



# Common Scents

July/August 2009

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Tracklayer Certification

.....Saturday, August 8  
.....Lebanon Township, NJ

#### Certification Match

.....Sunday, September 20  
..... Ringoes, NJ  
.....Judge: Richard Knapp

#### TD Test

.....Sunday, November 1  
..... Ringoes, NJ  
.....Judges: Stephanie Crawford  
.....Jacob Kay

#### TDX Test

.....Sunday, November 8  
.....Lebanon Township, NJ  
.....Judges: Mike Clemens  
..... Art Twiss

It is August and summer is about half over. Our certification match is seven weeks off.

Since my last message Joan Luckhardt and Diane Thompson have run Lenape's training classes. They met with the students for seven Saturdays during June and July. Based upon feedback from the students, they were very pleased with the training. In fact, four of the students were so impressed with Lenape's program that they have applied for membership.

As you may know, AKC has approved an update to the Tracking Regulations. One of the proposals that made its way into the rules was the Test Worker Option, which was mentioned in the previous newsletter. Starting in 2010 we will be able to set aside a limited number of tracks for working club members as defined and identified by the Club. This option would enable some working members to get into each of our tests.

In anticipation of this change, the Board defined a working club member. After much discussion at the last Board meeting, we approved the following policy: In order for member to qualify for the Test Worker Draw, the member would need to work at four (4) club events during a two (2) year period. Examples of work would include helping at TED; tracklaying; chairing a test, match, or seminar; judge hospitality and/or transport, etc., etc. In anticipation of this policy, we have been keeping track of member work contributions starting with this year's TED.

Another bright spot is that we may have an opportunity to hold a VST in mid 2010. It would be in conjunction with an independent seminar. There are a number of factors that need to line up in order for this to happen, but we are optimistic that they will. More to follow in future newsletters.

Hope to see you in or at the Certification match. Until next time, keep on tracking.

*John*

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## MEET THE BOARD: SECRETARY



I began with Lenape in 2001 as a TED participant. Soon to follow were Board Member assignments, the role of Vice President and also President. It was with great pleasure that I was able to chair TED, Certification, and act as Chief Tracklayer for 3 of the Club's TDX tests. My current position is Club Secretary.

I have been involved with Belgian Malinois since 1998, acquiring my first dog UCD Tresbecc Veagas Lights CD, NAP, NJP as an obedience prospect. During the first 3 years of owning Veagas, my husband and I were given a finished champion bitch named Belle. That is when I was first introduced to the world of Conformation Showing. Belle was a wonderful teacher and in 2001, campaigned her to the number 2 Malinois Bitch in the

country, earning her invitation to the first Eukanuba Invitational.

As time moved forward I began to show on a more frequent basis and to date have finished to their Championship 6 of dogs we either own or bred. Shown only by me, my first home-bred, Ch. Tresbecc Phantom Image CD, RA, ATTs HSAs, began his show career at the age of 6 months and was an undefeated champion one month later.

Our dogs compete under the kennel name of "CF Phantom" not only in Conformation, but also have successful achievements in Herding, Obedience and Agility. I am confident that a tracking title is in the not too distant future.

Carol Shields

## MEMBERSHIP

The following persons have submitted an application for membership. He/she will become a member unless the secretary, Carol Shields, 791 Palmer Avenue, Holmdel, NJ 07733, receives any letters of objection within 4 weeks of the mailing of this newsletter.

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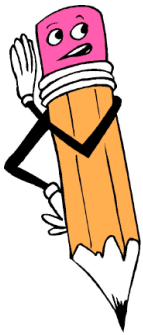
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## TIDBITS

PEG FORTE reports that at the Flat-Coat National specialty in Rhode Island, **Tex** earned his Rally Novice on May 31<sup>st</sup>. 10 month old **Wyn**, placed third in Sweepstakes and second in the 9-12 month class. With her sister Tegan, she placed first in the Brace class.



Peg continues that at the Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi specialty on June 10, **Torrie**, earned her first RAE leg (Rally Advanced Excellent). She placed third in Excellent B and first in Advanced B. She tried the non-regular Rally T Challenge class and placed first.

**Grady**, CHERYL MATTHEWS' yellow Labrador, earned his ASCA TD on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the GSASA tracking test. He completed his RN on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the East Freehold Cluster shows with a perfect 100 score. He is now UCD Rocky Creek's Making the Grade TD (AKC) TD (ASCA) CD-H RN

Sad news from SUSAN PALIUS. "In early July, our lovely 14 1/2 year old Golden **Alex** left us; his death almost certainly due to old age and Cushings. Alex learned how to track when he was 11 years old and although he never certified or tested, he truly enjoyed this game and was quite good at it, taking me down the track with his tail wagging to find his glove and -- even better -- a lovely toy to play with. " But on a happier note, Golden **Jerry** finished his MXJ and his XF on a very exciting weekend in July.

LILLIAN PUCHALSKI writes: After my not being in the obedience ring in 5 years **Dyna** and I "TIERNONGS LARILLS WILD ONE RN CGCTDI HIC" - a Blue Merle Smooth Collie - took a First Place in Novice B at the Del-Otse Nango show on June 25. There's life in the old gal yet as I had just celebrated my 80th birthday. Both Dyna and I are out there working on tracking now.

**Cruiser**, CHUCK SHULTZ'S Black Lab (Gullwing PT's Penelope Cruiser, Am/Can/ASCA TD) had a litter of 8 black puppies (4 boys, 4 girls) on Father's Day weekend. Mom and kids are all doing fine. Mom is eager to get back out into the woods! :-)

MARILYN TRAUIG reports that on June 2, 2009, one of **Dina's** puppies became the first ever in the history of the Curly Coated Retriever Breed to become an Irish and American Champion. Her new name is now: Irish SH CH Am CH European Winners 2009 Landaracurl Royal Princess at Krisbos (aka Sara).



DIANE THOMPSON's Border Collie **Riot** (Quicksilver Q-eye-it Riot, TD, RN) received his 'Herding Championship' at Burlington Kennel Club's herding trial on May 16, 2009.



**Reminder:** Send your news to: [deerhill.tracking@gmail.com](mailto:deerhill.tracking@gmail.com). The next deadline is September 15 because the next issue will be coming out immediately after the match.



## TRACKING 101, BEGINNING TRACKING



**By Joan Luckhardt**  
**Photos By Jim Bunderla**

However, it didn't take long before the students progressed to longer tracks with some age on them. By the sixth week they were laying almost full regulation TD tracks for each other. Tracks had at least two turns, one to the left and one to the right. They also had worked on their handling skills with structured experiences, progressing from short six foot leads to longlines. Students played the article game at home with their dogs as well.

The weekly format has consisted of a brief demonstration of the week's topic; exercises for the students, usually done without their dog; field work with their dog, and homework lessons. Each student received a binder, articles, homework assignments, notes on the week's topic, and related information. Each student left class with binders full of articles, homework sheets, lessons, and track maps they laid for their dogs. Among the topics covered were starting your dog, 's' curve tracks, laying a track, handling, reading your dog, article game, tracking resources, equipment, and next steps after the class.

What a big success!! Students loved the beginning tracking classes!! Renewing the Club's commitment to beginning tracking teams, Lenape launched Tracking 101 classes directly after the last TED follow-up. Classes ran seven weeks from late May through the third week of July. Our intent was to capture the interest from TED to help beginners strive toward that TD. Diane Thompson and Joan Luckhardt were the instructors, and developed a syllabus.

The class was fully subscribed with six teams. Some had attended the most recent TED, some a previous TED; and others tracking was an entirely new sport. Most encouraging is the optimism of the instructors that all the teams who finished the course will go on to earn their TDs. All the dogs tracked, and showed that they enjoyed it.

The course started with student teams doing straight and short tracks, peppered with food.



The instructors plan to continue the classes starting next May and run through mid-July. If you train tracking privately, please let them know if you would be interested in new students after the classes end. If you'd like to help out by presenting your favorite topic, or help a team during the field experience period of the class, please also let the instructors know. As Joan points out, her arthritis is not likely to improve and walking a long way is hard for her. Lastly, if you have articles to recommend to beginning trackers, let the instructors know so that the article can be included in the student packets. Joan's email is [Joan.Luckhardt@verizon.net](mailto:Joan.Luckhardt@verizon.net)

The class ended after field work at the Monmouth Battlefield State Park with a picnic for all the humans. Dogs got hugs.

There was another great benefit to Lenape: most of the class members have applied for membership in the Club.

