



Common Scents

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COMMON SCENTS

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1998-1999 Lenape Tracking Club

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May

9 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members & TED People Only

June

14 8:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members & TED People Only
19 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Lebanon Township Mun.Bldg.

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July

11 8:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members & TED People Only

August

9 8:00am-12:00pm Training Session - Members Only

September

26 9:00am-5:00pm Plotting tracks
27 8:00am-4:00pm Certification Workshop

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October

4 "Bark in the Park" ??? Possible Date
10 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session - Members Only
11 "Bark in the Park" ??? Possible Date
31 9:00am-4:00pm Track Plotting for Test
6:00-9:00pm Pot Luck Dinner with the Judges

November

1 8:30am-4:00pm Tracking Test
14 9:00am-4:00pm VST Seminar - with Mike Clemens

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Spring is here....



Peg Forte

And at my house the dogs are getting antsy to get out tracking – at least a certain Flat-Coat is pacing around, raring to go.

As previously announced **Janet Horn** is our new newsletter editor. This issue is late because the your president had too many time commitments colliding to get her part done in a timely manner. Please help Janet by sending her news items and anything else you can - articles, items for the ads section, etc.

April 25th was the TED date for this year and we reached our limit of 24 entrants several weeks before the closing date. Barbara Greenfield worked hard to get everything ready – she called many of you to get your commitment to help. We thank all those who were able to help on that day. We had a great day, weather was perfect and all went well. Please see related article by Barbara Greenfield elsewhere in the newsletter.

As you arrived at the site, I'm sure you were shocked – they have started to work on the area behind the building - it is being turned into a municipal park. The bulldozers begun to change the landscape and more changes including a pavilion are coming. Can hardly believe I ever tracked a dog on those fields.

We will still have enough space to do the TED, but we lost fields for tracks for the tests. Which is the reason we have been encouraging all our members to suggest possible sites for our events. **Please be looking for potential sites**, we need at least 6 acres for each TD track (for a ten track test that means 50-60 acres), they should be hay type fields. If you know of fields that might be a possibility, please find out who they belong to, how we can get in touch with the owners and pass this information to our Land Chairperson, **Ralph MacKinnon at 908-735-7793.**

Our awards brunch, which we held at a new place this year, was a success – but we would have liked to see more people there. You missed a great meal. Only two of our members earned Tracking titles this year, “**Tikki**” handled by

Vicki Wooters and “**Deacon**” handled (sort of) by Peg Forte. We always like to give put awards so get motivated for this years' tests. Realizing that our newer members were not aware that Lenape cosponsors, with the West Jersey Search & Rescue, a program called “**Hug-A-Tree**” in this area, Peg Forte, one of qualified presenters, did the slide presentation which teaches children what to do if they get lost.

Florence Miktus was given one of the John Miktus awards. She loved what we had done with the award - we had a sketch done of John tracking a dog, an then had it etched on a large metal plate and mounted on a plaque. Florence had been hinting how much she liked it and since, to date, no one has won one - we gave one to Florence to hang on her wall with all of John's and their great German shepherds' awards.

We also honored **Barbara Greenfield** with the Pupperoni (formerly the Gaines Medal) for her contributions to the club. Barbara has been a hard, enthusiastic member and worker ever since she came to TED a few years ago. She is our current Vice President and has done a great job pulling everything together for this years' TED.

Training Sessions will continue throughout the year - check the calendar enclosed for the dates and watch the newsletter for fliers that give the details. The next three sessions will include TED participants.

The **VST Seminar** scheduled for April 26th was postponed again. Unfortunately we learned that, due to a miscommunication, our VST judge was not available on that date - so we have rescheduled the event for Nov. 14, 1998. We are hopeful, that the third time for this event will turn out to be the charmed one and it will finally happen.

Speaking of VST tests. One of our members, **Pricilla White** and her bassett hound “**Muffy**” are entered in a VST test on April 26th in Massachusetts. Hopefully she will have good news to report and either way we expect an article on her experience. If they are successful we will have to come up with a design for a VST award as they will be the first members of our club to earn this title. Sure hope we need to.

TED '98

What a wonderful day it was !! A bright sunny day, not a cloud in the sky with just a nice breeze to keep everyone comfortable. The participants arrived early and ready to learn, they were an eager group and asked lots of questions.

There were a wide range of breeds, a tiny Miniature Pinscher and Miniature Dachshund to huge Newfoundland and Rottweilers.

Best of all were our members. **Pat Blake** and **Mollie Heide** were in charge of hospitality and did a very good job of keeping everyone fed. **Joanne MacKinnon** and "**Skye**" for the terrific demonstration track. The men that came really did all the heavy work: **John Etchells** , **Jim Friedl**, **Karl Gabosch**, **Rick Andrews** and **Kevin Davis** carted tables, coolers, and chairs, along with working in the program.

The speakers indoors: **Hope Meaker** and **John**. And those who taught outside in the morning and afternoon: **Hope**, **John**, **Mimi Ruch**, **Peg Forte**, **Vicky Brown**, **Joanne**, **Marilyn Begasse**, **Kevin**, **Karl**, And the herders, **Terry Andrews**, **Beverly Olsen**, **Maggie Pierce**, and **Barbara O'Brien**. Everyone did a terrific job !

I also want to thank **Ralph MacKinnon** and **Andrew Davis**, ably assisted by **Karl**, for doing the parking lot patrol, that's a dull job but it has to be done. **Andrew** and **Mollie** had a great time running our "store," while **Hope**, **Joanne** and others help fit the dogs with harnesses.

The success of the day is a tribute to the cooperation of all of the members that to help. Thank you all for your hard work and it couldn't have been done without you.

TED '98 Chair

Barbara Greenfield

EXCERPTS

From BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 14, 1998

Training Sessions: Scheduled for May 9, June 14, July 11 for TED follow-ups. Members can bring their dogs to these sessions for practice once the TED people are finished. Member-only sessions thereafter are scheduled for August 9, October 10, and December 13. None are scheduled for September (certification month) or November (Test month).

VST Seminare: Mike Clemens canceled for April 26. Peg will try for a fall date from him. We'll use the confirming letter as we do for judges.

Tracking Test: We need an experienced member to chair the Tracking Test in November, to be responsible for organizing hospitality people (for the judges and for the test), getting a chief tracklayer and any other details that don't belong to the Test Secretary's job.

CLASSIFIED ADS

We'll be happy to publish your ads when you're looking for tracking partners or dog/tracking-related equipment to buy or sell. We can't accept the responsibility for litter listings because Lenape's expertise is in tracking only. Litter listings should be published through breed or kennel clubs.

Make sure you send us your brags so we have lots of Tid Bits.

UPCOMING TRACKING TESTS

Sunday, May 31, Penna Furnace, PA. MT. Nittany Dog Training Club, Pennsylvania State University Farms. CLOSSES May 13. Cindy Tier, 117 Horseshoe Circle, Penn Furnace, PA 16865. Limit 5. Judges: Mrs. J. Klamut, Ms S. E. Richards. Fee: \$45.

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

Sunday, May 10, Gardner, MA. Tracking Club of Massachusetts, High Ridge Wildlife Management Area. CLOSSES Apr 30. Ms Marianne F. Wood, Box 56, 148 Washington St., Ayer, MA 01432. Entry 6. Judges: A. L. Twiss, Mrs. M.E.Thompson. Fee: \$75

Sunday, May 31, Penna Furnace, PA. Mt. Nittany DTC, Pennsylvania State University Farms. CLOSSES May 13. Cindy Tier, 117 Horseshoe Circle, Penn Furnace, PA 16865. Entry Limit 3. Judges: Mrs. J. Klamut, Ms S. E. Richards. Fee: 70.

The above are all the April Gazette listings for states commonly conceived to be in this area, which I guess is the Northeast. Time was when I went as far as Ohio and Florida in search for a "T." Let me know how far distant listings are appropriate, please. JPH

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING = MARCH 29, 1998

The meeting was called to order at the Hoff Mills Inn, Pittstown, NJ at 1:25 p.m. by President Peg Forte.

The general order of business was dispensed with, and President Peg Forte requested Secretary Mimi Ruch to read the slate of officers for the year starting April 1, 1998.

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee (John Etchells, Chair, Mollie Heide and Karl Gabosch) offers the following slate of Officers and Directors for a term of one year for the year starting April 1, 1998:

President: Peg Forte

Vice-President: Barbara Greenfield

Treasurer: John Etchells

Secretary: Mimi Ruch

Directors: Victoria Brown, Kathy Davis, Joanne MacKinnon, Ralph MacKinnon, Linda Riley.

No nominations were made from the floor at the February General Meeting, and the President requested the secretary cast one ballot to accept the slate presented.

Two club members received awards for TD's earned in 1997: Peg Forte and Vicki Wooters. Florence Miktus was presented with a memorial award for her husband, John, and the dogs with whom he earned tracking titles here and in Canada. Barbara Greenfield was cited for her outstanding service to the club in 1997.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m., and Peg gave the Hug A Tree presentation. This is a program intended to give children knowledge, what to do should they get lost on camping or hiking trips. Presenters must be certified. The slides and text were purchased in a sharing agreement with West Jersey Search and Rescue.

THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM A DOG

Always enthusiastically greet loved ones when they come home.

Take naps often and always stretch properly before rising.

Run, romp and play daily.

Never pretend to be something you are not.

Dig until you find what you want.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.

Delight in the simple joys of a long walk.

From SEASONED YEARS (Hunterdon County Office on Aging)

TID BITS / TITLES

New Tracking Dog:

GROUSE ROUSTER'S B-TY, TD, CGC. His owner writes: "Ty owned by Berde K. Koch earned his Tracking Degree at the Hudson Valley Tracking Club test on April 5th. There were 10 tracks. We drew #10. Only 4 dogs qualified and I believe the other 3 were club members. Ty is 11 months old and the 3rd Spinone Italiano to earn a tracking degree. Ty also passed his CGC test the end of March." Congratulations, Berdell, and thank you for your letter.

New Companion Dog:

RIVERLANE LITTLE MISS MUFFET, TD, CD, Basset Hound owned by Priscilla White, qualified January 11 at K-9 OTC of Essex County, February 8 at First Governor's Foot Guard, Hartford, CT., February 21, Holyoke, MA., and February 22 at Pioneer Valley, MA. On January 17 Muffy was entered at Princeton, writes her owner: "She saw Pat Etchells when we first arrived and thought this was a tracking test. Rolled at the start, ran around the ring barking, and out the gate before we were "expelled." This basset still smells!" ("This Dog Smells" is the title of a funny article Priscilla wrote some time ago for this newsletter. I'd like to reprint it! ...JPH.)

New Companion Dog:

CABALLERO MIMI'S ANGUS, Am/Can CD, WC, Labrador Retriever owned by Mimi Ruch who writes: Angus "finished his AKC CD at First Dog Training Club of Northern NJ trial with a 191 and HS Labrador in Novice B after having earned his first leg at Camden KC with a 195 and 1st place and his second leg at Bayshore with a 185½ (all the activity in that busy place was more interesting than heeling) and HS Labrador in Novice B.

Congratulations, Mimi and Priscilla!

WELCOME!

New Member: Beverly W. Olsen, 805B Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft, NJ 07738. 732-530-0288. Greyhound / Corgi.

TRACKING CLUB EXCHANGES

The Southwest Tracking Association of Metropolitan Houston held its first Tracking Test January 11, 1998 in La Porte, TX. Cool and overcast, light winds from the east. Five dogs passed, out of ten. Congratulations to STA!

Croix Valley Tracking Club "for the committed tracker" is based at St. Elmo, MN.

Midwest Tracking Association - "MTA" - newsletter originates from Chicago Heights, IL.

DEADLINE For Next Issue: May 25, 1998. Send news and info to:
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Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

Saturday May 9, 1998 - 9:00 - 12:00

at the Tewksbury Farm Park

This training sessions is for 1998 TED participants and members only

Topic : Turns

The topic will be covered at the beginning of the session we will pair up and practice what was covered and/or lay tracks for each other.

Please call by May 6th to let us know you are coming

We need to know how many are coming and in case of inclement weather, who to notify in case we have to cancel the session.

Contact: Barbara Greenfield 1-973-696-8787

Directions:

From Flemington / Whitehorse: (Route 22 or Route 78): Take 523 North to Oldwick and ***Route 517*** (523 turns right across from Hildebrandt Nurseries just before you enter Oldwick - stay straight and you will be on Route 517). Go through Oldwick and continue on ***Route 517 to Fairmount***. At the traffic light by the Fairmount Methodist Church (little white church with white steeple and red doors) diagonally across from cemetery, **turn left onto Route 512**. Fairmount Farm Park's driveway is the **third driveway on the left**.

From Chester / Long Valley: Take Route 24 and 513 to Route 517 South (left turn at light in Long Valley). Stay on Route 517 until you reach the intersection with Route 512 (cemetery will be on your right and the Methodist Church will be diagonally across the intersection). **Turn right onto Route 512** and enter Tewksbury Farm Park at the **third driveway on the left**.