

April 2018



April Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month

Date: April 24, 2018

Time: Board meeting 6:00pm Regular meeting 7:00pm

Place: Baker Institute

Program: Lisa Mitchell – Changes in Obedience and Rally

Letter from the President:

Do we think Spring and sprung? I hope so as I need to get many project done outside the house. Always a place needs to have some cleaning up, new things done for improvements. Never ending.

Thank you to Hannah Robinson and others that will be helping to inventory and arrange under and over the stands. This is a big job. I hope that many hands make for light work to get it done. Please help when Hannah sets the date. Anyone else that has inventory of the club, please note the information in the newsletter. We need to get our hands around what we own.

I want to express a big thank you to Debbie Keith for organizing the point show. We had some really nice complements from the judges and I understand one judge felt she had the "A" team. I think all the judges were very impressed in all the classes from what I understand. Thank you to all who turned out and helped. Thank you to Betty Baldwin and her new assistant, Anne Williams while Jim is recouping from his surgery. Our trophy table is the best.

Our CPE trial is always run smoothly and again very successful. Kathy Hildreth a big thank you to you as you had to face all the changes due to rules changes by CPE. I personally never understood why there was a level four in CPE except to get more money for the association. One minor difference in one class that I could find. My gals are now in Level 5 and by passing Level 4. This will save a few \$'s. Lots more C-ATCH are going to happen!

We have lots of other activities going on in April so please join in and have fun. I do have to ask every member that we have vacancy in many jobs. These just don't get done as well, or at all, without a chair person. So take a look and see what you can do.

~Susan Morse

2018 (updated 4/3/18)

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June

Marian Szebenyi (chair)

Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

September

Tammy Osmeloski (chair)

Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

December

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2019 ACT Test: Pending - **Vacant**

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Point Show Fall 2018: Shirley Kielmann mskielmann@yahoo.com

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Point Show Spring 2019: *Vacant*

Programs: *Vacant*

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Agility: Instructor registering their own classes

Nosework: Nancy Almann

Refreshments:

Meetings: *Vacant*

Beg Graduations: Diana Travis

Advance Graduations: Diana Travis or instructor if off site

Sunshine: Deb Bain & Pat Welch

T-shirt coordinator: Sue Yanoff

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General: Marian Szebenyi

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Welcoming Chair: *Vacant*

IDTC General Meeting Minutes, March 27, 2018 @ 7:00 pm Baker Institute

28 IDTC members present.

The minutes from The March 27th meeting were approved with the following correction; the IDTC sweatshirts offered for sale are not a special order, there are several in stock.

President's Report: Susan Morse reported that Lisa Mitchell will give a presentation during the April meeting discussing the *Changes in AKC's Obedience and Rally Rules From a Judges Prospective*.

There are several club positions that are vacant. A list of the positions is included in the Newsletter, if you are interested in volunteering for one that is vacant please contact Susan, sm32@cornell.edu

Secretary's Report: Tammy Osmeloski had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Welch reported the following balances for the IDTC accounts; savings \$16,680.06 (as of 2/28/18), checking \$22,033.80, CD1 \$10,523.12 (as of 2/14/18), CD2 \$6521.67 (2/25/18). The March CPE trial had a profit of \$2,000. The 2017 tax return has been filed, form 990. It is important to keep income under \$50,000 so as not to have to file a more complex tax return.

Report of the Board:

A finance committee has been formed to explore alternative investments for the club's money. The committee volunteers are Anne Williams, Pat Welch and Betty Baldwin.

The IDTC needs to conduct the annual equipment inventory which is to be completed by the May meeting. All members who have any IDTC equipment are asked to submit a statement of such to the secretary, Tammy Osmeloski, tia607@gmail.com Hannah Robinson volunteered to organize the inventory of equipment at the pavilion. She will be looking for volunteers to help once a date for this has been set. Pizza and beverages will be provided for the volunteers. If you can help out please contact Hannah hannahL6@yahoo.com

The clubs needs a member to volunteer to be the equipment person. The position includes collar fitting for the beginner classes. If you are interested please contact Marian Szebenyi dms35@cornell.edu

The Board approved funds up to \$100 for a new printer for the CPE trials. Kathy Hildreth will purchase the new printer.

There were no new members this month.

Committee reports

Sunshine Committee: Pat Welch reported that the club gave Jim Baldwin a gift certificate for a book after his recent surgery. Get well soon, Jim.

Training Committee Report: Marian Szebenyi reported the Spring Beginner classes are going well. The Tuesday night classes started March 20th with well attended obedience run thrus. Several mini courses will be offered on a pay as you go basis, \$5 for active and \$15 for inactive. They are held at 7 pm on Tuesdays. Lisa Mitchell will teach 2 seminars on 'How to Judge Obedience'. Kerry Boisvert will conduct rally run thrus and lastly Sue Yanoff will hold a 2 hour seminar titled 'How to Keep Your Dogs Attention'. More information can be found on the IDTC web site.

Spring Point Show: Deb Keith, Chairperson for the spring point show, will be emailing the volunteers their schedule for the show. She thanked the members who volunteered.

Vet. School Open House: The IDTC plans to participate in the annual Vet. School Open House which is scheduled Sat. April 7th from 11-3. We will be doing demonstrations at 11, 12, 1, 2 and 3 pm. anyone wishing to participate in the event should contact Marian Szebenyi dms35@cornell.edu

CPE Trial Committee:

Tammy Osmeloski reported that they are ready for the 2nd CPE trial of the year, April 7&8. Entries are trickling in and they are hoping for around 300 runs per day.

Life Membership Committee:

The life membership committee is has a list of members who are eligible for lifetime membership. The new lifetime members (if any) will be announced at the June meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Voting for members of the training committee was conducted. No one was nominated from the floor so the slate that was published in the newsletter was voted on. Marian Szebenyi was elected to another 2 year term as Training Director. Deb Bain was elected to serve a 2 year term and Lynne Wilkes was elected to serve a 1 year term. They will join Anne Williams who was appointed to serve a 2 year term and Diane Travis who was appointed to a one year term. Betty Baldwin and Jean Bonasera will remain for another year, to complete their 2 year terms.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM

Tammy Osmeloski, IDTC secretary

What Exactly is a Service Dog?

by Susan Wolf

In preparing Peony to become a service dog, I became aware of much conflicting information about what constitutes a service dog and what does not. The distinction is important, because ADA and airlines regulations differ, depending on what designation a dog carries.

A service dog is one that has been trained to specifically help an individual with a disability, which is a condition that substantially limits one or more major life activities. These include mobility issues, sensory issues (sight/hearing loss), diabetes, multiple sclerosis (MS), cancer, autism, epilepsy, bone/skeletal disorders (e.g. scoliosis), and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). If you are limited in your ability to perform major life tasks such as seeing, hearing, standing, walking, eating, sleeping, thinking, speaking, or other similar tasks, then you likely have a disability that would make you eligible to have a service dog under ADA laws. The service dog helps you by performing particular tasks related to your disability.

When you seek access, you are can NOT be asked by an owner, manager, or other representative of a business what your disability is that allows you to have a service dog. That information is private and you do not have to disclose it to anyone if you are asked. Only two questions may be asked: 1) "Is this a service dog?" and 2) "What is your dog trained to help you with?" When I have been asked I say: "Yes, Peony is a service dog. She helps me with hearing loss issues."

With a service dog, you are permitted access to restaurants, stores, Post Offices, and other places where pets are not permitted. You can stay at a hotel and are allowed to live in a building that has a "no pets" policy. You are permitted to travel with your service dog without paying an additional travel fee.

Regulations for general American Disabilities Act (ADA) access and airline access differ somewhat. If anyone is interested, I can provide information outlining those differences. Most airlines require that the dog wear a harness or tags identifying the dog as a service dog. The owner might also be asked for an ID card or other written documentation, although "credible verbal assurance" may also be accepted.

In recent times there has been much in the news about very peculiar animals that passengers have wanted to bring aboard airplanes. They have included a peacock, a large snake, and a gerbil. These animals fall under the designation "comfort animal" and such an animal is **not** a service animal. People who want to bring their pets on board without paying a fee have begun to say they are comfort animals. Due to this recent upsurge in often bizarre requests, airlines are creating more stringent guidelines about what animals a passenger can bring on board an airline.

There is another issue regarding service dogs. A genuine service dog has had considerable training to provide disability service/services to the owner and to behave well in public spaces. In addition, I must provide a "letter of medical necessity" annually saying that I need the help of a service dog. A dog that is poorly behaved would never be granted service-dog status, and an owner who does not follow proper service-dog protocol would not be granted a service dog. Yet people can go on line to unauthorized "service dog registry" sites and order vests and "certificates" for their dogs. When asked, they say their dogs are service animals. Such dogs might be placed in the baskets of grocery carts, taken on peoples' laps in restaurants, and in general often behave poorly in public.

People who take this route cast a negative light on those who have genuine service dogs and create confusion about what dogs should be given access. I have been challenged at restaurants and other venues even though Peony has a vest and an ID card from a reputable training organization.

One more distinction: A service dog is not a "therapy dog" or a "companion dog." Peony does participate with Cornell Companions, but when doing so does not wear her service vest. Therapy dogs or companion dogs are also not considered service dogs and perform a very different function.

Long time club member –

We have an up-date about Sherry Ditko. Many members know Sherry as she was a very active member of IDTC helping when she could. We received this message from Sherry's sister-in-law.

Sherry is at Crown Park in Cortland. She had a sever stroke on her brain stem on Feb 19, 2017. Although she has no communication ability, she has alert moments and appreciates visits with friends. She especially reacts well to visits from animals. Dogs can visit with proof of vaccines.

She is in a wheelchair or bed, on a feeding tube, unable to speak or open her eyes and paralyzed on her right side. If you visit, we have found that she will be appear to be sleeping so wake her up, by touching her on the shoulder and talking loudly. If you feel comfortable then open her left eyelid. She can see out of her left eye a bit and is unable to open it her own. She can keep it open a short time.

Sherry's dog, Max, is living with a relative in Cortland, however, family does not visit often. She does have a few close friends who visit.

We decided to continue her newsletter as we hope she can have someone read it or look at the photos with help. If you have, any questions please feel free to ask. Thank you. - Ann Ditko

If anyone is close or have time, even if you didn't know Sherry, please stop by and say hello. - Susan

INVENTORY REQUIRED:

From Policy section IV----

- Once a year, it is required that all Officers/Board members, chair committee inventories of IDTC property (supplies & equipment). A reminder is put in the newsletter in the month of March and this inventory is to be submitted to the Secretary prior to the May meeting. The Board reviews the list and the documents are filed by the Secretary.

All, if you have ANY equipment or related items that belong to IDTC you must submit an inventory to Tammy, our club Secretary, before the May meeting.

Hannah Robinson (hannahL6@yahoo.com or 607-343-4724) has volunteered to coordinate, organize, and inventory the items under the stairs and above at the Pavilion. Thank you Hannah! She will be asking for help. Many hands make for light work. Please volunteer to help. We are coordinating with the 4-H kids as they can assist and maybe

**After many delays and excursions,
PAVILION CLEAN & REORGANIZE DAY is
April 28th, 9:30 am to 1 pm.
Pizza and soda supplied.
Please consider even an hour or two to volunteer.
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

Agility Open Practice

Open Practice

Thursday at 6 pm to dark or finished – Bad weather up to you to come or not.

Starting May 3 providing the weather is ok.

This practice time is open to any IDTC member. It is being held at Susan Morse's home. 10 Sunset West Circle. The ring will be set up with agility equipment. Beginner dogs are welcome and there will be baby equipment. Other areas can be used to practice obedience or rally. Ring gating is available as well as obedience and rally equipment. All equipment that is not agility equipment and not in the ring needs to be put away when done. Help will be needed to pull out equipment for agility or adjust it around the ring.

Simple Rules:

- Treat this place better than your own home. It is a person's house.
- Clean up after your dogs. Do not let your dogs go on fencing, house, barns etc. Pine trees do not need excess watering so use the brush area.
- Clean up in the ring is simple. As it is a sand ring, pick up poop in your poop bag. Take it with you. A garden shovel and bucket of sand is inside the ring. For pee use shovel and shovel up. Place outside of ring noted area. Do not just put sand over pee. It still stinks.
- Stay on the property and do not pass the line of trees.
- Take trash, poop home, and dispose of it at your house.
- Parking on the grass is fine.
- There are no human facilities. Do not ask. There are two nearby gas stations.
- Bring your own dog's poop bags, water, treats, chair, bug spray, sun lotion or what you need.
- Please keep dogs on leash unless working in designated areas. There are animals on the property that do not like dogs. Do not go near horse. The horse, Inga Mai, hates dogs and will go after them.
- Toys and especially squeaky toys are only to be used by the working dog.
- Each time will be limited to max time of 5 minutes so all get equal time. One working dog in the ring at a time. Then we will repeat as many times as we can, going through the jump heights.
- Expect to help. Setting bars or other requests.
- Please be courteous to others.

Equipment is aluminum without skins. Baby equipment is modified. All equipment is safe for large dogs. It stays cool in the hot sun due to special paint.

NO fee, but you break it you fix it or replace it. Snacks are always welcome to share.

BRAGS

- Susi earned her NF and her first Open Standard leg at the OKA agility trial over the weekend of March 25.
 - Kip (finally!!!!!!) earned his AX and FX!!
 - The following weekend Susi earned her Rally Novice title in three shows at the Salt City Cluster!!
- ~Debbie Keith

I have a brag. Peak earned his CD on March 3rd at the Maryland Sporting Dog Association's show & trial.

~Ray Corey

Team Levi earned their Level 5 Class Championship Titles in Jackpot and Wildcard. Jackpot at 3D Dog training in Barto, PA and Wildcard at IDTC in Groton, NY

~Tammy Roberson





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