



# LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC

JAN/FEB 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

### 2019 Upcoming Events

AKC Tracking  
Seminar: Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>  
2019

TED: April 27/28  
Camp Tecumseh-  
Tentative.

VST: May 19 2019  
Brookdale  
Community College

TD: Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 2019,  
TBD

TDX: Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 2019

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

Hello everyone,

Well spring is right around the corner!! 🌱🌿🍀  
This is when we all get busy tracking, trialing, &  
VOLUNTEERING. 🐾🐾

3/30/19 - The Tracking Seminar is coming up quickly.  
Any members interested, please contact Gina DeAlmeida  
ASAP so we can have a spot ready for you. Also, all the folks  
that have already contacted me & plan on attending, please  
send your fee directly to Gina.

### **\*\* ATTENTION \*\* ATTENTION \*\***

TED 4/27/19 - The TED needs a leader to coordinate all the  
day's events. **Please contact Gina to volunteer for this  
important job.**

We have 13 volunteers so far. Thank you all for stepping up to  
help out.

VST 5/19/19 - Any one ready to lay some stinky VST tracks?  
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We will be looking for VST volunteers soon. Check your  
calendars!!

It's always fun to be a part of the VST test.

One of the most challenging tracking events in the AKC.

💖💖 The Lenape Tracking Club has always prided itself on  
holding quality events. Our LTC members are the glue that

holds this group together.

💖💖 We can't do this without your help. We need everyone to be a part of at least 1 or 2  
events to make them a success.

Thank you in advance for all your support!!!

Gina De.

Judges Seminar coming to Lenape Tracking Club,  
Spring 2019  
See E-Mail attachment  
Sign up today!

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@twcny.rr.com](mailto:tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com)

<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Deadlines</b>	<b>Published</b>
Mar/Apr	Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019
May/Jun	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	July 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019
July/Aug.	Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019

## **Board Meeting Minutes: Secretary's Report from 2018.**

updated 12/21/18

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

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

#### **2018 CALENDAR YEAR**

(18 incoming; 2 outgoing)

#### **Incoming:**

1. 2/8/2018—letter from AKC to update Officer Information and to submit electronic updated membership list.
2. 3/6/2018—email/attachments received from AKC re: C&BL revisions—further action requested.
3. 3/29/2018—email received from Teresa Cuchiaro re: NJFDC Delegates meeting 4/2/2018.
4. 3/29/2018—"Unleashed", newsletter from NJFDC, received via USPS mail.

5. 5/21/2018—email received from Teresa Cuchiaro, NJFDC, re: updating our information for their records. (Updated, only Gina's email, on 6/1/18).
6. 5/23/2018—email received from Tom McCarthy of the Somerset Patriot Minor League Baseball team in Bridgewater, inviting our group to participate in one of their "Bark in The Park" dog-friendly ball game with special activities for our dogs. Forwarded to BOD; contacted him for dates/requirements.
7. 5/24/2018—email received from AKC Event Operations re: Notice of Closeout of VST event of 5/13/2018.
8. 5/25/2018—email received from Teresa Cuchiaro, re NJFDC Delegate Meeting on 6/4/18. Forwarded to BOD on 6/1/2018.
9. 6/4/2018—"Unleashed", newsletter from NJFDC, received via USPS mail.
10. 6/18/2018—email received from Tom McCarthy of Somerset Patriot Minor League Baseball re: "Bark in the Park"—forwarded to BOD.
11. 8/16/2018—email received from Teresa Cuchiaro re: proposed new dog/kennel/breeder Legislation in Shamong—forwarded to BOD & Membership on 8/19/2018.
12. 9/29/2018—"Unleashed", newsletter from NJFDC, received via USPS mail.
13. 10/19/2018—email received from AKC Event Operations re: closeout notice of TD Event of 10/7/2018.
14. 10/30/2018—letter received via USPS from AKC Humane Fund, soliciting for 2018 Annual Appeal as a Founding Member. Information relayed to BOD; no further action taken.
15. 11/2/2018—email from Teresa Cuchiaro re: upcoming event in Camden County about the new AKC pet rescue trailer for emergency situations.
16. 11/27/2018—email from Teresa Cuchiaro re: NJFDC Delegates Meeting on 12/3/2018.
17. 12/5/2018—email received from AKC Event Operations re: closeout notice of TDX Event of 11/11/2018.
18. 12/21/2018—email received from AKC re: Judging Panel Not Received for Event scheduled for 5/19/2019—forwarded to BOD—Anna took action.

**Outgoing:**

1. 1/1/2018—2017 LTCCNJ Secretary's Report emailed to LTC BOD and to NL editor Tammy Snyder.
2. 2/11/2018—email sent to AKC Club Relations Department to check status of revised C&BL, which was submitted electronically on 12/30/17.

## **NEWSFLASH: Lenape Tracking Club is now offering CT ribbons:**

Hi, everyone! I picked up the new CT ribbons today. They are simply beautiful! 8" head with 24" streamers, ribbon with gold trim, AKC logo on center button. These will be available to any dog earning its CT at a Lenape test. Since dogs can potentially earn their CT at either TDX, or VST, these could be given at either of these tests.

Deb at Rau is THE BEST!

I will donate these first four, so there will not be an invoice to the Club—I already paid for them.

I hope we are able to award them soon!

Janet K

Thank You Janet for the donation of these beautiful ribbons!



**New Members: Membership director:** Tammy Snyder  
662 Five Mile Dr.  
Ithaca, NY 14850

2018 saw the following new members be inducted into Lenape Tracking Club. Please introduce yourselves at the next Lenape event you attend, so we all can put a face to the names. Please also consider writing a little bio about yourself and your dog(s) so that all the members can get to know you. You can send these to me at [tsrotts1@tweny.rr.com](mailto:tsrotts1@tweny.rr.com) and I will post them, with photos if you send them under the member profile section of the newsletter.

Welcome!

Renee Gyuro  
Monique Buzzarte`  
Jane Johnson  
Nancy Jorczak  
Joyce Smuda  
Molly Sumridge

## **Member's Brags:**

Gina and Felon

I'm proud to announce that FELON achieved his Rally Novice title this past January. He qualified 3 times at 3 trials in 2 weeks while receiving a 1st & 2nd placements along the way. He is now working on his advanced title. Felon is now known as:

AKC/UKC CH Braesides Worth the Wait TDX RN BH TKP CGCA TT



### Tammy and Splash

Splash earned her 2<sup>nd</sup> Master's Jumpers leg at the SOTC agility trial on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. She earned 13 MACH points.

### Rosemary and Remy and Magic

I have a few brags for my boys. Magic is working hard on his tracking and told me he wants to certify this Spring!! Remy, also a golden retriever, joined our family at Christmas. He is now 3.5 mos old and earned his AKC STAR puppy certificate this week. In addition he earned his CGC title along with the AKC Novice Tricks title (TKN). He is the youngest of my dogs to have achieved this at such a young age. He also did his first puppy track. For those who remember Hope it is no surprise as Remy is her nephew - the closest breeding I could get related to her!!!

### Janet Doerer and Pilot

Please meet the newest member of the Doerer family Alouette's Awesome Pilot of My Dreams known as Pilot (Pi for short). He was born on October 13, 2018. We drove out to Oklahoma to get him and drove back with him and his sister Red girl. Red girl's mom meet with us in PA. Pilot was a very good boy and travels well. At 8 weeks old he had already been through 8 states. This will be just the beginning of a great time and awesome adventure together.



**New Tracking Titles: Muggs: New TDX! Congratulations, and quite a tale.**

## **Cocktails Rum-runnin' to Deerhill, TDX**

### **Of hogs and dogs and horses**

11 months ago my just-barely-six-month-old Cocker Spaniel Muggs got his TD at Coyote Creek near San Jose, California, defending me from a dead tree masquerading as an upright seal guarding the glove. This year we got into a TDX test at the same venue, but in a different field. We were hopeful it wouldn't have as many "animal" distractions.

In a winter plagued with rain from numerous Pineapple Expresses, the day was partly sunny, pretty warm and minimal wind. Muggs got the scent at the start flag and took off down the first leg, made a turn, checked out the cross tracks, made another turn, found an article and ended up under a tree with torn up ground: one of the park's many infamous feral hog wallows. He searched a while and did a bit of rolling (thank goodness dogs can wear coats or his hair would have been disgusting) and finally worked his way out toward a dirt road.

The track turned and paralleled the road a few feet in. As we were working our way down the track, two pedestrians with small dogs on Flexi's approached on the pathway. Muggs is a dog who has to talk to dogs he doesn't know, so I got him close to me and waited while the dogs ran around at the end of their leashes, perilously close to the track and Muggs. I found out later that folks in the gallery talked to the owners, who said their dogs hated other dogs and that one had been on Prozac. Lovely. Fortunately they were agreeable to not make their return trip on the track while Muggs was working.

After leaving the dogs behind, we'd only gone a short distance when he indicated a tennis ball on the track. I've never seen a toy used as an article but I certainly wasn't going to leave it there, just in case. However, another traditional article was a few yards beyond.

Muggs then made a turn and took me over a puddled bridge (no big deal to a dog who has been tracking in standing water in Oregon all winter...) and into a grassy dead end. I knew there had to be a turn there but couldn't get him to re-cross the road. Finally he got me close enough that I could encourage him to circle in the grass on the other side and pick up the track, which at that point was paralleling yet another roadway.

So, he barreled down the track, and I saw him sniffing something that looked like the glove, but before I could get there, two horses with riders came along the roadway. With even bigger “dogs” present, of course he forgot the job at hand and stopped to talk to them too. But unlike the “seal” on his TD track, the horses had the decency to move. Once he was sure they’d been chased away, Muggs returned to the glove so I could pick it up and wave it. TDX!



**Recent Lenape Events: Upcoming Lenape event  
Tracking Judges Seminar, Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

Please get your checks and registration in to Gina. She needs to have 20 registered participants by Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, or the event is in danger of being cancelled. Register today! Flyer attached to e-mail.

**Member profile: none this issue**

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@twcnj.rr.com](mailto:tsrotts1@twcnj.rr.com)

**NON-LENAPE EVENTS OF INTEREST: None this issue**

**IN Memorium: For loss of Companions and People connected to  
Lenape Tracking Club**

**Interesting Article: From Science News**

# Genes might explain why dogs can't sniff out some people under stress

Dogs had trouble finding people with a shorter version of a gene  
involved in stress management

BY

**TINA HESMAN SAEY**

2:45PM, FEBRUARY 27, 2019



**ALTERED ODOR** Being stressed or afraid may alter a person's usual scent and throw dogs off the person's track. People with a particular version of a gene may have a bigger change in odor when stressed, a study suggests.

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**BALTIMORE** — Some police dogs may smell fear, and that could be bad news for finding missing people whose genetic makeup leaves them more prone to stress.

Trained police dogs couldn't recognize stressed-out people with a particular version of a gene that's involved in stress management, geneticist Francesco Sessa reported February 22 at the [annual meeting](#) of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. The dogs had no trouble identifying the men and women volunteers when the people weren't under stress. The study may help explain why dogs can perform flawlessly in training, but have difficulty tracking people in real-world situations.

Sessa, of the University of Foggia in Italy, and colleagues wondered whether fear could change a person's normal scent and throw off dogs' ability to find missing people. The researchers also investigated whether people's genes might make some individuals easier or harder for dogs to pick out of a lineup.

Previous studies already had linked different versions of the serotonin transporter gene *SLC6A4* to stress management. People with the long version of the gene tend to handle stress better than people with the short version, Sessa said.

He and colleagues recruited four volunteers — a man and a woman who each have the long version of the gene and a man and a woman with the short version. Each of the participants wore a scarf for a couple of hours a day to imprint their scent on the garment. Then the researchers brought the volunteers into the lab. In the first session, the volunteers wore a T-shirt and weren't subjected to any stressors. The team then created two lineups of T-shirts, one with those of the men and another for the women. After sniffing the scarves, two trained police dogs had no trouble identifying any of the volunteers in a lineup of 10 T-shirts. The canine units identified each of the volunteers in three out of three attempts.

Next the researchers stressed the volunteers by having them do public speaking. The participants' hearts raced and their breathing became shallow, a sign that people were scared, Sessa said.

That stress may have made their body odor change, too, confusing the dogs. The animals picked stress-stained T-shirts belonging to the man and woman with the long version of the gene from the lineup in two out of three attempts. But neither dog could identify the stressed people with the short version of the gene, suggesting that those people's natural scent changes more under stress.

The researchers need to confirm their findings in a larger study, Sessa said. And the team hasn't yet analyzed how being scared or stressed changes body odor.

“It could be a plausible explanation” for why dogs can find some people more easily than others, says criminologist and forensic scientist Cliff Akiyama, founder of Akiyama and Associates, a forensic consulting company headquartered in Philadelphia. “Our bodies respond to trauma very differently,” he says.

Fear can set off a flood of stress hormones that make some people freeze, others fight and yet others flee. It seems reasonable that the same hormone flood could alter a person’s scent, Akiyama says. But that doesn’t mean dogs are useless in finding missing persons. Many people are kidnapped by parents, relatives or other people the victims know, he says. So abductees aren’t always afraid of their abductors, perhaps leaving their scents unaltered.

### Citations

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### Further Reading

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## Membership Renewal:

**As of March 1<sup>st</sup> there are still 11 outstanding memberships to be renewed. You will receive an individualized e-mail if you still haven’t paid your membership for 2019. If you receive a paper newsletter, you will not receive one after this one, until your dues are paid. Please get dues in, so the club can fund its upcoming events.**