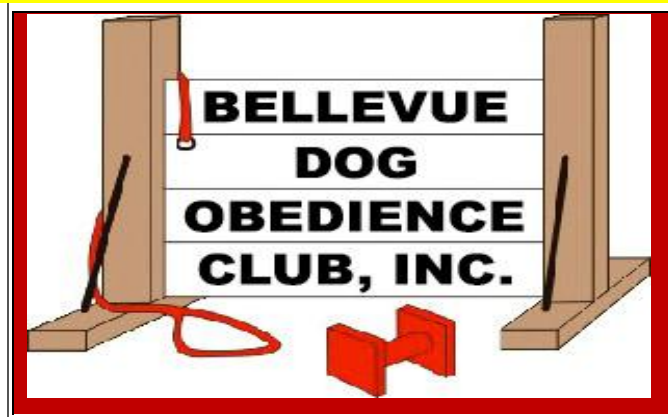


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Bellevue Dog Obedience Club

September-October 2025 Edition

Next Meetings

BDOC Board Meeting: The next Zoom Board Meeting will be December 9th, 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 Gayle 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 Gayle seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Rice, Secretary

BDOC HAPPENINGS

BDOC AKC Herding Trial

BDOC had very successful AHBA herding trials (sponsored by Friends) and AKC herding trials on September 19-21, 2025. The judges for all three days were Marie and Alan Koebke from Texas. Once again, our efficient secretary Norine kept us all in line. Our scribes for the three days were Kim Embrey, Sharon Dowell, and Joanne Swenson, thank you ladies. Joanne also did treasurer duties on Sunday. Special thanks to Jim (assisted by Darwin Baker) for putting up and taking down the tarps, and to Jim and his wonderful dog Gus for setting out and exhausting sheep all three days. Caroline provided us with delicious lunches all three days. Special thanks to Darrell and Erin for manning the sheep pens, assisted by non-members Lisa Daughtrey, Jeanie Moline, and Jamie Evans. A good time was had by all, with the possible exception of the ducks and sheep! Gerianne and Erin, co-chairs

Reported by Shelly Rehmeier... Congrats to all the volunteers who helped put this trial on. Thank you.

Dog Articles:

Brain studies of dog responses to the scent of a familiar human (2015).

MRI studies have revealed something amazing about dogs. Their love for their owners goes beyond food, toys, or even other dogs. Scientists discovered that when a dog smells its owner, a special part of its brain actually lights up more than it does when the dog smells food or another animal.

This part of the brain, called the caudate nucleus, is connected to feelings of love and reward. The reaction is so strong that it shows dogs aren't just recognizing a familiar scent, they're feeling joy and affection. It proves that when our dogs look at us or come running to greet us, it's not just habit. Deep inside their brains, they truly love us, in a way that's powerful and real.

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Braggs:

Report from Gerianne...

Rayna finished her NACSW NW3 title along with her Level Three Container title at the KBP nosework trials in Colfax, Iowa.



Rita had a great herding weekend at the BDOC AHBA and AKC herding trials in September. At the AHBA trials on Friday, Rita had a nice AHBA debut, starting out in Level III. She got three first places and a High in Trial with a score of 92, plus her first AHBA Championship point. In the AKC trials on Saturday and Sunday, Rita qualified 8 to 8 in her advanced classes with six First Places and two Second Places, two High in Trials, 1 Reserve High in Trial, and four AKC Herding Championship points. She also finished her Master Advanced A Duck title and her Master Advanced A Sheep title, each of which takes 11 qualifying scores.



Reported by Gale Osborne...Lyric TopFlite Song of Valyria, “Harper” trialed at the WCRL trial September 14th, 2025. Harper earned a 210 score and 2nd place in the first trial and he earned a 210 score and 3rd place in the second trial. These were two legs toward his Rally level 1 title.

Also, D’Artangnan’s Shadow, “Shadow” trialed at the WCRL trial and September 14th, 2025. Shadow earned a 210 score and 4th place in the first trial and he earned a 210 score and 2nd place in the second trial. These were two legs toward his Rally level 1X title.

Crossroads Man In Black, “Cash” trialed at the Des Moines Golden Retriever Club Agility Trial at Jester Park in Granger, Iowa September 19th, 2025. Cash earned a 100 score in the Masters Preferred Jumpers with Weaves. He had one flub running the Excellent preferred Standard course. We will keep working on that.

Later that same weekend we did Obedience at the Platte Valley Kennel Club Trial held at Companion Dog Club September 20th -21st, 2025. Lyric TopFlite Song of Valyria, “Harper” earned an extra leg in Grad Novice with a 193 and a first place in Trial 1. Harper earned his first Open A leg with a 190 and a first place in Trial 2. On Sunday, Kell Blackmyst Stirling Victory, “Stirling” earned her first leg in Grad Novice with a 196 score and a first Place.

Continued to Calendar...

Calendar: BDOC events are in Red.

2025

October 18-19, 2025 CPE Scent Sports, GLOC, Lincoln Nebraska

October 18-19, 2025 DMOTC Agility Trial at Jester Park in Granger, Iowa.

October 25-26, 2025 AKC Obedience & Rally, BDOC at the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, Nebraska

October 31, November 1-2, 2025 BDOC hosts AKC Scent Work Trial at Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

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

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

November 22-23, 2025 DMOTC Obedience Trial

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. 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.

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 28th and one trial on Sunday the 29th.

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.

