



# Common Scents

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## ***President's Message***

This is a difficult message to start and I expect will be harder at the finish.

As many of you know, I emphatically stated I would take the job [president] for the two year term. *Fini*. After all, I had had almost three years earlier as the VP, and a few before that as a very active board member, and I was definitely looking forward to a break. (Don't worry – I still am....). I just didn't think it would be difficult to let go of the "lead".

It has been a pleasure being an officer in Lenape. So many people work for the organization on so many different levels, and everybody just comes through when necessary! And, I find most people actually like each other – pull for each other – help each other, which makes life a lot easier from an administrative standpoint. (There's not a dog I haven't rooted for....)

On the other side of the dollar (inflation), I can now pay a little more attention to the fuzzy one at the other end of another lead, and she deserves all the attention I can give her just now. I will also be spending a lot more time with the Red Cross now that I am a liaison to our Office of Emergency Management, and Disaster Assessment Lead for Central New Jersey. But, what a great position to be in regarding the fate of animals caught in dire straits. If anyone is interested in helping out at a shelter, let me know. My hope is to have people ready to serve with animal sheltering and rescue on every community emergency rescue operation in Hunterdon, Mercer, and Somerset counties.

So, yes, I am stepping down as President in March, and will hang in on the board for a year to help the new president. You can certainly expect me to continue to volunteer to lay track as the occasion demands (and my appendages allow). But, I am happy to delegate the whip to Carol Shields (who can wield it much more effectively than I), and I will be delighted to serve the organization in future wherever I am able. I do hope that all members will continue to support the goals of Lenape, and work to help each other wherever possible. Tracking is a solitary sport, and we need all the encouragement and assistance we can get.

I do hope to see you all at the Soup, Salad and Speaker lunch in February....And best wishes for a wonderful and productive 2007.

*Alice Crans*

### ***Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey***

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## ***Record Keeping***

Calling all members, past present and future – if you are ever interested in becoming a tracking judge, it is important for you to keep track of all the tracking tests you have participated in as a track layer or cross track layer. Those people certifying as tracking judges must have actually laid a certain number of TD and TDX tracks before they are allowed to become provisional judges. This requirement is in addition to a number of others, in addition to the various titles on your dogs, participation in seminars and other requirements.

Lenape is just starting to keep track of everyone's tracks – the date of the test, conditions, and whether or not the dog passed. Meanwhile, feel free to dredge up any remembrances of tracks passed and let a board member know. We'll add it to our data base.

Also, elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of people who have taken the track layer certification class with either John Etchells or Teryl Lebkeucher. Please check to see if your name is listed. If you have taken the class, and it is not listed, this does not mean you failed, it just means we slipped up. And we really want to know so we can hound you come tracking test time.

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### ***Lenape Tracking Club Members Certified for Laying Track***

#### **Previous Years (still active with the club)**

Alice Crans \* CTLq  
Gina DeAlmeida\*  
John Etchells\* - CTL  
Pat Etchells\*  
Peg Forte\* - CTLq  
Claire Gelok  
Barbara Greenfield\*  
Peter Heide\* - CTLq  
Melody Kist  
Teryl Lebkeucher\*  
Marilyn Mueller\*  
Beverly Olsen\*  
Lisa Pattison\*  
Jeff Pierce\*  
Amy Rocco  
Mimi Ruch\*  
Carol Shields\* - CTL  
Diane Thompson  
Gail Thompson\*  
Martha Windisch

#### **2006**

Janet Doerer  
Donna Ellis  
Alyson Fuge  
Donna Hess  
Christine Landuvt^  
Linda Schmauser  
Charles Schultz^  
Marilyn Taurig\*

*CTL – Chief Tracklayer;*

*q= qualified, but has not served in capacity*

*\* Has laid track in a test*

*^ Certified by Lebkeucher*

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***Please Note...***

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**General Membership Meetings**  
**February & March**  
**dates to be announced**

**Tracking Experience Day**  
April 14, 2007

**Certification Workshop**  
September 22 & 24, 2007

**Tracking Dog Test**  
November 3 & 4, 2007

**Tracking Dog Excellent Test**  
November 10 & 11, 2007

Lenape is hoping to have a huge turn out for the February and March general membership meetings. Several members have earned tracking titles this year and they will be honored at the March meeting. Please plan on coming out for good food and good conversation. The dates are tentatively set for February 17th and March 17th. Confirmation of these dates will be coming.

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# Programs

## ***Speaker information:***

### ***Advanced Canine Rehabilitation Center***

ACR is owned and operated by Ria and David Acciani, both licensed Physical Therapists, whom together have over 20 years experience treating all types of patients. They are one of the first physical therapists in the area to complete the certification coursework in Canine Rehabilitation offered by the University of Tennessee . They have practiced in Sports/Orthopedics, Pediatric, Acute, and Sub acute care prior to applying their skills to canines.

Their love of animals, combined with personal care for their Labrador (Roly Poly), and increasing requests by owners to help with their pets, have led them develop this specialty practice.

Physical Therapy is a graduate degree that focuses on the evaluation and treatment musculoskeletal and neurological dysfunctions. Physical Therapists are trained in many areas to heal and enhance the recovery of our patients. With this background, Ria and David bring special knowledge to Canine Rehabilitation, which only years of experience and advanced training can provide.

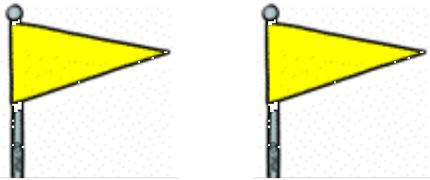
### ***Specializing in Performance Dogs***

Sporting athletes that participate in activities such as agility, obedience, tracking, and flyball, experience extreme stresses on their muscles, joints, ligaments, and tendons. This makes them much more susceptible to injury. These athletes require individualized treatment and exercise programs to maximize and maintain a high level of performance.

### ***Presentation Content***

Ria has specialized in treating/maintaining and rehabilitation of performance dogs for over five years. Many of her patients have greatly benefited from her hands on techniques, stretching, laser and exercise programs. In this presentation she will be addressing the importance of Physical Therapy, proper exercise programs, and stretching the canine athlete. There will also be a demonstration on proper stretching techniques.

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Tracking Titles you earned in 2006.  
Please send information to:

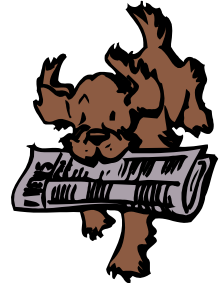
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I'm looking forward to the presenting Common Scents to our club members. Filling Teryl's shoes won't be an easy task, Teryl did an outstanding job on the newsletter.

Please send all articles of interest, brags or news you would like to share with others to...

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## ***Brags and Tidbits***

## ***Any Suggestions?***

The Lenape membership is encouraged to share any suggestions or concerns with the Lenape Board. We are always trying to improve attendance at our events, improve our programs and get more people involved in tracking. You can reach any Board member by phone (listings in this newsletter) or by emailing [info@lenapetrackingclub.org](mailto:info@lenapetrackingclub.org).

- Canine (both ends of the nose) Search and Rescue
- Once more, a Wee One story. My neighbors' golden, "NT" (for "No Tag" – don't ask), is very sweet, active, and verrrry gray. At 13, the dog has already bested the life span of many of his litter mates – including his sister, my Topaz. However, his eyesight isn't great, and he goes downhill a lot faster than uphill – possibly because his hind legs are not always supportive. And, the boy often seems to get confused.
- One Sunday morning last month I got a call from Mr. T's neighbors on the other side, who wondered if we had a young golden, and if Topaz was still around. (Note that we all live on a long hill – lands sloping towards the Rocky Run, which feeds into the Spruce Run.) It seems the man (he's a township police officer) noticed two goldens in the muck of his drained pond, and by his observation, the older dog seemed confused and wobbly (close to getting stuck), and the little one was trying to "herd" him towards our place. By the time I got over to the property, Willow had successfully pushed Mr. T up the hill and into his own yard. (While NT had mucky legs, she was black muck from stem to tail. If mud packs are used by beauty queens, Willow should be gorgeous.) Since NT's rear legs tend to give way occasionally, the neighbors are concerned he may settle down for a long winter's nap where they can't find him.
- A similar event took place a week or so later when the neighbors (OK – the "neighbors" are really my son and his family) couldn't find him once again, but Willow kept coming up to their house, barking and turning towards the back – kept doing it until they followed her. She took them right down to "T", who had sort of lain down – unable to get up. Clearly, she recognized a problem. NT was given his medication, and was fine afterwards.
- Last night, I got a call from my granddaughter, asking if we had seen "T". No. Well, I went out with wee Willow and a flashlight, and told her to "find "T". I followed her and she immediately set a course next door, even ignoring the children who were out with their torches. While I was chatting with my daughter in law searching the front yard, I noticed the Wee One had continued onward – to somewhere. After a few minutes - what to our wondering eyes did appear? But a wee little golden, herding another – up the hill once again! The neat part about this was, she obeyed the command to "Find".
- You read about it in stories, you know the phenomenon exists, but to see the reality – well, it's hard to deny. Willow understood NT's name, she understands when he has a problem and gets help on her own (unless he asks her – which I wouldn't deny either), but most important, she understood what I had asked of her when I said "find...". Clearly (her nose was down) she tracked the dog. And found him. And herded him home.
- Now, that's exciting.
- Alice Crans

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