



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

Next Meeting:

At the Tuckers

7155 W. Montview Ln. Littleton, 80125

Board meeting 11:30

General Membership meeting 1:00

Draft Practice will be after the membership meeting.

A light lunch will be available
following the board meeting

Directions:

Take C-470 to Santa Fe exit, go South on Santa Fe approx. 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Lakeside Drive (Chatfield Estates subdivision). There is a left hand turn lane on Santa Fe. (Point of reference for left turn- sign on right of highway states Titan Road - 1 mile.) Left turn onto Lakeside Dr. 1st left turn onto Pineview and 1st right turn onto Montview. Tuckers are 4th house on the left, a cream brick ranch. From the south take the Santa Fe/Littleton exit from I-25 at 3rd Castle Rock exit. Proceed west past outlet mall and turn right on to Santa Fe. Go north through light at Sedalia - Lakeside drive is a right turn - approx. a mile past Titan Road exit.

2007 BMDCR Awards Banquet

BMDCR members celebrated our 2007 accomplishments at our annual awards banquet January 27th. Club members dined at Hanson's Grill and Tavern with entrees including pasta, salmon and chicken (hopefully doggies got some leftovers!). Fifty-five dogs were honored for titles earned this past year, demonstrating the dedication of members to training and showing and to breeders for choosing puppy owners that are very involved in bonding with their pets. Long time BMDCR members Christine and Michael Mann were honored with the Kathy Roth award for their years of service to our club. Thanks to Nadja Torling, Rosie Malinovskii and Dottie Schulte for organizing this event and for the great table favors, awards remembrance booklet and numerous certificates and cookies that we were all able to take home as remembrance for a successful year.



Stacy Temples accepts awards earned in 2007 for Wagontale dogs.



BMDCR members enjoy human companionship as they celebrate the successes of their dogs in 2007.



Kathy Roth award recipients Christine & Michael Mann accept kudos for all their past contributions to our club.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

Officers

President Valerie Horney
 Vice President Ron Abbott
 Treasurer Sara Karl
 Secretary Sharon Keefer

Directors

Fay Benson
 Dr. Laura Haupenthal
 Ann Rutherford
 Pam Solomon
 Elaine Witulski

Newsletter Submissions

Dottie Schulte
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Membership Applications

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 Fort Collins, CO 80522-2490

Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September & November at Laura & Al's house at 5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village. Board Meetings start at 11:30 AM & the General Meetings start at 1 PM. From I-25 North or South, exit on Orchard Rd. Go west about one mile & 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.

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin is pleased to offer 2 DVD's "Training your Draft Dog" & "Showing your Draft Dog"

2 BMDCA Draft Judges, 7 handlers and 15 Berners show you a thorough and informative DVD presentation of Drafting with Bernese Mountain Dogs.



"Training your Draft Dog"

Chapters
 Harnesses & Carts
 Puppy Stuff
 Training the Young Adult
 Turns
 Backing up
 Narrows
 Slow
 Long stay
 Freight haul
 Putting the parts together

"Showing your Draft Dog"

In this video, volunteer members of the BMDCSEW take 8 mock draft tests. You'll see some things done well; and you'll see some mistakes. After the mock draft tests, you'll see how to work on correcting mistakes. You'll also see one good, clean, flowing run so that you'll know the kind of performance you're aiming for.

~ DVD's produced through the generosity of the BMDCSEW ~

For additional order forms visit www.bmdcsew.org.
 Cost: \$25.00 each or both for \$45.00

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your e-mail: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO - BMDCSEW

Send DVD orders to:
Ann Milligan
6740 County S
Sobieski, WI 54171
 Any special instructions.

Training your Draft Dog Price: \$25.00	# DVD's ordered	Total \$
Showing your Draft Dog Price: \$25.00	# DVD's ordered	Total \$
Shipping for one or both DVD's ADD \$4.00 per address		
TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED (*remember-there is a discount for ordering both videos/both for \$45.00)		

SHOW REPORT by Valerie Horney

Nolan River Kennel Club

January 5, 2008

WD/BW Mountainairs Genuine Draught "Miller",
owned by Darcy Babb
NEW CHAMPION

Denver Samoyed Association

January 19, 2008

3rd Leg Novice Agility Preferred 1st Place, CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern BNDD "Marshall",
owned by Valerie Horney and Lisa Ebnet
NEW NOVICE AGILITY PREFERRED
NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

Longs Peak Training Club

January 20, 2008

2nd Leg Rally Novice A, Rescue Me Baby, "Jessie",
owned by Patti Wellinger

Plum Creek Kennel Club, Colorado Kennel Club

February 15, 2008

WD/BW Prairiefire's Cocktail Hour, "Rossi",
owned by Alisa Kice & Sharon Johnson

RWD Sandpiper Augustus Wagontale,
owned by Stacy Temples, Seth Mukai, Hope Winslow Mukai

WB Prairiefire Legend Always Right,
owned by Kris Yell, Sharon Johnson, Amy Fitzgerald

OS CH Sandpiper A Legacy of Wagontale, "Parker",
owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono",
owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

Best Puppy, Puppy Group 3 Milagro's Light of Stars v Joyful Summit,
owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Sharon Keefer, Sandy Dunaway

Qual score Rally Nov B Springs Woodland Moose,
owned by Nancy Fuselier, 88.0

Qual score Rally Exc B Wagontale's Lady of the Lake "Legend",
owned by Pam and Barry Solomon, Stacy Temples, 84.0

February 16, 2008

WD Sandpiper Augustus Wagontale,
owned by Stacy Temples, Seth Mukai, Hope Winslow Mukai

RWD Milagro's Angel in the Whirlwind v Adesa,
owned by Ann & Bill Daily

WB/BW Best Bred by Exhibitor, BBE Group 4 Nashems Good Day Sunshine "Sunny",
owned by Sara Karl

RWB Milagro's Amoracito Corazon "Jasmine",
owned by Kathy Crawford and Ann Daily

OS CH Nashems Play it Again Sapphire "Rufio",
owned by Lynn & George Wood, Sara Karl, Carol Arbuthnot

BB CH Sandpiper A Legacy of Wagontale, "Parker",
owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

3rd Leg Rally Novice A, Rescue Me Baby, "Jessie",
owned by Patti Wellinger
NEW RALLY NOVICE TITLE

1st leg Rally Novice B Wagontales Sing Me A Miracle "Smokey",
owned by Pam& Barry Solomon, Stacy Temples 96.0

Qual score Rally Exc B Wagontale's Lady of the Lake "Legend",
owned by Pam and Barry Solomon, Stacy Temples, 96.0

February 17, 2008

WD Prairiefire's Cocktail Hour, "Rossi",
owned by Alisa Kice & Sharon Johnson

RWD Milagro's Angel in the Whirlwind v Adesa,
owned by Ann & Bill Daily

WB/BW/OS Prairiefire's So Far So Good,
owned by Sharon Johnson

RWB Brimardells XMas Carol's Humbug,
owned by Brigit & Mark Pieffer

BB CH Nashems Play it Again Sapphire "Rufio",
owned by Lynn & George Wood, Sara Karl, Carol Arbuthnot

2nd leg Rally Novice B Wagontales Sing Me A Miracle "Smokey",
owned by Pam& Barry Solomon, Stacy Temples 96.0

February 18, 2008

WD Prairiefire's Cocktail Hour, "Rossi",
owned by Alisa Kice & Sharon Johnson

RWD Summit's Starry Starry Knite,
owned by Sandy Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

WB/BW Prairiefire Legend Always Right,
owned by Kris Yell, Sharon Johnson, Amy Fitzgerald

RWB Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Baer,
owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit & Mark Peiffer

OS CH Lorien Dell's Puffins Rainbow Connection "Rainbow",
owned by George & Lynn Wood, Sara Karl

BB CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern NAP "Marshall",
owned by Valerie Horney and Lisa Ebnet

3rd leg Rally Novice B Wagontales Sing Me A Miracle "Smokey",
owned by Pam& Barry Solomon, Stacy Temples 90.0

NEW RALLY NOVICE TITLE

Front Range Agility Association of Denver

March 8-9, 2008

Am/Can CH Clearfire's Dial My Number "Freedom",
owned by Valerie Horney

1st Leg Novice Jumpers With Weaves, 3rd place, 100

2nd Leg ", 3rd place,

1st Leg Standard, 2nd Place, 90

CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern NAP BNDD "Marshall",
owned by Valerie Horney

1st Leg Novice Jumpers With Weaves, 2nd Place, 100

Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour "Henry",
owned by Nadja Torling and Ryan Johnson

1st Leg Novice Standard, 3rd Place, 95

2nd Leg Novice Standard. 1st Place, 100

BMDCR Receives Thanks for Our Generosity

Our club made two donations in 2007 and the recipients of our funds have given us thanks. In May, we donated \$300 to the Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry. They note that, because of the generosity of the Colorado dog community, over \$826,000 was raised at this event to help the animals in their care. We also received thanks from the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation for our \$4000.00 donation. They assure that our funds will be restricted to the Bernese Mountain Dog Donor Advised Fund. They also note that because of our generosity and the financial support of fellow dog lovers, the CHF has been able to fund over 400 grants (to the tune of \$20 million) that contributed to the sequencing of the canine genome, revealed the genetic causes of debilitating cardiac and eye disease, and to continue to lead to breakthroughs in canine cancers, such as lymphoma, osteosarcoma and melanoma. Of all of our accomplishments this year, we should be most proud of our philanthropy!

BMDCR Rescue Update

Ann Rutherford has assumed the rescue efforts for the BMDCR (thank you Ann!). She admits there are big shoes to fill as rescue chairperson. Because the rescue records were destroyed in a basement flood, she is requesting to get all of the rescue information from the kind persons who have volunteered to be foster homes. She will need help with all rescue activities and "thanks Phil and all those have helped". If you would like to be involved in rescue activities please contact Ann at bobandann25@msn.com.

BMDCR Membership Column - March/April 2008 Stacy Temples

Please welcome our newest sustaining members who were approved for membership at the Awards Banquet meeting on January 27, 2008.

Alice Gordon & Steven Clark
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Fort Collins, CO 80526
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sclark@greeleytribune.com

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Ph.# (970) 955-1154
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Lori Kennedy
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Denver, CO 80247-3013
Ph.# (303) 641-0138
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The following family will be voted on at our meeting on March 30, 2008.

New Sustaining Member Applicants:
Beverly & Robert Hirsekorn
8891 E. Easter Place
Centennial, CO 80112
Ph.# (303) 741-0749
(E) beverlymoschel@aol.com
(E) rdhcon@aol.com

The Hirsekorns have LorienDell's I Love Lucy (F, 11/13/07) from the Woods. They are interested in drafting and therapy work. They want to join to continue to learn about the breed and to socialize with other Berner families. They have also had Shelties in the past. They train in basic obedience. They are sponsored by Lynn Wood & Sara Karl.

BMDCR Health Clinic

CERF Eye Examinations, Heartworm Test, and Heart Certifications

Saturday March 15, 2008

The Veterinary Eye Clinic
7630 Wheat Ridge, Co.

Eyes \$28.00
Heartworm Test \$20.00
Heart test \$48.00



It is time again for our annual health clinic. Appointments will be taken from 8 am to 12 pm. Please bring your dogs AKC registration number and microchip or tattoo number to complete the forms for CERF and Heart Certification. Dr. Hammond will be performing the CERF eye examinations. The dogs eyes will be dilated so allow for 30 minutes for the entire appointment. Yearly tests for heartworms are recommended in Colorado. We will provide a form indicating the heartworm test results for you to take back to your veterinarian. This year we are offering Heart Certifications. Dr. Carrol a board certified cardiologist will be performing the heart evaluations. For an appointment please contact Nancy Fuselier DVM at (719) 531-7366 by Friday March 14.

Directions:

From the south: Take I-25 to exit 209 AB (6th Ave), Go west on 6th Ave about 3 miles to Wadsworth, Go north on Wadsworth to 39th Ave, turn left at 39th Ave, The clinic is on the corner of Wadsworth and 39th.
From the north: Take I-25 to I-70, Go west on I-70 to Wadsworth, go south on Wadsworth to 39th, turn right at 39th, The clinic is on the corner.

Drafting Seminar

Bow Wowz Canine Performance Center in Colorado Springs is hosting a Drafting Seminar on March 29, starting at 9AM.

This seminar is for people wanting to start their dogs in drafting. It is open to any breed of dog.

Cost is \$80 and you need to register by March 19.

Contact Angela Hanson (startlightbmd@att.net, 719-494-0473) for more information.



SPRING DRAFT TEST

April 5, 2008 at Cherry Creek State Park

Judges: Susan Sanvido & Larry Bohling

Draft Chairperson: Christine Mann
(bluemoonbmd@earthlink.net)

Draft Secretary: Jeanne Stanwood
(stanwood@earthlink.net)

In Memoriam

*Spring's Lady Molly BDX,
RE, NDD, U-CD, CGC*

We lost our little lady. Molly was diagnosed with systemic mast cell and was euthanized on January 28, 2008. She was just a few weeks shy of 8 years old.

Molly was my happy working obedience dog. She learned how to retrieve a dumbbell by watching my other Bernese work. She loved retrieving and jumping. Learning how to pull a cart came easily. We were working on the utility exercises. She was finally realizing she didn't have to retrieve all the sent articles, just the one with mom's sent on it. We miss her enthusiasm around the house.



Classifieds

We have a new outdoor kennel that is 10' x 6' x 5'. It has a lock on the gate and can be expanded. It is top quality with welded wire and no barbs. Call the McDanals @ 303-838-4098. \$250.00

Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2008

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 11:05 am on January 27, 2008. This meeting was held at Hanson's Grill and Tavern in Denver, Colorado, the location of the annual awards banquet to follow.

Present:

Ron Abbott, Fay Benson, Val Horney, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Ann Rutherford, Pam Solomon, Eliane Witulski.

Approval of Minutes:

Sara moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting as published in the January/February 2008 newsletter. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Report:

BMDCR received a request from the host club to make a donation to for the hospitality room at this year's National Specialty show. Request held for vote at the following general members' meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Sara Karl reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts. BMDCR received a thank you letter from Denver Dumb Friends League for our donation of \$300 to their Furry Scurry fundraising event, and a thank you letter from the Canine Health Foundation for our \$4,000 donation; these letters will be published in the next newsletter. BMDCR received a letter from AKC about their insurance program for bonding officers and board members; Sara will compare its cost to our current insurance (since BMDCR is now an AKC-licensed club, we are eligible for their insurance and other member club benefits). A recent \$300 check received for rescue dog adoption has not cleared; Val will follow-up with adopting party.

Committee Reports:

AKC License: Sara has been asked what our requirements are as an AKC-licensed club; she will submit the list of requirements for publication in the next newsletter.

Show Committee: The show committee planning the 2009 Independent Specialty show in September will meet today after the awards banquet. During the general members' meeting, chairman Dottie Schulte will ask for volunteers to fill the remaining show positions. Dottie has written job descriptions for all the show jobs. Sharon will prepare a show advertisement for the National Specialty catalog (and Summer issues of the Alpenhorn); a vote will be taken in the general members' meeting to approve paying for the catalog ad.

Rescue Committee: Ann Rutherford reported recent coordination of a successful re-homing of one dog who had to be given up by a friend of several members. As new chairman of the Rescue Committee, Ann has collected various rescue forms and paperwork and plans to present an organized, current set of forms and documents at the March meeting.

Website Task Force: Sharon reported that a BMDCR yahoo group poll was recently conducted to assist the Task Force by verifying the areas of recommendations it is working on for upgrading the BMDCR website. Recommendations will be presented at the March meeting.

New Business:

Approval of New Rescue Committee Chairman: Sara moved to officially appoint Ann Rutherford as the new Rescue Committee Chairman. Motion seconded by Fay. Motion approved. Thank you Ann, for taking on coordination of BMDCR rescue efforts.

Adjournment:

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 11:35 am on January 27, 2008. This meeting was also held at Hanson's Grill and Tavern in Denver, Colorado, the location of the annual awards banquet to follow.

Present:

19 voting members (a quorum) and 11 sustaining members.

Approval of Minutes:

Rosy Malinowski moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting as published in the January/February 2008 newsletter. Elaine Witulski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Same as Treasurer's report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee: Same as Rescue Committee report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes.

Show Committee: The show committee planning the 2009 Independent Specialty show in September will meet today after the awards banquet. Dottie Schulte asked for volunteers to fill the remaining show positions. Dottie has written job descriptions for all the show jobs. Positions already filled included Lou Tucker as show committee co-chairman, Sara Karl doing trophies, Pam Solomon chairing the Rally trial, Sharon Keefer doing advertisements and marketing, Sharon, Dottie and Elaine Witulski doing Ways & Means including the raffle. Today, Bob Tucker and Fay Benson volunteered to be groundskeepers. The conformation judge has been hired. Committee members are still working on hiring rally and obedience judges. Trophy donations are needed and can be sent to Sara Karl; trophies include pawprint bags and luggage.

Spring Draft Test: Draft Test Secretary Chris Mann distributed

a flyer for the spring draft test that will also be published in the next issue of the Alpenhorn. Chris announced added fun attractions, including an alpine theme and award for the best alpine-dressed handler. Judges are Larry Bohlig and Sue Sanvido. Donations are needed for 20 spectacular trophies. Drafting practice sessions at Bob and Lou Tucker's house have started and dates were posted on via the BMDCRockies yahoo group; these include a practice session after the next BMDCR meeting on March 23, 2008. Dottie Schulte has copies of the new BMDCA Draft Test Regulations, available for \$2.50.

Website Task Force: Same as Website Task Force report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes.

Election of New Members:

Voting was unanimous to admit new sustaining members Alice Gordon and Steven Clark, Brian and Shelley Thysens, and Lori Kennedy.

New Business:

Expense Requests: (1) The hosts of the 2008 National Specialty show have solicited local clubs for a \$300 donation toward the Hospitality Room. No motion made regarding this request.

(2) Motion made by Chris Mann to pay up to \$100 to place an ad in the National Specialty catalog wishing entrants good luck and advertising our Independent Specialty in September 2008. Motion seconded by Fay Benson. Motion passed. Sharon Keefer will prepare the ad.

Health Clinic: Nancy Fuselier announced the health clinic on

March 15. This year the clinic will include not only eye CERF exams, heartworm testing, but also cardiac clearances. The clinic will be held at Dr. Hammond's clinic. Contact Nancy Fuselier to sign up.

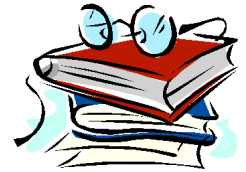
St. Patrick's Day Parade: Chris Mann had been organizing a BMDCR entry of Berners pulling carts in the Denver St. Patrick's Day parade on March 15th. Six have signed up. At least 10 are needed. Contact Chris Mann to participate in this fun event. Chris moved that the club support this event by paying the entry fee. Motion seconded by Nadja Torling. Motion passed.

Fall Draft Test: Jean Stanwood moved to approve holding a Fall Draft Test. Motion seconded by Fay Benson. Motion approved. Lynn Wood volunteered to host the test.

Adjournment:

The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm. Following the meeting the Annual Awards Banquet was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Nadja Torling, for organizing this year's terrific banquet.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer,



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

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.