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## Lenape Tracking Club

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September

17 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting  
25 Certification Workshop-Plotting Tracks  
26 9:00am Certification Workshop

October

9 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session  
10 BARK IN THE PARK - Tracking Demo.

November

6 Tracking Test - Plotting Tracks  
7 Tracking Test ( LTC's 10th )  
13 7:30am-5:30pm Pet First Aid & CPR

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### DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

November 25, 1999. Please send news and items of interest to Janet Horn, Editor, 861 County Road 519, Frenchtown, NJ 08825. Telephone: 908-996-4922.



## President's Message .....

The weather for the Certification workshop could not have been better. Details on that event are elsewhere in this newsletter.

The *Tracking Advisory Committee* Report is out and appears in this newsletter. Please take the time to read their proposals. We first heard about the proposals from our Certification workshop judge, Lily Mummert, who had her copy with her which she shared with us over dinner after the tracks were plotted on Saturday.

We did not receive the original mailing from the AKC that was sent to Tracking Clubs (I thought we were one), so Mimi Ruch made some phone calls. She ended up talking to Jim Pitts, the Vice President for Tracking, Obedience, etc. who assured Mimi that he would get us on the mailing list for receiving such information. He also told her that *they would like comments on the proposals by the end of October*.

The board will discuss the proposals at their meeting on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Since there is not enough time to call a general meeting to discuss the proposals please read them over. You can send comments to Mimi Ruch by Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> or send them directly to the AKC.

The *Tracking Test* location has been changed this year. It will be held on fields adjacent to Wertsville Road near Ringoes, NJ.

Peter and Mollie Heide have been gracious in offering us there home to work out of for the two days.

John Etchells is serving as the Chief tracklayer for the event and he will be calling those who are already Certified Tracklayers to put their skills to use. If you can't be there for all day Saturday, but can spare a couple of hours to plot your track with the judges on Sat. and return to lay the track on Sunday please do so. It would be nice to have each tracklayer only have to do one track.

Our judges for the test are Maureen Foley from Ann Arbor, MI who we are flying in for the event. Since we must reimburse a judge for their travel expenses, the board decided that an airline ticket would not cost any more than the per mile cost of getting a judge from as far away

as we sometimes have to do. The second judge is Allison Platt, another new provisional judge from Baltimore, MD. Both these judges come highly recommended and we are looking forward to working with them.

The *Pet First Aid Course*, Saturday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, already has eight people signed up for each session. We are taking a total of 20 in each session. So if you are planning to come, and just haven't gotten around to signing up, do it now. The flyer was in the last newsletter.

*Tracklayer Certification* will be done at the Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Training Session. John Etchells and other members will lead those who want to be certified through the process. Only 20 of our club members are certified thus far, so if you haven't had the opportunity please plan to come out this year.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, some of the Lenape members were at the Christie Hoffman Farm Park in Tewksbury Township, at the *Bark in the Park* annual event. Karen Oliver, and her yellow Labrador, Lucy did a demonstration track. We are invited to this doggie event because we use the park for some of our training sessions.

**Peg Forte**

### For those of you with hunting dogs....

Doug and Bill need a break from their computer programming jobs, so they decide to try duck hunting. On the first day, they sit in the duck blind all morning.

"I just don't understand it," Doug finally says to Bill.

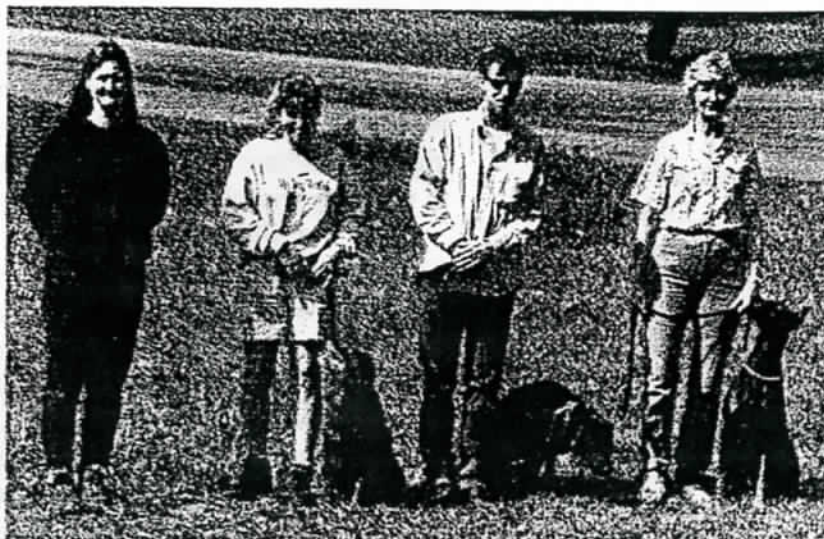
"We've been here since dawn. Why aren't we getting any ducks?"

Bill replies, "I keep telling you, I just don't think we're throwing the dog high enough."

From the Reader's Digest



## Lenape's 1999 Certification Workshop



*Provisional Tracking Judge Lily Mummert, Lisa Pattison and Murphy, HT NA CGC, Jeff Pierce and Coventry's Truth is Out There, CDX, Rose Kruser and Cara's Alisa, CD. Missing from the photo is Lisa Pattison's Shelby.*

The Certification Workshop had 8 entries this year. New tracking provisional judge, **Lily Mummert** drove down from New York state to plot the tracks on Saturday and then stayed over to judge the entrants on Sunday. Both days were picture perfect weather, with moisture on the fields in the morning and little wind, basically perfect tracking conditions.

**John Etchells** served as the chief tracklayer once again and did his usual fine job. **Barbara Greenfield** was in charge of the food and served as Workshop Chairman. Please see her report elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Noreen Dowling**, and her grey Newfoundland were entered "as not ready for certification" and they had the first track of the day. While they got off to a good start, they were not certified.

The next dog to run was **Lisa Pattison's** Australian Shepherd, **Murphy** who nearly qualified on the same field two years ago. This time he was successful.

**Jeff Pierce**, who attended this year's TED was next with his black Labrador Retriever. What a pretty picture they made as they too ran a great track and were certified.

The next dog to run was another Australian Shepherd, handled by **Lisa Pattison**. This dog was distracted by gunshots in the distance and a tractor that came into the other end of the field, but she shows promise.

New Lenape member and a 1999 TED participant, **Bob Malloy** and his Aussie tackled a track in the big field across from the school. While they did not certify, Bob was encouraged and he will continue tracking with his dog.

The next two tracks were in a new field on Route 513. First up was **Rose Kruser's** Doberman, **Alisa**. This dog did a terrific track and made certification look easy. The second track was run by another Australian Shepherd, **Shelby**, handled by **Lisa Pattison**. They were also certified.

The last track of the day was a modified TDX track run by **Priscilla White's** **Muffy**. The dog had not been tracked for some time, but with a little help from the judge and the tracklayer they were able to finish the track.

The judge thanked us for giving her the opportunity to have the experience of judging our match. Lenape was pleased to have her judge for us and we are glad to have another judge available to us within a reasonable traveling distance, only 2 hours away.

## CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

Hi Lenape Members:

Well, we did it again – with the help of Mother Nature – another beautiful weekend.

The judge, Lily Mummert, is young and very competent, she did a very good job and was very helpful to all who entered the Workshop.

We ran eight tracks and four passed to get their certifications. They were all members or will be members very soon. Rose Kruser and her Dobie, Lisa Pattison and two of her Aussies and Jeff Pierce and his Lab.

The other four tracks were run by Bob Malloy and his Aussie, that will be ready to certify soon. Lisa was also entered with her third Aussie, but didn't pass. Noreen Dowling entered her Newfie, for practice and will be working hard to pass another time. The last track of the day was run by Priscilla White and her Basset, Muffy; their track was a combination TDX and VST since they have their TD already.

Our head tracklayer was John Etchells and he did a fine job. His tracklayers were Karen Oliver, two tracks; Mimi Ruch, two tracks; Priscilla White, Vicky Brown, John Etchells and me (Barbara Greenfield).

As usual, we had A LOT of food. The judges' dinner was a delicious Lasagna made by Peg Forte; salad, Bev Olsen; Desserts by Millie Heide, our resident baker; Peg, and Karen Oliver.

John brought doughnuts on Saturday and bagels on Sunday for breakfast and Priscilla White brought fresh fruit salad each day.

Lunch on Sunday was lasagna and beef stew, salad and all kinds of sweets. (Priscilla, where did you get the cookies?)

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone because the weekend was so busy and everyone that was there worked very hard.

Thank you all for doing a good job.

Chairperson, Barbara Greenfield

## TID-BIT

Rose Kruser's Doberman, Can. Ch. CARA'S ALISA, got her Canadian CD in three straight shows with a 194 ½ and First Place, 196 ½ and First Place, and at 3:00 P.M. at 96 degrees F., 194 and First Place.

CONGRATULATIONS!

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Noreen Dowling and Bob and Karen Malloy who became members on September 21. Please add their names to your directories.

Noreen Dowling  
78 Hickson Dr  
New Providence, NJ 07974  
908-771-6485

Bob & Karen Malloy  
1094 Cox Cro Rd  
Toms River, NJ 08755  
732-286-4056

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 letter of objection within 30 days.

NAME	ADDRESS/TELEPHONE	BREED	SPONSORS
David Gansz	34 Nutman Place W. Orange, NJ 07052 973-731-8254	Belgian Tervuren	Barbara Greenfield Peg Forte
Rita Orduna	1211 Foster Ave. S. Plainfield, NJ 07080 908-752-7672	Border Collie	Mimi Ruch Peg Forte

## DIRECTORY CORRECTION:

Dot Vail's telephone area code is 973. Please correct your directories.



### **MULTIPLE DOG DISORDER : DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA**

Symptoms which must be present: 1.) Poor self-control, usually unable to resist "just one more." 2.) 100% occupancy of kennel space at all times. 3.) Dog expenses at least 4 times the grocery bill.

At least 4 of the following symptoms present (8 or more indicate a chronic condition): 1.) Minimum of 2 crates and 1 grooming table in the house. 2.) Dog grooming equipment in 4 large storage crates, personal grooming supplies in 1 overnight bag. 3.) Clean kennels daily, clean house once a month. 4.) Doing dishes means washing more than a dozen dog bowls. 5.) Have a King sized bed, but sleep clinging to the side to allow dogs enough room. 6.) Yard securely fenced, landscaping is outside of fence. 7.) Attend Company BBQ to collect a large quantity of rib bones. 8.) Isolated rural location. 9.) Others ask "how many dogs do you have...now?" 10.) Pooper Scooper Wrist (similar to Tennis Elbow). 11.) Dry cleaner always finds plastic baggies in pockets. 12.) Used to show pictures of children, now whip out dog pictures without provocation. ... Sent to Lisa Pattison via Carol Minkus, Riverside, CA - Shalako Dobermans

### **CANINE ALARM**

Softly, pitter pat the four foots creep  
Silently I beg, "Oh, let me sleep!"  
Through the blinds the sun is peeking  
and soon through blankets a cold nose seeking.  
Next a warm tongue on my cheek I feel.  
"Wake Up! Wake Up!" their joyous peal.

I am grumpy . Slow to rise.  
But they prod me out with pleading eyes.  
With eagerness they greet the day.  
I, too, should cherish mornings this way.

So I rise, the day to face.  
Determined to keep a smile in place.  
Yet a thought comes, unbidden, to my head....  
I go off to work, the dogs go back to bed!

...from e-mail. Author Unknown.

### **NEWSLETTER EXCHANGES**

**Croix Valley Tracking Club:** July/Aug/Sept 1999 Newsletter for the Committed Tracker. Editor: Joan Telfer, 13030 -30<sup>th</sup> St. N. Stillwater, MN 55082. To a dog the whole world is a smell. ..Anonymous.

**Midwest Tracking Association:** Aug 1999/Sept 1999/ Oct 1999 Newsletters. Editor: Micki Conley, 22817 Oakland Drive, Steger, IL 60475-5933. Discussion of the new Tracking Advisory Committee and its recommendations is of interest. These exchanges are available to any Lenape member on request to Janet Horn, 908-996-4922.

## Tracking Advisory Committee Report

The Tracking Advisory Committee met in mid-July 1999 and a summary of their recommendations is listed below. There was much 'give and take' during the almost two days and nights of the Committee meetings. The Committee members had already spent a great deal of time at home reading through all of the suggestions from trackers all around the country, and some even held local meetings of tracking enthusiasts, before coming to Raleigh.

One of the interesting issues discussed was that of creating enthusiasm for the Tracking Sport through the implementation of a Tracking Instinct promotional event. This CGC-type event (certificate) would be geared towards introducing Tracking to more people.

The Committee Members also recommended adding two new tracking tests to the current Tracking Test procedure, while at the same time, providing a dual-track process for exhibitors. These tests include Tracking Dog Advanced (TDA) placed between the TD and TDX tests, and a Variable Tracking Dog (VTD) placed between the TD and VST tests. Details about these recommended tests are listed below.

These recommendations are being reviewed by AKC staff and prepared for submission to the Board of Directors of the AKC, before the end of 1999.

- Eliminating the grand-fathering of VST judges, and implementing a Regular Judging approval process for VST judges
- Maintaining the requirement for two judges at each tracking test
- VST site approval to continue to be performed by AKC
- Allowing clubs to hold unlimited tracking tests, provided they have the land and personnel (currently limited to 4 trials a year)
- Deleting the requirement for judges approval for handlers to give water to their dogs during a test
- Eliminating the 20-foot marker requirement on the tracking lead
- Changing the regulations to require that the leash must be attached on top of the harness, while tracking, and that the lead shall not be run deliberately through the underside of the dog
- That the regulations state that tracking judges will permit and encourage spectators to follow along on the track
- Establishing a required program of continuing education for tracking judges
- Allowing clubs to have tracking tests on the same day as any other event they may have scheduled (e.g., obedience, agility, etc.)
- The committee unanimously recommended that a coupon system for entries not be put in place
- Eliminating the 6 months waiting period between TD and VST Tests
- That National Specialty tracking events have the "option" of opening their tracking tests to all breeds. This would allow National Specialty clubs to choose either, only their own breed as they do today, or they could allow other breeds, through the use of a lottery. There would be four draws as indicated below:

First draw	Specialty breed without a title
Second draw	Specialty breed with a title
Third draw	Other breeds without a title
Fourth draw	Other breeds with a title

- Allow judges to implement an 'optional' 3rd cross-track

- Leaving the Alternate track as is, not to be used as an additional track
- Allowing the date and place on ribbons to be placed on a tag on the back of the ribbons, rather than printed on the front.
- That dogs may wear an Orange Vest, designed with an open bottom, saddle type cloth to be worn only during gun or bow hunting season.
- Requiring that the Test Draw time must be on the front of the premium list
- Keeping both Judges maps for each track
- Create a basic entry level (CGC-type) 'promotional event', not a title, called Tracking Instinct (TI) - this would be done at workshops or by clubs, like a hide and seek and it should be a 'win' for the dog and handler.

No age limit

Owner out of sight (Evaluator tells the owner where to hide)

50 -100 yards depending upon location

Evaluator handles the dog (Owner lays the track)

TI Certificate (not a title)

Harness

6' lead minimum

- Committee members recommended establishing a test between TD and TDX, Tracking Dog Advanced (TDA).

600-700 yards

1 ½ - 3 hours age

4-6 turns

3 articles

1 obstacle

A single cross-track - one time (one person/45 minutes)

1 flag at the start, provide a landmark for the handler

TD required

Required for TDX

- Committee members recommended establishing a test before the VST Test, named Variable Tracking Dog (VTD)

Straight in start with direction

1 to 2 hours age

440-500 yards

3 articles

Turn on hard surface

50% vegetation, 50% hard-surface

3 to 5 turns

TD required

Minimum of 2 surfaces

Required for VST



### TRACKING TESTS

**Central New York KC, Inc.** Oct. 10, Sunday, Humphreys Farm, Tibbitts Road, New Hartford, NY. Fee: \$35. Betty Bussey, TRIAL SEC., 131 St. Mary's Ave., Clinton, NY 13323

**Tracking Club of Vermont**, Oct. 17, Sunday, Walker Fields, Weston, VT. CLOSURES Oct. 6. Fee: \$45. Nancy W. Anderson, TRIAL SEC., 1032 South Hill Road, Ludlow, VT 05149. Total Entry Limit: 8. JUDGES: **Mr. M. Garrod, Mrs. M.E. Thompson.**

**Concord Dog Training Club, Inc.**, Oct. 31, Sunday, Coolidge Farms, Topsfield, MA. CLOSURES: Oct. 20. Fee: \$50. Susan Latham, TRIAL SEC., 51 W. Acton Rd., Stow, MA 01775-2112. JUDGES: **Mrs. R.C. Meyer; Ms D.A. Dedek.**

**Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey**, Nov. 7, Sunday, Fields Adjacent to Lebanon Township Municipal Building, Route 628, Hill Road, Glen Gardner, NJ. CLOSURES: Oct. 27. Fee: \$35. Barbara Greenfield, TRIAL SEC., 52 Minnehaha Path, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035-2311. Total Entry Limit: 8. JUDGES: **M.F. Foley; Mrs. A. Platt.**

**Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club**, Nov. 7, Sunday, Furdas Rolling Green Acres Farm & Mingo Creek County Park, Route 136, Eighty-Four, PA. CLOSURES: Oct. 21. Fee: \$35. Charles Francis, TRIAL SEC., 118 Valley View, Claysville, PA 15323. JUDGES: **C.R. Casson; P. Gallagher.**

**Blue Ridge Dog Training Club**, Nov. 7, Sunday, Farmland Surrounding Cross Junction, VA. CLOSURES: Oct. 27. Fee: \$45. Vicki Polk TRIAL SEC., 1674 Pinewoods Road, Quicksburg, VA 22847. Total Entry Limit: 8. JUDGES: **Mrs. D.H. Thompson; Mrs. S.N. Roth.**

**Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club**, Nov. 14, Sunday, Fields in the vicinity, 11789 Ridgeway Court, Monrovia, MD. CLOSURES: Oct. 29. Fee: \$40. Leslie Peszcyński, TRIAL SEC., 5437 Clubside Lane, Centerville, VA 20120. Total Entry Limit: 8. JUDGES: **Mrs. J. Klamut; P. Gallagher.**

**Dauphin Dog Training Club, Inc.**, Nov. 14, Sunday, Keen Farm, 871 Crains Gap Road, Carlisle, PA. CLOSURES: Nov. 3. Fee: \$35. Diane Wiest, TRIAL SEC., P.O. Box 130, Halifax, PA 17032. Total Entry Limit: 7.

**Mattaponi Kennel Club**, Nov. 14, Sunday, National Battlefield Park, Manassas, VA. CLOSURES: Nov. 1. Ms. Peggy J. Dobbins, TRIAL SEC., 7523 Todd Pl, Manassas, VA 20109-2929. JUDGES: **Ms. B.D. French; Mrs. S.N. Roth.**

**Hyattsville Dog Training Club**, Nov. 21, Sunday, Rosaryville State Park, Rt 301 (and nearby fields), Upper Marlboro, MD. CLOSURES: Nov. 5. Fee: \$45. Ms. Debra L. Barrows, TRIAL SEC., 4905 King Richard Dr., Annandale, VA 22003-4256. Total Entry Limit: 9. JUDGES: **Ms. J.S. Edwards; Ms. A. Platt.**

### TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

**Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club**, Nov 7. Sunday, Furdas Rolling Green Acres and Mingo Creek County Park, Route 136, Eighty-Four, PA. CLOSURES: Oct. 21. Fee: \$65. Charles Francis, TRIAL SEC., 118 Valley View Road, Claysville, PA 15323. JUDGES: **C.R. Casson; P. Gallagher.**

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**Mattaponi Kennel Club**, National Battlefield Park, Manassas, VA. CLOSURES: Nov. 1. Ms. Peggy J. Dobbins, TRIAL SEC., 7523 Todd Pl, Manassas, VA 20109-2929. JUDGES: **Ms. B. D. French; Mrs. S. N. Roth.**

**Hyattsville Dog Training Club**, Nov. 28, Sunday, Rosaryville State Park, Route 301 (and nearby fields), Upper Marlboro, MD. CLOSURES: Nov. 12. Fee: \$70. Ms. Robert L. Patterer, TRIAL SEC., 14J Parkway Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Total Entry Limit: 5. JUDGES: **Mrs. D.H. Thompson; Mrs. S.N. Roth.**

### VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING

**Hudson Valley Tracking Club**, Oct. 31, Sunday, W. Averell Harriman Building, N.Y. State Office Building Campus, Washington & Western Ave., Albany, NY. CLOSURES: Oct. 16. Angela Genovese TRIAL SEC., 789 Tuttle Ave. Hamden CT 06518. Total Entry Limit: 5. JUDGES: **Mr. A.L. Twiss; Mr. M. Garrod.**

**Tracking Club of Massachusetts**, Nov. 14, Sunday, Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, MA. CLOSURES: Oct. 22. Fee: \$50. Marianne F. Wood, TRIAL SEC., P.O. Box 56, Ayer, MA 01432. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES: **Mr. A.L. Twiss; Mts. M.E. Thompson.**

# Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999 - 10:00 - 2:00

at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building

## Tracklayer Certification

This training session will be devoted to certifying *members* to be tracklayers. All the tracks laid in our tests are by members who have been certified as tracklayers. Let John Etchells, and members who are already certified, take you through the process.

*Bring a clipboard, pencils and a glove. Bring Your Lunch*

- Participants will be paired. "A" will plot a track, drawing a map and putting in flags at the turns. "B" will follow "A" and draw his/her own map. Then the roles will switch. Next each will re-walk their tracks, removing all flags except the two starting flags and place a marker at each turn, making sure it is not visible from even a few feet away. A glove will be left at the end.
- After all tracks have been plotted and re-walked, we will break for lunch. During the lunch break, copies of the Tracking Regulations will be distributed and an Open Book test will be given.
- Then each person will walk his track again and must return with the corner markers and glove, using his map as a guide.
- Each successful tracklayer will be considered a Certified Tracklayer and will be mailed a certificate attesting to that fact.

**Please call by Dec. 9th to let us know you are coming**

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

**Contact: Peg Forte 1-908-832-7231**

or

**E-mail: [pegforte@worldnet.att.net](mailto:pegforte@worldnet.att.net)**

### Directions:

From the East: I-78 to Exit 17 (Route 31 North). \* Take Rt. 31 north - as you approach the second light, stay to the right as jug handle takes you off onto Route 513 at the 513 - Grayrock Shopping Center - at the STOP sign turn right and note mileage at this point. Follow Rt. 513 to and through High Bridge. Shortly past Voorhees High School, turn left onto Rt. 628. There is an old, unopened Sunoco gas station on the corner. This turn will be 3.9 miles from the light on Rt. 31. Follow Rt. 628 to full stop at Hill Rd. Turn left. Watch for brick buildings on the left - first a firehouse, then the Municipal Building, then the First Aid Squad. (Total mileage from light on Rt. 31 is 5.7 miles). Park in the rear of the buildings.

From the West: I-78 to Exit 15. Right at end of ramp. Take Main Street into the town of Clinton. At the light in the center of town, turn left onto Halstead Street (Route 513). Observe the speed limit here! Halstead will end at Route 31 where you turn left and will be at the first light. Follow directions above from \*