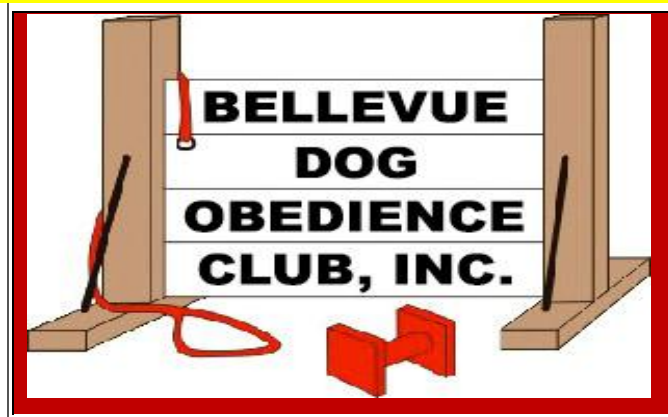


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## Bellevue Dog Obedience Club October-November 2025 Edition

### Next Meetings

**BDOC Board Meeting: The next Zoom Board Meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7PM. That will be a Zoom Meeting.**

**The General Membership meeting will be the Christmas Party January 4, 2026 at Gerianne's home from 1-3:30pm. The club will provide the meat and the members will provide the side dishes and desserts.**

### BDOC MINUTES

#### Bellevue Dog Obedience Club

Board Minutes October 7, 2025

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Gerianne Darnell, president at 7:11 pm. All board members were present.

Ron moved to suspend reading of the general meeting minutes from July 15, 2025, and the board minutes from July 29, 2025. **Motion was seconded by Erin and carried.**

There was no report from the President, Vice President, or Secretary. The Treasurer's report was

distributed by email. It was noted that the large loss at this point is because ribbons for the entire year are ordered in January and the cost is then distributed over all the shows in the year. Caroline moved to accept the report as presented. **The motion was seconded by Gale and carried.**

There are only two events left in 2025: AKC Obedience October 25-26: GA and Erin chairs, Rhonda chief ring steward, Caroline food AKC Scent Work October 31, Nov 1-2: Ron chair, Gale volunteer coordinator. The first show in 2026 is the March Obedience trial. The trial will honor the memory of Connie Byrnes. The board will discuss creating an award in Connie's honor at another meeting.

### **New Business**

There are four board positions available: President, Treasurer, and two members at large. The members currently occupying those positions have agreed to stay for another term.

Looking ahead, Gerianne will make available all the show dates for 2026.

The club Christmas party will be on at Gerianne's house from 1 to 3:30 pm on January 4, 2026. The club will provide the meat and members will provide either a side or dessert.

### **Old Business**

Since AKC is raising recording fees for events, the club needs to raise entry fees as well. Obedience recording fees have not been raised since 2008. The club just raised herding entry fees. Caroline moved that obedience fees be raised to \$30 for the first entry and \$25 for additional entries and scent work fees be raised to \$22 per entry. **Motion was seconded by Erin and it carried.**

**The next club general meeting will be at the Christmas Party January 4, 2026. The next board meeting is December 9, 2025, at 7 pm by Zoom.**

**Joanne moved and Gale seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Rice, Secretary

## **BDOC HAPPENINGS**

### **BDOC AKC OBEDIENCE TRIAL**

BDOC held its 38th Annual AKC Fall Obedience Trial at the Companion Dog Club on October 25-26, 2025. Our judges were Leslye Pinnell and Terry Thornton, and our exhibitors enjoyed both of them. Our entry wasn't quite as large as it has been in the past, but at least we weren't running dogs through at 6:30 PM on Saturday night! The festivities began with setting up on Friday night. Our members made quick work of getting the rings ready, and we then sponsored a fun match, which was well received by the exhibitors. Dee Nelson did a fantastic job with the ribbons and toys again! We have decided to do away with the Group prizes for this trial weekend, as that is what takes up a good portion of the time and effort, both getting ready and tabulating during the trials. Those are the only prizes we are letting go of, as we will continue with the popular qualifying and placing rosettes, toys, and various special awards. Chief Ring Steward Rhonda did a wonderful job finding people to staff the two rings of obedience and rally, in fact, I heard that she turned some workers away! That said, of course we had people who didn't show up to work as promised, which always throws a wrench in the works, but other people stepped up to help. As always, thanks to our wonderfully organized secretary, Norine, who always keeps us right on track. Caroline provided yet another weekend of wonderful food, and we were able to offer up some (tasty!) chili to exhibitors once the workers had all had lunch on Saturday. Thanks so much to the following members who either helped set up, clean up, steward, wrote checks, calculated awards and ribbons, ordered and brought toys, brought

food and paper supplies, sold raffle tickets, or all of the above: Rhonda, Erin, Gerianne, Rose, Teresa, Devetta, DeAnn, Gale, Joanne, Norine, Caroline, Sandy C., and Ron. That is a third of our membership! I hope I didn't miss anybody. We were cleaned up, and Dee had counted the ribbons by 12:30 on Sunday! Thanks also to all of the club members who donated to our trophy fund; your names were listed in both the premium list and catalog. Also, many thanks to the Companion Dog Club for offering a \$75 Chewy gift card along with a rally and obedience flip chart to be raffled off. I am almost embarrassed to announce I won the Chewy gift card, but I wasn't embarrassed enough to give it back. lol. As always, our wonderful club members put on another fantastic event. I had several exhibitors tell me this is their favorite obedience trial weekend of the year, and they always look forward to it.

Gerianne and Erin, Trial Chairs

### **BDOC AKC Scent Work Trial**

It was a windy and cold weekend especially for the handlers. Most of the dogs seem to appreciate the cooler weather (that is preferred over the August heat). The trials were well attended with 165 people entered handling 244 dogs. There were 871 runs with a pass rate of 61%. Eight dog/handler teams earned advanced titles: 4 Overall Master titles; 3 Super Elite and 1 Detective title. I want to personally "Thank" all of the volunteers whom, helped make this trial possible. I want to call out: Norine Nieman; Gerianne Darnell; Erin Embry; Shelly Rehmeier; Sharon Dowell, Gale Osborne and Jim Hogsett, for their exceptional help.



**BDOC Membership Dues are coming due by the annual meeting in February 2026.**

**\$25 for single membership**

**\$40 for family membership**

## **Bellevue Dog Obedience Club**

**2026 Membership Dues pay before February 2026.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Single Membership \$25.00**

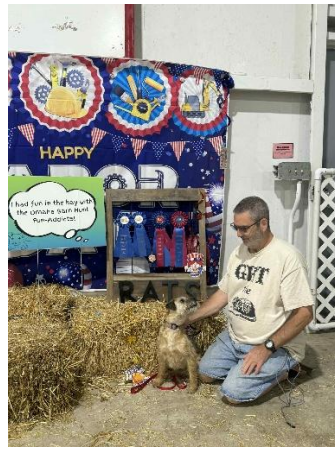
**Family Membership \$40.00**

**Submit your BDOC Membership Dues to: Joanne Swenson,  
7511 South 189<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68138.**

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## Braggs:

Reported by Ron Weaks... Stryker did it!! 3rd Senior Leg, 1st place and High in Class. This may not sound like much to many of you, but it has been over 2 years in the making. He started his Barn Hunt career hunting and indicating so strongly. Getting his first 2 titles in 6 runs. We took a winter off. When we started back up he lost his desire to do either hunt or indicate. He would just pace around the ring. With 2 years work, we got him back to hunting and indicating again. Thanks to Jenny Vincent and Katie Krause for your tutelage. We enjoyed the Omaha Barn Hunt Fun-Addicts trial. Stryker and I accomplished another of my goals for the year. We earned his CD (Companion Dog) title. I admit it wasn't pretty, but a Q is a Q. The past year he has come up with a myriad of ways to not qualify. 3 goals down and 1 to go. Thank you Judge: Jeanne Ramirez.



Also reported by Ron Weaks...Stryker and I had a great weekend at the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club Scent Work trials. We went 9 for 11 qualifying runs with 6 placements. We also earned the following titles; Excellent Buried Elite; Excellent Exterior Elite; Excellent Interior Elite and our overall Scent Work Excellent Elite. Thank you to judges: Johnette Ulch; Chris Eblen and Brenda Bruce.





Report from Gerianne...The girls had a nice weekend at the GLOC CPE Scent Sports trial October 18-19, qualifying 10 out of 16 in all Level 5 and C classes. Both girls were fast, motivated, and accurate, and we had several First Places. At the end of my last search of the weekend the judge said “Your dogs are really good!” 😊 Rayna came up one Q short of her Extraordinaire title, but that gives us something to do next fall, right?! I enjoyed tracking with Rip both days and got a track in with Rayna as well.



At the BDOC AKC Scent Work Trial October 31, November 1-2, Rita finished her Master Exterior title making her eligible for Detective! She also finished Elite Advanced Buried and Elite Advanced Exterior, and had two First Places out of 17 dogs entered in her class. Rayna earned a Detective Q with a Fourth Place.



Reported by Gale Osborne...Lyric TopFlite Song of Valyria, “Harper” trialed at the UKC Trial at Long Dog in Berwick Iowa and earned his UCD on October 4, 2025. He also earned an Open A leg at the BDOC Obedience Trial at CDC October 25, 2025.



Also reported by Gale Osborne...D'Artagnan's Shadow, "Shadow" trialed at the UKC TRIAL at Long Dog in Berwick Iowa and earned his UCD on October 4, 2025.



In Addition, Crossroads Man In Black, "Cash" trialed at the AKC Scent Work Trial hosted by BDOC at Sunshine Obedience Club in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He earned his first legs in Novice Interiors, Novice Exteriors, Novice Containers, and Novice Buried. Hopefully we have found a sport Cash enjoys.



In addition, Blackmyst Kell Stirling Victory earned her UKC UBN at the Long Dog in Berwick Iowa October 4, 2025.



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**Calendar: BDOC events are in Red.**

## **2025**

November 8-9, 2025 Central Iowa Dachshund Club Obedience Trial at DMOTC Building in Des Moines, Iowa.

November 14-16, 2025 Patrick Shanahan Herding Clinic, Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa

November 15-16, 2025 AKC Obedience Trial put on by Greater Lincoln Obedience Club hosted at the Companion Dog Club in Omaha.

November 22-23, 2025 DMOTC AKC Obedience Trial Des Moines, Iowa.

December 5-7, 2025 AKC Scent Work, NKC, Omaha, Nebraska

\*DMOTC Matches are through an online sign up called Slott Me. Please contact John Kimbro to be added to the email notice. His email is [kimbrol88@yahoo.com](mailto:kimbrol88@yahoo.com). It is easy to sign up. You just open the level you want to run your dog in such as Open. Pick a time slot and type in your name, dog's name and jump. You should arrive 45 minutes before your scheduled time, check in and run your dog and be on your way. There is another contact for rally. Deb Luzier [debluzier@msn.com](mailto:debluzier@msn.com).

## **2026**

January 23-25, 2026 Scott County Kennel Club Agility Trial at the Quad City Dog Center.

February 14-15, 2026 Cyclone Country Kennel Club Breed Show at the Iowa State Fair Grounds.

February 14-15, 2026 Des Moines Golden Retriever Club at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Obedience/Rally Show.

February 28-29, 2026 Des Moines Obedience Training Club Rally Trial. Two trials on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> and one trial on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

April 3-5, 2026 Iowa City Dog Obedience Club at the Amana Colonies RV Park Obedience/Rally Show.

April 17-19, 2026 Des Moines Golden Retriever Club will hold their Spring Agility Trial at Jester Park Equestrian Center. The Judge will be Ben Gibbs.

April 18-19, 2026 Mason City Iowa Fair Grounds Breed, Obedience and Rally Show.