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Bellevue Dog Obedience Club February-March 2026 Edition

Next Meetings

Board Meeting on Zoom April 2nd, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

The Next General Meeting of the BDOC will be April 29, 2026 at Gerianne's facility. It will be a potluck. There will be CGC testing and AKC Trick tests following a short meeting.

BDOC MINUTES

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club General Meeting Minutes February 28, 2026

The meeting was called to order by president, Gerianne Darnell at 6:34 pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church fellowship hall during the annual awards dinner. There were 17 members present.

Sharon moved and Teresa seconded that the reading of the minutes of the January 4 general meeting and the February 16 board meeting be suspended since they have been distributed to the membership electronically.

A Motion was made and passed.

The president's report shared highlights from the various trials held in 2025. She noted that just as agility had carried the other venues in the 90's it seems that scent work is carrying the other venues now. We lost three long time members this year: Connie Byrnes and Dean and Marlene Lee. Gerianne reflected on memories of the contributions they had made and on the dogs they showed.

There was no report of the vice-president.

The treasurer was absent but the financial reports for the year were printed and distributed at the meeting. In addition to the yearly report, there was a separate profit/loss statement for each of the trials held in 2025. It was noted that the cost for insurance seemed high, but that cost reflects the number of shows that the club conducts each year. **A motion was made following discussion to accept and passed.**

The secretary reminded members that the membership list will be updated in mid-March. The treasurer will send a list of all those who have paid membership dues for the year. Once updated, the list will be sent by email to all members who are asked to update their titles and any changes in dog breed.

The president reviewed the upcoming shows for 2026. The greatest need is for a volunteer coordinator for the August Scent Work trial.

Old business: Discussion was held about ways to streamline the voucher process. No decision was found.

The April general meeting will feature the CGC and CGCA tests given by Rhonda. Membership attendance at general meetings during the year is low, and suggestions for programs are welcome.

New business: The club received a \$200 donation from the Lee family. The board will determine the best way to use this and honor the Lees.

The next general club meeting is April 29. The next board meeting is April 2 by Zoom.

Erin moved for adjournment and Sue seconded the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Presentation of awards followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Rice, Secretary

**Bellevue Dog Obedience Club
Board Minutes
February 16, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by president Gerianne Darnell at 7:08 pm. Meeting was in ZOOM format. All board members were present.

Ron moved and Erin seconded that the reading of the minutes of the December 9, 2025 board meeting and the January 4, 2026 general meeting be suspended since they have been distributed to the membership via email. **Motion Passed.**

There was no report of the President or Vice-President. The Treasurer reported that

she is reviewing the financial reports that will go to the membership at the coming meeting.

The Secretary reported that in early March the membership list will be updated. Connie Byrnes and the Lees sadly passed away during 2025, and they will be removed from the roster. The list will be distributed to the members and they may make corrections as needed. A final list should be published by the end of March.

The list of upcoming events was reviewed. March 27-29 AKC Obedience/rally, GA and Erin chairs, Gale volunteer coordinator, Kim food

April 10-12 AHBA/AKC Herding, GA and Erin chairs, need food

April 24-26 AKC Scent Work, Sue/Erin Chair, Shelly Volunteer Coordinator, Kim food

June 5-7 UKC nose work, Shelly chair, Sue Vol. Coord, GA and Erin obedience/rally, Caroline food

July 31, 8 1-2 AKC Obedience/rally, GA and Erin chairs, volunteer coordinator Gale, Caroline food

Aug 14-16 AKC Scent Work, Sue chair, need vol coordinator and food

Sept 18-20 AHBA/AKC Herding, GA and Erin chairs, need food

Oct 24-25 AKC Obedience/rally, GA and Erin chairs, Rhonda vol coordinator, Caroline food

Oct 30, 31, and Nov 1 AKC Scent Work, Ron chair, Teresa vol coordinator, need food

The first show is set. There is a need for a volunteer coordinator For the Aug 14-16 trial and there are some holes for people to prepare the lunches.

New Business

The next general meeting will be April 29, 2026 at Gerianne's facility. It will be potluck. Rhonda will be asked to set up trials for CGC and Tricks

Old Business

Everything is set for the Awards dinner on February 28. The church will be open for the awards committee to set up the table at 5 pm. After the dinner, we will need to take out the trash and sweep. Caroline will distribute a list of everyone who has signed up and paid tomorrow (February 17) along with the complete invitation including the correct price for dues. Gerianne is working on the program.

The next club meeting is at the Awards Dinner on February 28, 2026. The next board meeting is April 2, 2026 by Zoom at 7 pm.

Ron moved and Erin seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:43pm. **Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Rice, Secretary

Board Reports Follow...

BDOC 2025 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual Meeting

February 28, 2026

BDOC had another productive and fun year in 2025.

Our first event of the year was AKC Obedience and Rally on March 28-30, 2025.

This was a fun trial that was well attended. Obedience was followed two weeks later by our first herding trial of the year, featuring two ranch trials on Friday afternoon and four regular herding trials over the weekend.

Although both of these events lost money, that loss was more than made up for by an AKC Scent Work trial the last weekend of April. April is a busy month for our club! June 6-8 featured our annual UKC nosework/obedience/rally trials. In 2025 both of these UKC events had a substantial loss. In 2026 we will have just one judge for UKC nosework, and we can evaluate after this year whether we want to continue with UKC. We currently have the only UKC nosework event left in the area.

We then had a break until the next AKC Obedience/Rally weekend in early August. We had a nice entry, and again many titles and qualifying scores were earned. Two weeks later was our August AKC Scent Work trial. The format of utilizing three judges and offering all of the regular elements plus Detective each day is very popular with exhibitors and we offered this format for all three of our AKC Scent Work weekends in 2025.

BDOC held our second weekend of AKC Herding Trials in September. We added two AHBA herding trials on Friday along with one AKC ranch trial late in the afternoon. The AHBA trials in particular were well attended on Friday, and they did help boost the AKC herding entries over the weekend. In 2026 we will offer this option for both of our herding weekends.

In October we held our annual two-ring AKC obedience and rally trials at the Companion Dog Club, which features two trials on Saturday and one on Sunday. Although Saturday is a very long day for exhibitors and judges, this format is very popular with the exhibitors, as they only have to purchase two nights in a motel for three trials. The following weekend we held our last event of the year, AKC Scent Work, and again the entry was large and enthusiastic, and we made a nice profit. Our club made an overall profit in 2025 of \$1382.72. Like agility did for the club in the 90's and 2000's, the profits from our Scent Work trials allows us to continue to provide the local dog community with several awesome events of various venues.

We continue to struggle as a club to offer meetings with programs that people are interested in. Our first program in 2026 will be a CGC/Tricks test offered by member Rhonda Pratt on Wednesday, April 29th. We will also enjoy pot luck together that evening. Your board will continue to brainstorm to try and come up with fun

events or outings that people are interested in participating in.

Our treasury remains very healthy. That said, we had to raise our entry fees at all of our events because the AKC raised their event fees. We will strive to keep the entry cost to our exhibitors as low as we can, but all clubs are faced with having to raise their entry fees. We will continue on with our events as long as our health and finances permit.

We lost three members in 2025, long time members Dean and Marlene Lee, and Life Member Connie Byrnes. Their presence will be missed. Thanks to all of you for allowing me to be your president for so many years. I

consider all of you good friends, and I very much enjoy the fun we have putting on our even

BDOC HAPPENINGS

Volunteers Needed...

The first event coming up that will need volunteers is the AKC Obedience/Rally Trial March 27, 28, 29, 2026. Please save the date and contact me with the day and time that would work for you. Thank you for supporting the BDOC events. Contact Gale Osborne jocam2685@aol.com

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Braggs:

Report from Gerianne Darnell...Rayna earned her Flash Level One title at the WCRL trials last weekend (her scores were three 210's and a 204!) Almost sixteen-year-old Robert earned his Rally Level One title, the sixteenth year in a row for him to earn a title!. Robert seemed to really enjoy being part of the action again. Rip laid quietly in his crate at the trials all weekend, he was such a good (and bored!) puppy.



Report from Gale Osborne...Lyric TopFlite Song of Valyria, “Harper”, earned his Preferred Open (PCDX Title) at the DMOTC Obedience show February 7th, 2026.

Harper also earned four legs toward his WCRL Rally Level 1 Championship (RL1X) with a score of 209 and three scores of 210 February 21 & 22, 2026. We will continue working toward his qualifying Championship legs during the rest of 2026.

February 28, 2026, Harper also earned two more legs toward his Rally Excellent with a score of 96 and a score of 97 in both trial 1 and 2 on that day. This trial was held at DMOTC and was AKC Rally only.



Blackmyst Kell Stirling Victory, “Stirling”, earned her first Open A leg at the DMOTC Obedience show February 7th, 2026. In addition, Stirling earned her first leg toward Rally Excellent with a score of 99. The Rally only trial was held at DMOTC on February 28th, 2026.



D’Artagnan’s Shadow, “Shadow”, earned his final legs toward his WCRL Rally Level 1 championship (RL1X) with a scores of 209 and 205 on February 21, 2026.



Report from Ron Weaks...The new puppy, Levi, my Lancashire Heeler is becoming fast friends with Stryker.



Congratulations Everyone! 🐾🐾

Continued to Regional Calendar...

Calendar: BDOC events are in Red.

2026

March 6-8, 2026, Patrick Shanahan Herding Clinic, Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

March 7-8 CPE, Waverly Community Center hosted by Greater Lincoln Obedience Club (GLOC).

March 14-15, 2026 Connie Cleveland/Kelsey Wehr Problem Solving Obedience Seminar at Companion Dog Club, Omaha, Nebraska. Contact Gerianne Darnell for registration and auditing.

March 15, 2026 DMOTC in Des Moines Iowa, Obedience Match 9-12 and Rally Match follows. See Slot Me instructions below to sign up.

March 22, 2026 CKC AKC Tracking, Lincoln, Nebraska.

March 27-29, 2026 BDOC AKC Obedience and Rally Trial at Sunshine Obedience School. See BDOC website for Premium information.

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

April 10, 2026 AHBA Herding Trials, Friends of BDOC, Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

April 11-12, 2026 AKC Herding Trials, BDOC, Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

April 11-12, 2026 K9 Sports Club will host a UKC Nosework trial. Contact Jerry Ranch for details or check the K9 sports club website.

April 12, 2026 DMOTC Obedience Match in Des Moines, Iowa. See Slot Me instructions below to sign up.

April 17-19, 2026 K9 Sports Club will host a UKC Obedience and Rally trial. Contact Jerry Ranch for details or check the K9 sports club website.

April 18, 2026 NACSW Nose Work, Winterset, Iowa.

April 18-19, 2026 AKC Seward Obedience and Rally Trial.

April 18-19, 2026 AKC Mason City Obedience and Rally Trial held at the Mason City Fair Grounds. Breed show is also included.

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 17-19, 2026 Nebraska Kennel Club's Fast CAT events at Banner Park in Bellevue, Nebraska.

April 24-26, 2026 BDOC hosts AKC Scent work Trial, Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Includes 3 detective trials.

May 9-10, 2026 NACSW Nose Work, Malvern Iowa. Contact Sharon Dowell for Information.

May 9-10, 2026 Grand Island AKC Obedience and Rally Trial.

May 15 – 23, 2026 Papillon Club of America National Specialty Norman Oklahoma.

May 15-17 Lincoln Trial at the Lancaster Center.

May 22-24, 2026 Cyclone Country Kennel Club will host their Agility Trial at the Hansen Agriculture Center on Mortensen Road.

May 30-31, 2026 WCRL Rally, Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

May 30-31, 2026 AKC Scent work Trial.

June 5-7, 2026 UKC Obedience, Rally and Nose work Trial hosted by Friends of BDOC, Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

June 12-14, 2025 Greater Lincoln Obedience Club Agility Trial.

June 26-28, 2026 Cyclone Country Kennel Club AKC Obedience and Rally Trial at DMOTC Training Building.

July 11-12, 2026 AKC Central Iowa Dachshund Club at Des Moines Obedience Training Club.

July 10-12, 2026 AKC NKC Scent work Trial, Iowa Western, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

July 26, 2026 AKC Nebraska Kennel Club (NKC) is hosting Two Detective trials at a new building at Bellevue University. We will have a new judge, Caroline Oldham from Texas.

July 31, August 1-2, 2026 AKC BDOC Obedience and Rally Trial at Sunshine Obedience School.

August 14-16, 2026 BDOC will host an AKC nosework trial at Sunshine Obedience School. There will be 3 Detective trials included.

September 5-6, 2026 Central Iowa Dachshund Club at Des Moines Obedience Training Club.

September 12, 2026 Marion Crane, “Are You Really Ready?” Seminar at Sunshine Obedience School. Contact Gerianne Darnell for registration and auditing.

September 18, 2026 AHBA Herding Trial, Friends of BDOC, Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

September 19-20, 2026 AKC Herding Trial, BDOC, Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

September 19-20, 2026 GLOC will host a CPE nosework trial in Wahoo. NE.

September 18-20, 2026 AKC Obedience and Rally at Companion Dog Club.

September 18-20, 2026 Des Moines Golden Retriever Club will hold their Spring AKC Agility Trial at Jester Park Equestrian Center. The Judge will be Karl Blakely.

September 19-20, 2026 AKC Platte Valley Kennel Club Obedience and Rally Trial at Companion Dog Club.

October 17-18, 2026 GLOC will host a CPE nosework trial at the Saunders County Museum, Wahoo, NE.

October 24-25, 2026 BDOC Obedience, Rally Trial held at Companion Dog Club.

October 30 and November 1, 2026 BDOC will host an AKC Scent work Trial hosted at Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa. These trials will include 3 Detective trials.

November 7-8, 2026 Central Iowa Dachshund Club Obedience Trial at Companion Dog Club.

November 13-15, 2026 Patrick Shanahan Herding Clinic, Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

November 14, 2026 GLOC Obedience, Rally Trial held at Companion Dog Club.

December 5-6, 2026 NKC will host an AKC Scent work Trial at Werner Park baseball stadium in Papillion, Nebraska. These trials will include 2 Detective trials.

December 12-13, 2026 WCRL Rally Trial, Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Watch for Obedience, Rally and Agility Matches in 2026.

Most trials will host a match prior to their show. See the premiums for those and watch to see if you need to pre-register for them.

Companion Dog Club will be hosting all three at different times. I will try to post those here and watch their website.

Des Moines Obedience Training Club will also be hosting matches. I will try to post those here and also watch their website. They have a slightly different way to sign up. That is shown below:

***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.**

2027 Events

March 6 & 7, 2027, DMOTC Rally Only Trial at the club building in Des Moines, Iowa.