

# LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

### **2017 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TD** - 10/8 at Hoffman Park,  
Hampton, NJ

**TDX** - 11/12 at Hoffman Park or  
Sondek Park (& surrounding  
locations)

Gina DeAlmeida  
President, Lenape Tracking Club of NJ

Hello Lenape members,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer adventures. I'm trying to keep my own gang here busy as well. Lots of training, tracking and preparing to begin our AKC conformation career. Well, enough about the DeAlmeida gang.

This summer, as usual, we will be holding the "Tracklayer Certification" event for new members & newer tracklayers. Peg Forte will be organizing this, so, please contact her at [pegforte@comcast.net](mailto:pegforte@comcast.net) if you might be interested in learning the finer points of laying a track.

Just a reminder that we will be running our TD & TDX trials in October & November. As the fall comes upon us, you will be hearing more about the volunteers needed to make these events a success. Remember, these trials can't happen without the help of our wonderful club members.

\*TD on October 7th - 8th

\*TDX on November 18th - 19th

Please take the time to read the Constitution & By Laws included in this newsletter. Any comments or questions, please contact Janet Kelly at [tatsmom17@msn.com](mailto:tatsmom17@msn.com) so we can finalize these forms.

That's all for now. Have fun this summer!!!!!!!

Gina DeAlmeida

## **Board Meeting Minutes:**

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Camp Tecumseh, Pittstown, NJ

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 3:16 PM by President Gina DeAlmeida.

**Attendance:** Gina deAlmeida, Janet Kelly, Lynne Samsky, Bill Kuntz, Sandy Hambrecht, Rose Mary Laubach, George Laubach, Anna Burbank, Nancy Grove, Jim Bunderla, Ben Hoyle, Cris Courduff, Donna Hess, Cindy Grodkiewicz.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Nominations:** Slate had been previously sent to Membership. Janet cast vote to accept Slate as

submitted; Lynne seconded. Motion carried. There were no comments or additional nominations. Slate so approved.

President—Gina deAlmeida, Vice-President—Peg Forte, Secretary—Janet Kelly, Treasurer—Anna Burbank, Directors—Ben Hoyle, Cindy Grodkiewicz, (vacant x1).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Membership Chair:** Donna Hess has agreed to take over the responsibilities of Membership Chair. Anna will send her all information and assist in this transition. Thank you, Donna! No other business was discussed.

**Adjourn:** George moved to adjourn; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Janet***

Janet Kelly,  
Secretary, Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

### Constitution and By-Laws:

You will find attached the version of the constitution and by-laws that have been proposed by your board of directors. This is the same document that was e-mailed to members about 1 month ago. The areas that are highlighted are the proposed changes. Please contact Janet Kelly at tatsmom17@msn.com with any feedback. The final version will be published in the newsletter when it has been completed.

## LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC.



### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I

Section 1. The Name of the Club shall be Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey, Inc.

Section 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

- a) to further the advancements of all ~~breeds of pure-bred~~ dogs in tracking;
- b) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of ~~pure-bred~~ dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition in tracking tests and in addition at dogs shows and obedience trials;
- c) to conduct sanctioned tracking matches and tests under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Section 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder of residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member ~~or individual~~ group of members.

Section 4. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out these ~~objects~~: **(objectives)**

### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I

### Membership

Section 1. Eligibility: There shall be ~~two~~ **three** types of membership:

- a) Regular Membership, open to all persons eighteen years and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, who are interested in tracking, and who subscribe to the purposes of the Club.
- b) Junior Membership, open to all persons under eighteen years of age who are interested in tracking and subscribe to the purposes of the Club. Reduced dues are provided for this type of membership, which offers all Club benefits and participation except that Junior Members may not vote or hold office.
- c) **Life Members, open to those individuals who have been members for a long period of time, usually fifteen (15) plus years, and who have made significant contributions to the sport or the Club. Life members pay no dues, but are eligible to vote and hold office. Life members shall be determined by the Board of Directors.**
- d) Although membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Section 2. Dues: The annual dues for membership shall be as follows:

- a) Regular Membership: The annual dues for a Regular Membership in one household shall be as set by the Board and approved by the membership. The amount per year will be payable on or before the first day of April of each year. The annual dues for each additional Regular Membership in one household shall be as set by the Board and approved by the membership. Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, dues will be 50% for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- b) Junior Membership: The annual dues for a Junior Membership shall be as set by the Board and approved by the membership. No additional dues shall be required upon attainment of eighteen years of age until the next full year's dues become payable.

Section 3. Voting Rights: No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of February the Treasurer shall send each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, dues will be 50% for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Section 4. Election to Membership: Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Constitution and By-Laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members who are in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective members shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filled with the Secretary and/or Membership Chairperson, and each applicant's name is to be printed in the current newsletter. Prospective members will automatically become Club members upon publication of their intention to join unless the Secretary receives a written, signed objection within four (4) weeks of the postmarked date of the Club newsletter. If any objections are received, the Board will hold a special meeting to review and determine each individual case.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply within six (6) months after such a rejection.

Section 5. Termination of Membership: Memberships may be terminated:

- a) by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.
- b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid ninety (90) days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional ninety (90) of grace to such delinquent members on meritorious cases. In no case may a member be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting;
- c) by expulsion. A member may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-Laws.

## *ARTICLE II*

### **Meetings and Voting**

Section 1. Club Meetings: Meetings of the Club shall be held in the ~~greater Whitehouse,~~ **area of Central** New Jersey, ~~area, six (6) times a year~~ **(at intervals and as deemed necessary to conduct business)** at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of each such meeting shall be given by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

Section 2. Board Meetings: Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in the ~~greater Whitehouse,~~ **area of Central** New Jersey, ~~area~~ at such a time and place as may be designated by the Board. ~~There shall be six (6) scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors each year.~~ **(Meetings will be conducted at intervals and as determined necessary to conduct Club business.)** Notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be the majority of the Board.

Section 3. Special Club Meetings: Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five (5) members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the ~~greater Whitehouse,~~ **area of Central** New Jersey, ~~area~~ at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized

herein to call such a meeting. Notice of such a meeting shall be given by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing-

Section 4. Special Board Meetings: Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the ~~greater Whitehouse,~~ **area of Central** New Jersey, ~~area~~ at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person herein authorized to call such a meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board-

Section 5. Voting: Each member in good standing, whose dues are paid for the current fiscal year, shall be entitled to one vote at any Club meeting at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election-

### *ARTICLE III*

#### **Directors and Officers**

Section 1. Board of Directors: The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and ~~five (5)~~ **(three (3) )** other persons all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for ~~one-year~~ **(two-year)** terms at the Club's Annual Meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Officers: The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meeting and the Board and its meetings:

- a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these By-Laws.
- b) The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. He/**she** shall have charge of the correspondence, notify officers and

directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these By-Laws.

- d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies and dues belonging to the Club. He/**she** shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. ~~His~~ **The** books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and he shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt of payment not before reported; and at the Annual Meeting he shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer may be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person in which case the Board shall be comprised of the officers and ~~six (6)~~ **(four (4))** other persons.

Section 3. Vacancies: Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special Board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

#### *ARTICLE IV*

### **The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections**

Section 1. Club Year: The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of April and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March.

The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the Annual Meeting and shall continue through the election at the next Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting shall be held in the ~~month of March~~, **(during Spring)** at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 10 days after the election.

Section 3. Elections: The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The five (5) nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such position shall be declared elected. When there is only one candidate for each office, a member may

propose a motion that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the members for the candidate or slate.

Section 4. Nominations: No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. Before November 15<sup>th</sup> each year the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates., not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the Committeemen and alternates of their election. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

- a) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and one candidate for each of the other positions on the Board open for election. After securing the consent of each person so nominated, the Committee shall immediately report their nomination to the Secretary in writing.
- b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall on or before ~~January 15<sup>th</sup>~~ **(February 28)**, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- c) Additional nominations may be made at the ~~February~~ **("next")** meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, **(except that Secretary and Treasurer, per Article III Section 2, e)** and the additional nominations which are provided herein may be made only from those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee. No candidate may be nominated twice for the same position.
- d) Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any other manner than as provided in this section.

#### *ARTICLE V*

#### **Committees**

Section 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as matches, Tracking Tests, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served

by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.



## *ARTICLE VI*

### **Discipline**

Section 1. American Kennel Club Suspension: Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

Section 2. Charges: Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best in interests of the Club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the Club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of hearing by the Board not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the meeting and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

Section 3. Board Hearing: The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both the defendant and complainant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may be **by** a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's rights to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendations. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary; the Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

Section 4. Expulsion: Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or

special meeting of the Club to be held within sixty days but not earlier than thirty days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing on his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The president shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

## *ARTICLE VII*

### **Amendments**

- Section 1. Amendments: Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition and addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.
- Section 2. The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-third vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been **(add "distributed to members at")** least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

## *ARTICLE VIII*

### **Dissolution**

- Section 1. Dissolution: The Club may be dissolved at any time by written consent of not less ~~that~~ **than** two-thirds of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than for the purposes or reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club but after payment of the debts of the Club, the Board of Directors shall give the Club's assets and property to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs.

*ARTICLE IX*  
**Order of Business**

Section 1. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call

Minutes of the Last meeting

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Reports of the Committees

Election of Officers and Board (Annual Meeting)

Election of New Members

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

Section 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of the minutes of the Last Meeting

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Reports of the Committees

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

**Member's Brags: Congrats to those members who are out and about with their pups and having a good time!**

Lynn Samsky, Mikayla

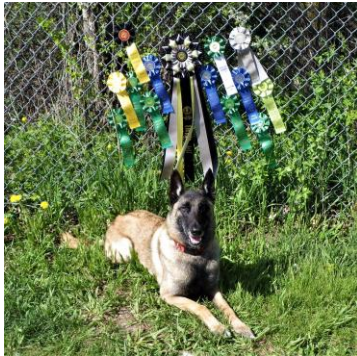
The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt is a Netflix t.v. series that Mikayla, my Shepherd appeared on a few weeks ago.

Tammy Snyder and Splash and Flint

Splash my Golden Retriever, earned her Preferred Companion Dog title at the SOTC obedience event on June 4<sup>th</sup>. She completed her Open Jumpers Agility title on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and earned her first Excellent Standard agility leg the same day, both with first placements. Flint earned his Excellent Standard agility title on Saturday as well.

Janet Doerer and Dreamer

U-CDX Burr Oak's Time To Dream Again UDX, OM1, BN, NA, NAJ, RN, TT, better known as Dreamer, had lots of fun at his Belgian Malinois Specialty this year. He received his agility novice Standard and Jumpers with Weaves Title. He also got his UDX title in Obedience. He had fun sheep herding, earning one leg towards his PT title. We also showed in working sweeps and received a fourth place. So with all he did at the specialty he received Reserved Most Versatile Malinois, along with a big ribbon.



Gina DeAlmeida and Felon

FELON - Braesides Worth The Wait TD, completed his UKC Championship.

On the weekend of 6/2-3 at a 2 day/4 show event sponsored by The North Jersey Kennel Club in Frenchtown, NJ. FELON won all 4 BOB's against competition including a couple of specials. He brought home a pile of ribbons including a G1, G2, G3 & G4.

He had loads of fun that weekend. Happily we are planning to start his AKC show career in the fall of this year. Hopefully his AKC Championship will come to him as easily as this one did. Here are a couple of pictures a friend took at the shows.

FELON -UKC CH Braesides Worth the Wait TD



**New Tracking Titles: NO new tracking titles reported this newsletter. Stay tuned!**

**Member profile:** This section of the newsletter will be reserved for a member profile each issue. It is my hope, since many of Lenape's members live away from the club area that we can get to know each other in this format. This can be a place for all members to learn about new venues to try with their dogs. If you want to submit something on another club member or yourself and your own dogs, just send it to me at [tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com)

## **MEMBER PROFILE:**

### **My First Tracking Experience** **By Ben Hoyle**

It was in April 2015 that I first attended the Tracking Education Day sponsored by our club. I had always wanted to learn about tracking, had bought a highly recommended book, but felt I needed something more to get me going. I had trained my dogs, Golden Retrievers and Clumber Spaniels, for Obedience, Rally, Therapy, and Conformation, but learning the nuances of tracking have until that point eluded me. My tracking dog was to be Janie, GCHB Nexus Roundhay Anticipation, my homebred Clumber who loved to work and seemed to have an excellent nose for this.

The two days spent at TED got me inspired and I set a goal to have Janie qualified and ready to try for her TD title at the Clumber National in 2016. I spent that spring and summer training her and she was doing very well. We attempted the TD Certification test in September of that year, but it was a long shot and we did not pass. So, we kept at it. Throughout the fall and going into 2016 we got progressively better as a team. Friends and family would help by laying tracks for me and Janie soon got the idea and was loving it.

The Clumber National was set for April 2016 and days before entries closed weather was interfering with my certification test. Twice I had to reschedule it due to poor weather. Finally with only 2 days to go before entries closed, we went for it. It was a very cold and very windy early April day. Conditions were not ideal, but it was either now or never. Janie set off from the start flag and went to work. She stayed right on the track and made her turns. She overshot the last turn, but we backed up and she immediately found the track and finished by finding the glove.

I quickly submitted by entry and we continued to practice. Janie just enjoyed these sessions. Just saying to her, "let's go tracking", and she would start to dance around until I opened the front door of the house and she would bolt to the car. She was ready to go.

As our test date approached a good friend who had experience tracking told me not to practice the day or so before the test. This seemed counter to what I would have thought, but followed through with this suggestion. The test was held at the Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area in Delaware. The early morning start gave us clear skies, no wind, and a thick grassy cover laden with dew. Perfect conditions. We drew the 3<sup>rd</sup> track and after the first two dogs passed, it was our turn. Janie started strong and immediately found the track and stuck to it. Before I knew it, there was the glove. I was very winded, but Janie clearly was excited by this finish, as was I. Here is a picture of us getting our title rosette.



Now we would like to set our sights on earning the TDX title. More work ahead, but we are enjoying it.

I would also like to introduce our newest family member, “Cappy”, Nexus Roundhay Captains Courageous. At 5 months he is showing great interest in using his nose, so I can see a tracking career in his future as well.



## **Lenape Events: May 21<sup>st</sup> VST**

### **LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY**

#### **SEVENTH VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING TEST**

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017**

(reported by Janet Kelly)

Lenape Tracking Club held its seventh VST test on Sunday, May 21, 2017. The weather “gods” shined down on us, gifting us with beautiful sunshine, soft breezes, and morning dew—a far cry from the rain and winds that showered the judges and tracklayers on Saturday, when the tracks were being plotted.

The venue was Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ—a lovely campus well-suited to our needs.

Judges for the event were Darlene Barnary of Batavia, IL, and Lucinda Seeley of Port St. Lucie, FL. Both ladies shared their vast knowledge of tracking with all in attendance, and we thank them for their insights and support.

Anna Burbank served as Test Chairperson and Test Secretary—she makes coordination seem effortless!

Chief Tracklayer was George Laubach and Rose Mary Laubach, Anna Burbank, Pat Losco, and Janet Kelly volunteered their weekend to be tracklayers.

Judges’ Hospitality for the weekend was provided in grand manner by the Laubachs. And for the Sunday test, Lenape once again had fabulous meals, generously provided by Linda Dellmyer—thank you so much for the delicious breakfast and lunch.

There were Club members and other observers who attended and comprised the “Gallery”, intently following each track from a distance to watch these fine canines in action.

4 VST tracks were offered—the test filled, and there were more alternates than tracks granted. Breeds of dogs entered included two Golden Retrievers, one West Highland White Terrier, and a German Shepherd Dog. All dogs worked well and many articles were found.



And one dog tracked in spectacular, PASSING style! Congratulations and kudos to “Georgie”, Georgina Vom Traumahof TDX, who earned her VST AND CT today, most ably handled by Kathy Cleaver of Wayland, MA! It was exciting to watch this team in action—and for LTCCNJ, who had not had a pass in their last few VST tests, it was so nice to be able to award a rosette to Georgie and Kathy. Anna Burbank was the tracklayer for Georgie’s track, the final track drawn.

It takes manpower to put on a tracking trial, and Lenape is fortunate to have many members who are willing to volunteer their services—thank you to the judges, volunteers, and entrants who contributed their energies to making this VST test a successful endeavor!

I had the honor of attending and participating in this event with my young Golden. As a member I have worked tests and can attest to the manpower it requires to put these tests on. Thank You to all the club members who came out, layed track, prepared food. Cheered on the competitors. You’re all a class act!!!!

Tammy

### **Lenape VST Results:**

Congratulations to Kathy Cleaver and new CT Georgina Vom Traumahof! We are so excited to have a VST pass after a bit of a dry spell. We had a good field of dogs and handlers this weekend. Nice to see familiar faces. Tracking people are truly the best. Fingers crossed for everyone in future tests.



**Anna’s Stinky Feet**