

Dumbbell

Oriole Dog Training Club

9 Azar Ct., Halethorpe, MD 21227

December 2019

Happenings!

December 2019

- 19: Nomination for Board of Directors deadline
- 20: Awards Form Deadline
- 20-22: Agility Seminar with OMD Instructor Becca Thrift, Halethorpe

January 2020

- 1: Awards Party Food Coordinator Needed by Jan. 1
- 4-5: *USDAA Agility Trial hosted by Mid-Atlantic MADness, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD*
- 18: **NAFA Flyball** – No Speed Limit Flyball Racing Team Tournament, Format TBD, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. Note Annual NAFA Membership Meeting to follow the tournament.
- 19: **Annual Awards Party and Annual Meeting**
- 24-26: **AKC Agility** – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Maryland State Fairgrounds Cow Palace, Timonium, MD.

February 2020

- 1-2: **USDAA Agility** – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD
- 9: **Obedience Run-Through** – Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD
- 15-16: NADAC Trial – Artful Dodgers Agility, Oriole Dog Training Building.
- 22: **NAFA Flyball** – Scallywags Flyball Tournament, Format TBD, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

Note: *Italics indicate non-ODTC event at our building.*

Announcements!

Board of Directors & GM Meeting Minutes (Members Only)

Minutes of all meetings can be found on the ODTC website - (Login is required):

[ODTC BOD Minutes](#)

[ODTC General Meeting Minutes](#)

Next Board Meeting – Mon., Dec. 16 at 7pm

Annual Awards & General Meeting – Sun., Jan. 19, 1pm

Welcome New Members

Please welcome Elizabeth Plonski and Lori Solberg.

Welcome to our New Equipment Managers

Please welcome our two new agility equipment managers: Isabel Martinez and Sue Clark.

ODTC Member Awards – Dec. 20 Deadline

Last chance to send in your award forms, see link at the end of this newsletter for forms.

Urgent Need–Food Coordinator for Annual Party

Betty Gardner (Awards Chairperson) needs a volunteer to organize the food for our Awards Party on Jan. 19th. This person will be responsible for acquiring any other help needed. Betty will send this volunteer a “cheat sheet” with ideas for food choices, etc. Please contact Betty at bettyganimalvr@gmail.com

Did you know that Oriole is currently accepting nominations for the 2020 Board of Directors?!



That's right! Judi Ruff, Chair of our Nominating Committee, is currently seeking club members interested in running for the Board of Directors. What does that entail you ask?

Oriole Dog Training Club currently has eleven positions. Below are more details on each of the positions. All Nominations are due to the committee by December 19th. To nominate someone or yourself, please reply to this email with the person's name, email address and position you'd like to nominate them for.

Want to get more involved but don't have time to commit to the Board? Betty Gardner is seeking volunteers to help with set up and food planning for our Annual Awards Ceremony on January 19th. If you're available and interested, please email Betty at bettyganimalvr@aol.com. Don't know what I'm talking about? Award nominations are due Friday, December 20th and you can [Click Here](#) to learn more about them!

Our Decorations Committee and Outreach Committee are also always looking for new members. If you're interested in joining either of them, please email Sue Carlton at trainrotts@hotmail.com.

Are you a current Member looking to become more involved but none of these seem like the job for you? Please email our Membership Director [Rose Kane](#) and she can help you explore more opportunities to get involved. Without further ado, below are brief descriptions of the Board of Directors positions.

- **President** - The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Club or of the Board of Directors and give such supervision to the Club as may be necessary to effect its purpose and objectives under the Constitution and By-Laws and as may be directed by the Board and the Membership. The President shall appoint Committee Chairs with the advice and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- **Vice-President** - The Vice-President shall have such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board and shall carry out the duties of the President when the President is unable to carry out those duties. Currently, the Vice-President manages the posting of premiums to the club websites, admins our club express website, manages our club event scheduling, and presides over all regular and special meetings of the Club or Board which the President is unable to attend.
- **Secretary** - The Secretary shall keep a complete set of minutes of every meeting of the Club or of the Board of Directors and a record of all matters which shall be so ordered. The Secretary shall also attend to all correspondence, issue all notices, and have custody of the files and documents of the Club.
- **Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall: (a) Receive and disburse all funds of the Club in accordance with the policies of the Board of Directors and the By-Laws. (b) Ensure that all receipts are deposited in an account in the name of the Club in a bank approved by the Board of Directors. (c) Maintain the books of the Club and make them available for review and independent inspection as directed by the Board. (d) Report at each regular Board meeting and General Membership meeting the current financial status of the Club and any significant receipts and disbursements since the last report. Make available for review recent bank statements of all accounts of the club. (e) At the next Board and General Membership meeting after the end of the fiscal year, render an account of all receipts and disbursements for the prior year. (f) File all tax returns in a timely manner.
- **Obedience Training Director, Tracking Training Director, Agility Training Director, and Other Activities Training Director** - shall define and coordinate the training programs and methods in each respective domain, in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors, and shall, with the advice and consent of the Board, schedule new classes or changes in schedules or activities whenever deemed necessary and/or advisable. Training Directors may appoint from the membership of the Club such assistants as may be required. Training Directors shall conduct and actively participate in the training programs, instructions, and demonstrations of the Club. Training Directors shall work with the Registrar Committee to see that non-member classes and events are advertised and that applicants are assigned to classes.
- **Member at Large** - shall assist in the affairs of the club and participate actively in both leadership and chairing and management of committee functions as assigned by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. Their role will also be to represent the general membership.
- **Communications Director** - The Communications Director shall define and coordinate the communication program in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors, and shall, with the advice and consent of the Board, manage and coordinate both internal communications (e.g. email notifications, newsletter, website) and outreach/community communications (e.g. brochures, flyers, demonstrations, etc.) The Communications Director may appoint from the membership of the Club such assistants as may be required. The Communications Director shall actively participate in communication and activities of the Club.
- **Membership Director** - The Membership Director shall define and coordinate the membership program in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors, and shall, with the advice and consent of the Board, define member requirements and contributing member positions and track compliance. The Membership Director may appoint from the membership of the Club such assistants as may be required. The Membership Director shall actively participate in activities of the Club.

Please don't be shy! It's thanks to the members like you who volunteer their time that we are able to keep our club doors open!

Cheers! The Nominating Committee

Help Wanted Volunteer Opportunities!

Oriole is an ALL VOLUNTEER club. **Member & Provisional Member** help is necessary & appreciated!

Thurs., Dec. 19 BOARD MEMBERS -Nominations for Board of Directors deadline. Contact: Judi Ruff, Chairperson

Jan. AWARDS PARTY FOOD COORDINATOR – Betty Gardner (Awards Chairperson) will need a volunteer to organize the food for our Awards Party on Jan. 19th. This person will be responsible for acquiring any other help needed. Betty will send this volunteer a “cheat sheet” with ideas for food choices, etc.

Friday, January 17, NSL Flyball - will need assistance setting up the flyball tournament. Volunteers to help clear the field and set up tables would be greatly appreciated. Set up will be between 5-7pm.

Saturday, January 18, NAFA GM Meeting - Russ Bobb has put out a call for help to set up for the NAFA General Membership Meeting that we are hosting at Oriole. Volunteers should email him at flyballmischief@gmail.com. Expect to need assistance around 4-6pm on Saturday.

Sun., Jan. 19 11:30am Awards Annual Meeting Setup– Help setting up tables for the Annual Awards Party.

Please contact Betty Gardner if you have any questions and to let her know that you will be able to help
bettyganimallvr@aol.com

Thurs., Jan. 23 AKC Agility Setup - Volunteers are needed on Thursday, Jan. 23 to setup at the Maryland State Fairgrounds around 4:30 or 5pm.

Fri.-Sun., Jan. 24-26 AKC Agility
If you are interested in working at the AKC Trial contact Trish Dunseith.

Fri. Feb. 14 & Sun. Feb. 16–NADAC Agility Setup & Tear Down

Set up will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday, 2/14/19

We will need help with:

- moving the blue panels from the field
- moving the equipment from the agility field
- clearing ring gating & obed. equipment from the obedience field
- bringing tables out for the trial secretary
- there will be other small/lightweight tasks to be done

We will also need help with teardown on Sunday, 2/16/19.
Time to be determined.

We will try to accomplish as much as possible without disrupting the Friday night flyball class. Lorinda McKisson will be your point of contact when you arrive.

Paid opportunities to set-up/tear-down for non-ODTC events may be available - Anyone who wants to help should contact Russ Bobb.

Educational

7 Ways to Make the Holidays Safer for Pets

Nothing can spoil holiday cheer like an emergency visit to a veterinary clinic. These seven tips can help prevent a holiday disaster with your pets.

1. Keep people food out of the reach of your pet and ask your guests to do the same.
2. Make sure your pet doesn't have any access to treats, especially those containing chocolate, xylitol, grapes/raisins, onions or other toxic foods.
3. Don't leave your pet alone in the room with lit candles, a decorated tree or potpourri.
4. Keep holiday plants (especially holly, mistletoe and lillies) out of reach of pets.
5. Consider leaving the tinsel off your tree if you have a cat.
6. Secure your Christmas tree to keep it from falling over if your dog bumps it or your cat climbs it. Hanging lemon-scented car air fresheners in the tree may deter your cat from climbing it.
7. Provide a safe place for your pet to escape the excitement (such as a kennel, crate, perching place, scratching post shelf or hiding place) if you're entertaining guests. If your pet is excitable or scared, consider putting your pet in another room with some toys and a comfortable bed.

Shout-Outs!



- Thank you to Ashley Musser, Carle Lee Detweiler, Lauralee McGuire, Trena Laswell, and Lee Carr for making our second UpDog Challenge event a success! It was blustery and their positive attitude and dedication made the weekend run smoothly.
- Thank you to everyone that helped at the Artful Dodger AKC trial Dec. 6-8.
- Thank you to all of our Members who help throughout the year!

congratulations!

- ★ Sara Tagget with Desi earned her CGC & Novice Tricks at a FastCat trial White Post, Va!
- ★ Sara Tagget with Desi earned her CA title for Lure Coursing today! She had to run 300 yds, 3 times in less than 90 seconds, she did each run in about 35 seconds.
- ★ Betty Gardner and Sierra earned her Coursing Ability Excellent Title. That is for successfully running a 600-yard course a total of 25 times!
- ★ Dianne Harab with Willy (GCH Liz Ann's Golden Ticket BN RE CGC TKN) earned his Grand Champion Title at the National Dog Show in Oaks, PA, he went Best of Opposite.



- ★ Lorinda McKisson with Keanu earned 3 QQs at the ODTK AKC Trial.
- ★ Rachel Lachow with Ivy won Reserve winners bitch at a recent event. Wren finished her novice rally title and won her first intermediate rally. In Scent Work she qualified in 2 interior hides and one container hide.
- ★ Deborah Dean with Iselin earned her AKC Handler Discrimination Novice title today



★ Tricia Dunseith - Awesome weekend at Oriole Dog Training Club's Agility weekend. As many of you know, I haven't had a dog to run in Agility in a few years. My 2.8 year old Edge, just started competing in Agility and surpassed my expectations with 7 qualifying runs out of 9 runs, 2 new titles, 2 triple q's and lots of placements.

★ Kate and Russ Bobb - Quest Flyball Grand Champion 70,000, Whisper Flyball Grand Champion 30,000 and a 1st Place win in Regular Division 1! Great teamwork Scllywags.

★ Michele Long with Ginger had a great day at the Performance Scent Dog trial hosted by The Coventry School for Dogs on 11/30/19. She finished 5 titles in the Advanced class, Buildings (SD-AB), Speed (SD-AS), Containers (SD-AC), Exteriors (SD-AE) and Distance (SD-AD). Titling in all 5 of these classes earned her the overall Scent Dog Advanced title (SDA). She took 1st place in Speed, 2nd in Buildings and 3rd in Distance. In addition, she achieved the "Iron Nose" award because she passed all 5 classes that day.

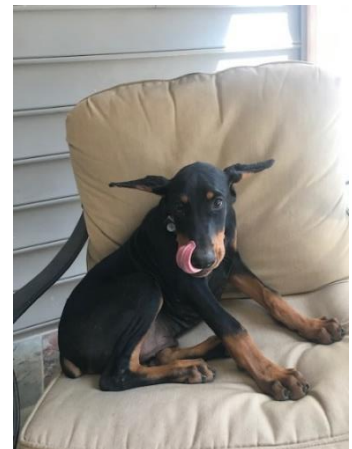


New Puppies!

If you have a new puppy (8 weeks – 1 year) submit pictures so that others may enjoy some puppy cuteness!

Jane Terry welcomes Riff, born Dec.1.

Jane Terry welcomes Doberman Declan, born April 30.



Thinking of You

Contact: The Sunshine Coordinator, Sharon Spies at spies14632@aol.com

If you know of a club member's loss or illness, please contact the Sunshine Coordinator or Dumbbell Editor so that we may share with our fellow members and acknowledge the member.



Our sympathy to Linda Hulbert on the loss of Catch, Dezwin's Dream Catcher 2/11/2007-11/27/2019.



Our sympathy to Lorinda McKisson and Mike McKisson on the loss of Nani.



To download and print the forms select the link [Award Forms](#)

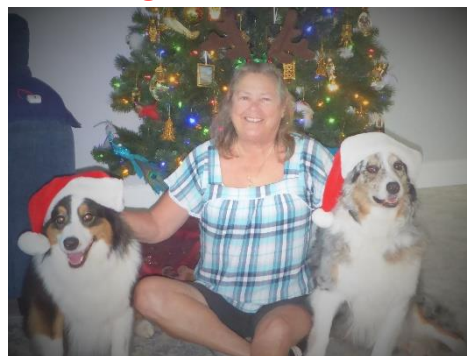


Lorinda McKisson
(Mitzi, Keanu, Nani, Diesel)

Happy Holidays from the ODTTC Registration Team



Felicia Wynn
(KC and Kody)



Sheila Saville
(Karma and Ruby)

I Hope you enjoyed this edition of the Oriole Dog Training Club "Dumbbell" – Newsletter Editor: Sheila Saville

Submit your brags/accomplishments or new puppy info to Dumbbell@Orioledogclub.club for inclusion in the next issue.

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