



Common Scents

March/April, 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Now that our annual meeting is behind us, Lenape begins its work for the 36th year.

With the annual meeting, we have some changes in your Board. After many years of service to Lenape, Carol Shields has stepped down as Secretary. During her tenure, Carol has been a Board Member, President

and Secretary of Lenape. Carol has chaired multiple TEDs and has been Chief Tracklayer at many of our TDX and VST tests. Carol, thank you for all your help and support over the years.

Coming on the Board is Rose Laubach. Rose welcome to the Board!

In addition to the above changes, we did some shuffling of jobs on the Board - Peg Forte to Vice President, Janet Doerer to Secretary and Anna Burbank to Board Member. As some of you know, Pat and I are planning to move to Oregon once our house sells to be closer to our daughter in the Bay Area. (So if you know anyone looking for a "dog friendly" house, give them our name...) Although it may be some time before we actually move, we wanted to have a Board structure in place for an easy transition for when we move.

As I reported at the Annual Meeting, 2010-2011 was a good year for Lenape. Last year we held a successful TED. In June we held our first VST test with one pass. In September we held our annual certification match where we had ten members'



dogs attempt to certify. In November, our TD test had ten dogs run with five earning TDs. We finished out the year with a six-track TDX test with one pass. Although these efforts are laudable, they did put a dent into our Treasury of about \$2,000.

2011 is shaping up to be challenging year. TED is scheduled for April 9th and we have slots open yet, so if you know someone who may want to attend, please have them contact Peg Forte. In addition to the events reported in the last newsletter, we have finalized plans for our second VST to be

DATES TO REMEMBER

TED & BOD Meeting.....
.....Saturday, April 9

TED Follow-ups
.....Saturday, April 23
.....Saturday, May 14
.....Sunday, May 22

Picnic, General & BOD
Meetings..Saturday, June 25

Tracklayer Certification & BOD Meeting.....
.....Saturday, August 6

VST Test & Meeting.....
.....Sunday, August 21

Certification Workshop & Meeting.....Sunday, October 9

TD Test & Meeting.....
.....Sunday, November 6

TDX Test & BOD Meeting
.....Sunday, November 13

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held on August 21st. We will be returning to Ramapo College for this four-track test. More information on the test to follow.

Since it is still March as I write this message, I just wanted to comment on the PAFTA (Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Association) tracking test Pat & I attended this month in Morgan Hill CA. Since we were out in California visiting our daughter and looking at property in Oregon, we were excited about entering this test. Before the Internet, the primary method of sharing of tracking information was through the newsletter exchange, and for many years Lenape and PAFTA traded newsletters. From these newsletters we learned about the differences in track styles and challenges, such as mountain lions & rattlesnakes in California, while they were interested in ticks & bears that we have run into. The picture I included was taken from the path as we walked to Pat's track. Although mountain lions are in the area, a bigger problem is wild boar (which we saw from a distance at one park). We were

told they will attack you if you get too close.

What was also interesting was how trackers in California train. As many trackers do, they basically follow the Glenn Johnson methodology. This apparently worked for them, as two of seven entrants had CTs and another put his 10th TD on his dogs. What impressed me was how fast the dogs ran the tracks. Diggs ran his track in 7 minutes, and he was one of the slower dogs! Two finished their tracks in about 4 minutes and the dogs did not over run the corners. I talked to some of the participants about this and how they did it. Their comment was to concentrate on motivating the dog. Although we discuss it in our training, they seem much more willing to take a step back in training in order to get the motivation on the track. Something we all should consider.

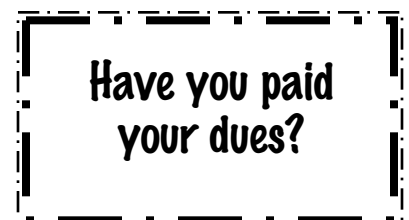
With regard to the test itself, PAFTA did a quality job. They had seven tracklayers for seven tracks. The entire test was held in two areas of a county park. The judges, one of whom was a

Club member, went out the week before to assess the conditions of the fields and to identify areas where thistle and other hazards would make the tracks overly difficult. They plotted interesting tracks, including three through an abandoned orchard (two of the six passes were there). In some cases it was about a mile walk to the tracks. In a few cases the entrants were allowed to drive to the start of the track, some were driven part way, and some just had to walk in. The members were friendly once they got past why someone from New Jersey would drive to California to enter a TD test.

There were a few other interesting differences in their test with respect to hospitality. They had a hot egg and sausage breakfast casserole and tons of other goodies set out when everybody arrived at the park for the draw. But they know that entrants frequently have absolutely no appetite before they run their tracks. So they brought out another piping hot casserole after most of the dogs had run their tracks and before they moved to the other area of the park. That second casserole had a short lifespan because the entrants were starving by then! The other difference was that their post-test festivities were at a No-Host luncheon at a local restaurant.

Until next time, keep on tracking.

John



MEET THE EARLY MEMBERS

Lillian Puchalski – Joined 1981

When my husband asked me to marry him, I had three conditions. I wanted to reach my 21st birthday, have a house in the country and raise Collies. A week after my birthday, we got married and he carried me over the threshold into our new house which he had built. I have had Collies ever since. We hunted and fished together and both loved the outdoors. We spent 54 years together before he passed away from brain cancer.

We had one son, Larry, who is not a dog fancier but he gave me a daughter-in-law, Rocky, who has supported me and my dogs in every way. A granddaughter, who inherited my love for dogs, now has her own training center, Pocono K-9 Kollege. She shows mostly in breed.

I have shown in breed and obedience through the years. I finished Champions in both the USA and Canada.

I got into tracking when I went to a Glen Johnson seminar and people looked at me funny because they thought, "what is she doing here with a Smooth Collie among all the Shepherds and Retrievers?" I think he took pity on me and took me under his wing, and I thank God I was able to get her Tracking Title and let him know before he passed away.

It was about that time I met a woman who I can never thank enough: "Peg Forte." With her wisdom and knowledge she brought me a long way. The club was just starting, and I am so grateful for all the help I have gotten. I know I just cannot do much for them, but they are always so kind to me.



I have put tracking titles on Smooth Collies and Golden Retrievers. Hopefully the next one will be a yellow Lab.

I think my most memorable moment was when I was showing a big blue Rough Collie in Canada. We were showing in both Breed and Obedience. I had taken my class in breed and was in the Obedience ring doing sits and downs when they called my number to go back in the breed ring for Winners Dog. We had just finished the sit when the steward came over and asked the judge if I could go back in the breed ring. The judge said yes and held up the long down. We ran into the breed ring with an Obedience lead on, scarfing some liver from the handlers. He took Winners Dog for 5 points and finished his Championship. We then ran back to Obedience did the long down and with that he got his Companion Dog title. I could not have thanked that judge enough.

If it was not for my family and friends, I would never have reached the age of 81 and still be able to do all the things I do today.

Thank you everyone and GOD BLESS YOU.

Lillian

MEMBERSHIP

The following person has submitted an application for membership. She will become a member unless the secretary, Janet Doerer, 5 Woodland Way, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889, receives any letters of objection within 4 weeks of the mailing of this newsletter.



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Border Terriers – Val, Alex

Sponsors

Nancy Grove
Judy Todd

Attended

2010 Picnic
2011 Awards Dinner

AWARDS DINNER

The Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner was held on Sunday, March 27 at the ARC Community Room. Yummy trays of Italian food from Goodfellas made sure nobody went away hungry, and cakes from Costco appealed to everyone's sweet tooth. The members who attended all had a great time!

Lenape had an unprecedented number of dogs who had earned tracking titles, and owners were thrilled with the figurines Peg Forte found for them.



AKC TDX

Cheryl Matthews – Labrador Retriever - Grady - (Rocky Creek's Making The Grade CDX RE TDX JH)
Hudson Valley Tracking Club - 4/18/10
Chuck Shultz – Labrador Retriever - Cruiser - (Gullwing PT's Penelope Cruiser TDX)
Hudson Valley Tracking Club - 4/18/10

AKC TD

Jim Bunderla - Golden Retriever - Gus - (Farm Fresh BR Jersey Supreme TD)
Lenape Tracking Club – 11/7/10
Pat Etchells - Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever - Diggs (Skylark Beachcombin' At Deerhill CD RN TD)
Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Association – 3/13/11
Alyson Fuge - Golden Retriever - Lexi (Jacaranda's Boy Crazy TD)
Gloucester County Kennel Club – 11/28/10
Alyson Fuge - Golden Retriever - Shumba (CH Jacaranda's Lion's Share TD)
York County Dog Training Club – 12/12/10
Nancy Grove - Golden Retriever - Trooper (Farm Fresh Semper Fi TD)
York County Dog Training Club – 12/12/10
Rose Mary Laubach - Golden Retriever - Goldenways Thanks For The Memories TD)
Oriole Dog Training Club – 4/4/10
Joan Luckhardt - Golden Retriever - Belle (Briggs' Amber Belle CD RE TD)
Lenape Tracking Club – 11/7/10
Lillian Puchalski - Smooth Collie - Dyna (Lar Lill Tirnanog Wild One CD BN RE TD)
Lenape Tracking Club – 11/7/10
Chris Spiniello - Doberman Pinscher - Bogey (Blue Chip Reign Of Fame RN TD)
Lenape Tracking Club – 11/7/10
Martha Windisch - Golden Retriever - Clue (Harborwynd's The Riddle TD JH)
Lenape Tracking Club – 11/6/09

OTHER TDX TITLES

Gina DeAlmeida - Rottweiler - Toro - (CH Nordikes Nothing But The Best CD RE TDX)
Canadian TDX – Mountain City Obedience Club – 9/10/10
Chuck Shultz – Labrador Retriever - Cruiser - (Gullwing PT's Penelope Cruiser TDX)
Canadian TDX - 2010

OTHER TD TITLES

Gina DeAlmeida - Rottweiler - Toro - (CH Nordikes Nothing But The Best CD RE TDX)
ASCA TD - Garden State Australian Shepherd Association – 4/11/10
Peg Forte – Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Torrie - (Rocky Creek's Making the Grade CD RA TD)
ASCA TD - Garden State Australian Shepherd Association – 5/28/10

THE MIKTUS AWARD

Cheryl Matthews and Grady
Chuck Shultz and Cruiser

TREKKIN' TO TRACKIN'

By Pat Etchells

Okay, Diggs should have done it at the Lenape test, which we were able to get in because of the test-worker option. But he was more interested in investigating the deer beds than in tracking that day. So we had to find another test - but I don't have a lot of talent when it comes to getting into other clubs' tests. Then I had a harebrained idea that tests at the end of the tracking season in California might be easier to get into. We needed to go to Oregon, so we scheduled the trip around the Palo Alto test, just in case the pool of entrants was down to a point where we might make the draw.

While we were in Oregon taking care of our business, we learned the results of the draw: we were first alternate in the test. That's better than we had done in the East - and if they plotted the alternate as a titling track, we stood a fair chance of actually getting a chance to run!!!

Now we faced the situation that the last track Diggs had run was in January when there was about six inches of snow on the ground. We needed to get his nose out in California cover - but it was really hard to find.

We were able to walk around the tracking site to see what the cover was like, but the park didn't let non-members of the club off the trails. In desperation, John put down a track in a city park which had lush grass - under the assumption that ANY track would be better than no track. Maybe, maybe not. After Diggs investigated mattress stuffing (probably left by a homeless person) and flushed a cat up a tree, his concentration was pretty much shot. And then he saw baseball practice going on across the street - and any self-respecting Toller knows that balls are meant to be retrieved... But he did finish the track - sort of.

We then got an e-mail from the club saying that they had had two withdrawals, and Diggs absolutely had a slot!!! The pressure was on! We managed to drop into a tracking class being held in cover fairly similar to that of the test. It was different from what he'd tracked in at home, but it didn't take him long to figure out that the same principles applied: just ignore the background scent and concentrate on what was by the first flags.



Test day was overcast and in the 50s with not much wind. It hadn't rained in the past few days, but the ground was still moist from a wet winter. I drew Track 5. The first three tracks were in an old orchard. We hadn't practiced tracking between trees, so I'm glad I didn't draw one of those tracks. Two of the dogs in the orchard did a beautiful job tracking, so I was absolutely dumbfounded to hear the whistle, "tweet, tweet, tweet." The locals were quick to point out that in California three tweets is the signal of a successful track!

The long-distance tracking theme extended to our track. It was about a mile from where the cars were parked, but I wasn't too upset, because the walk in gave Diggs time to burn up a little energy. His track was in a field with sparse knee-high cover and almost no thistle. He charged up to the start flag and put his nose down and took off. Of course he did his usual checking out everything on the first leg, then got into the groove. He circled and jumped around at the corners a bit, then motored down the legs. And in true Diggs fashion, at what turned



out to be the last corner, he stared back at the gallery with a look on his face, “why aren’t you applauding?” Then he got back to tracking. It seemed like no time and there was a glove ahead of us - and he pounced on it! I took it from him and waved it, then gave it back to him so he could carry it to the crowd and show it off.

Of course, the journey to a title involves a lot of prep work. Diggs sends Toller kisses to all the Lenape members who

provided support, and especially Chris for letting him track in her fields; Nancy, Jim, Sandy and Judy, who laid numerous tracks for him; Peg for giving us the squeaky toy “foot” which was the reward in his practice track gloves (and back at the car at the test); daughter Beth who provided hospitality in California and drove us all over Santa Clara County looking for practice fields; and of course my husband John, who was involved every step of the way.

And I can’t help thinking that there should be one more long-distance acknowledgement. Richard Knapp from Florida had certified Diggs and had kept in touch via e-mail in the ensuing months, giving us encouragement and making suggestions about Diggs’ training. Even though Richard passed away about a month before the test, I know that he was there in spirit - cheering Diggs on.

TIDBITS



Daisy, CD



Pippin, CDX/TD

May 25, 1995 – February 16, 2011
Greatly missed by the Etchells

PEG FORTE reports that her Flat-Coated Retriever **Wyn** (StormWatch WhirlWynd) was WB for 2 points at the Delaware County KC in York, and she got another 2 points at Bronx County. Her father VBOS The Kentuckian was Best in Show at Crufts.



ROSE LAUBACH’s Golden Retriever **Hope** got her second CD leg at First Dog and was HS Golden in Novice B.

AMY NOVAK’s Malamute **Layla** has been busy. On 2/4 she finished her Novice FAST title with a 3rd place. She got the title in four tries with three placements: two 1^{sts} and one 3rd. On 2/19 she got her first Open FAST leg with a 2nd and her first Novice Jumpers leg with a 4th. (It was a clean run with no errors.) On 2/20 she got the second Open FAST leg with a 3rd. On 3/1 she earned her Novice Trick Dog title and is the first Malamute to get that title. Then on 3/27 she went to her first obedience trial and got the first leg toward the Beginner Novice title with a 2nd place. She is now Owyhee’s Spirit in the Night, CGC, TDI, TT, NA, NJ, NTD.



JUDY TODD had a great weekend at the Wildwood shows. At Union County, Border Terrier **Merlin** was BOB. Then at Sand & Sea, Merlin got two legs on his RA title. And **Raisin** qualified in RA & RE to earn her first RAE leg.

And Raisin was best Border Terrier bitch in Veterans



Merlin



Raisin