



COMMON SCENTS

NEWSLETTER OF THE
LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC

2ND QUARTER 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello everyone,

Happy Summer Fun to everyone!

Hopefully we are all having lots of fun with our furry friends now that summer has begun. Please remember to be aware of the sunny hotter days & have plenty of shade and cool water available for them. Be sure both you & your 4-legged kids take care of yourselves - rest, recover and don't overdo it.

We have our 2 fall trials coming up in Oct & Nov. 🐾 🐾

- Tracklayer Certification Aug. 16 @ Finn Park
- TD Oct 5th 2025 @ Finn Park
- TDX Nov 2nd 2025 @ Finn Park
- VST Apr 12, 2026 @ Brookdale CC

- TD - 10/5/25 Finn Road Park, Pittstown - Gina & Sue Snyder (judges)

- TDX - 11/2/25 Finn Road Park, Pittstown - Gina & Martha Campbell (judges)

***** There seems to be interest in us having the Tracklayer Certification as well. This would be held on Saturday, August 16, at Finn Park. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help. Let's get the word out to all those interested in participating. It's a great way to build your tracking skills. The flyer is included in this issue. Contact Ben or Gina ASAP if interested.**

I'll be sending out emails looking for club volunteers for the TD/TDX tests, SO, please check your calendars NOW and join us for "FUN IN THE FIELDS". Get your worker credits!!!! 👍👍

Upcoming Events 2025

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

Submit your worker credits with Entry.

We're always looking for help & greatly appreciate your support for the club.

REMEMBER.... We can't hold these tests without your help. ❤️❤️

"FUN IN THE FIELDS" = Tracklayers, cross tracklayers, hospitality, drivers, flag carriers, crowd control, photographer, etc.

Don't forget to send your "Cries & Brags" to Ben for publication in the newsletter. The club wants to celebrate your achievements with you and give support in any other way we can.

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. If you haven't helped in a while, we would love to see you. We can't hold these tracking trials without your help!!!!

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

Gina DeAlmeida

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The Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey was founded in June 1975, for the purpose of assisting people in the training of their dogs in tracking, to encourage sportsmanlike competition in tracking tests, and to sponsor educational programs of interest to tracking enthusiasts.

Tracking demonstrates a dog's ability to recognize and follow human scent, a skill that is useful in the service of mankind.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of 06/30/2025

This report covers the period from April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025. Over that period the decrease in the checking account balance was \$1,034.99. The balance in the club account at PNC Bank was \$14,707.38. Our VST test held on April 6, 2025 had entry fees of \$750.00 and expenses of \$1,765.33. The AKC event application fees for our TD and TDX test scheduled for 10/5/2025 and 11/2/2025, respectively, were paid.

Benjamin T. Hoyle
Treasurer

Lenape News

We have a name for our Newsletter!!! As was shared with our members via email, Pat Etchells and I have undertaken a project to load past newsletters on our web site so they could be accessed by you. This project is pretty much as near to completion as we can get. We have past newsletters dating back to 1976. There are a few holes that we hope to fill as these past issues are located. One reward of this project is that I learned that our newsletter was previously call **Common Scents** and somehow this name was dropped. It was suggested by several members that this name be reinstated, and so this issue proudly bears that name.

I hope that you will take some time to review some of the past issues of **Common Scents**. Our club was very active in its beginning years as it worked to build membership, teach interested people about tracking and other topics related to tracking, nose work, and general canine subjects. Since this is our 50th Anniversary year, I will be lifting some past articles and include them in this and future issues.

If you have any photos of past LTC events, please send me a scanned copy to hoylebt@gmail.com. You can also send me the photo itself, and I will return it to you. I'm hoping to showcase some of our past in the coming issues.

Just a reminder of the **Common Scents 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
3 rd Quarter 2025	October 15th	November 2025 (after TD/TDX)
4 th Quarter 2025	December 15th	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:

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.

Membership Director: Janet Doerer
5 Woodland Way
White House Station, NJ 08889-3661
E-Mail: jdoerer@gmail.com
Phone: (908) 303-5544

Lenape Brags:

Tammy Snyder has been very busy with her pups doing scent work. Brick has earned the following titles recently, Novice Buried (SBN), Advanced Containers (SCA), and Advanced Interiors (SIA). He is 1 Novice Exterior leg away from his Overall Novice title (SWN)



Brick is now known as: *AKC GCH CH UKC CH Wllslands Let It be Lasting Foundation CDX BN RE TDX NAP NJP CI DN SCN SBN SIN SCA SIA VCD1 CGC TT TKN FITB CRC Platinum Award, ARC V VX awards*

Splash has earned the following titles in scent work, Advanced Exterior (SEA), Advanced Container (SCA), and Advanced Interior (SIA). Splash is 2 Advanced Buried

legs away from her overall Advanced title.

Splash is now known as: *Emeline's Swimming Up Stream CDX BN RE TDX AX AXJ JH SWN SEA SCA SIA VCD2 CGC FITB*

For those who may not know much about Scent work, the dogs search for hidden odors that include Birch, Anise, Clove and Cypress (AKC). At the Novice level dogs



search for only 1 odor, Birch. At the Advanced level they search for 2 hides with 2 possible odors Birch and Anise. At the Excellent Level there are 3 hides which can use 3 odors, Birch, Anise, and Clove. At Master level there can be 0-5 hides, with the number unknown using all 4 possible odors.

The Novice buried class uses plastic containers filled with sand to hide the odor. The dog must choose the correct container. The sand makes the odor behave differently, causing it to spread over the top of the container and sometimes flow over the side. Advanced Buried uses 4-6 inches of water.

Interiors are just that, a room, a hallway, or multiple rooms depending on the level. These can be inside a building or can be under cover with at least 3 walls

Exteriors can be a completely outdoor area, or a covered area which can have at 1-2 walls but, open.

Like Tracking, the movement or air in the space, inside or out causes pooling, and puffing of odor away from source. Light and dark, heat and cold affect it similarly. The goal in scent work is for the dog to indicate odor source, so where is the odor strongest?



Congratulations Tammy, Brick and Splash!

Ben Hoyle has news to share about Cappy and Sky. The weekend before Memorial Day Cappy was stricken with a herniated cervical disc. Unfortunately, degenerative disc disease is not uncommon in Clumber Spaniels, and at age 8 years, Cappy is in the prime age group for this. He was exhibiting unusual symptoms on Friday, and I thought if they persisted on Saturday, I would take him to my vet. On Saturday morning I found him paralyzed from the neck down. I got him to the University of Pennsylvania where an MRI confirmed the diagnoses of the herniation between the C4 and C5 and C5 and C6 vertebra. After consultation with the neurologist, we decided to go ahead with surgery because he was only 8 and otherwise in good health. We were told he had a good chance of a positive outcome, although we were worried about his quality of life. The surgery went very well and over the next several days we were hoping to see some restoration in his ability to use his legs. He was discharged the Friday before Memorial Day, but he was unable to stand or use his legs and we were beginning to second guess our decision. As you might imagine, the next few days were trying. I regularly performed his exercises and torso massages to help restore feeling and movement in his legs. Then, we gradually started to see positive improvement. Each day we could see change and Cappy was trying really hard to regain his ability to stand and walk. 3 weeks post-surgery and Cappy is now able to stand and walk. He can go into the yard unassisted, and we can take gentle walks around the block. The neurologist said it may take up to 6 months for Cappy to regain as much use of his legs as is possible. Now we feel that we made the right decision to go ahead with the surgery. Cappy had the spirit

and determination to recover, and he is well on his way. Sadly, his tracking days are probably over, but I hope to be able to lay some short tracks for him as he loves to track.

The month of May had some huge ups and downs. On the up side, Ben shares that Sky earned his first two UD legs. His first leg was at the Philadelphia Dog Training Club trial on May 10th where he earned a score of 182. The signal exercise has been his Achilles heel at past trials, but he performed it well enough that day. Some other deductions for small errors that mean more work is needed. He was the only dog in his class of 6 to



qualify that day. His 2nd leg was at the Lower Camden County Dog Training Club trial on June 1. The day before, handler error caused an NQ (lesson learned!) He earned a score of 185 1/2 (almost 188 1/2). Unfortunately, he received a 3-point miscellaneous deduction for stepping out of the ring as we were setting up for his second directed jump. He decided to follow the judge to her standing position for the exercise and then saw the steward standing at the ring entrance with his lead dangling in her hand. I guess he thought he was finished. I quickly got him back under control and he did a great go out and jump. I just hope that 3rd leg doesn't take forever!

[Anne Rosenberg](#) writes to share that her Wirehaired Dachshund earned her TD! Many thanks to the Colonial Rottweiler Club for hosting their tracking test on May 1st.



Only 3 months after whelping 9 puppies, Frenzy - CH Willow Springs Ev-ry Three Ring Circus SW SBN RN BCAT FDC ATT CGC TKN HP67844101 - came out and found her glove! She was so happy hopping through the tall grass.

A few days later, Sly and I went to Maine to attempt a TDX track. Despite the rain and

water over his shoulder on the track he plowed along and made it to the last turn! We got lost in the woods! But we had fun and learned so much

Nancy Jorczak is excited to share that her Whippet, GCH DC Deerpath Cherché Midnight Ice TD SC ARX DPCX PR (the last 3 title are for racing), earned her AKC lure coursing championship making her a dual champion. This title was earned just 10 months after delivering 10 beautiful puppies in October 2024. Congratulations! So nice to see our dogs doing what they were developed and bred to do.



He is your friend, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

Unknown

From Oct 2002 Common Scents

You Ought to Know: Summer has finally arrived and along with it hot and humid weather. After a long cool/cold and wet spring the sudden change in weather is easily felt by us and our canine companions. This is a good time to review what to do if your dog should become overheated. Below is a summary of suggestions for keeping your dog from overheating extracted from the AKC. The full article may be found at <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/dogs-overheating-signs-symptoms-prevention/>

- Just a few degrees above a dog's normal temperature of 102 can lead to overheating.
- Dog's do not sweat in the same way as humans. Dogs pant because they have few sweat glands. Dogs inhale cooler, drier air through the nose and upper airways, exchanging that in the lungs for warm, moist air as evaporative cooling takes place (the dog's equivalent of our sweating mechanism). The breathing rate increases from 40 to 400 breaths per minute, with an occasional deep breath. After the dog sucks cooler air into the lungs, they exhale hot, moist air through the mouth over the dripping tongue, expelling excess body heat. Panting animals, then, need [enough cool water to drink](#) on warm days to keep those airways moist, maintaining a delicate temperature balance. But if the outside environment is also very moist, less evaporation and cooling occur. This may result in a reduced tolerance for hot, humid weather and a greater danger of the dog overheating.
- Signs of Overheated Dogs: Clear warning signs of overheating in dogs include frantic panting, extreme salivation, bright-red membranes, and labored breathing. The condition may quickly progress to a metabolic meltdown as their temperature rises to over 106 degrees Fahrenheit and dogs can no longer cool themselves. An overheated dog may gasp for air, and the entire mouth will become grayish to purple because of the unmet oxygen demand. As the [dog becomes dehydrated](#), their saliva thickens, and [the dog may vomit](#) and [have diarrhea](#). Unable to stand, the [dog might even have a seizure](#), become comatose, and die. Even if you can cool down the dog and they're acting normally, rush them to an emergency clinic because their organs may have already been damaged and death could follow.
- Why Some Dogs Overheat More Easily:
 - Coat texture (double coated dogs) and color (darker dogs).
 - Brachycephalic dogs with shorter muzzles and flatter faces may be less efficient at moving air in and out of the lungs.
 - Chronic respiratory challenges may cause irritation and restrict air movement.
- How to Keep Your Dog From Overheating: move your dog to a cool place if you think they are overheating and spray their coat with cool (not cold) water ensuring it reaches the skin.
 - Keep plenty of fresh water available and restrict time outdoors on hot days.
 - Use a variety of cooling products, such as vests, wraps, mats, etc.
 - Don't leave your dog in the car whether or not windows are open.
 - Get your dog adjusted to hot weather gradually.
 - Keep your home cool on warm days.
 - Don't place crated dogs under tents with inadequate air ventilation.
 - Be careful using dog hair dryers.
 - Use an electric fan.

From the Archives: here is an article from the February 1977 Newsletter (before it was officially called Common Scents).

Peg Forte spoke of the recent case of a boy lost in bitter cold weather in the Glen Gardner area and her subsequent talks with people involved with the Adirondack Rescue Dog Association. These people train intensely for search and rescue type operations. They are available to aid in searches, but most often they are not called at all or not until several days have passed. It seems apparent that there is a definite lack of knowledge on the part of police and rescue squads as to the availability of these trained groups. Millie Curtis said she belongs to a Rescue Squad, and they said they don't know how such dogs work or where to call. The club has decided to work as a liaison between the two groups. Various members are sounding out police chiefs and rescue squads as to the interest in having a demonstration. We are in touch with Steve Youngentob of the ARDA unit about this and they seem willing to come down to talk to our club and we hope also to a group of the people who really need to be informed. Until we have more information and enough pamphlets for each member, I would like you each to have the numbers of who to call if you are ever asked for such information or if you ever know of a situation the ARDA unit could help with; ask whoever is in charge of the search if they wish you to contact ARDA or give them the number to call. ARDA is composed of volunteer search and rescue dog units that have banded together for the purpose of providing a skilled service to responsible agencies, establish standards for handler-dog teams and exchange information between units .

An ARDA unit is a group of S&R dog handlers who provide this highly skilled service. It is a volunteer organization whose members receive no compensation.

All dogs re family raised German Shepherds handled by their owners.

When Peg knew there was a need, she had to do some fast thinking as to who to call, as she had no numbers at hand, but knew there were such groups. Fortunately, the boy was found within an hour after Peg was asked for help. It was out in the bitter cold for nearly 21 hours. He has recovered and is home, but it is felt that were the services of an ARDA unit used, he might have escaped his long ordeal in the hospital. Perhaps eventually some of our members will become interested in training a dog for this work and training themselves as well.

Can you name the Lenape Tracking Club members in these photos? Can you identify the event? Hint: Nov. 5, 2006.



Upcoming tests

- Aug. 9, 2025**, Yankee Golden Retriever Club, Durham, NH TD & VST
Sept. 21, 2025 Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Leyden, MA TD & TDX
Sept. 28, 2025 American Bloodhound Club, Carlisle, PA TD, TDX & VST
Sept. 28, 2025 West Highland White Terrier Club of America, Elkton, MD TD, TDU & TDX
Oct. 5, 2025 Mt. Nittany Dog Training Club, Penna Furnaced, PA TDX
Oct. 5, 2025 Lenape Tracking Club, Pittstown, NJ TD
Oct. 12, 2025, Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Westborough, MA TDU
Oct. 15, 2025, Burlington County Kennel Club, Mt. Laurel, NJ VST
Oct. 19, 2025, Hyattsville Dog Training Club, Elkton, MD TD & TDX
Oct. 26, 2025, Hudson Valley Tracking Club, Milan, NY TDX
Nov. 2, 2025, Lenape Tracking Club, Pittstown, NJ TDX
Nov. 9, 2025, Buckeye Tracking Club, Chardon, OH TDX & VST
Nov. 9, 2025, Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club, Leesburg, VA TD & TDX
Nov. 9, 2025, Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Westborough, MA VST
Nov. 16, 2025, Hudson Valley Tracking Club, Albany, NY VST



Membership Renewal

Send to: **Janet Doerer**
5 Woodland Way
White House Station, NJ 08889-3661

Membership dues are payable to Lenape Tracking Club, Inc. Due by Jan 1st 2025

Name:
(Mr.Mrs.Ms.) _____

Address _____

Phone No. () _____
E-mail _____

I enclose the following fee (check the one that applies and make checks payable to Lenape Tracking Club, Inc.)

_____ Regular Membership (one adult)-\$20.00

_____ Family membership (maximum of two votes)-\$30.00

_____ Junior membership (under 18 – no voting privileges)-\$10.00

_____ Additional fee to receive newsletter through US mail instead of email-
\$10.00

_____ Donation (trophy fund, food for test day, etc). _____

(After Oct. 1 of any given year, all dues are half the yearly rate to cover membership for the rest of the fiscal year which is April 1-March 31)



Gina and Toro TDX track CRC Rottweiler Specialty.

Contact Us

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

<http://www.lenapetrackingclub.org/>



LENAPE TRACKING CLUB of Central New Jersey

Tracklayer Certification Sat August 16th, 2025 Limited to 10 Participants

Finn Road Park, 50 Finn Road, Pittstown, NJ 08867

**Learn how to be a great Tracklayer!!
This will help you when you lay tracks in training
and you will be eligible to lay tracks in Lenape's tests.**

9AM – 1PM

“Come without your dog”
Bring your lunch, a chair and clipboard

Fee \$15
*\$5 will be refunded if you pass
all facets of the tracklayer training*

There will be practical work
& an open book test on the AKC tracking rules.
We will provide you with a copy of the basic rules that day.
You are encouraged to read the rules on the AKC website beforehand.
<https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RU9999.pdf>

Questions: **Gina DeAlmeida:** gina.dealmeida@gmail.com 908-963-9552 or **Ben Hoyle:**
hoylebt@gmail.com 215-651-7808.

Please sign up by Aug. 8th to ensure we have enough handouts for everyone.
Send to: **Ben Hoyle 212 Limestone Lane, Willow Grove, PA 19090**

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Lenape Tracklayer Certification - Aug 16, 2025

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

****If you're already a Certified Tracklayer, you're welcome to come, review & help the newbies.**