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The next club meeting is at
Pizza Ranch
July 16
Gather at 5:30 and meeting starts at 6:30.

APRIL MINUTES 2024

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club-Board Minutes April 3, 2024

ZOOM meeting was called to order by President, Gerianne Darnell at 6:43.

Members present were: Gerianne Darnell, President, Erin Embrey, Vice-President, Joanne Swenson, treasurer, Caroline Rice, Secretary, and Rhonda Pratt, Ron Weaks, and Kris Woodke, members at large.

Minutes:

Ron moved and Erin seconded that we suspend reading of the minutes of the previous general and board meetings. **Passed**

Presidents Report – Vice Presidents Report:

There was no report from the President or Vice President.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's shared the earnings and expenses from the last show (Easter weekend). Ron asked for and received an explanation of the judge's expenses. An explanation of the expenses for members was also given. It was moved by Caroline and seconded by Joanne to accept the treasurer's report. **Passed**

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's report included the need to amend the general meeting minutes to include the election of Ron Weeks to the board. Additionally, the secretary is working on updates for the roster.

Show Committees:

All upcoming shows through November were reviewed. Many open spots were filled at the general meeting, but there is still room for more help.

New Member Readings:

A new member application for Janice Lee was read (first reading). She is sponsored by Gerianne and Erin. Janice lives in Lincoln. Her breeds are Standard Poodle and Lagotto. She competes in obedience, rally, and nose work. This application will be presented to the membership at the April 9TH, 2024 meeting.

Thank you notes were read from Sandy Crawford (award at banquet) and Jean Moline (lost her dog). Brainstorming ensued about possible ways to honor persons who after long years of dog participation have recently died. Although Dick Battig was a former member of the club and he continued to participate in club sponsored trials for many years. It is suggested that the 2024 August Obedience and Rally Trial be dedicated to the memory of Dick. There were many suggestions about ways to honor Sherry Rife and Bert in a continuing way. The president will bring ideas to the general meeting for further discussion.

There was discussion about ways to encourage increased member attendance at general club meetings. Decision about a summer meeting plan is on hold.

The next general meeting is April 9th at Gerianne's facility. Members can gather at 5:30 with sack lunches and the AKC Fetch demonstration will begin at 6. A club meeting will follow the demonstration.

The next board meeting will be June 4.
Erin moved and Caroline seconded to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 7:54. Brags followed.
Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Rice, Secretary

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club

Board Minutes

June 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order by president Gerianne Darnell at 6:30 pm. Meeting was in ZOOM format.

Members in attendance were Gerianne, Erin, Joanne, and Caroline. **Absent** were Ron, Rhonda, and Kris.

Approval of the Minutes: Joanne moved and Erin seconded that the reading of the minutes of the April 3rd board meeting and the April 9th general meeting be

suspended since they have been distributed to the membership via email.

Presidents Report: There was no report from the president.

Vice Presidents Report: There was no report.

Treasurers Report: There was no report.

Secretary's Report: The secretary announced that the reservation for Pizza Ranch for our July meeting is set. A request was sent to AKC for 5 copies of the revised obedience regulations as of April 2023.

Committee Reports:

Trial updates:

There is still need for one volunteer for obedience for this coming weekend, especially on Friday. Premiums have just gone out for the AKC Obedience and Rally trial August 2-4. Judges, chairs, and volunteer coordinators are set for the rest of the 2024 trials.

New business:

Gale has suggested that she would prefer to make the newsletter a monthly publication. This would keep membership better informed.

Old business:

Peggy Battig asked that we not memorialize her husband Dick at the August Obedience Trial. Her wishes will be honored.

The October Obedience trial will be in memory of Sherry Rife. Gerianne will be sure that Sherry's family is informed.

Erin will look into creating special RACH prizes in memory of Bert and Sherry for trials.

A yearly high scoring Rally award for the member whose dog has the highest total scores in 6 rally trials during the year will be awarded at the annual awards banquet. This award will honor Sherry and Bert.

The next board meeting will be by Zoom on September 10, 2024.

The next general meeting is at Pizza Ranch on July 16. Gather at 5:30 and meeting starts at 6:30.

Followed By: The September general meeting will be in person on September 17; time and location TBA. Suggestions will be solicited at the July general meeting. Caroline moved and Erin seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Rice, Secretary

BDOC HAPPENINGS...

BDOC General Meeting April 9th, 2024

We had a fun night at the BDOC's general meeting April 9th, 2024. Rhonda Pratt reviewed and demonstrated the new AKC Fetch performance classes. Those who wanted to take a try at it found they would be working on a nice distance throw. She followed up with some clarification for the different classes. In Novice level the judge does not determine which order you throw the object and the judge does determine if it was a good throw. The judge will state "Good". If it was not good the judge should ask if you want to rethrow or have the fetch item placed out in the ring. You get 2 ReStarts per test. An example of a ReStart would be if the dog leaves prior to the object stopping & you sending or if the dog is on the return and stops to eliminate or go off course. There are things that are being clarified but it is a fun performance class. Stay tuned for mor information on the AKC Fetch Classes.

AKC Obedience/Rally Trial Report, March 29-31, 2024

BDOC held our first successful event of the year this past weekend. The festivities started with Erin hanging the shower curtains over the mirrors a couple weeks ago so that people participating in the fun match could have show-like conditions. On the Monday night before the trial Dee and Linda got the first day's ribbons ready. Gerianne and Jim continued to prep for the trial through the week, and on Thursday the 28th Gerianne picked up the judge at the airport and got her squared away with her lodging and transportation. There were two large fun matches and one small one over the three evenings of the trial which helped with the income for the trial, and it also helped the exhibitors to acclimate themselves and their dogs to the ring. Jim vacuumed the mats and cleaned the obedience room every night.

The trials started in earnest on Friday with beautiful weather. We had around 60 entries each day. As usual, Norine did her wonderful and efficient job as secretary. Rhonda was the chief ring steward, and she did a bang-up job of scheduling the workers. Club members who helped steward over the three days were Erin, Kim, Rhonda, Devetta, Gerianne, Polly, Gale, Sharon D., Linda, Alicia, and Sandy C. Pam F. got the

ribbons ready for the weekend while she was here for the match on Thursday night, and Joanne came to write checks on Sunday. Linda and Dee kept the ribbons organized through the weekend. Gerianne made dinner for the judge both Friday and Saturday nights, and Erin, Gerianne, and Rhonda provided lunches each day for the workers. Those who helped clean up after Sunday's trial were Erin, Gerianne, Jim, Dee, Rhonda, and Sharon, and then Rhonda took the judge to the airport after the trial ended on Sunday.

Our Club members did very well, with Gerianne's Rayna finishing her Obedience Trial Championship on Sunday morning.

Gerianne and Erin, co-chairs

Herding Trial Report, 4/12-14/24

Another successful herding weekend is in the books! The festivities started with Jim, Darrell, Erin and Gerianne putting up tarps on Wednesday night. The ranch trials had a nice entry with one started and three advanced runs in each trial, for a total of 8 runs. Saturday's trial almost filled, and Sunday had a healthy entry as well, and the nice thing about Sunday is we were done and completely cleaned up by 3:30. Scott hauled extra sheep for us on Wednesday, and he also set up the B Sheep course. Sharon brought over the ribbons. Kim scribed on Friday, Gale on Saturday, and Sharon on Sunday. Dee brought out lunch on Saturday, and Devetta did the honors on Sunday. Those helping in the pens and with setout over the three days were Darrell, Jim Erin, and non-members Lisa Daughtrey, Jamie Evans and Jean Moline, accompanied by Rex, Viv, Gus and Ben. Norine was our always-efficient secretary over the three days. Gerianne ordered lunches for both days and wrote the checks on Sunday. It was definitely a group effort! Our judges were Dan DeLegge and Laura Kincaid. We are already looking forward to our next event September 20-22.

Gerianne and Erin, co-chairs

Scent Work Trial, 4/26-4/28, 2024

BDOC held a scent work trial at Sunshine Obedience School and Sunshine Farms. Our judges were Sharon Dowell and Brenda Bruce. Friday's classes included one detective class and containers and interiors (all levels).

Sunday's classes included one detective class and exteriors and interiors (all levels). We had 65 people showing 86 dogs in 436 runs. There was a 59% pass rate for the entire weekend which included the Detective classes. The fastest fun of the weekend was 3.18 seconds in Novice B Containers. Yeti, owned by Monica Barger, achieved this time. We had one dog and handler achieve their overall Elite Title (that's 160 qualifying runs). That was Clare, owned by Sharon Dowell. We also had one dog and handler complete their overall Master Title. That was Junior, owned by Christy Darter. Congratulation to these dogs and handlers!

We had to be prepared for all types of weather at this event. Luckily, we were done and most of us home before really inclement weather occurred. We did have one competitor and friend, Anita, who made it home in time to ride out a tornado which ended up destroying their home and out buildings. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured (including the dogs). A donation box was set out on Saturday and Sunday for Anita's family. Not surprisingly, the scent work community showed how thoughtful, kind and generous people they are. We raised several hundred dollars over the remainder of the weekend.

Thank you to all our competitors for supporting our trial. Also, thank you to Gerianne for letting us use her facilities, to Jim for prepping the grounds, Sharon, Shelly, Erin and others who prepared the search areas, our judges, Brenda and Sharon; Norine, our trial secretary; Shelly, the volunteer coordinator, Caroline, who fed the army each day and everyone who volunteered some of their time before, during and after the trial. I hope you all know how appreciated you are. If I forgot to mention anyone, I apologize!

Brag:

April 1, 2024:



OTCH Rayna! Does that sound good or what? Rayna finished her Obedience Trial Championship yesterday by winning Utility B with a 197 for six OTCH points, along with High in Trial and High Combined. What a way to finish! She had a wonderful weekend, earning three more UDX legs, her OM4, and several placements. I couldn't have been more proud of her or pleased with her work.

As most people know, Rayna and I have had many challenges on our way to the OTCH. She had her first ACL surgery at 10 months of age, which failed and resulted in a second surgery, and then her third ACL surgery on the other leg at 20 months. So she essentially spent the first two years of her life in a crate or being rehabbed. Along with her ACL surgeries was a near fatal bout with Leptospirosis in 2020, which left behind a clot in her abdomen which eventually resolved, and an almost career-ending fall on the ice in January of 2023. She was cruising along to her OTCH before her fall, as she had earned 75 points in 9 months, and I thought she would finish shortly. I'm glad I didn't know it would take another year to pick up the last 25 points! We made many, many trips to Des Moines for treatment with Dr. Nancy Peterson, along with regular chiro and laser treatments with our wonderful vet here in Omaha, Dr. Diane Simmons. I am so grateful to those two ladies!

Along with Rayna's physical issues were her mental ones, lol. She is sight sensitive, sound sensitive, pressure sensitive, and she is not a warm and fuzzy girl towards others. She HATES clapping, just HATES it, and people tend to clap at dog shows! We had many a runs ruined because she just couldn't handle it.

I've always liked statistics, so I will share some with you! I have attached a picture of Rayna's OTCH point ribbons that I kept on my desk to remind me of our accomplishments through our quest. Her OTCH point total included 13 Firsts, 12 Seconds, 6 Thirds, 1 Fourth and 3 Q's of 197 or better that earned points. She had weekends where she earned 17, 17, 16, and 15 points. The rest came in dribbles and drabs, ha ha. I find it interesting that a third of her points were earned in the DMOTC building in Des Moines and another third at BDOC events either here in Council Bluffs or at the CDC building in Omaha.

We kept working together through all of the physical and mental issues because we LOVED to train obedience together. Other people just sometimes didn't see in the ring what I saw at home. I have a sign in my kitchen that I found a couple years back that says "Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can do what others can't." I read that sign every single day. People don't normally put OTCH's on dogs like Rayna. I didn't do this to impress anyone, as some people would watch what she did in the ring in horror, lol, I did it for me and for Rayna, as a testament to our relationship.

I'd like to thank my wonderful friend Erin Embrey who was there for the entire journey, while she pursues her own journey with Rayna's littermate, Reign. She listened to more whining than any friend should have to, along with my husband George! Also, thanks to everyone who was there for us along the way, wanting to know how every weekend went. I KNOW I'm missing somebody but thanks to Sharon, Linda, Pam, Shirlee, Norine, Julie, Mary, Janice, Dee, Jamie, Lisa, Cathy, Patrick, and Devetta. And a huge thanks to Connie Cleveland-Nolan who ALWAYS had a helpful comment or another way to work on an exercise, either in person or on line. And mostly, thanks to my wonderful girl, Rayna. She is my ninth OTCH and along with my first, the hardest one to fight for. Rayna is a total HOOT to live with, and she gets naughtier every day. We will now get going on SERIOUS tracking as we make a CT our next quest, and I am sure there will be a RACH along with more herding in her future. If you've read this far, thanks for sticking with me, lol. Today I am relieved and grateful!



OTCH "Rayna", owned and loved by Gerianne Darnell, earned her Obedience Trial Championship



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Reign had a spectacular weekend of UKC Obedience and Rally held by Friends of BDOC at Sunshine Obedience. Won Open B all three days. Won High in Trial Obedience all three days. Was 1st place in ally 2 scoring 100 all three days Was 1st, 2nd, and third in Rally 3. Was High in Rally Trial all three days. Was High Combined all three days. We came in today needing two scores of 100 and he did it. This earned us our UROC along with Cumulative Obedience and Cumulative Rally. We had a nice Trial overall. Thank you to Linda, Rhonda, Kris, Gale, Gerianne and our Judge James Comunale for a great weekend of Rally and Obedience.



Neu-Rodes Let The Game Be Gin owned and loved by Rhonda Pratt, earned her RN and BN title at our Rottweiler National in Estes Park Co.



Maybe Emma my little track star can try FAST CAT again soon.



Miss Rita had a fantastic herding trail debut at the BDOC AKC herding trials. She earned 3 High In Trials & 10 first places and finished her



Crossroads Man In Black, “Cash”, owned and loved by Gale Osborne earned his Preferred Open Standard Title at the Des Moines Golden Retriever Club Spring Trial.

Since her OTCH Rayna has been working on her Rally Championship (RACH). She also finished her UKC Grand Championship at the Friends of BDOC UKC Nosework Trial. That is 200 Q’s.



Intermediate Field Duck Title & her Started Arena Duck Title. She also picked up 2 legs toward both her Started Arena Sheep Title and Started Ranch Title. Rita also achieved her Superior Nosework Title and Advanced Championship during the UKC Nosework Trial.



Reign went to Grand Island and earned a 1st place in Utility on Sunday. Every day was not a good day to do Open & he doesn't do Utility on Saturdays. Finding better ways to Q on Saturdays and Q in Open too, preferably the same day and same trial.



The Osborne boys competed at the UKC Obedience trial held by Friends of BDOC. Harper and Shadow showed two days and Cash just trialed on Sunday. Harper earned 2 first places in Rally 01 and one first place in Pre Novice. This was Harper's obedience debut. Shadow earned a 2nd and 3rd in Rally 01 and his title UR01. Shadow also earned 2 1st places in Beginner Novice. Cash earned a 2nd in both Rally 01 and Beginner Novice in addition he earned his UKC Beginner Novice title.



Here is a photo of the Ricochet kids.



April 27-28, 2024 we traveled to Watsonville, California for the HCNA (Hovawart Club of North America) Spring Specialty Show. It was held under the auspices of judge Kirsten Wesche of the IHF (International Hovawart Federation) who came over from Germany to judge the event. Our boy Viggo ex Horto Albo was judged Best Male and the then Best in Show. He also passed his extensive adult temperament test.

What a Great weekend of UKC nosework we had here at Sunshine! Beautiful weather, fun people, and done Ealy all three days! Rayna was the star of my household, finishing her Nosework Grand Championship today. That represents 200 Q's! She was fantastic. Thank you judges Susan Mikel and Beth McDonald; they put out fun and fair hides all weekend. Also, thanks to hard working trial chair Shelly Rehmeier, secretary Norrine Nieman, and all of the wonderful volunteers. You are so appreciated! Little Miss Rita was on fire, finishing her Advanced Grand Championship and all four Superior

elements for her Superior title. She even earned a Master Contender Q, having seen myrrh like two times. LOL. The Ricochet kids were an amazing group, Reign was High in Trial in both Obedience and rally all three days! Erin and I had a fun time as usual, walks with the dogs, swimming in the stock tank, wine, with the dogs, swimming in the stock tank, wine and plant shopping. Throw in a little herding along with nosework and what a great weekend. LOL.

Calendar: BDOC events are in Red.

June 7-9, 2024 UKC Obedience Trial Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

June 7-9, 2024 UKC Nosework Trial Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

June 15-16, 2024 AKC Fort Dodge Kennel Club, Fair Grounds in Fort Dodge Iowa, Obedience, Rally and Breed Show

June 14-16, 2024 AKC Agility Trial Greater Lincoln Obedience Club, Lincoln, NE

June 22-23, 2024 Bellevue Dog Obedience Club CPE Scent Sports at Sunshine Obedience Club, Council Bluffs, Iowa

June 30, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

July 6-7, 2024 WCRL Rally Trial Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

July 13-14, 2024 AKC Obedience Trial hosted by the Central Iowa Dachshund Club held at the DMOTC Building, Des Moines, Iowa

July 13-14, 2024 AKC Scent Work hosted by the NKC at the Iowa Western Campus, Council Bluffs, Iowa

July 20-21, 2024 UKC Obedience Trial held at the Companion Dog Club Building, Omaha, NE

July 27-28, 2024 AKC Obedience Trial hosted by the Des Moines Obedience Dog Club, Des Moines, Iowa

July 28, 2024 AKC Detective Trial hosted by the NKC Omaha, Nebraska

August 2-4, 2024 Bellevue Dog Obedience Club host an Obedience and Rally Trial held at the Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 11, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up is at 9:15 am

August 16-18, 2024 AKC Scent Work hosted by the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club at Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 22, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

August 23, 2024 AKC Certified Farm Dog Test at the Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 21, 22, 24, 2024 WCRL Trials at the Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 21-25, 2024 Small Dog Camp hosted by Gerianne Darnell at the Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 30- Sept 2, 2024 Amana Colonies Cluster, Breed, Rally and Obedience.

September 1-2, 2024 Cedar Rapids Kennel Club Amana, Iowa AKC Obedience, Rally, and Breed show.

September 6, 2024 Combined Specialty Club at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Varied Industries Building, Des Moines, Iowa Sheltie judge is Lisa Brodsky. Other breeds in the Combined Specialty Club are Goldens, Poms, Great Danes, Boston Terrier. Check on AKC Events calendar for others.

September 7-8 2024 UKC Nosework Trials, CDCP, CDC Building, Omaha, NE

September 7-8, 2024 DMGRC Obedience and Rally Trial at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Farwell Building across from the Varied Industries Building, Des Moines, Iowa

September 7, 2024 Des Moines Kennel Club Dog Show Mobile Health Clinic, Dr Brandon Sinn, DVM 10:30 – 4:00 All forms and deposit due by August 21, 2024. Contact Stacy Sims for instructions, isabeaudobes@icloud.com

September 7-8, 2024 DMOTC/DMKC Breed Show, at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Varied Industries Building, Des Moines, Iowa

September 15, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

September 20-22, 2024 AKC Herding Trial hosted by the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club, Sunshine Farm Council Bluffs, Iowa

October 4-6, 2024 UKC Fall Obedience and Rally Trial at Long Dog LLC (MySheShed) hosted by the K9 Dog Club

October 12-13, 2024 AKC Obedience and Rally Trial hosted by the Heart of Iowa Kennel Club Marshalltown, Iowa.

October 13, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

October 19-21, 2024 Platte Valley Kennel Club of Fremont, Nebraska Breed Show.

October 24-27, 2024 AKC Sioux Falls, South Dakota show. Breed, Obedience and Rally trials

October 26-27, 2024 AKC Obedience and Rally Trial at the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE hosted by Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs.

November 1-3, 2024 AKC Scent Work, hosted by Bellevue Dog Obedience Club, sunshine Obedience school, Council Bluffs, Iowa

November 2-3, 2024 Des Moines Obedience Training Club will host a Marion Crain seminar "Making the Connection. Contacts are Julie Perkins. Email: perkinsj1948@yahoo.com or Polly Mumma. Email: springertigger@gmail.com

November 9-10, 2024 AKC Obedience Trial hosted by the Central Iowa Dachshund Club at the DMOTC Building in Des Moines, Iowa. This is an all-breed show.

November 10, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

November 15-17, 2024 Patrick Shanahan Herding Clinic, Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa

November 23-24, 2024 AKC Obedience and Rally Trial at the DMOTC Building in Des Moines, Iowa

November 16-17, 2024 Nosework Trial at Long Dog LLC (MySheShed) hosted by the K9 Dog Club

December 6-8, 2024 AKC Scent Work at NKC in Omaha, NE

December 14-15, 2024 WCRL Trial December at the Sunshine Obedience School Council Bluffs, Iowa

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Jan 18-19, 2025 Central Iowa Kennel Club Breed Show at the Iowa State Fair Grounds, Des Moines, IA.

January ? 2025 CCKC Obedience and Rally Trial at the DMOTC Building, Des Moines, Iowa. More info to follow.

February 15-16, 2025 CCKC Bred Show, Iowa State Fair Grounds Varied Industries Building. The Obedience Trial will possibly be put on by the Greater Des Moines Golden Retriever Club. More info to follow.

August 2025 Sunshine Obedience School will host a Connie Cleveland Seminar.