



THE DUMBBELL

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Happenings

February 2026

March 2026

1: **CDSP Obedience Trial** - Oriole K9 Lodge, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

7: **Waterwork/Land Training Seminar** - DelMarVa Portuguese Water Dog Club, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

8: **Rally Obedience Show N Go**. Oriole K9 Lodge, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

8: **Strength & Conditioning for Performance Dogs Seminar by Lee Carr DVM**, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD. Halethorpe, MD.

13-15: **AKC Fast CAT** - Hog Dog Productions, Millersville, MD.

14-15: **Obedience Seminar with Ann Scripko**, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

20-22: **BHA Barn Hunt Trial** - Branchwater Farm, Reisterstown, MD.

21-22: **CPE Agility Trial** - Artful Dodgers CPE Agility Trial, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

28-29: **USDAA Agility** - **Mid-Atlantic MADness**, Oriole Training Building, Halethorpe, MD.

Seminars Coming in 2026:

Current Seminar:

Lori Napoli ♦ 5/3/26

Agility:

Christine Tschech ♦ 5/10/26

Christine Tschech ♦ 7/25/26 – 7/26/26

Bridget Thomas ♦ 8/29/26 – 8/30/26

Sheyla Gutierrez ♦ 9/12/26 – 9/13/2026

Annette Alfonso ♦ 10/10/26 – 10/11/2026

Dudley Shumate ♦ 11/7/26 – 11/8/2026

Cynthia Hornor ♦ 11/14/26 – 11/15/2026

Nose work/Scent Seminars

Garrett Dyer (Nose Work) – 2/7/26 & 2/8/26

Nose Work ORT – April 12

Nose Work ORT – Nov. 22

Jacy Kelley (Nose Work) – Nov. 28 & 29

Seminar Obedience Seminars

Ann Scripko ♦ 3/14/26 - 3/15/26

Lara Avery ♦ 5/30/26 - 5/31/26

Marion Crane ♦ 9/26/26 - 9/27/26

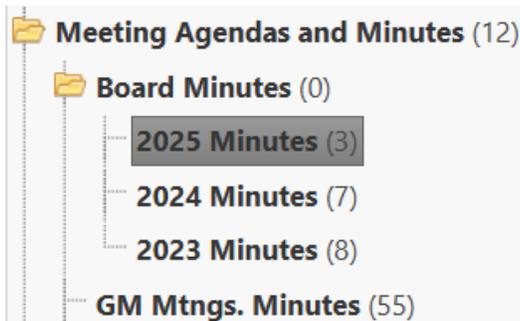




Announcements

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:



Welcome NEW MEMBERS: Paul Bunting and Diane Hardy.

Equipment Placement/Return – When using equipment, please make sure you return it to the proper place where it is stored.

Spring Class Registration - Spring is just around the corner, and that means a new semester of classes is almost here! We want to make sure you have all the dates and tools you need to secure your spot.

Registration Dates

To ensure a smooth enrollment process, registration will open in phases:

- **Contributing Members:** Monday, March 2nd
- **Training Members:** Wednesday, March 4th

- **Provisional & Non-Members:** Friday, March 6th

Explore the Spring Catalog

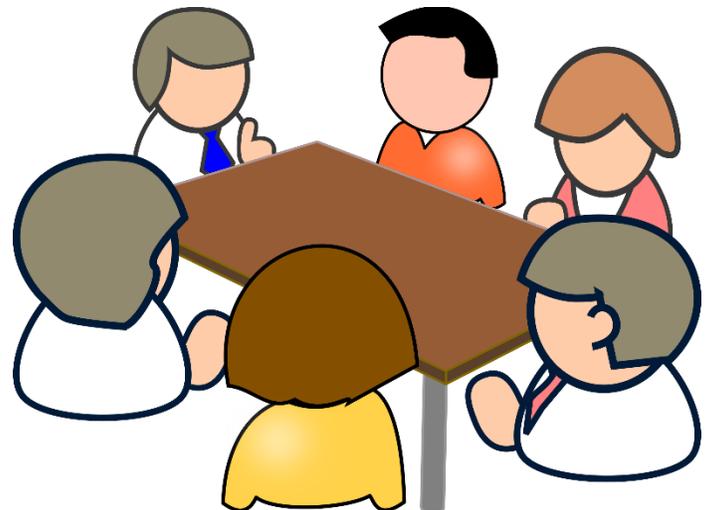
While you wait for your registration window to open, we invite you to browse our course offerings. This is the second semester we are offering our digital catalog, making it easier than ever to plan your schedule.

You can view the catalog in two ways:

1. **Online:** Visit our [Course catalog here](#).
2. **PDF:** View or download the **digital catalog** to browse offline.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zFcwW9vuvRpTi2ICjxg9cAE-MLBv4aZ3/view?usp=drive_link

Tip: When registration goes live, the links inside the digital catalog will take you directly to ClubExpress to sign up!

Our classes tend to fill quickly, so be sure to check your dates and have your favorites picked out in advance.



Congratulations

★ **Linda Hulbert** - Porsche was entered in the CSS scent trials at Periland this weekend where she had 1 hide in each search. On Saturday she Q'd in all 4 Container searches, 1 Interior search, and 1 Vehicle search. Sunday she Q'd in all 4 Container searches, both Interior searches, and both Vehicle searches.



★ **Felicia Wynn** - We did some UKI again and my sweet chocolate Brave earned his Beginner Speedstakes title with a first place and then placed first in Beginner Jumpers on fun courses.



★ **Lorinda McKisson** - Hennessy earned his Novice Touch N Go at Artful Dodgers NADAC trial! My tired puppy after the trial.



★ **Linda Hulbert** - Rain was entered in BAD's C-WAGS scent trials this weekend. He finished his Ranger 4 title (CW-ScR4), got one more Q towards his Level 3 ACE, and two more Q's towards his Dasher 3 ACE.



★ **Sheila Saville** – Pearl earned her CGC Title on Feb. 28.



Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday, March 8 - Obedience SNGo

Volunteer as a steward in the ring.

We will be using three rings, Novice, Open and Utility. Each ring has different equipment that needs adjusting for each person in the ring.

A steward job would consist of adding or removing jump boards, rally signs for the BN runs, laying out gloves, articles, posts, table steward to make sure the participants are called to the ring to show their dog.

Sue Carlton, trainrotts@hotmail.com and in the subject line of the email: March SNGo volunteers.

Fri.-Sun., March 13-15 - ODTK AKC Fast CAT

We can use help primarily in the mornings during the set-up for the event and when we run the volunteer dogs. If you are creative, we could use help in creating a photo area (dogs & their people bragging with their earned rosettes). St. Patrick's Day and Pi-Day themes are two ideas.

Set-up and clean-up tasks do not require heavy lifting, but do include a moderate amount of walking/standing, carrying light weight items, and bringing dogs of your fellow volunteers to the start line.

Trial times are finalized after the event closing date (1 March), but set-up could be as early as 7:30am on Friday and 8am both Saturday and Sunday. End of day is generally 1pm Friday and 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

We greatly appreciate any time you can give toward making these events successful. You do not need to be there all day or every day.

Your point of contact Kelley Welch at kelly2welch@gmail.com.

Fri. March 20 - CPE Agility Trial setup

Volunteers needed. Set up will begin at 4:00p

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.

Sun., March 22 -CPE Agility teardown - We will also need help with teardown and resetting field - Time to be determined.

Sun., April 12 – ORT - Looking for volunteers for the ORT. We start at 730 am and typically are out of the building by 3p or earlier. Please contact me Linda Grskovich lindobes@verizon.net No training needed, great experience.



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News & Special Recognition

ODTC Rally Run Thru
Sunday, March 8, 2026



Sunday, March 8, 2026 is Oriole's Rally Run-through. This is an excellent opportunity for those who will be showing at our April AKC show. The match is held on artificial turf in our fully climate-controlled clubhouse with plenty of free parking.

Pre-registration is Open!

Closing Date: Pre-registration closes on Thursday, March 6, 2026

If you do not pre-register, note that day of match entries *might* still be taken from 9:30am-10:30am for the run-through, depending on the pre-entry registrations.

These are training run-throughs – corrections and most treats are allowed. Electronic collars are not allowed. Please see the House Rules for our policies regarding treats, where dogs may be exercised, etc.

- 2 rings: 1st /ring - Novice/Advanced; 2nd Ring - Excellent/Master
- Novice/Advanced - 5 minutes per run
- Excellent/Master - 7 minutes per run
- Choice will be done in Ring 2
- Judges to be announced
- Bring your own chair
- Limited crate space: you must protect the floor under your crate
- Bitches in season must wear panties in the building

Registration: You may pre-register for the match (see below) for a discounted price. This pre-registration may be performed, however pre-registration payment must be received prior to the closing date listed above. There are no refunds unless the match is cancelled due to weather.

Match Schedule:

Doors open at 9am

Registration and check-in from 9:30am-10:30 am.

Runs start at 9:30am and end about 2pm.

Running Order:

1st Ring: Novice/Advanced - Novice runs from 9:30am-11:30am, Advanced runs from 11:30am-2pm.

2nd Ring: Excellent/Master - Excellent runs from 9:30am-12pm, Master runs from 12pm-2pm.

Pre-Registration: \$10 per dog/run

Walk In Pricing: \$12 per dog/run

Note: Participants will have the use of the ring to train their dog. Timing will be managed for each of the rings. Prompt entry and exit of the ring is expected of each participant.

Registration is open now! See links below to pay for your slot(s):

[RALLY RUN THRU - NOVICE](#)
[RALLY RUN THRU - ADVANCED](#)
[RALLY RUN THRU - EXCELLENT](#)
[RALLY RUN THRU - MASTER](#)

Register for your time(s) on the link below. If you want more than one slot, you must pay for each one individually. [Sign Up](#)

For event information, contact Tamalee Kramp at tamalee75@gmail.com.

For registration issues, contact Seminar Registrar, Lorinda McKisson at Lmckisson@gmail.com. All Oriole guidelines are in effect.

Educational

By the ASPCA

Key Safety Tips During Thaw:

- **Prevent Chemical Exposure:** Ice melt can cause burning, cracking, and severe poisoning if ingested. Thoroughly wash or wipe your dog's paws immediately after they come inside.
- **Paw Protection:** Use paw balm/wax (e.g., Musher's Secret) or dog booties to protect paws from ice-melt irritants and, cold, wet surfaces.
- **Avoid Salt Ingestion:** Do not allow dogs to eat snow or ice, especially in areas treated with salt, as this can cause stomach upset, vomiting, or dehydration.
- **Watch for Hidden Ice:** Melting snow often hides slippery, dangerous ice, which can cause slipping injuries. Mud and sludge can also harbor bacteria and trash.
- **Identify Pet-Safe Melts:** Opt for urea- or magnesium chloride-based products rather than traditional sodium or calcium chloride, although caution is still advised.

Common Signs of Trouble:

- **Paw Irritation:** Cracked, bleeding, or sore paw pads from salt or ice exposure.
- **Toxicity Symptoms:** Vomiting, drooling, tremors, or seizures after walking on treated areas.
- **Refreezing Hazard:** Even if snow melts during the day, it will likely refreeze at night, creating hazardous, jagged ice conditions.

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.



Our sympathy to **Chelsea Singer** on the passing of Nikko February 17, 2010-February 16, 2026. The end of our Orion Era - Orion A Splash of Black Flurry "Nikko" AKA: NiNi, Needy Nikko, Buddy, sweet boy, monkey, squish, Dude



Dianne Harab shares with us the passing of Bosco. Bosco passed away on February 8, 2026 at the age of 13-1/2. He was my heart dog. We took care of each other and I know he would have given his life for me. I was once asked by an instructor what I would like to accomplish with my dog, my answer was to see how far we could. We accomplished

more than I ever imagined and he taught me how to be a competent handler.

Favorite Activity: Swimming



CH Evans' Bosco Boy UD BN GN GO RE CGCA
CGCU TKN
(7/12/2012-2/8/2026)

Owned and Handled by Dianne Harab

- 2014: Bosco earned his CD o Bosco competed at the Rally Nationals
- 2015: Bosco earned his RE
- 2016: Bosco earned his Championship
- 2017: Bosco earned his CDX
- 2021: Bosco earned his UD

FSSA Register of Merit: Obedience

I hope you enjoyed this edition of the Dumbbell

From you Newsletter Editor: Sheila Saville

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