

# Ithaca Dog Training Club

Monthly Newsletter

February 2020

## March Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date: **CANCELLED**

Location: Baker Institute

Board meeting 6:30pm

General meeting 7:00pm

Program: **Cancelled**



## Letter from the President:

Date: March 24, 2020 – **CANCELLED.** April 28,2020 - **CANCELLED.**

### **Board Meeting 6:30pm via emergency e-mail**

Thank you for all that volunteer for the club. The new training committee has met and information posted in the newsletter. If you have any questions, please talk to the person assigned the task. The board will need to fill the VP position as Lynne is going on the Training Committee.

**The board has decided to take the following actions based on the state of emergency in Tompkins Co and neighboring counties. This has been posted on the list but as our official notice is the newsletter, it's posted here.**

**April 4/5 CPE shows – Cancelled. Entries received will have their check shredded. We will be trying to re-coop as much as possible.**

**Classes for the Spring – Cancelled. Return funds for Spring classes. Marian/Judy will work with Pat if they have been deposited. They will be contacting students, instructors and assistants. Future classes may be started up at individual houses or 4-H Acres. Stay tuned.**

**Meetings – March and April meetings are cancelled. We will see if we can hold the May meeting or not. Stay tuned.**

All – As this situation is disruptive to all, it is to our club as well. We will be doing work around the best we can and hopefully get back to normal end of May – beginning of June. Those in charge of activities, please make sure you contact the appropriate people to tell them we have cancelled the activity. Meanwhile, stay safe and have fun playing with your pups! Thanks – Susan.

PS – If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. ([sm32@cornell.edu](mailto:sm32@cornell.edu)/607-347-4860)

### **General Meeting**

25 February 2020

29 Members Attending

Start at 7:02pm

No corrections to minutes from January.

#### **Report from the board:**

The cage is secured and equipment is locked up in the pavilion. If you are using equipment, please PUT IT BACK where you got it from. There are other groups that have used it without permission. 4H is allowed, but only the smaller equipment. If you have any questions, please talk to Susan or Tammy.

Nominating committee has completed their nominations for board. Will be published in March/April newsletters.

Confirming training committee will happen later tonight.

Life membership committee: Kathy Hildreth, Ray Corey, Jan Estes, Betty Baldwin, and Kerry Boisvert have volunteered. Thank you!

Thank you, Shirley and Jean, for volunteering for chairing the fall point show!

Debbie Keith is chair for Spring point show. Please contact her if you can volunteer!

#### **Report from the President:**

Still vacancies if you would like to volunteer.

A few people still need to renew membership—please take care of this!

No new members to vote in.

**Report from the Secretary:** None

**Report from the Treasurer:**

Savings: \$6,707.86

Checking: \$24,490.14

CD1: 10,725.57

CD2: \$6,641.56

CD3: \$25,473.12

### Report from the Training Committee:

Just finishing the winter session. Classes went well. Preparing for Spring classes—most classes are set and posted online, still need an instructor for Beginner 1. Tracking workshop being organized for end of August again. Vet school open house coming up April 18. If you want to participate you will need to present a valid rabies certificate.

### New Business:

Will have program next month here at Baker at 7pm—Dr Dewey is coming to talk about his practice on Rt 13. April will have a parkour program by Nancy and Becky.

**Agility League:** Went really well this year.

**CPE:** Trial this weekend, good entry (300+/day). Next trial early April, then June, end of August, and Nov/Dec. All in the works.

### Training Committee:

2 people continuing for second part of term

Diane Travis

Betty Baldwin

3 people for 2-year term

Lynne Anguish

Jean Bonasera

Marian Szebenyi

2 people for 1-year term

Anne Williams

Deb Bain

No one is qualified and willing to be director. Will meet and divide up responsibilities among members. President (or president's representative) is ad hoc to any committee, so ok by bylaws to have Susan call meeting of new committee to get them together and help divide up jobs.

Vote: Approved.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Adjourned: 7:30pm



## From the Library Committee—

This month I asked Susan Morse about her training background and what she recommends in the way of training and this is what she said:

"When I was in 7th grade we lived in the Philippines, and we had a Collie/Chow cross that came from the SPCA and was about 4 years old. She was a family dog, but was my responsibility. She stayed with a farmer while we were gone and when we returned she was quite out of control. She would not come when called. My father sent me and the dog to 4-H Obedience School. She learned to come when called, but only to me and no one else. She went on to be quite successful at the 4-H State Fair at the Novice type level.

My Collie/Chow cross was probably not the best dog for a kid to train, but that is what we had. Before her, we had a Smooth Fox Terrier cross, that was in the circus but washed out, and ended up being a great family dog. Since then I have had several mix-breed dogs, including Rosy Ann who was a Collie/Springer and who-knows-what mix that I started training with the IDTC. I always tended to have something with Collie in them. Then I got into Rough and Smooth coat purebred Collies. At one time I had three litters of 20 puppies within three days. All I did was brush and groom. I love the Collies, but they did not have the energy I wanted. Anne Williams introduced me to Tervs but I was tired of brushing so went with a Malinois. Currently I have three Malinois, one Laekenois and a Smooth Coat Collie.

In the past I also had Draco, a Smooth Coat Fox Terrier, who was an awesome confirmation show dog but not much else. He was famous for biting my ankle while heeling. I was interested in a Fox Terrier because I fox hunted on horseback for over twenty years. I thought I might use him in the hunt, but he ended up as a show dog instead. He served his purpose later in life keeping my mother entertained. I also worked with foxhounds but never owned one. Over the years I've learned that I like the herding breeds the best.

I have shown in many associations including AKC, SKC, UKC, CKC, ASCA, APDT, CPE and a few others. The venues I have shown in include conformation breed showing, obedience, rally, agility, herding, weight pulling, trick dog, and lure coursing. I have titled with several different dogs in many of these events including several breed Championships. I try to only keep four dogs at a time, but have gone over this number on occasion.

I will often try different things with my dogs, based on my own interests and strengths, and what the individual dog likes to do. It's similar to children - exposing them to different things like dancing or skating to find out what they like to do. I always do basic obedience with the dogs, but whether they go far in it, or not, depends a great deal on their personalities. I find each dog tends to do well in certain events - which is not to say they couldn't do well in others. My Malinois Cane, who passed away last Fall, loved weight pulling and rally, but had several other titles as well. He is the first Malinois to have an ASCA Rally Championship and my first dog to get a CATE. My Malinois Holly loves breed showing and is a Grand Champion, but also has Excellent titles in Agility and a CPE CATCH 3, along with obedience and rally

titles in multiple organizations. My Malinois Kiss was crazy about agility and had a MACH title, but was also a breed Champion, RAE, and an Open Obedience titled dog. Every dog is different.

For someone just getting started training a dog, I would recommend starting with basic obedience as a puppy. Get the dog out and expose it to different events. Based on the dog's breed, understand its strengths and weaknesses. Malinois are high energy and love to run and jump. Don't get one unless you are ready for that, or it will just end up getting into trouble. Try different events and see how the dog does. Dancer, my Smooth Coat Collie is surprisingly high energy compared with the lines of Collies I had before. I started Dancer doing lure coursing when he was a puppy. He is not as fast as a Malinois because he lumbers more, due to his structure. Structure is very important for a dog and can aide in success in certain events and not so in others. This should be considered when purchasing a dog.

For me and my personality, I am sticking to the herding breeds, and I like the medium sized dog. If I ever want a smaller dog, I would buy a Corgi because they have short legs, but a big dog personality. Before getting a dog, think first about what you would like to do with it, the size of the dog you want, and how it looks. Look for a responsible breeder. Consider the conformation and attitude of the breed, and whether it fits in with your lifestyle and plans for the dog. Then find a good training club - of course IDTC! Then most of all, have fun with your dog and enjoy activities with it, even if it is not showing, and is simply cuddling and taking walks."

#### Librarians Note:

Susan says she learns best by taking classes and by observation so she hasn't recommended any books this month. She has had a lot of experience in many dog sports so if you have questions she's a good person to ask!

## **2020** (updated 3/1/20)

### Officers

President: Susan Morse [sm32@cornell.edu](mailto:sm32@cornell.edu)/607-347-4860

Vice President: Vacant – Board needs to appoint for rest of term

Secretary: Abby Christman: [ajc93@cornell.edu](mailto:ajc93@cornell.edu)

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### Board Members

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Marguerite Hart (5/19 to 5/20) [meh120000@gmail.com](mailto:meh120000@gmail.com)

### Training Committee 2020-21

#### Two-year term:

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

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

Member: Jean Bonasera (3/20-2/22 – 2 years) [ausabledogs@yahoo.com](mailto:ausabledogs@yahoo.com)

#### Second part Two-year term:

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

Member: Diane Travis (3/19-2/21 – 2 yrs.) [dianatravis2@gmail.com](mailto:dianatravis2@gmail.com)

#### One-year Term:

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](mailto:dab14@cornell.edu)

*Note – There is no Training Director for 20-21 – Jobs will be distributed and Posted*

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A.T.T.S. Lynne Anguish & Tom Szebenyi 564-7230 – Pending date

CPE Agility Trials 2020 – committee members pending

Feb 29 & March 1 – Tammy O. Chair, Linda C. (secretary) [blackdoogcolby@gmail.com](mailto:blackdoogcolby@gmail.com)/607-228-0051

judge Bob Domfort

April 4 & 5 – Kathy H. Chair, Linda C. Sec.

June 13 & 14 – Marian Chair, Linda C. Sec.

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

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

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Equipment Maintenance – Agility only – Joe and Tammy Osmeloski

Equipment Maintenance – Other: **Vacant**

Equipment Sales/collar fitting: Kathy Hughes [kahughes1907@gmail.com](mailto:kahughes1907@gmail.com)/607-379-1907

Finance Committee – Anne Williams, Betty Baldwin, Pat Welch

FLKC Liaison: Marg Pough

Graduations:

Beginners: Eva Stilwell [emb38@cornell.edu](mailto:emb38@cornell.edu)

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CGC: Hannah Robinson [hannahL6@yahoo.com](mailto:hannahL6@yahoo.com)

2019 ACT Test: Pending - **Vacant**

Historian: Lucille Straub [lucillestraub@me.com](mailto:lucillestraub@me.com)

Holiday Party 2020: Brenda Finnicum [dogweaver@frontier.com](mailto:dogweaver@frontier.com)

IDTC Yahoo list serve: Linda Pacioretty [lp@bionxs.com](mailto:lp@bionxs.com)

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Library: Marguerite Hart [meh120000@gmail.com](mailto:meh120000@gmail.com)

Match Show Chair: **Vacant**

Membership Steward: Susan Beals (see above)

Newsletter copying/ mailing: Deb Bain

Paws for Thought Coordinator: Tammy Osmeloski

Photographer: **Vacant**

Point Show Spring 2020: Debbie Keith

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Sunshine: Deb Bain & Pat Welch

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**Novice, Beginners Open Graduation**





**Submission date for newsletter: The 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:BlackdogColby@gmail.com)



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