

# Ithaca Dog Training Club

Monthly Newsletter

September 2020

## Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date: October 27, 2020

Time:

Board Meeting-6:30pm

General Meeting-7:00pm



**Place:** We have booked the Varna Community Center on route 366 in Varna for the Oct 27 and Nov 24 for our meetings. There is plenty of parking out back and in front as they share the building with Bell's Auto and they are closed when we meet. We will try this out and see how we like it and then go from there.

**Please note: Masks are required. Please practice social distance.**

### Letter from the President:

Thank you to all that came to the Sept meeting. We have been fortunate for three evenings to be rather nice for meetings. Fall is coming and we got a sample of the cooler weather at this meeting. We are pending where we will hold the Oct. meeting. This will be posted closer to the time. Please check your community centers, fire houses and others that we can host the meeting from 6:30 to 8 pm for 15-20 max 30 people. Free would be nice. We will not plan to have programs at meeting times. Program Chair, Nancy will be organizing zoom programs on non-meeting nights of some Tuesdays. Nancy will be posting these on the list.

Thanks to all who are teaching at the 4-H acres. The board will be discussing donations next month including one to the 4-H. If you have suggestions for the board, please contact one of the board members.

For meetings we ideally would like to do it in person but as the proposal did pass, we could do them in zoom. Cancellation is also a possibility due to COVID or lack of topics. All stay safe and hug those pups.  
- Susan

The following is a proposal to be put in the By-Laws. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

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## September Meeting Minutes:

IDTC General Meeting – Sept 22, 2020 – 7 pm, 12 members present

Minutes of the last meeting : OK

Report of the Board

- 1) Still many vacancies that would be nice to fill – please check your newsletter
- 2) No formal board meeting due to lack of number. Informal discussion only.

Report of Secretary -None

Report of Treasurer -Very little activity -Discussion about combining or putting CD's in mutual funds but these are not safe. Rates are low everywhere and CD's are safe or savings accounts. Pat will look into this more.

Report of Committees

- 1) Training Committee 2020 – Update plans for the fall/winter – Big Thank you for Fall classes Marian said classes are going ok and that they have to sign a waiver every night. Still need to figure out a donation amount to 4-H.
- 2) CPE trials As far as we know everything is on for the CPE trial in Nov. Linda is passing things to Suzanne in the next day or two. Remind they need to get plastic gloves, wipes etc. Also need to get a grabber.
- 3) Spring Point show chair 2021 – Debbie Keith – No updates/report
- 4) Fall Point show chair 2021- Shirley Kielman. Jean as co-chair. No updates/report

- 5) Agility League – Discussion around masks. There are many rules we will need to follow. First NYS, then if we are hosting CPE, CPE rules and of course PFTF rules. Agility League falls under NYS/PFTF. Everyone must sign PFTF rules and follow them. A face mask but be used entering the building and in the building. Social distance must be maintained. Dogs can be crated in the building with mats under the crate. No crate rentals-bring your own. Bring your own chair too! This could change but this is the route so far. Details will be published, and forms provided when sign-up material is available. In addition, Tammy will have on hand plastic gloves and wipes. She will oversee bathroom clean up and also wipe down ring equipment.
- 6) Activity – Any Activity we do we follow the locations rules as well as NYS. These rules maybe more restrictive at some places – I.E. 4-H signing a waiver. Instructors or activity leaders are to make sure they follow the rules and have plastic gloves and wipes available.

Unfinished business:

Members are to vote on:

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This passed and will be added into By-Laws.

New business:

Programs Pending – March Dr. Dewey –Parkour by Nancy Almann Nancy wants to host zoom programs for IDTC. This is great and will ask her to do this on Tuesday nights that are not meeting nights. She can send it on the list serve.

Adjourned.



From the Library Committee—

This month I asked Debbie Bell about her training background and what she recommends in the way of training and here is what she wrote:

"Believe it or not, my dog training experience began around 1980 with the Ithaca Dog Training Club and my first "personal" dog after getting my own apartment. I foolishly adopted a semi-feral little terrier mix whom I named Fuzzy. He escaped the house at any opportunity for life on the wild side and was one of those that repeated beginner and advanced beginner class repeatedly. My first purebred was a Cairn Terrier named Sparky. I earned my first AKC CD with him. He was a cute dog, but developed seizures around two years old that ended his career. Around that time, I also adopted a couple of Bearded Collies, Ewok and Fred Bearlie. Both turned out to have health and behavioral problems that ended thoughts of competition. I had them for about 10 years, teaching me loads about training and coated breeds. I also fostered a Rottweiler for about a year, eventually finding a good home when the owner never took him back.

In 1986, I purchased my first Rhodesian Ridgeback named Shades. I chose the breed after ruling out Rotties and Malinois. I wanted a medium-large breed I felt comfortable traveling with while alone. RRs were known for their ability to do a variety of work, short coat, intelligence, and independent personality. We proved a good match and I've enjoyed the breed ever since!

After Shades died unexpectedly, I eventually brought home a pup named Jomie. He was my first conformation champion, and one of the first Dual Champions in the breed. He earned titles in many events, leaving me with a genuine love of competition. He earned the prestigious RR Club of the US Versatility Certificate, won the national specialty Triathlon, and top ten honors in many events. He was best known for his amazing abilities in amateur oval and sprint racing. The perpetual RR trophies offered at both the NOTRA and LGRA national race meets are named in his honor. I've had many RRs since those early dogs (13 so far....), now living with Tavari (my first MACH, C-ATCH, and CDX dog), Marley (another rescue), and Gusmhar (just getting started!).

I learned a lot more than just dog care and training along the way. I've chaired multiple national specialty performance events, run coursing and racing events on my own, and even judged some conformation events including a RRCUS supported entry sweepstakes. Until allergies became an issue, I taught many large beginner obedience for IDTC and 4H. Jean Carman and I had so much fun, especially with our Halloween costume classes

Over time, I also fell in love with smooth-coated Salukis after meeting some at lure coursing and race meets, eventually obtaining first Naim, and later Kaelan. Salukis are a very independent lot - almost cat-like - but also very devoted to their chosen humans. I had hoped to find another top coursing dog in this breed, but found many Salukis are not that interested in plastic bags. Instead, we tried agility. Kaelan has finished in the top 5 Salukis in AKC for four years now. He is an AKC Champion. He has won high scoring obedience dog at the Saluki Club of America national Specialty. SCOA awarded him #1 obedience Saluki for 2019. I admit that I never saw that coming!

The talents of each of my dogs have led me to try many, many events under different sanctioning organizations. We have successfully competed in conformation, obedience, rally, agility, weight pull, lure coursing, amateur sprint and oval racing, barn hunt, and more. I especially enjoy events like the UKC Total Dog where we must win in conformation and qualify in a performance event on the same day, or the RRCUS national specialty triathlon where the dog earns points competing in conformation, obedience, and lure coursing. I have been very fortunate to be able to do so much with my dogs!

My advice to novice trainers is to realize that training is a journey and not a destination. Training in one event may give you and your dog skills you didn't know were missing, and that may lead to success in a completely different event. See what you and your dog enjoy and don't be afraid to try something new. Learn the rules and requirements so you have a chance at success. Seek advice not just from others with your breed(s), but also from people whose training style you admire. Modify as needed to make it work for your dog.

Training materials vary wildly for me, from books to videos to classes. There are probably as many ways to train as there are dogs because each is an individual. Remember that dogs are intelligent fellow beings and should be partners in your journey. What works best for one dog may not work at all for another...and of course, depends on the event you wish to try. I think the biggest challenge is to keep a picture of your goal clear in your mind, then find the best way to explain that to each individual dog. What you learn along the way may not work for that dog but might be the key for another you have yet to meet.

Challenge yourself to see how far you can go with each dog and in each venue. Try to do better over time, not by someone else's standards, but your own. When things don't go quite right, hold onto my favorite line from the movie Galaxy Quest: "Never give up! Never surrender!" Last, but not least, success also means that you don't forget to ensure that you and your dog are having fun."

#### **Librarian's Note:**

**First a huge belated thank you to Debra Ann Bain, Pat Welch and Brenda Finnicum for their donations of some excellent books to the IDTC Library!**

**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](mailto: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**

**Rhodesian Ridgeback**



NEW TITLE  
RALLY NOVICE B  
BEGINNER NOVICE B  
SYRACUSE OBEDIENCE  
TRAINING CLUB  
February 1, 2020  
Photo by Mary Walker

- Temperament: [Affectionate, Dignified, Even-Tempered](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 41 of 196
- Height: 25-27 inches (male), 24-26 inches (female)
- Weight: 85 pounds (male), 70 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: ~10 years
- Group: [Hound Group](#)



**2019-20** (updated 9/24/20)

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

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

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Member: Deb Bain (2/20-3/21- 1 yr.) [dab14@cornell.edu](mailto:dab14@cornell.edu)

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#### **Misc. Committees**

A.T.T.S. Lynne Anguish & Tom Szebenyi 564-7230 – Pending date

CPE Agility Trials 2020 – committee members pending

These trials are pending---

Nov 27 & 28 & 29 –Debbie Keith (chair) [debbiek@rom27.com](mailto:debbiek@rom27.com)

Suzanne Etherington (secretary) [blueheron490@gmail.com](mailto:blueheron490@gmail.com)

CPE Agility Trials 2021 – Pending-committee members pending

March 6 & 7 – Chair – Tammy Osmeloski- Sec Linda Centurelli

April 10 & 11 – Chair – Kathy Hildreth – 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](mailto:crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com)

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Equipment Maintenance – Agility only – Joe and Tammy Osmeloski

Equipment Maintenance – Other: **Vacant**

Equipment Sales/collar fitting: Kathy Hughes [kahughes1907@gmail.com](mailto:kahughes1907@gmail.com)/607-379-1907

Finance Committee – Anne Williams, Betty Baldwin, Pat Welch

FLKC Liaison: Marg Pough

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2019 ACT Test: Pending - **Vacant**

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**Note from the Trophy Chair:**

Fellow dog people,  
These past months have been trying times for all of us. Nevertheless, we've all continued to love and care for our dogs and a number of you have continued to engage in competitive activity, even though much might have been virtual.

As you know, the annual Holiday Party for 2020 has been cancelled (or at least postponed until next year). I would still like to collect information on titles our IDTC members earned before the shutdown, during the shutdown or might still earn before the end of 2020. The goal is to produce the annual booklet of statistics to be posted on the IDTC website or distributed as a hardcopy to those without access to the internet. I will also provide IDTC certificates to those who would like them.

The annual special awards would be presented at a future club meeting. The 10 awards are as follows:

*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.

*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.)

Finally, memorials to honor those special dogs that we lost this year would be included.

It's early now, but that gives you plenty of time to gather information. I would need final information by December 12, but would appreciate anything you can send me long before then.

Title information needed:

Your name, email address and/or phone number (in case I have questions).

Dog's call name, sex, breed, date of birth; include registered name if you'd like it on certificate.

Title(s) earned, including titling organization(s). Brief description of criteria met for earning title if it's an obscure title and/or organization would be appreciated.

Include scores if applicable, especially for consideration for special award.

Other special achievements worthy of note (HIT's, class placements, etc.):

Please let me know if you'd like a certificate.

Memorial information needed:

Your name, email address and/or phone number in case I have questions.

Dog's name, sex, breed, date of birth, date of death (or age).

Please attach any narrative tribute (including picture(s) by email) you would like for the dog.

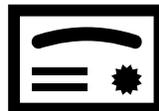
Please send information (or questions) to Betty Baldwin. Even if you previously submitted information for newsletter brags, etc., please send it to me so that it doesn't get missed!

Information can be sent by email to [bhb5@cornell.edu](mailto:bhb5@cornell.edu)

or by snail mail to 590 Asbury Rd

Freeville, NY 13068

THANK-YOU!





Minuet FDC, OA, OAJ, ACT2, THDD, CGCA TKN recently received the Distinguished Therapy Dog title from the American Kennel Club. Minu is a Cocker mix who came to me after a brave dog loving person rescued her off of a four-lane highway in Kentucky. Her love of life and all people, and children in particular has led us on a wonderful journey of bringing joy to countless audiences. Although her life with me has primarily been spent in skilled nursing facilities, she has also been an important helpmate at the MacCormick Secure Facility Canine Training Program. Her most favorite job, however, was when she was loaned to the Newfield Central School District where she served as a full-time therapy dog to the entire school system for several months. Minuet joins my two other Distinguished Therapy Dogs, Tinsel, a Great Pyrenees and Beatrice, an English Springer Spaniel who passed in late May.

**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 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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