



# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

## Next BMDCR Meeting Sunday, July 26

Board Meeting 12 Noon  
General Meeting 1 PM

### Laura and Al's

5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village.

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.

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!

This is the time of year to renew your membership in the BMDCR. Renewal forms were mailed out separately last month. You should have received yours by now. The deadline is May 31, 2009 so Please send it to Sara Karl, Treasurer, NOW if you haven't done so already. Thanks!

There are no new applicants at this time.



## Perspective on Portland from a Specialty Virgin by Alice Gordon

For the twelve months preceding the National Specialty in Portland my thoughts often wandered (usually in the middle of a boring workday) to what it would be like. I spent countless hours perusing the Specialty website. I imagined pulling up to the hotel, going into reception and seeing all those Berners, competing with Camber, going to Berner U classes with my dogs, meeting all the people I've come to know on the Yahoo group the Berner-L and putting faces to some of the people and dogs in the breed that I've heard of over the last two years. Oftentimes, when one has been anticipating an event for so long the reality doesn't live up to the dreams. In this case, I can say it was everything I dreamed of and more.

Since this was my first Specialty I can't say how it compares to others, but to me the entire event was outstanding. The site of the Jantzen Beach Red Lion was beautiful, the organization of all the events seemed flawless, and everyone I met that was involved with putting on the Specialty was gracious and kind.

Steve and I brought our whole family – minus the cat! And thanks to his support I was able to get involved in practically every event I wanted to. I signed up for Berner U classes, volunteered to help in Agility, entered Camber in Rally and Obedience, went to all the evening receptions, shopped, entered the photo contest, entered Dash in the Rescue Gallery, watched Conformation (of course) and hung out with friends –new and old.

For those of you who haven't gone... you must at least once!! And I recommend trying to squeeze in everything you possible can into each day. You may be bone tired when your head hits the pillow, but you will forget about that the next morning when you wake up and think about what you're going to do next! Berner U classes are so worthwhile. The only problem is deciding which ones to attend. I did the Seiger Evaluation with Camber and it was so helpful to me in understanding more about structure and breed standard. There are so many volunteering opportunities. I used this year to scope out what I wanted to do next year – definitely the Registration Table among others!

I've read a few other first-timers' recollections of their time in Portland and there are two constants in all their reports – big grins and tears. The big grins come with realizing that we were finally there; meeting the people we had hoped to and seeing all those wonderful dogs together. And the tears... well who knew? I didn't. They started at the Wednesday night welcome reception when Jennifer Brightbill and Porter did a drafting demo. Halfway into their performance they backed up to the edge of the ring to pick up a toddler (totally unplanned) and put him in the cart for a ride around the ring - sheer magic. That was followed by not one, but two Freestyle performances – Vilma Briggs and Latte to "American Pie" and Ruth Nielsen and Tonka to "Still the One". There I was tearing up and grinning at the same time. The tears came again at various other times during the week - parades and the Health Fund Auction and watching Veterans. The last tears threatened when we were pulling out of the parking lot on Sunday, headed home. I hated to leave. It had been the most vibrant, fun, exciting week that I had had in a long, long time. I'm hooked. And ready for my next Specialty.

# Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

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## Officers

President Pam Solomon  
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## Membership Applications

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## Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September & November. Board Meetings start at 11:30 AM & the General Meetings start at 1 PM.

## Help Wanted

Ways and Means Chairperson (or persons). Responsibilities include purchasing items to sell for the club, handling orders throughout the year, attending functions to sell items, organizing and arranging for help at the raffle at our specialty. Duties can be divided among a few people so let us know if you are interested in taking on any part of this position. Contact Pam Solomon if interested (avalonpam@yahoo.com).

Specialty Worker Bees needed at our September 4th specialty. Obedience and Rally stewards, help at the raffle and Ways and Means table to set up on Thursday and staff the table on Friday, people to help set up the reception. The possibilities are endless! Contact Dottie Schulte if able to help out in any way (dotties911@aol.com).



## TROPHY DONATIONS



Have you won some nice trophies in the past?  
Remember how nice that felt?

Give that feeling to someone else!

Still available at this time:

Best of Breed

Winners Dog

Best of Opposite in

Puppy and Veteran Sweeps and many classes

Indicate your first, second and third choice for sponsorship:

1st \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Send to:

Sara Karl

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## RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED FOR 2009 SPECIALTY

Did you find some new or gently used Berner or dog related items when you did your spring cleaning? Tired of looking at the same Berner memorabilia? Raffle items are needed for our upcoming specialty. The raffle contributes a large amount of money to support our specialty so your help is needed.

Contact Dottie Schulte (dotties911@aol.com) if you have items you would like to donate. Or if you would be willing to spend a few hours at the raffle table during our event.

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club  
of the Rockies**



**Fall Back-to-Back Draft Tests**

# **Got Draft Dogs?**



**Bring 'em to the Fall Draft Tests in  
Salt Lake City, UT**

**Saturday & Sunday—October 3 & 4 in Germania Park  
located in the center of the Salt Lake Valley**

**Judges: Steve Dudley & Jim Maxwell**

**Entries close: September 23, 2009 6:00 PM**

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**Stephanie Biksacky**

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## SHOW REPORT by Lou Tucker

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### **DRAFT TEST Cherry Creek State Park 5/17/09**

NDD CH Nashems Dreamboat of Sapphire CD (Annie)

Owners - Sara Karl & Carol Arbutnot

#### **New Versatility Dog**

### **Twin Peaks Dog Club 5/16/09**

UKC Rally Novice Rescue Me Baby (Jessie)

Owner - Patty Wellinger

2 Legs

### **Colorado Springs K.C. 6/06/09**

RWD Springs Piece A Cake

Owner - Nancy Fuselier

RWB Alderfer Daisyfields A Bloomin (Daisy)

Owner - Catherine Davis

OS CH Brimardells Xmas Carol's Humbug (Bug)

Owners - Mark & Bridget Pieffer

BB CH Nashems He's the Man of Woodmoor (Angus)

Owner - Sara Krl

Junior Showmanship

Novice Junior 4th Placement -

Lena Marquardt & Summit's I'm A Believer V Joyful

### **Colorado Springs K.C. 6/07/09**

WB/BW LorienDells Charmed (Charm)

Owners - Pat Medvick & Lynn Wood

RWB Alderfer Daisyfields A Bloomin (Daisy)

Owner - Catherine Davis

OS CH Brimardells Xmas Carol's Humbug (Bug)

Owners - Mark & Bridget Pieffer

BB/**G4** CH LorienDells Sword of Elendil (Narsil)

Owners - Kim & Joe Giannone

Junior Showmanship

Open Junior 3rd Placement -

Mary Bugg & Springs Straight From the Heart

### **Flatirons K.C. 5/30/09**

RWD Prairefire's Bright Flash -

Owners - Randi & Terry Jarrett & Sharon Johnson

WB/BW/OS LorienDells Charmed (Charm)

Owners - Pat Medvick & Lynn Wood

RWB Davieau's Black Forest Star

Owner - Patti Davieau

BB/**G1** CH He's the Man of Woodmoor (Angus)

Owner - Sara Karl

Junior Showmanship

Novice Junior 3rd Placement -

Lena Marquardt & CH Tiptop's Night Musik CD RN

### **Flatirons K.C. 5/31/09**

WD Spring's Woodland Moose CD RN (Moose)

Owner - Nancy Fuselier DVM

#### **New Champion - New Versatility Dog**

WB/BW/OS Funatic True Blue Moon -

Owners - Christine Mann & Tuali Yrjaven

BB CH He's the Man of Woodmore (Angus)

Owner - Sara Karl

Junior Showmanship

Novice Junior 1st Placement -

Lena Marquardt & CH Tiptop's Night Musik CD RN

Open Junior 3rd Placement -

Mary Bugg & Spring's Piece A Cake

### **Central Wyoming K.C. 5/22/09**

RWB Jenda N Nashem Party Like A Rock Star

Owners - Sara Karl, Helen Karl & Jeni West

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BB/**G1** CH He's the Man of Woodmoor (Angus)

Owner - Sara Karl

### **Central Wyoming K.C. 5/23/09**

WB/BW/OS Wagontale's Princess Alexandria

Owners - Stacy Temples, Jerry & Candy McDanel

BB/**G2**

CH He's the Man of Woodmore (Angus)

Owner - Sara Karl

### **Laramie K.C. 5/24/09**

WD Springs Piece A Cake

Owner - Nancy Fuselier DVM

WB/BW/OS Wagontale's Princess Alexandria

Owners - Stacy Temples, Jerry & Candy McDanel

#### **New Champion**

BB CH He's the Man of Woodmoor (Angus)  
Owner - Sara Karl

**Laramie K.C. 5/25/09**

RWD Springs Piece A Cake  
Owner - Nancy Fuselier DVM

WB/BW/OS Jenda N Nashem Party Like A Rock Star  
Owners - Sara Karl, Helen Karl & Jeni West

RWB Springs Straight From the Heart  
Owner - Nancy Fuselier DVM

BB/G1 CH He's the Man of Woodmore (Angus)  
Owner - Sara Karl

**BEST IN SHOW**

**Durango K.C. 5/15/09**

WD/BW Oberland's Oh Baily Come Home (Baily)  
Owner - Cindi Falcone

BBY/G1 Brimardell's Kashmir  
Owner - Bridget & Mark Pieffer

WB Davieau's Black Forest Star  
Owner - Patti Davieau

RWB Alderfer's Daisyfields A Bloomin (Daisy)  
Owner - Catherine Davis

BB CH Mountainair's Genuine Draft (Miller)  
Owner - Darci Babb

**Durango K.C. 5/16/09**

WD Kinvarra's Dancemaster  
Owners - Patricia & Neal Hughes

RWD Oberland's Oh Baily Come Home (Baily)  
Owner - Cindi Falcone

BBY Brimardell's Kashmir  
Owner - Bridget & Mark Pieffer

WB/BW Alderfer's Daisyfields A Blommin (Daisy)  
Owner Catherine Davis

BB CH Brimardell's Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)  
Owner - Bridget & Mark Pieffer

**Durango K.C. 5/17/09**

RWD Oberland's Oh Baily Come Home (Baily)  
Owner - Cindi Falcone

RWB Davieau's Black Forest Star  
Owner - Patti Davieau

OS Brimardell's Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)  
Owners - Bridgett & Mark Pieffer

**Rio Grande K.C. 5/9/09**

WD Pinnacle's H-3 Like Nothing Else  
Owners - Teresa Dominguez & Eden Jonas

WB/BW/OS LorienDells Charmed  
Owners - Pat Medvick & Lynn Wood

BB/G1 CH Mountainairs Genuine Draft (Miller)  
Owner - Darci Babb

**Rio Grande K.C. 5/10/09**

WD Pinnacle's H-3 Like Nothing Else (Hummer)  
Owners - T. Dominguez & E. Jonas

RWD Oberland's Oh Baily Come Home (Baily)  
Owner - Cindi Falcone

WB/BW/OS LorienDells Charmed  
Owners - Pat Medvick & Lynn Wood

BB/G1 CH Mountainaires Genuine Draft (Miller)  
Owner - Darci Babb

**Seward County K.C. 4/25/09**

WD/BW Milagro's Light of Stars V Joyful Summit (Luna)  
Owners - Ann & Bill Daily, Sharon Keffer & Sandy Dunaway

**New Champion**

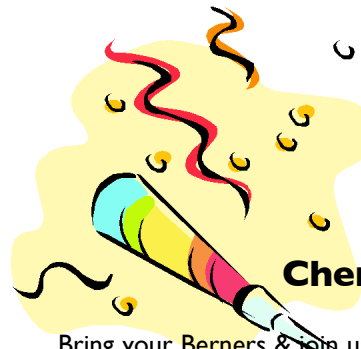
OS CH Summits Lord Greystoke V LorienDell (Stokes)  
Owners - R.File & S. Dunaway

BB CH Brimardell's Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)  
Owners - Bridgett & Mark Pieffer

**Seward County K.C. 4/26/09**

OS CH Brimardell's Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)  
Owners - Bridget & Mark Pieffer

BB CH Lord Greystoke V LorienDell  
Owners - Richard File & Sandy Dunaway



# Berner Fiesta!



Sunday, July 19th from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Cherry Creek State Park - 12 Mile House Picnic Area

Bring your Berners & join us for the BMDCR Annual Summer Picnic. Hamburgers, Brats and Drinks will be provided. Obedience and Rally-O practice at 10:30am. An ice, cold puppy pool will be provided as well as shelter. Please RSVP before Monday, July 13th, 303-670-0426 or avalonpam@yahoo.com.

Please bring a dish to share.  
A-G dessert  
H-N salad  
O-Z appetizer

DIRECTIONS: (Aurora) From I-225 take Exit #4: Parker Road onto South Parker Road. Go 1 mile to the park entrance on right at East Lehigh Ave. Pay entrance fee and follow signs to the 12 Mile House Picnic Area (southwest corner).

## Update Your Berner-Garde entries at the Specialty or add new dogs!

The BMDCR will have a table set up at the specialty with volunteers and on-line access to assist you in updating or adding records to Berner-Garde at the Specialty.

Please bring any documentation you'd like to submit - we'll have all the equipment necessary to get it to the Berner-Garde operators and we'll do all the messy computer stuff for you!

What you need to bring for new entries:

Dog's full name, Tattoo/Chip#, Registration#, Sex, Birthday and DNA # if available.

In addition, if you can please bring any of the following information you may have:

Name and Registration numbers of the parents, personal vet name, address, phone number and fax number, death date if the dog is deceased and cause of death or any clinic records indicating cause.

Brief medical history and any pathology reports.

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**GOT OOM-PAW-PAW?**  
**JOIN US FOR Oktoberfest!**

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies**  
**2009 Independent Specialty**

Fri., Sept 4th ~ Island Cross Regional Park ~ Greeley, Colorado  
 Show Secretary ~ Herr Robert Miller miller.dogshows@msa.com 303-278-8384  
 Show Chairman ~ Terulein Dattler Schulte dattlers911@aol.com  
 Sweepstakes Judge ~ Fran Judy Means Conformation Judge ~ Fran Gail Vogel  
 Obedience, Rally and Junior Showmanship Judge ~ Fran Linda Scanlon  
 Biergarten Reception after Show ~ Oktoberfest Apparel Available Now  
 Evergreen Kennel Club All-Breed Shows on September 5th and 6th ~ Onofrio Dog Shows

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## Spring Draft Test

The temperatures were a little high and the pass rate a little low but the May 17th draft test was a priceless memory for all those who attended. Thank you's go to draft test chairperson Christine Mann and secretary Patty Wellinger, to Lou Tucker, Sharon Keefer and Sara Karl who provided the food and to the numerous stewards and helper bees without whose help the test would not have been such a success. Ten teams competed and there were two new titles earned.



Test chairperson Christine guides Val, Marshall and Legend on the open freight haul with 170# in their cart.



Nice loose leash for Vicki and Ruby as they work their way through the milk cans.



Jeanne and Buzz show their skills at the equal opportunity draft test



Lori expertly guides Murray through the maneuvering course

# BMDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WINS & PLACEMENTS

Congratulations to all the Winners, Qualifiers and Class Placements. The BMDCR was well represented at the National. Apologies in advance if a win or placement was missed but know that we cheer your accomplishments.

## **BMDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY AHBA HERDING TRIAL/TEST**

### **Qualifiers**

Wagontale's Nordic Legend (Donner)

Owners - Jennifer & Todd Zaayer

Wagontale's Southern Belle (Scarlett)

Owners - Cathy Gushulak & Stacy Temples

### **Herding Ranch Dog 1 - Sheep 1st Place**

CH Wagontale's Incoming Tide (Ti) Owners Jennifer & Todd Zaayer

### **High Scoring Bernese in Trial**

## **BMDCA DRAFT TEST RESULTS**

### **NOVICE DRAFT DOG QUALIFIERS**

Wagontale's Quite A Catch (Peyton)

Owners - K.VanArsdale, S.Temples, R.Merieaux

CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Mircle (Smokey) -

Owners-Pam & Barry Solomon, S. Temples

### **NEW VERSATILITY DOG AND YOUNGEST QUALIFYING BERNESE**

CH He's the Man of Woodmore (Angus)

Owned by Sara Karl

### **DRAFT DOG QUALIFIERS**

CH Alderfer Am Davieau (Baran)

Owned by Patti Davieau & Cathy Davis

## **BMDCA OBEDIENCE TRIAL QUALIFYING SCORES**

### **Novice A**

CH Sandpipers Aegir v Wagontale RA, NAJ (Gremmie) -

Owned by J.Morris, S. Temples & K.Gray

1st Place

### **Novice B**

CH He's the Man of Woodmoor (Angus)

Owned by Sara Karl

CH Ebnet's Hired Gun from Zanzebern NAP (Marshall)  
owned by Valerie Horney and Lisa Ebnet

Wagontale's Quite A Catch (Peyton)

Owners - K.VanArsdale, S. Temples, R. Merieaux

4th Place

### **Open A -**

CH Brighteye Angel Fire CD. RA (Angie)

owned by Stephanie Biksacky and Deborah Hotze

## **BMDCA AGILITY TRIAL**

### **Agility - Novice B 24in Fast Class**

Wagontale's Quite A Catch (Peyton)

Owners - K. VanArsdale, S. Temples, R. Merieau

2nd place

## **BMDCA RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIAL**

### **Rally Novice A**

Brighteye R Questa Win (Questa)

owned by Elaine Witulski

Wagontale's Kanyon Vernors

owned by Barbara Clark

### **Rally Novice B**

Wagontale's True Delight (Truly)

owned by Thia Cochran and Stacy Temples

2nd Place

Nashems Love The One Your With (Crosby)

owned by Dottie Schulte and Sara Karl

Brighteye Wilanie Sweetness Tabu (Zita)

owned by Stephanie Biksacky and D.Hotze

## **BMDCA PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES**

### **Puppy Bitches 6-9 months**

Jenda N Nashems Party Like a Rock Star (Roxie)

owned by Sara Karl

**2nd Place**

## **BMDCA VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES**

### **7-9 Year Veteran Dog**

CH Prairefire's Bedtime Story (P.J.)

Owner - Sharon Johnson

**1st Place**

## **BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES**

### **9-11 Year Veteran Dog**

CH Ahquabi's Bank On It CD,DD (Teller)

Owner-V. Horney

**2nd Place**

### **9-11 Year Veteran Bitch**

CH Prairefire's Cloudburst (Keely)

Owner- Sharon Johnson

**4th Place**

## **BMDCA FUTURITY CONFORMATION**

### **12-15 Mo. Dogs**

Prairefires Wild West Show From Sundance

Owners - Sharon Johnson & Michele Connolly

**2nd Place**

### **9-12 Mo. Bitch Class**

Summit's I'm A Believer V Joyful (Cassie)

Owner - Lou Tucker and Lena Marquardt

**4th Place**

## **BMDCA REGULAR AND NON-REGULAR CONFORMATION**

### **Brood Bitch**

CH Wagontale's Champagne on Ice (Piper)

Owners Kathy Grey - S. Temples

**4th Place**

## **BMDCA VERSATILITY COMPETITION**

### **Dogs Under 7 Years**

CH Alderfer AM Davieau (Baran) CD,RN,NDD -

Owners - Patti Davieau & Cathy Davis

**1st Place**

### **Best in Versatility**

CH Sandpiper's Aegir V Wagontale RA,NAJ,NDD (Gremmie)

Owners J. Morris, S. Temples & K. Gray

**2nd Place**

CH Hired Gun From Zanzebern NAP,BDD (Marshall)

Owner - Val Horney and Lisa Ebnet

**3rd Place**

### **Dogs 7 years and Over**

CH Aquabi's Bank On It CD,DD (Teller)

Owner - Val Horney

### **1st Place**

CH Wagontale's Incoming Tide CGC, NDD, BNDD, JHD "Ti"  
owned by Jennifer and Todd Zaayer

**3rd Place**

### **Bitches Under 7 yrs**

CH Wagontale's Lady of the Lake RE,CD,DD,BDD (Legend)

Owners - Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

**3rd Place**

### **Bitches Over 7 yrs**

CH Spring's Sandia CD,RN,NDD (Sandy)

Owner - Nancy Fuselier

**3rd Place**

### **Junior Showmanship**

Open Junior 1st Place Mary Bugg



Surrounded by their specialty booty, California boys Ti and Donner share their successes.

## Portland Pics - The 2009 Specialty



Elaine and Questa exit the ring after competing in Agility.



Sara and Angus working their way to a new NDD.



Helen and Roxie competing in the puppy classes.



Mary Bugg charms her way into a first place in Open Junior.



Henry and Nadja on the start line.

## Meeting Minutes - May 24, 2009

### Board Meeting Minutes

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The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:11 pm on May 24, 2009. This meeting was held at the home of members Drs. Al Beers and Laura Haupenthal in Greenwood Village.

**Present:** Board members Ron Abbott, Laura Haupenthal, Sharon Keefer, Ann Rutherford, Pam Solomon, and Jeanne Stanwood. Also Al Beers, Valerie Horney, Bob Rutherford, Phil Shaffer, and Elaine Witulski.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ron moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published in the May/June 2009 newsletter. Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**President's Report:** Pam announced that Berner Fiesta will be held on July 19th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at Cherry Creek State Park, specifically at Twelve Mile House southwest of the lake. See the July/August newsletter for details about the pot luck lunch and activities.

Pam announced that two club positions are open: Librarian and Ways and Means Chairman. Pam volunteered for the Librarian position.

#### Committee Reports:

**Rescue Committee:** Chairman Ann Rutherford thanked Lou Tucker and Valerie Horney for help with Rescue administration. One dog was placed recently with help from Sara Karl.

**Show Committee:** Chairman Dottie Schulte had submitted a request for any suggestions for additional events at this year's independent specialty show. A Versatility event like the one held at this year's National show was discussed, with the possibility of asking the sweepstakes judge to also judge Versatility. Also, Pam circulated a trophy donation sign-up sheet for our independent specialty show in September. Contributors must sign up by June 5th to have their name listed in the premium list.

**Website Committee:** Sharon reported that two proposals received in response to the Request-for-Proposals had been reviewed by the committee. The committee felt that both were too expensive and one also had quality concerns. An alternate, less expensive option suggested by Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway was discussed.

**Regional Clubs Council (RCC):** Alice Gordon attended the RCC meeting at the National Specialty earlier this month. She reported that one idea from that meeting was to suggest that clubs have a Berner-Garde data collection

table at our regional events. This suggestion was discussed with favorable consensus to do this at our specialty in September. Alice will let show chairman Dottie Schulte know about requirements and see if an announcement can be printed in the show's premium list.

#### Unfinished Business:

**Membership Renewal:** Pam reminded all that membership renewals are due by May 31, 2009.

#### New Business:

**Fall Draft Test:** The Fall Drafts test being hosted by the Utah members of the BMDCR will be held on October 3rd and 4th in Murray Utah at Germania Park. The judges will be Steve Dudley and Jim Maxwell. The chairman is Staphanie Biksacky and the draft test secretary is Vicky Hall.

**Adjournment:** The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

### General Meeting Minutes

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The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:10 pm on May 24, 2009.

**Present:** 16 voting members (a quorum), 1 sustaining member, and 1 guests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Lou Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published in the May/June 2009 newsletter. Mary Ellen Guy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**President's Report:** Pam announced that Berner Fiesta will be held on July 19th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at Cherry Creek State Park, specifically at Twelve Mile House southwest of the lake. See the July/August newsletter for details about the pot luck lunch and activities.

Pam announced that two club positions are open: Librarian and Ways and Means Chairman. Pam volunteered for the Librarian position. It was suggested that a notice be posted on the Yahoo group for Ways and Means Chairman, with the duties split into separate tasks (e.g., specialty table coordinator, new item ordering, order shipping).

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### **Committee Reports:**

**Show Committee:** Discussion of possible special events at this year's specialty show was summarized from the Board Meeting and continued. It was recognized that a Versatility event would be a non-regular show class that requires AKC approval. AKC approvals have already been completed for this year. This may be an event to plan for next year.

The trophy donation sign-up sheet for our independent specialty show in September was further circulated. Contributors must sign up by June 5th to have their name listed in the premium list.

**Rescue Committee:** Ann Rutherford reported completing follow-up on the one rescue dog adopted earlier this year. Jacqueline Schuck gave an update on Ben, the La Junta rescue dog requiring amputation surgery after falling from a moving truck. The rescue chairman there at Hope for Animals is adopting Ben. Jacqueline and her husband Doug have donated funds toward Ben's medical care.

**Website Committee:** See Website report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes. Further discussion also concluded that the proposals received were too expensive for BMDCR. After consideration of the option

Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway proposed, Valerie Horney moved that the BMDCR pay a website designer, not to exceed \$2,000, to design and create a new website. The motion was seconded by Alice Gordon. Motion passed. Sharon and Sandy will formalize their option and submit it to the Website Committee.

**Regional Clubs Council (RCC):** See Board Meeting minutes. Alice Gordon will coordinate a Berner-Garde data collection table at our show in September. It will require reserving a table, having a computer and printer there, and possibly a photographer to take pictures that can be added to Berner-Garde, too.

### **New Business:**

**Fall Draft Test:** See Board Meeting minutes.

**Membership Renewal:** Pam reminded all that membership renewals are due by May 31, 2009

**July Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on July 26th at the home of Al Beers and Laura Haupenthal.

**Adjournment:** The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm. Thank you to Al, Laura, Kismet and Dillon for hosting our meetings today.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

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## **BMDCR Club Information**

### **Meetings**

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. The board meetings take place at 11:30 followed by the general meeting at 1:00 followed by the program at 2:00 if scheduled. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. In the even-numbered months we will offer a club activity that includes dogs, e.g. the Bernerfiesta, Berner hike, draft clinic, herding instinct certification test, Berner Noel, etc. The starting times and locations of these events will vary, depending on the activity.

### **Newsletter/Subscriptions**

We welcome articles written by members on any topic of interest to Berner fanciers. We also reprint uncopyrighted articles from other publications such as the Alpenhorn, other regional club newsletters, the AKC Gazette, and other dog club newsletters as space permits. Newsletter subscriptions are available to non-members for \$25.00 per year. Checks should be made payable to BMDCR and sent to Stacy Temples, PO Box 2490, Ft. Collins, CO 80522-2490. Club members' name and/or mailing address changes should also be submitted to Stacy.

### **Litter Box Policy**

BMDCR voting members who have paid the annual \$5.00 Breeder Referral Service fee will be entitled to free Litter Box advertising "for one or more litters" for the entire calendar year. Sustaining members may participate in the BR program if they are sponsored by 2 voting members who also have paid the Breeder Referral fee.

### **Rules for Listing a Litter**

Litter must come from a member breeder or stud owner in good standing with the BMDCR who has paid the designated fee. The litter must be registrable with the AKC. Litter parents must have had hips and elbows x-rayed and submitted to the OAF, GDR, OVC or other recognized registry. Dams must be over 18 months of age. Litter owner must provide a 4-generation pedigree to buyers. Puppies must be sold with a health guarantee subject to veterinary exam within 48 hours of sale. Litter owner must have a complete entry in Berner-Garde by the time the litter is 12 months old. All ads must be limited to the following information: Sire, Dam, Whelping Date, and Breeder's name, address, and telephone number. In addition, "The only acceptable reference to joint conformation in Litter Box announcements are GDR, OAF, OVC numbers for hips and elbows, including the letter rating and age in months at evaluation.

### **Classified Advertising/Display Advertising**

The BMDCR newsletter accepts classified ads. This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of that used dog equipment cluttering up your garage, publicize dog-related services, or sell Berner arts and crafts items. Classified advertising should be sent to the newsletter editor. There will be a charge of 10 cents per word. A check for the required amount, payable to BMDCR, should be included with your ad copy. Display advertising will be handled by the editor. All display ads should be sent directly to the editor. Rates are as follows: Full Page: \$25, Half Page: \$15 "these include use of one photo; additional photos will cost \$10 each". 1/4 Page: \$10, Business Card: \$5 "these are no-photo ads". Camera ready ads subtract 25%. Include a check payable to BMDCR with your ad copy.

### **Submission Deadlines for Publication**

The BMDCR newsletter is published bi-monthly. All articles, reports, and ads must be received by the editor as follows: the 20th day of February, April, June, August and December for the next months issue.

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