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April
16 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting
24 8:00am-4:00pm Tracking Experience Day

May
8 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session - TED & Members
21 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting

June
13 8:00-11:00am Training Session - TED & Members
18 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting

July
10 8:00-11:00am Training Session - TED & Members
16 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting

August
15 8:00-11:00am Training Session - Members Only
20 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting

September
25 Certification Workshop-Plotting Tracks
26 9:00am Certification Workshop

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6 Tracking Test - Plotting Tracks
7 Tracking Test (LTC's 10th)

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President's Message

The February meeting on Valentine's Day was a great success - our speaker, Jo Coudert was delightful. Many of our members are raving about her books, especially "The Good Shepherd."

The March *Training Session* on "One Flag Starts" was ably led by **Vicky Brown** and was well attended. The next training session will be held on May 9th, site to be determined.

LTC Web Site - our club was invited to be a part of the Lebanon Township Web Site, during the February meeting, as a volunteer organization within the townships. We voted to take up the offer and the policeman who handles the township web site has been helped me learn html and soon we will have presence on the web at a Geo Cities site. Currently there is nothing much to see so I'll save the address for the next newsletter - stayed tuned.

Our annual *Awards Brunch* was held on March 28th at Hoff's Mill in Pittstown. Awards were presented to the four dog and handler teams that earned their Tracking Dog titles in 1998.

Three of those earning the awards were not present to accept them: Italian Spinone "Ty" handled by **Berdell Koch** earned his TD at the Hudson Valley test on 4-5-98. "Mandy Kate," a Smooth Coated Blue Merle Collie earned her TD with her handler **Lillian Puchalski** at the Mt. Nittany Dog Training Club on 5-31-98. Australian Shepherd, "Bullet" with **Pat Losco** handling at our test on 11-1-98.

Present to accept the award for "Lucy," a Labrador Retriever was her handler **Karen Oliver**. Lucy passed on a track I laid at our test on 11-1-98

The *LTC Outstanding Service Award* for 1998 was presented to a surprised **Hope Meaker**. Hope served as chief tracklayer for our 1997 test in two days of pouring rain and had to herd the cows off a tracking field and hold them off while tracks were run. She has been one of our presentators at TED the past few years, has laid track at many certification workshops and tests, and has always been an asset to our club.

Linda Riley, a board member for 12 years, who served as Treasurer and TED chair for several years was thanked for her participation over those years. Linda earned the Gaines medal (back when they were available) for outstanding service. And while Linda will no longer be on the LTC board she will continue to help with taking the newsletter for copying and returning it to the Editor, **Janet Horn**, for collating and mailing.

Barbara Greenfield informed the board at their March meeting that TED 99 has its 24 tracking team entries and a waiting list has been started. As chairperson of TED Barbara has been working very hard to make our annual seminar a big success. Since very few people responded via the form members were mailed about helping, Barbara had to make many phone calls to get enough people to make it possible to proceed with TED 99.

The program for the brunch was **Robert J. Blake**, author and illustrator of children's books many of which are about dogs. He enthusiastically related stories about breaking into writing and illustrating books about dogs. "*RipTide*" was the first of these titles. He told us how he went to the AKC office in New York to have them assist him in locating a Golden Retriever near his home in northern NJ to use as a model for the illustrations. They gave him the name of **Louise Tiernan** and he used her dog **Jason** as the model. Louise is a member of LTC, it sure is a small world.

Using slides Robert gave us a detailed look at how he created "**Akiak**," a story about the Iditerod sled dog race in Alaska. He went to Alaska during a race to learn first hand about the dogs and the mushers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the program and Robert autographed copies of his books for us, with his signature and a quick sketch.

April 24th is TED 1999 - hope to see you there. There will be a training session on May 8th, which will include the TED participants. Details on the location will be sent to you.

Until then, hope you get a chance to get out and track with your dogs.

Peg Forte

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING ABSTRACT
FEBRUARY 14, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Peg Forte at 1:05 pm at the Lebanon Twp Municipal Bldg.

Peg reported that Lenape Tracking Club can be put onto Lebanon Township's web page. Laurie Shuren made a motion that we place information on the club on this page. Second: Karen Oliver.

Peg noted that the club will be in its 25th year in 2000, and asked members to think about how we would like to celebrate this. Could we gather a list of how many people over the years earned their TD's. We counted six current members who started the club in 1975: Peg Forte, Joanne and Ralph MacKinnon, Ronn and Maelene Loos, and Florence Miktus.

TED: Barbara Greenfield reported that we are behind in entries compared with this time last year. We now have 4, while we had 8 last year this time. Barbara asked for workers to make the day a success (a sign-up sheet was passed around). We will be using part of the March training session to rehearse TED assignments. The herders need to have more information in order to avoid confusion in the groups they are taking to the different stations. The income from TED is used to finance our test.

Nominating Committee: Chair Vicky Brown presented the slate of officers and directors for 1999. President: Peg Forte, Vice-President: Barbara Greenfield, Treasurer: John Etchells, Secretary: Mimi Ruch, Directors: Rick Andrews, Joanne MacKinnon, Vicky Brown, Peter Heide, and Beverly Olsen. No nominations were made from the floor. Joanne MacKinnon made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Linda Riley.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Jo Coudert who has written eight books and numerous articles for The Reader's Digest and Womens Day. Jo talked about her book, The Good Shepherd, and how she came to write the story of the German Shepherd, a terminally ill boy, and his mother. Jo is a delightful speaker and an interesting woman whom everyone enjoyed.

BOARD MEETING ABSTRACT MARCH 19, 1999

Correspondence: Peg received a thank-you note from Jo Coudert for inviting her to speak at the February general meeting. Mimi received information on pet and people first aid kits from the Red Cross. The board approved purchase of one of each: a pet kit at \$30 and a sport kit at \$34.

TED: Barbara has one opening left.

Reseeding and fertilizing around the municipal building will be done about Memorial Day, so the site will be okay for TED. Set-up will be done Friday evening, April 23.

Training Sessions: Still going well with a very good turn-out for the March session on one-flag starts led by Vicky. The May, June, and July sessions will be open to this year's TED participants.

Annual Brunch: Sixteen people have signed up. This is about the same number that we had last year. Peg will have the plaques ready for the four members who earned TD's in '98.

Vests: WalMart has fishing vests again for \$16-\$17.

Notebook: Joanne and Peg started work on compiling a tracking notebook. They'll work up a price shortly and welcome any contributions that would be helpful and interesting; e.g. Training session leaders' notes, articles that have been collected or written by members.

The people listed below have applied for membership. They will become members 30 days after the mailing of this newsletter unless secretary Mimi Ruch, 179 Grove St., Somerville, NJ 08876 receives any letters of objection within 30 days.

Name	Address/Telephone	Type Dogs	Sponsors
Edith Braginton	PO Box 177, E Schodack, NY 12063 518/477-8744 tpa@aol.com or c/o Vicky Brown	German Shepherd	Victoria Brown, John Etchells
Jamie Swanson	1131 Dunton St. Philadelphia, PA 19123 215/423-4471	Chow, German Shepherd, Pug	Karen Privitello, Kathy Gaynor

UPCOMING TRACKING TESTS

Yankee Golden Retriever Club, Gardner, MA, Sunday, Apr. 25. High Ridge Wildlife Management Area. CLOSSES Apr. 14. Fee: \$50. Myrna Libby, TRIAL SEC., 161 Glezen Ln, Wayland, MA 01778. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES; **Mrs. R. C. Meyer; Mr. M. Garrod.**

Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Cheltenham, MD (Pending), Sunday, May 2. Cheltenham Youth Facility, 11001 Frank Tippet Road. CLOSSES Apr. 14. Fee: \$35. Ms. Anne Page, TRIAL SEC., 18615 Brooke Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860. Total Entry Limit: 5. JUDGES; **Mrs. D.H.Thompson; Ms. A. Platt.**

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Gardner, MA, Wednesday, May 5. Massachusetts Correctional Institute. CLOSSES; Apr. 14. Total Entry Limit: 4.

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Topsfield, MA, Sunday, May 9. Coolidge Farms. CLOSSES; Apr. 22. Fee: \$50. Katherine Keon, TRIAL SEC., 35 Chestnut St., Danvers, MA 01923-2258. Total Entry Limit: 8. JUDGES; **R. C. Parsons; Mrs. M.E.Thompson.**

Dog Owner's Training Club of Maryland, Woodstock, MD, Sunday, May 9. Farmlands at 10000 Route 99. CLOSSES; Apr. 21. Fee: \$35. Mrs. April Alderson, TRIAL SEC., 6506 Sunset Dr., Eldersburg, MD 21784-6355. Total Entry Limit: 4. JUDGES; **W.B.Steward, Jr.; Mrs. S.N.Roth.**

Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Moodus, CT, Friday, May 21. Sunrise Resort, Route 151. CLOSSES; Apr. 28. Fee: \$45. MB-F, Inc., Supt. JUDGES; **Mr. M. Garrod; Ms. C. E. Cole.**

Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, New Castle, PA, Tuesday, May 25. Lawrence County Farm Show Grounds, Route 1008 (5 miles East of New Castle). CLOSSES; May 5. Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd., Supt. JUDGES; **Mr. R. O. Zerbe; P. Gallagher.**

American Rottweiler Club Gardner, MA, Wednesday, May 26. High Ridge Wildlife Management Area. CLOSSES; Apr. 23. Fee: \$50. Mariann Wood, TRIAL SEC., P.O. Box 56, Ayer, MA 01432-005. Total Entry Limit: 5. JUDGES; **Mr A.L. Twiss; M. A. Clemens; Mrs. M. Garrod; Mrs. M. E. Thompson.**

Dachshund Club of America, Leesburg, VA., Thursday, May 27. Outlands Plantation, Route 15 South. CLOSSES; Apr. 27. Fee: \$50. Genie Bishop, TRIAL SEC., P.O.Box 337, Cookstown, NJ 08511. JUDGES; **Mrs. D. H. Thompson; Ms B. D. French.**

Mt. Nittany Dog Training Club, Penna Furnace, PA, Sunday, June 6. Pennsylvania State University Farms, Ag Progress Farms at Rock Springs, Rt. 45. CLOSSES; May 19. Fee: \$45. Kathleen K. Huey, TRIAL SEC., RD 1, Box 178C, Spring Mills, PA 16875. Total Entry Limit: 5. JUDGES; **Mrs. J. Klamut; Ms. D. A. Dedek.**

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

Hudson Valley Tracking Club, New Paltz, NY, Sunday, Apr. 25. Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm. CLOSSES; Apr 14. Fee: &75. Sarah Wilson, TRIAL SEC., 2867 Route 44/55, Gardiner, NY 12525. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES; **Mrs. C. A. Simpson; M.A.Clemens.**

Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Cheltenham, MD, Sunday, May 2. Cheltenham Youth Facility, 11001 Frank Tippet Road. CLOSSES; Apr. 14. Total Entry Limit: 2.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club, Gardner, MA, Wednesday, May 5. Massachusetts Correctional Institute. CLOSSES; Apr 14. Total Entry Limit: 4.

Dog Owner's Training Club of Maryland, Woodstock, MD, Sunday, May 9. Farmlands at 10000 Route 99, Route 99. CLOSSES; Apr. 21. Fee: \$70. Mrs. April Alderson, TRIAL SEC., 6506 Sunset Dr., Eldersburg, MD 21784-6355. Total Entry Limit: 3. JUDGES; **W.B.Steward, Jr.; Mrs. S.N.Roth.**

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Gardner, MA, Sunday, May 16. High Ridge Wildlife Management Area. CLOSSES; May 6. Fee: \$75. Ms. Marianne F. Wood, TRIAL SEC., 148 Washington St., #56, Ayer, MA 01432-1128. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES; **Mr. J. F.Hanson; Mrs. M.E/Thompson.**

Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, New Castle, PA, Tuesday, May 25. Lawrence County Farm Show Grounds, Route 108 (5 miles east of New Castle). CLOSSES; May 5. Jim Rau Dog Shows, SUPT. JUDGES; **Mr. R.D.Zerbe; P. Gallagher.**

American Rottweiler Club, Gardner, MA., Wednesday, May 26. High Ridge Wildlife Management Area. CLOSSES; Apr. 23. Fee: 75. Mariann Wood, TRIAL SEC., P.O>Box 56, Ayer, MA 01432-005. Total Entry Limit: 5. JUDGES; **Mr. A.L.Twiss; M.A. Clemens.**

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VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Bedford, MA, Sunday, May 2. Hanscom Air Force Base. CLOSSES; Apr. 15. Fee: \$50. Total Entry Limit: 8. JUDGES; **Mr. M. Garrod; Mrs. M.E.Thompson.**

Dachshund Club of America, Purcellville, VA, Thursday, May 27. Franklin Park. CLOSSES; Apr. 27. Fee: \$50. Genie Bishop, TRIAL SEC., P>O>Box 337, Cookstown, NJ 08511. Total Entry Limit: 1. JUDGES; **Mrs. D.H.Thompson; Ms B.D.French.**

DOGDOM HUMOR

An American soldier, serving in World War II, had just returned from several weeks of intense action on the German front lines. He had finally been granted R&R and had made it to Southampton, England, here to board a train bound for a few days in London.

The train was very crowded, so the soldier walked the length of the train, looking for an empty seat. The only seat unoccupied was directly across from a well-dressed, middle aged lady and was being used by her little dog.

The war-weary soldier asked, "Please, ma'am, may I sit in that seat?" The English woman looked down her nose at the soldier, sniffed and said, "You Americans. You are such a rude class of people. Can't you see my little Fifi is using that seat?"

The soldier walked away, determined to find a place to rest, but after another trip down to the end of the train, found himself again facing the woman with the dog in the opposite seat. Again he asked, "Please, lady. May I sit there? I'm very tired."

The English woman wrinkled her nose and snorted, "You Americans! Not only are you rude, you are also quite arrogant. Imagine!"

The soldier leaned against the swaying wall of the train and again asked if he might please sit down. The lady said, "Not only are you Americans rude and arrogant, you're also very inconsiderate."

The soldier didn't say anything else; he leaned over, picked up the little dog and tossed it out the window of the train and sat down in the empty seat. The woman shrieked and railed, demanding that someone defend her and chastise the soldier.

An English gentleman sitting across the aisle spoke up, "You know, sir, you Americans do seem to have a penchant for doing the wrong thing. You eat holding the fork in the wrong hand. You drive your autos on the wrong side of the road. And now, sir, you've thrown the wrong bitch out of the window."

NEWSLETTER EXCHANGES RECEIVED

Midwest Tracking Association (MTA) Feb. 1999 News.
Editor: Micki Conley, 22817 Oakland Drive,
Steger, IL 60475.

Croix Valley Tracking Club Newsletter for the Committed Tracker. Editor: Joan Telfer, 13030 - 30th Street, N,
Stillwater, MN 55082.

We thank **Croix Valley** for the premium list for their TD & TDX Tests, Sunday, April 25 at Hudson, Wisconsin. Each test has an Entry Limit of 4. Each owner whose dog passes will receive a gift offered by Croix Valley Tracking Club. Test Sec., Nancy Dahlen, 2633 90th Ave. Woodville, WI 54028. Visitors are welcome, encouraged and expected.
All dogs must be on leash at all times.

Reader's Digest has Gone to the Dogs

Recent issues of the Reader's Digest have included articles of interest to those of us in the dog world.

On the serious side in the February 99 issue there is a special report entitled the "Scandal of America's Puppy Mills." At the end of the article you are invited to learn more about the puppy-mill problem by visiting the links to additional internet sites available on their web site at www.readersdigest.com.

Want to know where your dog ranks in the IQ scale? (Of course all of ours are geniuses) Check out the 12 question excerpt from Melissa Miller's "The Dog IQ test." Have fun!

And from the April issue comes this quote Susan Cheever's from the *New York Times Book Review*: "Dogs are great teachers. They are at home in the world. They live in the moment, and they force us to stay there with them. Dogs love us unconditionally, not for our bodies or bank accounts." Amen.

Changing Light Bulbs

Found on the internet, these are the answers from dogs when asked "How many dogs does it take to put in a light bulb?" *Do you recognize your breed or your dog? Do you have one you would like to add to the list? Send yours to the editor and we'll include it in the next issue.*

Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned-out light bulb? *Or - "I'll be glad to change the light bulb for you, but first can't we play catch with the tennis ball, or Frisbee - and then I want to lick your face and rest my head in your lap and look up at you with my sad eyes. What, you're changing the light bulb yourself - you didn't have to do that - but I loooooove you so much for being my friend and doing that."*

Border Collie: Just one. And I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code. *Or* Just one. And he'll rewire the house while he's at it.

Dachshund: I can't reach the stupid lamp! *Or* Well, first get me a ladder and a treat..... no, you took too long. I want TWO treats and I'll do it..... No, not that treat, the other kind. Geez..... do I have to do everything? (of course, followed by "the look".)

Toy Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

Standard Poodle: None. Go get human, sit under it, look up and point it out -- then go lie down in disgust that it took so long.

Rottweiler: Go Ahead! Make me! *Or* Just one. You want to make something of it? *Or* I'll change the light bulb if I can eat the old one.

Shi-tzu: Puh-leeze, dah-ling. Let the servants. . .

Lab: Oh, me, me!!! Pleeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Can I? *Or* Why change it? The darker it is, the longer I can sleep.

Malamute: Let the Border collie do it. You can feed me while he's busy.

Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.

Doberman Pinscher: While it's dark, I'm going to sleep on the couch. *Or* Immediately decides to change the brand of light bulb and find a more efficient form of lighting -- perhaps a fluorescent bulb.

Mastiff: Mastiffs are NOT afraid of the dark.

Hound Dog: ?????????????? *or* Huh???

Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb.

Irish Wolfhound: Can somebody else do it? I've got a hangover.

Pointer: I see it, there it is, right there...

Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?

Australian Shepherd: Put all the light bulbs in a little circle... *or* One, but just "try" to convince them that the burned-out bulb is useless and should be thrown away.

Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? Light bulb? That thing I just ate was a light bulb?

Newfoundland: Let us not dash into an activity that may or not, as the matter at paw may be, be a needed priority or even an issue or even a reality....

Jack Russell Terrier: Two, but the job never gets done -- they just keep arguing about who is supposed to do it and how it's supposed to be done!

Bulldog: Just one. But it takes them three years to do it.

Pomeranians don't change light bulbs, although sometimes their agent will get a German Shepherd in to do the job for them while they're out.

Pug: Er, two. *Or* maybe one. No -- on second thought, make that two. Is that OK with you?

Afghan: Light bulb? What light bulb?

Shiba-Inu: Zero! Shiba's aren't afraid of the dark!

Schipperke: It's your light bulb -- change it yourself. Unless.....is there food involved??

Beagle: How many cookies do I get?

Weimaraner: Light bulb? You want ME to change a LIGHT BULB?

Basenji: LIGHT BULB? We don't change no steenking light bulbs!

Malamute: Let him do it, you can pet me while he's busy.

Boxer: If I could stop wiggling my butt long enough to quit falling off the chair.....

American Bulldog: One. JUMP, remove bulb, land. JUMP, replace bulb, land. Two: What light bulb So? We can play in the dark.

Dalmatian: Just one, but it will really hate the new bulb.

Corgi: I can't reach the stupid lamp!

Springer: Light bulb? Light bulb? That thing I just ate was a light bulb?

Wolfdog: Let me see that light bulb, anyway. What's it made of, what's inside of it, what will happen if I drop it. I might change it, but let me think about it. You're not trying to tell me what to do, are you? Hey, I just had a great idea. I think I'll change that light bulb!

German Shepherd: "I'm kinda busy right now! I have to chase the cat, protect the kids, herd the horses, beg for food and take a nap. I'll add the light bulb to my "To Do" list...."

Irish Setter: It only takes one, but it will put in a really dim bulb.

Pit Bull Terrier: Jump and take hold of old light bulb. Now, let go of old light bulb..... I said LET GO OF LIGHT BULB. Please???? Let go of the light bulb??????

TID-BIT

CABALLERO MIMI'S ANGUS, Am/Can CDX. WC, Labrador retriever owned, trained and handled by Mimi Ruch, finished his AKC CDX at First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey on March 21st at Ramsey, New Jersey. Congratulations to ANGUS and Mimi!

Training Sessions Notices

We have been sending out notices to all our members for each training session which cost time and money.

We are going to start notifying those of you who have e-mail addresses by this faster, less expensive way.

In addition, it would save LTC funds if you are not interested in receiving notices of training sessions at this time, for instance, because you are not currently doing tracking training with your dog, if you would notify us not to send them to you.

We can always add your name back on the list when you notify us.

Please let us know your current status by completing this form and sending it to Peg Forte, 104 Sliker Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

Send me Training Session information via

E-mail

Snail Mail

Don't send me Training Session information at this time. I will notify you when I'm ready to track again.

Name _____

Internet Sites

Have an interesting Internet site or your own web page address you would like to share with us? We'd be happy to publish it. Send it to the editor.

PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS.....

We all realize that there are many activities for us active dog people but for TED, our certification workshop, our training sessions and our test in November to be possible - we need the support of our members.

With as many dog things going on each weekend of the year it has become impossible to find a date that won't conflict with some other show, agility trial, etc. We know that these activities sometimes keep you away from our activities.

But our activities can only be successful if our members participate a few of us are at nearly every event. Sometimes this means we have made to choice to be at an LTC event instead of an obedience trial, show, agility trial. What do you think would happen to LTC if we all chose the other activity?

We give you a calendar with each newsletter that lists all major club activities for the year. When you are planning your activities, *please consider putting LTC first at least once or twice a year.*

THANKS !