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2013 Board

Please welcome the new Board as elected at the November meeting:

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT—Mary Ellen Guy
VICE PRESIDENT—Lori Kennedy
SECRETARY—Alice Gordon
TREASURER—Sara Karl

DIRECTORS

Candy McDanal
Joanna Hughes
Barry Solomon
Vicki Chesser
Laura Haupenthal



After 4 years of planning, 2013 has arrived!

The Rendezvous in the Rockies is now only 4 months away! Here are important links for the 2013 BMDCA National Specialty here in Loveland, Colorado:

Official website: www.BMDCA.org/specialty/2013

Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/BMDCA2013

Online store:
www.bmdca-store.com

Contacts:
www.bmdca.org/specialty/2013/2013_specialty_show_committee.php

Show Chairman: Dottie Schulte – dotties911@aol.com
Volunteer Coordinator: Carrie Roos – bmdamomak@yahoo.com

President's Message

President's Message – January 2013 newsletter

Hi everyone and Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2013 – OUR year! We are in the countdown to May and the National Specialty. The Show Committee has already made lots of preparation and there will be lots more to do as the date rushes at us. My wish for a New Year's Resolution is that we will host the best National ever, that each one of us will pitch in and help, and that we will show off beautiful Colorado and our fantastic Berners.

And kudos to the hardy carolers who braved ice cold weather to sing at Aspen Grove in December. The Berner Noel afterward was fun (and warm) and now we look forward to the Awards Banquet in a few weeks. I look forward to seeing you there.

Here's wishing everyone a year filled with good fun, good friends, and happy dogs.

Mary Ellen

Letter from the Editor

Hello BMDCR Members,

Please lets take this opportunity to Thank Buffy for her work as your Mountain Dog Messenger newsletter editor.

I am Teresa Dominguez. I will be taking over the position starting with this edition. Hopefully we will have a few other members helping out as time allows.

A bit about me for those that don't know me. I live in Albuquerque, NM. I currently have two Berners, Romeo, Ch. Mountainairs Crime of Passion who is 11.75yo and Hummer, Ch. Pinnacles H3-Like Nothing Else who is 5.5yo. I have been active in the breed since 1999 after bringing home my first berner boy Patriot, Mountainairs American Patriot. I have been a member of the Rockies club since I think 2001 and have been a member of the BMDCA since 2002. I am on the 2013 Specialty Committee as Catalog Ad chair.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Take care,

Teresa

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Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

January, 2013—BMDCR Awards Banquet and Meeting

Date: Sunday, January 27, 2013

Location: The Bistro at Aspen Grove, 7301 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton
North East Corner of the Aspen Grove Shopping Center—Banquet Room

Board Meeting: 11:00 am / **Membership Meeting/Lunch:** 11:30 am

- ✓ **Menu:** We Will be ordering off the regular menu, prices range from \$9.00 and up. They have breakfast skilletts, croissant breakfast sandwiches, and much more. Individual payment per person or family at banquet. (no prepay) For more information go to <http://thebistroataspengrove.com/>
- ✓ **RSVP:** RSVP to Lou Tucker (bltdog@msn.com) if you will be attending the brunch. A head count is needed for table service and set-up. **RSVP by January 16, 2013.**
- ✓ **Awards:** Email information to Alice Clark (aliceann8@hotmail.com) including dogs AKC name, call name, title(s) earned with date. **Deadline – January 9, 2013**
- ✓ **Slide Show Pictures:** Send pictures to Jeanne Stanwood at Stanwood@earthlink.net. Please include candid photos, dogs at work and play, drafting events and fun photos. No show photos, please. **Deadline – January 9, 2013**
- ✓ **Kathy Roth Award** – Send nominations for the Kathy Roth award to Lou.Tucker (bltdog@msn.com). Please include a brief description of the merits of your nominee. **Deadline – January 9, 2013**

April, 2013 - Spring Draft Test

Date: April 6, 2013

Location: Bicentennial Park in Aurora.

Secretary is Vicki Chesser (vickichesser@comcast.net). Chairs are Lori Kennedy (lkck@comcast.net) and Valerie Horney (valhorney@comcast.net).

May, 2013 - Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry

Date: May 4, 2013

Location: Washington Park, Denver, CO

*Contact Buffy Snider at AVampSlayer@Gmail.com for more information on joining or donating to the Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends team.

2013 BMDCA National Specialty “Rendezvous in the Rockies”

Date: May 13-18, 2013

Location: The Ranch Events Complex and Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa, and Conference Center, Loveland, CO

For more information, visit the website: www.bmdca.org/specialty/2013

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BMDCA2013

Show Chairman - Dottie Schulte - dotties911@aol.com

Conformation Co-Chair - Sara Karl - karl3106@comcast.net

Performance Co-Chair - Stephanie Biksacky - dogwoman67@q.com



Berner Noel



Show News! By Lou Tucker

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club 10/27/2012

BPY/G3 Barberry Jigger of Jameson V Winridge (JJ) Owner – Kim Giannone
 WD Werlwind's One For The Road Owners- Byron & Yoshi Peterson, Cindy Switzler
 RWD Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners-Dottie Schulte, Sara & Helen Karl
 RWB Lemark Cover Girl Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy
 BB CH Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson
 OS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark girl V Biergarten Owners-Beverly & M. Hilmes
 SEL GCH Nashems He's The Man Of Woodmoor CD RN HT Owners- Randy & Sara
 Karl & Dottie Schulte

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club 10/28/2012

WD/BW Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners-Dottie Schulte, Sara & Helen Karl
 RWD Werlwind's One For The Road Owners-Bryon&Yoshi Peterson, Cindy Switzler
 WB/OS/BBY Lemark Cover Girl Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy
 RWB Prairefire's Happy As A Lark Owner – Sharon Johnson
 BB CH GCH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone
 SEL GCH Nashem's He's The Man of Woodmoor Owners-Sara & R.Karl, D. Schulte

Southern Colorado Kennel Club 11/11/2012

WD American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes
 RWD DeLi's Lemark Believe It Or Not (Ripley) Owner-Dr.ME Guy, L.Ostermiller
 WB/BW Wagontale's Winter Rose CGC Owner-Stacy Temples & Nancy Winegar

NEW CH

RWB Prairefire's Hidden Treasure At Tanzanite Owner- Sharon Montville & S.Johnson
 BB GCH Lin Car's Special Dark girl V Biergarten Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes
 SEL CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land (Kuza) Owner Valerie Horney
 SEL CH Lorien Dell's York Peppermint Patty Owner-Elaine Sheridan & J. Meigs

Southern Colorado Kennel Club 11/12/2012

WD/BW DeLi's Lemark Beleive It Or Not Owners-Dr. ME Guy & L. Ostermiller
 RWD Ratcliff's Extra Innings (Troy) Owner– Louise & Robert Tucker, & Tracey Hyatt

Show News! By Lou Tucker

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WB **NEW CH** Prairefire's Happy As A Lark (Lark) Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWB Ayehli's Amazing Grace V Ratchiff (Grace) Owners-Tracey Hyatt & Fara
Bushnell & J. Nekker

BB/BVT/G4 CH Lorien Dell's York Peppermint Patty – Owners-Elaine Sheridan, JMeigs
Nebraska Kennel Club 11/15/2012

WB **NEW CH** Summit's Tres Jolie V Joyful (Jolie) Owners-Sharon Keefer & S. Dunaway

OS CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land (Kuza) Owner – Valerie Horney

SEL CH Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners-S. Dunaway, S. Keefer & Pam Swisher
Nebraska Kennel Club 11/16/2012

WD/BW Summit's Legend In The Making V Cope Owners-Amy Fitzgerald, Sandy
Dunaway & E & K Woodhull

WB Plainsong's Ruby Red Cloud (Ruby) Owners – Pam & Kevin Swisher

OS CH Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners-S. Dunaway, S. Keefer & Pam Swisher

SEL CH Shadowdance JJ Cale V Plainsong (Cale) Owners – Richard File & P. Swisher

Council Bluffs Kennel Club 11/17/2012

WD/BW Summit's Legend In The Making V Cope Owner – Amy Fitzgerald, Sandy
Dunaway & E. & K. Woodhull

SEL CH Virtuoso V Summit Owners-Sandy .Dunaway, Sharon Keefer & P. Swisher

SEL **NEW GCH** CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land (Kuza) Owner-Val Horney

Council Bluffs Kennel Club 11/18/2012

WD/BW Summit's Legend In The Making V Cope Owner- Amy Fitzgerald, Sandy
Dunaway, E. & K Woodhull

OS CH Virtuoso V Summit Owner-Sandy Dunaway, Sharon Keefer & P. Swisher

SEL CH Shadowdance JJ Cale V Plainsong (Cale) Owners – Richard File & P. Swisher

Show News! By Lou Tucker

* Performance Wins*

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

11/02/2012 American Norwegian Lundehund Club (UKC)

1st Leg Novice A obedience 1st place

High Plains Kennel Club (UKC)

11/3 2nd Leg Novice A obedience 1st Place

11/3 2nd Leg Rally 2 1st place

11/4 3rd Leg Novice A obedience, 1st place **New CD Title**

11/4 3rd Leg Rally 2, 1st place **New URO2 Title**

BMDCR Newsletter Deadlines for 2013

Please submit content for BMDCR newsletters to the Editor by the deadlines listed below.

In addition to regular features, appropriate articles, advertisements and photos are welcome.

Jan/Feb Issue – 12/15/13

Mar/Apr Issue – 2/15/13

May/Jun Issue – 4/15/13

Jul/Aug Issue – 6/15/13

Sep/Oct Issue – 8/15/13

Nov/Dec Issue – 10/15/13

Email to: t_doming@msn.com

Membership Update by Chairperson- Stacy Temples*Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!*

There were no new applicants last month but we do have some now.

Change of contact information for:

Tracey Hyatt is now Tracey Carpe

New Address: 1423 Yosemite Dr,
Colorado Springs, CO 80910.

same mobile phone number: 505.850.8284

New E-mail: luvmyberners@gmail.com.

Correction to the Membership directory:

Jacqueline Schuck's phone number was wrong in the directory. Her correct home phone is 303-788-1978.

New Applicant for Sustaining:

Jamie Schwoerer, Lakewood, CO 80232, E-mail: jamieschwoerer@gmail.com. She is a Website Content Administrator for Patheos, Inc. Sponsored by Sharon Keefer and Alice Clark. Owner of Kodiak, (M, 2/12/2011), from Jill & Alfred Breedin. Interests: family pet, breeding, draft, conformation, obedience,, agility and therapy work. Jamie attended the November club meeting and met people there. She would like to breed and show some day and she would like to be able to network with others and possibly find someone to mentor her. She also wants to meet other owners and to participate in activities with the dogs, including drafting. Jamie has never shown or bred a litter or been a dog club member but she is interested in volunteering with shows and on committees where help is needed. She has offered to help with the newsletter.

New Junior Member Applicant:

Jennifer Necker, BD 03/15/99, almost 14 years old., Los Alamos, NM 87544. E-mail: 3divers@newmexico.com. One of our club members, Tracey (Hyatt) Carpe has listed Jennifer as a co-owner on her 3 dogs so Jennifer can show in Juniors. Her interests: breeding, draft, conformation, obedience, agility and therapy work. Jennifer and her family also have an English Setter who she has been showing for 5 years. She is also a member of the regional and national ES clubs, her local obedience club and kennel club. She would like to join the BMDCR to learn more about training and handling the breed and to meet people who can share their knowledge. Jennifer is willing to help buddy with a new junior and says she will serve as an ambassador to the breed in general.

Board Meeting Minutes—November 18, 2012

Lori and Don Kennedy's Home

Board Meeting Minutes – November 18th, 2012

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:03 pm.

Present: Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Sara Karl, Alice Clark, Candy McDanal, Barry Solomon, Lori Kennedy.

Approval of Minutes: Sara moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the July/August 2012 newsletter. Motion seconded by Alice. All in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Alice passed around a card from Mary Alice Eschweiler, who judged our 2012 Regional.

Treasurer's Report: Savings Rescue \$5,284.92; savings CD \$6,782.78 (Matures in Jan 2013), checking \$15,937.58. We transferred \$5,000 to the Wells Fargo Rescue checking account. We're still trying to get our new club checking account set up with Wells Fargo.

We made \$897 on the fall draft test.

We should consider buying and updated version of QuickBooks. Sara will do some research on this for the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Website – We talked last time about the Website that Phil maintains and moving the rescue forms from it to the official website. Phil is working with Sandy on this.

Rescue Committee – nothing to report.

2013 National – nothing for this meeting.

2013 Regional – nothing for this meeting.

Old Business

New Business

Newsletter Editor – Buffy Snider has retired as newsletter editor and we need to replace her. We would be willing to buy Frontpage for anyone who wanted to take on the role. Alice suggested forming a search committee to find a new editor. Mary Ellen suggests Sharon Keefer for the committee. Other suggestions were Pam Solomon and Val Horney. Mary Ellen motions that we create this committee, Alice seconds. All in favor motion passed. We still want to ask for volunteers at the general meeting.

Board Resignation - Helen Karl has communicated that she wishes to resign from the board. The bylaws state that the Board members fill that vacancy by appointment. Sara motions, Alice seconds to nominate Laura Hauptenthal.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is November 18th at Lori Kennedy's home.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:44 pm. Alice motioned, Mary Ellen seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Board Meeting Minutes—November 18, 2012

Lori and Don Kennedy's Home

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:00pm pm on November 18th 2012 at Lori and Don Kennedy's home in Denver.

Present: 19 voting members (a quorum), 1 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 1 guests. Welcome to guest Jamie Schwoerer who has a Berner named Kodiak. She moved here from Wisconsin a few months ago and is looking to become a member.

Approval of Minutes: Alice moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the July/August 2012 newsletter. Motion seconded by Candy. All in favor, motion passed.

President's Report:

Discussed at the Board Meeting – Helen Karl asked to resign from the Board, the board asked Laura Hauptenthal to take Helen's place.

Newsletter Editor – Buffy Snider has resigned. The Board has named a search committee, consisting of Sharon, Val and Pam, to look for a new person or persons. If anyone has any interest or ideas please speak to someone on the committee.

Meet the Breeds at Plum Creek Show (2-3pm) Friday, February 15th - Jaqueline Schuck has volunteered to help, but we need dogs. Sara volunteers to help. Showing will be in the morning for the Berners.

Secretary's Report: See Board minutes.

Treasurer's Report: See Board minutes. Lori Kennedy motions to approve Treasurers report, Al Hauptenthal seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

Committee Reports

December Caroling & Berner Noel – They will be December 9th, at the Aspen Grove Shopping Center. We will meet at Champs at 10:45am to start the caroling. That will last until 12:15pm to 12:30pm for lunch at Champs. If you wish to do a gift exchange bring a wrapped gift.

Awards Banquet – We will hold our Awards Banquet January 27th at The Bistro at Aspen Grove. You will pay for your meal that day. We will be ordering off the menu. Send your reservation to Lou, pictures to Jeanne and title info to Alice.

Ways and Means – We will have a BMDCR booth at the 2013 National.

Club Historian and Inventory Control – If you have any BMDCR inventory, please advise Elaine Witulski. You can keep it or make arrangements to transfer it, but Elaine needs to know the location of all inventory.

2013 Regional – We are still working on judges. We also need to get chairs for most of the positions. Bev Hilmes has agreed to do dinner again.

2013 BMDCA National Specialty – The dates are May 13th to May 18th. Things are going well. The planning booklet

Member Meeting Minutes—November 18, 2012

Lori and Don Kennedy's Home

is all to Sandy Dunaway. The booklet will be distributed on line primarily. This will save big dollars. But people will still be able to get a hard copy. Any BMDCA members that aren't getting their Bulletins on line will get a hard copy in the mail. The Premium list will also be going out on line. Vicky Hall and Teresa Dominquez are working on the catalog, and will be offering a discount if you buy your ad before the end of the year. Sara moves that we do an ad for the BMDCR, Laura seconds, all in favor, motion passed. Trophies – there are some that have opened up. We're also looking for ring favor sponsorship. Alice spoke about the Bridget Carlson seminar. We will be "co-hosting" a Bridget Carlson Obedience Seminar on May 18th and 19th with the Long's Peak Dog Training Club. For helping them to secure the McKee building for the seminar they will hold 2 working spots for Berners. The dog yards are agreed and set up, Sara has quote and a source. There will be one each at the Hotel and one at the Ranch. Banquet committee has the menus worked out and the budget is done. If you'd like to help out with the Banquet committee, that would be great. They need help to plan the favors and such for each dinner. The Beer tasting event is Thursday night. In Del Mar they did a Big Kahuna Club, we're going to do something similar. Let Dottie know if you want to help.

Fall Draft Test Report – nothing to report.

Spring Draft Test – nothing to report.

Website – Sharon Keefer is soliciting good quality photos to add to our club website.

Rescue – We have had 13 dogs come through rescue year to date. There have been no new rescues since last meeting. Ann recieved a note from the new owners of Bear – "Best dog ever, healthy and happy...everybody loves him...". She also read a note from Saba's new people, now Lucy, "she's doing great... now weighs 82 lbs, she's off all her meds... she's settling in nicely"

Also related to Saba, when we took her in, Phil incurred quite a lot of costs for her vet treatment. At the last meeting we voted to reimburse Phil for the pro-forma \$200. The total bill was \$1,550. Jacqueline motions to use the money donated for Saba to reimburse Phil for the balance. Laura seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Election of Officers

See agenda for slate of officers. Lou moves to approve by acclamation, Elaine seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Election of New Members

No applications this month.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Newsletter Editor – The Board nominated a search committee of Pam Solomon, Sharon Keefer and Val Horney to look for a new editor or members. Jamie Schwoerer asks if the editor has to be a member. She'll speak to Sharon.

Ways and Means Chair effective 2014 – Sharon would like to step down a year from now. If you're interested in helping, please talk to her.

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Regional Club Council – The BMDCA requests input on whether there should be “reserve” weekends for regional clubs’ draft tests. If so, what weekends does the BMDCR want to reserve? This would be to prevent conflicts for clubs that are close to each other so as not to dilute the entries. The opinion is that we can support this, but we don’t want to be completely tied into a specific weekend.

Nancy will schedule the annual Eye Clinic for March.

Upcoming Events:

December 9, 11 a.m: Caroling at Aspen Grove followed by lunch at Champps & doggie gift exchange.

January 27, 11 a.m: Awards Banquet at The Bistro at Aspen Grove.

Breckenridge – Dec 1st, 4:30, Berners and Carts, walkers for a Christmas Parade. Contact Gail Marshall if you’re interested (her contact info is in the Members directory).

Next Meeting: The next meeting is at the Awards Banquet. The March meeting will be held at Laura and Al’s home on March 24th.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting motion to adjourn, Sara motions, Al seconds. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

Advertisements

As a Bernese Mountain Dog owner, are you looking for fun opportunities where you can socialize your dog, and make new friends? Would you like to have the chance to hike, camp, have play dates at dog parks, take canine First Aid, massage classes, walk in parades, do fun run/walk events, raise money for good causes, and more all while hanging out with other cool Berner owners & dogs?

Join us in the #1 Bernese Mountain Dog “Meetup” (www.Meetup.com) club in the US! We have 109 members, and are growing every week! In the past year, we’ve had 87 Meetups, and currently have 35 Meetup Events planned.

Check us out at <http://www.meetup.com/The-Colorado-Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Meetup-Group/>.

We’re also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Colorado-Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Meetup-Group/222486277790520>

Thanks & hope to see you soon at a Meetup Event!

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies

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NEWSLETTER—Teresa Dominguez t_doming@msn.com

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.
- BMDCR members are fanciers involved in breeding, showing, service and performance activities, as well as those whose Bernese are cherished family members.



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Keeping In Touch...

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies is striving to keep in touch with its existing members, and reach out to new ones. Here are some of the ways we're working to connect with you!

- **Website**—www.bmdcr.org *Please note, to review the Members Only section of the website, you must have the member password. If you are a member, and need the password, please send a message to Helen Karl at helann10@yahoo.com.
- **Facebook**—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](#)
- **Yahoo Groups**—<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BMDCRockies/> *Please note, this group is for members only and you must obtain permission by the moderator to join.