

# LENAPE TRACKING CLUB

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TRACKING TEST

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 1990

**TED 1991**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1991

## Who's Who

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## Membership

The following people have submitted their applications for membership. They will become members 30 days after the mailing of this newsletter unless the secretary Dot Vail, 329 Crescent Ave., Leonia, NJ 07605 receives any letters of objection within 30 days.

Delores Di Fabio, 56 Coldevin Rd., Clark, NJ 07066 - (908) 272-7167  
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Labrador Retrievers, "Amberfield Mr. Beau Jangles, CD" and "Amberfield's Cassiopeia"

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Golden Retriever, "Farm Fresh Nigela, Am/Can CD"

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German Shepherd, "Tanaquil's Machine Gun Kelly, CDX"

Anthony & Mary Ann Svizeny, 11 Barkalow Ave, Freehold, NJ 07728 (908) 577-9662  
Basset Hounds, "Freddie J. Bouncer" and "Misty Meadows Questor"

Correction to August membership list: Charlotte Schwartz's address is:  
13238 Whitehaven Ln. #1203, Fort Meyers, FL 33912

## For Sale/Loan

Linda Riley has 1990 TED tee shirts in sizes M, L, XL and XXL available. They are \$3 each plus \$1 for shipping. The "Tracking Dog Excellent Handbook" by Sandy Ganz & Susan Boyd is \$8.50 (plus \$1 shipping.) Also we have flags for \$5 for a bundle of 10, corner flags at \$2 for 5, and club patches for \$3.

The video (VHS) "Training a Competition Tracking Dog" by Leesburg Publications is available to all

members and Linda will send it out upon receiving \$2.50 to cover shipping. The borrower is also responsible for the charges to ship it back to Linda.

Also available for order are the **member** sweats (\$10), hooded sweats (\$13) and tees (\$8) which can be printed up as soon as we have a minimum of 12 items - and we're close. Call Linda. (908-234-0372).

## ✍ From the President's Desk: ✍

Month by month, heel to toe  
Month by month, the seasons go.

Where has the summer gone? Driving home from our picnic, I saw numerous patches of brilliant orange, red and yellow foliage along NJ 31. It was a glorious day for our picnic. I'm sorry so many of you missed it. We had an over-abundance of delicious food. The Etchells' spacious, enclosed back yard/dog training area was a great place for an Agility course. Thanks to the Flemington 4-H Paws Obedience Club and Katrine Johnson who loaned us their obstacles and equipment, both dogs and people had a ball. Thank you Pat and John for hosting the picnic this year and thank you Joanne MacKinnon for coordinating the food

We had a very successful Certification Match (Sanctioned by AKC) on September 22 and 23 at Jane Henderson's farm. See the write-up elsewhere in this issue.

On September 21, after numerous phone calls to AKC's Events Department, and after finally seeking aid from Gus Sumner who handled our application in the New Clubs Department, Marty Hamil received verbal approval for our November 4th Tracking Test. Written approval with an Event number arrived on September 22nd. All necessary information was given to Pat Etchells on September 23rd at the Match. Luckily for Lenape, Pat had the time, so she sat down at her computer and produced a most professional looking premium list which she had in the mail by the AKC deadline of four weeks prior to the closing date of the event (September 26).

We are really working in a tight time frame for this first test because of the delays at AKC. We will not have the usual publicity through the *AKC Gazette* or *Off-Lead*, but I was able to call Grace Sachs at *The Match Show Bulletin* and she graciously accepted an announcement of our test by phone

one day before her closing date so we will be in the October issue. Pat Etchells sent premium lists to all tracking judges within the four-state area and to tracking clubs and obedience clubs. We think we can fill our five available slots. We would like to have a sizeable gallery for our first test, so put the date on your calendar and come support us and the entrants. We have been warned that it is likely an AKC Representative will be present since this is our first official test, and we certainly want to make a favorable impression.

At the general membership meeting at the picnic, the nominating committee was appointed. Linda Riley represents the Board, while Betty Fletcher and Joanne MacKinnon represent the membership. If you have suggestions for officers or board members, contact one of these people. Nominations "from the floor" can be made at the winter meeting. It was also decided that we will not attempt a spring tracking test this year. We would have to apply now if we wanted one. We will have Tracking Experience Day on April 27th and will have a Certification Match in early fall, keeping the first weekend in November as our Test date.

I have just been told that Philadelphia Dog Training Club has only two entries for their TD and no entries for their TDX test on October 21st. They are now considering dropping their tracking tests altogether since entries have been so scarce for several years. Perhaps if they were not on the same weekend as the Port Chester Test, they would draw better. Few if any PDTC members are actively tracking now. Lenape is fortunate to have enough members to fill our test if we don't get enough non-members. So keep their noses down and go tracking.

Fran Wilmeth, President



JOANNE MACKINNON owner handled her Golden Retriever **Skye** to his first point at Somerset Hills!

(Send your news to PO Box 326, Lebanon, NJ 08833)

## New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs

Lenape is now a member of the NJFDC, a group of dog clubs which is involved in (among other things) matters of public awareness, dog legislation, and responsible breeding. Their newsletter features articles from member clubs, and any informative articles will be reproduced in *Common Scents*.

The Federation's most well known activity is the publication of a Directory of Breeders which is

distributed to libraries, veterinarians and clubs and which helps potential buyers locate breeder quality puppies. If you are breeding and are not listed through another club (or if you are not breeding but are in a position to network callers to those who are doing so responsibly), you can get applications from Fran (215-862-2453). The sponsoring clubs must screen the applicants and return the information to the Federation by January 1.



### Certification Match



Lenape has completed another successful certification match. Although Mother Nature made it a bit soggy for track plotting on Saturday, by Sunday the sun was sometimes out and the fields were nice and moist.

The first track was drawn by **Kelly**, new member Dorothy Seuter's German Shepherd, who did a beautiful track, but she halfway sniffed at the glove instead of dropping on it, and Dorothy went right on by it. Joanne MacKinnon's Golden **Skye** ran second. After giving everyone heart failure by worrying about the flapping starting flags, he got down to business and found the glove! A Rottweiler passed on the third track, and another

Rottie failed on the fifth. Norwich **Jackson** Wilmeth worked the fourth, but he had a little trouble because a herd of deer had cut across his first leg right before he ran the track. The spare track was not needed, so the alternate, **Fred**, the already certified Basset owned by new members Mary Ann & Tony Svizeny, was able to prove again that he really does know his stuff!

A big thanks to all the folks who made this match a go: our AKC judge Carole Artim, member judge Betty Fletcher, secretary John Etchells, track layers Peg Forte and Marty Hamil, soup maker Janet Quodomine, and all the other members who came out to give moral support.

### Help!

(Memo from Fran) Several members of LTC are involved in medical research at Beaver College. June Oswald with her Labrador and Louella McClelland with her Papillon have been doing scent discrimination experiments with brothers and unrelated persons with interesting results. My Jackson and I have been involved in a different experimental program involving tracking.

I realize most of you live too far from Beaver College to take part, but if anyone in South Jersey or the Greater Philadelphia area has a dog that does reliable scent discrimination at the Utility level and you are interested, give Dr. Carr a call. If you want to talk to June Oswald first, she'll be happy to discuss her experiences. Her number is (215) 233-4958.

#### Volunteers Needed For Medical Research

Preliminary evidence gathered by researches at Beaver College in Glenside, PA, suggests that the keen sense of smell possessed by dogs may enable them to identify persons capable of serving as donors for patients needing bone marrow or kidney transplants. To confirm this potentially important possibility, we seek families in which one

member has received a transplant from a close relative. Readers of this announcement may have relatives or friends who are transplant recipients willing to volunteer their help for about five minutes per week for about eight weeks, the work being done in the volunteers' homes.

Once a week, the researchers would deliver clean plastic dumbbells to the transplant recipients and to two members of their family for scenting. Then the researchers would return the dumbbells to Beaver for use in tests much like the AKC's Scent Discrimination Task. The highly trained dogs currently being tested are accompanied by their owners who serve as their handlers. We seek a few volunteers whose dogs perform well on the task and who are willing to bring their pets to Beaver for 30-minute tests conducted once a week.

For a second project, we also seek identical twins who are willing to scent dumbbells at their homes. Researchers at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia are collaborating on these research projects. Interested persons are invited to call Dr. William Carr at (215) 886-3580 between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. for more information.



## People Tracks

featuring **Barbara O'Brien**

Barbara and her husband got started in dog activities when they went to the Schooleys Mountain KC match show in 1969 and thought showing dogs looked like fun. At the time they had a mix-breed Shepherd, and her husband wondered (since he was no particular breed) could we enter him for Best In Show.

Ch Mistral Kalon Cherub, CD  
 Ch Barnhide Vision of Mistral CD  
 Ch Leabank Love Affair  
 Ch Leabank Lieto  
 Ch Mistral Midnight Lace  
 Ch Mistral Apricot Brandy CDX  
 Mistral Indian Summer, Am/Can CD

The O'Briens have owned English Cocker Spaniels because Barbara worked with a girl who bred them and was offered a bitch on a co-ownership basis. Vizslas were also chosen because Barbara wanted a dog that was brown in color and tall enough to work comfortably in obedience. After extensive research her husband came across not only the Vizsla breed but a brood bitch. They waited over a year for that bitch to be bred and started their line with one of her puppies.

Barbara got started in tracking with her English Cocker because since they love to walk with their nose to the ground, it was a "natural" for them to love tracking.

Other dog activities include breeding English Cocker and Vizslas for over 20 years and showing in conformation. Presently Barbara is more interested in obedience, and in showing her Vizsla puppy in Junior Hunting tests.

Titles of the dogs the O'Briens have owned are:

Ch Mistral Bolide  
 Ch Mistral Dresden Dol  
 Ch Mistral Kalon Seraf

The O'Briens have been married for almost 24 years and have no children. Barbara is employed part time as a Secretary/Office Manager and in her spare time likes to cook and do aerobics.



## Excerpts from "How Sensitive is a Dog's Nose?" from *Dogwatching* by Demond Morris

In the world of odors and fragrances the human being is an inferior species. ... With substances such as the butyric acid found in sweat, tests have proved beyond doubt that dogs have a responsiveness that is, incredibly, at least one million times better than ours.

Examples of this sweat-detection ability are amazingly impressive. There is the thrown pebble test, in which six men each pick up and throw a pebble as far as they can. A dog is then allowed to sniff the hand of one of these men, after which it successfully finds and retrieves his pebble. Just by holding the pebble long enough to throw it, the man deposited sufficient sweat for the dog's nose to locate it. Even more startling is the glass slide test. In this, one of a set of glass slides is touched briefly by a single human fingertip. The slides are then put away carefully for a period of six weeks.

When they are taken out again for the experiment, the test dog is able to identify the slide that had been touched.

The sweat from human feet seems to be even easier for a dog's nose to detect. Bloodhounds can follow a trail that is as much as four days old and can track a human subject for up to one hundred miles. The scent from human feet is so strong to a dog that it can identify individual feet even in areas where many other feet have trodden, and where shoes have been worn by all concerned.

... dogs have been employed to tell whether pairs of twins are identical or fraternal. Since personal human odor is genetically inherited, identical twins have an identical body scent and dogs cannot tell them apart, whereas fraternal twins have different body scents and can easily be distinguished...