

Ithaca Dog Training Club

Monthly Newsletter

March 2020

April 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:

We are all in a state of emergency. I am working from home which I find challenging as I have no printer or scanner plus a lap top with a small keyboard. I know I am better off then some that have no job or income during this time. Be extra kind to those who are going without.

We will have to take this situation a day at a time. Pending is the meeting in May and possible pending our June CPE Agility trial. We will have to see the state that we are in closer to that time. Our current board will continue to guide our activities until we can meet.

Thanks to Tammy and Kathy for working hard to cancel the April CPE trial and getting almost all the funds back. Thanks to the Rady's as well to defer the deposit to another event. We really didn't loose much for this event. Susan Morse

General Meeting

March meeting was cancelled. No minutes.



From the Library Committee—

This month I asked Ray Cory about his training background and what he recommends in the way of training, and this is what he said:

"The first class that I took was around 1972 with IDTC. For the next twenty some years I would take classes with IDTC, whenever I acquired a new dog. I would take 2 or 3 sessions with them just to have a well-mannered family pet. These dogs were all Brittanies. When my wife, Liz, and I got our first Toller (Darwin), in 1999, I started more formal training and we started competing. Liz was doing the obedience training & competing and I started retriever training and competing. Tollers were not accepted by AKC yet, so our venues to compete were limited. The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club of the USA had its own competitive obedience program, which followed the AKC program. The Toller Club had and still has its own field competition program. It is the Working Certificate program. There are three levels: Working Certificate (WC), the Working Certificate Intermediate (WCI) and Working Certificate Excellent (WCX). There is also an instinct test, called the Basic Retrieving Test (BRT), which is not a title. Tollers could also compete in North American Hunting Retriever Association (NAHRA) hunt tests. Liz and Darwin earned a club CD. After Tollers were accepted by AKC, in 2003, Liz and Darwin started competing in AKC and went on to earn their UD. Darwin and I earned a WC & WCI and a NAHRA Started Retriever title. We went on to earn the AKC Junior Hunter (JH) title. Darwin was the third Toller to earn the JH. Liz and I were both hooked on dog training and competing. We had to get our second Toller in 2002, after we started fighting over who got Darwin for that weekend's competition. This is when I started my competitive obedience training. Our second Toller was Epic. Epic and I earned several titles together in several venues. We earned our CDX, JH, AX, AXJ, CH and Liz and Epic earned a RA in AKC. Epic and I also earned a CD, a JH and a CH in CKC. Our field titles also included: the Toller club's WC, WCI and WCX, as well as the NAHRA Started Retriever title. Currently I have another Toller, Peak, that I'm training and competing in field (both retriever and upland tests), obedience and agility. Peak has earned a CD, JH, SHU (Senior Hunter Upland), NA, and a NAJ in AKC, Toller club WCX and NAHRA Hunting Retriever titles.

The Toller breed is the one that I have trained the most and the only one that I have competed with. I have also done basic obedience and hunt training with Brittanies. I am currently field training a Boykin Spaniel, for a friend, and of course my Toller. My favorite breeds are Tollers and Brittanies. They are very similar in many ways, size, temperament (they both like to please, they like to work and they are good natured). I switched from Brittanies to Tollers, because I started hunting ducks and geese and, I wanted a retriever. I decided on Tollers, because they were so similar to Brittanies.

I have trained and competed in obedience, agility and field, with field being my favorite. I also am a judge for the Toller Club Working Certificate tests. I have judged numerous tests, including three National Specialties. I enjoy rewarding people and their dogs for their hard work

and dedication. I enjoy guiding and encouraging folks with their training. I also find introducing people to the sport very rewarding.

When it comes to training, in any venue, I feel that the best way to get started is to find a club to train with. You can form a smaller group to train with on a regular basis too. I attend seminars as well. When training, remember to be patient, consistent and fair. Your dog should do what you want him to do, because he wants to, not because he has to. Just remember to have fun with your dog!

Seminars are a good way to learn to train your dog and there are several pro trainers in all venues. The pros will watch you handle your dog and critique you. This is a great way to learn. They have many different techniques and you should pick and choose which fit your style the best. You can learn something from anyone. An added feature of seminars is that most supply good outlines of their presentation. These can be very valuable.

Books and DVDs are also a good way to learn. Most of the books & DVDs that I use are by field trainers. Some of my favorite are: Carol Cassity's "Building A Retriever - Drills & More". Mike Lardy has a few good books, "Total Retriever Marking" book and DVD set is one of them. Tom Dokken has a couple, "Retriever Training" and "Advanced Retriever Training". James Spencer's "Training Retrievers for Marshes and Meadows" is another good one. As with seminars, pick bits and pieces from everything that you read or watch."

Librarian's note:

The book *Building A Retriever - Drills & More* by Carol Cassity will soon 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 with "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. You can contact me at idtclibrary@gmail.com with any requests and I'll figure out a way to get you anything you like from the library. The virus lives on hard surfaces like cardboard or plastic anywhere from 24 to 72 hours. You could always "quarantine" a book or DVD for a while once you get it.

[From the Nominating Committee](#)

President: Susan Morse

Vice President: Linda Centurelli

Secretary: Abby Christman

Treasurer: Pat Welch

Directors 2-year: Tammy Osmeloski, Steve Anderson

Directors 1-year: Martine Fold

Staying on the Board for one more year: Shirley Kielmann, Kathy Hildreth

Training Committee jobs as of March 2020

Training Committee 2020-21

Two-year term:

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

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

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

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

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

Note – There is no Training Director for 20-21 – Jobs will be distributed as noted below.

The following Training Committee members will be performing these tasks. If you have any questions, please contact them directly.

Done by the full Committee at Training Committee meetings:

- Decide on classes for each session, and suggest instructors
 - Standard beginner-level obedience (Beg I, Beg II, Puppy)
 - Intermediate obedience (CGC, Rally, etc.)
 - Agility
 - Other, e.g. advanced Obedience, Nosework
- Plan seminars, workshops, etc. Put someone in charge of the event – often this is the person that suggested it.
- Observe classes – **Rotate among members**

Contact **Lynne** if you need something for the committee to discuss and she will add it to the agenda.

Normally done by Training Director

- Call meetings of TC, and run meetings - **Lynne**
- Contact person on the web - **Marian**
- Schedule classes – work through appropriate person for the venue: Deb Watrous for the Pavilion (she contacts Animal Science); Tammy Osmeloski for PFTF; someone at 4-H for 4-H Acres; private individuals for their property – **Deb and Anne**
- Recruit instructors for classes; other TC members may assist – **Jean coordinator and team**
- Cancel classes when necessary due to weather or some unexpected event - **Lynne**
- Prepare and distribute thank-yous and free-class certificates to instructors - **Deb**
- Maintain list of active instructors and assistants - **Deb**
- Attend board meetings and report at general meeting workings of TC - **Lynne**
- Oversee the keys to access building/cage - **Diana**

Can be delegated to Training Committee membership

- Keep a supply of documents in filing cabinets in Pavilion - **Diana**
 - Class handouts
 - AKC forms for CGC, STAR Puppy (brochures, test forms)
- Evaluate people for entry into non-beginner classes - **Anne**
- Recruit people to evaluate graduating classes, when needed - **Betty**
- Provide name tags for instructors and assistants - **Betty**

Non-TC jobs with which TC/TD must coordinate

- Webmaster, to get class information posted - **Marian**
- Registrars – Beginners – **Marian**, Advance **Judy Roberts**, Special classes - **Instructor**
 - Keep aware of when classes are filled; may need to add extras - **Jean**
 - Cancel classes with too few people signed up - **Jean**
- Equipment people - **Betty**
 - Collars, etc.- Equipment night - coordinate
 - Obedience and Agility equipment if a problem or need
- Graduation workers - **Diana**
 - Refreshments (Diana Travis)
 - Setup (Lynne Wilks, others)
 - Forms (Eva Stilwell)
 - CGC (Hannah Robinson)



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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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