



# Common Scents

March/April, 2012

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I was reviewing the club's records, preparing to turn them over to Joan Luckhardt, our new treasurer, I came across the original Certificate of Incorporation for Lenape Tracking Club. The club was officially incorporated on June 28, 1976. The board of trustees at the time consisted of William Hoops, Fran Wilmeth, Ralph MacKinnon, Ilsa Fass, Ronn Loos, Joanne MacKinnon, Sally Lacey, Jack Castor and our first president, Peg Forte. Ralph and Joanne are still long-distance members, and Peg, as you all know, just stepped down as president, turning the job over to

me. I was thinking how nice it is to have some of the original board still on our membership list after almost 36 years. Thanks, Peg, for holding down the fort (pun intended) as president for the past six months or so. Don't do the happy dance just yet, though. I hope I'll be able to rely on Peg and others for a while as I come up to speed in the president role.

We just completed our thirty-fourth Tracking Experience Day! The day went very smoothly thanks to the exceptional organizational skills and capable hands of Nancy Grove, who chaired the event. We had a huge turnout of Lenape volunteers to help make the day a success. Feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive. This event is our major money making event of the year and helps to support the TD, TDX and VST, which all operate with small net losses.



Coming up on the horizon is our VST test, and we'll be looking for volunteers again. I hope each of our members will consider helping out with at least one event during the year. The events are always fun and a good way to learn more about tracking and get to know other members. The work credits are useful, too, if you're trying to get into one of our tests.

*Anna Burbank*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

TED Follow-ups	Sunday, April 15
	Saturday, April 28
	Sunday, May 20
VST Test	Sunday, August 19
TD Test	Sunday, November 4
TDX Test	Sunday, November 11

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## MEET THE BOARD

### NANCY GROVE



Hi. My name is Nancy Grove. I grew up in PA, but through a company merger came to NJ. When I got my first Golden Retriever, Mandy, I had no idea about the dog world other than I book I had read as a teenager about a young girl who showed her dog (whatever 'showing' meant). I always thought that would be a fun thing to do. Mandy was a wonderful ambassador for the Golden Retrievers. I had great fun with her and enjoyed her as a very special pet.

My next Golden was Jolly Roger. He was so eager to please that I decided to 'show' him – this meant in obedience. I still had no idea about conformation or other performance events. I had a blast with Jolly. He was so willing to try new things. We joined a retriever training club and had fun working in field training. More than one time I just about went in the water with Jolly; he was so eager to enter the water.

I also coordinate U of P's Penn Animal canine blood drives for the obedience club in PA that I still belong to. Jolly was my first donor dog and was in the program until retiring at 10 years. I met Jim Bunderla while attending an eye clinic for dogs. Jim was dropping dogs – eye drops that is. I recruited Jim's dog Panama for blood mobile and each of our dogs since has continued to participate in the blood donor program.

When we got Trooper, I discovered that although he loved obedience classes, competitions were not his thing (maybe it has something to do with me not breathing, but that's another story). At one of the competitions after Trooper sniffed his way through all the exercises, one of the exhibitors gently suggested I try tracking. As luck would have it, I found that Lenape was offering something called TED in a couple of months. I signed Trooper up and had a wonderful time that day and at the follow-ups. I found that Trooper couldn't wait to go tracking. He seemed to know when he was going, and he would bounce and squeak until we got him settled in the car and started out. Everyone at TED and the follow-ups was so nice and encouraging. The next stroke of good fortune was a 6-week class that Lenape offered. I knew I would like tracking when one of the instructors said this was a sport where you wore your old clothes. The tracking bug really bit during this course. I had such fun being out in the field with Trooper. Jim and I met lots of wonderful folks at that class and have continued to track with some of our classmates.

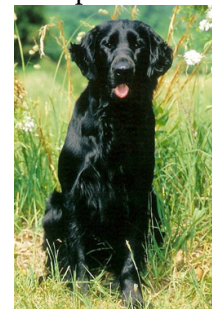
Jim and I eventually became members of Lenape. I attended Lenape's tracklayer certification class. Trooper earned his TD (a first for me too) in 2010. I credit this to Lenape and all the members who worked with us and encouraged us. This year at Lenape's TD was the first time I was a tracklayer in a test. I had two tracks and I think I was more nervous than the exhibitors who got my tracks. I was thrilled when both dogs passed! Trooper and I are working toward his TDX now.

## TIDBITS

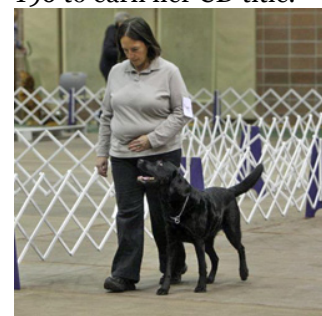
PEG FORTE has proud reports about her Flat-Coated Retrievers. **Wyn** (CH Stormwatch Whirlwynd) finished her Grand Championship at New Brunswick by going BOS.



Meanwhile, **Tex** (Light-Foot's Texas Two Step CD RA) finished his RE title at the Non-Sporting Group Club.



Labrador Retriever **Chloe** did ANNETTE PIERCE proud. She had a 2<sup>nd</sup> (196) at Princeton, a 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 197.5 at First Dog and a 1<sup>st</sup> place at New Brunswick with a 196 to earn her CD title.



MARILYN TRAURIG's Curly-Coated Retriever **Nora** (CH Landaracurl Royal Crown Princess CD BN GN RN) earned her first CDX leg with a 193.5 and a first place at Sand and Sea on 2/2. She got the second leg at Monticello on 3/10.

## AWARDS DINNER

The Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner was held on March 18 at the ARC Community Room.

Peg Forte again got breed figurines for the dogs who had attained new titles. Congratulations to all who succeeded on the tracking fields over the past year.



Gina

### AKC VST

**Gina DeAlmeida** - Rottweiler - Toro - (CH CT Nordikes Nothing But The Best CD RE)  
Dog Tracking Club of Maine – 7/31/11

### AKC TDX

**Rose Mary Laubach** – Golden Retriever – Hope (Goldenways Thanks For The Memories VCD1 RA TDX THD)  
Tracking Club of Massachusetts – 5/1/11

### AKC TD

**Alyson Fuge** - Golden Retriever – Jacqui (Cross Creek What's A Jacaranda TD)  
Mattaponi Kennel Club – 12/11/11

**Cindy Grodkiewicz** – Wirehaired Pointing Griffon – Leala (Fireside's Leala TD)  
Lenape Tracking Club – 11/6/11

**Sandy Hambrecht** – Smooth Dachshund – Frankie (Frankie TD JE)  
Lenape Tracking Club – 11/6/11

**Martha Windisch** – Golden Retriever – Ghetty (Golden Rules Slumdog Mallard-Aire TD)  
Lenape Tracking Club – 11/6/11



Alyson



Cindy



Sandy



Martha

### ASCA TD

**Rose Mary Laubach** – Golden Retriever – Hope (Goldenways Thanks For The Memories VCD1 RA TDX THD)  
GSASA – 4/1/11

### SPECIAL AWARDS



Rose Mary & Hope's Miktus Award Plaque



Toro's CT Plaque



## 2012 TED



With volunteers lined up for Saturday's TED 2012, Friday March 30th found Peg, Gina, Janet, Cindy, Jim and me at Camp Tecumseh in Pittstown, NJ setting up for TED on Saturday. My thanks for coming out and getting this job done quickly. Thanks to Alice Crans for obtaining these lovely grounds for Lenape to use.

Saturday March 31st was a lovely dreary, cold, damp and rainy day. Despite this glorious weather, Lenape's members turned out in force and with cheery smiles and a lot of enthusiasm! As everyone arrived almost everyone said the same thing, "what a lovely day for tracking!" Although everyone had assigned jobs, it was wonderful to see folks just jumping in and doing what needed to be done or asking what else they could do help. What an awesome team!

George Laubach and Jim Bunderla volunteered for parking duty and had the pleasure of standing out in the rain. Despite the wet and cold, they cheerfully directed workers and participants to the parking areas.

We had eighteen participants signed up the 2012 TED and seventeen attended. On arrival

for check-in, everyone was treated to a wonderful light breakfast and hot coffee, tea, or cocoa. Our foodies for this event were Mary Christie, Melanie Dubberly and Judy Todd. After a stretch of warm weather, the

cold weather was not expected. They did a great job of keeping the hot beverages flowing all day. And it was much appreciated by all!

Following check-in and breakfast, and with clipboards and booklets in hand, participants moved upstairs to the meeting room. The program started at 8:30 a.m. Peg Forte welcomed the group and gave an overview of the day. Rose Mary Laubach, Peg Forte and Gina DeAlmeida presented the topics on Introduction to Tracking, Scent, and Equipment. I noticed a lot of note taking and interest during these sessions.

Next on the agenda, was a trip outside (on with the rain gear) for a demonstration of tracking. While the seminars were being held, George headed back out into the rain and laid a track for Toro, our demo dog. As always, Toro (handled by Gina) did a bang-up job. Participants really enjoyed watching Toro and

Gina work their way down the track to the glove.

After a quick break, it was on to the four stations for additional instructions. Rose Mary Laubach and Sandy Hambrecht gave an overview of lead handling, Judy Todd and Pat Losco worked with participants on how to start their dogs, Gina DeAlmeida and George Laubach worked with participants on map making and journal keeping, and Gerry Harmer and Jim Bunderla worked with participants on counting their steps while walking a straight line (a separate track was laid that participants needed to calculate the distance in yards). Chuck Shultz developed this worksheet and it sure came in handy.

Alyson Fuge, Martha Windisch and Anna Burbank led participants to the various stations making sure everyone got to the next station on time.



Much to everyone's surprise (especially mine), the morning activities were finished way ahead of schedule so everyone headed inside for lunch. Our food team was one step ahead of this and had everything out and ready for this hungry group. We had a tasty deli lunch with three

different sandwich selections and cupcakes for dessert.



During lunch, our store was open and managed by Mary Christie and Cris Courduff. Shoppers seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Several dogs were fitted for harnesses by Janet Doerer, Judy Todd, Rose Mary Laubach and Gina DeAlmeida.

Now that everyone had warmed up, it was time to head outside into the cold and damp again so the participants could start working with their dogs. It was time to put into practice what was taught in the morning. Fortunately, the rain held off for this session. Assigned to one of three groups, participants worked with Lenape members on laying tracks, sight markers, and handling their dogs. It was fun watching the dogs progress from 1) the first track and stopping for every piece of food to 2) skipping some of the food and 3) starting to get the idea of tracking. The Green team consisted of Gina, George, Martha, Cris and Cindy. The Yellow team consisted of Judy, Jim, Pat, Alyson, and Janet. The Blue team consisted of Anna, Peg, Sandy, Rose Mary and Gerry.

After all the dogs had fun tracking, it was time to go back in for the wrap-up. The winner of the Measured Pace contest was announced. Martha Windisch hit the distance on the nose (62 yards); however, she was not eligible to win the prize. There were many close guesses,

and the prize went to the participant who was closest (61.3 yards). Members gave feedback and observations on the dogs they worked with. Peg followed up with closing remarks and TED 2012 concluded.

There was no rest for the weary. Now comes the clean-up. Everyone pitched in, cleaning, sweeping, and returning the furniture in the meeting rooms to their original configurations, and policing the grounds.



Topping off TED for Lenape's workers was a fun gift raffle organized by Joan Luckhardt. With lots of goodies, most everyone walked away with a prize. It was a fun way to end a hard day's work.

And as TED 2012 comes to a close, it's time to evaluate how the day went, what Lenape can do to improve on it, and to start thinking about TED 2013. Until then, a most heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this TED a successful event.

Thanks to the many Lenape volunteers who gave of their time and talents.

**Alice Crans** for obtaining the camp for our use. It's a lovely facility.

**Chuck Shultz** for the Measured Pace worksheet.

Friday's Set-up Crew: **Jim Bunderla, Peg Forte, Janet Doerer, and Gina DeAlmeida, and Cindy Grodkiewicz.**

Saturday's worker team

Computer and Projector Technician: **Anna Burbank**

Food team: **Mary Christie, Melanie Dubberly, and Judy Todd**

Station Guides: **Alyson Fuge, Martha Windisch, and Anna Burbank**

Speakers: Peg Forte, **Rose Mary Laubach**, and Gina DeAlmeida

Parking Crew: **George Laubach** and Jim Bunderla

Grounds and Car Monitors: **Pat Losco, Cris Courduff** and Martha Windisch

Station Leaders: Judy Todd, Pat Losco, Rose Mary Laubach, **Sandy Hambrecht**, Gina DeAlmeida, George Laubach, Jim Bunderla and **Gerry Harmer**



Store: Mary Christie and Cris Courduff

Working your dogs: Anna Burbank, Peg Forte, Sandy Hambrecht, Rose Mary Laubach, Pat Losco, Judy Todd, Janet Doerer, Jim Bunderla, George Laubach, Martha Windisch, Cindy Grodkiewicz, and Cris Courduff

Worker's Gifts: **Joan Luckhardt**

**Nancy Grove**, TED 2012 Coordinator



## FROM THE LEFT COAST

BY PAT ETCHELLS

On the very day that Lenape members were busy teaching newcomers the joys of tracking in New Jersey, we in Oregon were busy plotting tracks with two judges who had connections with Lenape: Sil Sanders, who had donated the book raffled off at TED, and Anne Hershey, who for many years exchanged her paper PAFTA newsletter with us.

This was a very different test than we were used to, since it was a combination TD/TDX/VST. Talk about coordination nightmares! On test day the two VST tracks were laid first. Then the two TD tracks were laid and run. While the TD tracks were running, the three TDX tracks started going down. Then the VST was run while the crosstracks went down. And finally the TDX tracks were run.



The venue was also different from anything Lenape has used. The TD and TDX were in a wildlife refuge across the road from an industrial area. This is where club members train regularly – except that we got off to a slow start this year because lack of rain had enabled the star thistle and foxtails to extend their dangerous season. (There were also serious worries about high fire risk this summer). But by mid-February Mother Nature had turned on the faucets, and we're still waiting for Her to turn them off. The result was plenty of moisture to soften and decompose the sharp vegetation.



The TD fields by the road were very level, had ample cover and were sloshy. Further back in the preserve, the TDX tracks were a different matter. The cover ranged from ankle high to shoulder high – and the ground was a series of seasonal pools. My TDX track went through 11 pools which ranged from ankle-deep to mid-calf, and some of them were 20 paces wide. (Yes, I had been forewarned to purchase wading boots!) The only good thing was that they gave me lots of ground markers for my map. The VST was held in a nearby veterans hospital and provided near perfect conditions: lush grass, buildings and paved areas large enough for the MOT.

Although it had been rainy and windy on plotting day, by test time conditions had turned ideal – at least from our human viewpoint. There was no wind, nothing was falling from the sky, and the temperature was in the 40s and 50s. Unfortunately, none of the dogs passed – but some came very close.

In keeping with the full circle theme with Lenape, while we chatted with one of the entrants, a tracking judge from Washington State with a Basset Hound, she asked us whether we knew Lenape member Tony Svizeny. The tracking community knows no boundaries!

There is life beyond tracking in Oregon. Our house is in the final month of construction. The owner of the rental we're now in is the builder's business partner, and he has someone who wants to rent this house starting May 1. Talk about incentive to get things done!

Part of the reason it is taking so much time to complete the interior details is our fault. The "East Coast" double-hung windows I wanted required trim. (Most houses in Oregon have plasterboard wrapped around to where the window starts). The finish carpenter was enthusiastic about a chance to do Craftsman style, but I'm not sure the painter was as enthusiastic about taping all that detail so that he could spray all the trim...

And my dog room is coming together. We bought an RV bathtub, the carpenter built a stand for it, and the tile installer used leftover material for the backsplash. Diggs was happy to model it (before the plumbing was attached.)



Because of all the rain, there's a very good chance that the outside won't be finished before we move in. But we've spent so much time up at the house that we know all the workers, so it's not like there will be strangers underfoot!

For a few more months, updates will still be on-line at: <http://homepage.mac.com/c103onthetise/>