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HOLIDAY PARTY!
Sunday 12/14/2014
11:00am-2:30pm
Ramada Ithaca

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Message from IDTC President

Another year is winding down—time to look back on accomplishments and to look forward to next year's challenges. For me, there's often considerable continuity since I rarely accomplish everything I hope to during a year. I've finally reached a stage in life where I don't find that frustrating but instead find it kind of encouraging—as long as I have goals I'll never be bored, right?

I hope to see you all at the Club holiday party where we can celebrate each other's accomplishments and have a good time eating and laughing! I also hope many of you will come to the Friday Night Agility League Kick Off Party to celebrate the ten year anniversary of the League with food and laughter (lots of laughter, believe me!).

We're members of the Ithaca Dog Training Club for various reasons—dog training (of course) and the camaraderie of like-minded folks—people who love their dogs and enjoy working with them. Come to the parties and celebrate the existence of our club and the companionship of your fellow members!

Happy Holidays to you all and here's to a great 2015!

Suzanne Etherington



As the Club Historian, Lucille is trying to collect pictures, programs, lists of participants at Club events—such as the Interclub matches—from any of the past 10-15 years. If anyone has such items plus newsletters and/or the holiday party programs, please contact me to arrange a pick up.

Please contact Lucille Straub with your hard copy items either by phoning:
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JANUARY MEETING
4th Tues of each Month!

Date: 1/27/2015
Location: Baker
Board: 6:00pm
General: to follow
VOTING NIGHT

DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS 1/6/2015

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Tammy Snyder (2/14-2/16) appointed

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Joe Cowan	(2/14-2/15)

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ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Active members get lower rates for classes and other events than inactive members. More importantly, they are what makes the Club work. When you join IDTC, you are considered an active member for the first year. After that, active membership is maintained by putting in a minimum of 10 hours per year doing things for the Club, such as assisting or instructing a class, helping out at events (e. g. being a steward at trials, providing refreshments for a graduation, making arrangements to bring in a seminar speaker, etc.), or serving on a committee such as the Training Committee. Active members are also expected to regularly attend the monthly Club meetings. Your active/inactive status for a year is determined by your participation during the previous year.

General Meeting Minutes

IDTC General meeting Minutes

November 25, 2014

Submitted by: Hannah Robinson, Secretary

Secretary's Report: A brief meeting beginning at 7:43 pm approved the minutes of the October 28th meeting as read without changes.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance as of November 25th was \$18,217.40 and Savings totaled \$16,637.45. The two CD's together are \$16,187.71.

Training Committee: Still looking for instructors and assistants for Puppy class, assistants for Beginner 1, Beginner Novice. If it is to be a "STAR" puppy, the curriculum must contain certain elements, and the tester needs to be certified but the instructor does not need to be certified.

At present Marg Pough will teach Beginner Novice beginning Tuesday, January 6th at 6 pm, Sharon Garland will teach "Date Night With Your Dog" at 8 pm. Space is available at 7 pm for anyone interested in teaching another advanced class.

On Wednesdays, beginning January 7th, Bill Hansen will be teaching Beginner I and Betty Baldwin, assisted by Janet Hansen will be teaching Beginner II. On Fridays, Agility 1 begins on January 2nd at 6 pm, or an Open Agility practice, if Agility 1 does not fill. Agility League will begin at 7:15.

Old Business: New membership form not yet completed.

The Website committee needs to review the site to make it easier to navigate, especially for non-members trying to find classes and forms. Marian put it together originally, and is happy to modify it in whatever way people find logical. Chris O'Brien will also be consulted, as she does this in her work.

Christmas Party: Joe still needs to hear from members who will be using their teaching/assisting credit for the Banquet Fee. The Ramada requires forty people in order to reserve a room all to ourselves. Joe needs volunteers to run the raffles at the Banquet.

Please also send in your accomplishments to Betty Baldwin for year-end awards.

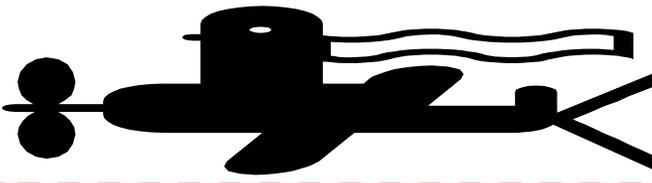
Joe and Tammy remind those who are interested in joining the Agility League that the courses are not very difficult – ranging between Novice and Open, though there are challenges for all levels. Dogs do need to be able to jump their regular height, and do six weaves.

New Business: Need to find two additional members for the Nominating Committee for January Elections. Kathy Hildreth, and Margie Peech from the Board have volunteered. Joe Osmeloski volunteered during the meeting, so we only need one more from the General Membership.

Pat Welch is looking for a volunteer for the Spring Point Show Chairman. The Spring Show this year will only be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26th, 27th and 28th (Finger Lakes Show Day) in the Science and Technology Building, directly across the courtyard from the Toyota Building. Since they are not including Agility in the Spring Show, the show doesn't need all the space in the Center of Progress Building. The Science and Technology building has been recently refurbished, and will accommodate three rings and three judges for Obedience and Rally.

CPE Trial: The Trial application and Club membership fees have been submitted to CPE, and Mallorie took pictures of the Field in Lansing for reference. The facility includes rest rooms and a snack bar, and the contract was signed last July. Mike Willis from Kansas City, MO is the judge. The Committee anticipates holding the 2016 CPE Trial at Paws for Thought, if all goes well with their construction program next year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Training Committee

Winter Classes:

The IDTC training committee is looking for the following instructors for the winter classes (starting in January):

- ⇒ Tuesdays 7:15 Someone willing to teach a rally class
- ⇒ Wednesdays 7:15 Someone willing to teach the puppy class
- ⇒ Friday 6:00 Someone willing to run an open agility practice. This will involve designing a course and giving help to those who need it. NO LEAGUE COURSES OR PARTS OF THE COURSES WILL BE SET UP.

If you are willing to teach any of these classes please email me. Thanks, Tammy O.

Equipment Updates:

Every year or 2 IDTC goes through the equipment and we have to do some reorganization. If you are a member, and using equipment for any reason, please pay attention to this message. There have been some issues with equipment storage over the past several months. We received confirmation today that indeed FLAOA was also using some of our equipment. In an effort to prevent further use of our equipment by FLAOA we will be instituting some additional locks for agility equipment stored in the kitchen. Please, if you take it out, be sure that things get put back as you found them, and secured in such a way that they can not be utilized by anyone that is not from IDTC. The locks will hopefully be in place by next week.

In the time Tammy O. Joe and myself were at the pavilion today, we also did some reorganizing of the contents of the cage. Please be mindful when putting things back in there and pulling them out that we all need to be able to get to the equipment in there. It's a bit like a puzzle, if one piece is out of place, nothing else fits. Please try to put things back exactly as you found them. If you are unsure, ask someone. We tried to organize it in a way that the most used things are in the front. least used in the back. If you find that we are using a particular item more and it is in the back, please bring it up to Tammy O. or myself or a member of the training committee so we can evaluate it and figure out how to get the best use out of the space we have.

For those running the CPE trial for this summer. You will find some of the CPE exclusive equipment has been moved under the bleachers in the very back. I expect that when things get brought back from the trial, those

things that only get used for the CPE trial (numbered flags, Big dog walk, fencing) will get stored as they are now, out of the way. the components that can be locked in the cage are in there (legs and adjustment tools for the large dog walk). This also minimizes the potential for use by the FLAOA club. I understand the CPE trial is a lot of work, manual labor hauling the equipment in and out to the site, etc. We still need to be careful with it, and store it properly at the end of long day when the stuff is being returned. Many hands make light work, so consider getting more hands to unload at the end of the day if possible.

I hate to harp on this, but we all as members have to be more mindful of the fact that many are using the equipment (obedience and agility) and if one person puts things back in an unorganized or hurried fashion it affects the next person that comes along and needs to use it, and so on down the line until the cage looks as it did today, a shambles. It also is more risk for damage to the equipment, which we are replacing quite frequently when it comes to the agility equipment. Please treat this equipment as if it were your own that you paid your hard earned dollars for. After all, you did pay for the equipment with your membership fees, class fees, CPE trial entry fees, etc.

Thanks to those who make an effort to keep things neat and organized. Your efforts do not go unnoticed!

Tammy S.

Open Obedience Practice:

There will be Open Obedience practice on the following evenings at 6 pm for those who wish to attend: 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9 and possibly 12/16 depending on classes. Remember Open Obedience practice is free to members. Please remember if you get equipment out for Open obedience practice, to put it away before you leave. If you are the last person in the building please make sure the lights are off and the cage and door are locked.

Hope the new classes are a hit.

Thanks,

Tammy S.

Joe and I want to say a huge thank you for our send off at the October IDTC meeting. The kind words, the cake, and the well wishes mean a lot. We have settled into our new (rented) home fairly well. The dogs are doing well, but we feel a bit guilty that Shelby doesn't have the room to roam that she had in Ithaca.

Joe and Shelby will especially miss agility league in January. I wondered if not participating in league would be too sad for my Joe, so I asked him if he would rather be removed from the list serve. I thought reading Joe D's updates would be too depressing...since my Joe and Shelby can't redeem themselves this season. This was going to be the big comeback year! But my Joe wants to keep hearing about all of your successes and failures through the winter...I'm sure it will be inspiring! Thanks again for the years of learning we had there! Attached is a pic from our new backyard and one from our new living room.

kindest regards,
 Joe and Nancy Cowan
 (and dogs Caydin and Shelby)



The point show is Saturday, March 28, 2015. I still need to know who the chair is. This is a good way to get you 10 hours service done in one event. It is also not too early to volunteer for the fall point show. It will be: Sunday, September 27, 2015. Thanks, Pat Welch



Cancer Detection Dogs – a presentation by Emily Moser, DVM

Submitted by Hannah Robinson

Emily Moser received her degree from Cornell last May. While she was studying to be a veterinarian she wrote Dr. Michael McCulloch in California, expressing her serious interest in the research he was doing on the ability of dogs to detect cancers. To her surprise, Dr. McCulloch hired her to help train the dogs to sniff out various cancers. While more formal studies connected to medical facilities were able to collect numerous tissue samples from patients, Dr. McCulloch was able to replicate the studies, using the breath from cancer patients as well as control samples preserved by freezing. The study was able to train dogs with remarkable consistency in diagnosis of the disease.

After returning from California, Dr. Moser duplicated the breath tube methods, using the identification of patients allergic to peanut products by dogs she had trained, since obtaining samples from cancer patients was not possible.

Dogs have been very successful at the University of Pennsylvania – identifying ovarian cancer with over 90% accuracy – and reaching similar results in lung and breast cancers. As to the breed of dog most talented for the job – Dr. Moser remarked that all sorts of breeds and crosses have been tried with about equal results. Some of the dogs used were wash-outs from the Guiding Eyes for the Blind program, but there were also breed champions, rescues, and pets belonging to staff members.

While it seems like the ideal diagnostic solution – there are issues with liability, since we live in a litigious society, and you can't sue a dog for misdiagnosis. There are also some who would not be comfortable working with a dog – even though it might mean an earlier, less invasive way to detect cancers that otherwise might go undiagnosed. To date, only the University of Pennsylvania is working on a practical method of using dogs for disease detection in medical practice. In the meantime, many dogs continue daily to keep their patients safe by identifying everything from low blood sugar to seizures before the symptoms become a life-threatening situation.

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* **Weight Pulling** *
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* **By Susan Morse** *
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* Weight pulling is not to be confused by carting. Both sports have the dog pulling but in a very different manner and purpose. Due to this, weight pulling equipment and carting equipment is different. The purpose of weight pulling is to see how much the dog can pull in weight. In this NY area, there are three associations for weight pulling. There are similarities and differences as any association like we find in obedience or other sports. The first is International Weight Pull Association (IWPA). I have not participated in this association but others have in IDTC and I have watched the event held at State Fair grounds. The next is National Working Dog Association (NWDA) and the last is American Pulling Dog Association (APDA). The last two I have participated and earned titles in this year.
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* To start with, dogs must be fitted with a weight pulling harness. This is made out of heavy webbing with a bar at the end. The dog is then hooked to a cart that has large wheels. There are specifications for the cart but it looks like a big flatbed cart. Each cart weighs a bit different and can pull a bit differently. A shoot is then set up with sides and the flat center can be on dirt, carpet (cement underneath) or snow. One association—NWDA—offers pulling on rails which are like rails of a railroad. Instead of rubber wheels, a wheel like a railroad train is used with the flat bed on top. There is a start line and a finish line which is 16' apart. The dog then pulls the weight 16' and the judge calls "Pull". This is consider one revolution. Weight is added to the cart by using cement blocks of 25, 50 or 100 pounds—usually 50 pounds. Based on the weight of the dog and the show, increments of these weights are added to the cart. These are call drops. Dogs are classified into different classes based on the association and drop weights can vary. Usually the typical smaller dogs—under 40 pounds get 50 pound drops, then the 41-60 pounds do 50 or 100 pound drops and the over 60 pounds can get drops 50, 100 or 150 pound.
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* There are also two kinds of ways that one handles a dog that can pull. One is next to the dog and the other is to go to the end of the 16' and call the dog. In both cases one cannot touch the dog once it is released. Depending on the association, it is specific on the way the dog has to be handled to earn the title. Each association has its own titles structure but basically the Novice level is 12x the body weight of the dog, with the intermediate at 18x body weight and top of 23x body weight. Before the event, all



the dogs are weighed in and that is what the calculations are based on for that event. In most of the titling events, three times pulling that weight is required to get a title with the exception of NWDA which is only one time.

There are many other rules and requirements to the events but basically each person takes turns with their dog and sees how much they can pull. There is training involved as the dogs must learn to put their heads down and go into the harness with their shoulders. This is much like driving a horse and the more successful horses or dogs, need to find their best body movement to accomplish the task. Besides the events, there are often practices and training events to attend. Some people offer private lessons. Since not all of us can have a correct set up, practice also can involve pulling a sled with weight, pulling a tire or even a chain. This conditions the dog.

Young dogs up to 12 years are allowed to participated in the events. They also have a novice division for dogs still learning that is on lead. Personally as I come from a horse back ground, I tend not to do this kind of event until the dog is around two. However, some start them as young as three months and on light weight (empty cart). It is very different that other sports with my dogs that I have participated in. Many used the sport to take the edge of off high energy dogs.

For me, I started with my 10 year old Malinois Cane as he has done just about everything else. It took him about 4 lessons to understand what to do but that is because he is trained in other areas and I could direct him more than a younger dog. Cane weighs in between 54-56 pounds and has pulled up to 1250 pounds (18x of his body weight). He has only practiced or pulled about a total of 15 times and has earned his Novice title in APDA and his Level 2 or middle level title in NWDA. I then tried Luna - 2 ½ year old Laekenois—as she has very nervous energy. On her fourth time, she pulled 525 pounds and she weighed in at 36 pounds receiving her Novice title in APDA. The reason she pulled so well is she was scared of the cart and was running away. However, she found that at 525 pounds to get away from the cart, she had to put her head down and lean into that harness. For me I will continue the sport especially for Luna as it makes her focus and at heavier weights concentrate on her job.

If you are interested in the sport and would like to learn more, check the web sites of the above associations. I also would be glad to talk with you about pulling and so would other members in IDTC that have participated in the sport longer than I have. I do find it fun to watch the dogs learn and figure out their job. I can also see it might be useful at times around the farm. Enjoy.

IDTC 2015 Member Renewal Form

IDTC now has an additional method to renew your membership for 2015. To save paper and postage you may renew online at the club webpage under Members->Renewal. At this time we do not have a method to accept online payments so this method of renewal may be more useful for the lifetime members. Those needing to submit the membership fees will still have to send a cash or check to the address at the end of the survey or turn it in to Katelyn Davis (membership steward) by hand. Please let us know your thoughts and comments as we try to improve the club's operations.

Personal Information

Name			
Address			
Phone		Email	
Dog Breed(s)			

Membership Information

2015 Membership (circle one)	Single - \$30	Family - \$40	Life Member
Activity Status (circle one)	Active	Inactive	New within 1 year

Volunteer Activity & Meeting Attendance

To be considered an Active member for 2015, you must volunteer at least 10 hours of time to IDTC activities and attend at least 3 club meetings in 2014. Teaching a class counts for double hours. Report # of hours and # of meetings attended in 2014. Add a sheet or use back of page if necessary.

Hours	Event/Activity

Meeting Attendance: Members are required to attend 3 meetings per year to maintain active status.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Shared Personal Information:

Please **omit** part or all of my contact information in the IDTC membership Information to omit: _____

Newsletter/Roster Delivery: Offered to members who do not use internet options

- Please send a newsletter to my mailing address listed above.
- Please send a 2015 membership roster to my mailing address listed above.

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IDTC BRAGS

Susan Morse—Belgian Laekenois **Luna** D'Eroudur at 2.5 yrs old, weighing 36 pounds, pulled 475, 525 and 575 pounds at the APDA (American Pulling Dog Association) pull on 11/1/14 in Oneida to earn her PDN-S (Pulling Dog Novice—Standard) title. She also received 3rd place in her under 40 pound weight class. Susan reports that Luna is the 1st Laekenois living in the USA to earn a weight pulling title.



Kerry Boisvert—Border Terrier **Lark** finished both her MXP and MJP titles at the DOTCORN Y agility trial in mid-November. Lark also finished her RATN (Novice) title and earned 2 Open legs in Barn Hunting. Now we have to wait until March for more trials.

Kathy Hildreth—reports that Sheltie **Magic** had a Perfect Weekend at the Pawsitively Awesome CPE trial Nov 1 and 2. He had 8 for 8 Q's all perfect runs, 7 1st place, and one 2nd. Magic also finished his 30th and 31st QQ's, One 1st place and 2 3rd place finishes, and won the 12" T2B Class on 11/14 at the DOTCORN Y AKC Agility trials at Boomtowne. Green 18 month old sheltie, **Wizard**, Q'd 3 out of 4 level 2 CPE runs, 2 1st's and 1 2nd at the same CPE trial. He also got to try out the contact equipment at Boomtowne during a Novice B Standard run on the 15th. He got a huge number of faults because he needed a 2nd attempt for chute, teeter, dog walk, weave poles, table and a tunnel.

Anne Williams—Terv **Reve** passed his RATI (Instinct) in mid-November.

Deb Watrous—Golden Retriever **Karen** earned her NW1 (NoseWork1) title in October in Hawley, PA. They had 4 searches (interior, exterior, vehicle and containers). The most tense part was the vehicle and exterior searches due to high winds forming a leaf tornado (Karen loves to chase leaves!). She was grabbing them as they made their way to the starting lines. But she got to work and completed all 4 searches in less than 2.5 minutes (the 1st place dog did all 4 searches in less than 36 seconds!).



Karen Netherton—Lab **Finn** earned his Rally Advanced title at the Leatherstocking Cluster. On to Excellent!

Katelyn Davis—I am so proud of my girl **Autumn**! We went to our first Nosework trial and came away with a handful of ribbons. Autumn received her NW1 title in Hawley, PA where we were scored with 2 'pronounced' searches. Out of the 40 dogs we placed 3rd overall. She also earned 1st place for the Exterior search with the fastest time of 10 seconds!!



IDTC BRAGS

Bruce & Audrey Coleman—During a 9 day trip to the Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty in Bristol, TN and Asheville, NC, Goldens Fanny, Kate, Rocket and Vinny kept busy. **Fanny** passed her Senior Hunter test. **Fanny, Kate** and **Rocket** (13 yrs old) all passed the WC (Working Certificate) test. **Vinny** qualified in Veteran's Novice Obedience and participated in a Team competition (see the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t3zzFvSCBw>). **Fanny** qualified in Open. Vinny competed in conformation and won the Qualified All Age Field Trial Sweeps!

Jan Estes—Chesapeake Bay Retriever "**Callie**" — Pond Hollow Bay of Calais, VCD2, BN, RN, AX, AXJ, OF, finished her CDX at the West Springfield trials in November. The CDX also completes the requirements for the Versatile Companion Dog 2 title. I showed Callie six times and we qualified five times with first place wins every time. After a planned litter of pups this spring, we'll be working on utility and VST.

Amanda Pough—Pending AKC agreement - **NEW GRAND CHAMPION Reen!** (GCH CH, CDCA Co-DOTY Bandersnatch The Beekeeper's Apprentice CDCA-HC) - having picked up four 5 point Grand Champion majors at the shows in Springfield MA. Reen's litter sister **Mary Russell** also finished her Championship at these same shows, and had also earned a major in Philadelphia the previous weekend. The Canaan Dog shown on TV on Thanksgiving during the National Dog Show was Mary! You had to look fast to see her, but we knew it was her.

Deb Bain—Deb reports an **EXTREME** brag! "The first week of November, my Springers and I went to the English Springer National Specialty, at Purina Farms in St. Louis, MO. Karen Netherton and Finn were nice enough to accompany us! **Tryx** got 2 utility legs back-to-back (both 2nd place), 2 AXP legs, and 1 AXJP leg (all 1st places). **Dealer** got 2 Nov. obedience legs, finishing his CD (tie for 1st, and a 1st place), 2 rally excellent legs, finishing his RE (1st place), and 1 NAJ leg, 1st place. Dealer was also awarded a qualifying participant in the Iron Dog Competition (dog must be entered and qualify in at least 3 out of 4 venues—agility, obedience, rally and conformation). Needless to say, I had a fabulous time!!"

Chris O'Brien—After 4,094 miles, 13 states, and 2 weeks, I'm taking some editorial privileges to report that at the 2014 International Knife Throwers Hall of Fame (IKTHOF) World Championship in Austin, TX, my husband **Paul** is now the 2014 Fast Draw Champion! Think: head to head drag racing with knives! He also came in 2nd in the Long Distance Knife Throw (55'6"), 4th in Speed Throw (most number of knives stuck in 20 seconds) and 4th in Long Distance Tomahawk Throw.



My apologies to Joan Shaw for the "miss" in last month's newsletter. Joan and both of her min-pins, Victor and Buster, attended the Pet Expo this fall. Thank you Team Shaw!

Early Winter 2014 Mini-Session of Classes at IDTC

As the Class schedule is subject to change—keep an eye on the IDTC website for the most current Class schedule.

Please note that IDTC is unable to accept aggressive or reactive dogs in our classes. If you are concerned that your dog is aggressive or reactive to people or other dogs, please ask your vet for a referral to a certified animal behaviorist.

Tuesday Night Classes

11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9 and/or 12/16

Register with Karen Netherton

7:30 P.M. Clicker Training Tiva Hoshizaki Limited to 6 students

Tiva has had extensive experience teaching with Clicker techniques. She is a veterinary Resident at Cornell and is very interested in this training technique.

7:30 P.M. Fun with Scent Kerry Boisvert Will be offered 1-2 nights depending on sign-up and interest

This class is meant to be an introduction to playing scenting games to introduce your dog to the concept of using his/her nose.

8:15 P.M. Date Night with Your Dog Sharon Garland Limited to 8 students

Back by popular demand, this much loved class is returning. Expect the unexpected and come to have fun with your dog. A grab bag of tricks and exercises is covered and guaranteed a fun time for handler and dog alike.

Wednesday Night Classes

11/12, 12/3, 12/10 and 12/17 (Other available dates: 11/19, 11/26)

Register with Karen Netherton

6:00 P.M. Rally Practice Hannah Robinson

This class will NOT be an instructional class but one where those doing Rally can come and work on the signs and do complete courses. Hannah will be coordinating and making up courses. This is a class you must sign up for ahead of time. There will be shows coming up and this will be an opportunity for folks to practice and hone their skills and to get their dogs working in a more distracting environment.

7:30 P.M. Trieball Jen Gerdes Limited to 6 students

This class is meant to be an introductory class only for the canine sport of Treibball—herding with balls instead of livestock. It's a fun and exciting sport. Look it up on YouTube.

Friday Night Classes

11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

Register with Pepi Leids

6:00 P.M. Agility 2 Tammy & Joe Osmoloski; Assistant: Donna Hopple

This class will be open ONLY to those who completed the Agility 1 class in spring 2014. This class will NOT have a graduation day but 6 full weeks of class sessions.

7:30 P.M. Open Agility Practice Coordinators: Tammy & Joe Osmoloski

Those wishing to participate in this class MUST sign up with the agility registrar and pay the class fee as per their activity status with the Club (Active members: \$20; Inactive members: \$70 for the session).

2014 ANNUAL AWARDS
OBEDIENCE / PERFORMANCE TITLES EARNED BY IDTC MEMBERS

Each IDTC member that earned a title in 2014 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 new 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.)
 - **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 Obedience Trial (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.)
- **New for 2014**

Memorials to Dogs Lost in 2014 (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 Nov. 22, 2014 (weekend before Thanksgiving).

Information can be sent by email to bhb5@cornell.edu
or by snail mail to 590 Asbury Rd
Freeville, NY 13068

2014 IDTC Holiday Party

Date: Sunday, 12/14/2014
Time: 11:00am-2:30pm
Where: Ramada Ithaca
2310 N Triphammer Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850
Cost: \$15.50/per person
Unless using Teaching/Assistant Credit!

Please remember that per the new IDTC rule, that if you taught or assisted, a class last year that your fee is waived.

RSVP: Send your checks by **December 1st** (if you need to pay) made out to **IDTC** or a NOTICE that you are coming but taught or assisted to:

Joseph Osmeloski
2180 Dryden Rd
Freeville NY, 13068

There will be multiple auctions, one a 50/50, one for the IDTC provided "door prizes", and one for the IDTC "donated" prizes.

Also, like last year, there will be the ever popular and fun "GIFT exchange", better known as STEAL A GIFT.

Include:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

2015 Agility League

10th Anniversary!

Pre-Agility Holiday Party

Dear IDTC members and Agility League participants,

Tammy and I are happy to announce that the upcoming year for Agility League will be our 10th Anniversary and we will be having many special events for this momentous year. Its hard to believe its been 10 years, but when something is so wonderful for everyone, the time just seems to fly by.

Before I go into some of the many special events planned for this year, I must first get you ready for the upcoming year by announcing the following important reminders and dates:

1. The **Pre-Agility Holiday party will be FRIDAY night December 19th beginning at 7pm**. We ask then anyone attending please bring any of the following: Great foods and drinks, Napkins, plates, cups, plastic-ware, Holiday CD's and a CD player. Of course Santa's famous agility course will be set up for all to run.
2. **SIGN UP for Agility league will begin Monday morning DECEMBER 8th**, and you can do this 2 ways: Send us an e-mail or call Joe at 607-229-0907. We will need your dogs name, jump height and level of expertise (nov, open, excellent). We will have a special 10th anniversary game planned.

OK, since this is our 10th anniversary, I thought I would look back a little bit at all the wonderful dogs, handlers, and teams we have had over the past 10 years. The first thing I would like to address is what I am calling the "FAB FIVE". These are the 5 IDTC members who have competed EVERY year we have had league:

The FAB FIVE:

- * Sue Morse
- * Suzanne Ethrington

- * Marion Szebenyi
- * Tammy Osmeloski
- * Joe Osmeloski

If all goes well, I hope to group 4 of these on a "10th anniversary team".

Next, I looked at some of the CLASSIC dogs that have competed in league.

These are some of IDTC's greatest dogs and deserve recognition: Remember these dogs:

Epic, Lady Blue, Boo, Princess, Benny, Amos, Zoonie, Hunter, Brinker, Cash, Tryx, Meadow, Cane, Thunder.

If I missed your dog sorry, but these were or are just wonderful dogs that helped make this league such a success.

Finally, I thought I would mention some of our "great" teams we had.

Remember these:

- * 3 Bitchin Babes
- * 2 Dicks and a chick
- * Dirt Devils
- * The League of extraordinary women
- * The Retherds
- * Crips and Gimps
- * Rue's Harem
- * Great balls of fur

and finally I only mention them as they are the only BACK TO BACK winners of the infamous Boobie Bar: Yuengling Black and Tan.

OK, enough reminiscing for now, but please remember to sign up December 8th, and plan to attend the great party on December 19th.

Thanks to all for a great 10 years,
Tam and Joe

- * Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- * Feb 6, 13, 20
- * Feb 27 and March 6 as makeup snow days

DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2—Classes	3—Classes	4	5—Classes	6—Seminar
7—Seminar	8	9—Classes	10—Classes	11	12—Classes	13
14—Holiday Party	15	16—Classes (maybe)	17—Classes	18	19—Agility Holiday Party/ Classes	20
21 	22	23	24 	25 	26	27 
28	29	30	31 			

JANUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2—Classes	3
4	5	6—Classes	7—Classes	8	9—Classes	10
11	12	13—Classes	14—Classes	15	16—Classes	17
18	19 	20—Classes	21—Classes	22	23—Classes	24
25	26	27—Meeting	28—Classes	29	30—Classes	31



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