

	<h1>Ithaca Dog Training Club</h1>	Monthly Newsletter
		February 2021

Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date:

Time:

Board Meeting-6:30pm

General Meeting-7:00pm



Date: March is Canceled

Time:

Board meeting 6:30pm

General meeting 7:00pm

Place: Location is pending

Directions: Pending

Program: None - Nancy will be setting up Zoom programs. Check the list for more details.



Letter from the President:

Members – The new year has started, and we are still in a state of unknown concerning COVID. The vaccinations are started up, but we still must be very careful. Due to this, the board has decided to cancel Jan and Feb meetings and we will see when we will meet in the future. Meanwhile, the board has been working on many things.

Steve Anderson will lead the efforts in nominations for board and officers. He will be looking to ask other members to join in as the committee is total of five people. If you are interested, please contact Steve. Pat Welch with Tammy Osmeloski will be forming a committee for life members. They need three other life members on the committee and will be asking other members to join. If you are interested, please contact them. Committee is a total of five.

Membership dues and/or form is due to Susan Beals. Please contact her if there are any questions. All members will be active for this year of 2021 due to difficulty in participation in events. However, please still volunteer! It is very important we keep things going and many hands help. Many jobs can be done remotely.

Agility league is still going with the last day being Feb. 27. The Sunday class and open training in agility and obedience last day will be Feb. 28. We are still planning to have our CPE trials but there will be additional protocols due to COVID. The first one being March 6 and 7 at Paws for thought Farm. It is hope that the current training committee will pull some beginners classes together, probably held at 4-H acres outside and under the Pavilion, to start sometime in March or April. We need instructors and assistants. Please volunteer and contact Jean.

If you have not heard the AKC point show that is held at the end of March at the State Fairgrounds has been canceled. The AKC point show held in Sept at Sampson State park is still a go for now. This could change.

We are still seeking members that would like to be on the training committee. I have put several messages out on the list as well as description of what needs to be done. This probably be a light year for the training committee and many of the task can be done remotely but we need help. If you are interested, please contact me or Marguerite Hart. We have three strong members continuing another year and I know they will guide the new members. Please help the club!

We will continue with the newsletter every month. The deadline for submissions is the week following the meeting which is normally the 4th Tuesday of the month. Thanks, Linda, for keeping this going and Deb too.

The last thing I will report on is the following policy. As I believe much of it is common sense, members have asked to have it written out. The board has passed the proposal and this is the proposal to be added into policy.

Added Section IV – General Policies

C Operational related Policies

- **Sickness, Lameness or other for dog and handler**

Dog

If your dog is sick or lame, please notify the instructor, leader of the class, practice, event or other that your dog is sick or lame. Do not bring the dog to the event. If it is a kind of illness that can be passed from dog to dog, like kennel cough, please let the instructor know when the dog was sick and diagnosed. The instructor or other should inform the training director/committee if there is a contagious sickness and may consult with them on appropriate actions. The instructor or person in charge as listed above, will then notify the class members as well as the place where the event has occurred so they can take the appropriate action. This is up to the instructor with consultation, to cancel classes, if necessary, to make sure no-one else dog get sick. If the dog is lame or the sickness is not contagious, the person can attend the event just not the dog. If the person has another dog that can substitute and the sickness is not contagious, they can ask the instructor if they can substitute dogs.

Females in heat must wear panties. They can attend events where the location and policies allow females in heat.

Person

If a participant is sick, or cannot attend the event, as noted above, the participant needs to notify the instructor, leader of the class, practice, event or other that the participant is sick and the participant cannot attend the event. If it a contagious sickness, the participant is to let the instructor or other of the event know what the sickness is such as flu or COVID or other, so they can inform the other participants of the issue. The participant is to let the instructor know when the participant was sick, test taken and diagnosed. The instructor or other should inform the training director/committee and the president if there is a contagious sickness and may consult with them on appropriate actions. It is the instructor's responsibility to inform the other participants, as they have the class list, of the situation and for the other participant to take the appropriate measures. Notification to the location of the event is the responsibility of the instructor. The instructor or other, if necessary, can choose to cancel the event or future events.

Refunds

There will be no refunds for these events due to sickness/lameness of dog or sickness of person.



From the Library Committee—

CONFESSIONS OF A SERIAL DOG TRAINER

When Marguerite Hart asked me about doing a question and answer for the newsletter it took about 30 seconds to get to yes. It sounded like fun. Now that I am

done writing I have to say I really enjoyed it. This exercise in writing gave me a chance to remember some wonderful dogs we have loved over the years.

In April, 1965 I proposed to Audrey and she accepted my proposal with one caveat, we had to get a dog. So, after our wedding on November 24, 1965 our first major activity after our honeymoon was to get a dog. Audrey wanted a dog about the size of a beagle, so of course we went to the neighborhood pet shop and got a female beagle. Audrey majored in modern languages in college and read many of the Greek classics in German. So, of course she had to have a Greek name. We named her Sappho after the Greek poet from the isle of Lesbos.

Our Sappho was the most adorable puppy, but we had the hardest time potty training her. We lived in Brooklyn in a second-floor apartment and walked her frequently, but she never made outside. One day we came up with the solution; we invited many of our friends over for a potty-training party. We took turns walking outside until she finally broke and peed outside.

Sappho lived through many dramatic moments – we moved two times, the first from a one-bedroom apartment into a three-bedroom apartment and then into a house in the NYC suburbs where we lived for 35 years. She also survived the birth of our three children.

Sappho shared our lives for 9 years but then she developed epilepsy and eventually the symptoms became too severe.

Our next dog was a Golden Retriever who we also purchased from a pet shop. For a short period, we were a two-dog home. This time we did our research and determined that Golden Retrievers were the best family pets. Naming Goldilocks was an exercise in democracy; our three children outvoted us and named her. We took an obedience course with Goldilocks and of course she was a star. Goldilocks lived 11 years. When we lost Goldilocks, we were shocked and we suddenly had a huge hole in our lives; we didn't have a dog for three months waiting for our puppy to be born and then old enough to join us.

For our next dog we got even smarter. We found a reputable Golden Retriever breeder and made sure the parents had all the health clearances.

This time Audrey and I took control of the naming process. We had pet ducks in our backyard and taking advantage of Audrey's language skills we named her Jolly Reina De Los Patos, Queen of The Ducks.

Again, we took Reina to obedience lessons, and of course she was the star. Our obedience instructor suggested that we take Reina to compete in obedience shows. We took Reina to some nearby matches and then we entered Reina in her first AKC show at 10 months old. She Qualified! Not all her novice shows were as smooth. I still remember showing Reina under judge Nat Friedman in Nassau Coliseum. Reina had the zoomies running all around the ring. I was mortified and had no clue how to stop it. I was convinced the AKC would ban me for life. Nat suggested I bend down on one knee and call Reina to me. Like magic she came to me and we left the ring in disgrace.

It was time to get serious so soon afterwards Audrey and I joined the Port Chester Obedience Training Club in White Plains, New York. One of our first instructors was Nat Friedman, the same judge who previously saw me leave the ring in disgrace. Nat was a wonderful instructor with a dry wit and a polite, gentle manner. I learned a lot from Nat. Reina and I, now a team, eventually earned a CDX.

Our next dog was Suki, Meadowponds's Sweet Suki. We picked Suki because she was a repeat breeding of Terri Arnold's Stride (OTCH Meadowpond Keepin In Stride). This time we weren't messing around; we went for the best. Stride was the highest scoring obedience dog, winner of multiple Gaines Classics.

Suki was a wonderful obedience dog who competed in both AKC and UKC obedience trials. We competed in several Gaines events. When I first showed Suki in Open she was a consistent qualifier. She went on to earn her UD. Suki was in semi-retirement when the AKC started offering the UDX title. To earn a UDX a dog must double qualify (Open and Utility) in 10 AKC obedience trials. It took Suki 14 trials to earn her UDX; she qualified in Open all 14 trials.

Audrey really wanted to get involved in dog training so she started training Suki in tracking. Audrey and I had a great time but Suki wasn't really that interested so Audrey tried training for AKC hunt tests. Suki was still a young dog when the AKC started the hunt test program so we decided we would try it. Suki was not enthusiastic about picking up live birds. She would pick up a dead bird but she would wait out a dying bird to make sure it was really dead.

Then there was Smash.... Smash loved obedience and he loved birds. At the time we were training Smash the jump height was 1.25 height at the withers. A jump height of 30 inches was just too much for Smash. He was panicked at 30 inches so he finished his obedience career at the CD level with some very good scores.

Both Suki and Smash earned AKC Junior Hunter titles, American and Canadian Golden Retriever WCX titles.

We had watched “field” goldens perform in obedience and we were very impressed so we started looking for a Golden Retriever with strong field and obedience breeding. We were directed to Trifecta Kennels and selected our next puppy, Ditto.

With Ditto we went totally nuts. We started his training but he was too much dog for us so we sent him to Rick Millheim to be trained for field trials. We soon bought a pickup truck, put on stainless-steel kennels on the truck and in 2003 when we retired, we built a house on 137 acres in Central New York. That is when we joined Ithaca Dog Training Club, other field and obedience clubs and started making friends in this area.

Since moving here we have trained –

Rocket who earned a CD and Senior Hunter. Rocket’s biggest contribution to us was that she produced two wonderful litters including Vinny and Fanny

At one point I was training and showing three dogs in obedience who went on to earn an OTCH and two UDs; Ditto who did very well in field trials, also earning a UD and Master Hunter, Arrow earned a UD and Senior Hunter, and OTCH Leo also earned his Senior Hunter.

Later we were again training three dogs at the same time. Four years ago, Fanny finished her UDX3, Vinny his UDX and Kate her UD in the same year. While I was obedience training them, Audrey finished Master Hunter titles on these same dogs.

We are currently training Pete and Hank in both field and obedience. They are high spirited dogs (that’s polite language for nuts) who are very challenging.

These are some of my keys to obedience training – These also apply to raising children and getting the best performance from coworkers.

Speaking of co-workers, many years ago while working in computer systems – I had several people reporting to me. I kept a bag of candy in my desk drawer. When

someone did something really well, I gave them a piece of candy as an instant reward. They knew I was using dog training techniques on them, they busted on me for doing it, but they thought it was fun.

Intensity and attitude are critical. Heel fast and throw your dumbbell long.

Have fun both training and competing. Train together with friends. If they weren't friends before starting to train together, they will become friends cheering you on and commiserating with you. Don't be shy about telling someone they are doing something wrong. Being a friend is being honest with each other. Don't be shy about offering advice once and then shut up. Don't repeat the advice. The person receiving the advice should be gracious receiving your advice and then make up their mind about how to correct the problem.

Be honest with yourself about what you are doing right and even more important what you are doing wrong. The key to fixing a problem is recognizing you have a problem.

Don't blame the dog – I picked the dog; I trained the dog and I showed the dog. It is my job to train my dog! Once my dog really understands the task, if he makes an honest mistake, I help him to complete the task. If he isn't trying then it's time for a correction.

Find a mentor/teacher. Someone who cares about your success and is honest about critiquing you is critical to your success. Over the years I have had three people who were brutally honest about what I was doing wrong and knowledgeable about telling me how to fix it. Nat Friedman was very helpful when I first started obedience training, then I trained with Diane Bauman for 20 years and now I am training with Jane Jackson. All three were and are very inciteful about me. A good mentor is better than a psychiatrist.

Don't be afraid to fail in the ring. With the paucity of obedience matches we are forced to enter obedience trials without thorough match proofing. Be aware of what you did wrong and think about how to fix problems. Pete made his debut in Open at the SOTC trials. It was the first time I did Command Discrimination at a trial. I failed the exercise both days, but I watched other handlers execute it correctly. I now know the secret to doing this exercise.

The secret will be revealed in the next installment....

Librarian's Note:

In this age of the corona virus, it's hard to get books or DVDs to dog club members. If you'd like to supplement your training with library materials, you can find an updated list of library materials on the club website, or I'm happy to email you the very latest list of books and DVDs in our library as well. 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.

BREED OF THE MONTH

Golden Retriever

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- Temperament: [Friendly, Intelligent, Devoted](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 3 of 197
- Height: 23-24 inches (male), 21.5-22.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 65-75 pounds (male), 55-65 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)



2020 (updated 2-5-21)

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

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

Member: Marg Pough (3/19-2/21 – 2 yrs.) mbp1@cornell.edu

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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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April 10 & 11 – Chair — Debbie Keith (co-chair) crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com

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Sec - Linda Centurelli

June 19 & 20 – Chair - Marian Szebenyi – Sec – Linda Centurelli

Sept 4 & 5 – Chair – **Pending**-Sec – Linda Centurelli

Dec 3 & 4 & 5 – Chair- Debbie Keith (chair) crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com

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Newsletter copying/ mailing: Deb Bain

Paws for Thought Coordinator: Tammy Osmeloski

Photographer: **Vacant**

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Nose work: Instructor registering their own classes

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Beg Graduations: Diana Travis

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+From Betty Baldwin, Trophy Chair:

Thanks to everyone who sent their titles, accomplishments and memorials to me for the 2020 Annual Awards Booklet. Below is a very brief 3 page summary / overview of what I received.

The entire booklet has been posted on the IDTC website (ithacadogtrainingclub.org) under Members: Newsletters, etc. Please see the entire 27 page document which includes a message from the president, comments from the trophy chair (in lieu of remarks I usually make at the Holiday Party), instructor recognition, 2020 club activities, titles sorted by title, Special Awards and, especially, 6 pages of heartfelt memorials for beloved dogs that crossed the Rainbow Bridge in 2020.

IDTC 2020 MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

32 Handlers 43 Dogs 126 Titles

TEMPERAMENT

7 Temperament Titles (AKC)

3 CGC

4 ATT

Optional
Titles PCD
AKC 1

OBEDIENCE

6 Obedience Titles

Regular Titles	<u>CD</u>	<u>UD</u>	<u>UDX2</u>
AKC:	3	1	1

WORKING

63. Working Titles

13 Barn Hunt

2 Farm Dog

2 Hunting

1 Man Trailing

30 Nose Work

(24 AKC, 6 NACSW)

1 Pack Dog
14 Trick Dog

5 IDPKA (Parkour)
6 UKI
2 USDAA

RALLY

5 Rally Titles (AKC)

3 Novice
2 Intermediate

AGILITY

45 Agility Titles

(11 AKC, 21 CPE, 13 Other)

AKC

5 ACT
1 Novice
2 Open
1 Excellent
2 MACH, PACH

CPE

6 CPE Level 1
7 CPE Level 2
4 CPE Level 3
2 CPE Level 5 Ch
2 CPE C- ATCH

Other

IDTC 2020 TITLES BY HANDLER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dog's Name</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Title(s)</u>
Lynn Anguish	Omar	Field Spaniel	AKC CGC / TKN
Deb Bain	Dealer	English Springer Spaniel	AKC UD / FDC
	Tillie	Basset Fauve de Bretagne	AKC CD
Katie Barnaby	Ziba	Labrador Retriever	CPE CL3
Debbie Bell	Gusmhar	Rhodesian Ridgeback	AKC CD / RN, RI; CPE CL1-R,H,S, CL2-R,H,S,F CL3-F
	Kaelan	Saluki	CPE C-ATCH2
	Marley	Rhodesian Ridgeback	CPE CT-ATCH
Katie Besemer	Emmy	Basenji	BHA RATN, RATO
	Opal	Basenji	BHA RATN, RATO
	Ruby	Basenji	BHA RATCH
Kerry Boisvert	Lark	Border Terrier	AKC SBN, SEN; BHA RATM
	Tux	Border Collie	AKC BHA RATM
Debbie Brown	Rainie	Shepherd Mix	CPE SpChCL, SpChWC
Liz Corey	Peak	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	BHA RATN, RATO
Ray Corey	Peak	Nova Scotia Duck	AKC SHUA

		Tolling Retriever	
Jan Estes	Callie	Chesapeake Bay Retriever	AKC MACH
Brenda Finnicum	Jet	Belgian Malinois	AKC TKI
	Whip	Belgian Malinois	AKC CD, PCD / RI / TKI; CPE CL3-S, CL-3
Linda Garrett	Perry	Collie	AKC ACT1
Nancy Given	Riesen	Boykin Spaniel	AKC CGC / ACT2 / TKN, TKI; BHA RATN, RATO RATS
Marguerite Hart	Macintosh	Rat Terrier	AKC RN / TKA / SBN, SWN, SCA, SEA, SIA; CPE CL1-H; UKI BID, SSB, IND, SSN; IDPKA PKQT COVID Level 1, 2, 3, PKD-N
Kathy Hildreth	Obiwan	Border Collie	AKC ACT1, 2 / TKI, TKN; CPE CL2-H,F, CL3-R UKI IND, SSN
Kathy Hughes	Piper	Golden Retriever	NACSW NW2
Diane Krause	Emma	German Shorthaired Pointer	AKC ATT
	Henley	German Shorthaired Pointer	AKC ATT / NAJ / SBN, SWN; GSPCA RD
	Kendyl	German Shorthaired Pointer	AKC ATT
	Sonny	German Shorthaired Pointer	AKC ATT / OA
Lisa Mitchell	Rook	Golden Retriever	AKC UDX2
Karen Netherton	Finn	Labrador Retriever	AKC FDC / SBN, SEN, SWN

Karen Nocera	Q	Australian Shepherd	CPE CL1-R,F
Joe Osmeloski	Rose	Border Collie	AKC OFP, XFP; USDAA P2
Tammy Osmeloski	Frankie	Border Collie	USDAA P1 pairs
David Pacun (+Kiko Nobusawa)	Franny	Bloodhound	AKC MT
Marg Pough	Pipit	Border Terrier	AKC SHDN, SWA, SBE,SCE,SEE; NACSW ORT
Judy Roberts	Mira	German Shepherd Dog	AKC PACH
Becky Robinson	Rigger	All American	AKC TKA; DSA TD
Dawn Sedorus	Sam	Welsh Corgi	AKC RN
Varya Siegel	Scooby	Poodle Mix	AKC TKN, TKI, TKA
Marian Szebenyi	Leona	Icelandic Sheepdog	AKC CGC
	Luna	Siberian Husky	CPE CTL2-F
Diana Travis	Rosie	Springer Spaniel	AKC ACT2
Lynne Wilks	Ruby	American Water Spaniel	AKC TKP, TKE / SHDA, SBE, SIE, SWE, SBM, SCM, SEM NACSW NW3-C, NW3-E, NW3-Elite, ELT1; IDPKA PKD-N
Anne Williams	A Tatu	Belgian Malinois	BHA RATO



Submission date for newsletter: The 5th of each month. Please send anything you might like me to publish: articles, pictures, short stories of some 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**. ❤️





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