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# 1999-2000 Lenape Tracking Club

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#### April

16 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting

24 8:00am-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

#### November

6 Tracking Test - Plotting Tracks

7 Tracking Test (LTC's 10th)

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#### Officers:

Pres:	Peg Forte	908-832-7231
VP:	Barbara Greenfield	973-696-8787
Sec:	Mimi Ruch	908-722-9723
Tracer	John Etchelle	908-236-2423

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#### Board:

Rick Andrews	908-537-7665
Vicki Brown	732-446-3219
Kathy Davis	732-787-3640
Joanne Mac Kinnon	908-735-7793
Linda Rilev	908-730-7717

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#### COMMON SCENTS

Deadline for next issue: March 25, 1999. Editor: Janet Horn, 861 County Road 519, Frenchtown, NJ 08825. Tel.: (908)-996-4922.

#### President's Message:

Prior to receiving this newsletter you received a separate mailing about The Valentine Day activities.

And in March we have a Training Session scheduled in the park in Tewksbury. Flyer enclosed. Vicki Brown will be the leader that day and the topic is "One Flag Starts" and Barbara Greenfield will be there to go over the TED jobs with those who have stepped up and volunteered to help. Barbara will be calling you to get you signed up to help - be ready to say yes. Please read the enclosed flyer re: helping.

Our Annual Brunch will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> - the flyer is in this newsletter. Ralph Mac Kinnon has gotten us a terrific author and illustrator, Robert J. Blake to speak to us that day. Guests are welcome at the Brunch - just include them on your response form.

April 24<sup>th</sup> is the date for TED this year. In the last mailing you received a copy of the flyer please share it with friends - but be sure if you make copies to also copy the back.

Please post your calendar - it has many important dates on it - Training Sessions, the Certification match and this years test date. Make it your New Year's Resolution to participate more this year.

That's a brief run down on the upcoming events.

Our December training session which gave people the opportunity to become Certified Tracklayers gave us four more tracklayers to call upon for our match and test. John Etchells did his usual stellar job working with the aspiring "stinky feet" people. (See the list on the right, new tracklayers are indicated with a \*.)

We have 26 members certified to lay tracks - which means that no one should have to lay more than one track in a match or test - that is if you set aside one of those weekends to help. There are more people who want to become

certified and we will offer another opportunity in 1999.

I would like to thank Vicki Brown for her hard work getting together a slate of officers for the coming year. Serving as chair of a nominating committee is not an easy task.

Peg	Forte		
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#### Lenape Tracking Club Certified Tracklayers as of 12/13/98

Victoria	Brown
Anna	Burbank
John	Etchells
Pat	Etchells
Peg	Forte
James	Friedl *
Karl	Gabosch
Barbara	Greenfield
Martha	Hamil
Mollie	Heide
Pat	Losco *
Joanne	MacKinnon
Ralph	MacKinnon
S. Hope	Meaker
Karen	Oliver *
Lisa	<b>Pattison</b>
Linda	Riley
Mimi	Ruch
Debbie	Schaser
Laurie	Shuren *
Geraldine	Sullivan
Anthony	Svizeny
Mary Ann	Svizeny
Dorothea	Vail
Priscilla	White
Martha	Windish

<sup>\*</sup> Certified on 12/13/98

# LENAPE TRACKING CLUB JANUARY 1999 BOARD MEETING ABSTRACT

Training Sessions: Five more people (Priscilla White, James Friedl, Pat Losco, Karen Oliver, and Laurie Shuren) were certified as tracklayers at the December session. January session cancelled because of bad weather. We'll use January's topic, acute turns, for the February 14 session ato be held at the Municipal Building. Topic for the March session will be one-flag starts and multiple drops to prepare for TDX to be held at Christie Hoffman Farm Park. Vicky will lead.

Land Report: No report. As soon as weather permits, the land near Heide's will be inspected. Seventy-two contiguous acres - great for the test if suitable.

TED 4/24: The flyers are ready. A number will be made available at the Princeton DTC Trial. Barbara and Joanne will check all the inventory. We can use the municipal bldg again for this event as park construction probably won't be far enough along to eliminate the space we need.

Judges for '98: Carol Simpson informed us she will be unable to judge. Maureen Foley from Ann Arbor, MI has accepted our invitation. Allison Platt has completed her AKC requirements and can accept assignments.

February General Meeting: The training session will be from 9-12, Board meetingfrom 12-1, General meeting from 1-3 with speaker Jo Coudert scheduled to speak about her Good Shepherd dog book at 2. Barbara and Rick will arrange lunch. The board can meet over lunch upstairs while the other members have lunch downstairs. Bad weather date if Feb 21. Barbara and Peg will put announcements on their answering machines for bad weather postponement.

March Annual Brunch/Awards: To be at Hoff Mills Inn. Ralph MacKinnon is making the arrangements. Robert Blake, dog-book author, will be the speaker. There will be four awards this year: Karen Oliver, Pat Losco, Lillian Pulchalski, and Berdell Kock.

Old Business: Barbara will be Secretary for the '99 Test. We'll need a chairperson.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We're delighted to have Laurie Shuren as a new member. Laurie has Australian Shepherds. Her address is P. O. Box 273, Stanhope, NJ 07874. Tel: 973-786-5391.

#### EXCHANGE NEWS AND NOTES FROM OTHER CLUBS

Midwest Tracking Association, Micki conley, 22817 Oakland Drive, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-5833, January 1999 News. MTA looks forward to the Tracking Advisory Board to be appointed by the AKC.

Croix Valley Tracking Club, 13030 - 30th St. N., Stillwater, MN 55082, Oct.-Nov. 98. "Newsletter for the committed tracker."

#### TRACKING SEMINAR

The Chesapeake Golden Retriever Club: Three Day Tracking Seminar and Workshop, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 21,22,&23, at Fair Hill, Elkton, MD, with Mr. John Barnard, AKC Tracking Field Representative. Open to All Breeds. Limited to 20 participants with dogs, and 80 spectators. Registration Deadline: May 7. Flyers Available: Contact Shaaron Plate, Public Education Coordinator, `13415 Blenfield Road, Phoenix, MD 21131. Tel.: (410)-667-6512.

#### NEW TRACKING DOG TITLE

(See Peg's Report on Our '98 Test in Nov.-Dec. Issue)

From Karen Oliver and Lucille's Best Blues, CGC, CD, TD:

Getting to the Lebanon Township Municipal Building and waiting for everyone else to arrive, I felt my nervousness start to increase. As usual, I was early. After a while, the tracklayers went out to lay the first few tracks. I kept telling myself to calm down. I could tell the others were feeling the same way. Next thing I knew it was time for the draw. I was the first one. "Draw an early track" I kept telling myself. I wanted this test to be over with as soon as possible. Number 3 track was the one I drew. "Pretty good" I told myself. I went with the others to watch the first dog. It wasn't going well. I didn't want to watch and walked back to the parking lot. On to the next dog. I only saw that one at the end of their track and they were going strong. Success for them! I was next.

As I walked up to the starting flag I tried to remember everything everyone had told me to do. I just watched Lucy and went with her. The first turn, then the next. Lucy nosed around the turn. In my mind I heard Bev Olsen, my training partner, telling me she was going to drive spikes through my shoes if I moved (I don't think I moved too much). On through the field we went. I started to doubt myself. This track has to end somewhere around here! This track is going on forever! "Trust your dog" I remembered people telling me. We kept going. Lucy tracked faster. Another turn! On we went. Finally, Lucy nosed the ground and there was the glove. I have never been happier, I'll tell you. I picked that glove up and waved it for all it was worth. Do you think Lucy knew she had accomplished something? You bet! She carried that glove back to the Judges with her head held high and tail straight up in the air. Good job, Lucy.

Our thanks to all who gave guidance and wonderful encouragement, from Tracking Experience Day, the follow-up sessions, the Certification Test, through the Tracking Test itself.

Karen Oliver and Lucille's Best Blues, CGC, CD, TD

Tid-Bit from Croix Valley: "You can say any fool thing to a dog, and the dog will give this look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would have thought of that' ... Dave Berry."

## DOGS LIVE HERE

If you don't want to be greeted with paws and swinging tails, don't come inside because

Dogs live here.

If you don't like the feel of a cold nose or wet tongue, Don't come inside because

Dogs live here.

If you don't want to step over many scattered toys, Don't come inside because

Dogs live here.

If you think that a Home ought to smell like perfume, Don't come inside because

Dogs live here.

But if you don't mind all of this, You will instantly be loved When you come inside because Dogs live here.

# Annual Brunch

Sunday, March 28, 1999 11:30 am

(Deadline for Brunch Reservation is March 15th)

#### MENU

Soup, Salad and Bread Bar
Egg Soufflé
Omelets
Bacon, Sausage
One Italian Entree
One Beef Entree
One Chicken Entree
One Fish Entree
Home Fries
Fotatoe Salad
Macaroni Salad
Dessert Tray
Hot Coffee & Hot Tea Included
Other Drinks ala Carte

Where: Huff Mills Inn 350 Pittstown Road

Pittstown, NJ 908-735-4666

General Membership Meeting Awards

Speaker: ROBERT J. BLAKE, AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

(information about Mr. Blake on separate page)

#### **Directions:**

Take Route 78 (East or West) to Clinton, NJ - use Exit 15 to Route 513 West. 3.5+ miles to the Inn on your right, Parking on the left. (Inn is right before Rt. 513 makes a right turn)

Did your dog earn a Tracking title in '98? Notify Peg Forte by March 15<sup>th</sup> (send dog's call name 104 Sliker Rd., Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 908-832-7231 E-mail: pegforte@worldnet.att.net

### Guests are welcome at the Brunch - Include them on the response form.

Mail form & \$\$ (checks payable to Lenape Tracking Club) to Ralph MacKinnon,

26 Payne Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833-3203 Questions: 908-735-7793		
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#### UPCOMING TRACKING TESTS

Oriole Dog Training Club, Elkton, MD, Sunday, March 7. Fair Hall Campgrounds, Intersection of Gallaher Rd & Big Elk Chapel Rd. CLOSES Feb. 24. Fee: \$45. Sue Ammerman, TRIAL SEC., 2232 Olde Meadow Ct., E. Petersburg, PA 17520-1024. JUDGES; Ms S. E. Richards; Mrs.S. H. Dolbin.

Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club, Eighty Four ,PA. (Pending Approval). Sun. Apr. 4; Ferdas Rolling Green Acres Farm & Mingo Creek County Park, Route 136. CLOSES March 10. Fee: \$ 35. Kathy Van Stone, TRIAL SEC., 6004 Squires Manor Lane, Library, PA 15129. Total Entry: 4.

Hudson Valley Tracking Club, New Paltz, NY; Sunday, April 11; Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm. CLOSES March 31. Fee: \$40. Sarah Wilson, TRIAL SEC. 2867 Route 44/55, Gardiner, NY 12525. Total Entry: 12. JUDGES; Mr. M. Garrod; Ms D. A.Dedek.

West Highland White Terrier Club of America, Elkton, MD. Thursday, April 22. Fair Hall Campgrounds, Intersection of Gallaher Rd & Big Elk Chapel Rd. CLOSES Apr. 7. Fee: \$40. Susan Ammerman, TRIAL SEC., 2232 Olde Meadow Ct., East Petersburg, PA 17520.

Yankee Golden Retriever Club, Gardner, MA. Sunday, April 25; High Ridge Wildlife Management Area. CLOSES Apr. 14. Fee: \$50. Myrna Libby, TRIAL SEC., 161 Glezen Lane, Wayland, MA 01778. Total Entry: 6. JUDGES; Mrs. R. D.Meyer; Mr. M. Garrod.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Gardner, MA, Wednesday, May 5. Massachusetts Correctional Institute. CLOSES Apr. 14. Total Entry: 4.

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Topsfield, MA. Sunday, May 9; Coolidge Farms. CLOSES Apr. 22. Fee: \$50. Katherine Keon, TRIAL SEC., 35 Chestnut St., Danvers, MA 01923-2258. Total Entry: 8.

Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland, Sunday, May 9, Woodstock, (Pending Approval). Farmlands at 10000 Route 99, Route 99. CLOSES Apr. 21. Fee: \$ 35. Mrs. April Alderson TRIAL SEC., 6506 Sunset Dr., Eldersburg, MD 21784-6355. JUDGES; W. B. Steward, Jr.,; Mrs. S. N. Roth.

Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Friday, May 21, Moodus, CT. Sunrise Resort, Route 151. CLOSES Apr. 28. Fee: \$45. MB-F, Inc, Supt. JUDGES: Mr. M. Garrod; Mrs. C. E. Cole.

American Rottweiler Club, Gardner, MA. Wednesday, May 26. High Ridge Wildlife Management Area. CLOSES Apr. 23. Fee: \$50. Mrs.Donna R. Rice, TRIAL SEC., P.O.Box 690685, Houston, TX 77269-0685. JUDGES; Mr. A. L. Twiss; M. A. Clemens; Mr. M. Garrod; Mrs. M. E. Thompson.

Dachshund Club of America, Leesburg, VA. Thursday, May 27. Oatlands Plantation, Route 15 South. CLOSES Apr. 27. Fee: \$50. Genie Bishop, TRIAL SEC., P.O.Box 337, Cookstown, NJ 08511. JUDGES; Mrs. D. H. Thompson; Ms B. D. French.

#### TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

Oriole Dog Training Club, Elkton, MD. Sunday, March 7; Fair Hall Campgrounds, Intersection of Galleher Rd & Big Elk Chapel Rd. CLOSES Feb 26. Fee: \$80. Sue Ammerman, TRIAL SEC., 2232 Olde Meadow Ct., E. Petersburg, PA 17520-1024. Total Entry: 5. JUDGES; Mrs. D. H. Thompson; P. Gallagher.

Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club, Eighty-Four, PA. (Pending Approval). Sunday, March 28; Ferdas Rolling Green Acres Farm, Mingo Creek County Park, Route 136. CLOSES March 10. Fee: \$65. Kathy Van Stone, TRIAL SEC., 6004 Squires Manor Lane, Library, PA 15129. Total Entry: 4. JUDGES: Mrs. J. Klamut; P. Gallagher.

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Hudson Valley Tracking Club, New Paltz, NY. Sunday, April 25; Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm. CLOSES Apr. 14. Fee: \$75. Sarah Wilson, TRIAL SEC., 2867 Route 44/55, Gardiner, NY 12525. Total Entry: 6. JUDGES; Mrs. C. A. Simpson,; M. A. Clemens.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club, Gardner, MA. Wednesday, May 5; Massachusetts Correctional Institute. CLOSES Apr. 14. Total Entry: 4.

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Gardner, MA. Sunday, May 16; High Ridge Wildlife Management Area. CLOSES May 6. Fee: \$75. Ms Marianne F. Wood, TRIAL SEC., 148 Washington St. #56, Ayer, MA 01432-1128. Total Entry: 6. JUDGES; Mr. J. F. Hanson; Mrs. M. E. Thompson.

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#### VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING

West Highland White Terrier Club, Elkton, MD. Thursday, April 22; Fairhill Natural Resource Management Area. CLOSES Apr 7. Fee: \$80. Susan Ammerman, TRIAL SEC., 2232 Olde Meadow Court, East Petersburg, PA 17520. Total Entry: 2.

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Bedford, MA. Sunday, May 2; Hanscom Air Force Base. CLOSES Apr 15. Fee: \$50. Total Entry: 8.

# Lenape Members - TED '99 is Saturday, April 24th Can we count on You ?????

Each year your club holds a Tracking Experience Day.

Why? To teach people about tracking and to raise enough money so we can afford to hold the certification workshop in September and the Tracking Test in November.

This is the only event we hold that earns us \$\$\$ We need the help of many members to make the day work.

Don't think you know enough? ..... How do you think we learned what to do? .... it was by being there year after year. It's time for more members to learn how to teach others about tracking. If you are a new member you can learn along with the participants and help at the same time.

A few regulars have already committed to helping on April 24th, but we need more of you to sign up to help.

We'll provide the lunch and a job for you to do ..... Sign up today !!!

The Training Session on March 13th will include what you will be doing to help on April 24th. It would be very helpful if you are going to help to attend this training session. It will also give those of us who always do the same job, an opportunity to see what the other jobs are like - and an opportunity for you to change "jobs."

Questions: Call 1-937-696-8787 or E-mail: beegee52@juno.com

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Mail to: Barbara Greenfield, 72 Minnehaha Path, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035-231
Name
Address
Phone #
I can not attend the training session on March 13th but the club can count on me to help at
TED on Saturday, April 24th

#### ROBERT J. BLAKE, AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Animals and drawing have always been a part of Robert J. Blakes' life. Born and raised in New Jersey he enjoys sketching on the sites depicted in his illustrations and books. He will share some of his experiences with us at our annual brunch.

Mr. Blake will be happy to autograph his books if you bring them. These are some of the titles of his works.

#### Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod

Robert J. Blake (Author & Illustrator) Published 1997

It is Iditarod day. Fifty-six dog teams will race through 1,151 miles of rugged Alaskan terrain from Anchorage to Nome. Akiak knows these miles well. As lead dog, she has raced the incredible trail before, but never won. She is ten years old: if she is going to win, it must be now.

#### Riptide

Francis Ward Weller, Robert J. Blake (Illustrator) School & Library Binding / Published 1990 Paperback / Published 1996

Riptide Windjammer was an uncommon name for an uncommon dog, a dog who loved the sea and was happiest helping the beach patrol guard the Cape Cod coast where he lived. But the beach patrol didn't need another lifeguard, until the day a real riptide came and Rip the dog became a local hero. Full color.

#### The Angel of Mill Street

Frances Ward Weller, Robert J. Blake (Illustrator) Published 1998

On a cold, snowy Christmas Eve on Mill Street, Uncle Ambrose who makes Christmas sing, with his eloquent fiddle and his songs about angels, fails to appear. It seems that nothing short of a Christmas miracle will bring Ambrose safely home. But who would have guessed that that miracle would be a great, black dog?

#### Mississippi Mud: Three Prairie Journals

Ann Warren Turner, Robert J. Blake (Illustrator) / Hardcover / Published 1997

A journey on the Oregon Trail in the 1800s is chronicled by three young siblings who each keep a diary of the trip.

#### The Perfect Spot

Robert J. Blake / School & Library Binding / Published 1992

"This, warm gentle story is beautifully brought to life by Blake's soft watercolor paintings which are especially effective in creating the shadowy world of the forest and the dappled sunlight on the stream..." Booklist (area depicted in the book looks a lot like the Delaware Water Gap.)

#### Spray

Robert J. Blake / Hardcover / Published 1996

Ages 6-9. Unhappy as a newcomer on Martha's Vineyard, Justin sets pout to sea in his sailing dory, dreaming of his hero, Captain Slocum, who became the first man to sail around the world alone in 1898. When Justin capsizes, a firm hand pulls him out of the sea and he finds himself aboard the battered sloop, *Spray*, with Captain Slocum at the helm. The two embark on a fantastic journey until Justin is ready to make his way home." *Kirkus Review* 

#### Dog

Robert J. Blake / Hardback Published 1994 / Paperback / Published 1999

From Ireland comes an unforgettable tale of friendship. "Lush oil paintings depicting the Irish countryside highlight this story of a stray dog and the crusty old man who learns to love him.— Booklist "A simply written book with understated power and depth of emotion that will leave readers with a warm, lasting impression." — School Library Journal

#### Yudonsi

Robert J. Blake / Hardcover / Published 1999 (Not Yet Published)

#### **Finding Foxes**

Allison Lee Blyler, Robert J. Blake (Illustrator) / Published 1991

#### Maggie and Silky and Joe

Amy Ehrlich, Robert J. Blake (Illustrator) / Published 1994

#### Rainflowers (A Charlotte Zolotow Book)

Ann Turner, Robert J. Blake (Illustrator) / Published 1992

# Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

# Training Session

Saturday, March 13, 1999 - 9:00 - 12:00

at the Tewksbury Farm Park (now known as the Christie Hoffman Farm)

This training sessions is for members only

**Topic: One Flag Starts** 

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

# Please call by March 8th to let us know you are coming

We need to know how many are coming and in case of *extremely* inclement weather, who to notify in case we have to cancel the session.

Contact: Vicki Brown 1-732-446-3219

Directions:

From Flemington / Whitehouse: (Route 22 or Route 78): Take 523 North to Oldwick and Route 517 (523 turns right across from Hildebrandt Nurseries just before you enter Oldwick - stay straight and you will be on Route 517). Go through Oldwick and continue on Route 517 to Fairmount. At the traffic light by the Fairmount Methodist Church (little white church with white steeple and red doors) diagonally across from cemetery, turn left onto Route 512. The Christie Hoffman Farm driveway is the third driveway on the left.

From Chester / Long Valley: Take Route 24 and 513 to Route 517 South (left turn at light in Long Valley). Stay on Route 517 until you reach the intersection with Route 512 (cemetery will be on your right and the Methodist Church will be diagonally across the intersection). Turn right onto Route 512 and enter the Christie Hoffman Farm Park at the third driveway on the left.