



Next Meeting :November 22, 2016

Livestock Pavilion

Board Meeting: 6:00PM

Program: Rue Chagoll and Lisa Mitchell-Open/Utility and Beyond

General Meeting: To follow Program/Voting on Proposed Constitution Changes

Presidents Message

As our newsletter editor has resigned, this will be our printed communication for the time being.

BOO!!! I hope everyone had a Happy Halloween!

This month the members of IDTC in conjunction with Finger Lakes Kennel Club put on their first AKC Tracking Test. It appears it was a HUGE success!

The Constitution Committee has finished work on their proposed changes and we will vote on them at the November Meeting. All the changes are published in this newsletter. Please read them and if you have concerns, you should come to the November meeting where we will be voting on this new updated version of our Constitution.

Also included in this newsletter are the Awards Banquet Forms to fill out to go to Betty Baldwin and the Information for the **HOLIDAY PARTY!!!** Don't forget to sign up.

General Meeting Minutes

IDTC General Meeting Minutes October 25, 2016 @ 7:05 pm Baker Institute

22 IDTC members present.

The minutes, as published in the October newsletter were accepted.

Report from the Board: The Board had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: Tammy Osmeloski had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Mitchell reported that CD # 2 (\$6,419.08) matured on 10/25/2016. The Board has 10 days to decide whether to let it roll over or invest it elsewhere. The club has \$16,661.65 in checking, \$16927.22 in savings, CD #1 \$10,376.50, CD #2 \$6419.08. The Board is planning to hire Insero & Co. (formally Ciaschi & Co.) to do either a financial compilation or review (which ever will best suit the clubs needs) of the clubs finances.

Committees

Training Committee Report: Marian Szebenyi reported that the club held a CGC test and all 5 participating dogs passed. There will be a short 4 week mini-session starting Nov. 8&9. Sign up for the classes has already closed.

The training committee needs instructors to teach classes for the winter session, which begins the first week of January. Instructors are needed for all classes except for the Beginner 2 class. The training committee is also looking for input from members as to what classes they would like to see offered. Please contact Marian at dms35@cornell.edu if you can help.

Interclub: Sue Yanoff reported that the annual Interclub match went well for the IDTC team with a 2nd place finish. Congratulations to all who participated.

Tracking Test: Susan Morse reported that the tracking test hosted by the IDTC and FLKC on October 23rd. went very well despite the weather. 9 dogs were entered and 4 passed. It is hoped that a future seminar maybe arranged with the judges from the tracking test.

Christmas Party: Susan Morse announced that the club's annual Christmas Party will be Dec. 11 from 11 am-2:30 pm at the Ramada. The cost is \$15.50 per person. Instructors and assistant instructors are invited to the Christmas Party for free. A notice with details will be published in the newsletter and posted to the email list. Susan Morse and Brenda Finnicum are in charge of arranging the party.

ACT Agility: Susan Morse reported that plans are all set for the ACT test on March 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Paws For Thought Farm. The event is open to IDTC members only and is limited to 30 runs. It will offer runs in both ACT1 and ACT2. ACT is open to dogs that don't have an AKC agility title. Dogs don't have to be registered with the AKC to participate and can jump any height. Susan can answer most questions concerning ACT, additional information on ACT can be found at: <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/act-program/>

Pet Expo: Marian Szebenyi reported that the Pet Expo at the mall on Oct. 15th went well. It is a good way to introduce the public to the IDTC and what we do

Agility Trial Committee: Tammy Osmeloski reported that all 4 of the IDTC trials for 2017 have been approved by CPE. The contracts have been signed with Paws For Thought Farm to reserve the dates April 8&9, June 17&18, Sept. 2&3 and Dec. 2&3 for the trials. Each of the trials will have its own theme and contest. The April trial will have a Hat theme, the June trial a Flower Power theme, Sept. trial a Football theme and the Dec. trial will have a Christmas theme.

The club is still looking for someone to fill the CGC coordinator position. A member is also needed to take over the running of the club library as Tammy Osmeloski is no longer interested in doing it. Anyone interested in these positions please contact Lisa Mitchell at, lmm13@cornell.edu

The next IDTC Meeting will be at the Livestock Pavilion November 22nd. Lisa Mitchell and Rue Chagoll will be reporting on their recent seminar. We will also be discussing the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL IDTC HOLIDAY PARTY and AWARDS

Your hostesses for this event are Brenda Finnicum and Susan Morse. Please direct any questions to them except for awards. Award questions are to be directed to Betty Baldwin. This year we are doing a few different things so read on----

*** When: Dec. 11th --- 11am to 2:30 pm

*** Where: Triphammer Ramada

*** Cost: \$15.50/person. If you instructed or assisted in 2016 your dinner is free. However you will need to make a reservation so we have a head count.

Details: Reservations due by: DECEMBER 1, 2016 - Send Payment (check made out to IDTC) and/or reservations to:

Brenda Finnicum 395 Sheldon Road Freeville NY 13068 OR

Susan Morse 7 Sunset West Circle Ithaca NY 14850

Activities:

1. Annual Awards Ceremony – Betty Baldwin
2. Raffle (Donate baskets from members)
3. The “infamous” Gift exchange
4. Donations to Pet the Pet – This is a local group that is run by Nancy Given, a long time IDTC club member, that has done therapy visits for over 20 years.

Please Bring:

1. If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle, please contact: Brenda or Susan
2. Please bring a wrapped gift (limit \$15) for gift exchange.
3. Please bring a donation gift for Pet the Pet. The following items would be appreciated: Lots of paper towel, can food, treats of all sorts, nylabones – any size (dogs are 7 to 120 lbs.) and towels.
4. Don't forget to submit your awards form to Betty Baldwin. She cannot include you in this activity if she doesn't know about it. So get your forms in early!

2016 ANNUAL AWARDS
OBEDIENCE / PERFORMANCE TITLES EARNED BY IDTC MEMBERS

Each IDTC member that earned a title in 2016 will be recognized at the Annual Holiday Party with a certificate recognizing that achievement and will be able to choose an IDTC trinket – one for each dog.

About the Owner / Handler: *Name: _____
Email Address and/or phone number (in case additional information is needed): _____

About the Dog: Call Name: _____
Registered Name (if you'd like it on the certificate): _____
*Breed: _____
Date of Birth: _____

About the Title(s):
*Titling Organization (AKC, CKC, CPE, ASCA, AMBOR, etc.): _____
*Title (s): _____
Scores obtained in earning title: _____
Other special achievements worthy of note (HIT's, class placements, etc): _____

*Required information (It is not necessary to use the form or to fill out a form for each title as long as the information is clear).

Special Awards

Please read the list below and if you qualify for any of the special awards (e.g. junior or senior handler, IDTC puppy graduate, and especially Novice A (vs Novice B) for CD and Open A (vs Open B)), please be sure the pertinent information is included. For the Kiss award, please indicate qualifying non-agility title.

Anke Award: senior dog (≥ 6 years old) with 3 Highest Scores (HS) earning a First CD

Bonnie Jean Memorial Award: senior handler (≥ 65 years old) with 3 HS in AKC Open A or Utility A Obedience

Carol Matyas Award: junior handler (age 6-18) with 3 HS in AKC Novice A Obedience

Dusty Award: 3 HS in AKC Novice A Obedience

Frosty Award: 3 HS in AKC Open A Obedience

****Kiss MACH and Performance Award:** any dog earning a MACH that also has title(s) in performance event(s) (obedience, rally, herding, hunting, etc.)

****MACH Magic Agility Award:** any dog earning a high level championship (MACH, CATE, ADCH, etc.) earned by IDTC beginning agility graduate

Marie Reed Award: 3 HS in AKC Regular Obedience Classes (tie goes to the HS while earning a title)

Rosy Ann Memorial Award: 3 HS while earning a CKC title

Skookie Memorial Plaque: 3 HS in earning a First club or AKC CD (i.e. from Novice A) by a graduate of the IDTC Puppy Class (S.T.A.R.)

**Introduced in 2014

Memorials to Dogs Lost in 2016 (to be included in Holiday Party booklet)

If you have a dog that you would like to honor, please include any or all of the following:

Your Name: _____
Dog's Name: _____
Titles: _____
Breed: _____
Date of Birth / Date of Death (or age): _____

Please attach any narrative tribute you would like for the dog.

Please send information to Betty Baldwin before November 24, 2016 (Thanksgiving). Even if you previously submitted information for newsletter brags, etc., please send it to me so that it doesn't get missed!

Information can be sent by email to bhb5@cornell.edu

or by snail mail to 590 Asbury Rd
Freeville, NY 13068

CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE – FINAL REPORT to IDTC MEMBERS

Presented by Committee Members: Lynne Anguish, Tammy Osmeloski, Marg Pough, Deb Bain, Rue Chagoll (chair).
To be published in November 2016 newsletter.

We are pleased to propose revisions to the IDTC Constitution and ByLaws, as presented at the October meeting and included with the November newsletter.

Beginning in August we met four times, first reviewing our own thoughts and subsequently the input from 7 other members. We agreed early on that no revision would be proposed without 100% concurrence of committee members; put another way, everything in the revision draft is supported by each and every one of us.

Many of the key items we considered were decided to be policy and procedure issues and not material for the Constitution & ByLaws, as was the case with a good portion of the suggestions put forth by other members. However these, we and other members believe, are pertinent and deserve near term consideration by the Board of Directors and follow below:

COMMENTS & ADVICE to the IDTC BOARD of DIRECTORS

- Constitution stipulates an annual property inventory and report at annual meeting. This needs to be re-initiated. Suggest assigning to one Board member.
- Policies and Procedures: Need to be documented and accessible to all members in a single location. Recommend member section of website. Draft constitution mandates publication and regular updating of a Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Duration of active status needs to be clarified, documented for new members.
- Initiation Policy: Needs to be clarified, documented, for new members.
- Money Collected: Procedure should be established requiring sufficient documentation be provided to treasurer, so income may be properly attributed.
- Annual Financial Review, as mandated by Constitution, has not occurred for last 5 years. President and Board need to assure this never happens again.
- Compensation for Instructors: Professional consultation should be sought to understand legal requirements and tax implications, both for Club and instructors.
- Review dues for possible increase (compare to other clubs). Revisit life membership requirements.
- Working & Event Committees: Should be staffed only by members in good standing.
- Attendance Policy: Mandatory attendance minimum recommended for Board and Training Committee members, with recourse for replacement if not met.
- Email Discussion List: There needs to be a code of conduct with recourse for violation.
- Board members should be required to have individual (private) email accounts for conducting Board business.



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