

# Ithaca Dog Training Club

Monthly Newsletter

March 2019

## March Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

**Date:** March 26, 2019

**Location:** Baker Institute

**Time:**

- Board meeting 6:30 pm
- General meeting 7:00 pm

**Program:** None



## Letter from the President:

Winter just keeps going on and the dogs keep shedding and growing their coats. Hope all is doing well. Last meeting as we did not have a program, we had very lively side conversations after the meeting. Thanks to Diana for the snacks to keep us going. I hope that as the weather improves we can start having some programs. Anyone want to organize something? I threw out a couple of ideas of having a picnic in June as well as July and Aug. I think we get more attendance and we seem to have fun when we get together. Another suggestion is a sale of your unneeded items that is someone else's treasure. I personally have stocked up on lots of dumbbells for some reason. Would you like to do a sale in August/Sept? Anyone like to take over doing programs?

### Dates to keep in mind ----

Another great CPE trial is just around the corner April 6 and 7. These are posted on CPE web site. Reserve the dates, come, work at the trial, and learn about CPE.

Please sign up to help at the point show – Saturday March 30. Debbie Keith is IDTC show chair and she always can use help. If you do not know anything about obedience or rally shows what a great chance to learn. Helping is an education in itself. New building is going to be used at the Fairgrounds.

Talking about positions, there still a number of vacant positions. If you no longer want to do something as you are listed, please let me know. Otherwise I am listing you as is until you tell me otherwise.

*Keep warm and hug those pups!*

**2018 Officers** (updated 3/4/2019)

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**2018 Training Committee (note changes in bylaws)**

Training Director Marian Szebenyi, Training Director (to 3/20): dms35@cornell.edu/564-7230

Second part of Two-year Term:

Jean Bonasera (2/17-3/19-2 yrs.) ausabledogs@yahoo.com  
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Two-year term:

Member: Anne Williams (2/18-3/20- 2 yrs.) no e-mail 607-277-7219  
 Member: Deb Bain (2/18-3/20- 2 yrs.) dab14@cornell.edu

One-year term:

Member: Lynne Wilks (2/18-3/19-1yr.) witz52@hotmail.com  
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**2018 Board Members**

Tammy Osmeloski (5/18 to 5/20) TTIA607@gmail.com  
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**Misc. Committees**

A.T.T.S. Lynne Anguish & Tom Szebenyi 564-7230 CPE

Agility Trials 2019– committee members pending

March 2-3, 2019 (5 runs a day)

Tammy Osmeloski (chair)  
 Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

April 6-7, 2019 (4-5 runs a day)

Tammy Osmeloski (chair)  
 Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

June 15-16, 2019

Marian Szebenyi (chair)  
 Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

August 31—Sept 1, 2019 (5 runs a day)

Tammy Osmeloski (chair)  
 Kathy Hildreth (secretary)

Nov. 29—Dec 1 (3 days)

Debbie Keithe (chair) debbiek@rom27.com  
 Suzanne Etherington (secretary)  
 etherington1@juno.com

CU/Pavilion Coordinator: Deb Watrous dwatrous22@gmail.com

Class Materials Coordinator: Jean Bonasera ausabledogs@yahoo.com

Equipment Maintenance: **Vacant**

Equipment Sales/collar fitting: Kathy Hughes  
 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  
 Advanced: Eva Stilwell emb38@cornell.edu  
 CGC: Hannah Robinson hannahL6@yahoo.com  
 2019 ACT Test: Pending - **Vacant**

Historian: Lucille Straub lucillestraub@me.com

Holiday Party 2019 Brenda Finnicum dogweaver@frontier.com

IDTC Yahoo list serve: Linda Pacioretty lp@bionxs.com

Interclub: Deb Bain dab14@cornell.edu /347-6518

Judges Selection: Deb Bain dab14@cornell.edu /347-6518

Library: Marguerite Hart meh120000@gmail.com

Match Show Chair: **Vacant**

Membership Steward: Susan Beals 607-423-5576

Newsletter editor: Alison Stout aek68@cornell.edu

Newsletter copying/mailling: Deb Bain

Paws for Thought Coordinator: Tammy Osmeloski

Point Show Spring 2019: Debbie Keith

Point Show Fall 2019: Shirley Kielmann (chair) mskiel-

mann@yahoo.com/607-229-9495; Jean Bonasera (co-chair)

Photographer: **Vacant**

Programs: **Vacant**

Public Information: Betsy Root 387-7082

loveapoodle@yahoo.com

Registrar:

Beginners: Marian Szebenyi

Advance: Judy Roberts winddance@zoom-dsl.com

Agility: Instructor registering their own classes

Nosework: Instructors registering their own classes

Refreshments:

Meetings: Diana Travis

Beg Graduations: Diana Travis

Advance Graduations: Diana Travis/instructor if off site

Sunshine: Deb Bain & Pat Welch

T-shirt coordinator: Sue Yanoff

Trophies Ribbons & end of year awards: Betty Baldwin

Web Pages:

General: Marian Szebenyi

Facebook & Listerve updates: Linda Pacioretty lp@bionxs.com

Welcoming Chair: Abby Christman

## February Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 2

General meeting 7pm, Baker Institute

29 members attending

Corrections of last meetings minutes: None

Committees that have been formed:

Nominating committee:

Steve – Board and Chair

Committee – Deb Bain, Jan Estes, Katie Barnaby, Debbie Keith

Alternatives: Susan Morse and Kathy Hildreth

Life membership committee:

Kathy Hildreth-- chair

Anne Williams, Marg, Deb Bain, Suzanne



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Member exemptions from meeting attendance:

Lauren Niedlbalec primary job is at meeting time and would like to be an active member – Executive decision – Yes

Betsy Root can't drive at night, but still volunteers, etc—yes

Volunteer positions:

Equipment manager: NEED A VOLUNTEER To organize and manage agility and obedience equipment under bleachers

If you don't want to continue in a position, need to let the president know to remove you from list

CPE policy:

The board is still working on CPE policy, will be discussing next month

Treasurer:

Ended 2018 with

Savings \$16,692.60

Checking \$21,410.22

CD1 \$10,601.98

CD2 \$6,570.55

This year: not much activity yet

Minutes continued on next page

**Training Committee:**

Winter classes going, some are being cancelled due to weather. Have added some classes in different places to make up time. Marian is staying on top of things. Spring classes are almost set, still looking for one more assistant, but in good shape. March 11-22 for sign up for advanced classes, beginner classes can sign up any time.

Kathleen Oswald teaching 3 agility seminars 2 Sundays in October and 1 in November. 2 weeks only open to IDTC, if still spots, will open to public.

Will be some kind of tracking seminar – late spring / early summer, need to check on weather/fields before can plan

**Spring Point Show:**

Debbie Keith needs a few more volunteers. Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Email her if available to volunteer.

**CPE:**

The March trial is just about full 370 and 340, about \$9000 in entries.

CPE will be offering rally and nosework. Might be an option for club to offer trials going forward if there is interest.

**Library committee:**

Brought books, got some new books, and agility DVDs. Expanded budget a little, have some great new things. Thanks for bringing things to events.

**Membership status:**

Susan Beals has compiled list, will be on the website soon if you need to check.

**New business:**

Donations: Deb Bain would like to donate to a blood bank program—donate to military and service dogs. Get blood from greyhounds washed out on track and then adopt out the dogs. HemoPet. Donate \$500, seconded, voted – Yes.

**Old business/ Policies:****Were in newsletter:**

Revamping of teaching certificates—as reads in newsletter. Voted Yes. Will update policy.

Tax status: voted yes to add.

Executive Decision: voted yes to add.

Meeting clarification: approved.

Discussed some issues with the livestock pavilion and recent classes. They will be looked into. Deb Watrous is the pavilion liaison and should be informed of any problems when they happen

**Meeting times:**

Some members who don't like to come out at night, so there has been a suggestion for maybe adding a June picnic—Susan Morse's house, Six Mile Creek winery, Hopshire, Myers park (can't go earlier than 6 bc of parking), Stewart Park, etc (Can get insurance rider for locations if having a CGC or other dog activity.)

Email sm32@cornell.edu with months/meeting location suggestions

Adjourned.

## **IDTC is excited to host FCI medalist & AKC World Team Member: Kathleen Oswald**

### **Dates:**

- October 6 (8am-12pm): Building distance basics
- October 6 (1pm-5pm): Foundations I
- October 13 (8am-12pm): Crosses: WWW
- October 13 (1pm-5pm): Stuck contacts
- November 17 (8am-12pm): Start strong
- November 17 (1pm-5pm): Foundation 2

(\*Topics subject to change)

**Location:** Paws for Thought Farm

**Registration:** TBA

### **Associated costs:**

- Active member working spot: \$60
- Inactive member working spot: \$110
- Audit \$20



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Save all the dates—topics are subject to change depending on Kathleen's needs.

See below for workshop descriptions. The survey of most desired topics may be reopened prior to registration just to be sure these are still the topics everyone wants.

### **Workshop descriptions:**

#### **Foundations Workshop: Flatwork**

The foundation of handling in agility begins with flatwork; a training tool that allows us to teach our dogs how to read our body language and cues before stepping on course! This seminar will use only wings and tunnels to cover the basics of agility handling: distance, follow the hand skills, front crosses and rear crosses. Perfect for puppies or new handlers that want to start their agility journey on the right foot! Half day 4 Hours, 8 max. \*Puppies (3 months plus – young dogs)

#### **Foundations Workshop: Level 2**

Building an agility foundation is an ongoing project; we want our dogs to have a clear idea of hand signals, body language and verbal commands before we introduce them to equipment. This workshop broadens your dog's understanding of verbal commands, distance cues and crosses. Using just wings and tunnels, this seminar is perfect for handlers with puppies and young dogs looking to strengthen their foundation skills. Half day 4 Hours, 8 max. \*Puppies (6 months plus – young dogs)

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### Stuck Contacts: Foundation Workshop

Are you envious of those handlers that can leave their dogs on a contact and be ready to handle the next part of that difficult sequence? Contact independence is an essential skill that can result in better course times and better handling options. Using planks, wings and tunnels Kathleen will walk you through her foundation program for teaching solid stuck contacts. Perfect for those looking to re-train their contact behavior or introduce a young dog to contact training. \*Puppies (6 months plus – young dogs)

### Building Distance Basics

Don't get ahead of yourself; distance skills are all about having a solid foundation. Join Kathleen to learn how and when to get ahead of and away from your dog with ease! In this seminar we will be focusing on understanding how to build and apply distance handling. With small drills and short sequences, Kathleen will explain how to effectively train and use distance on a variety of obstacles and challenges. Half day 4 hours, max 8. \*1 year and up, some sequencing skills required

### Start Strong- Lead Out Workshop

Ever wondered how to set the best line from the very start of the course, or feel unsure about where to even begin your handling plan? Lead outs are one of the most valuable tools you can use to start a course off right, and they open up so many possibilities for your handling. But first, you need to know how to use lead outs effectively. Using games and short sequences, Kathleen will help you strengthen your start line stay, set better lines, get more distance and master a variety of lead out challenges. Half day 4 hours, max 10. \*Novice and up, sequences stay between 4-5 obstacles.

### Crosses: Where, when and why?

Looking to understand crosses better than ever? This half day seminar will teach you the placement, execution and reasoning behind front crosses, rear crosses and blind crosses. Using visual aids, discussions and short sequences, Kathleen will give you the tools you need to apply crosses on every course you encounter. Half day 4 hours, max 8, or Full day 8 hours, max 10. \*Novice and up, sequences stay between 5-8 obstacles.

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### About Kathleen:

With seventeen years in dog agility, Kathleen has run dogs of all shapes, sizes and personalities. She believes that every team is capable of reaching their full potential. With emphasis on understanding in her teaching, Kathleen will help you see that the 'why' is just as, if not more, important than the 'how' of training and handling.

Kathleen began agility with a Lhasa and has since run a variety of breeds from a Norfolk terrier to a Doberman pinscher. She is a current AKC World Team Member with her sheltie, Whimzy, and has a young border collie in training. Kathleen is currently a graduate student at Ithaca College earning her Master's of Science specializing in Sports Psychology.. If you'd like to know more about Kathleen check out Agility and Beyond Online: <http://agilityandbeyond.com/>

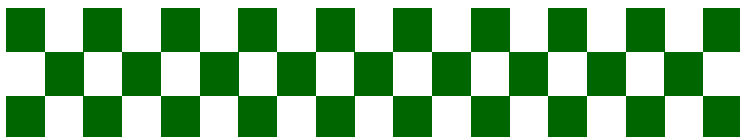


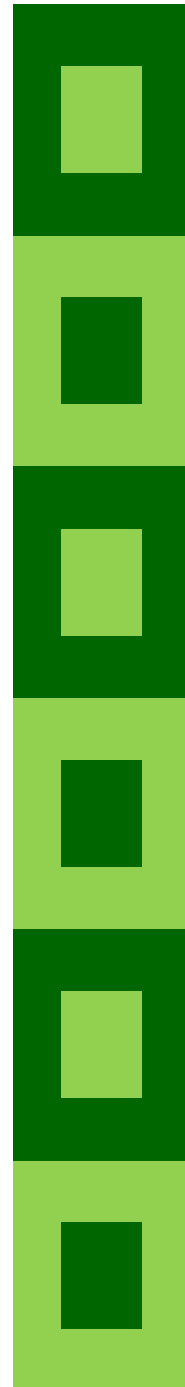
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# Brag!

From Kathy Hildreth—

Magic completed his CPE Agility C-ATCH 5 on Dec 2nd at the IDTC trial at PFTF. Magic got "1st place"



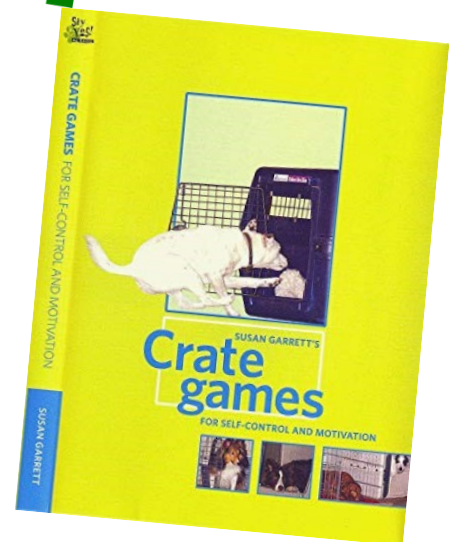
### From Dawn Sedorus —

The Iroquois GSD Club is looking for a few people to steward at our May all breed obedience and rally trials. We will have 2 obedience and 2 rally trials on May 10, 2019. **We will pay** you to spend the day with us and help us out. We will train you if you don't know how to steward. It's a great way to learn the ins and outs of the ring. If you are interested please send me an email at [Iroquoisgdc@gmail.com](mailto:Iroquoisgdc@gmail.com). Thanks!



### From the Library Committee—

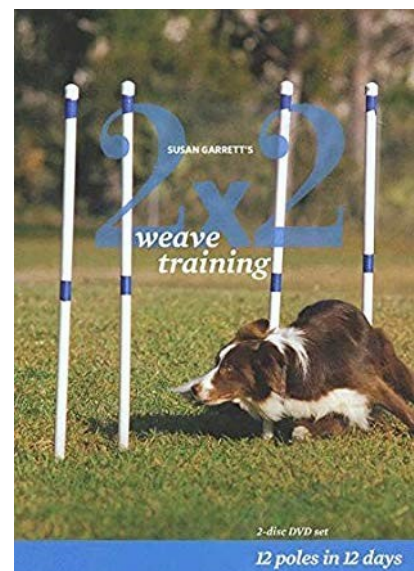
Kathy Hildreth has been a longtime IDTC member and has trained and competed in Agility for 18 years. She started training dogs in Agility with a black Field Labrador (an SPCA failed foster), then went on to train four Shelties, and is now training a young Border Collie. Her Sheltie, Magic, has been the most successful of her dogs in achieving numerous awards including an AKC MACH, a CPE C-ATE, a Masters title in USDAA and a Champion title in UKI to name a few. Kathy says " There is just something about Agility that makes it thrilling and fun. I've learned being consistent and calm, and being your dogs best partner is the best handling "system" of all. Train the dog in front of you, love the dog in front of you."



Kathy recommends the following Agility DVDs:

- Susan Garrett's *2 x 2 Weave Training: 12 Poles in 12 Days*, 2008 (now in our library, and Kathy and I both agree - ignore the 12 days - it takes longer than that!)
- Susan Garrett's *Crate Games: For Self Control and Motivation*, 2007 (now in our library)
- Susan Garrett's *Success with One Jump*, 2006

**Happy Reading and DVD  
Watching!**



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