

Ithaca Dog Training Club

Monthly Newsletter

April 2020

May Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date: Cancelled

Location Baker Institute

Board meeting: Email in
Emergency

Program: Cancelled



Letter from the President:

The board has decided to take the following action based on the state of emergency in Tompkins Co and neighboring counties. This will be on the list but this is our official notifications.

May 26, 2020 meeting is canceled. This is our annual meeting and we were to vote on the pending officers and board. As we must have this meeting in person and require general membership voting, this will be pending until we can meet. We hope it is June meeting but might be much later based on the state rules for the number of people to gather. Many of the incumbents are the same. The current board will continue until we can officially meet.

Due to so many meetings and events that have been canceled, the board has agreed to wave the requirements for active membership. All current members will be considered active. We hope that people will still attend meetings when we gather and volunteer for the club. Concerning the holiday party, all members will be free to attend. One will still need to sign up and if they don't show, they will be charged.

The board has decided to fill the position of VP with Linda Centurelli. This is for the term of the 2019/20 board vacancy. Thanks and congratulations!

At this point we are not reserving Myers for our two picnics due to not knowing the future situation with Tompkins County.

The June CPE trial is being canceled. We have decided to do this because we have to plan in advance to cancel. There are many steps. As the President of USA on 4/16/20 outlined the process to return to normal, we must be in Phase 3 of the plan before we could host a trial. As NY is consider a hot spot, we probably will be one of the last states to get to Phase 3.

We will try to keep everybody updated on the situation. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Meanwhile keep safe and hug those pups.

April Meeting Minutes: Cancelled



From the Library Committee—

This month I asked Betty Baldwin about her training background and what she recommends in the way of training, and here is what she wrote:

"From as early as I could remember, I wanted a dog. I read all the Albert Payson Terhune books featuring collies, but this was the era of Rin Tin Tin, so I wanted a German Shepherd Dog (GSD). My parents, who were very much non-dog people, said that I had to wait until I was 10 years old. For my 10th birthday, I got my GSD. Part of the deal was that I had to train her, so "Fraulein" and I were transported weekly to the Concord Dog Training Club (CDTC) for group lessons – my first exposure to formal obedience training. Unfortunately this was before leash laws existed and Fraulein did not get along with the neighbor's beagle. By the time she was 2 years old, my parents had paid too many vet bills and we had to surrender her to the local SPCA. It wasn't until high school that I was able to get my second dog. A classmate's Golden Retriever had been bred by a passing Lothario (remember, no leash laws) and I was able to convince my parents that I needed one of the puppies. "Ulysses" and I started attending CDTC classes. One of my proudest moments was when Ulysses and I were able to march with the club in the annual April 19th Patriot's Day parade, (this was Lexington, MA, the "birthplace of American liberty"). Once again, the lack of leash laws led to a sad ending when he was killed on a local highway when he was 2 years old. I then had to wait until I moved out of the dorms after my sophomore year in college to get my next dog. "Tara" was an SPCA special. I'm not sure what breed(s) he was supposed to be but I decided that he was an Airedale cross once he grew up. About that time I met Jim. We bought our first GSD, a back-yard special, for \$10. "Walter", Tara, Jim and I had many adventures together. We started riding motorcycles in the woods. We were slow enough that the dogs could keep up, so we regularly took them with us. When we went to races, they came along, but waited behind in the truck while we raced. (I remember thinking that crates were cruel). They had no formal training, but were our constant companions. When I lost Tara at 9 years of age, my in-laws had an "oops" breeding between their Dalmatian and one of their Miniature Schnauzer bitches. "Toma" came home with me that Christmas. Not too long after that, we lost Walter. "Gunther", a New Skete GSD, was his replacement. When Toma was 4 years old, we decided to take the dogs to

IDTC obedience classes. Lew Pearsall and Dawn Sedorus were my first instructors. Toma earned his club CD and 2 legs on a club CDX (this was long before AKC started their Canine Partners program).

Not long after we joined the club, Rottweiler breeder and trainer Sue Suwinski arranged for Owen Tober, Schutzhund Guru from Buffalo, to give a seminar on Schutzhund training. We were hooked – our training focus became all things Schutzhund. German Max von Stephanitz (*The German Shepherd Dog In Word And Picture*) established the first GSD breed standard. Schutzhund was the breeding selection tool used to maintain the essential abilities and temperament of the GSD as a working dog. Today it has become a sport - albeit with an aspect particularly suited to the GSD (and a few other working breeds). Schutzhund training involves 3 phases – tracking (to show that the dog can work independently), obedience (to show that the dog can work well with its handler), and protection (to show that the dog has the willingness and ability to protect its handler). The protection phase is what sets it apart from most other canine activities. To be successful in this phase, a dog needs to have a particularly stable and discerning temperament. As a German judge once explained: if you trip over a dog, it should do nothing, but if you kick a dog, it should bite you. When asked whether that degree of discrimination was asking a lot of a dog, the judge responded “exactly”. We imported a number of GSDs from Germany and bred some of them. Because we wanted to “see how they turned out”, we kept a number of the offspring. Because not all of the dogs were suited to the sport, we also competed in AKC trials, putting CD’s on a number of the dogs – Attila, Blitz, Bob, Cassie, Fiona, Gina, Marko, Panya that I can remember off the top of my head. Bob even achieved a second HIT and the judge told me that he could be an OTCH dog, (I replied, to myself, that he’d need a more dedicated handler...). Jim studied helper work, practiced diligently, and earned certification as a regional helper (a helper is the person who catches the dogs, i.e. takes the bites in protection work). Subsequently, we started a Schutzhund club with the people we were training with. Along the way we earned degrees from the basic BH (CD level obedience plus a temperament test) to SchH3 (most advanced degree, now referred to as IGP3) on at least 24 dogs, though only a few achieved SchH3. Additional information about the Schutzhund sport can be found on the website of United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USCA): germanshepherddog.com

From shortly after joining IDTC through the present, I have taught at least one session a year at IDTC. Initially I taught Beginners and Advanced Beginners, but now have settled into two classes a year: Beginners II (with my good friend Janet Hansen) and CGC (with my good friend Anne Williams). I especially enjoy watching the progress the students and their dogs make. I’m inspired by how hard they work to achieve their goals. My personal goals are to have a dog that I can live with, that comes when I call, and that I can safely take anywhere. Training this far is basically common sense coupled with understanding how the dog sees, and reacts to, the world. I don’t have any secret tricks or magic bullets – just consistency and lots of praise (this applies to the humans in class as well as their dogs). I have learned many useful tidbits from seminars presented by everyone from German trainers hosted by various Schutzhund clubs to obedience and tracking experts hosted by the IDTC. For example, my initial tracking training followed the program presented by Glen Johnson (*Tracking Dog*) after he gave a seminar for IDTC.

Currently, we have 13 dogs that we live with. Four are Basset Hound rescues. We were deemed to be their last chance because they did not play well with others – human or canine. They obey our rules and fit in just fine with their larger counterparts – the 9 GSDs. All but 3 of the 9 GSDs were obtained as “rescues” for various reasons. Our Schutzhund club has dissolved, but a few of us still get together weekly for bitework (now called gripwork to be more acceptable to the general public) – or did before COVID19 isolated us all. All 9 of the GSDs participate and it is one of the highlights of their week. Another favorite activity is riding our mountain bikes around our property and the adjoining fields and powerlines with the GSDs running along. At one point we had 20 that went with us – quite a sight. All 13 dogs take turns “helping” with daily chores on the farm, especially feeding the horse, the 60 sheep and the 30 chickens. It’s entertaining to see the Basset Hounds interact with the chickens when the chickens are let out for the day. Unfortunately, they’re pretty useless when it comes to rounding them up at night. Mostly, I just enjoy having the dogs around. As they say: 'The outside of a dog is good for the inside of a man....' "

Notes from the Librarian:
The titles Betty cited are:

The German Shepherd Dog In Word And Picture by Max von Stephanitz, first published in 1901 in German, and last updated in English in 1950. (The book is available in a kindle version for \$7.99 on amazon and in a print version for a lot more.)

Tracking Dog: Theory and Methods, by Glen R Johnson, revised in 2003, soon to be in our library.

In this age of the corona virus and no meetings, it's hard to get books or DVDs to dog club members. Some of us have more time on our hands for dog training due to "sheltering in place". If you'd like to supplement your training with library materials, you can find an updated list of library materials on the club website. Contact me at idtclibrary@gmail.com with any requests and I'll find a way to get you anything you would like from the library. The virus lives on hard surfaces like cardboard or plastic anywhere from one to three days. You could always "quarantine" a book or DVD for a while once you get it.

Be sure to contact Marguerite about the new books and videos that are in the library. She is doing a terrific job keeping up with new publications, Both the written word and DVDs.

2019 (updated 4/20/20)

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Officers and Board members will continue on until we can get an official membership meeting.

Training Committee 2020-21

Two-year term:

Member: Marian Szebenyi (3/20-2/22 – 2 years) dms35@cornell.edu/564-7230

Member: Lynne Anguish (3/20-2/22 – 2 years) lja2@cornell.edu

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Second part Two-year term:

Member: Betty Baldwin (3/19-2/21 – 2 yrs.) bhb5@cornell.edu

Member: Diana Travis (3/19-2/21 – 2 yrs.) dianatravis2@gmail.com

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Member: Anne Williams (2/20-3/21- 1 yr.) no e-mail 607-277-7219

Member: Deb Bain (2/20-3/21- 1 yr.) dab14@cornell.edu

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A.T.T.S. Lynne Anguish & Tom Szebenyi 564-7230 – Pending date
CPE Agility Trials 2020 – committee members pending

These trials are pending---

Aug 29 & 30 – Tammy O. Chair, Linda C. Sec.

Nov 27 & 28 & 29 –Debbie Keith (chair) debbiek@rom27.com

Suzanne Etherington (secretary) blueheron490@gmail.com

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2019 ACT Test: Pending - **Vacant**

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Nosework: Instructor registering their own classes

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Meetings: Diana Travis dianatravis2@gmail.com

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Advance Graduations: Diana Travis or instructor if off site

Sunshine: Deb Bain & Pat Welch

T-shirt coordinator: Sue Yanoff

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4/29/2020								
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Almann	Nancy	6304 Willow Creek rd	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 387-6152	willowcreekakitas@yahoo.com	Akita
Anguish	Lynne	804 Snyder Hill Rd.	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 280-5820	lynne.anguish@gmail.com	German Shepherd, White Sh
Arcila (Sanders)	Lina	163 Pearsall St.	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 341-1906	linarcila@gmail.com	BC/GR mix
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Brooks	Marjory	501 Ellis Hollow Creek Road	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 539-6879	mbb100@mac.com	German Shepherd
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Christman	Abby	109 Penny Lane	Ithaca	NY	14850	(440) 532-9545	ajc93@cornell.edu	English Mastiff
Coleman	Audrey	325 North End Road	Cincinnatus	NY	13040	(607) 863-4752	brucecoleman@frontiernet.net	Golden Retriever
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Estes	Jan	1886 Ellis Hollow Rd.	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 539-3295	bestes@twcny.rr.com	Chesapeake Bay Retriever
Etherington	Suzanne	29 Cedar St.	Cortland	NY	13045	(607) 753-3666	blueheron490@gmail.com	Airedale
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Finnicum	Brenda	395 Sheldon Road	Freeville	NY	13068	(607) 347-4587	Dogweaver@frontier.com	Rottweilers, Belgian Malinoi
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Fredericks	Anna	83 Lyons Drive	Horseheads	NY	14854	(607) 331-3660	aef320@gmail.com	Whippets
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Garrett	Linda	1907 Ellis Hollow Rd.	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 539-3337	ljarrett@me.com	Rough Collie
Given	Nancy	6371 Strong Rd.	Trumansburg	NY	14886	(607) 387-7034	reverence@ottcmail.com	Great Pyrenees, Boykin Span
Gold	Martine	105 Durfee Hill Rd	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 351-8765	martinegold105@gmail.com	Goldendoodle
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Travis	Diana	637 Sheffield Rd	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 280-2380	dianatravis2@gmail.com	English Springer Spaniel
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Peak took Reserve Winners Dog at the Troller regional sepciality at the Maryland Sporting Dog Classic in Friendship, MD on Feb 29, 2020 and then he tool Wionners Dogs the next day for a 5-point major. Diane Krause handled Peak both days. Diane did an incredible job. She made him look good! Thank you so much diane. There was a big entry both days. Peak is now half way to his CH. He has eight points and one major now. Thanks, Ray Corey.



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SAVE THE DATE


IDTC Tracking Clinic – August 22-23, 2020



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Submission date for newsletter: The 5th of each month.

Please send anything you might like me to publish: articles, pictures, short stories of some you're your events, silly stories, jokes, etc. Club members will enjoy reading these and it brings our members closer since we all have the same love-**our dogs**. 

Thanks in advance for making this a fun newsletter to read. Linda - BlackdogColby@gmail.com



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