



LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC

3ND QUARTER 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy Fall - Lenape Tracking Club!

Tracking is back...

The oppressive heat of the summer has finally left us. Yeah!!!

Hopefully everyone is taking advantage of the cooler weather and training in their beautiful lush green fields.

The club is powering up to hold 3 different events this fall.

*TD 10/9 - Pittstown NJ

*TDX 11/6 - Pittstown NJ

*Mock VST match 11/26 - Berkeley Heights, NJ

Lots of volunteers are needed...

I know everyone will step up as much as they can to make this year successful for the club.

All these events are listed on the website. We should spread the word and get our newer members involved.

If you're coming to an event to help or watch, bring a friend.

Let's introduce a new group to the sport.

Looking forward to seeing lots of brags in this newsletter and the next issue as well.

Thank you all for supporting the club in whatever way you can. We can't do these trials without your help and support.

Happy Tracking!!

Gina DeAlmeida

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022/2023

TDX: 11/6/22 Finn Park

Mock VST: 11/26/22

**VST: 4/23/23
@Brookdale**

TD: 10/8/23

TDX: 11/5/23

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

Submit your worker credits
with your entry.

Lenape News

**** There's a NEW opportunity to hold another event on Thanksgiving Weekend ****

This would be at a new location - "The Park" at Connell Corporate Center, Berkeley Heights, NJ. This would be a VST MOCK trial for training only. (Fundraising for LTC)

Pre-Entry required, probably running 6 tracks with club members preferred. Holding a draw day of the event for running order. Judge will assist the participant if preferred or they can complete the track on their own without assistance.

Currently I'm working on the logistics of having this event. I would need help from a few folks. Please call me if you might be interested - 908.963.9552.

▶▶ **This location would possibly hold our 2023 VST & Brookdale College would be available for a TDU trial in 2023** ▶▶

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 tsrotts1@twcnny.rr.com

Newsletter	Deadlines	Published
4 th Quarter	Dec. 15 th	Jan 2023 (after TDX)
1 st Quarter 2023	Mar. 15 th	Apr. 2023 (After the VST)
2 nd Quarter 2023	June 15 th	July 2023

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
tsrotts1@twcnny.rr.com

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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No New Members this Quarter

Lenape Brags:

Cris and Ruger

Ruger has N/Q'd in his **25th** Obedience **Utility** Class.

If it isn't one thing, it's another!! That's a 7 year old GSD jumping 26" and the only thing he is consistent in.

On the Brag side:

We are in Master Standard, Master Fast and Excellent Jumpers. Ruger is jumping 24" in Agility and so far has never knocked a bar. We are not fast, clean runs and overtime. (That darn buzzer!!)

We attended our 1st Barn Hunt Trial on Oct. 5th & 6th in Kimberton, Pa. I know Ruger loves to chase squirrels, but I wasn't sure about rats. We tried the Instinct first and he wasn't too overly moved, just a slightly longer pass over the Rat Tube, very difficult to read. But we got it together and came out better than I thought. In the 2 Novice Trials on Wednesday, he took two 1st place and High in Trial. On Thursday, we Q'd again with a first and HIT and **Title**. We then moved up to Open for the 2nd Trial. Actually, I blew it and called too soon, but we are hooked.

EZBROOKS Hot Shot Ruger CDX, RE, RAE, RM, TD, VCD2, TKI, AX, AXJ, AXF, B-CAT, RAT-N, CGC, TT, Star Puppy



Monique and Key

We earned our TDX title on October 2, 2022 at Fair Hill in Elkton, MD at the West Highland White Terrier Club of America National Specialty combined test with judges Jack Sappenfield and Stephanie Crawford and tracklayer Alice. Key's Registered name is now BOSS GCH CH Turicks Wakiya UD TDX HSAds HXAds BCAT TT DS CGC ROMI

Fair Hill is a 5,656 acre Natural Resources Management Area about 2 1/2 hours from Finn Road Park, bordered by Pennsylvania to the north and 1/2 mile west of Delaware. William du Pont, Jr. (1896-1965) had acquired the land to enjoy riding as well as fox hunting, and the vast grounds were purchased from his estate by Maryland in 1975 from Mr. duPont's estate. The Fair Hill fields are spectacularly beautiful, with lovely cover.

This combined test had 3 TDU, 3 TD, and 3 TDX tracks, and there were two passes for each type of test. The draw for TD & TDU was at 7:30am at the Cockerham HQ in the field; the TDs ran first, then the test moved down to nearby technical school for the TDUs and returned up to the fields for the TDX draw at 10:15am. (One non-Westie alternate ran in each of the TDU & TD tests, and two non-Westies were in the draw for the TDX test.) It had rained the day prior and overnight as Hurricane Ian had come through, and on test day it was overcast, cold, with a slight wind and periodically rainy. Perfect tracking weather that was also perfect for turning wet human beings into popsicles!

TDX 1 was a Westie and drew the third track, while TDX 2 was a Shih Tzu and drew the first track. Key was TDX 3 and had second track. There were 5 alternate TDX entries.

Our turn began with a short drive from the high ground of HQ to an area a bit lower, about a half mile away. After we arrived, I got Key out of the car, had him pee (again!), put his harnesses on him (he hates waiting at or near the flag to start, so I put it on well before) and headed to where the judges and the tracklayer were waiting. They led us into a field and pointed to the tall flag. Key is eager to get going, and as is his custom, dragged me (on his collar) towards the start flag. About 15' away I switched the line over from his collar to his harness and whispered his tracking command, "seeking." He darted right to the start flag, then backtracked (presumably to where the tracklayer had come through the woods to the start flag), and then headed out up the field. I like this offered start behavior since it gives me a very clear indication of the direction of the first leg. Although Key usually retrieves articles to me, this particular start article was a synthetic sock and he doesn't care for synthetic fabrics. He just gave it a poke with his muzzle instead as he started on the track. I picked it up as I passed the flag 20' later

with only a bit of panic since the sock was tied with a knot into a circle around the pole, and I had to lift it over the top of a 4' tall flag (or pull out the flag).



The first leg went uphill a tiny bit diagonally across the field, and after the first 20 yards or so Key started pulling harder. I looked up and noted a landmark we were headed directly towards. The next thing I knew Key did a gorgeous ninety degree turn to the left, and I swung in behind him for leg two, on a part of the field that was more undulating. In what seemed like no time at all, Key made another beautiful ninety-degree turn, this time to the right, for leg three and we went uphill again, with the top of a large tree on the horizon directly in front of us. Shortly after that turn, Key slowed down, stopped pulling quite as hard, and then I saw him look down to the ground before picking up speed again. As I passed that same spot I looked down, too, and saw...an intermediate article! (A synthetic knit hat. Did I mention Key doesn't care for synthetic fabrics and so doesn't retrieve them to me?) I stopped, picked it up, raised it high to the sky so the judges could see, and tucked it away. When I stopped Key came back to me. I praised, sorting out the line, gave him water, and then re-scented him and off he charged. (He'd really rather not be stopped, but...) A bit further on he gave a head flick to the right but kept going straight, and as I passed that spot I looked hard. both right and left, but didn't see anything Key kept pulling, harder than ever, and I followed and then he made a third lovely turn, this time ninety degrees to the left for leg four.

Key has often circled at the turns, sometimes two or even three times after initially indicating the direction that he eventually took. Reducing and even eliminating circling was something I had been working on this fall, and here he had done three picture-perfect turns in a row!

Fair soon after we started the fourth leg Key gave another head flick, to the left this time, and again when I passed I looked both ways, but didn't see anything. A part of me, far back in my brain, started to wonder if those were perhaps the two cross tracks, and if so, if another article might be coming up since often times judges put an article 30 yards past the cross tracks to "pull the dogs through." But I put that thought out of my brain, instead focusing on observing Key and remaining in the moment, with him. Also, on keeping myself upright, since Key was getting even faster! We had kind of gone into a depression at this point, passed over a dirt boot-wide footpath, and an almost ditch, and



then boom, Key made a fourth ninety-degree turn, to the right, cleanly done again, and we were heading back uphill on the fifth leg. Key was pulling harder than ever and then he grabbed something in the tall field grass and raced back to me with a second intermediate article: a very cold and dripping wet blue cotton bandana. I lifted it high, praised Key, straightened out his line, gave him water, re-scented (using the bandana this time!) and then...huh? No Key racing off on the track? What's wrong? I

repeated our post-finding-an-article routine (praise, fix line, water, re-scent) and this time also added in Key's "seeking" tracking command. And off he went at a more moderate pace. I could see that there was a small road ahead and when we got there, Key went right across. I stayed on my side of the road, standing still, and gave him line as he investigated on the far side of the road, first to the left for perhaps ten yards and then about the same to the right. He discarded both of those options and continued straight ahead through a small, wooded area, and I followed as he pulled me up a small embankment into another field.

Very quickly after entering the new field Key circled once, to the left, and then made a gentle turn that direction with me swinging in behind him. This was the sixth leg, what afterwards I found out was an open turn, and it wasn't very long until he made a sharp turn left onto a seventh leg heading back towards the road we had just crossed. From the field we were in, was a fringe of trees before the road itself, and when Key got to that

tree line he turned right and followed it. However, he wasn't pulling hard at all; it felt more like an "investigation" than "tracking," so I held my ground and gave him line (my line is 35' and I was at the end). I remained on the track he had left, facing the direction he had been going while he went up and down the tree line, and making big circles



always to my right. I finally told him to "get back to work." (Afterwards I found out from the tracklayer that when she had put in the track there had been "a whole herd of deer there.") Finally, Key came back towards me next to the tree fringe, and when he hit to the track he had been on before he immediately turned right, going fast through the tree fringe, down and up a small ditch, directly across the road, and then barreling into the next field like a freight train. I crossed the road behind him. He was pulling like gangbusters and the next thing I

knew he grabbed something, raced back to me, and I could see he had a glove! When I went to take it from him to hold it for the judges to see, I promptly tripped on something and fell over face down in the grass. One of the judges was running up to me, anxiously yelling if I was okay. When I sat up and yelled back that I was Ok, she told me that I was bleeding. (Apparently several somethings had scratched my face as I fell – no harm done, but there was rather a lot of blood!)

Key went from the start to the glove in 11 minutes. This was a wonderful day, one that was made possible by so much help from so many people in the tracking community. Frankly, it was also made possible by the times we had been lucky enough to get into the draw, or to run as the alternate, we did not pass. Each of these were all learning experiences that gave me information on what to work on for the next opportunity. While I didn't enter a TDX test until I felt we were ready and could pass. I will also say that each time we were in the draw (which we usually weren't) we were MORE ready. It felt like it took forever for us to pass, but we started in April 2021 and finished in October 2022, so it was only 1 ½ years and we took off 8 of those 18 months off due to the seasons (winter and summer)

Two members of the Lenape Tracking Club deserve a very special thanks Renee Guyro laid cross-track exercises in front of her house for us last spring (boy, did they ever pay off!), and Gina DeAlmedia provided instruction and encouraging critiques whenever I asked. Team Key is so grateful for and appreciative of your help.

I plan on continuing this tracking journey with Key, and starting in with his grand puppy, Kali, too. Happy tracking, everyone!



Martha and Melt

I have a huge brag (too bad it's not tracking related) but my Golden Melt earned his Master Hunter title on 9/9/22 at the Long Island Retriever Field Trial Club hunting test. Melt is now: **Windisch's Blue Glacier CDX TD OA OAJ NF RN MH WCA CCA TKI NW1 CGC**



Rose Mary and Remy

Remy earned his Novice Agility and Novice Agility Jumpers titles. He Also enjoys paddle boarding with Rose Mary.





Ben and Sky

The Pioneer Valley Kennel Club held its annual TD test at Leyden, MA on September 25, 2022. This test was in memory of Dorie Viguers, who passed away suddenly in December 2021. Dorie was a long-time tracking enthusiast, judge, and mentor to many and she was the driving force behind the PVKC tracking tests. She will be missed greatly. The 2022 test is the last test to be offered by PVKC and I was very pleased that Sky, CH Grand Cabin's Daydreamer at Roundhay BN CD, made the draw. The day of the test could not have been better for tracking. After a long, dry and hot summer, weather for the test was slightly overcast, temperature was in the mid 50s, and the fields were lush and damp after a heavy morning dew. Sky drew the second track. After the first dog, a 6 month-old English Cocker, passed, excitement was building for a successful outcome for Sky. As we walked down to the start, Sky was full of energy and ready to go. I sat him about 10 yards from the start flag, hooked him to his harness and had a little pep talk. On the command "Find It", Sky bolted to the start flag, put the scent article in his mouth for a moment and then bee-lined down the track. He paused briefly at the 2nd flag and from that point onward he was all business. About mid-way along the first leg he did a little happy dance and then immediately got back to work. I think the cool weather and damp grass made him very glad to be outdoors doing what he loves. He executed every turn near perfectly and was tracking with drive without casting right on the track. For a brief moment he made a quick detour to smell a flower blooming not far off the track, but quickly put nose to the ground and was back on the track. Our track was 475 yards and when he got to the glove at the end, he immediately

stopped, buried his nose into the grass, and grabbed it. He finished in 4 minutes. Sky was thrilled and I was a bit winded and very thankful his final leg was not uphill.

The third and final track was run by a Rough Collie who also passed. All three dogs in the TD test passed. I think Dorie was looking down on us smiling. It was a great day for tracking and many thanks to PVKC and the many volunteers who put on a great test.



Pioneer Valley KC TD test Sept. 25, 2022

Nancy and Wannabe

Wannabe rocked the dock this summer. He started his first season last September at Freehold, NJ, took the winter off and began again Spring 2022. Since then, he's completed his Dock Master Excellent and Dock Elite in distance jumps. He is well on his way to a Dock Elite Advanced title and Dock Master Excellent II in distance. He was also invited to regionals and nationals in Hydrodash. We attended NADD Regionals but the National was too far away. I'm so proud of his accomplishments in dock diving. He also finished his Grand Championship in September.



Nancy and Damsel

Damsel, aka CH Deerpath Cherche' Midnight Ice, completed her show championship exactly at 13 months old September 10th at the Somerset KC show. The day before she was BOS in puppy sweeps at the Central New Jersey Hound show. Since then, in limited

showing, she has picked up 11 grand championships points including one major and completing the champions defeated requirement with two SB and three BOB wins and a group 4 at Shippensburg.





Lenape Events: TD

The Lenape Tracking Club's 31st Tracking Dog test was held on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at Finn Road Park in Pittstown, NJ with judges Gina DeAlmeida and Sue Snyder. Apprenticing as a judge was LTC member Anne Rosenberg. The weather was perfect for tracking: cool, with heavy morning dew, and fields filled with tall wet green grass. Ten tracks were advertised, and ten entries were received although in the end two exhibitors withdrew so eight tracks were laid and run. Five of the eight teams passed, including one team attending their first-ever tracking event.

The passes:

Track 1: **On The Brink Kenzy RN TD**, an All-American bitch born 10/27/17, owned and handled by Hannah Robinson, and certified by Ruth Vaughn.

Track 4: **Magnus Vom Eichenluft TD**, a GSD dog bred by Alice Lee Edgerton,, born 9/21/21, owned and handled by Ann Elizabeth Stock, and certified by Gina DeAlmeida.

Track 5: **Mountainside Sure As Shootin' RI TD TKN**, a Rough Collie bitch bred by Joany White, born 1/20/22, owned by Joany White, handled by Karen Powell, and certified by Carole Bolan.

Track 6: **MACH2 PACH Corwynt Tayken Polar Ice CD RN TD PT MXG MJG MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF TQX MFP TQXP SEN**, a Cardigan Welsh Corgi bitch bred by Teryl Lebkuecher, Susan Stephon & Donna Lounquist, born 1/6/11, owned and handled by Barbara Miller, and certified by Stephanie Crawford.

Track 7: **Legacies Lucas Of Runnymede TD HSAs HIAs**, a Shetland Sheepdog dog bred by Veronica Covatch, born 10/1/16, owned and handled by Peggy Witmer, and certified by Fran Wallo.

Congratulations to all who passed! Those who didn't pass this time out surely will in the near future. It takes a small village to put on a tracking test, and our thanks go out to the following Lenape Tracking Club members who volunteered their time so that others could participate: Test Chair & Test Secretary Anna Burbank; Tracklayers Janet Kelly, Pat Lusco, Pat Pagno, Janet Doerer, Ben Hoyle, and Alyson Fuge; Chief Tracklayer Monique Buzzarté; Hospitality Nancy Jorczak and Donna Hess; Double-Duty Drivers Janet Kelly and Nancy Jorczak; and Moral Support by founding member Peg Forte.







Upcoming Tracking events (NY, MA, NH, NJ, OH, PA, MD)

- 10/16/2022-Dauphin Dog Training Club-Carlisle, PA
TD/TDX
Mt. Nittany Dog Training Club, State College, PA
TDX
- 10/23/2022-Hyattsville Dog Training Club, Elkton, MD
TDX
Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Edinboro, PA
TDU
Syracuse Obedience Training Club- Cortland, NY
TD
- 10/30/2022-Hudson Valley Tracking Club, Milan, NY
TD/TDX
- 11/6/2022-Greater Pittsburgh Tracking Club, Eighty-Four, PA
TD
Lenape Tracking Club, Pittstown, NJ
TDX
- 11/13/2022-Buckeye Tracking Club, Chardon, OH
VST/ TDX
Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club, Elkton, MD
TD/TDX
- 12/11/2022-Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc, Mount Laurel, NJ
TDX

Membership Renewal: Due to membership Chair, Tammy Snyder by January 2023.

Membership renewal will come out in the 3rd Quarter newsletter and should be received January 2023.

Membership has in recent years become a never-ending task, not because of an influx of new members, but because members delay paying their dues, or want to pay in ways the club cannot accept at this time.

To make sure everyone is on the same page with regard to membership renewal, here are the facts:

- Membership dues are payable only by **check** at this time. Personal check, cashier's check, etc. We **cannot** accept any form of electronic payment.
- A form should be completed even if you are a lifetime member to make sure I have all your data up to date (e-mail, phone numbers, etc). If you don't owe dues, this can be e-mailed to tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com. All others should be snail mailed to the address on the form.
- Dues need to be received no later than Jan. 30th. Ideally, they are received by Jan 1st of the year for which you are renewing (2023). I was made aware that renewal used to be due in March, however, the decision was made when I took over membership to move it to the first of the year to simplify things. The board supported this change, and I continue to ask that members adhere to this new schedule.
- Members will receive the renewal form contained in the newsletter (3rd and 4th quarter), by separate e-mail, and by mail if you fail to send it to me by the due date.