



NEWSLETTER

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW
JERSEY, INC

1ST QUARTER 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Upcoming Events 2025

- Tracklayer
Certification TBD
- TD Oct 5th 2025
@ Finn Park
- TDX Nov 2nd 2025
@ Finn Park

****Don't forget Lenape
Tracking Club offers Worker
Draw at every test****

Submit your worker credits
with Entry.

Hello everyone,

HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY!!!!

Well, spring has sprung!!

Now that the weather is starting to change, let's get outside and get back onto the tracking fields.

Our dogs love being busy doing fun stuff.

Events have begun and new shiny titles will be coming in the near future. Make sure you send them to Ben for the next newsletter.

Lenape just completed our VST event for 2025. We had a great turnout, plenty of entries & wonderful judges. Although there were no passes, the judges were impressed with the dogs working their tracks. They predict shiny new titles for these dogs in the near future.

The next **2025 tracking events for Lenape** are...

- 10/4 - 10/5 is **TD** at Pittstown, NJ = Judges: Gina & Anne Rosenberg
- 11/1 - 11/2 is **TDX** at Pittstown, NJ = Judges: Gina & Martha Campbell

Next year in 2026

- 4/11 - 4/12 is **VST** at Brookdale CC, Lincroft, NJ = Judges: Luci & Ron Seeley

PLEASE don't forget to put these dates on your calendars. Remember to support by volunteering to help at one of these events. We can't hold these tracking trials without your help!!!!

Thank you all for keeping the sport of tracking alive & well!!! I'm looking forward to a fun filled year & I hope everyone has great results in all your doggy adventures in 2025.

Gina DeAlmeida

Lenape Board

President- Gina DeAlmeida
Vice-President - Anna Burbank
Treasurer - Ben Hoyle
Secretary - Janet Kelly

Board of Directors

Peg Forte

Donna Hess

Rosemary Laubach

Monique Buzzarté

Anne Rosenberg

Additional Assignments

Membership - Janet Doerer

Newsletter – Benjamin Hoyle

Trial Secretary - Anna Burbank

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of 03/31/2025 (Fiscal Year End)

This report covers the period from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Over that period the decrease in the checking account balance was \$670.60. The balance in the club account at PNC Bank was \$16,122.37.

During our fiscal year, we held 3 tests (VST, TD and TDX) and a Tracklayer Certification. These events brought in \$1,800.00 in revenue and incurred expenses of \$1,862.99 or a net gain(loss) of \$62.99. Operating expenses for the Club amounted to \$1,692.61, which includes \$700 for the annual liability insurance premium and \$383.76 related to our web site.

During the past fiscal year all expenses were paid and appropriate tax filings were completed.

Benjamin T. Hoyle
Treasurer

Lenape News

We need your creative input!!! For many years our newsletter has gone unnamed. As we begin our 50th Anniversary let's get creative and come up with a catchy name for our newsworthy publication. Please submit your suggestions to the editor, Ben Hoyle, at hoylebt@gmail.com by June 15, 2025. The Board will review all suggestions and decide what name we wish to use.

Also, since we are into our **50th Anniversary**, we would like to use our 2nd quarter newsletter to look back on all that we have accomplished over these many years. If you have photos or stories to share, please send them to me, Ben Hoyle, at hoylebt@gmail.com. We look forward to this being an exciting retrospective of the Lenape Tracking Club and I'm sure many of you have great material that you could share. I'm looking forward to getting your submissions!

Just a reminder of the **Newsletter deadlines** and publication dates through 2025. Send all brags, member profiles, and information to be published in the newsletter to: Ben Hoyle at hoylebt@gmail.com.

| Newsletter | Deadlines | Published |
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| 2 nd Quarter 2025 | June 15 th | July 2025 |
| 3 rd Quarter 2025 | October 15 th | November 2025 (after TD/TDX) |
| 4 th Quarter 2025 | December 15 th | January 2026 |

The above dates are approximate. The newsletter will be quarterly unless there is need to produce more frequently. It will cover the club's main events: the Tracklayer Certification, VST, TD and TDX. The above are dates that brags/memorials and any other information for the newsletter should be received by the editor.

New Members:

Welcome to our newest member, **Elias Smith**. Elias joined as a Junior Member. We hope to see you at future Lenape Tracking Club tests!

Do you know someone who is interested in tracking or may want to become more involved in tracking? We would like to hear from them. They can complete a membership application found at **Lenapetrackingclub.org** and send to the Membership Director, Janet Doerer.

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Lenape Brags:

Janet Kelly has exciting news! She has a new puppy, a Bassett Hound, named Raphael (Renaissance The School of Athens). Janet reports that she acquired Raphael

through a friend who has bloodhounds. He is very well socialized, and she would like to do tracking, field work, and possibly therapy work. She says he has a wonderful nose, a terrific memory, and is smart as can be. We wish you all the success with Raphael!

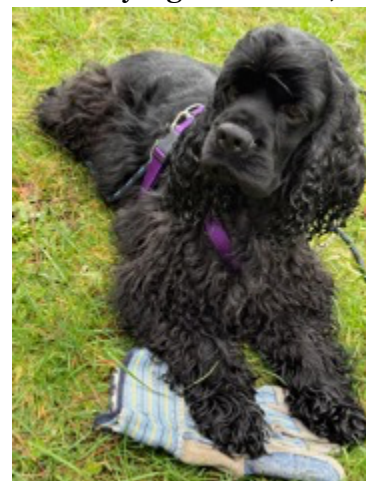


Pat Etchells is excited to share that her Cocker Spaniel, Shaq, has earned his TD title at the Sacramento Dog Training Club test on February 9, 2025. He is now Samamari's Shaq Attack TD CGC TKN.

When Shaq joined our household last April, right before he turned 18 months, we told him he was going to get a chance to be a tracking dog. Unfortunately, foxtail season was about to start so we couldn't proceed as soon as I would have liked. But over the summer we put down some short tracks in our yard and in some irrigated sports fields and realized that this was something that he was going to enjoy immensely. Once the rains returned in early November, we were able to get our "trade a track" group going again in a local wildlife refuge.

Along with the usual protocol of adding turns, adding distance, adding time - we also were able to incorporate all sorts of challenging elements: bunch grass twice as tall as he is, vernal ponds where we had to break through the ice as we were laying the tracks, weeds white and stiffened by ice fog, hillsides by the ponds which were frequented by two- and four-legged visitors, gravel roadways and picnic groves.

In early January I asked one of our training buddies to put down what could be a certification track in a county park - just to see how far along we were. In order to fit in the space available, she had to toss in some elements not typically in a TD track: making turns in water-logged grass, crossing over a pair of paved roadways in and out of the park, and fringing the pavement next to the rest rooms. Shaq put his nose down and motored his way to the glove.



The next issue was getting into a test. Our Kennel Club is holding a TD/TDX the end of March, where I could have used my worker option certificates, but I have so many duties that it would have been pretty much impossible to show my own dog. There is one test in Oregon after ours - but depending on how many people certify at the end of the season, he might not have made the draw. So, we looked to California, where he was fortunate enough to be the 6th dog drawn for a 6-dog test.

January had been relatively dry - but in early February an atmospheric river turned its hose on the Pacific Northwest - bringing flooding rains to the Sacramento area and snow to the passes we must cross in order to get down there. By some miracle there was a break in the weather just in time for us to make the trip.

The test itself was held on fields of an abandoned Air Force Base. The cover was rough, ankle-high grass just starting to green up. It was slightly above freezing, and there was a slight air movement by the start flags. Shaq drew track 5, so there was a long wait.

Finally, it was his turn, and he was off at a steady pace. I was so focused on watching him that I was truly the dope at the end of the rope and had no idea as to the shape of



the track until I saw the judges' maps. He found the corners, and when he turned, I would glance up to get a new focal point to confirm he was going straight. He crossed over a dirt roadway in two places, and he waded through mud - totally unfazed. As we approached what turned out to be the last corner, I noticed a pond or huge puddle ahead and said to myself, "they're probably going to turn before that". Sure enough, Shaq showed me that the track

went next to it then up a slight hill - to where I could see something brown just ahead - the glove that made him **Samamari's Shaq Attack TD!**

Dan Fraser has a new champion! His Golden Retriever, Jasper, completed his championship on Danville, Illinois KC This was a major CH Can GCH Good Time CD BN congratulations. to tracking!



January 31, 2025 at the show in Indianapolis. win for Jasper. He is Am Blueprint's It's Always A RA SWE CGC TKI. Huge Now it's time to get back

Monique Buzzarté reports that she too has a new champion. Belgian Malinois, Kali, left the snow, ice, and bitter cold far behind and headed south for the conformation shows in Florida (Brooksville, Ocala and the first day of Lakeland for that last point). Superbly presented by Trina Matteson, Kali became a new champion February 13th, finishing with 15 points and 3 majors from five judges. Kaii is now CH Turick's To Infinity BCAT. With Key's herding championship in the fall and Kali's conformation championship last month both in the rearview mirror, time now to focus on their tracking (Key is working towards VST and Kali will be just starting out.)



Rose Mary & George Laubach are excited to show off their newest addition. Luke, Veritasgold's Magic Healer, is a golden retriever born on Mays 28, 2024. He is a Remy son and joined us at 8 weeks old. So far, he has earned his STAR puppy, CGC, CGCA, TKN, TKI, and TKA titles. He is in training for scent work, obedience, rally and of course therapy dog! Of course, he has been introduced to tracking too. Looking forward



to having lots of fun with this sweet boy!



Lenape Events:

VST Brookdale Community College 4/9/2025

This year we were pleased to offer our 15th annual Variable Surface Tracking test. We had a strong entry of 13 dogs for 5 available tracks. Our judges for this event were Stephanie Crawford and Allison Platt. Our chief tracklayer was Rose Mary Laubach and she was ably assisted by Pat Losco, Janet Kelly, Monique Buzzarté and Teryl Lubkuecher. Our fantastic judges plotted 5 very creative tracks utilizing unique sections of the Brookdale Community College campus.

On the morning of the test, weather conditions were very favorable for tracking. It had rained lightly earlier in the morning and a residual fog kept the ground damp. It was



overcast and the temperature was in the low to mid 40s. Track #1 was drawn by Golden Retriever, CH Lycinan Gracie's As The Time Goes By owned by Susan Palius. This dog worked hard and earnestly to find his track. Ultimately, he was unsuccessful at the MOT turn where he seemed to want to move in the

correct direction, but the distraction of some distant geese was a bit too much for him.

Track #2 was drawn by a Belgian Tervuren, GCHS RACH Coyote Run Lynah Faithful owned by Kate Eldredge. At 12 years young, she did an amazing job. After overshooting her first turn, she made a great recovery to find her second leg. After finding her first intermediate article she struggled a bit to find her track and eventually got whistled by the judges.

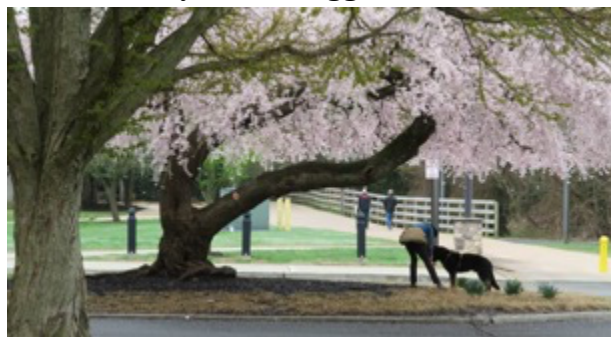


Track #3 was drawn by Gina DeAlmeida with her Rottweiler Ch Braesides Worth The



Wait. Felon did a great job finding his track and worked diligently to cleanly make his first and second turns without difficulty and then onto his first intermediate article. At his third turn he worked hard to find the turn, but eventually continued forward and did not pass.

Track #4 was drawn by Bernadette Kegelman and her German Shepherd Dog, Aces Von Den Komplizen. This dog worked its track beautifully. He struggled a few times but kept his nose to the ground to find his way back on track. He found both intermediate articles, but faltered at the turn that went into a parking lot. He went passed the turn, but kept working hard to find it and eventually worked his way into the lot likely drawn by the scent of the end article. So close! It was a pleasure watching this dog work.



The final track #5 was run by German Shepherd Dog, Blackthorn's Leave Her Wild owned by Kim Moore. Wow did she hit the track with high energy! She had a textbook start and moved easily through her first two turn. Unfortunately, she too strayed from the track and could not find her way back to it.

Although there were no passes, it was great to witness each of these dogs work their tracks exhibiting great tracking ability. We know they will eventually get their VST titles.

We also had the pleasure of meeting future tracking dogs, Raphael (Basset Hound) owned by Janet Kelly and Luke (Golden Retriever) owned by Ro Laubach. Can't wait to see these boys in a future tracking test!

