



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

— NEWSLETTER OF THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF THE ROCKIES —

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News & Events

Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry!

The BMDCR is matching our member's [Furry Scurry](#) contributions up to \$400 this year. The Furry Scurry is the nation's largest charity dog walk and the biggest fundraiser for the Colorado Front Range area's premier humane society - The Dumb Friends League. Contact Phil Shaffer at pshaffer@bmd.org for more information.



Swiss At Heart Merchandise Ready for Sale!

Swiss at Heart is the theme for BMDCR's 2011 Bernese Specialty show on September 9, 2011 in Greeley. Local artist Cathy Lester designed our Swiss at Heart logo, now available on fun apparel exclusively from BMDCR.

In addition to fun new shirts, hats, and hooded jackets, we now



offer coffee as well!

BMDCR is happy to partner with Alpine Roastery in Denver, Colorado to provide our exclusive coffees. Roasted locally in small batches means the freshest cup of coffee!

Visit our online store, Shop the Rockies, at www.bmdcr.org.



President's Message

Hi, everyone. I am happy to serve as your President and I look forward to a fun year. This club enjoys a wealth of riches, having so many members who are actively engaged in conformation, draft, obedience, and performance, and counting among its members a number of accomplished breeders.

As I mentioned at the January awards banquet, we are now on the two year count down to the 2013 National Specialty which we will host. There will be jobs big and small and we will need all the hands and feet and good humor that we can muster. So

when Dottie calls and asks for help, please tell her Yes! If each of us chips in a little, all of us will accomplish a lot.

And let me congratulate Nadja Torling again. Nadja was awarded the Kathy Roth award at the awards ceremony for her years of outstanding service to the club. Congratulations and Thank You, Nadja! Members like Nadja make light work for everyone.

Remember that the Spring Draft Test will be May 21 and 22. If you have questions, contact Sara Karl. And for those of you want-

ing to learn how to draft with your dog or how to perfect your technique, watch for information from Barry Solomon, who is planning another Retreat this June 17 - 19.

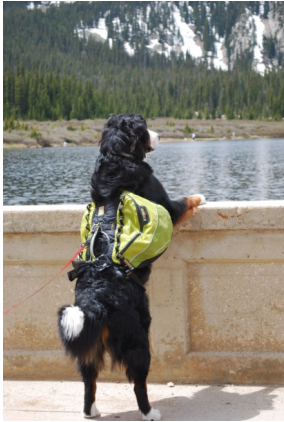
I look forward to learning your ideas for the club so please get my attention. Find me ringside at the shows or email me at mary.guy@q.com. Let me know what is on your mind.

Meanwhile, give your Berners a hug!

Mary Ellen Guy

Board Meeting Minutes—March 27, 2011

Al & Laura Hauptenthal's House, Greenwood Village, CO



The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:05 pm on March 27, 2011 at the Al and Laura Hauptenthal's home in Greenwood Village.

Present: Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Joanna Hughes, Laura Hauptenthal, Helen Karl, Sara Karl, Candy McDanal, & Alice Gordon. Also present Phil Schafer and Sharon Keefer.

Approval of Minutes: Laura moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the January/February 2011 newsletter. Motion seconded by Sara. All in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Alice updated the board on further info from her research on the AKC Humane Fund. The consensus was that support of this fund belongs to all breed clubs.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$11,082.11 in checking, \$5,271.74 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$6,765.08.

We have come to the conclusion that we have adequate insurance for the club functions and for rescue.

Sara met with the accountant and reported to us the following information: We are an 501c6, which is a charitable social club. To be a 501c3 would cost us about \$4,000. We are highly unlikely to get that status. The difference is that individuals can deduct donations to a 501c3. We could look at splitting rescue off to be a 501c3, but it would still cost us the \$4,000. Mary Ellen suggests that as long as the res-

cue function is working well within the club, we should keep things at the status quo. Sara's concern with why we should split off would be that it could limit the club's liability should a rescue dog bite someone. Per Phil we do have a form to release the club of liability, but we agreed that we should probably have an attorney check it out.

The subject of filing taxes was brought up again by Sara. Mary Ellen feels that we should pay a CPA to file for us so we are protected. Sara will contact an appropriate person.

Committee Reports

Website: Reminder that we need to be sure that all current events are posted in the website. Sharon takes care of this, but we need to be sure that we are communicating this with Sharon. Sharon will put a reminder out on the Yahoo list.

Membership: We discussed issues with membership process. Sara felt most of the issues were with getting code of ethics signed and returned by the applicant(s). Mary Ellen called Stacy Temples to get her perspective on issues that held up the membership process. Stacy felt like there were some issues with people accessing the application through the old website. She also felt that much of the delay came with people not getting their own sponsors, and that she wasn't very good at following up with the applicants. Stacy agreed to get a report back to ME with what the glitches are in the system, but that hasn't happened yet. Mary Ellen feels like we need to get all the glitches out of the

system, especially moving forward to 2013. Mary Ellen will loop back again to Stacy.

Rescue: One dog in foster – Kitty, with Lynn Lindeman.

Ways and Means: There is nothing to consider at this time.

Unfinished Business

Spring Draft Test: Everything is set. Premiums should be going out shortly.

New Business

Newsletter: Candy is going to work with Buffy on how we can get through some of the issues that are coming up. Buffy has a PC, which may help with some of the problems.

Volunteers for Events: Phil discussed how we went about getting volunteers for club events like Berner Noel and Berner Fiesta. We need to be transparent about this process so everybody gets a chance to participate/host or contribute.

Solicitation from Dog World: Phil feels like there should be an ad in the upcoming Draft issue of this magazine, whether it's us or the National Club. Phil will communicate with Val about referring this to the national club. Val reports that the National is putting a big ad in the issue.

Donating to Dr. Hammond's Cancer fundraiser – Phil asks if the club would like to donate to Dr. Hammond's fundraiser. Phil moves donate to \$35, Candy seconds, all in favor.

Club Breeders on our Website -

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*"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."
- Roger Caras*

General Meeting Minutes—March 27, 2011

Al & Laura Haupental's House, Greenwood Village, CO

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Discussion moved to how we communicate to people about our Breeders. Sara suggests we might want to consider an OLBR. We all know that when we decided to do Breeder referral it was about education, not placing puppies. Phil explained why we did it on a litter by litter basis, so that all the Breeder requirements could be verified as being fulfilled. Phil now puts up a web page for each litter (on the old website). It's not available to the general public, he directs people to it when they contact him.

Phil is recommending doing something with our breeders and dogs that has a brand feel something to compare against the less reputable breeders. Phil will start a discussion with the breeders about how we might go forward.

BMDCA Zones for National Specialty – The plan that was put forward at the end of last year, contained some weak links, so to speak. Chattahoochee suggested pairing weak clubs with strong clubs. The RCC went back to the representatives of each club to get their input, since it would affect the rotation from every 10 years to every 8 or 9 years. No one feels that we have a problem with the new rotations.

Next Meeting: The May Board meeting will be held at the draft test May 22nd in Black Forest.

Adjournment: Phil moves to adjourn, Sara seconds, all approved. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:16 pm on March 27, 2011, at Al and Laura Haupental's home in Greenwood Village.

Present: 18 voting members (a quorum), 1 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 2 guests.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes as printed in the January/February newsletter were approved with change to date of January meeting (read 2010 rather than 2011). Val moves to approve with revision, second by Laura, all in favor.

President's Report: Thanks to Nancy Fuselier for coordinating the Eye and Heartworm clinic in March.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$11,082.11 in checking, \$5,271.74 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$6,765.08.

See board meetings regarding Sara's report about meeting with the Accountant to discuss becoming a 501c3 club.

There may be a grey area about our Ways and Means sales, we don't have to pay sales taxes on out of state sales, but we should ask the accountant what we should be doing about our in state sales. Sara will check on that.

Committee Reports

Rescue: One female in rescue... Ann has some apps pulled. She is uncomfortable with men, she barks at them. We just placed Heidi with Lisa and Bob. There's another dog being placed next week. 8 dogs placed this year so far including Kitty.

Alice Gordon purchased a live trap recently to help in the capture of a BARC dog. If it is ever needed in the future, please contact Alice.

2011 Regional Specialty: We're all approved, Joanna Hughes and Sherri Mangin will chair the raffle, Bev Hilmes will do the reception again this year. We are sharing an obedience judge with the Rotties and Dobes. The Sammies want to get on it too now. We are working it out, but we have to maintain our current schedule. Sharon brought some of the ads she has done for various upcoming event which she will pass around today.

2012 Regional Specialty: 2012 is our silver anniversary so we want to do something to do with silver for our trophies.

2013 Regional Specialty: Candy asked if we had made a decision on whether or not to hold one in 2013. Previously the membership had voted to do so, but Dottie did not reserve the Ranch for that – it was cost prohibitive. We'd like to revisit this as a club. We can skip holding one that year, and not jeopardize our weekend for future specialties. Dottie moves that rescind the earlier decision to hold the Regional on the Sunday after the National. Helen seconds. All in favor.

2013 National Specialty: There is a meeting on Wednesday at 5:30 at the National in Del Mar of the 2013 committee, a room is reserved for this. Get any agenda items to Dottie. Dottie has reviewed with Nancy Van Horne where we are in terms of tasks to be accomplished. We have proposals from Onofrio and BaRay. There is a suggestion from

BaRay to not do a mass mailing of the premium, but put it on line, with an option to contact someone and have it mailed out to you. Beth Godwin from Aurora will be Agility Judge. We have a tracking site and judge, near Wellington, near Cobb Lake. Agility equipment is sorted. If we go with BaRay we will have to sort out ring equipment on our own.

Ways and Means: Swiss at Heart items are available today. Update is that we will have a "Spot the Crockies" program at the National rather than putting up any table. If you spot a Crockie wearing the item, we will give them a free shipping coupon. Dottie will have a supply of the coupons at the Ways and Means table at the National. The items will be up on the website store in the next couple of days. Phil will link to that from the Facebook page.

Membership: We have a number of applicants to vote on – see agenda. They are all sustaining memberships. All were voted in.

Website: Phil has reformatted the membership directory and reposted to the website.

Unfinished Business

Spring Draft Test: The trophies for the Spring Draft Test are done. Everything is set, but we could use some stewards. We also need someone to help Lou Tucker with food. Helen volunteered to help Lou. Elaine is working on the premium now.

Fall Draft Test: Val Horney will judge one day, Fay Benson one day, and Nancy Van Horne is the 2 day judge. The dates are week-

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General Meeting Minutes Cont'd

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end of 8th and 9th of October. Lori Kennedy is chair. It will be held on a private ranch west of Loveland.

New Business

Draft Clinic: The dates are June 17, 18, 19. Everything is set. The Committee will have a meeting after the national to finalize arrangements.

Team for the DDFL Furry Scurry:

This is the biggest dog walk in the country, 2 miles around Washington Park. In the past the club has matched the pledge of the people attending. Is there interest in setting up a team? Several people expressed an interest. The cost is \$50 per person. Phil will put something out on the Yahoo list. Phil motions that the club matches up to \$400 for club participants. Val seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Herding: Joanna Hughes has contacted Kathy Balou, out in Fort Lupton. She can do 6 dogs

an hours, 20 minutes per dog, cost to be determined. She didn't have a lot of openings in the spring. Those that were available won't work for us. The best time to hold the event is between 8-11am in the morning. We felt that we need to look at doing this in the fall. Sara asked if there was something else we could do than the instinct test – a lesson, or a presentation on how a herding trial works.

Spring Berner hike:

Ron Abbott is organizing and looking at Sunday, May 29th. The hike would be a segment of Colorado Trail extending west from Kenosha Pass. If that weekend doesn't work, then the next possibility would be June 26th.

Guests with us today:

Lisa and Bob Gay adopted Heidi from rescue a week ago. They have another Berner.

Trusts for Pets:

Phil received a letter from an attorney that offered to do a presentation on setting up trusts for pets. There was not enough interest among the membership so we won't go

forward with this.

Pet First Aid: Candy has an EMT who would do a workshop on pet first aid at a cost \$45 per person. He is Red Cross certified. If we want a certification of completion that would be an extra \$8. This wouldn't count towards our educational requirement since we have to pay for it. The session would be about 3 1/2 hours long. It would be limited to 20 people, but we could do multiple sessions. Sharon will put up a poll on the yahoo list to see who might be interested. We'll revisit at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The May meeting will be held at the draft test May 22nd in Black Forest.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.



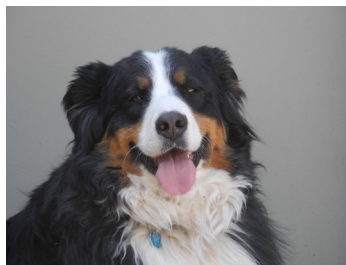
*"If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater. . . suggest that he wear a tail."
- Fran Lebowitz*

Rescue Alert

A 3 year old Berner, spayed female named Kitty is looking for her forever home. She does well with women and older children but is very cautious around men.

Kitty would do well as the only animal in the house. She would make a wonderful companion for someone who lives a quiet lifestyle and enjoys walks.

She currently is in foster care but the foster family will not be able to keep her much longer.



If you or someone you know would be willing to give Kitty the special home she needs please call Ann – 303-697-0258 for more details.

Show News! Congratulations to our club members on their accomplishments!

By Lou Tucker

2011 BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG NATIONAL SPECIALTY DelMar CA

April 4-9 2011

BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW CH Nashems He's The Man of Woodmoor CD RN (Angus) - Owners-Sara & Randy, Karl & Dottie Schulte

BEST IN FUTURITY Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit (Maven) - Owners - Sandy Dunaway, Sharon Keefer & Pam Swisher

BEST OF OPPOSITE - FUTURITY Milagro Summit's Fly Me to the Moon (Beamer) Owners - Sandy Dunaway, Ann Daily & William Daily

BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit (Maven) - Owners - Sandy Dunaway, Sharon Keefer & Pam Swisher

BEST VETERAN CH Razzle Dazzle V Th' Dell -Owner - Lynn Wood AOM in BOB competition

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP Open Intermediate - 2nd placement Mary Bugg & Sandi

DRAFT Open Draft - CH Blumoon's Cuervo Gold CD NDD RN CGC (Rita) Owner-Chris Mann

Novice Draft - ZuZu Petals CD NJB—Owner - Vicky Hall

HERDING Herding Capability (tests 1&2) Wagontale's Radiant Camber - Owner- Alice Gordon

AGILITY Placements - Marshall & Valerie, Zuzu & Vicky

RALLY Advanced A - Kennedy's Murren (Murrey) - Owner - Laurie Kennedy

OBEDIENCE Veteran Obedience - placements—Legend & Pam Solomon, Marshall & Valerie Horney

HIGHEST SCORING DOG WITH ILLD or PAL Dashing to The Rescue (Dash) - Owner - Alice Gordon

***Peak to Peak Working Dog Assn of Colorado* 2/17/11**

Puppy Sweepstakes

BSS - Berntiers Rough Rider - Owner - Christine Mann

OSS - Ridon Henet Highland Park - Owner - Christine Mann

Veteran Sweepstakes

BVS - GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzeburn CD OAP OJP (Marshall) Owners - Valerie Horney & L. Ebnet

Regular Classes

WD/BW/BBY Milagro Summit's Fly Me to the Moon - Owners-Sandy Dunaway, Ann & William Daily

RWD DeLi's Lemark Believe It Or Not - Owners-Dr. Mary E. Guy & Lilian Ostermiller

WB/OS Prairefire's Happy As A Lark - Owner - Sharon Johnson

RWB Plainsongs Virtuoso V Summit - Owners-Sandy Dunaway, Sharon Keefer, and Pam Swisher

BB/G4 GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzeburn CD OAP OJP (Marshall) - Owners - Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

*** Plum Creek Kennel Club* 2/18/11**

WD Prairefire's Winter Hawk of Snowy Pines - Owner - Sharon

Johnson

RWD Milagro Summit's Fly Me to the Moon - Owners-S. Dunaway & A. & W. Daily

WB/BW Prairefires Perfectly Happy - Owners-Joanna Hughes & Sharon Johnson

RWB Plainsongs Virtuoso V Summit - Owners-S.Dunaway, S.Keefer & P.Swisher BPY/G1

BB GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzeburn CD OAP OJP - Owners-V.Horney&L.Ebnet

OS Prairefire's Worth My Weight In Gold - Owners Christine Lancaster & S. Johnson

SEL CH Wagontales Sing Me A Mircle - Owners-Stacy Temples & Pam & Barry Solomon

***Plum Creek Kennel Club* 2/19/11**

RWD DeLi's Lemark Believe It or Not - Owners. Dr. Mary E.Guy & Lilian Ostermiller

WB/OS Sapphire's St.Pauli Girl - Owners - Mary Rogers & Carol Arbuthnot

BB GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzeburn CD OAP OJP (Marshall)

***Colorado Kennel Club* 2/20/11**

WD/BW Milagro Summit's Fly Me To The Moon - Owners-S.Dunaway & A.-W.Daily

RWB Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners-S.Dunaway-S.Keefer & Pam Swisher

BB/G2 GCH Loriendell's Sword Of Elendil (Narsil) - Owners - Kim & Joe Giannoni

***Colorado Kennel Club* 2/20/11**

WD/BW Miab's Polar Express - Owners - Jeanne Schoech & Kerri Kent

RWD Prairefire's Winter Hawk of Snowy Pines - Owner - Sharon Johnson

WB Funatic True Blue Moon - Owner - Christine Mann

BB/G3 GCH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) - Owners - Kim & Joe Giannoni

SEL GCH Hired Gun From Zanzeburn CD OAP OJP - Owners - V. Horney & L. Ebnet

***Garden City Kansas Kennel Club* 3/11/11**

RWB Funatic True Blue Moon - Owner - Christine Mann

BOS GCH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) - Owners - Joe &

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Kim Giannoni

SEL CH Springs Woodland Moose (Moose) - Owner – Nancy Fuselier DVM

***Garden City Kansas Kennel Club* 3/12/11**

BB GCH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) - Owners – Kim & Joe Giannoni

SEL CH Springs Woodland Moose - Owner - Nancy Fuselier DVM

***Garden City Kennel Club* 3/13/11**

BBY/G1 Springs Joy of Driving - Owner – Nancy Fuselier DVM

BOS GCH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) - Owners – Kim & Joe Giannoni

***Terry-All Kennel Club* 4/10/11**

RWD – Classique's Midnight Serenade (Cooper) - Owner – Patty Wellinger

PERFORMANCE WINS

2/17/11 Peak to Peak Working Dog Assn.

Beginner Novice B Wagontale's Radiant Camber Owners – Alice Gordon & S. Clark - Score – 192.5 - **1st Place**

Novice B Dashing to the Rescue Owner – Alice Gordon - Score – 184 - **3rd Place**

2/19/11 Plum Creek Kennel Club

Beginner Novice B Wagontale's Radiant Camber Owners – Alice Gordon & S. Clark - Score – 186

3/13/11 High Plains Kennel Club (UKC)

Novice rally – level 1 Classique's Midnight Serenade (Cooper) Owner- Patty Wellinger - Score – 97 - **4th Place 2nd Leg**

Guardian Group - **Group 3** (Cooper) Total Dog Award that qualifies in a performance event & conformation placement at same show.

2011 High Country Newfoundland Club Draft Tests

When: Saturday and Sunday May 14th and 15th, 2011

Where: Memorial Park – 8001 W 59th Ave, Arvada CO 80001

Directly behind City Hall and the Arvada Police Department.

Specialty Carting – Saturday, May 14th

Open to all breeds – This is not an NCA event.

All Breed Test Draft Test to follow Newfoundlands on Sunday.

Judges – Patti Pigeon – Golden, Colorado and Sue Raney – Arvada, Colorado

Entries close at 6 pm, Friday, May 6, 2011

Mail entries to:

Maria Rizzuto
HCNC Draft Test Secretary
3305 Beech Court
Golden, CO 80401
303-803-3423
maria.rizzuto@gmail.com

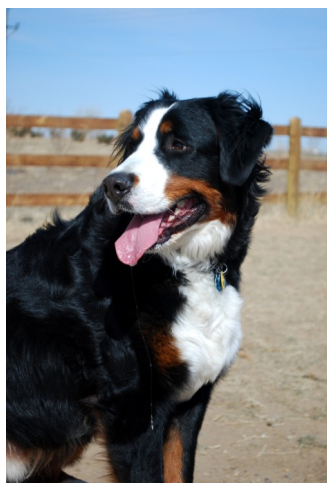
Newfoundland Club of America Test limited to a maximum of 15 entries. Specialty carting entries limited to 10 entries. All Breed entries limited to 10 entries.

This test is held under the NCA Draft Test regulations revised October 30, 1999.

*"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot little puppies."
- Gene Hill*



Photo Gallery—Berners are Beautiful!



To submit a photo of your favorite Berner for the newsletter, please contact Buffy Snider at AVampSlayer@Gmail.com.

Membership News

Welcome to the new members that were announced in the previous newsletter. The following members were officially voted in during the March 27 meeting:

Christine & Heather Blaire (Christine is a Junior) (sponsors: Jeanne Stanwood & Joanna Hughes)

Michael Caruso & Buffy Snider (sponsors: Alice Gordon & Pam Solomon)

Kristin Cobb (sponsors: Dottie Schulte & Jeanne Stanwood)

Tracey Hyatt (sponsors: Sara Karl & Dottie Schulte)

Michael Pavicich (sponsors: Sherry Mangin & Sara Karl)

Denise Smith (sponsors: Dottie Schulte & Pam Solomon)

For more information on [Membership](#), please see the BMC DR website.



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The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies Fast Facts

- Founded in October 1987, the BMDCR is comprised of people who love Bernese Mountain Dogs.
- The BMDCR serves the states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
- The BMDCR has been officially recognized as a regional club by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America since 1989.
- The BMDCR achieved status as an AKC licensed club in 2007, and hosted their first independent specialty show that same year.



Providing a source of education and support
for fanciers of Bernese Mountain Dogs

Upcoming Special Events/Meetings Schedule—2011

Meetings

May Meeting Sunday, May 22, 2011 10180 Shoup Rd. Black Forest, CO

July Meeting Sunday, July 24, 2011 Greenwood Village, CO

Special Events

Furry Scurry Saturday, May 7, 2011 Washington Park Denver, CO

Spring Draft Tests Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22, 2011 10180 Shoup Rd. Black Forest, CO

Pack Hike Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 10:00am. Colorado Trail segment west from Kenosha Pass trailhead on US Hwy. 285. Contact Ron Abbott for more information and to sign up.



Draft Retreat Weekend Friday Evening - Sunday, June 17 - 19, 2011 Black Forest, CO

Bernerfiesta Sunday, June 19, 2011 10180 Shoup Rd. Black Forest, CO

BMDCR Regional Specialty Friday, September 9, 2011 Island Grove Regional Park Greeley, CO

Fall Draft Test Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9, 2011 Loveland, CO

For more information on any of these events please go to the [BMDCR website](#).

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