

# Dumbbell

Oriole Dog Training Club 9 Azar Ct., Halethorpe, MD 21227

May 1, 2025



## Happenings

May 2025

3: [Rally Obedience Show N Go](#), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

4: [Agility Seminar with Christine Tschech](#), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. *One day seminar to be followed by a one seminar the following weekend.*

10: [CGC and Trick Testing \(Nov-Int-Adv\) Event](#), Oriole Dog Training Club, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

11: [Agility Seminar with Christine Tschech](#), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

11-12: [BHA Judging Clinic](#) – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

17-18: [USDAA Agility](#) – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

23-25: [AKC Rally and Obedience](#) – Oriole Dog Training Club Rally and Obedience Trials, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

23-25: [BHA Barn Hunt Trial](#) – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD. *pending conflict resolution*

31: The building is available.

June 2025

1: Turf Cleaning Work Party – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

6-8: [AKC Agility](#) – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

14-15: [NADAC Agility](#) – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

21: [AKC Fetch \(2 Trials\)](#) – Oriole Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

22-23: [Agility Seminar with Bridget Thomas](#), Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD

28-29: [NADAC Agility](#) – Artful Dodgers Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

## 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](#)

### *Reminder from our President*

It has come to my attention that the door has been found unlocked on several occasions recently. Please ensure, if you are the last one at the building that the door is properly locked when you leave. This is a responsibility of all instructors and contributing members that use the building. Be aware that occasionally, the door does not latch all the way double check that it is fully locked by pulling on the door.

Thank you for your help with this.

**Best,**

Rosalyn Dupont

**President | Oriole Dog Training Club**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Needed and appreciated at all of our events. Here are some upcoming opportunities!

### May 17-18 – USDAA Agility Trial

Set up will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 16.

We will need help with:

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

We will also need help with teardown on Sunday, . Time to be determined. An estimated class schedule will be posted at [artfuldodgersagility.wordpress.com](http://artfuldodgersagility.wordpress.com) that will show an estimated ending time.

Janet Gauntt will be your point of contact when you arrive.

### 23-25 AKC Rally & Obedience Trial – stewards/volunteers needed . Trial

Experience is not necessary. We are willing to train anyone who would like to volunteer. Fri. evening Rally/Obedience and Sat./Sun. Obedience.

You may work a half day, if you wish. Contact: Deb Jackson

[dobegirl@comcast.net](mailto:dobegirl@comcast.net)

### June 1: Turf Cleaning Work Party – We will need help with:

- moving the blue panels
- moving agility equipment
- moving ring gating and obedience equipment

We will be using the gas-powered turf cleaner on the field. All doors and the loading dock bay doors will be open for ventilation, but the machine will throw fumes while in use. Contact: [lmckisson@gmail.com](mailto:lmckisson@gmail.com) or Beth Pointer [beth.pointer@gmail.com](mailto:beth.pointer@gmail.com)

### 13-15 NADAC Agility - Set up will begin at 4:00 pm on Friday, 6/13/25.

We will need help with:

- moving the blue panels from the field
  - moving the equipment from the agility field
  - clearing the ring gating and obedience equipment from the obedience field
  - bringing tables out for the trial secretary
  - there will be other small/lightweight tasks that will need to be done
- We will try to accomplish as much as possible without disrupting the Friday night flyball class.

We will also need help with teardown on Sunday, 6/15/25. Time to be determined.

Lorinda McKisson will be your point of contact when you arrive.

## Upcoming Seminars 2025:

Christine Tschech ♦ 5/4/25 &  
5/11/25

Bridget Thomas - 6/22 - 6/23/25

Cynthia Hornor - 8/30 - 8/31/25

Courtney Moore - 9/13 - 9/14/25

Tracy Riley - 9/27/25

Paula Goss - 10/11 - 10/12/25

Diane Patterson - 10/18 - 10/19

Dudley Shumate - 11/8 - 11/9/25

Paula Goss - 11/22/25

Tracy Riley - 12/20/25



*Oriole is an all-volunteer club – thank you  
to everyone that volunteers!*

*Instructors - Board Members -  
Cleaning Crew - Event Chairs - and  
many more...*

## *NACSW Odor Recognition Test*

Oriole held what we believe to be its 29th NACSW Odor Recognition Test on Sunday, April 13, 2025. We have been running ORTs since 2011. A NACSW competitor must pass all three odors (birch, anise, clove) in order to enter NACSW trials.

We had great event on Sunday!! The ORT ran smoothly, and we were packed up and done early, which gave everyone a chance of enjoying the breezy, sunny day. We got lots of accolades from our competitors about the smooth, efficient and "professionally" run event. We believe this was because of our great, efficient and friendly volunteers. It was great watching the comradery among the volunteers and shared friendship as they set up, organized the day and greeted competitors. We had 41 competitors. Our Certifying Official was Linda Grskovich CNWI and the Judge was Jacqui Reardon CNWI. The results were birch passes 94%, anise runs 66% and no misses in clove (14) 100%.

Many thanks to our volunteers, who helped run the event, and also learned about ORTs and dog handling by observation. Thanks to Sue Cox- Host, Donald Grskovich-Volunteer Coordinator, Jessica Daggit, Sue Hayes, Debra Kaminski, Deborah Dean, Lorinda McKisson, Marge Paulding, and Leslie Wharton.

## *Oriole is pleased to host Canine Massage appointments with Leanne Lohmeyer*

Canine Massage Therapy aids recovery after physical activity and improves quality of life for dogs of all ages. This hands-on treatment works well for pets suffering from chronic pain, anxiety issues, muscle spasms or atrophy, and problems associated with aging. Massage therapy can improve circulation, relieve tension and muscle strain, promote healing, increase range of motion and flexibility, and reduce recovery time.

Leanne is a certified and licensed Canine Massage Practitioner. She has a special interest in treating canine athletes and a soft spot for retired aging dogs, helping them to maintain their range of motion and quality of life. It is never too early or too late to reap the benefits of Canine Massage Therapy.

Sessions will be offered at Oriole Dog Training Club on the second Monday of each month from 3pm-7pm beginning on May 12th and are available by appointment only. The session fees are \$50 for members/\$55 for non-members. You can schedule a session with Leanne via email at [LLk9therapy@gmail.com](mailto:LLk9therapy@gmail.com).

## *AKC Rally Trial: A Weekend of Fun and Skill*

By Andra Stanley and Debbie Kaminski

On April 5-6, the Oriole Dog Training Club hosted an exciting AKC Rally trial, bringing together dog owners and handlers for a weekend filled with enthusiasm, teamwork, and impressive displays of skill. The event saw a range of competitors, from seasoned rally veterans to newcomers, all showcasing the bond between dogs and their handlers as they navigated various rally obedience courses.

The trial featured a series of challenges that tested the dogs' ability to perform precise movements, follow instructions, and maintain focus under pressure. Handlers and their four-legged partners maneuvered through a series of stations with tasks such as sits, turns, and heeling, all designed to demonstrate the team's coordination and communication.

Spectators enjoyed watching the participants, with some handlers earning perfect scores and others pushing their limits to improve. The atmosphere was filled with camaraderie, as competitors cheered each other on, creating a supportive environment that reflected the true spirit of the sport.

The event was a wonderful success, offering a great opportunity for dog owners to hone their skills, gain new experiences, and bond with their dogs in a fun and challenging setting. The Oriole Dog Training Club continues to be a hub for dog lovers, and we look forward to future events that bring together the local canine community.

A special thank you to everyone who helped to make these trials a huge success...Andra Shanley, Joan Faltot, Anya Thurlow, Carol Carr, Colleen Nolan, Dianne Harab, Sue Fortman, Martha Badura, Debbe Quadri, Cindy Deubler, Jen Spratt, and Celia Fernandez Brillet.

We truly appreciate Terry Herman and Lorinda McKisson who helped us put the building back together.

Also, a huge thank you to our judge, Laura Rixham, who stepped in at the last minute to fill in for our Saturday judge who had unexpected surgery. You are all amazing!

Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and dedication, and a special thank you to the volunteers and organizers who made the event possible!



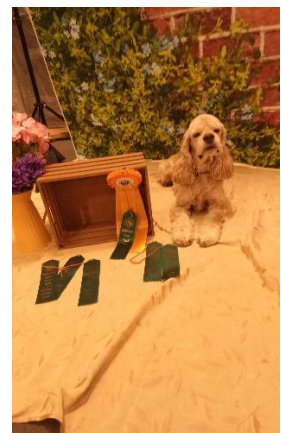
*Picture caption: From left to right: Dianne Harab, Trial Secretary, Debbie Kaminski, Judge Laura Rixham, Martha Badura, Celia Fernandez Brillet, Trial Chair, Andara Shanley*

# congratulations!

- ★ **Gina Lancaster** – Pooh *CTATCH. 3*
- ★ **Sheila Saville** – Pearl earned her AKC STAR Puppy title.
- ★ **Susan Boswell** - Sunshine earned her Rally Advanced title at Oriole's April Rally Trial! (no photo)



- ★ **Sharon Martinez** - Odin earned his L2V & Phoenix earned her L1V.
- ★ **Carle Lee Detweiler** – Proud of Dutch today! With some great competition we won the meet, winning the Del Wasso Memorial Trophy.
- ★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain's 13th and 14th triple Q's. April 12, 2025 at Carroll Kennel Club's rally trials.



★ **Chelsea Singer** - This gooftroop had a successful day of firsts and my steady eddy finished it off with a bang.

Groovy Triple Q(her first DOUBLE Q!!) \*\*\* Crush QQQ #11 QQ #10 \*\*\* Gatsby JWW Q  
All 3 won Jumpers and being that I'm a data girlie, I love seeing the consistency in times. Crush had one wide turn which impacted his but pretty darn cool.

Crush 26.93 \*\*\* Groovy 26.12 \*\*\* Gman 26.01

★ **Felicia Wynn** - Brave pulled it off this weekend and got his AKC Open Standard Agility title! Yikes! We are in Excellent Standard now! He also got his first 2 AKC Open Jumpers Q's.

Carle Lee Detweiler -

★ **Carle Lee Detweiler** - So proud of Dutch , we traveled to Abilene KS to race on a sand Greyhound Track, he won the meet! Amazing racing it came down to the final high point race.



★ **Gayle Lape** - Teddy and I began competing again this April after I recovered from foot surgery in December 2024. So we are just getting back in sync. Much to my joy Teddy earned his Excellent Standard title yesterday on a very fun course by Linda Syner at the Golden trial in Westminster. I forgot to get the new title ribbon. Cesmir this little guy is a special talent!

★ **Sharon Martinez** - We had a good weekend at a recent CPE nosework trial. Phoenix earned her CCSS-L2 title & placed 8 out of 10 runs with 3 - 1st place, 3 - 2nd place, 2- 4th place. Odin Q'd & placed in 5 runs towards his CCSS-L3 title with 2- 1st place & 3 - 2nd place.



## Thinking of You

If you know of a club member's loss or illness, please contact the Sunshine Coordinator, Sharon Spies at [spies14632@aol.com](mailto:spies14632@aol.com) or Dumbbell Editor so that we may share with our fellow members and acknowledge the member.



## New Puppies or New to You

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

Sue Cowles – welcome to Sue's new Sheltie puppy, Justin. Second picture is with big brother Jayden.



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](mailto:Dumbbell@OrioleDogClub.club) for inclusion in the next issue.**

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