



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

IN THIS ISSUE . . .

- Membership Column
- Upcoming Events
- Meeting Minutes
- Fun At Berner Noel
- Spring Draft Test
- September Regional
- Show Report

Still time to sign up for the 2006 Awards Banquet, but not very much!!

Saturday, January 21
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Join your fellow BMDCR members at La Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant in Castle Pines for our first club meeting of the new year and an exciting awards ceremony.

Dogs who earned titles in 2005 will be honored and the Kathy Roth Award will be passed on from last year's recipient, Stacy Temples, to another well-deserving member. Be ready to have a good time!

The specially priced luncheon buffet (partially sponsored by the BMDCR!) is \$22.00 per person. A special menu for children under 12 will be offered at \$4.95 per child. (For those who have special dietary concerns please contact Karen for more information)

Correction to Directions:

Go I-25 south of Denver (between Highlands Ranch and Castle Rock). Take Exit 188. Go West approx. 0.2 mi. on E. Castle Pines Pkwy. Take a left on Debbie Lane, then immediately turn right (west) onto 361 Village Square Lane. La Dolce Vita is at the end of the shopping strip. (303-663-3421)

**Please send your reservations and checks made payable to BMDCR
no later than January 11, 2006 to:**

Karen Baru, 7765 E. War Bonnet Trail, Parker, CO 80138.

Thanks to outgoing secretary and newsletter editor Angie Hanson for her years of service to the BMDCR. Angie single handedly did the newsletter for over one year and performed duties of secretary for a two year term. Her dedication to the BMDCR and to the Bernese Mountain Dog is most appreciated.

BMDCR Membership Column - January/February 2006 Stacy Temples

Happy New Year! There are currently 164 BMDCR club members; 56 Voting members, 106 Sustaining members and 2 Junior members.

We have the following New Sustaining Member Applicant to the Club.

Catherine Barnes,
11781 Ponderosa Lane, Franktown, CO, 80116. Ph.# (303) 841-0386.
(E) cathybarnes@idcomm.com.

Cathy and Charles have a Bernese from Darcy Babb, Mountaineer's Evergreen Chloe, SF, (9/6/04). They want to get to know more about the breed and to meet with others with Bernese. They found a link to the club through a google search. They can help by doing anything needed as time permits. They have also owned Samoyeds in the past. They have been training their dog in basic obedience and are interested in health issues and backpacking.

Please welcome these new sustaining members to the club.
Kerry & Beverly Endsley,
1517 Windom Dr., Evergreen, Colorado 80439. Ph.# (303) 674-0010.
(E) kerrye@wizway.net. (E) bendsley@wizway.net

Hope Winslow & Seth Mukai,
18540 W. 60th Ave., Golden, CO 80403. Ph.# (303) 421-2654.
(E) hopewinslow@hotmail.com (E)sethmukai@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

Terry-All Kennel Club
SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2006
All Breed Sanctioned B/OB Match
Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Junior Showmanship
Adams County Fairgrounds

Flatirons Kennel Club
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2006
B/OB/Rally Match including Junior Showmanship
Boulder County Fairground

You can find more information on these in the Flies section of the BMDCRockies-Flash group.

The next meeting will be at the Awards banquet.

Board Meeting at 1:30 and General Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Correction to Directions:

Go I-25 south of Denver (between Highlands Ranch and Castle Rock). Take Exit 188. Go West approx. .2 mi. on E. Castle Pines Pkwy. Take a left on Debbie Lane, then immediately turn right (west) onto 361 Village Square Lane. La Dolce Vita is at the end of the shopping strip. (303-663-3421)

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

Officers

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| President | Valerie Horney |
| Vice President | Lou Tucker |
| Treasurer | Sara Karl |
| Secretary | Sharon Keefer |

Directors

| |
|----------------------|
| Gail Brooks |
| Dr. Laura Haupenthal |
| Phil Shaffer |
| Elaine Witulski |
| Nadja Torling |

Newsletter Submissions

Dottie Schulte
1943 Montview Drive
Greeley, CO 80631
dotties911@aol.com

Membership Applications

Stacy Temples
PO Box 2490
Fort Collins, CO 80522-2490

BMD Breed Contact Information Line

Karen Baru
303-841-9262

Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, September and November at Laura and Al's house at 5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village. Board Meetings start at 11 AM and the General Meetings start at 1 PM. From I-25 North or South, exit on Orchard Rd. Go west about one mile and turn right onto E. Orchard Drive. Take the third right onto S. Ivy St. which turns into S. Ivy Ct. 5614 S. Ivy Ct. is the tan house at the end of the street.

Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2005

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present : Val Horney, Elaine Wituski, Laura Haupenthal, Sara Karl, Lou Tucker.
General Members present : Al Beers

Meeting called to order at 11:45

Motion to approve board meeting minutes from last meeting as published in the Nov/Dec 2005 newsletter. Val moved, Laura 2nd. Passed

President report : none

Secretaries Report : Secretary Angela Hanson was absent but had sent an email regarding the roster for AKC, specifically the rescue chair. Lou Tucker took the minutes

Treasurers Report : Sara Karl reported that the regional specialty made a profit of \$2378.00 with the majority of monies coming from Ways & Means. Thank you to W & M chair Patti Morgan for all her efforts. All other accounts have a substantial balance, see Sara Karl for details.

Unfinished Business:

Rescue Policy: The rescue policy published in the newsletter will go before the general membership for vote. The forms are still in the process of being amended and the rescue policy will continue to have changes as this is an ongoing process. The club needs to have a policy in place particularly the issue of money that will be available to spend on veterinary care. The rescue committee will continue to update and make amendments. Some rescue organizations micro-chip their animals, Lou will check with Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital on their cost and Sara will check into the cost of purchasing micro-chips for the rescue program along with a Universal scanner and if rescue can legally do their own micro-chipping.

Insurance Policy : Valerie reported that our current insurance carrier is Insurance Centers of America and there is no wording that eliminates rescue. The yearly policy cost is \$750.00. As soon as we are AKC accredited the club will be able to obtain coverage through Equisure which has a specific clause for rescue.

Sept. A match : Sara reported that the Sept. A match qualified with AKC. She also stated that it would be helpful if there were no by-law changes at this time as we could be put on hold with AKC for the clubs license.

New Business :

Spring Draft Test - It will be voted on to have the test April 22, 2006 at Cherry Creek Park, Aurora CO. Jeanne Stanwood is draft chair and Lou Tucker, secretary.

A motion will also be made to have our 2nd A match to include conformation and obedience the same day.

Newsletter Editor : Angela Hanson has resigned as newsletter editor. Thank you to Angie for her commitment to getting the newsletter out in a timely manner. Dottie Schulte and Nadja Torling did the present newsletter and a thank you to them as well. The board talked about ways to encourage participation

from the membership for submitting articles.

Trophy Donation : Valerie gave a check for \$25.00 to Flatirons KC for a trophy donation. A motion will be made to cover her expenses.

Members Survey : The board discussed putting together a members survey to be published in the newsletter.

Program : Phil has suggested for a club event/program that the club put on a clinic that teaches First Aid to dogs. This is put on by the Red Cross and is a 4 hour course so it would have to be independent of a club meeting. Discussion to go to membership.

Meeting adjourned : 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lou Tucker (for Angela Hanson)

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm. A quorum was present with 20 voting members.

Approval of minutes as distributed. Discussion : Karen Baru would like to see the names of board members not present at meetings listed. It was noted the minutes do list the board members attending. Jeanne Stanwood moved, Stacy Temples 2nd. Minutes approved.

Report of president: no report

Report of secretary: secretary absent, minutes taken by Lou Tucker

Report of treasurer: Sara Karl reported that the Sept. regional made a profit of \$2378.0 with the majority of profit coming from Ways & Means. Thank you to W & M.

Election of Officers and Board: Election was held by secret ballot for the new officers and board Vice President: Lou Tucker, Secretary : Sharon Keefer, Board Members, Nadja Torling, Gail Brooks and Laura Haupenthal. Vote carried. Thank you to all the outgoing officers and board members for a job well done.

Election of New Sustaining Members: Election was held by secret ballot for new sustaining members Kerry & Beverly Endsley, Hope, Winslow & Seth Mukat. Vote carried.

Unfinished Business: Insurance Policy in regard to rescue: Sara Karl reported that the current insurance carrier - Insurance Centers of America has no wording that eliminates rescue. The yearly cost is \$750.00. As soon as BMDCR receives AKC accreditation the club will be able to obtain coverage through Equisure which has a specific clause for rescue.

Rescue Policy : The rescue policy as printed in the Nov/Dec newsletter was voted on, with the following amendments. Addition to item # 6 : to microchip dog if needed. correction

to # 9 - records to be kept for 15 years instead of 20.
Discussion - Karen Baru went on record to say that she had objections to the way the policy was written without the input of the rescue chairperson. The policy and adoption forms etc. are in an ongoing process of being amended and changed but the rescue committee felt the policy needs to be voted on to get the policy in place at this time so their will be funds available to be spent on veterinary care. Dottie Schulte moved, Holly Foster 2nd that the club accept the policy as stated at this point in time. 19 Yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

Newsletter : Angie Hanson has resigned as editor of the BMDCR newsletter. Thank you to Angie for her past commitment serving as newsletter editor. Dottie Schulte and Nadja Torling did the Nov/Dec newsletter and will do the next newsletter as well. Thank you for stepping in. The next newsletter deadline is Dec. 15, 2005. Please submit articles and news to them. The club is also looking for a newsletter editor.

Berner Noel : The Berner Noel will be held Dec. 18th at the home of Laura & Al. Please RSVP by Dec. 12. Dottie Schulte moved, Laura Hauptenthal 2nd that the club buy a ham & turkey for the party. Motion carried.

Awards Banquet : A reminder that the banquet will be Sat. Jan. 21 2:00-5:00 at La Dolce Vita Restaurant, Castle Rock. Send checks and reservation to Karen Baru by Jan.11. Also get your Kathy Roth nomination to Karen by Dec. 15. Also submit your dogs titles/awards to Jeanne Stanwood. There will be no awards given out without submission to Jeanne. Jeanne is also looking for photos, candid shots of club events from this past year

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Draft Test: Motion made to have a spring draft test April 22, 2006 at Cherry Creek Reservoir. There will be a \$100.00 special event fee. Judges Stacy Temples & Fay Benson. Jeanne Stanwood - Chair, Lou Tucker - secretary. Holly Foster moved, Dottie Schulte 2nd, Motion carried
A match : Motion made to hold our second A match (required for AKC accreditation) on the same day and place as the draft test. Details to come. Need volunteers for match chair and secretary. Dottie Schulte moved, Sara Karl 2nd. Motion carried.

Flatirons Breed Trophy : Motion made to reimburse Valerie Horney for her \$25.00 donation for breed trophy. Jeanne Stanwood moved, Stacy Temples 2nd. Motion carried

2006 Regional Specialty : Sara Karl will check with the BMDCA to see if we can be covered for next years specialty as we have reached the limit of shows allowed under the umbrella of the National club and we are not yet AKC accredited. If permission is granted the show will be held in conjunction with the Evergreen show, Sept.2006 in Greeley. Dottie Schulte volunteered to be show chair and will form a committee. Sara Karl moved, Ann Rutherford 2nd. Motion carried.

It was discussed to have a membership survey sent out in one of the upcoming newsletters. Please send questions/concerns that you would like to see addressed to Nadja Torling. Nadja

moved, Val Horney 2nd. Motion carried.

VwD test : Sara Karl pointed out that we have 2 different costs for the test, \$110.00 for non-members, \$99.00 for members and it was difficult to keep cost and mailing straight. A motion was made to have the cost an even \$100.00
Howard Ramsdell moved, Sara Karl 2nd. Motion carried.

Phil Shaffer had a suggestion for a program that would be held separate from a regular meeting. The program being a Dog First Aid Course. It is a 4 hour course and the cost would be \$65.00 . More information will be needed for a vote.

Malignant Histiocytosis Study : Discussion of the need for blood and tissue samples for research (see last newsletter)
Blood samples are needed from dogs 10 + years and in good health. Lou also reported that the RCC is trying to get the forms needed to give to your vet for tissue submission on a list or a link to the BMDCA for easy access because time is of the essence when dealing with histio. Stacy Temples also showed the blood sample kit used for submission to NHGRI.

Meeting adjourned 2:25

Respectfully submitted, Lou Tucker (for Angela Hanson)



- Fun At Berner Noel -



Long time BMDCR members MaryAnn Andrews and Fay Benson discuss the events of the howl-i-day.



Enjoying good company and a hot beverage in the sun.

BMDCA Draft Test Sponsored by BMDCR

Saturday April 22, 2006

Cherry Creek Park @ the Dixon Grove Picnic Area in Denver

Judges: Fay Benson and Stacy Temples

Chairperson: Jeanne Stanwood stanwood@earthlink.net

Secretary: Lou Tucker bltdog@msn.com

If you are interested in donating a trophy
contact Dottie Schulte at dotties911@aol.com

In Memoriam

Aurora v. Speicher (Rory)

Jan. 24, 1995 - Nov. 21, 2005

Euthanized due to Osteosarcoma.

Owners/breeders Lee & Jean Smith

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-size bed is soft and deep.
I sleep right in the center groove
My human being can hardly move.
I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight.
And here is where I pass the night.
No one disturbs me or dares intrude
Till morning comes and I want food!
I sneak up slowly and it begins
My nibbles on my human's chin.
She wakes up slowly and smiles and shouts,
"You darling beast! Just cut it out!"
But morning's here and it's time to play.
I always seem to get my way.
So thank you, Lord for giving me
This human person that I see
The one who hugs and holds me tight
And shares her bed with me at night.

Author unknown.

Regional Specialty in September

At the last club meeting, members of the BMDCR voted to hold a regional specialty on Friday, September 8, 2006, just prior to the weekend shows held by the Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club shows in Greeley, Colorado. Our regional has been held in conjunction with these shows for the past two years and has been a huge success.

Volunteers are needed to help. We are in need of a hospitality chairperson, ring stewards and general worker bees. Please contact Dottie Schulte at dotties911@aol.com or (970) 392-1806 if you are interested. There will be something for everyone to do no matter what your skills or interests. It is a great opportunity to get involved in our club.

SHOW REPORT

Valerie Horney

Cornhusker Kennel Club

October 8, 2005

WD/BOS Sunshines Spirit of Wagontale owned by Stacy Temples, Howard, Ramsdell & Celia Cuellar

WB/BW/BB Wagontale's Inkantation "Inka" owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

October 9, 2005

RWD Sunshines Spirit of Wagontale owned by Stacy Temples, Howard, Ramsdell & Celia Cuellar

WB/BW/BOS Wagontale's Inkantation "Inka" owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

Agility Trials

October 23, 2005

Novice Jumpers Leg Brighteye R Questa Win NAP,NJP, NA, "Questa", owned by Elaine Witulski and Deb Hotze
NEW NOVICE AGILITY JUMPERS

Open Standard Leg Brighteye R Questa Win NAP,NJP, NA, "Questa", owned by Elaine Witulski and Deb Hotze

Tri State Kennel Club, Tulsa

November 4, 2005

WB/BW Summit's Fur Elise, "Leisl", owned by Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway

NEW CHAMPION

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line "Mona", owned by Ann Murphy Dailey & Sindi Leo

Bartlesville Kennel Club, Tulsa

November 5, 2005

RWD Prairiefires Legend Irish Fun, owned by Amy Fitzgerald & Sharon Johnson

WB Blumoon Journey to Chimolola "Chimo", owned by Jeanne Stanwood

NEW CHAMPION

RWB Wagontale's Inkantation "Inka" owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line "Mona", owned by Ann Murphy Dailey & Sindi Leo

Mid Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa

November 6, 2005

WD Sunshines Spirit of Wagontale owned by Stacy Temples, Howard, Ramsdell & Celia Cuellar

RWD Prairiefires Legend Irish Fun, owned by Amy Fitzgerald & Sharon Johnson

WB/BW Summit's High Flying Adored "Diva", owned by Sandy & Breanne Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

NEW CHAMPION

RWB Summit's Climb Every Mountain "Grace", owned by Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line "Mona", owned by Ann Murphy Dailey & Sindi Leo

Southern Colorado Kennel Club

November 12, 2005

WD/BW Sunshines Spirit of Wagontale owned by Stacy Temples, Howard, Ramsdell & Celia Cuellar

RWD Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli", owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

WB Lorien Dell's York Peppermint Patty, owned by George & Lynne Wood, Elain Sheridan

RWB Sapphires Double Your Fun, owned by Roger & Carol Arbuthnot, Sara Karl

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

BOS CH Summit's Fur Elise, "Leisl", owned by Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway

3rd Leg Rally Novice CH Wagontales Great Grey Wizard, "Gandalf", owned by Pam & Barry Soloman, Stacy Temples

NEW RALLY NOVICE

1st Leg Rally Novice Wagontale's Lilla Labolina, "Lina", owned by Nadja Torling, Ryan Johnson & Stacy Temples

November 13, 2005

WD/BW Sunshines Spirit of Wagontale owned by Stacy Temples, Howard, Ramsdell & Celia Cuellar

RWD Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli", owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

WB Prairiefire's Mind Your Manners, owned by Bob & Becky Shuris, Sharon Johnson

RWB Sapphires Encore owned by Roger & Carol Arbuthnot, Sara Karl

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

BOS CH Summit's High Flying Adored "Diva", owned by Sandy & Breanne Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

2nd Leg Rally Novice Wagontale's Lilla Labolina, "Lina", owned by Nadja Torling, Ryan Johnson & Stacy Temples

Council Bluffs Kennel Club

November 19, 2005

WD/BOW/BB Summit's with One Look "Loki", owned by Richard File & Sandy Dunaway

RWB Summit's Vivi Plays the Poet Game "Vivi", owned by Pam & Kevin Swisher & Sandy Dunaway

November 20, 2005

RWD Summit's with One Look "Loki", owned by Richard File & Sandy Dunaway

BB CH Summit's Fur Elise, "Leisl", owned by Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway

Puppy Group 1 Summit's Vivi Plays the Poet Game "Vivi", owned by Pam & Kevin Swisher & Sandy Dunaway

California News

CH Wagaontales Champagne on Ice NA CGC "Piper", owned by Kathy Gray & Stacy Temples

October 22, 2005 1st place Open Standard Agility

November 19 & 20, 2005 1st place Novice Agility Jumpers

Panhandle Club of Texas, Clovis Portales Kennel Club

December 8, 2005

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line "Mona", owned by Ann Murphy Dailey & Sindi Leo

BOS CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

December 9, 2005

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line "Mona", owned by Ann Murphy Dailey & Sindi Leo

BOS CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

December 10, 2005

WB/BW Mountainair's Did You Miss Me "Missy", owned by Darcy Babb

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line "Mona", owned by Ann Murphy Dailey & Sindi Leo

BOS CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

December 11, 2005

WB/BW Mountainair's Did You Miss Me "Missy", owned by Darcy Babb

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line "Mona", owned by Ann Murphy Dailey & Sindi Leo

West Central Oklahoma Kennel Club

December 17, 2005

WD/BB Sunshines Spirit of Wagontale Owned by Stacy Temples, Howard, Ramsdell & Celia Cuellar

NEW CHAMPION

RWD Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli", owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

BMDCR
Dottie Schulte
1943 Montview Drive
Greeley, CO 80631