



# Common Scents

March/April, 2009

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tracking Experience Day**  
..... Saturday, April 4  
..... Pittstown, NJ

**NJFDC Meeting**  
..... Monday, April 6  
..... Somerset, NJ

**TED Follow-up**  
..... Saturday, April 18  
..... Saturday, April 25  
..... Saturday, May 16

**JerryLewis Seminar**  
.. Saturday/Sunday, May 2/3  
..... Flemington, NJ

**Tracklayer Certification**  
..... Saturday, August 8  
..... Lebanon Township, NJ

**Certification Match**  
..... Sunday, September 20  
..... Ringoes, NJ

**TD Test**  
..... Sunday, November 1  
..... Ringoes, NJ

**TDX Test**  
..... Sunday, November 8  
..... Lebanon Township, NJ

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Springtime has always been a time of renewal for me. This year this is especially true. Not only am I retiring from work, I am again taking on the job as President of Lenape. One of my retirement goals was to become active in tracking again. Initially, I thought it would revolve around Diggs, our new Toller puppy, and finally getting out in the field. However, when the nominating committee asked me to become President, I was happy to have the chance to again give back to the sport.

Let me start by thanking Carol Shields for her many years of service as President of the Club! She has kept the Club running well under her stewardship. That is not always an easy task to do. Carol will continue to support the Club as Secretary. I am glad that she will remain an active Board member.

In the club business department, Charlene Bridgwood resigned from the Board after the February general meeting when nominations closed. The Board



held a separate meeting at the March Annual meeting to accept her resignation. In line with the Constitution and By-Laws, the Board voted to ask Janet Doerer to fill out Charlene's term. Janet was at the March meeting and agreed to do so.

One final note. In order to make this Club successful it takes the ideas and thoughts of all its members. The Officers and Board represent you. Please feel free to contact me at:

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with concerns or issues you would like to see addressed. I cannot guarantee we will implement every suggestion, but we will consider them.

Until next time, keep on tracking.

*John*

**President** – John Etchells \* **Vice President** – Anna Burbank

**Secretary** – Carol Shields \* **Treasurer** – Peter Heide

**Board Members** – Alice Crans – Gina DeAlmeida – Janet Doerer – Peg Forte – Joan Luckhardt

**Editor** – Pat Etchells, deerhill.tracking@gmail.com

## MEET THE BOARD: PRESIDENT

John Etchells is returning to active duty in Lenape Tracking Club after an absence of several years. His previous service included a stint as president in the early 90s followed by more than a decade and a half of being treasurer. He has also been chief tracklayer for the match and TD tests – well, almost forever.

After 38 years working at AT&T, most recently as a manager in the Patent Department, John is looking forward to his retirement. Once he has addressed the inevitable

“Honey Do” list, he hopes to have time to make additions to the garden railroad in the backyard.

John’s current canine family contains 5 aging Cocker Spaniels – some homebred, some rescue fosters who stayed. Recently a Duck Toller puppy joined the household, and John is enthusiastic about tracking him.

John and Pat have two grown children. Beth works in bioinformatics for a pharmaceutical company in California. A former Lenape member, she has followed in the family tradition by becoming a worker bee in the local



obedience club where she is training her Pointer. Son Sean is career Army and is enjoying being stateside following a second tour of Iraq.



## THE LENAPE LIST

If you feel that you are missing out on some club news, it may be because you don’t know about the Lenape e-mail list.

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<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/LenapeTrackingClub/>

(as one line – no spaces) and hit the “join” button. You will be walked through the subscription process. (You will need to set up a yahoo-ID in order to join.)

Please note that if you want to receive your future newsletters electronically (see page 4), you will need to be a member of this list in order to access the files.

## I NEVER SAW THE VEHICLE ... CRUNCH -

reprinted from the State Farm Insurance Newsletter via Orlando DTC via Oklahoma City OTC, OCOTC Courier via Des Moines DTC “Waggin’ Tales”

That’s what Highway Patrol officers hear more than 600,000 times a year when a car is struck from behind or the side by a vehicle in the “blind spot.”

Experts say most of these accidents could be avoided if people would adjust their side view mirrors properly. Most people tend to adjust their mirrors so they can see the sides of their own car while sitting in the driver’s seat. That alignment leaves a blind spot for cars that are passing you on either side.

Here’s the solution: To adjust the left side mirror, place your cheek against the side window and adjust the mirror until you can just barely see the left side of your car.

To adjust the right mirror, sit in the center of the front seat and move the mirror until you can barely see the right side.

Once you have done that, you won’t be able to see either side of your own car while sitting in your driver’s seat. But the important thing is you’ll be able to see cars approaching from your rear on either side.

The vehicles will be in your side-view mirrors before they leave your rear view mirror. And they’ll be in your peripheral vision before they leave your side-view mirrors. By adjusting your mirrors properly, you can make you you’ll always know what’s going on around you while you’re driving.



And you’ll never say ... “I never saw the vehicle.”



## AWARDS DINNER



The Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, March 21 at Hampton Junction and provided the attendees with plenty of good food and good company. Peg Forte did a stellar job of organizing the event and acquiring unique personalized trophies.

### AKC TDX

**Joan Luckhardt** - Golden Retriever - Phlaire - (Traeloch's Touched by the Sun RN, CD, TDX)  
Title earned at the Tracking Club of Massachusetts on 10/5/08, handled by Teryl Lebkuecher

**Lisa Pattison** - Australian Shepherd - Lacey - (Propwashelordanan Wildchild VCD2 TDX HSAs AX)  
Title earned at the Burlington Obedience Training Club test on 5/11/08

### AKC TD

**Cheryl Matthews** - Labrador Retriever - Grady - (Rocky Creek's Making the Grade TD)  
Title earned at the West Highland White Terrier Club of America's test on 9/28/08

### OTHER TD TITLES

**Charles Shultz** - Labrador Retriever - Cruiser - (Gullwing PT's Penelope Cruiser TD)  
Canadian TD earned on 8/23/2008 at the EPS Training Associates test  
ASCA TD earned on 11/23/2008 at the Garden State Australian Shepherd Association test

### THE MIKTUS AWARD

**Lisa Pattison** and Lacey - AKC TD - 5/27/01; CKC TD - 9/9/07; ASCA TD - 9/24/06; AKC TDX - 5/11/08

### OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

**Joan Luckhardt** for stepping up to the plate to help organize the 2008 TED when we needed someone new to do the job



**Joan**

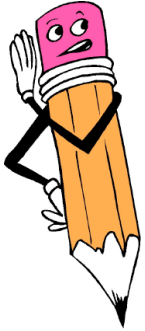


**Lisa**



**Cheryl**

## TIDBITS



JANET DOERER's Malinois **Chase** had a great four days at the Freehold agility trials despite the rain, wind and fog. He ended up with an MX title, two more QQs and 69 MACH points

(to bring his total up to 212 MACH points and 5 QQs.)

DONNA ELLIS's **Sooty** became the first Schipperke to earn a Master Excellent FAST (MXF) title in AKC agility. **Gracie**, while waiting to get into a TDX test, recently earned 5 QQs in 6 AKC trials. She also picked up a USDAA Performance Dog 2 (PD2) title. Also, Donna has a new Schip puppy, **Nick**, who has already done a 140 yard track. He is five months old, and Donna has high hopes for his future.

PEG FORTE's **Torrie** (Pembroke Corgi) finished her Rally Excellent title at the Non Sporting Group Rally trial in November. She got an additional leg at the Lower Camden trial on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Tex** (Flat-coat) earned his first Rally Novice leg at the Non Sporting Group Rally trial. He got his second leg at the Lower Camden trial on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Wyn** (Flat-coat) was shown in the 6-9 puppy classes on Friday and Saturday at the New Brunswick shows on March 20 and 21st. Winning her class both days she went on to be named Best Flat-Coat puppy over older puppies.

**Grady**, Cheryl Matthews' Labrador Retriever, earned his ASCA TD on March 29 at the GSASA test. He also recently earned his first RN leg.

A Spinoni puppy named **Rico** joined SUSAN PALIUS' household last summer and is already starting VST training. He is now showing in breed and earned a RWD at 7 months at his first show. He has since earned 2 RWD to majors, 2 WD/BOB and 3 Best Puppy awards and a major on March 26. And he earned his CGC at 8.5 months. Meanwhile in agility Golden **Jerry** has 8 MXJ legs and has two QQ.

MARILYN TRAUIG reports that her Curly Coated Retriever **Dina**'s kids continue their winning ways. Son Myles moved to England and finished 2nd Special Junior Dog at 2009 Crufts.

MARTHA WINDISCH just got a new Golden puppy. She is now about 9 weeks old and a redhead. Her name is Adirondac South of the Border - call name is **Sobey**. She is from Adirondac Goldens in Mexico, NY (it's south of Canada, whence her name) So now Martha has **Spring** who is 4, **Clue** who is 10 months and Sobey.

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## ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

This first issue I'm preparing is being mailed via s-mail to all members because we don't know how accurate our e-mail address lists are.

What I want to do is resume the practice of sharing all kinds of information among members of the club so that there's a feeling of camaraderie. To this end, I want to include tidbits - SMALL or big brags and news about members and their dogs and their families. This includes - but is not limited to - rally, obedience and agility LEGS; breed POINTS; new puppies; litters; birth of grandkids;

personal milestones. Whatever. Just send me an e-mail at

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If you don't have e-mail, you can mail them to:

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Of course, the tradition of writing an article describing the track where you got your title is still ongoing. If you want to contribute an account of a recent unreported tracking title, I'll be glad to include it when space permits.

Pictures relating to your brags are welcome. This account can handle large attachments, and I know how to crop and scale. And I could scan and return printed pictures

If anyone wants to contribute an original article about dog-related experiences, I'd love to have them. However, we feel that articles which are editorializing or someone's personal opinion should be sent to the e-mail discussion list rather than be included a Club publication.

Future issues will be coming out the first of every even month - so get your articles and brags to me when you have them, and I will include them at the first possible opportunity.

## Opting Out

If you want to read all subsequent newsletters on-line, send an e-mail to deerhill.tracking@gmail.com and I will code our files to not s-mail you a copy. Announcements will be made on the Lenape list when the .pdf files are ready to download.

Pat Etchells, Editor



## TAC

The Tracking Advisory Committee recommendations are on-line at:

[http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/2008\\_tracking\\_advisory\\_committee.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/2008_tracking_advisory_committee.cfm)

Some changes (summarized) might pertain to the tests Lenape currently conducts.

- There are provisions for combined tests – TD, TDX, VST – which can occur on one or two consecutive days. At a two-day test, the draw would determine which day a dog was running.
- Following the draw for who gets into the test, the club will attempt to notify all entrants of the results within 48 hours.
- Clubs will be able to set aside tracks for workers from **past** tests – following criteria identified by the club. A TD test with a limit of from 6 to 8 entries can

shield 2 slots; with a limit of 9, 3 slots can be protected. At the TDX level, a limit of 5 would allow 1 member preference.

- The judging program must provide a cell phone number of someone who will be at the site the day of the test.
- If the judges request them, ground maps of the tracking area must be provided 60 days prior to the test.
- For an unused alternate track to be used as a titling track, it must have been plotted the previous day.
- Dogs with titles will be permitted to enter tests – but would be drawn after

the dogs who didn't have a title at that level. Passing dogs would be permitted to add a number after their title (e.g., TD2).

Interestingly enough, several items which were originally proposed by the TAC and which aroused a lot of comments are not in the final recommendations: the entry level VST test, the requirement to mark the line at 20 feet, and the single flag TD start.

It was not clear when these changes would be implemented, and there didn't appear to be any provision for further comments from the Fancy.

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## PLEASE HELP! (FROM THE INTERNET)

After two long years of being on a waiting list for an exotic rare breed dog, we were finally notified by the breeder that at long last, our number has come up, and... WE'RE HAVING A PUPPY!



We must IMMEDIATELY get rid of our children now, because we just KNOW how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be! Since our puppy will be arriving on Monday, we MUST place the children in new homes this weekend!!!

They are described as:

One male, white, blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Name is Tommy. Temperament tested. Current on all shots. Tonsils removed already and very healthy condition!

Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house trained and gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little time and training, he will do well in a new home

One female, strawberry blonde hair, green eyes. Three years

old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Her name is Mary. Temperament tested, but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on all shots, tonsils out, and is very healthy and happy (mostly.) Gets along well with little boys, but does not like to share toys. She is house trained, and would do best in a one child household.

We really LOVE our children, and want to do what is best for them. I hope you understand, that ours is a UNIQUE situation, and we have a real emergency here! They MUST be placed by Sunday night at the latest.