# LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC

3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello everyone,

UPCOMING EVENTS
2022
( Dates tentative)

VST: 4/10 Brookdale Comm. College

TD: 10/9 Finn Park

TDX: 11/13 Finn Park

\*\*\*\*\*Don't forget that all Lenape Tracking Club trials have a worker draw\*\*\*\*\*

Submit your worker credits with your entry.

\*\*\*\* Happy Holidays \*\*\*\*

I just want to recap... THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!

Lenape continues to hold our trials at the TD, TDX and VST levels with an amazing amount of help from some of our club members.

Lenape will continue to offer titling trials IF we have YOU to help!!!

There are many details at each trial that need to be handled & without you volunteering, we wouldn't be able to get everything done.

Not all the 2022 trial dates have been announced yet, but we're working on them.

- VST has already been Planned for April 10th, 2022 at Brookdale Community College.
- With the addition of new land in and around Finn Park we will be holding a 6 track TDX in 2022.
- Future plans for the club still include the 3 tracking levels that we have done in the past, BUT there is always the opportunity to additionally hold a TDU trial as well. Please let me know if you might be interested.

The TED is still on hold pending a volunteer to spearhead the event. If anyone is willing to plan & execute this event, please contact me directly.

Remember if you're planning on entering a test, you will need to work at least 1 event to earn your "Worker Credits" for the draw.

Thanks Again to all who helped at the 2021 trials. Your help is invaluable to the club.

Happy Tracking!!!!!

Gina

## Lenape News

Since June 2021, Covid has continued to be front and center on the new, and in daily lives. It has meant changes to favorite activities, but more and more dog related activities are back in action and lots of our members have had successes. Our hope for 2022 is continued return to normalcy and more fun times with our canine companions. Lenape Tracking Club, despite the pandemic was able to continue holding tracking tests in 2021. The fall tests, TD and TDX went off without a hitch, with lots of help from members and non-members alike. Thanks to all those whom assisted with TD and TDX. Without workers, these events don't happen.

Just a reminder of the **Newsletter deadlines** and publication dates through 2021 Send all brags, member profiles, and information to be published in the newsletter to: Tammy Snyder at <a href="mailto:tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com">tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com</a>

| Newsletter              | <b>Deadlines</b> | Published            |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1st Quarter             | March 15th       | April 1st            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter | June 15th        | July 1st             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | Oct 10th         | Oct. 2021 (after TD) |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter | Dec. 15th        | Jan 2022 (after TDX) |

The above dates are approximate. The newsletter will be quarterly unless there is need to produce more frequently. The newsletter will be published to incorporate the club's main events, the TED, VST, TD and TDX. The above are dates that brags/memorials and any other information for the newsletter will need to be into me at <a href="mailto:tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com">tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com</a>

If you know of events in areas where members live that will fall into the time frame of this newsletter, please send along. I know members are involved in lots of other events other than tracking. Let's hear about what's out there.

**New Members:** Membership director: Tammy Snyder

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New member application from: Anne Rosenburg

1333 Hainesport Rd, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 She is the acting test secretary for the Burlington Kennel Club Tracking test. She has 6 dogs that have completed the TD. Anne has been endorsed by members Anna Burbank, and Tammy Snyder, she attended and assisted with cross tracks at the Lenape TDX 11/2021. She would like to become certified to lay tracks for the club.

Anyone with objections to admitting Anne as a member of Lenape Tracking Club, please contact the board. If no objections by next newsletter publication, Anne will be admitted to the club.

Monique Buzzarté is the IO Groups list manager. She will be adding new members to IO Groups list, as they are approved. She will also update the files section. If you have something that needs to be added to the files section, please send to Monique at: monique@buzzarte.org

## Member's Brags: Send your Brags to Tammy at tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com

#### Gina and Felon

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 2021, FH pass at Schutzengel Schutzhund Club Binghamton, NY, Int"l/AKC/UKC CH Braesides Worth The Wait CD TDX RE TKP FDC BH IGP3 FH TT CGCA.





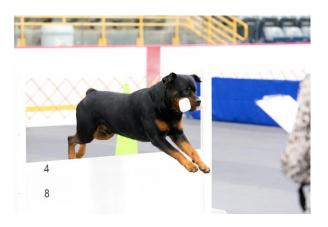
#### Tammy and Brick

July 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, completion of Companion Dog Excellent title at Bloomsburg Cluster Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 2021, Completion of Champion title, handled by Ryan Dillman at Somerset Hills Kennel Club, in NJ.

AKC/UKC CH. Wllslands Let it Be Lasting Foundation, CDX, BN, NAJ, NJP, TD, VCD1,

CI, TKN, TT, CGC, UKC Spot-on.





## **Rose Mary and Remy**

Remy has been busy. In July he earned his CD-C. In Sept. he earned his AKC CD. In Oct. he got his BCAT IN 2 weekends. And in Nov. he earned the coveted TD!! What a fun guy!!

Goldenways EZ Magic Remedy, CD, CD-C, BN, RI, TD, BCAT, THD, CGCA, TKN, ATT

#### **Rose Mary and Magic**

In July Magic earned his CD-C with a run-off for high in trial!!

Goldenways The Magic Touch, CD CD-C BN RI TD THDN CGCA CGCU TKA ATT

#### **Dan and Teddy**

Teddy earned his GCh. Title on labor day and his Scent Work Excellent title in Ohio a few weeks later. New PCD title in Philadelphia.

GCH CH Golden Pond Theodore Our Shining White Knight, PCD CD BN RN SWE SCM SHDN BCAT FDC THDN CGC CCA

#### Dan and Jesse

Jesse earned his scent work novice title, Rally Intermediate title, and ran a blazing 24 ½ MPH at his first FCAT competition, beating his brother. New PCD title in Philadelphia.

Rainyday's Born To Love You, PCD BN RI SWN SBA SEA SIA CCA



## **Pat and Raggs**

Raggs, our Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, got his third Open Standard Preferred leg on September 19 in Eugene, Oregon - and this was the final component for his VCD2 title! He is now Skylark Raggin' A Tune With Deerhill VCD2 RE DJ CGCA TKE CD-V



#### Nancy and Panther

GCH Deerpath Signature Cartier TD SC passed her TD test at Lenape's Oct. Tracking Dog test.

#### Nancy and Wannabe

CH Deerpath Flying Ebony got his DS (dock senior) title during his first weekend of competition in September.

#### Peg and Jetta

#### GCHS StormWatch Jet Stream, CDX,RE AX AXJ WC JH CGC TKN

Has met the requirements for the Flat Coated Retriever Society of America's Hall of Fame (HOF) The HOF honors the Flat Coat's dual Purpose and is awarded for outstanding accomplishments.

The requirements are 175 points from AKC Conformation, Field, Obedience, Rally, and Agility. Jetta has earned 90 conformation points, which Includes some group placements and an Award of Merit at a National Specialty. The additional 95 points came from Field (Junior Hunter) and Working Certificate (WC). Obedience (CDX), Rally (RE), and Agility (AX and AXJ).

Jetta earned her Excellent Agility title on November 28<sup>th</sup> which gave her the last points she needed to qualify.
Her friend Caroline leBel finished both of her Agility Excellent titles.
Bridger Bodine taught Jetta and me the skills she needed for the field titles. Linda Brennan helped us with the Obedience. It has been a journey of several years to get to this.

It is also special because I am her breeder. She also has Canadian and UKC Ch titles, CDSP and UKC Novice titles



Caroline leBel, Jetta's agility handler (left) And me with Jetta.

## **Lenape Events 2021:**

#### TD

Sunday Oct 9th 2021

8 tracks offered plus and alternate. Held at Finn Park. 5 out of 9 dogs passed. Those passing included:

- 1. Whippet, GCH. CH. Deerpath Signature Cartier SC, owned by member Nancy Jorczak, handled by Teryl Lebruecher.
- 2. Dachshund, Willow Springs Ev-Ry Sassy Girl, RN, FDC, DCAT, SBN, THDN, CGCU, TKN owned and handled by Anne Rosenberg.
- 3. Australian Shephard, Solstice My Way at Airborne, RI, TKN owned by Susan Lobst and Heather Tyler.
- 4. Black and Tan Coonhound, Squire: In Trueheart of Floyd to Tallulah owned and handled by Kiko Nobusawa.
- 5. Standard Schnauzer, OTCH RACH Sketchbook Treasure Seeker UDX4, PCDX, OM5, BN, GN, GO, RM3, RAE2, OA, OAJ, OF, CAA, BCAT, CGCU, TKA owned and handled by Debbie Cuiffo.

Congratulations to all the passes. Those who didn't pass did well, and should pass soon, if they haven't already.

Thank you, of course to those who helped at the test, putting in track, driving judges, and providing hospitality, and to judges Gina DeAlmeida, and Jill Paige.

#### TDX

Sunday Nov. 14th 2021

4 tracks offered with an alternate track plotted. There were no passes at this test, though some teams came very close and should pass soon. Thanks to those who laid tracks (Janet Doerer, Ben Hoyle, Dan Fraser, Janet Kelly and Tammy Snyder), cross tracks (Anne Rosenberg, Renee Gyuro, Cris Courduff), provided hospitality (Nancy Jorczak), Secretary Anna Burbank, driver Lynn Samsky. Special thanks to judges Gina DeAlmeida, and Stephanie Crawford for plotting such beautiful tracks. Events like this cannot happen with all these people to take on the big and little jobs alike. Please volunteer, you will be providing an opportunity for a team to enter and hopefully pass a tracking test.

## Tracking Test Statistics for Lenape Tracking Club: Looking Back Lenape Tracking Tests: 2009 through 2021

#### By Anna Burbank

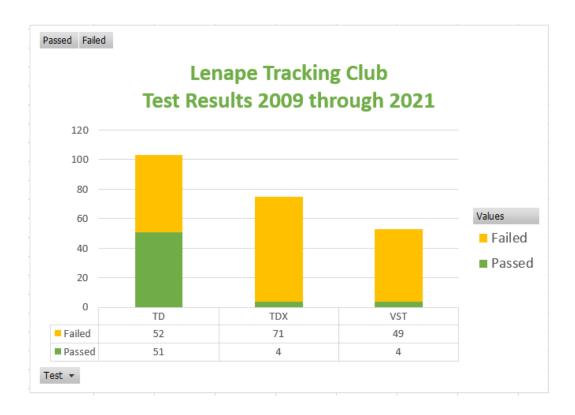
This year marks Lenape's 20th TDX, 31st TD, and 11th VST. We held a combined TD/TDX in 2014 as well as a separate TDX. I counted the combined test as both a TD and TDX. There is a history page on our website that notes that Lenape was formed in June of 1975. I think most of you know Peg Forte, who was one of our founding members. The club began holding Tracking Experience Day in spring of 1978 but did not get AKC approval to hold tracking tests until 1990.

I thought it might be interesting to look at Lenape's tracking test statistics over the past years. I only went back to 2009 because that's as far back as my data goes. I don't have any information prior to that. I had to go back through newsletters and emails to dig up some of the older results because I didn't scan everything until recently. I think my numbers are accurate, but if you notice anything off please let me know. Some things to note:

- From 2009 through 2021, Lenape volunteers have laid 103 TD tracks, 75 TDX tracks and 53 VST tracks.
- Since 2009, we have had only four TDX passes: one in 2010 (judges Susan Boyd and Stephanie Crawford), one in 2011 (judges Herb Morrison and Michele Gillette) and two in 2019 (judges Stephanie Crawford and Doris Viguers).

- We have had four VST passes since our first VST in 2010: one in 2010 (judges Ed Presnall and Mary Thompson), two in 2013 (judges Joe Hamzy and Salle Richards), and one in 2017 (judges Luci Seeley and Darleen Barnard).
- That gives us a 5% pass rate for TDXs and an 8% pass rate for VSTs.
- We have a 50% pass rate for TDs. The jump in difficulty after the TD is amazing.
- We have cancelled two tests.
  - o In 2012 we cancelled the TD due to Hurricane Sandy. We had judges coming from Florida and all flights were cancelled. Many of our members were without phone and email, the test site was inaccessible, and no one could get gas for their cars anyway. We had to reschedule the TDX that year, but we still held it.
  - In 2014 we cancelled the VST due to snow. The previous year we almost had to cancel due to snow. This is why we don't have the VST in March anymore.

Since a picture is worth 1,000 words, below is a bar chart of passes and fails for each type of test.



## AKC Tracking Stats 2020 and 2019

| Pass rates for 2020 | Pass rates for 2019 |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| TD-57.6%            | TD-54.3%            |
| TDX-22.3%           | TDX-19.7%           |
| VST-16.4%           | VST-15.8%           |
| TDU-27.6%           | TDU-34.6%           |

These were derived from the total number of tracks offered, vs the total number of titles awarded at each level for 2020 and 2019.

|     | Titles awarded 2020 | Titles awarded 2019 |
|-----|---------------------|---------------------|
| TD  | 195                 | 264                 |
| TDX | 63                  | 100                 |
| VST | 20                  | 64                  |
| TDU | 24                  | 51                  |
|     |                     |                     |
|     | Total tracks 2020   | Total tracks 2019   |
| TD  | 338                 | 486                 |
| TDX | 282                 | 507                 |
| VST | 122                 | 405                 |
| TDU | 87                  | 147                 |

There were 21 CT's awarded in 2020, and 62 CT's in 2019

Pass rates are similar from 2019-2020, the change we see in number of tracks offered is that there were a large percentage of tests that did not happen in 2020, compared to 2019 due to Covid closures, and clubs unable or unwilling to hold tests due to Covid concerns. What we see, though is

that pass rates remained largely unchanged. Pass rates for TDX have remained quite stable (20-25%), but from my last recollection of VST pass rates being around 8% (maybe 5 years ago), these have improved the most, essentially doubling.

#### A CHALLENGE FOR LENAPE MEMBERS

## By Peg Forte

According to an article in the June 2021 Reader's Digest, "Scent-sational News About Smell" it is possible for humans to "track.\*" The article says that humans who are willing to crawl through grass will be able to follow a scent.

## So who will try it?

The same article also states that the African elephant has the strongest sense of smell. They can smell water from 12 miles away.

There are many interesting dog related articles at rd.com

Here are two to check out:

12 Lovable Dog Breeds with Long Noses

https://www.rd.com/list/long-nose-dog/

Here's Why You See So Many Beagles at the Airport

https://www.rd.com/article/beagles-at-the-airport/

## Membership Renewal: Due to membership Chair, Tammy Snyder by January 2022.

Membership renewal form is here in the newsletter. It has also been e-mailed as a separate PDF document. If you have received by e-mail the copy of the renewal form (below), and have already returned it, you are all set for 2022. If you have not returned the membership renewal, please do so by Jan. 2022 to continue to be included in all the Lenape news.

There was question regarding renewal vs fiscal year for the club. It is easiest for record keeping for membership to go by the calendar year. I know this was confusing to some members but was updated to streamline the process.

Anyone who has financial hardship, please reach out to me, or Gina so we can find assistance if needed.

Thank you to those who have already renewed and for the trophy donations, totaling \$210 so far. Members have been very generous with their time and money. Thank YOU!!!!

20 of 42 members have renewed to this point. That's a great start. Thank You!!! Keep sending in those renewals.