

2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

VST: May 13, 2018, Brookdale
Community College

TD: TD- Oct 7th 2018, Hoffman
Park, Hampton, NJ

TDX- Nov. 18th, 2018, location
TBD

*****Don't forget the worker
draw option for all Lenape
tracking tests!*****



LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC

MARCH/APRIL 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

HI EVERYONE,
Well spring has arrived!!!

*The snow is finally gone and the grass is getting
green...
Time to get your tracking gear out & get onto those
fields. ▶ - - - - - 🐾*

The club just held the Tracking Experience Day on 4/22 and all participants loved the event. Although there were only 8 working teams in attendance, all were very impressed with the club and all of the volunteers. Thank you all for giving your time & support that weekend. This event is so important

because it's the only fund raising event LTC runs every year. The more participants that come to the event, the more money the club makes. Let's continue to make this event a success.... 🐾

The VST trial will be held on May 13th at Brookdale Community College in Lyncroft, NJ. All are welcome the day of the event. The LTC website has the premium with more info.

Looking forward... This summer (August) we are hoping to hold our "Tracklayer Certification". More info to follow.

The board members will be meeting soon to review fall events & prepare dates for the 2019 trials. If you have anything you want the board to address, forward it to Gina.dealmeida@gmail.com and we will gladly put on the agenda.

That's all for now!!!!

Gina DeAlmeida
President
Lenape Tracking Club

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Just a reminder of the **Newsletter deadlines** and publication dates through mid-year 2018. Send all brags, member profiles, and information to be published in the newsletter to: Tammy Snyder at tsrotts1@twcnny.rr.com

Newsletter	Deadlines	Published
May/June	June 15 th	July 1 st 2018
July/August	Aug. 15	Sept. 1 st 2018
Sept./Oct.	Oct 15 th	Nov.1 st 2018

Board Meeting Minutes:

There was no board meeting since the last newsletter. Look for information from the board in the coming year.

New Members: Membership director: Tammy Snyder
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Lenape Members, In case you are not aware, Lenape Tracking Club offers a Worker option at all tracking tests it holds. This gives 1 or more members an extra chance to get into a test. If you volunteer for the club at an event, you get worker credits that you can turn in with your tracking test entry. You will need to worker skips that are less than 2 years old. You get a chance at the worker draw. If you don't get into the worker draw, your entry then goes into the general draw for the rest of the tracks. The rules to worker option are all outlined in the AKC tracking rules. Volunteer for an event!

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

Gina DeAlmeida and "Felon" and "Toro"

On December 16, 2017 we entered a trick dog evaluation test. Both Toro & Felon passed their Trick Dog Novice and Trick Dog Intermediate tests with flying colors. It was heartwarming to see the old guy TORO keep up with his much younger housemate FELON. The boys were tested side by side with one watching the other succeed.

After our completion of the first 2 levels, we decided to get some practice in & additional training in before attempting the 3rd level (Advanced). So, we then scheduled an evaluation for March.

I'm happy & so proud to say that both my boys passed their Trick Dog Advanced tests on March 24th.

What a wonderful accomplishment for my 2 year old "Felon" & yes even "Mr Toro" can still keep up with the youngster at 12 1/2 years young. Such a proud momma!



Gina and CH. Felon

Felon finished his AKC Championship, handled by Jane Hobson, with a final major at the Bucks County Kennel Club show on Saturday 5/5/18. Congrats, Team Felon!!



Tammy Snyder and “Splash”

Splash earned her Standard Agility Excellent title, and earned her first Excellent Jumpers leg, both with pretty blue ribbons.

Tammy Snyder and “The Brick”

My new addition, a Rottweiler from Connecticut. He’s got a wonderful personality, and has a promising life ahead. He attended his first Tracking seminar this weekend, and was the little star. Learning behavior for article indication and following baby tracks on both grass and pavement.

Here’s the Beast.



New Tracking Titles: Pat Etchells, and “Muggs”

When we got Muggs, another Cocker, with the intention of showing in conformation and performance, I thought it would be smart to do tracking first while all I had to worry about was puppy coat. With a birthday the end of September and our tracking season ending in mid-April, that meant trying to get a TD on a six-month-old puppy within a three-week window. My tracking buddies looked at me and said, “you want to do what?” but they humored me and laid tracks once or twice a week from the time he was three months old. And, being a puppy who didn’t know that progress normally comes in small increments, Muggs just nailed the tracks which kept getting longer and older by leaps and bounds with each passing practice.

We found a judge willing to certify a five-month-old puppy then sent in entries for the three remaining tests of the season within a day’s drive. By some miracle we got into the first one, just five days after he turned six months (which is the minimum age to enter). It was held along Coyote Creek in the hills just south of San Jose, California. No, we didn’t see any coyotes, but the judges’ briefing included warnings about all sorts of flora and fauna, including coyotes, cougars, bobcats, foxes, feral hogs, rattlesnakes, tall grasses, star thistle and poison oak. (It was still too early in the season to be worried about foxtails.)

The start of the track was about a mile from headquarters along paths well used by bikers, joggers and dog walkers, and Muggs had plenty of opportunities to tell anyone who would listen that he was heading toward HIS track. As we neared the starting flags, I had to pick him

up and hold him as a group of three leashed dogs passed.

The start was to the left of the pathway and was in mid-calf damp grass. Basically he penciled the track for the first three legs, then we wound up in a large patch of churned up dirt, which I learned later was caused by feral hogs rooting. Muggs investigated this area for a while and ventured into adjacent poison oak, and when I realized he wasn't finding a way out, I backed up and he picked up the final leg going back toward the pathway.

He reached the pathway without finding a glove, so he just kept going, unconcerned that the three dogs (and owners) I'd picked him up for earlier had walked along the pathway in both directions while he was running the start of the track. Then near disaster. Right after the pathway there was a tree stump in the field, all blackened and doing its best to imitate an upright seal. Muggs went out of tracking mode and into "I'll protect you, Mom, from this horrible creature that's sitting in the field. I may still be a puppy, but I'm a brave boy with a big loud bark." When he was thoroughly convinced that he had called this foul monster every name he could think of with a few duplicates thrown in for good measure and was pretty sure that it was pleading for mercy, he switched back into tracking mode for about four feet and found the glove just past his nemesis.

It's pretty obvious that a puppy who can be coaxed away from hog scent, who can negotiate a busy pathway, who can ignore fresh cross tracks, and most importantly who will defend me from track demons isn't a puppy who should have his tracking harness put away. So I guess I'll be dealing with the ravages tracking does to a show coat for many years to come.

World, watch out for Cocktails Rum-Runnin' to Deerhill, TD.



Recent Lenape Events: TED April 2018

Once again, TED time was here. It is always exciting to see the enthusiasm of the new teams. This year, we had 8 teams consisting of a Coonhound mix, Giant Schnauzer, Norfolk Terrier, All American, Rottweiler, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Bloodhound and a Golden Retriever. On Friday evening, Nancy, Jim and Anna set up. Saturday arrived with pretty cool weather which was great for the dogs! It was an eager group of handlers, all with a great sense

of humor and some savvy dog experience. It made for a great day! On Sunday, 5 teams arrived to gain more knowledge and lots of hands on experience. The evaluations at the end of the weekend expressed how impressed the participants were with the organization, content and members friendliness. We are hoping to see some of these dogs in our next TD test.

No program can be run without its volunteers. The following people need to be acknowledged for their time and contributions to make this a success. People covered more than one task so they will be mentioned collectively - Anna Burbank, Nancy Grove whose organizational skills again abound, Jim Bunderla, George and Rose Mary Laubach, Ben Hoyle, Donna Hess, Peg Forte, Janet Kelly, Bill Kuntz, Pat Pagano who did the track demo with her awesome Aussie, Cris Courduff, Alyson Fuge, Sandy Hambrecht, and Janet Doerer. I think it is safe to say a good time was had by all. The weather warmed up, the food was delicious, instruction comprehensive and very organized. A huge thank you to all who worked to make this a successful event and share our love of the sport with newbies.

Submitted by Rose MARY Laubach

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@twcnv.rr.com

Member profile: Lynn Samsky

Hello Everyone. My name is Lynn Samsky and I was born loving animals, especially dogs. I became a member of the Lenape Tracking Club a couple of years ago after meeting Gina DeAlmeida, our President, at an Obedience Training Club. She introduced me to the world of tracking and I'm hooked.

I started training dogs at eight years old and grooming dogs at 14 years old. I am still training 47 years later and retired from grooming about four years ago. I studied accounting in college and ended up working for the U.S.P.S. for twenty five years (retired in 2013) and running my own full time grooming business for 35 years after working for other groomers for five years.

I have owned nine dogs since I was eight years old, sometimes multiple dogs at one time. I currently own two German Shepherds. Mikayla, my female is a bi-color, Czeck bloodline. She is five years old and has her CGC, RN, RA, RE, CD titles and was a certified Therapy Dog. I dropped the Therapy Dog certification due to the fact that I never took her out to be a therapy dog once she got the certification. Mikayla has a little t.v. and movie career also. She has been filmed in nine television shows and two movies so far. Her most popular television appearances are Law and Order SVU and The Tick. She appeared in the movie "Rough Night" with Scarlett Johanson and Demi Moore back in June of 2017. I have appeared in three of these t.v. shows with her as a K-9 officer handling my own dog for the part. Mikayla is training currently in tracking and we are hoping for a TD in the next year.

Diamond is my male German Shepherd. He is also from Czeck bloodlines and is a 2 ½ year old. He has a long, solid black coat. He also has his CGC, RN, RA, RE and CD titles. He is not in show biz yet but he probably will be some day. I hope to pursue a CDX and UD title for him. When he is older we hope to get some tracking titles also. He is the clown of the operation. Every house needs one of those.

I am now fully retired and spend my time training the dogs, gardening and eating out a lot. My other seven dogs that have passed away were 3 Shepherds, a Border Collie mix, a Maltese/Yorkie mix, an Aussie mix and a Golden Retriever mix. All my dogs with the exception of Mikayla were rescues. I am contemplating a third dog in the next year or two. Yes, I am crazy.



NON-LENAPE EVENTS OF INTEREST: None at this time

ARTICLE: New species of tick discovered in NJ

HUNTERDON COUNTY, N.J. -- A tiny parasite could become a big problem this year in New Jersey. It's an exotic tick that's never been seen before in the United States. It was first spotted on a sheep in Hunterdon County, and efforts to wipe it out have failed, CBS, NY reports.

New Jersey has always been home to different species of ticks -- five, to be exact. But a new variety of the bloodsucking bug is now in the mix.

It's the East Asian tick, sometimes called a longhorned or bush tick. Originally found in Asia, thousands of them are now in the Garden State.

Their discovery started with a call.

"A phone call from a resident in Hunterdon County that her sheep was infested with a lot of ticks. She brought some in and, low and behold, she was also covered in the same ticks," research microbiologist James Occi told the station. "It was kind of an odd looking thing. She didn't know what it was, she had never seen them before."



East Asian ticks discovered in New Jersey.

J. OCCI VIA CBS NEW YORK

Occi works with entomologists at Rutgers University who tested the ticks. He said steps were taken to kill them, but just a few days ago he used carbon dioxide traps and found a number of the pests survived.

That's a problem, because like the deer ticks that spread Lyme Disease, East Asian ticks have been known to spread a deadly virus called SFTS, which stands for severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome. Thrombocytopenia means a low blood platelet count, according to the Mayo Clinic.

"It has the potential. That's why we're worried," said Occi.

Symptoms of SFTS include fever, fatigue, chill, headache, nausea, muscle pain, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, disease of the lymph nodes, and conjunctival congestion. In some cases, it can lead to death.

Residents who spoke with CBS New York reporter Elise Finch expressed concern about the potential threat.

"There's enough things you have to worry about. So hearing about new things that could potentially jeopardize the health of your home is something to be concerned about," Hoboken resident Laurena Morris said.

"My biggest concern is that my dog would bring it home and somehow my son would get it," said Caitlin Dibetta.

"More work has to be done to keep these out and find ways when they are introduced, to find natural predators to eliminate them," Steve Maikowski said.

Scientists will treat the affected farm with pesticide this week in hopes of eliminating the exotic ticks.

How the ticks made it to New Jersey in the first place is still a mystery.

Tests done on ticks found in November did not reveal any Tick-borne disease. The ticks collected a few days ago are being tested now.