award. This honor was originally announced at the spring brunch as the Pupperoni Award, but since Heinz decided to discontinue the long time tradition formally known as the Gaines Medal, Lenape had to develop its own award.

Barbara has served on the Board of Lenape for several years and the last two as Vice President. This means she chairs the Tracking Experience Day in the spring. In addition we can always count on Barbara to volunteer: to lay track, provide food, make phone calls, help people at training sessions. Without members like Barbara this club would have trouble providing quality events. Thank you Barbara for all you have been doing, but don't get to thinking that this means you can retire.

The **Calendar of Events** is enclosed as usual. Dates through much of next year are included so you can plan ahead. A general membership meeting is planned for February 14<sup>th</sup> to allow for nominations from the floor for officers. We are in the process of planning a program for that meeting. The Annual Brunch is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at Hoff Mills in Pittstown where it was held last year. We are also hoping to have a program for that event. And mark your calendars for next years TED on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We plan to continue the monthly Training Sessions next year. The dates for the Certification Workshop and the Tracking Test are also on the calendar.

The **VST Seminar** was finally held on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> with approximately 18 people attending. Mike Clemens drove down from Albany to spend the day teaching us about Variable Surface Tracking. The weather fully cooperated with a mild day, the opposite of what happened last year (an early snowstorm) which caused us to cancel the event.

We spent most of the day outside where Mike worked with each of us and our dogs. We got experience on variable surfaces and Mike emphasized how important handling and working as a team with your dog.

Judges for our match in 99, and the tests in 1999 and 2000 have accepted the assignments and most have already confirmed in writing. We are hoping that one or more of our own members will have become provisional tracking judges before then and they can judge the certification workshop in 2000.

As we head into the new year - this is your last newsletter for this year - and you start to think about making your resolutions - please include tracking with your dog in 1999 and helping at Lenape events.

Watching the dogs run in the test I was reminded the reason I enjoy tracking so much .... it truly is a sport, one where you can honestly root for people you have just met and old friends as well. The sense of camaraderie prevailed all weekend. The only thing that could have made it better was if all seven entries had earned their "T's." And it was much easier this year to watch because I did not have a dog entered.

Happy Holidays and Happy Tracking

*Peg Forte*



## Lenape's Ninth Tracking Test Five of Seven Entrants Pass

This year the sun was shining as we plotted the tracks on Saturday and part of the time on Sunday. A far cry from the torrential downpours of last years test ( in which 5 of 8 dogs passed ).

Our judges were Suzanne Dolbin from Enola, PA and Salle Richards from Beaver Dams, NY. Each of these ladies have judged for us before - matches and tests - so for many of us it was an opportunity to visit with our friends.

Before reporting on the test many people need to be thanked. Barbara Greenfield, served as the Test Secretary doing her usual thorough job. She also took charge of the hospitality both days, with excellent help from Joanne MacKinnon. Joanne and Barbara saw to it that the judges and tracklayers were well fed on Saturday night. (One of the advantages of being a tracklayer for our events is that we feed you well - so if you aren't a certified tracklayer yet - see the enclosed flyer and become one in Dec.)

Priscilla Gabosch, who could not be present in person, made many phone calls to ensure that we would have plenty of food. Mollie Heide, who was in New York City watching her daughter run in the Marathon, brought chili, a delightful Halloween "dirt" dessert and many other goodies. We missed Mollies' cheerfulness, but we enjoyed the food.

Hope Meaker was the Test Chairman. Her job was to make sure all the various parts needed for the day were being done. Her phone calls to check up on the progress and reminders to all involved obviously worked as the day went smoothly.

John Etchells served as the chief tracklayer. In this year of little rain he ended up walking every track to ensure that all the flags were in the ground. He ended up resorting to using a mallet and a screwdriver to make holes for the flags - it was the only way to get them far enough in the ground that they would stay. He did such a good job that some tracklayers had to use two hands and a lot of effort to get them out on Sunday.

And then there were the tracklayers: Mimi Ruch who laid tracks one and three. Carl Gabosch put down track two. Hope was responsible for track four. John laid track five and the alternate track. Lisa Pattison did track six and I did track seven.

Barbara had numbered miniature Milky Way Bars for the draw which was held promptly at 8:45am.

The first track to be run was for the Akita, the dog got off to a good start, but had trouble after the second turn. It is a young dog and will certainly earn his T in the future.

The next dog was a Golden Retriever who left her home in NY state at 2:30am. She did a beautiful job and her owner smiled all the way home.

The third dog was a Labrador Retriever handled by member Karen Oliver who started at Tracking Experience Day this spring. Lucy did as nice a job as she did last at the Certification workshop in Sept. and earned her "T."

Member Clydette Lobach's Standard Poodle went the wrong direction at the first turn, but did go one a finish the track well. She is entered in more tests and will surely pass soon.

The fifth track was run by a Rottweiler from NY state who tracked very slowly but she found the glove.

Another dog who was certified at our workshop on Sept., an Australian Shepherd, handled by member Pat Losco had a couple of tough spots but they made it to the glove. Pat also attended TED in April.

The last track of the day was an Pointer from NY state. She was a little shaky at the start but settled down and finished well.

Ages of the tracks varied from 30 minutes to an hour and fifty minutes. We were pleased to send the three New York entrants home with "T's." They received a large green rosette for passing and will be receiving a watercolor of their track, painted by our talented Mimi Ruch.

Congratulations to all who earned a "T" this weekend and a hearty thanks to all who helped in whatever way. Those who brought food, the spectators, the "guys" who carried the tables upstairs on Sunday, all who helped in anyway - THANK YOU ALL - over 20 members, approximately one third of the club, were involved in this event - that's what makes it possible.



**Barbara Greenfield with her  
Outstanding Service Award**





**Judge Salle Richards, Karen Oliver and Lucy, Judy Wright and Wryt-On, Maxine Clark and Candy, Pat Losco and Bullet, and Judge Sue Dolbin.** Missing from the photo is the Rottweiler, Sambuca London and her handler.

#### Report of the Trial Chairman

We had a wonderful weekend to hold our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Tracking Test. Of the seven dogs entered 5 passed, which is a very good results for us. In addition, the alternate track was used to certify a dog.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who help make the test a success. John Etchells did his usual efficient job in recruiting track-layers and assigning tracks. Mimi, Lisa, Peg, Karl and John each laid a track that was successfully negotiated. I continued my non-stinky footed ways.

A big thanks to Peg who lined up the judges and managed at the last minute to secure enough fields. These jobs become more difficult each year.

Barbara Greenfield, Molly Heide, Priscilla Gabosch, Joanne MacKinnon and all those who brought goodies, did Lenape proud with the food both days. A special thanks to Barbara who quietly and tirelessly worked to feed everyone all day Saturday and Sunday.

Thanks to Sue Dolbin and Sallie Richards for judging our test.

And to the weather gods, while we would have appreciated more rain this year, we are thankful for a dry, cool weekend for the test.

Sincerely,

Hope Meaker

**T3-P** LUCILLE'S BEST BLUES, CD. SM987798/06. 6/28/92. Breeder: James & Joan Campbell. By Sir Otis James x Golden Copper. Labrador Retriever. Bitch. Owner: Karen Oliver. Certified by Arthur Twiss.

**T6-P** KISMET-RANDOM'S SILVER BULLET. DL708290/06. 8/29/97. Breeder: Jan Escherick. By Ch Legacy's Next Generation x Ch Bofelli Whimsical Kismet. Australian Shepherd. Dog. Owner: Patricia Losco. Certified by Arthur Twiss.

**T7-P** CH STEINHOFF DUR-BET'S WRYT-ON. SN059357/08. 3/21/93. Breeder: Joan A. McCormick & Sharon A. Davies. By Steinhoff's Prince of Thieves x Ch Steinhoff's Honey Bee. Pointer. Bitch. Owners: Judith A. Wright & Elizabeth H. Durland. Certified by Dolores Dedek.

**T4-F** JODA CLYBACH SPLISH SPLASH, CD. PP343123/07. 7/12/92. Breeder: David Hammerschmidt. By Ch Ca-Bryn Go Ahead Make My Day x Juda Geraldine. Standard Poodle. Bitch. Owner: Clydette J. Lobach. Certified by Carole Artim.

**T2-P** ADIRONDAC MAPLE CANDY, CD. SN114047/11. 10/30/93. Breeder: Carol M. Lantagne. By Adirondac Rondeau, CDX, JH x Adirondac Tupper Tee, CDX, JH. Golden Retriever. Bitch. Owner: Maxine Clark. Certified by Judith Wells.

**T5-P** SAMBUCA LONDON. WP593272/04. 12/14/94. Breeder: Lloyd Oberholtzer. By Hans Herr of HQR x Little Princess. Rottweiler. Bitch. Owner: Susan London. Certified by Dolores Dedek.

**T1-F** SKIPJACK'S URBAN COWBOY. WP760980/06. 1/18/97. Breeder: Patricia A. Mills. By Ch Skipjack's Stardust Cowboy x Skipjack's Like a Hurricane. Akita. Dog. Owner: Jamelen Kahler. Certified by Suzanne Dolbin.



## BARKING IN THE PARK

Sunday, October 11 the sun finally shone for a Lenape event at Christie Hoffman Farm. We'd been using our raingear at every training session there this year. Joanne and Abner and I were scheduled to give a demonstration at one o'clock in the afternoon. We were lucky to have Joanne's granddaughter, Katie, helping us. She helped us get equipment out of the van and picked up all the flags after the demonstration was finished.

The day was beautiful, but the tracking conditions -- dry and very windy -- weren't the best. But the cover -- moderate length grass with very few roses -- was ideal. Joanne gave our observers a brief overview of what AKC tracking is. One of the people was surprised we were using a Labrador instead of a Bloodhound. Joanne demonstrated how the track is laid, and as I explained why she walking a large circuit from the track back to us, she suddenly disappeared into a large groundhog hole. Luckily she came out only with dirty knees. Abner started out fine. After the first turn, he stopped to survey the lovely fall colors and do some air scenting for what seemed like a very long time. I knew he knew where the track was, and Joanne had to cover for him while he fooled around. Finally, I gave him a command I'd never used in tracking: "c'mon, Abner, let's go." It worked. He went off quickly, made the rest of the turns and impressed everyone by finding the glove.

Mimi Ruch

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## BOARD MEETING ABSTRACTS

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

**Membership:** John received an application without sponsors' signatures. He will return her application and check to her. **Reminder to Members:** if you invite someone to join the club make sure they understand they need to attend two club events and have two sponsors sign for them.

**Training Sessions:** The October session went well. The postcards for notification sork well. We might consider asking people if they want to be on the training session mailing list when we next send out membership renewal notices. Next session: December 13.

**Certification Workshop:** Two of the five entries were certified.

**Test -- Final Preparations:** If we do not fill, we could ask the judges if they would be willing to do a certification for a member if anyone would be ready (we did this 1st year). The judges' dinner will be at the Municipal Building. As of 10/17 we had 6 entries.

**VST Seminar:** Peg has 10 entries so far.

**Demonstrations:** The Lehigh demonstration done by Peg, Barbara, and Deacon went well. Five to 6 people expressed interest in TED. They made a \$50 donation to Lenape. Joanne, Mimi, and Abner did the demonstration for Bark in the Park. Our demo took place at the same time as herding and agility, so we had only a handful of observers.

**February General Meeting:** We need a program for the February General Meeting or Annual Brunch. We might ask John Bernard to talk about becoming a tracking judge or we could Sandy Roth to talk about becoming a judge and pitfalls encountered on a track during a test.

The brunch will be at Hoff Mills Inn again. Ralph MacKinnon will make the arrangements.

### NOVEMBER 14, 1998

**Training Sessions:** December 13 will be tracklayer certification at the Lebanon Twp Municipal Bldg. A dozen copies of the new tracking regulations are on order from the AKC. For the January 9 (Saturday) session we'll be doing acute turns.

**Land Report:** Mollie Heide may have found 72 contiguous acres near her. These need to be inspected.

**98 Test:** went very well. We had only 7 entries, and don't know why we didn't fill. The unused spare track was used for a member certification.

**99 Test Judges:** Allison Platt (provisional) and Carol Simpson have given verbal agreement to judge.

**VST Seminar:** Eighteen participants (5 were non-members). It went well -- slowly in that there were so many dogs and one person to do the instruction. We got a better feel for hard surface tracking. Test areas would probably not be greasy, filmy roads, but would be in areas that are not doing business the day of the test.

**February General Meeting: Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup>.** Peg will write John Bernard asking him to speak. We'll have a morning training session, lunch, board meeting and 1.00 p.m. general meeting that day. Snow date Feb. 21.

**March Annual Brunch / Awards:** Ralph has booked Hoff Mills Inn for Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

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### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We're delighted to add three new names to our membership list:

**Patricia Losco**, 881 Little Conestoga Rd., Glenmore, PA 19434. Tel.: 610-942-3014. Pat has a Bernese Mountain Dog and an Australian Shepherd.

**Karen Oliver**, 9 Old Manor Rd., Holmdel, NJ 07733. Tel.: 732-264-4927. E-mail: kalujo@aol.com. Karen has a Labrador Retriever.

**Karen Privitello**, 814 Edgewood Ave., Bensalem, PA 19020. Karen has a Chow-Chow.

### **Membership Application Received**

**Laurie Shuren**, P.O. Box 273, Stanhope, NJ 07874. Tel.: 973-786-5391. Sponsored by Lisa Pattison and Peg Forte. Laurie has Australian Shepherds.

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### **UPCOMING TRACKING TESTS**

**Tidewater Tracking Club of Virginia** Feb 7, Sunday - Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown. CLOSSES; Jan. 22. Jacob Kay, Trial Sec., 36 Kenilworth Dr., Hampton, VA 23666. Entry Limit: 6.

**Oriole Dog Training Club** - March 7, Sunday - Fair Hall Campgrounds, Intersection of Gallagher Rd and Big Elk Chapel Rd., Elkton. CLOSSES; Feb 24. Fee: \$45. Sue Ammerman, Trial Sec, 2232 Olde Meadow Court, E. Petersburg, PA 17520.

### **TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT**

**Oriole Dog Training Club** - March 7, Sunday - Fair Hall Campgrounds, Intersection of Gallagher Rd and Big Elk Chapel Rd, Elkton. CLOSSES; Feb. 26. Fee: \$80. Sue Ammerman, Trial Sec, 2232 Olde Meadow Court, E. Petersburg, PA 17520. Total Entry Limit: 5.

**Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C.** - March 28, Sunday - Oatlands Plantation, Route 15 South, Leesburg, VA. CLOSSES; Mar. 16. Fee: \$65. Mrs. Shirley Harry, Trial Sec, 213 South Manor Circle, Takoma Park, MD 20912. Total Entry Limit: 5.

### **NEWSLETTER EXCHANGES**

**Croix Valley Tracking Club** - Aug.-Sept. 98 - P.O. Box 18, Lake Elmo, MN 55042. Contains a presentation on "Training the Dog for Article Indication."

**MTA - Midwest Tracking Association** - Oct. 98 and Nov. 98 (2 separate issues) - Micki Conley, 22817 Oakland Drive, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-5933.

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**The DEADLINE for the next issue of COMMON SCENTS is January 25, 1999**

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