



Common Scents

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey
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The President's Message...

Well summer is finally over, now maybe we will have some nice tracking weather for a while before winter really sets in. On Oct. 19 we had a training session here in my fields and a good time was had by all. You members out there that do not take advantage of these training sessions are really missing out on a good thing. It is an opportunity to train your dogs in a different place with new tracklayers and you get a chance to meet with some of your fellow club members. The session dates and times are always listed in the Common Scents so you cannot say you do not know when they are. I hope in the future more of you will take advantage of it. Our 2003 TD test is now history. I was unable to be there, but I am told it was a success as usual with 4 passes and 4 fails. Our next item coming up is our TDX test on Dec. 7th. If you have never seen a TDX test, you should come out and watch this one. Also, we will need people to lay track and cross tracks. If you are interested in helping out give John Etchells a call. This message is rather short, hopefully next time I will be talking about those who passed the TDX!! I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Bev Olsen



Please Note...

Have you changed your address, phone number or email? Please let us know in order to keep the membership list accurate and up-to-date.



Important Dates...

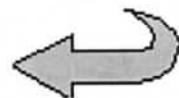
TDX Test

December 6 - Plotting of Tracks

December 7 - Test Day

**TRACKLAYERS NEEDED for
TRACKS and CROSS TRACKS!!**

**February 18, 2004 - Lenape General
Membership Meeting and Track Layers
Certification Workshop** Snow Date 2/21/03



Lenape's Training Day

What a good day...good weather, good tracks and good friends...Lenape's training day was a lot of fun!



**Well, at least the dog knew
where the track was!**

**A glove for a ball.
Now that is a sweet deal!**



A variety of breeds were in attendance: Doberman Pinscher, German Shepherd, Labrador Retriever, Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Rottweiler and Rhodesian Ridgeback. As the dogs worked, you could see that each had a slightly different style but all were very eager to get the job done...or at least get to the treat at the end!



Look What I Found!

There was quite a turn out. Lenape members Bev Olsen, Teryl Lebkuecher, Martha Windish, Eve Nelson-Barry, Diane Thompson, Marilyn Mueller, and perspective members Mary Cleary and Claire Gelok.

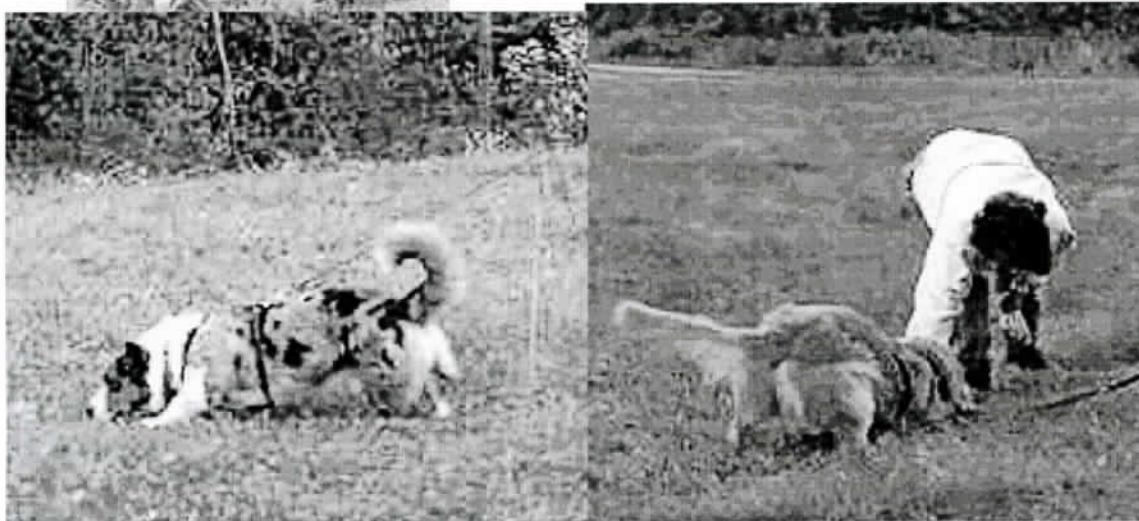
**I know I left that glove
around here someplace!**



Lenape's Training Day



Tracking is a sport better done with others. Give a fellow Lenape member a call to go out and track. The hour doesn't seem as early or the weather as cold when you are meeting a friend.



Mace Goes to Massachusetts

I entered Mace, the Cardigan Welsh Corgi, in the Tracking Club Of Massachusetts trial on October 28, 2003 and was lucky enough to get one of the 4 tracks being offered. The weather was warm and cloudy, fine for tracking. We pulled the last track which was good since no one else had to wait for Mace (he is rather slow). Up to the start flag, straight to the second flag, past the second flag, still going strong, we are now approaching a house with barking dogs. Mace doesn't like other dogs, he turns and looks at me...not a good thing. He turns around and starts to graze like a cow, I start to chatter words of encouragement to keep him moving forward. After what seemed like way too long and way too many circles, he walked onto the track and off he went to the glove. The judges and gallery then tell me that the barking dogs came onto the field and they grabbed them just in time...THANK YOU GALLERY !!!!

by Teryl Lebkuecher



Ch Cortwyn's Mace Windu, HT, TD

Lenape's Tracking Test

Sunday, November 2...what a great day for a tracking trial. Who would have thought that the temperature would be in the high 70's with bright sunshine? The draw went off at 8:45 am, under the direction of test secretary, **Peter Heide**, leaving the handlers wondering what their field would be like. **Mollie Heide** gave each handler a wish of good of luck and a reminder that lunch would be waiting upon their return.



Judge Judy Edwards



Judge Beth Goodbody



Chief Tracklayer John Etchells

Due to the efforts and talents of the judges and chief tracklayer, the running of the tracks ran smoothly. The fields were all in good condition and all the tracks had similar cover.

The Tracklayers...

Pat Etchells
Anne Macaulay
John Etchells
Teryl Lebkuecher
Peter Heide
Alice Crans

We still need tracklayers so some of these folks don't need to walk two tracks!!!!



Lenape's Tracking Test



Even though not all the entrants passed, each dog and handler did their very best. Experience was gained by everyone. The handlers should be proud of their dogs.



Does Lenape always have these brownies? Can I come back next year and judge?



**Vice President
Alice Crans**

Two Rottweilers, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, a West Highland White Terrier, a German Shepherd, a Doberman Pinscher, a Bernese Mountain Dog and a German Short Haired Pointer were the dogs of the day. It is always a pleasure to see a small dog follow the track with just as much determination as a larger dog. Are these dogs (pictured below) cute or what?



Newsletter Deadline

You have something to contribute,
I'll get it in!!!! Send to OneDobe@aol.com.

"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful." *Ann Landers*

The Rotties' TDs

by Diane Thompson

November 2, 2003 was one of the most memorable and exciting days in my involvement in dog sports. Both Georgia von Wittenhaus, BH TR1 and Atlas von der Graf, FDX "Jack" received their TD's. What made this so outstanding for me was that it has been one long hard trip!

First I was involved with Schutzhund then AKC Obedience and Tracking then back to Schutzhund now on to AKC tracking, Rally-O and flyball. I have to admit my all time favorite dog sport is, as my husband calls it, 'dogs sniffing grass'; tracking. Sunday was many years of hard work, sweat and tears, all falling into place and having two great dogs both get titles.

Back in February, I decided to attend Lenape's Tracking Experience day to find out more about AKC tracking. One of the smartest things I've ever done. There I met a group of very talented and experienced AKC tracking folks. In spite of the rain it was a most informative day. Having come from a Schutzhund tracking background I saw the difference between AKC and Schutzhund tracking styles and training. The food for the participants was amazing!!

From the time of the Tracking Experience Day I have been tracking with Teryl and Bev from Lenape and decided to put both dogs in for their certifications. Another great day, a great judge Jacob Kay and beautiful tracking fields, both dogs received their certifications. Georgia with her just about perfect tracking style except for when she let me know I forgot to put food on the track, but she got back to work and found the glove with style! Then there was Jack with his *we are going to go this way* and there is no stopping him, who needs a gym when you have Jack, but he always manages to find the glove! Trust your dog!! The hospitality from Peter and Mollie Heide was fabulous, welcoming everyone into their beautiful home and the food was amazing!!! Breakfast and lunch, what more can you ask for.

On to right before the test, I sent in both entries but instructed Peter to pull Georgia's entry if there was going to be a draw. Big mistake, I was read the riot act from Teryl and Bev, enter both dogs. I can follow instruction pretty well, so I went home, contacted Peter and asked him to put Georgia back in. Well there was a draw and Georgia was first alternate, oh well, at least Jack got in. A few days later Peter called, another entry received their TD, Georgia was in. Good thing I listened to Teryl and Bev or I would have been in big trouble!!

Comes November 2, the day of the test, beautiful day, gorgeous tracking fields, super nice judges, Judith Edwards and Beth Goodbody. These two judges made everyone feel very comfortable and gave each dog every opportunity to complete their track. It was great to see all the different tracking dogs. Again, the hospitality was great as were the tracklayers.

Come time to draw for tracking slots, Georgia gets the third track, Jack the fourth track. Georgia starts off with her "oops you forgot the food again", but does get to work, on our second corner I was sure the track went straight but she was sure it turned, trust your dog, so I followed her, of course she was right, onto the glove with her picture perfect style. I'm sure her dad V-3 Baddy vom Colonius, Sch 3 was smiling down on her. You go girl!

Then on to Jack's track, what can I say, if you blink you will miss his tracking. Sometimes you need the strength of 10 men to hang on to him. He never ceases to amaze me. He is a dog you really have to learn to trust and read on the track and trust him is a must, he knows where the track is going and always finds the end. He has such drive and intensity on the track or for anything else he does. Love that dog!

Now I have a new set of goals for the amazing rottweilers from Rottiecentral, TDX's and any other tracking titles we can get. The most important thing to remember is to just have fun, it's just dogs sniffing grass, which they love to do anyway!

Thanks to everyone at Lenape Tracking Club for making this all possible for me.

Namaste

Jack FDX, TD!!!! and Georgia BH, TR1, TD

Lucy's TDX

By Karen Oliver

past Lenape Member

Sunday morning, it's raining. That's not so bad is it? Labs like the rain. I'm #3 in the catalog. At the draw, guess which track we get - #6- the last one. Just my luck, but I figure with all the rain at least it won't be hot and humid. It just doesn't help to wait around, seeing other dogs pass/fail and getting more nervous by the minute. First dog passes, a very serious tracker it looks like. Second dog starts out well, but misses a turn. Third dog goes very fast and passes. By this time the rain has slowed to a mist. Fourth dog goes off on a cross track. Fifth dog gets sucked into the woods and can't recover. My turn. Lucy starts and then circles to check the scent. Immediately, I guess I was picking up the article at the flag; I have the lead tangled under her back leg. I think "Bad Lead Handling 101" and grimace. I hope she'll circle again so I can get her untangled. Then, she looks back at the gallery! She never does that! Then she circles and I lower the lead to untangle her. We're off. Down the first leg, the second, we find a drop on the third. I pick it up and wave, put it away and continue. Lucy checks right, head up, then continues fast, circles further on, then turns. Across a dirt road, into the edge of the woods, then out into a small field. We keep going along the edge of the woods. She indicates another article. I pick it up and wave with it again. I think- now if we (me) can just hold it together until the final article. Lucy suddenly decides to drift to the right, uphill. That can't be right, I'm still at the drop area. I make her commit and she comes back and we go on. Then she tries it again! Must be the cross tracks (I find out later it wasn't). Lucy, find your glove. I don't know if I said it out loud or not, but she puts her head down and starts tracking. Another turn and we go up through some high weeds. Another turn, I'm thinking, we must be close to the end, and then I try not to think that. Just keep looking at what Lucy's doing. Suddenly, she puts her head up and takes a sniff, comes back to me, then turns and starts tracking again. Then she stops, looks at me and puts her head down again. Dare I look? It is! The glove at the end! I pick it up, wave it and finally turn around. The judges come up and congratulate us, Lucy's smiling and jumping and trying to kiss everybody on the nose. The tracklayer comes over, the gallery. It's a happy day for Lucy and I! We got our TDX.



Congratulations Lucy & Karen



***Earning a TDX...a wonderful
accomplishment for dog and
handler.***

Lenape's Proposed New Members

The following person(s) have applied for membership in the Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey. They have fulfilled all of the requirements of new members and will become members in 30 days from the mailing of this newsletter unless we receive written comments as to why they should not become a member.



Claire Gelok
531 Rt. 519, Blairstown, NJ
(908) 459 - 4798
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Recommended by Bev Olsen and Teryl Lebkuecher

Welcome New Lenape Members:

Gina DeAlmeida	Joanne Belles
Linda Federici	Patti Cassidy
Diane Thompson	

Points of Interest...

Intro to Tracking Clinic with Celeste Kelly

April 3 & 4, 2004 -FMI: Australian Shepherd Club of New England,
<http://www.unix.oit.umass.edu/~ascne/> - Look for when their 2004 schedule is posted.



Braggs and Tidbits

Every weekend you are out doing something with your dog...tell us about it, send us a photo.



Laurie Shuren... WOW !! The Australian Shepherd Crew was busy. Miles won his class at the ASCA National Specialty, Sept. 25. MeMe finished her NADAC/ASCA Jumpers-Vet title Oct. 12th. Willy got another leg in NADAC/ASCA Novice Regular Agility Oct. 11. Willy and Meme earned their NADAC Novice Jumpers agility title this fall.



Lillian Puchalski... Sparky the Sheltie got his CD at Newton Kennel Club Trial, finishing with a 3rd place. He is now Triumph Littleman Of Larlill, CD, CGC, TDI.

Lisa Pattison... at the GSASA NADAC/ASCA agility show, Australian Shepherds Murphy, Shelby, and Lacey earned 22 placement ribbons. 13 firsts, 6 seconds, 2 thirds, 1 fourth And 7 new titles! Yippee! Lacey earned her AKC open jumpers title and open standard title. She placed first in the open standard class finishing 20 seconds under time! She also placed third in excellent standard. Murphy earned a third place in open jumpers. They did a wonderful job considering Lisa was hobbling around on the course far behind them still recovering from knee injury.



Peg Forte... Light-foot's Deacon was tied for 1st place in Front & Finish for 2002 flat coat retrievers / Excellent A JWW based on his 3 qualifying runs earning a AXJ, each leg earned with a different handler! Irwin Linker handled Deacon for a MXJ leg in October.

Peter Weber... Sunshine the Cardigan Welsh Corgi earned an Herding Tested title in November.
Not Baaaaad!

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In Remembrance...

Ch. Chesabar Sandra Kodiak CDX, TD, WD CGC, TDI



Loved by James Friedl

Jim and Kodi

Kodi was a very smart dog and loved to work. Of all the dog events that we participated in, tracking was no doubt her favorite. I am often reminded of the great enjoyment both Kodi and I had during our training and ultimately accomplishing her TD. Kodi was 2 legs short of a JH was 12 years old and one month to the day of her passing.

New Member Profile

Hi, I am a new member to the Lenape Tracking Club. I live in Moorestown, NJ. My breed is Norfolk Terriers. I have 2 bitches, a 5 year old and a 2 year old. Both of my dogs are confirmation champions and my older dog is a Master Earthdog. We are working on agility titles as well. I also recently started hunting my dogs to woodchuck. It is really interesting to see the dogs go in the holes and realize what great instincts they possess. I have learned to handle a shovel and a post hole digger, something I never even picked up before this.

As for myself, I am single and just have the 2 dogs. I am a dental hygienist and work for 2 dentists in my area. As for my interests if I am not doing something with my dogs I am in Disney, I am a HUGE Disney fan and go down to Florida a few times a year just to check on the park and Mickey. I enjoy traveling and as most of my friends will agree I am always going somewhere, can not think of many places I would not go. For instance, this summer I accompanied my uncle to Kansas for the world F.I.T.A.S championships. That was quite an eye opener. Kansas is really flat.

As for tracking, I only began last year at TED and I had a such a wonderful time with the dogs and with all the members of Lenape. I knew tracking was something I would to get involved in. My two dogs are plugging along, we get a little distracted in the spring with all the scents out there but they are doing well. I am hoping to come to more events and to earn a TD with my dogs sometime next year.

Broady



River



Lini Federici

Norfolk Terriers
Hunting !