



COMMON SENSE

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First Class Mail

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2000-2001 Lenape Tracking Club

April 2000

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April

21 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb Twp Mun Bldg
30 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session w/TED
Participants

May

13 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session w/TED
Participants
19 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb Twp Mun Bldg

June

11 8:00-11:00am Training Session w/TED Participants
16 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb Twp Mun Bldg

July

8 8:00-11:00am Training Session - Members Only
21 7:30-10:00pm Board Meeting - Leb Twp Mun Bldg

August

13 8:00-11:00am Training Session-Members Only

September

23 Certification Workshop - Plotting Tracks
24 8:00am-4:00pm Certification Workshop

October

8 12:30-4:00pm "Bark in the Park" tracking demo,
etc.
14 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only

November

4 9:00am-5:00pm Tracking Test - Plotting Tracks
5 8:00am-4:00pm Tracking Test

December

10 9:00am-12:00pm Training Session-Members Only

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President's Message.....

Our February training session had the snow we wanted for the January session. The only problem was that it was crusted over and when you walked on it sometimes it held up and sometimes you crashed through.

We learned some interesting things watching the dogs work in these conditions...and also had some laughs as we fell down, some of us backwards and some face first.

Our guests, Cynthia Good and her Service Dog Thor and the trainer, Sue Greenbaum of Dogs in Service gave a terrific program. We learned a great deal about Service Dogs.

We are always looking for ideas for programs. If you have a suggestion, contact any officer or board member. Their names and phone numbers are on the calendar page.

We held our annual brunch on March 26 to a turnout of 12 people. Our speaker, **Katrine Johnson, President of West Jersey Search and Rescue**, gave an excellent presentation on search and rescue.

Carol Salzetti was presented with an American TDX plaque for Tiger, a dachshund who earned his TDX title in 1999.

Mimi Ruch was given the club's Outstanding Service award. Mimi has been a contributing member of the club ever since she attended a TED several years ago.

Attendance at the brunch was dismal. ***We have included a survey in this newsletter.*** We need your input so we can plan next year's annual meeting so more of you will attend. Please help us make the right decisions on this event.

Boy, were the weather gods shining on us for TED. We delivered our program to 30 handlers. The Board was able to make a decision to up the number from 24 to 30 because so many members agreed to help when Barbara contacted them.

Barbara Greenfield did an outstanding job in taking care of all the details that made this day a success. And a thank you also goes to her husband who helped a lot behind the scenes and copy the materials for the day, made our name badges, and ordered those flags, including the yellow ones.

The following members help Barbara Greenfield make this our best organized and run TED in the club's history. Mollie & Peter Heide, Karen Oliver, Joanne & Ralph MacKinnon, Mimi Ruch, John Etchells, Beverly Olsen, Hope Meaker, Vicky Brown, Edie Braginton, Karl & Priscilla Gabosch, Marilyn Begasse, Martha Windish, Donna Coffin, Jim Friedl, Amanda Sumner, Rita Orduna, Jeff Pierce, Alice Crans and Peg Forte. And pending members Lorraine & Eugene Trabilcy, Rosemary Laubach and Marilyn Mueller. And there were 4 others who planned to come to help.

A special thank you to Bev Olsen and Beauty for their demo track.

We will hold our next training session which will include the TED participants on April 30th. ***The flyer for this is included in this newsletter.***

In June, the Lenape Tracking Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary. We are thinking about ideas of how to celebrate this milestone. Suggestions are welcome.

Peg Forte

*Lenape Tracking Club
of Central New Jersey*

Training Session

Sunday, April 30, 2000 - 9:00 - 12:00

**at the Tewksbury Farm Park
(now known as the Christie Hoffman Farm)**

This training sessions is for TED participants and members

Topic : Turns

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

Please call by April 24th to let us know you are coming

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

Contact: **Peg Forte** **1-908-832-7231** pegforte@worldnet.att.net
 Barbara Greenfield **1-973-696-8787** beegee52@juno.com

Directions:

From Flemington / Whitehouse: (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**. The Christie Hoffman Farm 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 the Christie Hoffman Farm Park at the **third driveway on the left**.

N THE NEWS.....

Best Use of Nose category:

A six year old lab-beagle mix saved his owner's life by using his nose. Gerard detected odorless carbon monoxide gas and by barking frantically, he awakened his owner, Janet Gibbons.

Gerard and others were nominated by NJ veterinarians to be entered into the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association's Ralston Purina Animal Hall of Fame.

Thor, a German Shepherd who some of our members met at our February meeting, was the gold medal winner in the companion Dog category. He assists Cynthia Good, who has multiple Sclerosis, in many ways and thereby enables her to live alone. Our members had the opportunity to hear how Cynthia and Sue Greenbaum have trained Thor to be a Service Dog at our February meeting.

Caesar, a 9 year old German Shepherd, a partner of Little Falls Patrolman Fred Parisi has used his tracking skills to find two children who had strayed into dense woods. His handler said, "If we never did another thing again, all those years of training paid off."

Thanks to Rita Orduna for sharing the article which appeared in the March 12, 2000 Sunday Star Ledger.

"Dachshund has nose in the rightplace"

Lenape Tracking Club's newest TDX dog was featured in a news article in the "Mercury" newspaper of eastern Pa.

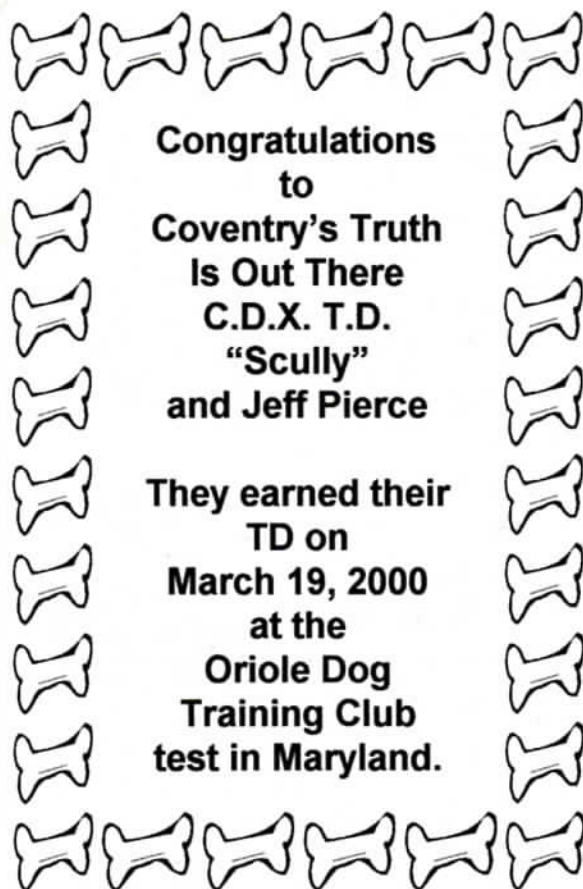
The article described how, Tiger, an 11 year old dachshund owned and trained by Carol Salzetti earned his TDX.

It also tells how Salzetti "met recently with Upper Pottsgrove Police Chief Raymond Bechtel to discuss how Tiger could be used to assist the department in searches."

Carol was quoted in article saying, "He's a very motivated dog. He really enjoys the work. Now that Tiger's ready, I'm interested in sharing his tracking qualities with the police and other organizations who might need the specialized skills of a highly trained tracking dog."

In a letter, Carol explained that when the article first appeared in the paper, KYW TV contacted her to be taped for a segment of Dick Sheeran's World. And KYW radio interviewed one of the police sergeants' regarding Tiger for two days on the radio.

For the TV taping Dick Sheeran hid behind a large fir tree. Tiger was given his glass case to give him the scent. "Tiger smartly step-tracked his track to the tree. It was shown in slow motion on TV."



ANNUAL MEETING SURVEY

The last two years the attendance at our annual meeting/brunch has been less than stellar. We went to holding the meeting as a brunch after we had surveyed the membership, and for the first couple of years it worked very well.

We realize that, this year and last, it was scheduled on a day when there were major events like an obedience trial and an agility trial.

Our constitution requires us to hold an annual meeting during the month of March to vote for our officers. We need to see more members at this meeting/awards event.

So we are asking for your input. Please answer the following survey questions. The Board is open to suggestions.

_____ Hold as a brunch but be sure not to conflict with major dog activities.

_____ Hold as a dinner meeting.

_____ If it was a dinner meeting I would be willing to pay \$ _____ for my meal.

_____ Continue to have a guest speaker at the meeting.

_____ Hold a meeting with no meal, just vote and give out awards.

I would attend the annual meeting if _____

Other suggestions _____

Please send your reply by May 10th to Peg Forte, 104 Sliker Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 or pegforte@worldnet.att.net

TRACKING TESTS

Durham KC Inc. (NC), Apr 2, Quail Roost Farm, Roxboro Hwy, Rougemont, NC. CLOSES: Mar 21. Fee: \$30. Jan Gray, TRIAL SEC., PO Box 1172, Hillsborough, NC 27278-117. Total Entry Limit: 10. JUDGES: **Mrs. S.N.Roth; Ms A.A.Platt**

Hudson Valley Tracking Club (NY), Apr 9, Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm, New Paltz, NY. CLOSES: Mar 24. Fee: \$40. Jo-Ellen Greene, TRIAL SEC., P.O.Box 165, Thompson, PA 18465. Total Entry Limit: 12. JUDGES: **Mr. A.L.Twiss; Ms A.A.Platt**

Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc., (MD), Apr. 16, Fairhill Natural Resource Mngemnt Area, Elkton, MD. CLOSES: Mar 14. Fee: \$30. Cathy Ochs Cline, TRIAL SEC., 11306 Geddys Court, Reston, VA 21091-360. Total Entry Limit: 2. JUDGES: **Mrs. S.N.Roth; G. Conway.**

Yankee Golden Retriever Club (MA), Apr 23, High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner MA. CLOSES: Apr 12. Fee: \$50. Donna Morgan, TRIAL SEC., 5 Edgewood Rd., Windham, NH 03087. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES: **Mr. M.Garrod; L.B.Mummert**

Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, DC, Inc. (VA), Apr 30, Oatlands Plantation, Leesburg, VA. CLOSES: Apr. 4. Mrs. Anne Page, TRIAL SEC., 18615 Brooke Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860. Total Entry Limit: 5. JUDGES: **Mrs. D.H.Thompson; Mrs. S.N.Roth**

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, May 7, Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, MA. CLOSES: Apr 20. Fee: \$50. Katherine E. Keon, TRIAL SEC., 35 Chestnut St., Danvers, MA 01923-2258. Total Entry Limit: 8.

Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland, May 7, Farmlands at 10000 Route 99, Route 99, Woodstock, MD. CLOSES: Apr 19. April Alderson, TRIAL SEC., 6506 Sunset Dr., Eldersburg, MD 21784-6355. Total Entry Limit: 4. JUDGES: **Ms D.A.Ceretto; Mrs. S.N.Roth**

Mt. Nittany Dog Training Club, (PA), June 4, Pennsylvania State University Farms, Ag Progress Farms at Rock Springs, Rt. 45, Penna Furnace, PA. CLOSES: May 17. Fee: \$45. Mrs. Nanette Bohren, TRIAL SEC., P.O.Box 887, Boalsburg, PA 16827. JUDGES: **Mrs. S.N.Roth; L. B. Mummert.**

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc., MD, Apr 16, Fairhill Natural Resource Mngmt Area, Elkton, MD. CLOSES: Mar. 24. Fee: \$70. Cathy Ochs Cline, TRIAL SEC., 11306 Geddys Court, Reston, VA 21091-360. Total Entry Limit: 3. **Mrs. B.D.French; Mrs. S.N.Roth.**

Hudson Valley Tracking Club (NY), Apr 23, Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm, New Paltz, NY. CLOSES: Apr 7. Fee: \$75. Barbara Werner, TRIAL SEC., 198 Kelder Rd., Olive Bridge, NY 12461. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES: **Mrs. C.A.Simpson; M.A.Clemens.**

Dog Tracking Club of Maine, Apr 30, Stackpole Property, 63 Hearn Rd., Saco, ME. CLOSES: Apr 12. Fee: \$75. Evelyn Stackpole, TRIAL SEC., 63 Hearn Rd., Saco, ME 04072.

Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland, May 7, Farmlands at 10000 Route 99, Route 99, Woodstock, MD. CLOSES: Apr 19. April Alderson, TRIAL SEC., 6506 Sunset Dr., Eldersburg, MD 21784-6355. Total Entry Limit: 3. JUDGES: **Ms D.A.Ceretto; Mrs. S.N.Roth.**

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, May 14, High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner, MA. CLOSES: Apr 21. Fee: \$75. Ms. Marianne F. Wood, TRIAL SEC., P.O.Box 56, Ayer, MA 01432-1128. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES: **Mrs. C.A.Simpson; Mrs. M.A.Thompson.**

Mt. Nittany Dog Training Club, June 4, Pennsylvania State University Farms, Ag Progress Farms at Rock Springs, Rt. 45, Penna Furnace, PA. CLOSES: May 17. Fee: \$70. Mrs. Nanette Bohren, TRIAL SEC., P.O.Box 887, Boalsburg, PA 16827. JUDGES: **P.Gallagher; Mrs. S.N.Roth.**

VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING

Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc., (MD), Apr 16, Fairhill Natural Resource Mngmnt Area, Elkton, MD. CLOSES: Mar 24. Fee: \$70. Cathy Ochs Cline, TRIAL SEC., 11306 Geddys Court, Reston, VA21091-360. Total Entry Limit: 2. JUDGES: Mrs. L.J.Bryan; Ms B.D.French.

Tracking Club of Massachusetts, Apr 30, Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, MA. CLOSES: Apr 13. Fee: \$50. Marianne Wood, TRIAL SEC., P.O.Box 56, Ayer, MA 01432. Total Entry Limit: 5. JUDGES: Mrs. R.C.Meyer; Mrs. M.A.Thompson.

Hudson Valley Tracking Club (NY), July 8, W Averell Harriman Building, New York State Office Building Campus, Washington & Western Ave., Albany NY. CLOSES: Jun 16. Fee: \$75. Lily Mummert, TRIAL SEC., 18 Dreps Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. Total Entry Limit: 6. JUDGES: Mrs. R. C. Meyer; M.A.Clemens.

Membership

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 letter of objection within 30 days.

Name	Address/Telephone	Breed	Sponsors
Roger Miller	PO Box 79 Stanton, NJ 08885 908/713-6465 totalrecall@sprintmail.com	Bullmastiff	Alice Crans Martha Windisch
Amanda Sumner	85 Fairview Ave High Bridge, NJ 08829 908/638-6651	Chessie Mix German Shepherd Mix Am Staff Am Staff Mix	Peg Forte Barbara Greenfield

OOPS !!

The list of new certified tracklayers in the November-December 1999 newsletter neglected to include:

Bev Olsen

And incorrectly reported

Kathy Gaynor as Janet Gaynor

Our apologies.

TED DAY 2000

Hello Lenape friends and members,

After a week of weather reports saying that rain and thunderstorms were to be expected on the day of our TED, I was getting very nervous. Last Saturday, April 8th dawned bright and clear, all the great members that turned out to help breathed a sigh of relief. The breeze helped keep the dogs cool and the day was wonderful.

This year registration for our usual twenty four participants in TED filled by February 24th. As I called our members for help I had such a great response, thirty people volunteered to help on the 8th. With that much help the board members present at the March 17th meeting decided to add six more participants to our program, which was the number of people on the waiting list. Everyone was able to come and take part in our program.

Friday night Peg Forte, John Etchells, Joanne and Ralph MacKinnon, Mimi Ruch, Peter Heide, Hope Meaker and myself set up chairs and John, Peter and Ralph carried the tables from downstairs. All the signs were put in place and the fields were measured. Thank you all so much.

We have some new members that came to help and learn more about our club. Eugene Trabilcy was very helpful patrolling the parking lot and watching over the dogs in cars. Other new people working as herders were Loraine Trabilcy, Rose Mary Laubach and Marilyn Mueller.

Hope Meaker and John Etchells gave wonderful presentations on scent and tracklaying. Alice Crans and Mimi Ruch are so organized as shop keepers and Beauty and Bev Olsen ran a good "Demo" track. All the stations were covered so well: Vicky Brown and Bev Olsen at Q&A, and Pace Measuring by Hope Meaker and Martha Windisch, Map Making by John Etchells and Mimi Ruch, Lead Handling by Edie Braginton and the great "dog" Karl Gabosch and Starting a dog by Peg Forte and Joanne MacKinnon. All the herders were Rita Orduna, Jeff Pierce, Amanda Summers, Jim Friedl, Peter Heide, Mollie Heide, Priscilla Gabosch, Donna Coffin, Marilyn Begasse and Lisa Pattison.

Karen Oliver and Mollie Heide were great with hospitality and I want to thank everyone that stayed to help clean up and return the building to order.

The weather was beautiful and all the workers that came were great. Everyone that brought sweets, butter cream cheese and chips were very generous. The day went very well. Thank you all.

Barbara Greenfield
Chairperson

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Eugene & Lorraine Trabilcy	1401 Green Grove Rd Brick, NJ 08724 732/458-0107	Beagle	Beverly Olsen Karen Oliver
Rose Mary Laubach	34 Desai Ct. Freehold, NJ 07728 732/431-1169	Golden, Siberian	Beverly Olsen Karen Oliver

Scully's Great Adventure

by Jeff Pierce

6:15AM Spent night at in-laws in Wilmington, Delaware. Wake up. Wake up dogs. 7:00 AM After wonderful breakfast, head out to Oriole Tracking trial in Maryland. 7:39AM Avoid toll due to "local" shortcut from in-laws, up 2\$ already and day is looking good. 7:40AM Damn is it cold! 7:45AM Meet tracking club members and judges. Everyone is friendly and there is lots of coffee and food. Did I mention coffee? 8:00AM We draw first and get the second track. Since there are two teams of judges, we get the "white team". The "red team" is the other team - who seem to all have red hair. And our draw was to pick from the miniature, plastic Irish Leprechaun hats and look at the number inside the hat we drew. 8:15 AM The judges' and exhibitors head out to the TD tracks. The actual tracks are in fields that are part of an immense preserve or refuge. The entire area is very pretty and idyllic. 8:20 AM The first TD in our group is a German Shepherd, who unfortunately skips a few turns on the way to its glove. Very efficient in time though. 8:48 AM Scully and I start our track. Scully has little hesitation at the start, so I know she is focused on the run. As we go through the course, she had a couple of times where she had to circle before deciding on where to go next. Scully finds the blue glove - and picks it up - after 7 minutes. Hooray! 8:55 AM Scully enjoys the adoration of her fans. 9:05AM The last TD exhibitor in our group is a Westie who is very workmanlike. From where we were watching, it looked like the dog stopped where the grass height changed. It looks like TD means "terrier defiant". After a long wait, the judges have to call off the track. 9:20 AM - 1PM Time for our second breakfast, play, and lunch. In between, we watched a TDX track. The German Shepherd unfortunately followed a cross-track. It turns out that at least two more of the 7 TDX entrants did the same thing! Makes one appreciate a TDX. 1:01 PM Ribbon time. 2 of 6 TD entrants and 2 of 7 TDX entrants passed. Scully received her big Rosette and posed for pictures. Of course, her hamburger for lunch was the reward she valued most. - Jeff

AMBOR Grants Tracking Titles

For those of you with a mixed breed or non-registerable dog earning a Tracking Title is now possible.

The American Mixed Breed Obedience Registration (AMBOR) "was established in 1983 in an effort to improve opportunities for mixed-breed dogs and to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of their handlers in obedience competition. AMBOR provides support to these handlers and affirms the accomplishments of mixed-breeds in all avenues of service to mankind."

According to Bill Wingfield, AMBOR President, "Earning tracking titles through AMBOR is pretty simple. You will need to order "Versa" sheets from us (a set is \$3), which the judge will complete and sign. A handsketch of the track is also required. No certification is required. You can certify if you wish. Some handlers have insisted on it so that they are treated the same as AKC dogs. But it's not required. The judge should be an AKC Tracking judge and the tracklayer should be experienced.

You can be evaluated in conjunction with a club's event or you can be evaluated one on one by the judge. If an AKC judge absolutely cannot be located, an experienced tracking instructor can be used, but we prefer a licensed judge."

There are no additional details about tracking on the website, but you can request the "versa" forms through the site.

Your dog will need to be registered with AMBOR (\$25.) and there may be a charge for the "versa" forms.

179 Niblick Rd. #113
Paso Robles, CA 93446
Telephone/Fax: 1-805-226-9275
E-mail: Ambor@Amborusa.org
<http://www.amborusa.org>

We will be asking some of the AKC judges we know if they have ever judges a dog for an AMBOR tracking title. We will include any updated information in future newsletter.