



THE DUMBBELL

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Happenings

September 2025

6-7: Flyball Bootcamp with Shelly Pruitt Switick from Precision Flyball Training – hosted by Scallywags and ODTC, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

13-14: Agility Seminar with Courtney Moore, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

20-21: USDAA Agility – Mid-Atlantic MADness, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

26-28: AKC Fast CAT – Hog Dog Productions, Millersville, MD.

26-28: BHA Barn Hunt Trial – Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

27: Agility Seminar with Tracy Riley, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

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

Seminars

Seminars Coming in 2025:

Courtney Moore ♦ 9/13 - 9/14/25

Tracy Riley ♦ 9/27/25

Paula Goss ♦ 10/11 - 10/12/25

Diane Patterson ♦ 10/18 - 10/19/25

Dudley Shumate ♦ 11/8 - 11/9/25

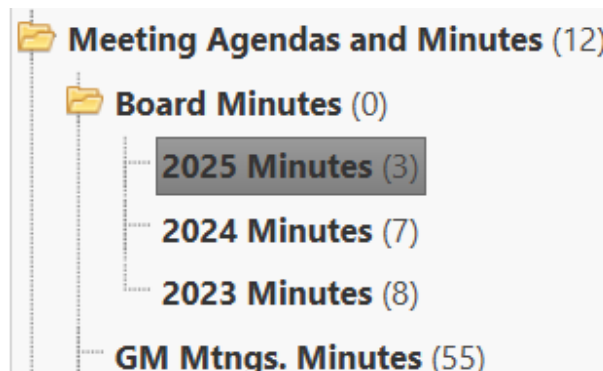
Tracy Riley ♦ 12/20/25



Announcements

Board of Directors & GM Meeting Minutes (Members Only – login required).

Go to www.orioledogclub.org then select Club Members/Club Documents(Login Required)/Other Documents where you will find these folders:

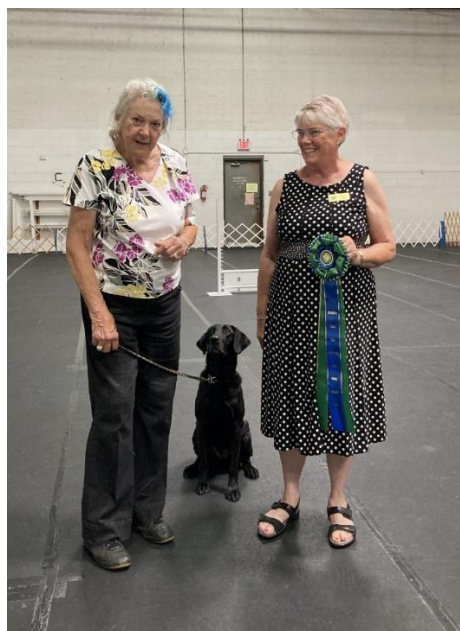


An opportunity has opened on the cleaning committee!

A dedicated individual is sought to join the cleaning committee, a contributing member position. If you are interested in joining the efforts, or understanding what's involved, please contact Laurie McClain at lauriemcclain123@gmail.com. This is an opportunity to make a positive impact and contribute significantly towards the club.

Congratulations

★ **Milly Welsh** and Razor earned High Combined at the Washington Poodle Show on July 26th. Razor also completed the requirements for her Obedience Master title.



★ **Monique Bocock** -- Kale'a earned her Flyball Master on 7/6/25. She also received an invitation to the 2025 AKC Agility Invitational as the #3 Entlebucher Mountain Dog (yes there are more than 3).



★ **Carle Lee Detweiler** - We went racing with Niagara Whippet Club. On Saturday Dutch earned 1 National Point coming in 2nd to Braden Snoozer's Playboy. On Sunday Dutch won the meet earning 3 National Points. This meant Dutch earned his WRCHX II. For my non whippet friends this is a huge accomplishment. The last dog to earn a WRCHX II is Joplin owned by Mike Hattery back in 2021. It's been 4 years since a dog earned this title. I am so proud of him!



★ **Linda Hulbert** – On 8/6 we celebrated Rain's RACH at BAD's WCRL Rally run thru. King RACH Rain!



★ **Tricia Dunseith** - Edge QQ'd, a FAST leg (giving him a TQX leg) (QQQ) and a T2B leg on Friday.



★ **Dana Hoppes** - Jetson and I made our first attempt at his NACSW NW2. Our training has been sporadic, the day was also brutally hot. I just approached it as a chance to see how much rust we had to knock off. Jetson had other plans. He earned his NW2 and placed 2nd Overall. He had 5 searches: Vehicles, Containers, 2 Interior rooms, and a large Exterior area. His Exterior search was the highlight; we had to find 3 hides in 3.5 minutes. He took a little over a minute to finish with a beautiful, efficient search. He was all heart, focus and drive. I'll always remember today. Thank you, buddy.



★ **Terry Nicholl** – Dewey earned his C-ATCH4 at Artful Dodgers CPE Agility at Oriole on August 17. He is a busy guy, earning his ARCH Master Excellent (MX) – WCRL Rally Trial at Breakaway Action Dogs in Frederick on August 10.





Beverly LaFleur - Dixie blu CT-ATCH 20



Summer CGC/Tricks Title Recipients:



Alaina Grubb & GUS (CGC/Tricks - Novice & Intermediate)



Theresa Novak & DELILAH (CGC/Tricks - Novice & Intermediate)



Scott Borden & MONGO (CGC/Tricks - Novice)



Jean Cremen & SARGE (CGC/Tricks - Novice & Intermediate)




**CONGRATULATIONS
CGC/TRICKS
Summer 2025
Title Recipients:**




Frank Miller & RUGER (CGC)




Whitney Etchison & MILO (CGC/Tricks - Novice & Intermediate)




Ann Truffa & LUNA (CGC/Tricks - Novice & Intermediate)



Paul Bunting & RIVER (CGC/Tricks - Novice & Intermediate)



Joanna Diaz & RIPLEY (CGC/Tricks - Novice & Intermediate)



Elise Glunz, Sarah Utter & TANGO (Tricks - Intermediate)

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!



Paula Waterman welcomes Leeland's Ink Spot aka 'Splash', 11 weeks old.



News & Special Recognition

AKC Obedience & Rally Judges Clearing the High Jump

By AKC Companion Events Department on 8/7/25

We have been made aware of some recent chatter concerning clearing the High Jump; we hope this blog article will clear up the confusion in question.

Obedience Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 14. Retrieve Over High Jump, Scoring. A dog that fails to go over the full height of the jump in either direction, that uses the jump for any aid in going over, or that returns over the jump without the dumbbell must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score. Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that touches the jump when going over it or for a dog that displays any hesitation or reluctance in jumping. All applicable penalties listed under the Retrieve on Flat apply.

Therefore, if the dog clears the jump with the top panel not being displaced, but the panel(s) underneath come off, the dog has cleared the height of the jump and should receive a qualifying score.

If in the process of clearing the jump, the dog touches the jump, the top board stays on, but any panel underneath comes off, there should be a minor or substantial penalty per the regulations. A tic/touch has never been an NQ, and it should not start to be one now.

If the dog hits the jump and the top panel is displaced, the dog has not cleared the height of the jump, which would result in a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

Additionally, Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 34 The high and bar jumps should be checked throughout the class to ensure the pins, pegs, and/or cup holders (that hold the panels and/or bar in place) are securely seated after each jump change.

As the judge, ask yourself this: did I make sure to check that the panels were set correctly?

RALLY: Though the scoring is different in Rally, the explanation of clearing the high jump (or not) would be judged the same.

The Companion Events Team

An Obedience Trifecta

August was a busy month for Obedience at Oriole. We started with a very well-run Show N' Go, followed by a CDSP trial and then the AKC Obedience and Rally trials on the 22-24th. This series of events offered bonding time with one's dog and friends – new and old.

Tamalee Kramp

The Show N' Go allowed handlers to work their dogs at whatever level their dogs were capable of.

It also allowed time to work on specific things to tighten up in their routine within a specific timeslot(s) chosen by the handler. This event is valuable to those who have never worked on turf to acclimate their dog to the arena's surface before competing at one of our trials. These events are a great opportunity to acclimate new teams to a trial environment. Not only in the ring, but to learn trial etiquette and procedures from more experienced handlers. New members and our provisional members also get a chance to fulfill volunteer hours, learn about stewarding and good sportsmanship in a less stressful environment.

Thank you to the Friday crew for setting up the building for the Show N' Go and getting everything ready for Saturday. You did a great job. And I can't thank everyone enough for volunteering for Saturday's Show n Go. The August Show N Go was a great success, and it wouldn't have been possible without everyone's help. It ran smoothly and with no problems, I got a lot of compliments from the handlers about how wonderful the Show n Go was, and

that is all thanks to every one of you. Please give yourselves a round of applause for all your hard work.

Friday Setup: Kara O'Connor, Barry Palmer, Andra Shanley, Debbie Kaminski

Judges: Ilene Croom, Tamalee Kramp, Barry Palmer, Andra Shanley, Deb Jackson,

Stewards: Diane Gillium, Denise Forbes, Carol, Carr, Sharon Martinez, Scott Borden, Fran Bethea

Debbie Kaminski

The CDSP (Companion Dog Sports Program) trial went off without a hitch. The amount of support that exhibitors give and receive is outstanding. At these trials, you will find that the class exercises are blended, having one or two elements from a higher level included in the one that proceeds it. Not only that, handlers are allowed to treat their dogs after each exercise, if they choose. The environment is more 'laid back', as they say. Participating in these trials is a great steppingstone in your obedience journey. I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to our volunteers for being willing to steward at our August CDSP Obedience Trials, in spite of the fact you were also competing! I cannot tell you how much I appreciate each of you! From setting up rings to stewarding, keeping scores, managing exhibitors, and simply being there to help wherever needed – I couldn't have done it without you. Your hard work not only supported the exhibitors but also helped create a positive and welcoming environment for everyone involved.

Volunteers: Karen Baker, Joanne Baum, Debby Brannan, Sara Chapman, Deb Dean, Shirley Harry

It's possible that I may have missed someone. The volunteers were also exhibitors so others

may have jumped in to cover someone while they were competing. Thank you for being such an important part of these events – and for helping make them such a success.

Deb Jackson

We wrapped up the August of Obedience with our AKC Rally and Obedience trials August 22-24. The weekend kicked off with a Friday evening Rally trial. The judge, Tibby Chase from Massachusetts, put together some fun and challenging courses. Our own Andra Shanley won the High Combined award and Michael Mooney the High Triple Combined awards!

Thank you to the stewards who helped the trial run smoothly: Sharon Martinez, Joan Faltot, Sarah Webster and Carol Carr.

After the late evening, the obedience trials started early Saturday morning. There were many amazing teams exhibiting their love and dedication to the sport showcasing how fun obedience can be. Lots of participation and wins from Oriole club members who I hope are reporting their brags in this newsletter as well.

Our judges, Charles Marcantonio from North Carolina and Tibby Chase were very

complimentary of the club and our awesome stewards giving us 10 out of 10 stars!!!!. All the

rings ran like clockwork and everyone gave their all to make sure the exhibitors had a great experience.

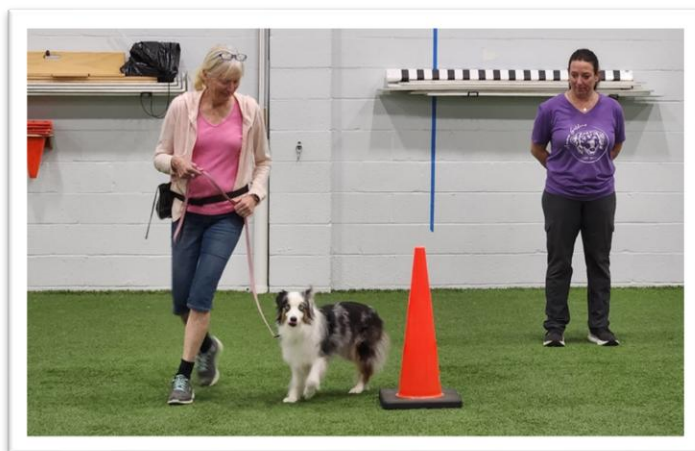
Many thanks to the stewards who gave all or part of their weekend to help with the trial: Joan Faltot; Sarah Webster; Carol Carr; Barry Palmer; Tamalee Kramp; Bob Reinhardt; Deb Kaminski; Galena Kuiper; Sheila Mehring; Denise Forbes; Shirley Harry; Emily Burke; Pat Kavanaugh; Fran Bethea; Valerie Earwood

Also big thanks to Debbie Kaminski, Trial Secretary extraordinaire, who also took care of

hospitality and judge transportation! And lastly thank you to those who came early to set-up the rings on Friday afternoon and those that stayed late on Sunday to put the rings back together.

Friday setup: Sarah Webster; Joan Faltot; Deb Kaminski; Galena Kuiper; Barry Palmer

Sunday Cleanup: Terry Herman, Lorinda McKisson, Cindy Duebler, Deb Kaminski, Sarah Webster, Burton Goldstein, Janet Bowen, Joan Faltot, Tamalee Kramp, Cher Snyder, Pat Kavanaugh





Sarah Webster and Carol Carr help building the Rally course.

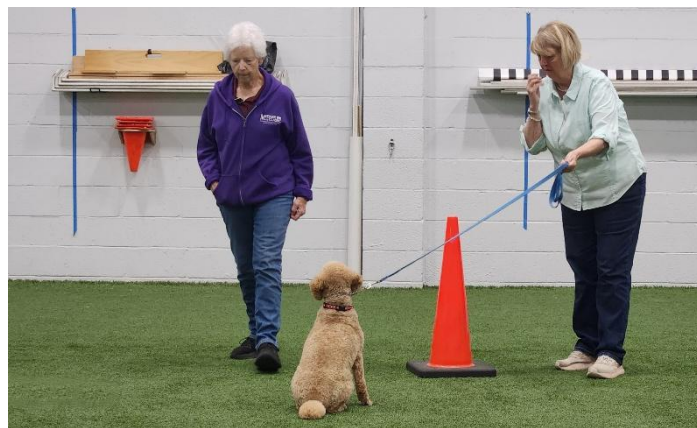


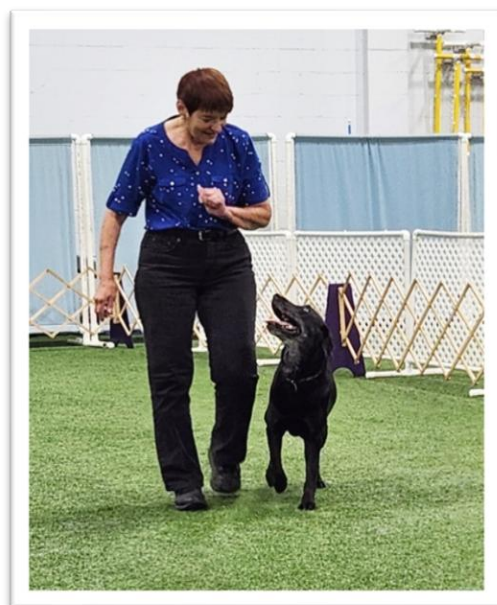
Mike Mooney earning High Triple Combined in Rally Trial

More pictures from our event



Andra Shanley earning High Combined in Rally Trial.





Volunteer Opportunities

Sept. 26-28 BHA Barn Hunt Trial - ODTTC is hosting a Barn Hunt Trial at Branchwater Farm in Reisterstown MD beginning on Friday Sept 26 running through Sunday Sept 28. No prior experience is necessary - we will train you!

Barn Hunt FAQs:

#1 Do I have to touch rats? No, the rats are all in PVC tubes. You won't even see them unless you want to peek in a tube.

#2 Do the dogs kill the rats? Absolutely not! Dogs cannot access the rats as they are protected in vented PVC tubes

#3 I don't know anything about Barn Hunt, can I still help? YES! We will train you!

Sept. 26-28: AKC Fast CAT – This event is held at Hog Dog Production in Millersville, MD. We expect trial setup to start by 7:30am on Friday and begin running dogs by 9am: this is generally a light day, so we may be done by noon. Set up on Saturday and Sunday is usually at 8am, with running starting around 9am, and we expect that we will be done by 3pm at the latest on both days. These times are estimates as it depends on the number of registered dogs.

Breakfast will be provided for all volunteers!

We greatly appreciate any time you can give to help make this a fun and safe event for everyone.

Please let Judith Hoffman (judithahoffman@gmail.com) know if you would be available to help with the event on any or all of these dates!

Funny Dog Jokes

- I can't take my dog down to the local pond anymore, because the ducks keep attacking him. It's my fault for choosing a pure bread dog.
- What's the best way to stop your dog from barking in the front yard? Put him in the backyard.
- Why did the poor dog chase his own tail? He was trying to make both ends meet!
- What's a dog's favorite mode of transportation? A waggin'!
- Why do dogs tend to run in circles? Because it's really hard to run in squares.

Dog Treats

Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Treats

Ingredients

2 cups flour

1 cup canned pumpkin puree

1/2 cup [dog-safe peanut butter](#) (Make sure it has no [xylitol](#), an artificial sweetener toxic to dogs.)

- In a large bowl, mix together the pumpkin and peanut butter.
- Stir in the flour and combine the mixture into a dough.
- Roll out the dough onto a floured surface.
- Cut the dough into shapes with [your favorite cookie cutter](#).
- Place the treats 1/2 an inch apart on an ungreased cookie sheet.
- Bake for 12 minutes.



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 or Dumbbell Editor so that we may share with our fellow members and acknowledge the member.

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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