



Common Scents

November - December 1999
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Peg Forte, President
Lenape Tracking Club, Inc.
104 Selker Road
Glenn Gardner, NJ 08826

2000

Lenape Tracking Club

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8	9:00am-12:00pm Training Session - Tewksbury Farm
14	7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb. Twp. Mun. Bldg

February	
13	9:00am-12:00pm Training Session - Lebanon Twp.
	1:00-2:00pm General Meeting
	2:00-4:00pm Program - Assistance Dogs
18	7:00am-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb Twp Mun Bldg
20	1:00-2:00pm General Meeting - Snow Date
	2:00-4:00pm Program - Assistance Dogs

March	
11	Training Session - Tewksbury
17	7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb Twp Mun Bldg
26	11:00am-1:00pm Awards Brunch and Program

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8	8:30am-4:00pm Tracking Experience Day 2000
21	7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb Twp Mun Bldg

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Officers:

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

Board:

Rick Andrews	908-537-7665
Vicki Brown	732-446-3219
Peter Heide	609-466-4160
Joanne Mac Kinnon	908-735-7793
Bev Olsen	732-530-0288

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

January 25, 2000

Please send News and Items of Interest to
Editor, Janet Horn, P.O.Box 389,
Pungoteague, VA 23422

SUBJECT TO CHANGES

12/15/1999

President's Message

As 1999 comes to a close some of us may think that this was not a good tracking year. With the hot dry summer, many people despaired of training their dogs to track. But our test and certification workshop was filled and both those days we saw some excellent tracking dogs. Hopefully the weather will be better for tracking in 2000.

Please check all the flyers in this newsletter. January and February Training Sessions details are here, as is the information for the February General Meeting. *The program for the February meeting will be on Assistance Dogs, with trainer Sue Greenbaum.*

The calendar has many important dates on it for 2000.

TED will be held on Saturday, April 8th next year.

We have chosen an earlier date because Easter falls late in April. We have tried to stay away from major obedience and agility events. We cannot avoid conflicting with all dog shows and activities. Barbara Greenfield will be calling around for help on that date, please plan to come out and help.

The annual awards brunch will be held at Hoff Mills in Pittstown on Sunday March 26th. We will have a program at that event also.

I would like to thank all the officers and board members for their hard work all year. And also Janet Horn for organizing, editing, and preparing the newsletter for mailing. And Linda

Riley, who picks up the newsletter, gets it copied and returns it to Janet for the mailing.

May your holidays be happy and may we all find time to track our dogs in 2000.

Peg Forte

RECIPE COLUMN

Over the years Lenape has gained a reputation for providing great food at all our events. Most of the time the "Goodies" are homemade and we often here people asking the maker/baker for the recipe. So we decided to have a recipe column. If you have a favorite that you have eaten at one of our events, let us know and we will try to wrest the recipe from the cook who provided it. Or if you have one others have asked about, please submit it to Janet Horn for this column.

Crème Brûlée

From the kitchen of Mollie Heide

3 eggs whole
1 c sugar 1 T vanilla
Beat until smooth
Add 1 can evaporated milk and beat
Add 1 C boiling water beat
All this is done in a quart Pyrex bowl
Place bowl in waterbath
Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 1 hr.
let cool in oven
Ice with 3/4 cup of sugar in an iron skillet
until it turns into caramel and then place
on top of cooled Creme Brûlée

Serve and enjoy

LTC Tracking Test

November 7, 1999



Allison Platt, Provisional Judge; Vicki Wooters, Wynthea's Cash V Haus Wooters; Susan Tasillo, DVM, Applehill's Cl Trailblazer; Antonia Tuck, Langford Emerald Isle; Karen Leshkivich, Ch. Sleepy Hollows Tiberius, CD, Maureen Foley, Judge.

This year's test was held on a bright, sunny, sometimes windy, fall day. There were 8 entries, four of whom earned their TD titles. Unfortunately none of our members were successful this year. John Etchells served again as Chief Tracklayer and did his usual good job. Tracklayers were Mimi Ruch, Edie Braginton, Pat Etchells, Barbara Greenfield, Karen Oliver, and John Etchells.

Peter and Mollie Heide gracious served as host and hostess to the two days of activity. The judges also stayed at their home. This was the first time we held the test in this area although we had held a match here several years ago. The new fields Mollie found for us to use worked out very well and we are looking forward to many more tracking events in the Ringoes area.

New Certified Tracklayers

On Sunday, Dec. 12 John Etchells, with help from Pat Etchells, Mimi Ruch, Lisa Pattison, and Laurie Shuren took six members through the Tracklayer Certification process. Congratulations to :

Peter Heide
Rita Orduna
Alice Crans

Janet Gaynor
Edie Braginton
Bob Malloy

PET FIRST AID COURSE

As you can see in the photos, we had a great time at the course on Nov.13. We held two sessions and had a total of 28 participants. One woman drove four hours from Maryland to attend.



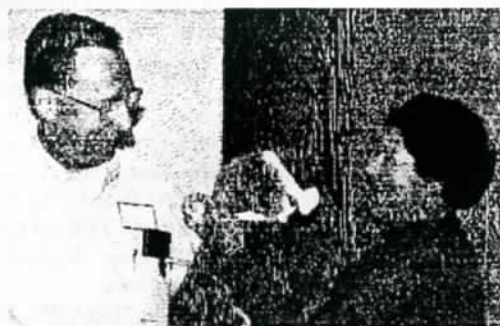
Peter Heide practicing artificial respiration on "Jerry" the dog.

The 4 hour course gave many opportunities for hands on experience with bandaging, tying muzzles, CPR and more.

The course was such a success that LTC board voted to run one again next year. We will give you a date as soon as we have it confirmed by the Red Cross Trainers.



Mollie Heide doing the same to "Fluffy" the cat.



Mollie ties a muzzle on "Jerry, Jr." while Peter offers helpful suggestions.

Did your dog earn a Tracking Title in 1999?

Then you need to send the following information to Peg Forte, 104 Sliker Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826, so your LTC award plaque can be prepared. Please send By Feb. 12, 2000.

Name _____

Dog's Call Name _____ Title Earned _____

Date and Name of Test _____



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

NEW TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT

CARDINALDACHS LITTLE TIGER,, smooth standard Dachshund, owned and trained by Carol Salzetti, earned his TDX title on October 17, 1999 at Port Chester Obedience Training Club's Tracking Test. His performance was very impressive, staying on the track continuously, with the exception of some "investigating" in the woods. He crossed a deep ditch and a stream and also encountered some rutted surface and high vegetation. He very often "step tracks" like a Schutzhund dog. Unfortunately, my illness prevented him from getting his title sooner. TIGER will be eleven years old in January. ...Carol Salzetti

Congratulations to Carol and Tiger!

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Rita Orduña and David Gansz who became members on November 21. Please add their names to your directories.

David Gansz
34 Nutman Pl
W. Orange, NJ 07052
973/731-8254

Rita Orduña
121 Foster Ave.
S. Plainfield, NJ 07080
908/753-7672

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.

Annette & Jeff Pierce

16 Jesse Dr
Mercerville, NJ 08619
609/584-8621

Labrador Retriever

Sponsors: Peg Forte
Mimi Ruch

Directory Change

Vicky Brown and Edie Braginton have a new post office. The address should read: 197 Dey Grove Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831. Please change your directories.

Karen Oliver's telephone number should read: 732/264-4927.

Directory Miscorrection

Dot Vail's telephone area code is 201. I wasn't paying attention when I wrote the notes for the Sept/Oct newsletter, and gave wrong information. Please make sure your directory is correct. ...Mimi.

New Address for Newsletter Editor

As many of you are aware, my daughter, Betsy Humer and husband Rupe have retired and relocated on the Eastern Shore of the DelMarVa Peninsula. Since they have left New Jersey, the time has come for me to cease living alone here in Kingwood Township, and my dogs and I are moving to quarters on the Humers' Virginia property. After Christmas, my new address is: Janet Horn, P.O. Box 389, Pungoteague, VA 23422. My telephone number will be: 1-757-442-7662. After I get moved in I'll arrange for e-mail a.s.a.p., and will add new e-mail address to the above information. I shall be happy to continue editing COMMON SCENTS by mail, for as long as is necessary to preserve continuity; however am aware that this is a New Jersey club, and its interests and its members can best be served by a resident editor. I await the pleasure of the LTCCNJ Board of Directors' in their appointment of my successor...Janet

NEWSLETTER EXCHANGES

Midwest Tracking Association. November 1999 News. Micki Conley, 22817 Oakland Drive, Stager, IL 60475
December 1999 News.

Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Assn., Gone Trackin', Oct 1999, 25 Heather Place, Hillsborough, CA 94010

Southwest Tracking Association, STA On Track, October 1999, Ginny Conway, 14511 Trophy Club, Houston, TX 77095-3420

TRACKING TESTS 2000

Tidewater Tracking Club of Virginia, Feb 6: Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, VA. CLOSES: Jan 21. Fee: \$50. Marguerite Salls, TRIAL SEC, 436 Wintehaven Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES: J.E.Sappenfield, II; Ms. A. Platt

Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club, March 26, Furdas Rolling Green Acres Farm & Mingo Creek County Park, Route 136, Eighty-Four, PA. CLOSES: Mar 8. Fee:\$35. Machell S. Koss, TRIAL SEC., 2668 Lindenwood Drive, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241. Total Entry Limit: 4.

Hudson Valley Tracking Club, Apr 9, Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm, New Paltz, NY. CLOSES: Mar 24. Fee: \$4. Sarah Wilson, TRIAL SEC, 2867 Route 44/55, Gardiner, NY 12525-5126. Total Entry Limit: 12. JUDGES: Mr.A.L. Twiss; Ms. A. Platt

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club, Mar 26, Furdas Rolling Green Acres Farm & Mingo Creek County Park, Route 136, Eighty-Four, PA. CLOSES: Mar 8. Fee \$65. Machell S.Koss, TRIAL SEC, 2668 Lindenwood Drive, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241. Total Entry Limit: 4.

Hudson Valley Tracking Club, Apr 23, Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm, New Paltz, NY. CLOSES: Apr 7. Fee: \$ 75. Sarah Wilson, TRIAL SEC, 2867 Route 44/55, Gardiner, NY 12525-5126. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES:Mrs. C.A.Simpson; M.A.Clemens.

VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Apr 30, Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, MA. CLOSES: Apr 13. Fee: \$50. Marianne Wood, TRIAL SEC., P.O.Box 56, Ayer, MA 01432. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES:Mr. M. Garrod; Mrs. M.E.Thompson

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY
COMMENTS FOR THE TRACKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS
OCTOBER 25, 1999

The responses to the Tracking Advisory Committee's suggestions of September 8, 1999 given below were compiled from discussions held with Lenape's board and general membership.

Regular Judging approval process for VST judges: Good suggestion. We hope that the observation of provisional judges does not suffer as a result.

Maintaining the requirement for two judges: We agree.

VST site approval by AKC: Lenape has not considered putting on a VST, so we have little familiarity with site selection procedures.

Allowing clubs to hold unlimited tests per year: Okay as long as the club's resources (people, money, and land) are not overburdened.

Eliminating judges' approval to give water: Okay.

Eliminating the 20-foot marker: Okay as long as the judges agreed. Handlers would probably still want a knot in the lead for their own knowledge.

Requiring the lead to be attached on top of the harness: Okay.

Allowing spectators to follow: We have serious reservations about this. It could be very distracting for some dogs and handlers. It places an extra burden on the judges and club members whose job it is to keep the gallery quiet and in its boundaries. The track could be fouled by someone going too far away from the group. Instead, clubs could be encouraged, when possible, to choose fields that can easily be seen from one location.

Requiring judges' education: We found the statement vague as it does not state what the program would consist of -- will it be written or on the net, or would it require attendance, and if so, will it be accessible to all judges and feasible for them to attend, and who will pay? If it is a program requiring attendance, encouraging judges to attend rather than making it mandatory would be a more appealing approach. An alternative would be an apprentice program in which a seasoned judge would work with a new person.

Allowing tracking tests on the same day as other events: Okay.

No coupon system: Good.

Eliminating 6-month waiting period between TD and VST: Okay. This would keep the requirements consistent with those for TDX.

National specialty tests open to all breeds as an option: Good.

Optional 3rd cross track: Good. It will help to get the cross tracklayers out of the field.

Not using the alternate track as an additional track: Okay.

Writing date and place on back of ribbons: Excellent idea.

Dog vests: We felt a protective vest (protective of coat or from hunters) should be permitted any time of year. Vests probably don't affect the dog's ability to track.

Requiring test draw time to be on front of premium: We found the statement vague. Does this mean the draw for which entries get into the test, or the draw for tracks? There already is a large amount of information on the front of the premium: entry limit, closing date and time, test date and place, show hours, and secretary's name and address.

Keeping both judges' maps for each track: We found the statement vague. Does this mean that both judges have to draw their own maps instead of possibly copying from one another if necessary?

Tracking Instinct Test: This may not be the right vehicle to encourage tracking. We do not believe the test described will demonstrate tracking ability; it could discourage some. Why would a handler purchase a harness for one test; the dog usually has to learn to wear the harness. Some dogs may have difficulty working for a strange handler, particularly if they have been trained by one handler in other performance events. The experience of several of Lenape's long-term members shows that it can take a dog three short learning tracks before it gets the idea of what it is to do. Lenape does an all-day training seminar to teach handlers to teach their dogs to track; our training does not prepare anyone for the test described.

Intermediate test between TD and TDX: YES! We felt this has long been needed. We eagerly await details on phase-in period and requirements for giving this test. The intermediate test will eliminate the pressure on TDX. VTD will also be helpful for VST exhibitors.

Puppy's 12 Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
The Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas my puppy gave to me Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the third day of Christmas my puppy gave to me Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me Five chewed-up stockings
Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me Six yards of soggy ribbon,
Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me Seven scraps of wrapping paper
Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles
Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me Eight tiny reindeer fragments,
Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings,
Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, My wreath in nine pieces,
Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon,
Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed
My wreath in nine pieces, Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper,
Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, Eleven unwrapped presents
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed, My wreath in nine pieces, Eight tiny reindeer fragments,
Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings,
Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
A dozen puppy kisses And I forgot all about the other eleven days.

Author unknown.

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

Training Session

Saturday, January 8, 2000 - 9:00 - 12:00

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

This training sessions is for members only

Topic : Cold Weather Tracking

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 Jan 4th 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: Peg Forte 908-832-7231 or pegforte@worldnet.att.net

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**.

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

Sunday, February 13, 2000 - 9:00 - 12:00

at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building

This training sessions is for members only

Topic : TDX Starts

The topic will be covered at the beginning of the session,
then we will pair up and practice what was covered.

Please call by February 10th 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.com

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 *

**Please Check out the Feb. 13th Meeting & Program
Flyer In this Newsletter**

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

General Membership Meeting and Program

Sunday, February 13, 2000 1:00 PM

The Nominating Committee will be prepared to put forward the slate of Officers as follows:

President:	Peg Forte	Board Members:	Vicki Brown
Vice President:	Barbara Greenfield		Peter Heide
Secretary:	Mimi Ruch		Joanne MacKinnon
Treasurer:	John Etchells		Karen Oliver
			Bev Olsen

It is only at this meeting that additional nominations can be made from the floor.

The other main topic for discussion will be plans for Tracking Experience Day 2000.

Lunch will be available after the Training Session is over. LTC will provide soup, bread, beverages, and desserts. *We promise that the soup will be hot this year.* We hope you will be able to stay for lunch, the meeting and the program.

Please be sure to call Peg Forte (908-832-7231) if you are going to be attending the training session and staying for the meeting so we have enough soup, etc. for everyone.

Guests are welcome at the lunch, meeting, and program and as spectators at the training session- but please let us know if someone is coming with you.

If inclement weather is threatening for the 13th please check to see if the meeting has been changed to the snow date of Feb. 20th - call:

Barbara Greenfield at 973- 696-8787 or Peg Forte 908-832-7231

A message will be on both their answering machines regarding the status of the meeting.

Program: 2:00 PM

Lebanon Township Municipal Building*

Sue Greenbaum

Sue is the owner of Barking Hills Country Club, an obedience trainer and trainer of assistance dogs. She will talk to us about training assistance dogs. In addition she will discuss what type of dogs are suitable for this work. A guest with an assistance dog will accompany Sue.

Guests are welcomed at the program and at the meeting.

** Please see directions on the flyer for the Feb. Training Session*