

# LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC



1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2023

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello everyone,

### UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

**Tracklayer Cert:  
8/23 @ Finn Park**

**TD: 10/8/23  
@ Finn Park**

**TDX: 11/5/23  
@ Finn Park**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VST 11/25/2023  
@Connell Park  
TBD**

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

Submit your worker  
credits with your entry.

Now that Spring has arrived, hopefully everyone is out & about having fun with their furry friends. 🐾🐾🐾  
Trials are starting & we want to hear from everyone with your wonderful results. 🏆🏆

Here's some good news!!!! Tracklayer Certification is coming back in August this year. Peg, Monique & myself are currently planning it and will be announcing the date/location very soon. 👤👤👤👤

### **BIG NEWS!! New slate of Lenape Club Officers & Board Of Directors. (effective 5/1/23)**

President - Gina DeAlmeida

Vice Pres - Anna Burbank

Treasurer - Ben Hoyle

Secretary - Janet Kelly

Board Of Directors - Peg Forte, Donna Hess, Monique Buzzarte, Rosemary Laubach, Anne Rosenbereg

Newsletter - Tammy Snyder

Membership - Janet Doerer

Trial Secretary - Anna Burbank

Equipment - Gina DeAlmeida

Looking forward in the year to the TD trial (October) and the TDX trial (November)..... Expect to hear volunteer requests from us as we get deeper into the heat of the summer. \*\*\*\*\*Remember, we can't hold these trials without your help!!!!!!

Gina DeAlmeida

President Lenape Tracking Club

**August 2023 - Tracklayer Certification - Finn Park, Pittstown, NJ**

Coordinator TBD

**October 8, 2023 - TD trial - Finn Park, Pittstown, NJ**

Judges are Gina DeAlmeida & Stephanie Crawford

**November 5, 2023** - TDX trial - Finn Park, Pittstown, NJ  
Judges are Gina DeAlmeida & Jill Paige (p)

**November 25, 2023** - Possible VST trial - Connell Park, Berkeley Heights, NJ, Judges TBD

As you may notice, there is a **possible additional** VST listed in November.  
How do we feel about it????  
I need everyone's input to see if it's a viable option.....  
If it's going to happen, I will need to get judges ASAP.

As you all know, we need your help to make these events successful.  
VOLUNTEERS ARE WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD. Please pick an event where you can help, on a weekend that you're not busy & block off that weekend on your 2023 calendars. We always need club members to help and we will never turn anyone away that is willing to help.  
Well, let's all make 2023 a happy, healthy, productive, event full, successful, and positively amazing year!  
Happy Tracking!! Gina DeAlmeida

## Lenape News

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

Newsletter	Deadlines	Published
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	July 2023
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 2023 (After TD)
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jan. 2024 (After TDX/2 <sup>nd</sup> VST)
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024	Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Apr. 2024 (after VST)

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

New Membership director starting May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Membership director:** Janet Doerer

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White House Station, NJ 08889-3661

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Phone: (908) 303-5544

## **New Member Candidate:**

Peggy Farrelly

514 Newark Ave, Bradley Beach, NJ 07720

Peggy has Westies and is interested in learning about Tracking. Peggy is sponsored by Ben Hoyle and Gina DeAlmeida. She has attended The Burlington Kennel Club Tracking test and the Flag to Glove seminar put on by Lenape Tracking Club and Hudson Valley Tracking Club.

If there are any objections to accepting Peggy as a member to Lenape Tracking Club please contact a board member. If no objections, Peggy will be admitted to membership and published in the next newsletter.

## **Lenape Board positions.**

Good morning, Lenape Members:

The proposed Slate of Officers and Directors is listed below:

President- Gina DeAlmeida

Vice-President - Anna Burbank

Treasurer - Ben Hoyle

Secretary - Janet Kelly

### Board of Directors

Peg Forte

Monique Buzzarté

Donna Hess

Anne Rosenberg

Rosemary Laubach

#### Additional Assignments

Membership - Janet Doerer

Newsletter - Tammy Snyder

Trial Secretary - Anna Burbank

Trial prep/Equipment/Ribbons/etc. - Gina DeAlmeida

Slate effective as of May 1, 2023. There were no objections to the proposed slate.

Janet Kelly

Secretary, Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

### **Lenape Events: VST**

The 13<sup>th</sup> VST was held on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Brookdale Community College. There were 4 entrants that ran tracks designed and plotted by judges Stephanie Crawford and Charlene Dunn. Unfortunately, there were no passes this time around, but soon for some of the teams. The teams that tested were Thomas with an Otterhound, Eden Michael with a Springer Spaniel, and members Gina with Rottweiler “the Felon” and Tammy with Golden Retriever, Splash. Both members made a great effort and the dogs worked hard in their own challenging environments.

## Lenape Brags:

### Cris and Ruger

This has been a hard-fought Title to earn!! But Finally we go the Utility Dog Title!!

It took over two years and 39 Trials. To say the least, the only ones to benefit was AKC & RAU !!

If Ruger did well, I goofed up, and if I did well, Ruger had issues.

We are both pushing it, as Ruger will be an 8 year old German Shepherd Dog on May 31st and still clearing 26" Jumps!! I will be turning 83 on April 21st. this year. (Trying to Keep up with Peg Forte)!!

Also, in Agility, we are in Masters Standard, Excellent Jumpers and Masters Fast, jumping 24", and "never knocking a bar", but how much longer could that happen. Now I can lower his jump to Preferred and keep us both going. Our next venture will be the elusive TDX !!!

Cris Courduff & Ruger

EZ BROOKS Hot Shot Ruger: VCD2/Temp.Test/Star Puppy/CGC/BN/CD/CDX/UD/TD

RA/RE/RAE/RM/TKN/TKA/TKI/BCAT/RATN/NA/OA/AX/NAJ/OAJ/NF/OF/XF/



### Ben and Sky

BEN HOYLE AND SKY

Ben Hoyle and Sky have some news to share. On February 18 & 19, Sky earned his first to legs in Open A Obedience. These two trials were held by the Burlington County Kennel Club at the Lower Camden County Dog Training Club site in Lindenwold, NJ. It's been a long time since we have competed at this level and our nerves were probably a factor in our scores (172 and 181), but as they say, the green ribbon is all that matters.

On April 3 Sky made his TDX debut at the Clumber Spaniel Club of America tracking test, which was one of the events held as part of the National Specialty. The test site was at the Caesar Creek State Park and the Spring Valley Wildlife Area in Waynesville, OH. Our fabulous judges were Ken Barna (OH) and Betsy Baird (MI) who did a great job of planning our 3 TD and 3 TDX tracks. This was also my first time as test secretary for a



tracking test and I can thank Lenape Tracking Club for providing me with such a good foundation take on this task.



Two muddy Clumbers at the 2023 CSCA Tracking Test

Sky drew the first TDX track and our judges warned us that the tracks were going to be challenging. Unfortunately, despite my previous conversations with park officials, we were not told that last fall some of the best areas for tracks were burned as part of their land management program. Ken and Betsy did plot our tracks in an available area, but the cover was short, hard stubbly grass and in many places thick, suck the boots off your feet mud. There was a lot of rain in the area leading up to the event, which didn't help the muckiness of the ground. Sky had a great start leading up to the start flag and found the scent on the first leg. He had trouble with the sharp ground cover and frequently hopped and kicked his feet. I think for Sky the irritation to his feet was a distraction and he over-shot the first turn when he saw soft grass ahead. We continued with our track layer, Matt Winters, and Sky eventually adjusted to the difficult ground cover. He managed to find all his intermediate articles without difficulty, was not distracted by the cross tracks, and was a dynamo in the areas of cover change. These areas were acres of dense thorny brambles that were 3-4 feet high. He, in good Clumber form, plowed into the brambles and was hard to hold him back. Once inside the brambles it reminded me of the final scenes from the Harry Potter movie, The Goblet of Fire, when Harry and

others had to go into the hedge maze. Sky's track ended after two legs in the brambles of almost 250 yards at which point he found the glove.

As I have often said, a tracking fail is a great learning experience for dog and handler. Sky did a lot of good things that day, but there is still work to do. This test was certainly a great reminder to train on as many surfaces as you can find, because you never know what you will encounter on test day. It was a great test, great judges, great volunteers, including our own Janet Kelly who so graciously agreed to serve as a track layer, and great entrants.

### **Anne and Little**

Anne Rosenberg reports that her wire dachshund earned her TD title at the horse park in NJ on March 18th. It was their first attempt.



### **Tracking Articles:**

#### **Upcoming Events that may be of interest to members:**

I'm planning on teaching a tracking class at and around Premier Sports Center in Southampton Township, NJ in May. The limit is 4 dogs. The dogs can be either beginners or at TD or TDU level.

If I have less than 4 dogs signed up, I can take drop-ins of dogs that already know how to track- even a dog preparing for TDX as long as you do not need a full length track or a

fully aged track (ie for drop ins, I could either lay you a blind track or work on something you need to work on such as cross tracks).

Class will be held on Mondays - 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22. Time: 3:30-5:00.

Address: 3 Coleman Ct, Vincentown, NJ 08088

Martha

**Please contact Martha if interested in lessons,**

**[Mwindisch2@verizon.net](mailto:Mwindisch2@verizon.net)**

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

- May 7<sup>th</sup>-TD/TDU/TDX-Cleveland All Breed Club- OH
- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>-TD/TDX Tracking club of Mass- MA
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup>-TD/TDX-Dauphin Dog Training Club- PA
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup>-TDU-Tracking Club of Mass- MA
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>-TDX-Hyattsville Dog Training Club-MD
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup>-VST-Tracking Club of Mass-MA