

# Ithaca Dog Training Club

January 2020

## February Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date: February 25, 2020

Location: Baker Institute

Board meeting 6:30pm

General meeting 7:00pm

Program: None: Please contact Nancy Almann, our new program chair if you have a program in mind.



get it out on the list. Always stay home if you feel it is not safe. - Susan

## Letter from the President:

It was a stormy night last meeting, but we had a great turn out. Thanks to those who volunteered to be on committees and positions. We have a couple more spots that we would like to fill for life membership committee if anyone is interested. This is a board appointed but will like to have volunteers and then have board approval. Anyone interested please contact Abby-IDTC Sec.

If you are looking for opportunities to fill the requirements for membership take a look at the list of jobs that are in the newsletter every time. If it states vacant, then its open. Make sure your membership is up-to-date. Check with Susan Beals if you have any questions. Another great opportunity is to Steward at the FLKC point show held at Syracuse fairgrounds on Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Debbie Keith will be our IDTC show chair. If you are interested in helping out in obedience and rally, contact her. It is none too early to volunteer. Hopefully the weather will be a bit better in Feb. I try to make the determination by 3 pm so I can



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# January Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2020 @ 7pm  
General meeting, Baker Institute  
28 members attending

## Report from the board:

Asking CPE secretaries and treasurers to use new format for proposals and budgets for CPE trials. Will be on our website soon.

Working on training committee: Have not been able to find a training director. Will be asking Lynne Anguish to be acting director, if she says yes, we will need one more committee member. Will need to replace VP if Lynne moves to training committee.

Qualifications: active instructor, working toward titles/have a title, have served on training committee previously.

We are increasing the library budget from \$200 to \$300/year.

Kathy H. has volunteered to chair life membership committee-will need 2 more members: Jan Estes and Ray have already volunteered.

If you are a life member and are interested, please email Susan or Abby.

Nominating Committee: (selects officers and board)

Chair: Steven Anderson

Members: Nancy Almann, Linda Centurelli, Marg Pough and Becky Robinson.

They are ahead of the game and have already finished their nominations which will be published in the March and April newsletters before the May elections. Thank you!

**Report from the President:** Nothing additional

**Report of the Secretary:** Nothing to report

## Report of the Treasurer:

Savings: \$6,707.01

Checking: \$16,641.74

CD#1: \$10,716.57

CD#2: \$6,641.56

CD#3: \$25,425.05

Nov-Dec CPE trial report:

Income: \$7,613.00, expenses \$6,505.35, \$1,107.65 profit. Great judge! Thanks to chair Deb Keith and Secretary Suzanne Etherington.

**Training Committee:**

Winter classes are going well. No weather cancellations yet (except for weekend agility).  
Training committee will be meeting soon to work on Spring classes.

**New members approved:**

Welcome to Hope Harvey and her lab mix, Katie Besemer and her Basenjis, Margaret Ohlinger and her Chesapeake Bay Retriever!

**Unfinished Business:**

Booth at Kramer Foundation fundraiser near Horseheads March 21<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is interested in participating, email Susan. Need  
Someone to run it-probably a table, maybe bring dogs, probably not a demo.

**New Business:**

Nancy Almann has volunteered to be program chair. Thank you!

Upcoming meeting programs:

March: Dr. Dewey from Elemental Pet Vets(new place right on Rt 13—  
<https://www.elementalpetvets.com>)

April: Nancy and Becky are going to do a Parkour workshop.

May: is a closed meeting, members only so no program!



**From the Library Committee—**

This month I asked Lynne Anguish about her training background and what she recommends in the way of training dogs. Here is her response:

"My parents never let me have a dog so I did not grow up with them like most people. But

animals were

my passion. Most people had high school jobs waiting tables, working in grocery stores and things like that. Not me. I volunteered at my Vet's practice and it developed into a paying job through high school and my first 2 years of college. I loved it!! The first purchase I made after getting married besides a bed and couch was a dog. Both my husband and I was first time owners. We got a 4-year-old male intact Brittany named Shep from a little old lady who never trained him to do anything and spoiled him rotten! I took obedience classes at IDTC with him and managed to make quite a bit of headway. But boy was he stubborn! The little old lady was thrilled and I had entered into the world of dog training! That was in 1980. Since then I have owned and trained a bunch of breeds including German Shepherds, Whippets, Border Collies, a Rat Terrier, a Chinese Crested, a Cocker Spaniel, a Beagle mix, and finally my little pup Omar, a Field Spaniel. I have to say my favorite breeds to train have been my shepherds and now my field spaniel. The shepherds really want to work and if you are fair and honest with them, they will give you everything they have. And they succeed in almost any venue. However, Omar has become a real joy! He is the happiest, most affectionate (and with the most stable temperament) dog I have ever owned and will do anything for food....and I mean ANYTHING!!! Since my entry into this wonderful world of dog training I have trained dogs in Obedience, Agility, Rally, Barn Hunt, Nose Work, Herding, Parkour, Tracking, Trick Dog, and recently started Spaniel Hunt Test field work with Omar. I have shown 2 dogs in the Breed Ring to Championships and even won Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show with my White Shepherd Nika in UKC. I have achieved 2 High in Trials at 2 obedience shows with my shepherd Bjorn in AKC. Those were the best! I am not a "go to shows every weekend" kind of person, and I don't work to rack up titles, although I enjoy showing and getting titles. My joy in dog training is the training itself and finding ways to work with each individual dog that suits them. I have learned something new from every dog I have worked with, every instructor I have trained under and have explored many different methods of training. What I have found that works best is to be flexible and find ways to reach each dog using methods that makes sense to both of you. My signature line on my email says it best..."In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly dog."-Edward Hoagland. Communication, not dictation, and patience is what works for me. My dogs listen to me just as I listen to them, we are a team. If neither one of us is enjoying what we are doing it is my responsibility to find a cure for that and change some things up. What I have found that really gets me excited is teaching obedience or other dog sports. I LOVE to work with beginner trainers and their untrained dogs. It is always a challenge to find ways to help them become a team. To see them at graduation with a dog that heels nicely and stays when told to (after the first class when they were totally out of control and barking their head off!) is such a thrill for me! I love solving behavior problems their dogs may have and working with the owners who may be at the end of their rope with their little "rascal". In the last few years Lynne Wilkes and I have worked with staff and students at the William George Agency in Dryden in a dog training program we created for them. It has been very rewarding for us as instructors and for the staff who can use their dogs on campus after passing the program and for the students, some of whom are using dog training as part of their therapy.

All in all, dog training has changed my life for the better in many ways. I have worked with some amazing animals and met and become friends with some amazing people. Training dogs has helped me to become a better listener, a more patient and kind person and a better parent to

my kids...(just ask them!!) And I'm still married to that guy that agreed to get Shep in the beginning (and all the other varmints we have shared our life with)!!

I would like to recommend a book I use as a general reference for obedience training "The Complete Handbook of Dog Training" by Thomas A. Knott and Dolores O. Cooper. I use "Hup! Training Flushing Spaniels the American Way" by James B. Spencer for field work and he also cover basic obedience. However, I rely on books about understanding dog behavior to really help me

communicate with my dogs. Books like "The Other End of the Leash" by Patricia B. McConnell, "The Intelligence of Dogs" by Stanley Coren, "Outwitting Dogs" by Terry Ryan and Kirsten Mortensen, and "How Dogs Learn" by Mary Burch and Jon S. Baily. I do not ascribe to any one method or philosophy but take bits and pieces of info from these books as well as instructors I have had to plan a program and method that works for the dog I am currently working with. I tend to use food and other motivational tools to teach a behavior but I also occasionally use mild correction for a dog who knows his job but chooses not to do it. I train for short periods with full engagement of both team members then takes a break. Once a dog gives me a great performance on a behavior I am working on, I quit and release them, I do not repeat over and over."

Librarians Note:

The following books (all used copies) will soon be in our library:

*The Complete Handbook of Dog Training*, by Thomas A. Knott and Dolores O. Cooper, 1994

*The Intelligence of Dogs*, by Stanley Coren, 2006

*Outwitting Dogs*, by Terry Ryan and Kirsten Mortensen, 2004

The following books are already in our library:

*The Other End of the Leash*, by Patricia B. McConnell, 2002

*How Dogs Learn*, by Mary Burch and Jon S. Baily, 1999

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.

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

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

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At the April meeting, Becky Robinson and Nancy Almann will discuss Dog Parkour. They will hold a dog parkour workshop in May for club members.

Dog parkour is a fun, challenging activity for dogs. Also known as urban agility or canine outdoor gymnastics, the sport involves teaching dogs a variety of skills, which are executed in increasing difficult ways. Handlers work with their dogs to teach them how to balance on, jump over, crawl under or pass between varied obstacles.

Success in dog parkour is about discipline and training, not about being a dog daredevil or taking chances. Safety is of the utmost importance. Dogs improve their conditioning and body awareness, and handlers become better trainers.

The sport is particularly helpful for fearful or worried dogs, who gain confidence and focus though learning the exercises. It's also a great option for people whose dogs are reactive in group settings. All dogs enjoy the sport, and it's fun for both dog and handler.

No special or expensive equipment is required. Teams use obstacles they find in their environments.

The International Dog Parkour Association and All Dogs Parkour both offering non-competitive titling options.



**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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