

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC



2ND QUARTER 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello LTC members!!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

**Tracklayer Cert:
7/30 @ Finn Park**

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

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

**VST- 4/14/24
@ Brookdale Comm.
College**

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

**Submit your worker
credits with your entry.**

Well, the summer is in full bloom. I hope everyone is busy having fun with family, friends & furry 4-legged canines.

But please be careful of doing too much in the heat of the day. Both you and your dogs can be overcome by Heat stroke & it can be deadly.

Now on to upcoming events...

****July 30th is the Tracklayer Certification at Finn Rd Park.**

****October 7th-8th - TD test at Finn Rd Park.**

****November 4th-5th - TDX test at Finn Rd Park.**

~~Tracklayers Needed~~

~~Contact Gina ASAP~~

I'm currently working on next year's VST test. In contact with Brookdale College & trying to schedule the date and find some judges. More info to follow.

Lenape is always looking for tracklayers for the upcoming tests. Please contact me if you're interested. We will need 6-8 for TD and 4-6 for TDX. Remember, we can't run these tests without your help. Volunteers are the heart & soul of this sport.

- ◇Tracklayers
- ◇Cross Tracklayers
- ◇Hospitality
- ◇Drivers
- ◇Flag carriers
- ◇& did I mention Tracklayers!

Thank you all in advance for all the support you give to our club.
Happy tracking!!!

Gina DeAlmeida

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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@twcny.rr.com

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

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@twcny.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 1st 2023

Membership director: Janet Doerer

5 Woodland Way

White House Station, NJ 08889-3661

E-Mail: jdoerer@gmail.com

Phone: (908) 303-5544

New Member 2023 : WELCOME Peggy

Peggy Farrelly

514 Newark Ave, Bradley Beach, NJ 07720

Lenape Brags:

Janet and Pilot

Pilot got his Barn Hunt Novice title on June 25 at Stonehedge, in Andover, NJ. The place is great, the people are super friendly and really make it a lot of fun. Pilot loves those RATS.



Gina and Felon

1st CDX leg with a 1st place and score of 194 at Lower Bucks Dog Training Club

Tammy and Brick

After 20 months of showing Brick as a special, he finished his conformation Grand Championship going BOB, BOB OH, and an OH group 2. He was completely owner handled for his GCH. Judge David Swartwood gave us the best compliment, thanking me for bringing him a dog in "Rock Hard Condition". Anyone who knows me knows I hate that breed showing requires many breeds to carry extra weight. Rottweilers are a working breed and should be in condition to be shown, not FAT.... Having a well-conditioned dog that can cover-ground effortlessly is something I have taken great pride in with Brick. Capping his GCH title with that recognition is very special!! Along the way we earned 2 OH Group 2nd, 2 OH group 3rd, 2 OH group 4th, 1 BOB, 1 BOS, and multiple Major Selects. Brick is now known as:

AKC GCH CH UKC CH Wllslands let It Be Lasting Foundation CDX BN RA NAP NJP
TD CI CGC UKC Spot -On TT VCD1



Ben and Sky

SKY GETS HIS CDX AND MORE!



Very happy to share that Sky, CH Grand Cabin's Daydreamer at Roundhay, has added CDX to his list of titles. He got his third Open A leg at the Battlecreek KC show in Kalamazoo, MI on May 25, 2023. Some would say it's long way to travel for an obedience title, but this was the start of a weekend that included 2 Clumber specialties sponsored by the Clumber Spaniel Fanciers of Michigan. Obedience was the start of our day, and while our score was not the highlight, 175 ½, we got the green ribbon and Sky was the only dog to qualify in Open A that day. Heeling has always been his nemesis, and we continue to work to improve that, especially now that we have begun Utility training. I think, sometimes, that because he got his first 2 legs right away that the third would come easily as well. It

took 5 attempts, but we finally did it!

The next day, I decided to let him run his class as it would be good practice. Despite a very noisy indoor environment (I had trouble hearing the judge), Sky did much better than the day before. That is until we got to the Broad Jump exercise. All was looking great until the judge told me to send my dog. Just at that moment, right outside the ring and no more than 6 feet from Sky, a person decided to drop a wire crate on the concrete floor resulting in a very loud crash. Sky turned his head just as I gave the command, and he never heard me. I quietly gave a second command, at which point he executed the can I say. Just otherwise. His score would have been in the mid 180s,

Later that same judging took supported entry Clumbers. A and Sky went points. In the lineup had a lot made the final Handled group,



which point he jump. Oh well, what pleased he did well score would have been so I was still pleased.

day, the conformation place. There was a with a total of 17 good group of specials Best of Breed for 5 GCH Sporting Group, the of top dogs and Sky cut. In the Owner Sky took 2nd. So,

overall, a very successful day. At the Clumber specialty on the 27th, Sky took Select Dog, with an entry of 26, for another 5 GCH points. With summer now upon us, tracking has been relegated to early morning training. Cappy is doing really well with his VST training, and I am optimistic

that he will be ready to enter tests this fall. It has been very interesting to watch him progress from tracking on vegetated surfaces to non-vegetated surfaces. I thought he would struggle, but I can see he has a greater understanding of what he needs to do, and he works very hard to be successful. Sky to continuing to train for TDX and I also do some VST work with him as well. He still needs to build consistency and learn to ignore distractions, but he is doing well. I am also optimistic that he will be ready for TDX tests this fall.

Ben Hoyle, GCHB Janie TD, GCH Cappy TDX, and CH Sky TD CDX

Tracking Articles: Tracking Apps

Tracking training comes with many challenges, weather, terrain, finding suitable land. In addition to these challenges is finding a way to keep a record of your training. Many trackers have spent time keeping and making paper maps and notes, sometimes in special notebooks made just for these records. I used to be one of these trainers. I had a notebook in the car that I would take with me on the track, draw as I walked, marking landmarks, article drops. I might make notes on weather, etc. It was always inconvenient, I had my hands full, trying to drop articles, or food, and pay attention to my landmarks. I found, however, that I rarely went back to look at my paper records from session to session, rendering them virtually worthless. I found myself using a computer app Google Earth (<https://earth.google.com/>) to document my tracks after the fact. I am very visual, so landmarks and other types of visual stimulation on a track are easy for me to remember, making this type of map keeping easy for me, as an individual. Not everyone has this skill set or uses their visual sense the same way. Paper maps may still be preferred for some trainers, but for those who want a digital format for recording tracking training there are a few options.

The first option I am aware of is mentioned above, Google Earth (<https://earth.google.com/>) and Google Earth Pro (<https://www.google.com/earth/versions/#earth-pro>) . These programs are available for Windows and Mac platforms for desktop computer or laptop use. Google Earth even has a smart phone app available for I-phone and Android platforms. These programs/apps are free, with no surprise in-app fees. Google Earth and Google Earth Pro gives GPS assisted aerial view of any address that you put into the search. You can zoom over the area to examine terrain. The program has some features that allow you to plot a track, add markers for articles, and you could even make notes on weather in the featured “legend”. Google Earth has been utilized by tracking judges to Pre-plot tracks for tests, assisting the process on plotting day. Google Earth allows you to record distance in yards/feet/miles, lay different colored lines for multiple tracks, with multiple dogs. Judges often will use the color feature to layout multiple tracks in the same area for additional options.

If you prefer to record your tracks as you are laying them there are now also smart phone apps that use the same type of GPS technology as Google Earth, but in a mobile format. The 2 Apps that I am most familiar with are Dog Tracks, and Tracking-Dog.

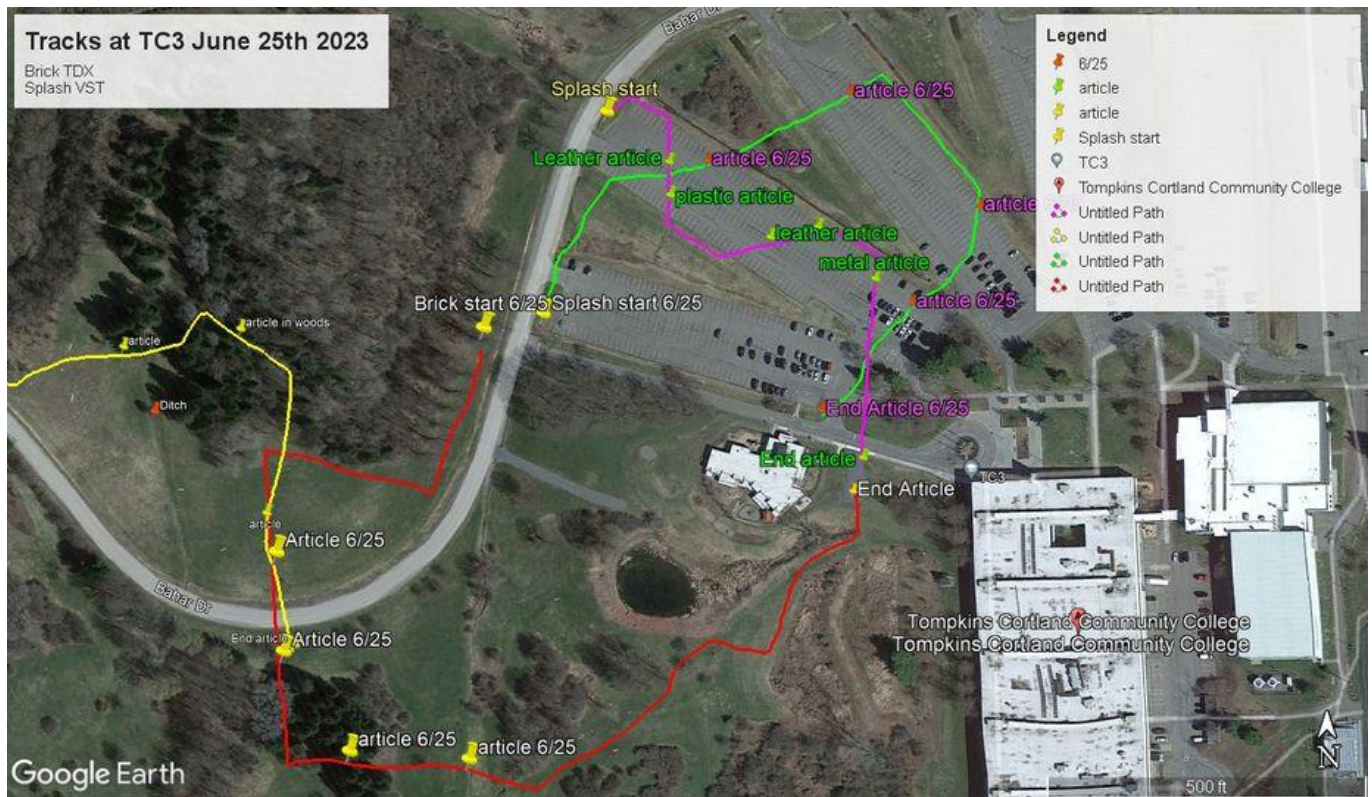
Dog Tracks is a smart phone app that costs on order of \$30/year, available on both I-phone and android platforms. This App uses the same GPS assisted technology as Google earth to produce an aerial map of the area you are working in. Each time you sign into the app you can start a new track, label with the dogs' name, date, etc. When you get to the starting point of where you will start your track laying, you touch the screen to start recording the track. Once you are done you touch the screen to stop recording. The App then generates a GPS image of the track course, including approximate yardage. When you go back to run the track, you open the laid track and touch the screen when the dog starts tracking. If you attach the phone directly to the dog's harness you would get a more accurate representation of how the dog ran the track compared to the original course. While this is not practical in all situations, certainly an option. If not an option for your dog due to size, lack of ability to connect to the harness, etc, if you, as the handler, exactly follow the dog's path regardless of where the track is, this will give a truer representation of the dog's path, which will overlay the original course mapped when you laid the track. The Dog Tracks app allows you to mark article placement when you lay the track, and you can make some notes on each track. You can share screen shots of your tracks and demographics on social media or in an e-mail to tracking buddies. I have used this app on and off. I am not convinced it's worth what I have paid for it... as I am not using it routinely enough to get my money's worth. Truth be told I am a lazy documenter and find anything I must do at the time of track laying/running to be distracting. I often remember to use it for track laying, but forget to start it back up when I go back to run my track, as I am focused on my dog. This is a good app for record keeping if you are dedicated to the process.

Another app that I found is called Tracking-Dog. This is an I-phone only application that was created in Germany and is available in English and German. This app is more comprehensive in that the GPS is always running in the background. The disadvantage to that is it can deplete battery life quickly. Tracking-Dog, like Dog Tracks, allows recording of the original laid track, as well as overlay of the track when it is run. The biggest difference and advantage, it incorporates real-time weather data like wind direction, temperature, and humidity in addition to yardage and some topographical information of the track. You can add article position and information on whether the dog found the items. Like Dog Tracks you record laying of the track and then running of the track with the dog with overlay of each. Cost of this app is \$5.99, very reasonable.

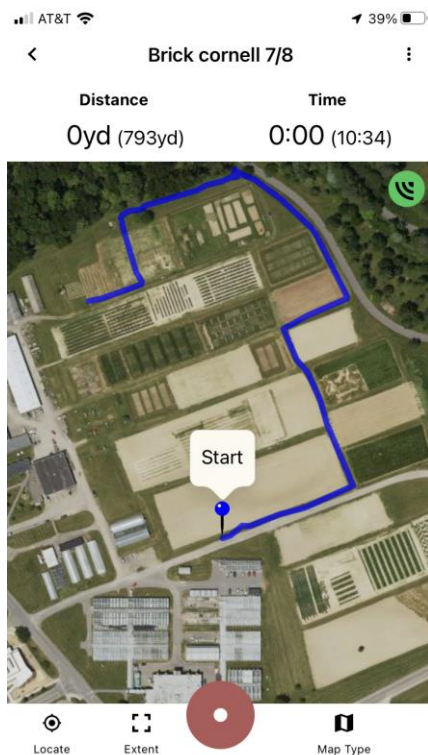
Interestingly you could also use non-dog related apps like MapMyWalk to map a track in a GPS format. This would lack the ability to record article placement, the dog's path after laying the track, but would be a visual representation of your track. In my research I also found apps for Mantrailing, an app called Mushometer for sled dog training. These apps appear to be very detailed in data they record and collect for training.

Technology has become a game changer in so many venues, and dog training is one of those. Try out some of the options and see what works best for you. Below are a few

Ben Hoyle and Cappy VST training track recorded on Google earth.



Brick (TDX) and Splash (VST) training tracks, example of multiple training tracks in the same view on Google Earth Pro. Yellow and Red are Brick TDX tracks from different days and Purple and Lime Green are Splash's VST tracks from different days.



A TDX track that I laid for Brick in the Dog Tracks App. The track is named and depicts the time track was laid and yardage. I forgot to open the app when I ran the track, so our overlay is missing. I also did not mark articles, as requires that I carry the phone in my hand... a distraction when I am trying to decide where to go, dropping articles, and or food, etc. The Large brown circle depicted on the screen, when touched, starts and stops recording of the track data. Locate adds the articles.

Upcoming Events that may be of interest to members:

Stonehenge Barn Hunt Clinic

**August 20th, 2023
12 - 2:30 PM**

8 Stonehedge Lane Andover, NJ 07821

Site Tel: 201-317-8477



Hello

Look a little deeper into the exciting sport of Barn Hunt! Whether you are a newbie

Have a curious friend that you want to introduce to the sport? Please pass this email along to them so they may enjoy this activity too! We still have space to participate safely within all local safety guidelines!

You will learn new skills and develop even better techniques within your team! Our barn is heated and matted!

Take advantage of this unique opportunity! We know it can be challenging to find a place to train or find a thorough introduction to the sport!

Puppy as early as four months can start to play Barn Hunt

See You in The Barn!

Lenape Articles: Your dog and Summertime temperatures.

Summertime is upon us, working our dogs this time of year can be potentially dangerous. It is important to know the signs of heat stress in your dog, to prevent the more dangerous Heat Stroke, which can be deadly without immediate intervention. If you and your dog spend a lot of time in air-conditioned comfort it can take time for you both to acclimate to working in hot/humid conditions. Take it slow, work up to activities in the heat over a few weeks, and make sure to carefully observe your dog for signs of heat stress.

Unlike humans, dogs cannot sweat, they dissipate heat through the pads of their feet and through respiration. These have limited ability to cool a dog when ambient air temperatures are above 70 degrees and become exponentially harder as temps get into the 80's and 90's. Like us, dogs can acclimate to these temperatures, but with limited ability to cool themselves, it's up to owners to be mindful and watch for signs and symptoms. We can prevent heat stroke by recognizing signs of heat stress, or behavior that tells us the dog may be headed for heat stress and taking action before the dog's condition deteriorates to the level of heat stroke.

Large dark colored dogs, Brachycephalic dogs (Bulldogs, Pugs, Boston Terriers, Boxers), overweight dogs, those with pre-existing heart conditions, dogs with very thick coats are all more susceptible to heat stress that can lead to heat stroke. Dogs that are very active and have a hard time shutting down also need to be watched closely as these dogs may not show signs of stress until it's too late.

Heat stress happens when a dog gets overheated but is still able to cool efficiently but may need some assistance to do so. If you see any of the following signs of heat stress, act immediately; get your dog to a cool place, air-conditioned car or building, get cold water on the dog's feet, genitals and belly where blood vessels are close to the surface of the skin. Allow the dog to drink, but do not force it; monitor to prevent over drinking. Continue cooling and allow the dog to rest until they are no longer panting.

Signs to watch for:

- Excessive panting
- Paddle tongue (tip of the tongue widens to look like a paddle or spoon).
- Seeking shade
- Restless behavior
- Whining or vocalizing
- Excessive drinking

Heat Stroke happens when the body can no longer compensate for the core temperature that is continuing to rise. As the core temperature rises signs and symptoms develop that may or may not be reversible.

Signs of heat Stroke:

- Body temp greater than 106 (normal for a dog is 101-102.5 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Lethargy
- Uncoordinated behavior (staggering, stumbling)
- Drooling
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Seizures

Once these signs are evident the goal is to normalize the dog's core temp as quickly as possible to prevent permanent damage. Heat Stroke that is not treated in a timely manner can lead to liver and kidney failure, clotting disorders, seizures and permanent neurological damage, or pulmonary edema that affects the dog's ability to oxygenate. Heat Stroke can kill a dog, prevention is key.

Limiting your dog's activity during the heat of the day (10am-3pm in most upper northeast areas) and supervising any activity that cannot be avoided are paramount to prevention. If your dog must work in the heat, acclimating over time is important, providing breaks, and cooling where necessary to keep the dog from progressing to heat stress are important factors to remember. Effective tools to provide cooling for dogs during work is access to cool/cold water for soaking, cool coats that are soaked

in cold/ice water, cool pads that can be frozen and placed in a kennel for the dog to lay on, fans with a bag of ice in front of the blades, a shaded area, or access to air-conditioning. In a pinch isopropyl alcohol poured on the dog's pads can cool effectively.

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

- Aug. 12th TDU/VST Yankee Golden Retriever Club- NH NIGHT TEST
- Sept. 24th-TD/TDX Tracking club of Mass- MA
- Oct 1st-TD/TDX-Dauphin Dog Training Club- PA
TD/TDU/TDX Westie Club of America-MD
- Oct 8th TD- Lenape Tracking Club- NJ
TD/TDX DOTCORN- NY
TD/TDX Cleveland All-Breed- OH
- Oct 15th-TDU-Tracking Club of Mass- MA
- Oct 22nd-TDX-Hyattsville Dog Training Club-MD
TDU-Admiral Perry OTC- PA
TDX-Mt Nittany DTC- PA
TDX-Hyattsville Dog Training Club- MD
- Oct 29th-TDX-Hudson Valley Tracking Club-NY
- Nov. 5th-TDX-Lenape Tracking Club- NJ
TD/TDX Greater Pittsburgh Tracking Club- PA
- Nov 12th-VST-Tracking Club of Mass-MA
TDX/VST-Buckeye Training Club-OH
TD/TDX-Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club-MD
- Nov 19th-TD/TDU-Del Bay Herding Club- PA
- Nov. 26th-VST- Hudson Valley Tracking Club-NY
TDU/VST-Oriole Dog Training Club- MD
- Dec 10th-TDX-Burlington County Kennel Club- NJ