

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC



JAN/FEB 2017 ISSUE

2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

TED - 4/22-23 at Camp

Tecumseh, Pittstown, NJ

Closing date: March 21st 2017

VST - 5/21 at Brookdale

Community College, Freehold,
NJ

TD - 10/8 at Hoffman Park,

Hampton, NJ

TDX - 11/12 at Hoffman Park or

Sondek Park (& surrounding



Flare TD at Rottweiler National 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello everyone.

Welcome to the New Year and happy tracking!!

We will be running all three of our trials this year - the VST, the TD and the TDX. Lenape is also planning on holding our club fund raising event, the TED in April. All of these dates will be included in this current issue of the newsletter. We hope you can join us at one or more of these trials/events. It does take a lot of help to make these all run smoothly.

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.

Please feel free to forward any requests from folks to get a dog certified directly to me. I'll be glad to help anyone that is in need of a certifying track.

The club officers are scheduling a general membership meeting in March to review suggested updates to the worker credit program and the BL&C. We would love to see some of you join us & welcome your input.

Wishing everyone good luck this year in all your trials, shows and events.

Gina DeAlmeida
President
Lenape Tracking Club of NJ

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

December 7, 2016

Laubach Residence/Teleconference

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by President Gina DeAlmeida.

Roll Call: In-person—Gina DeAlmeida, Rose Mary Laubach, Janet Kelly.

Teleconference call-in—Peg Forte, Anna Burbank.

Minutes from Last BOD meeting: Minutes of the 5/26/16 meeting were emailed to Board prior to this meeting. There were no corrections/additions/deletions. Rose Mary motioned to approve minutes as submitted; Janet seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Janet's report (March 2016-present) was emailed to Board prior to this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Anna reports that she will email this report to Board after tonight's meeting.

Assets ranged from ~ \$9,000 to ~ \$11,000 over the course of the year.

2017 Nominating Committee: Discussion to have Board terms changed to two-year terms. Peg made the motion to make this change; Janet seconded. Motion carried. Peg will Chair the upcoming

Nominating Committee. Gina, Janet, and Anna all agreed to continue in their respective Offices. Peg agreed to continue as a Director. Peg will solicit membership to fill Board positions and submit Slate to Secretary per C&BL. Slate will be posted on Yahoo Group, LTC Members FB page, and emailed to membership. Gina will call those members who previously had no email address to determine if they now have one.

OLD BUSINESS:

List of Officers to AKC: Task completed--sent by Janet in May 2016.

Sites for Tracking Trials: TD land using Hoffman Park in Hunterdon County; VST land using Connell

Corporate Park, TDU land—can possibly use Rutgers or Connell Corporate Park.

Flyer for Rent-A-Tracklayer Program: This is completed, is located in Yahoo Group "Files". Anna will

post in Regular (not Board) Yahoo Group; she will add contact as the Lenape email account on G-Mail and list the multiple locations. She will post on LTC social media.

Yahoo Groups: Administrators are Peg as owner and Anna as moderator.

NEW BUSINESS:

Point person for each Trial: There is a need for a "point person" at each event (Gina was this for all three trials last year). This person would be responsible for overseeing/double-checking items (permit for land obtained, chief tracklayer chosen, did secretary file paperwork, etc.). Gina volunteered to be point person for TDX.

2017 TED: Dates are April 22-23, at Camp Tecumseh. Permit was submitted by Gina, but Camp Manager's voice mailbox is full. Awaiting response. Two people have already registered for TED and their checks will be deposited soon. TED flyers are on our website and please start to distribute them at dog events. Gina has a list of who is helping with each activity at TED—food, introduction, projector, demo, etc. She will keep trying to contact John at the Camp. Rose Mary will contact Nancy re: paperwork. Discussion ensued about inviting prior TED attendees

to attend the follow-up, but this was deemed too difficult to undertake. Flyer update will include auditor restrictions for each day. Nancy is stepping down as official Chair of TED but is willing to assist with training the next Chair, and has offered to help on numerous aspects of the weekend.

2017 VST: We can hold this at any time of the year, could be daytime test if not held in summer. Connell Corporate Park may not be available due to construction and other events this year, but can use Brookdale Community College as VST site. Gina will canvas Board for spring weekend availability, and contact the school for their availability. Fee is \$100 but may be lowered or waived. The hope is to keep both Brookdale and Connell as future sites for VST and maybe TDU.

Membership Application: Mailing address list needs to be updated; new member Lynn Samsky needs to be added to list. Anna will put her address on application, and post updated membership lists on Board and General Yahoo Groups.

Worker Credits: Discussion on worker credits possibly to be given to judges and to non-members—decision to award worker credits to judges, and to non-members who are ASKED/REQUESTED to lay track for a trial in an emergency (when not enough members are available). Eligible workers and judges will receive one credit for each day of service, good for two (2) years. Two(2) worker credits will be required for entry into test.

Possible Changes/Additions to By-Laws: Janet had pre-distributed potential changes to the C&BL.

Changes under consideration are—Board terms of two years; conducting business by email, mail, fax, telephone conference call; voting by email or mail; reducing number of Directors from five (5) to three (3) or another odd number. Janet will work on updating C&BL early in 2017 and send suggested revisions to Board for discussion/approval prior to sending to membership

OTHER:

Communications: Currently, we have no Newsletter. Pat is still doing our website. Gina is moderator for our LTC Facebook Page and will update. Bernetta set up a LTC Members only Facebook page.

Adjourn: Rose Mary made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Janet

Janet Kelly
Secretary, LTCCNJ



News from the tracking community:

Mollie Dunnam Lamkin Heide of Ringoes, NJ passed away on January 24th at the age of 75 with her family by her side.

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 20, 1941 Mollie was the oldest daughter of Charles Roberts Lamkin and Mildred Dunnam Lamkin, both of Alexandria, Louisiana.

She attended [Louisiana State University](#) (LSU), Brenau University and Somerset Christian College. Mollie worked for Delta Airlines for many years and during that time she traveled the world - always bringing home exciting tales of her adventures. Mollie's vivacious and independent spirit was indicative of the many places she visited and lived.

Mollie was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Peter van Berlo Heide of New York City where he and Mollie lived for many years before moving to the country in Ringoes, New Jersey. With acres of property Mollie and Peter raised champion Flat-coated Retrievers and trained them as therapy dogs. They would visit hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers, bringing joy and comfort to patients young and old.

Interment next to her cherished husband, Peter, will be private during a sunset ceremony in the family plot at Highland Cemetery, Hopewell, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make contributions in Mollie's memory may do so to the "Therapy Dog Program" c/o Hunterdon Medical Center Foundation, 9100 Wescott Drive, Suite 202, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Memories of Molly

Newer members of the Lenape Tracking Club never had the opportunity to know the Heide's. Peter and Mollie came to a Tracking Experience Day, became members, and became an integral part of Lenape.

They never did train any of their Flat-Coated Retrievers or Irish Red and White Setters to track but they both became certified tracklayers. Peter served as Chief Tracklayer for many Lenape Tracking Dog tests. He made arrangements with farmers in the area to allow us to use their fields for the tests.

My first introduction to the Heide's was at a Mid-Atlantic Flat-coated Retriever Club "Garden Party," traditionally held the Sunday before the Westminster Kennel Club show in NYC each February.

Mollie never laid a track, but she was the best hostess in the world. She loved to entertain. And there was never an event held at HiHill that did not have a homemade Crème Brulee on the table. Hers was the first one I very tasted and I became a fan of the dessert, and though I have

tried others in restaurants, none compared with Mollie's. One day while others were out plotting a track, she even let me stir the caramel topping.

Every year they held a reunion picnic of all the Flat-coats they had bred and their human families. And each Halloween the neighbors were all invited for a party.

Their house has a lovely wide front porch. From there, using binoculars, we could watch some of the tracks being run in the farm fields across the way.

Peter and Mollie gave so much of themselves to Lenape over the years, they are one of the reasons this club has survived for past 42 years. As we continue, I know their spirit will be with us on each track, cheering on the dogs and handlers.

Member Brags:

Melt finished his CD at the shows in Wildwood (Union Co KC and Sand & Sea KC) on Jan 18 and Jan 19. He is now Windisch's Blue Glacier TD JH NA NAJ NF CD CCA WCX CGC. He also earned two Rally Novice legs.



New Tracking Titles: TD Gina DeAlmeida and Felon Nov. 20th 2016

Well, Felon passed his Tracking Dog test today in 25 mph winds. This 8 1/2 month old little man won a big ribbon today and a tracking apron filled with goodies. It was bitter cold but he seemed to love the cold weather. It was also Felon's first experience being in snow flurries. We had a wonderful time in Coatesville, PA. The fields were beautiful. It was the first ever tracking trial for Del-Bay Herding & Tracking Club. Thank you all who participated in running this TD/TDU test. Now on to the TDX....

Thank you [Leslie Fried](#) & [Deborah Banko-Fried](#) for bring us together.
Gina & Felon - Braesides Worth the Wait TD



MEMBER'S NEWS:

When it's summer on the Left Coast, tracking is a really bad idea because of foxtails and snakes - so we look for other ways to keep the boys busy. The Tollers found an awesome sport called dock diving. For those who haven't seen it, they set up a pool about 40 feet long attached to a dock about 40 feet long. The handler leaves the dog on a wait somewhere on the dock, goes to the edge, then releases the dog and tosses a bumper up and into the water. The dog has to jump off and retrieve it - and the distance is judged at the point where the tail meets the body meets the water. There divisions are based on distances between x and y feet, you get two jumps per wave/splash (i.e., entry fee), and the higher one counts.

Our first experiences were with a registry that runs events in Oregon and Washington - traveling to venues where there is entertainment value, like casinos and fairs. With the loudspeakers blaring upbeat music, an audience and disproportionate numbers of retrievers barking their fool heads off, the energy level is phenomenal - and the dogs are really pumped! Raggs is on the left, Diggs on the right.



Then we realized that AKC recognized Dock Diving titles - but not with the group where we had been participating. However, North American Diving Dogs grants titles and occasionally has events in Northern California, so of course we had to go for it! NADD events had a much more subdued atmosphere, but the boys didn't really mind - as long as they could jump into the water. Typically they schedule four splashes per day, and dogs have to have five jumps in a division to get a title. Diggs got his Dock Senior (15' - 19'11") in short order, and Raggs has his Dock Junior (10' - 14'11").

We don't have any place around here where the dogs can train regularly, so I don't think the boys will be able to advance to higher distances or to the air retrieve titles. But we will still continue to enter and practice on the site anytime there's an event around!

Pat Etchells

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MEMBER PROFILE:

It is my hope to profile a member in each issue, if you wish to nominate someone to be profiled, send me info, and maybe a picture or 2. Tell me about who they are, both as club members and also in their life outside the club. This is a feature that has been in past newsletters and as a new member I found it a nice feature to get to know people that I don't always see. I may not have met yet. If you wish to be featured, send me your info. It is my hope that members will use this to get to know each other.

JAN/FEB 2017 ISSUE MEMBER PROFILE: TAMMY SNYDER, RN, LVT

As your new newsletter editor I want to introduce myself. I have been a member of Lenape Tracking Club for a few years. I entered the club after having attended the club's TED at Sondek Park. I found it to be a wonderful event, everyone made so much progress, and members were so helpful. I have been to a few Lenape events, laying track for VST's mostly.

I have been training dogs for more than 20 years. I have had Rottweilers since 1995, and have added a couple of breeds in between (Standard Schnauzer, and Golden Retriever). I began tracking in 2002 after attending Camp Jackpot in Virginia where I was encouraged by Donna and Bernie Thompson to track with my Rottweiler, Stone. I never earned a TD on him, nor did we track enough to get certified, but I learned a lot with him, and was "bit by the bug" as they say. My girl Flare (who turned 10 this year) earned her first TD in Canada in 2009, and her AKC TD in 2011 at the Rottweiler National Specialty. It took us 6 tries to earn the AKC TD, not because the dog couldn't track, but a failure in my training to train a solid article indication lead us to the end of 4 tracks without a glove (the handler being blind in the field is definitely not helpful). We finally earned that TD and what a day! It was mother's day, the first since my mom had passed away. She was smiling on us that day for sure. I have since earned 2 more TD's and am working 2 dogs, Flint my 6 year old Rottweiler and Splash my 2 year old Golden and tracking Phenom.

On September 20th 2015 Flint earned his TD at the Syracuse Obedience Training Club (SOTC) Tracking Dog Test under Art Twiss and Mike Clemens. The field was damp from rain the previous day, and there was a huge old tree in the middle of my field. We started out a little rocky, Flint was distracted, but once he got going, he never stopped. The corners were textbook turns. We had 5 turns, and 460 yards to traverse. At one point I looked up to see a young buck standing at the edge of the field about 50 yards from us. Flint never noticed, and just kept tracking to the glove. It was very exciting to pass under Art Twiss, a fellow Rottweiler person. We have begun training for Flint's VST and I hope to enter him later this year. Flint is now, Esmond's Firestarter, CDX, PCDX, BN, RA, OAP, OJP, NF, TD, CI, VCD2,

Splash earned her TD on September 18th 2016, also at SOTC's tracking test on her first try. As we approached the field, I noticed that it basically went up hill...With Splash, she pulls so hard I have to wear gloves to hang on to the lead, so as I approached the flag, I put on my gloves and away we went. Splash started out dragging me. She made the first turn, which went straight up hill. She drug me up the hill, stopping 1/2 way up, distracted by a fire siren. Once she got back to it, she never stopped, textbook turns, with most of the 455 yard track being up hill. I could see the track the whole way, but she never wavered, and got to the glove in 7 minutes. Her judges were Ruth Vaughan and Lynda Morgan. I was lucky enough to have best friend Gina DeAlmeida with me to keep me calm. Splash is now, Emeline's Swimming Up Stream, BN, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, TD (all earned in a 9 month period between March and December, 2016 with limited showing).

In addition to tracking I have consistently competed in Obedience and Agility, obtaining my first MACH with Flare in 2014. I have earned 2 UD's, several CDX's and continue to grow as an obedience handler. Because my dogs are busy in 3 venues we don't always have time to focus on one thing. I am known for going to agility trials and laying a VST track in the parking lot and running it after running agility with the dogs. I try to take every advantage to train in new places, and combine skills whenever possible. My dogs seem happiest when we are mixing things up with training and trialing. I am hoping that 2017 brings Flint a shiny new UD title, and Splash her CD, and maybe a start on her CDX, we shall see. I also am hoping to attempt a VST this year with Splash or Flint.

I worked as a Veterinary Technician for 10 years at Cornell University, and left that position in 2014 to go to nursing school. I graduated in 2016 and am working as a Registered Nurse for a home care agency in my community. I also love photography and quilting when I have time for extracurricular activities. Admittedly, the dogs keep me pretty busy.



Flint, Splash and Flare enjoying the fall weather



Gina and Toro TDX track CRC Rottweiler Specialty.

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