



Common Scents

September/October, 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It has been a while since I have had to write a President's message, so here goes.

Pat and John are now in Oregon, making new friends, finding dog clubs and a train venue for John to enjoy his hobby. We all wish them luck in Oregon.

Now to the reality ... John and Pat have done so many of the jobs at the events for many years. It will take many people to take their places.

We need tracklayers for all three fall events, and a chief tracklayer for the TD test and the TDX tests. And people to take care of bringing food for the events on the test days. Jim and Nancy have volunteered to feed us at the Oct. 9th Certification

Workshop. But we need someone to do the food for the TD and TDX tests. And to get food for the judges and tracklayers on the plotting days.

Remember, working at any of the events will earn you worker credits which gives you the opportunity to have a chance to get one of the worker tracks at the tests.

We are still looking for more tracklayers for the Certification Workshop, plotting on Saturday, Oct. 8th in the fields around the Solberg Airport in Readington Township. Janet Doerer was able to get us permission to use this great site. Our judge Diana Reich will be plotting 6 tracks and an alternate. Contact Chief Tracklayer George Laubach at 732-431-1169 to volunteer.

The TD test, with judges Mike Clemens and Diana Reich, on Sunday, Nov. 6th will also be held in the fields around the Solberg Airport.

The site for the TDX test is still to be determined as many of our usual sites are not



useable this year. We need to have enough land for 6 TDX tracks and an alternate. If you have any ideas of where we can do the test please contact any one of the officers.

The Board has appointed George Laubach to the Board to fill out one of the open positions until March 2012. The Board will be meeting on Oct. 3rd and will be appointing another person to serve on the Board until March 2012.

Hoping to see many of you at our fall events.

Peg Forte

DATES TO REMEMBER

Certification Workshop & Meeting.....Sunday, October 9
TD Test & Meeting.....
.....Sunday, November 6
TDX Test & BOD Meeting
.....Sunday, November 13

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MEET THE BOARD



I was born on June 29th many years ago and waiting for me was a 6 month old Irish Setter named Mickey who was a Christmas present for my

older sister. Mickey never left my side. In fact, when I crawled I did it on all fours, imitating her and my first word was not Mommy but "woof". Except when I went to school, she was my constant companion for 14 years. This experience gave me my love for dogs. Along the way there were several other dogs - a Poodle, an English Setter, a Beagle, Siberian Huskies and Golden Retrievers. Probably the most significant dog was a black and white, blue-eyed Siberian Husky named Lady. She was a birthday present I gave to Rose Mary, and she loved her. Lady was major influential in leading to our marriage.

Although I did not "handle" the dogs, I always supported Rose Mary's varied interests

in the dog world. When we did sledding/mushing I built or repaired rigs. With agility, I built the equipment. In conformation, I studied movement. In obedience, I became the "proof" man. And when it comes to track laying, I have covered miles, not yards. Then one day I began to track with Willie, and it became "Willie and Me". We got our TD in November 2009 - my first title. So although I have been a "behind the scenes" guy for most of my dog career, my experience is varied. Having been on many Boards of Directors in my professional career, I look forward to taking on this new challenge as a Board Member with Lenape Tracking Club.

George Laubach

IN MEMORY OF CHARLOTTE SCHWARTZ

Charlotte Schwartz was one of the early members of Lenape and played a big part in establishing our TED program. We still include one of her articles, "No Secrets in Tracking, Please" in our Special Newsletter handout. She was featured in "Meet the Early Members" in the November/December 2010 newsletter.

The club e-mail account recently received this message:

"To all of you who know Charlotte Schwartz,

I write with a heavy heart to inform the club that Charlotte Schwartz passed away on September 5, 2011, at her home in Fort Myers, Florida.

She died peacefully in her sleep after a busy day as usual.

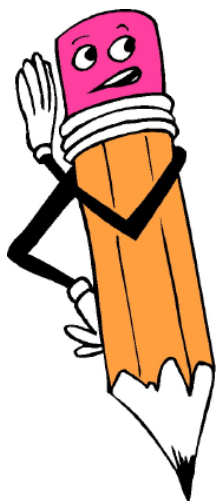
I was privileged to be her close friend for the last sixteen years and know how much she treasured her involvement with your club from the pride in her voice when she spoke about obtaining the first tracking title from your club with her Ibezian Royal.

Her grandson put together a lovely tribute that you are welcome to view at www.valleyoflife.com/CharlotteSchwartz. Please do post comments and remembrances of this remarkable woman.

Kind Regards,
Annette Arnold"



TIDBITS



HOWARD CUSTER reports that his Chessie **Ginger** (Custer's Commander Ginger CD, RA, Therapy Dog) earned her RA Rally title on September 22 at the specialty show in

Carlisle, PA. Then in dock diving, on September 24, her first jump was 13' 2" for second place in the junior division and her second was 14' 10" for first. Then her third jump was 15' 1", which advanced her to the senior division.



PEG FORTE's Flat-coated Retriever **Wyn StormWatch WhirlWynd** completed her AKC CH on August 14, 2011. On September 3, she was Winners Bitch at the Flat-coated Retriever Society of Canada's specialty in Halifax, Nova Scotia, earning five of the ten points needed for a Canadian Championship.

Flat-Coat Light-foot's Texas Two Step (**Tex**) earned his Canadian Rally Novice title, with scores of 100, 97 and 96. He earned first place with the 100 and high in class. He also earned his Canadian CD with placements in all three classes; scores were 188, 190.5 and 183.



At the PWCCA specialty in Lancaster, PA, in late September, Jimanie's Golden Touch, **Torrie** earned her Novice Fast agility title, qualified in Rally Advanced, and was 4th in the Veteran's Sweeps, 8-10 class.



On September 3, JANET KELLY's Bloodhound **Steeler** (Wynbrook Apogee Ironclad Oath, MTI) earned his AKC Championship at the age of 14 months and in grand style, finishing with his 4th major and going BOB. With limited showing, he finished with all majors - two 5-point, one 4-point, and one 3-point, twice taking the Breed over same-sex Specials. After "moving up" the next day at Sussex Hills, he took Select Dog and earned his first major and first event defeating Specials toward his Grand Championship.

JUDY TODD reports that September 24/25, the Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Washington, DC, held an Earthdog test on the beautiful Maryland Eastern Shore. Border Terrier **Merlin** (Ch. Greywoode Merlin, SE,OA,NAJ,RA,VX) was entered in the Master Earthdog class each day. He qualified on both days, earning the first two legs of the four that he will need for his Master Earthdog title. This was only his third and fourth attempt at this level and he aced the tests with drive and enthusiasm while remaining under control.

RAISIN'S WORKING CERTIFICATE

by Judy Todd

Monday, July 18, 2011, promised to be hot and humid. My friends Richard, with his Dachshund, Huey and terriers Lizzie and Dudley, and Susan with her Border Terrier Tanner and myself with my Borders Raisin and Merlin met at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot of a fairgrounds in Sussex County, New Jersey. We then traveled a short way to a private property, a 270-acre farm where the plan was to rid the homestead area of some destructive groundhogs.

We made our way around a recently mown hayfield and found many dens in the treeline. One was marked as active by Huey. We decided not to dig to this one because of its location around the roots of a large tree. We continued on around the field. The next strong mark was as we were approaching the house again and about 100 yards away from it. It was at a three-hole sett beside a small tree that had grown up on an unmowable slope of the hayfield. Judging by the diameter of the tunnels, it was a very old sett with no bolt holes remaining out in the field.

Raisin entered the den and was soon out of sight. I could hear her as she crawled down into the den and soon engaged the quarry. Using the locator collar that she wore, the location of the confrontation was marked at about 5-6 feet and up-slope (deeper) from the entrance in a sun-baked area of the field. We started off by trying to trench to her, but after 4 feet we gave up and started digging straight down. The first 18 inches was heavy, baked soil and required the digging bar to loosen the soil and then shoveling it clear. After that

it was "regular" digging. Another couple of feet and we broke through into the tunnel right behind Raisin. She was still trying to push herself further into the tunnel complex but I was able to grab her by the base of the tail in one hand and under her hips with my other hand and lift her out of the tunnel.

When she was removed from the tunnel, her muzzle was thickly matted with blood and saliva and mud. There was no movement by the quarry in the tunnel. After some manipulation, Susan was able to reach deeper into the tunnel with the post hole diggers at enough of an angle to grab the quarry, which turned out to be a dead groundhog.

On examination of the principals: Raisin had abrasions on her lips and a badly bruised and torn tongue; the young male (7 pounds 3 ounces) groundhog had a crushed skull.

We back filled the holes and bagged up the quarry. Because we were on the property in order to remove vermin, we saved the groundhog to show to the landowner. The landowner



was very impressed and insisted on getting a photograph of the groundhog and Raisin together so that she could show her husband when he got home from work.

It was now about 11:30 a.m.. We thoroughly watered and cooled off everyone including the diggers. Richard and Susan were going to explore more new areas but I left them and started my 3-hour drive home.

This work was submitted to the American Working Terrier Association, and she was awarded a Working Certificate, her third.

2011 VST

Lenape held its second VST test on August 21 at Ramapo College in Mahwah. Although a good time was had by all, the tracking Gods were not smiling on the dogs who were lucky enough to make the draw, and we had no passes.

A big thanks goes out to the members who came out to make this event happen. Chief Tracklayer **George Laubach** and his four tracklayers

Rosemary Laubach, Gina DeAlmeida, Chuck Shultz and **Gerry Harmer**. **Jim Bunderla** was the photographer and **Nancy Grove** coordinated the food. **Anna Burbank** handled the paperwork. **Cindy Grodkiewicz** provided judge hospitality and **Peg Forte** took her back to the airport.



The gallery



The draw



A yummy lunch

TRACKLAYER CERTIFICATION



Learning the concept of corners



Not a good corner sight marker



Discussing sight markers



The coveted corner marker!

On August 13, four members joined the ranks of certified tracklayers:

Pam Benfield
Mary Christie
Cindy Everett
Cindy Grodkiewicz

Hopefully they will be able to utilize their new skills at the upcoming tests.

Club members who helped out are: **Jim Bunderla, John & Pat Etchells, Peg Forte, Nancy Grove, Sandy Hembrecht, George Laubach** and **Judy Todd**.

FROM THE LEFT COAST

As promised, some notes of our relocation from New Jersey to Oregon.

I-80: the trip was pretty much just a challenge to stay awake – five days of cranking out miles, trying to keep John's car in sight. (And figuring out how to get gas into my van when no two pumps and no two credit card readers were the same!)

It wasn't until we got off I-80 in Nevada and turned up into the desert in eastern Oregon that things got interesting. We'd been tooling along when suddenly the road turned to the right and wound down the side of a mountain at an 8% grade – with no guard rails to keep you from falling 2,000 feet! We no sooner caught our breath from this when we reached another grade. Fortunately, this wasn't quite as steep, because we had to share the road with cattle being driven down the hill to their winter pastures.



The rest of the way featured spectacular mountain scenery but was otherwise uneventful.

Since we delayed starting to build our house until after our NJ house sold, we were faced with the prospect of finding a rental house that would take four dogs. Fortunately, our builder made one available to us – and it's not a bad place to spend six or so months. It had been his mother's home before she died, and features a fenced yard for the dogs and a koi pond!

We had been racing the moving van to Oregon, and they delivered our stuff the day after we got here. So we were quickly able to get settled in and get acclimated to a new part of the country. There are some significant differences – such as the best places to buy gas are Costco or Fred Meyer, a western chain store (and, being in Oregon, they pump it!). Wine and beer are sold in grocery stores, and the variety of brands is mind-boggling. And there is no sales tax!!!

The moving van got unloaded quickly, so we were able to attend a kennel club meeting that same evening. We immediately volunteered to take Toller Diggs and Cocker Beans to a Meet the Breeds event that first weekend. The following weekend Diggs went to a similar event held by the other local kennel club. This was held in conjunction

with a crowded harvest festival, and I must have answered the question, "what's a duck troller <sic>" a hundred times. Diggs didn't care what they called him as long as they petted him – and as long as he could watch (and wonder why he wasn't allowed to fetch) some of the punkins they were chuckin' nearby. Tracking is a winter activity here – when the fox tails are dormant, but he has already joined an obedience class.

The house construction is waiting for permits before they can pour the footings. (The county doesn't rush things...) In the meantime, they have excavated and put in the forms so they can bring in the concrete trucks the day they pick up the permits.

We've been spending a lot of time at the site – watching their progress and attacking the Poison Oak that grows everywhere. But we take frequent breaks to admire the view from the patio, which is what prompted us to buy the lot in the first place.

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