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Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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BMDCR Awards Banquet



BMDCR presents the *Kathy Roth Award* to a member who has given exemplary service to the breed. For 2015 our deserving recipient was Elaine Witulski.



All photos courtesy of Barbara LeTourneau

President's Message - March 2015

We had a wonderful start to the New Year with a well attended Meeting and Awards celebration! Thank you to all who contributed to this awesome event! The two fun matches held at the Berner Barn were well attended too. I must say, I was thrilled to have so many guests in attendance and meet so many new Berner lovers at all of these gatherings!

I personally am very proud of our club! We put on spectacular events that we like to improve on year after year! There is however one thing that concerns me. Did you know that at present, the BMDCR has about ninety members and of those ninety members only about forty are actively involved in the club? With this statistic in mind, at our last meeting we decided to hold a strategic planning session to discuss ideas for sustainability of our club and events. Let's face it folks, the same people are doing the same jobs year after year and none of us are getting any younger and others are just flat burned out. We are a fantastic group of people, we have members with years of experience and a wealth of knowledge who readily share their wisdom at the drop of a hat! Additionally, in my humble opinion we have some of the BEST breeders in the country! It seems to me revitalizing and growing our membership is very doable!

Please consider attending this session which will be held second quarter. If you have not come to a meeting or event recently please consider coming out and maybe even bringing a friend! Please give some thought to why you haven't been to a meeting or contributed at a club event in awhile! Perhaps others are feeling the same way and maybe some of these obstacles can be overcome? Please contribute your valuable thoughts and ideas, or you can email them to me and I will include them as part of the agenda. Your contribution can and will make a difference!

Lastly, safe travels to all those headed to Monterrey!

Lori

BMDCR Newsletter Advertising

BMDCR Newsletter Advertising: The BMDCR accepts appropriate ads in the club's bimonthly newsletter on a space available basis. Priority is given to ads from club members. Ads must be camera-ready (per the Editor), however, assistance with preparing ads is available upon request. Ads must be paid in advance via the BMDCR website store at: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Shop-the-Rockies.html> Select the category Newsletter Advertising.

Instructions for submitting ads, including how to request design assistance, are included at that link.

Advertising Rates (per single issue): Business Card Size Ad - \$5 for BMDCR members, \$10 for non-members; Quarter-Page Ad - \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members; Half-Page Ad - \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members

Submission Deadlines: Camera-ready ads are due on the 15th of December, February, April, June, August, and October, for the Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/Jun, July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec issues, respectively. Allow 2 additional weeks for ads requiring design assistance.

Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

March 2015 - Club Meeting

Date: March 15, 2015

Location: Greenwood Village, CO. Board meeting at 12pm. Members' Meeting 1pm.

Directions: From I-25 north or southbound: take the Belleview exit and exit to the west. Go past Quebec St and then past Holly St. Just past Holly St., go south on Fairfax Street (going west this is the next street after Holly) where you will see the sign for the Preserve; at the stop sign turn left on Blue Heron Drive. You will see the eagle statue and sign for Bateleur in the center of the street. Go one tenth of a mile past the following streets: Silver Fox Drive (on the right), Blue Heron Lane (on the left, at this point, Blue Heron Drive curves to the right), Blue Heron Circle (on the right twice), Golden Eagle (on the left). Blue Heron Court is the next street on the right. #103 is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

May 2015 - Spring Draft Tests - "TriDraftalon"

Date: May 1-2-3, 2015

Location: Elizabeth, CO.

Judges on May 1st are Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples. Judges on May 2nd are Valerie Horney and Christine Mann. Judges on May 3rd are Fay Benson and Patti Davieau. Chairman: Valerie Horney. Secretary: Sharon Keefer.

September 2015 - Independent Specialty

Date: September 4, 2015

Location: Greeley, CO

In conjunction with Evergreen Kennel Club All-Breed Shows on September 5 & 6. Show Chairman: Dottie Schulte

September 2015 - Fall Draft Test

Date: September 7, 2015

Location: - Greeley, CO

Following Evergreen Kennel Club All-Breed Shows on September 5 & 6. Draft Test Chairman: Sara Karl

Membership Update by Chairperson- Stacy Temples

Please Welcome our New Sustaining Members who were elected in January 2015.

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Amanda Hollenbeck, 3500 Rolling Green Dr. M49, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Ph. M (970) 213-2315

New Voting Membership Applicants for March 2015

Angie M. Porter, 11650 Valle Verde, Colorado Springs, CO. 80926. Ph. # (719) 930-1231. E-mail: an-glehman@yahoo.com. Sponsored by Julia Smith & Sara Karl. Owner of Nashems Luck of the Irish King of the West, (M, 7/11/2012) and Nashems Phoenix (F, 05/06/2014) bred by Sara and Helen Karl. She is interested in conformation, draft, and obedience. She has had Bernese as family pets for almost 20 years and now wants to participate and be more involved with her dogs. She is willing to do anything to help. She has never bred a litter or been an officer in a dog club. She attended the meeting on January 9, 2015 and needs one more to be voted on.

Marcia Zuger, 12940 Vrvena Ct., Thornton, CO 80602. Ph. # (720) 630- 8677. C: (602) 478- 2227. E-mail: edel-weisshof@gmail.com. Sponsored by Valery Horney and Dottie Shulte. Owner of Magic Berners Nothing Up My Sleeve (M, 9/24/11) bred by B. Bauersfeld & D. Kelley. Marcia moved here from AZ and has had Bernese since 1989. She is interested in conformation, health issues, obedience, breeding and draft. She wants to stay involved with the breed and can help in many areas of the club. She has shown her dogs since 1989 and been a member of the BMDCA and the GCSBMD Clubs She has been to shows in Colorado and will need to attend two official meetings to be voted on.

Show News! - By Lou Tucker

* Hobbs New Mexico Kennel Club * 1/31/15

WB/BW Mountainair's Time In A Bottle Owner - Darcy Babb

WOS/BOBOH/OHG3 Ratcliff's Lily of the Valley Owner – Tracey Carpe & Jennifer Necker

BB CH Miabis Save The Last Dance For Crystal Hi Owner – Kerri Kent, Patricia Hughes, Wickizer

* Hobbs New Mexico Kennel Club * 2/01/15

RWB Mountainair's Time In A Bottle Owner – Darcy Babb

W/BW/OS/BOBOH/OHG3 NEW CH Ratcliff's Lily of the Valley Owner – Tracey Carpe, J. Necker

* St. Joseph Kennel Club Inc* 1/31/2015

WB Juaras Foreign Affair We'll Always Have Paris V Summit Owner – Sandy Dunaway, K. McIntyre

BB/BOBOH GCH CH Plainsongs Virtuoso V Summit Owner – Sandy Dunaway, S. Keefer, Pam Swisher

* Peak to Peak Working Dog Assn * 2/12/15

Sweepstakes

BSS Mountainair's Time In A Bottle Owner – Darcy Babb

OSS Lemark Briarcliff Reverie Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

Veteran Sweepstakes

BSV GCH Ch Nashem's He's The Man OF Woodmoor CD RN HT Owner – Randy & Sara Karl, D. Schulte

OSV CH Nashem's Razzle Dazzle V Th'Dell Owner – Lynn Wood, Sara Karl

Regular Classes

RWD Nashem's Quicksilver Owner - Julia Smith, Michael Smith, Sara Karl

WB/BW/BOBOH/BBY/G4 Lemark Briarcliff Reverie Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

RWB Wagontale's Shoot For The Moon Owner – Stacy Temples, Kirstin & Adam Gillespie

BB CH GCH American Ale Von Der Berneshof Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

OS GCH CH Tanzanite Learning Curve Owner – Sharon Montville

SEL CH Blumoon's Goodnight Kiss Owner – Christine & Michael Mann

SEL CH Blumoon's Orzo Risoni Owner – Christine & Michael Mann

* Plum Creek Kennel Club * 2/13/15

BPY Nashem's QuickSilver Owner - Julia Smith, Michael Smith, Sara Karl

WD Backcountry Say Roger That Owner – Valerie Horney & Wendy Bennett

RWD Blumoon's The More He Motos Owner – Brooks Bernard

WB/BW Powder Keg farm's Highland Dancer Owner – Darcy Babb & Priscilla Young

RWB Prairefire's Calliaqua Home In Paradise Owner – Becky, Bob Shuris, Sharon Johnson

OS GCH CH Tanzanite Learning Curve Owner – Sharon Montville

SEL/BOBOH/OHG2 Ratcliff's Lily Of The Valley Owner – Tracey Carpe, Jennifer Necker

SEL GCH CH Nashem's Homebrew Owner – Dottie Schulte, Sara Karl, Haley Curran

* Plum Creek Kennel Club * 2/14/15

WD/BW Prairefire's Radio Flyer From Mountainair Owner – Devon Ellison, Sharon Johnson

RWD Nashem's QuickSilver Owner – Julia & Michael Smith, Sara Karl

BBY Wagontale's Owner – Stacy Temples, Michelle Wright, Lynn Bailey

WB Powder Keg Farms Highland Dancer Owner – Darcy Babb, Priscilla Young

BOBOH Ratcliff's Lily Of The Valley Owner – Tracey Carpe, Jennifer Necker

BB/G2 Ch Blumoon's Orzo Risoni Owner – Christine & Michael Mann

OS Ch Wagontale's Dazzle Owner – Stacy Temples, Howard Ramsdell

SEL CH Blumoon's Goodnight Kiss Owner – Christine & Michael Mann

* Colorado Kennel Club * 2/15/15

WD/BW Prairefire's Radie Flyer From Mountainair Owner – Devon Ellison. Sharon Johnson

RWD Blumoon's The More He Moto's Owner – Brooks Bernard

WB Wagontale's Shoot For The Moon Owner – Stacy Temples, Kirstin & Adam Gillespie

RWB Alderfer Be Mine Owner – Catherine Davis

BOBOH GCH CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land CD AX Owner – Valerie Horney

BB CH GCH Prairefire's Mistic Of The Night RN Owner – Becky & Bob Shuris, Sharon Johnson

OS GCH CH Tanzanite Learning Curve Owner – Sharon Montville

SEL CH GCH Prairefire's Winter Hawk Of Snowy Pines Owner – Sharon Johnson

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Show News! - By Lou Tucker

SEL CH Tanzanite's Stubborn Love Owner – Sharon Montville, Carol Arbuthnot
 * Colorado Kennel Club * 2/16/15

WD/BW Prairefire's Radie Flyer From Mountainair Owner – Devon Ellison, Sharon Johnson

RWD Mountainair's Seguin It Ain't So Owner – Ari Stutz, Darcy Babb

WB Wagontale's Don't Look Back Owner – Stacy Temples, Mary & David Bruhn

RWB Wagontale's Shoot For The Moon Owner – Stacy Temples, Karen & Adam Gillespie

BB CH GCH American Ale Von der Berneseshof Owner – Beverley & Michael Hilmes

OS GCH CH Tanzanite Learning Curve Owner – Sharon Montville

SEL CH Wagontale's Dazzle Owner – Stacy Temples, Howard Ramsdell

SEL GCH Ch Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land CD AX Owner – Valerie Horney
 * KCPS BMDSC Supported Entry * 1/3/15 - 1/4/15

BOS (3 point major) Eklovens Unforgettable Karsten CGC NDD NW1 Owner – Jennifer Zaayer
 1/4/15 SD (3 point major) "" "" Karsten Owner - Jennifer Zaayer

Board Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2015

The January 25, 2015 meeting of the BMDCR Board was called to order at 10:45 am at the Citron Bistro in Denver prior to the Awards Banquet at the same location. Present were Lori, Lou, Tracey, Dottie, Patti, Barb, Julia, Candy and Laura.

Lou moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved. Candy seconded the motion.

Report of President – Lori welcomed new and continuing board members to the meeting and thanked all previous board members for their service.

The March Board Meeting was scheduled for March 22, 2015, which is the day before the BMD National Specialty in Monterey, California. The idea was discussed to move the meeting to March 15 for better attendance. This change would be posted on our website, included in our newsletter and put in the Yahoo Group. Al and Laura volunteered to host the next meeting at their home. Board meeting will start at noon and general meeting at 1 pm. The meeting would normally have been on 3/22/15 but was moved due a conflict with the National Specialty.

Lori reported that she will soon restart the Yahoo group for officers and board members.

The 2015 National Specialty committee has requested that the BMDCR sponsor a raffle item and/or an ad in their catalogue. The ad for the catalogue honoring Vicki Whitney and Bob Tucker has been purchased. Dottie offered to take a basket as a raffle item to the National Specialty. Candy moved and Barb seconded that the BMDCR approve \$200 for a raffle item.

Report of Secretary – Laura brought the AKC listings for the BMDCR so each board member could confirm their contact information.

She also brought and distributed copies of an AKC article on recent research grants for the study of histiocytic sarcoma. This article will also be uploaded to the BMDCR website.

Report of Treasurer – Tracey reported that we have \$10,995.00 in rescue \$19,259 in checking and \$12,763 in savings. These three accounts total to \$43,017.

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The fun match held on 1/4/15 brought in \$120 proceeds that were donated to the club.

Report of Rescue Committee – Ann reported that Beulah is still in foster care. All others have been adopted.

Unfinished Business – Dottie reported that there was no success in finding a venue that would fit our budget and dates for a 2015 Back to Back Specialty. Our 2015 Regional Specialty will be on September 4, 2015 in Greeley this year. We have three judges lined up and the theme will be “Mountain Majesty.”

New Business – Valerie reported that there is a need for trophy donations for the Spring Draft test and that there is a signup sheet for that purpose.

Valerie also suggested the club consider a Draft Test on Monday September 7, 2015 in Greeley after the Regional. This is Labor Day weekend. Dottie had done some checking on the Bunk House and another site at Island Grove and Valerie contacted Nancy Van Horne and Jennifer Brightbill who are willing to come and judge for a flat \$600. A volunteer is needed to chair this event. Trophy sponsors are also needed. Sharon and Valerie volunteered to do trophies. Patti moved to have the draft test on September 7, 2015 and Lou seconded.

Following a discussion led by Dottie regarding the need to attract new members to augment the club's sustainability, it was decided that a task force would be established to implement a plan to do so. Lori suggested that this Task Force be assembled after the National Specialty.

Patti presented a description of free style dance as taught by Sue Cianfarano and recommended that we have a program on this. Tracy moved and Candy seconded that we have this as our program during the May meeting.

Beth Dennehy can be contacted regarding 2015 National Specialty catalogue ads.

Tracey reported that her company will contribute \$1000 to the club as a result of her filling out the “Matching Gifts” paperwork for her company.

Adjourn- Dottie moved to adjourn and Lou seconded.

General Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2015

The January 25, 2015 general meeting of the BMDCR was called to order at 11:16 am at the Citron Bistro in Denver prior to the annual Awards Meeting at the same location. A quorum of 22 voting members was present as well as 1 sustaining member and 5 guests. There were no juniors present.

Lou moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved. Candy seconded the motion.

Report of the President - Lori welcomed all members to the meeting, remarking on the generosity of our club members in donating time and effort to the club.

Lori talked about the conflict of the National Specialty with our next Board meeting if we kept the date on the 3/22 to the group and it was decided the best date for the meeting would be 3/15/15. The next meeting will be at Al and Laura's home on March 15, 2015. The March Board meeting will start at noon and the general meeting at 1 pm.

The 2015 National Specialty committee has requested that the BMDCR sponsor a raffle item and/or an ad in their catalogue. The club has placed an ad and Dottie offered to take a basket as a raffle item to the National Specialty. Alice moved and Pam seconded the motion that the BMDCR approve \$200 for a raffle item.

Report of Secretary - Laura brought the AKC listings for the BMDCR so each board member could confirm their contact information.

She also brought and distributed copies of an AKC article on recent research grants for the study of histiocytic sarcoma. This article will also be uploaded to the BMDCR website.

Report of Treasurer – Tracey reported that we have \$10,995 in rescue, \$19,259 in checking and \$12,763 in savings. These three accounts total to \$43,017.

Report of Rescue Committee – Ann reported that Beulah is still in foster care. The BMDCA has sent a check in the amount of \$2500 for Beulah's second TPLO. All others have been adopted.

Ann also introduced Lyn Kelly who adopted Harley last year. She also is a foster.

Unfinished Business – Dottie reported that the 2015 Regional Specialty will be on September 4, 2015. We have three judges lined up and the theme will be "Mountain Majesty." We have three judges lined up: Dawn Cox (confirmation), Cathy Carter (sweeps) and Pat Meinhard (rally and obedience).

New Business - Valerie report that there is a need for trophy donations for the Spring Draft test and that there is a signup sheet for that purpose.

Valerie also reported that there will be one test added on after the Regional Specialty. Jennifer and Nancy Van Horn will judge at \$300 each. Sara volunteered to chair this event. Trophy sponsors are also needed. Sharon and Valerie volunteered to do trophies.

Following a discussion regarding the need to attract new members to the club, it was decided that a task force would be established to implement a plan to do so. We have about 90 members but usually there are 30-40 who are active in the club. The Board will have a strategic planning session regarding reinvigorating club membership.

General Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2015

Patti presented a description of free style dance as taught by Sue Cianfarano and recommended that we have a program on this. Tracy moved and Candy seconded that we have this as our program during the May meeting.

Beth Dennehy can be contacted regarding 2015 National Specialty catalogue ads. Tracey made a motion and Ann seconded the \$70 expenditure for a half page in the catalogue dedicated to Vicki Whitney and Bob Tucker.

On Sunday, 2/1/15, there will be a fun match at Lori's "Berner Barn." Confirmation will be at 10 am, grooming at 11:15 am and obedience at noon. The fee is \$10 with proceeds to go to the club. All are welcome. RSVP's are requested but not essential.

Tracey reported that there will be a contribution of \$1000 by her company to the club as a result of her filling out the "Matching Gifts" paperwork.

Val moved and Sara seconded approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed.

Two new club applicants were introduced at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Addendum – Meeting was reconvened at 11:45 am to vote on new members. Six new sustaining members were approved: Sharon Montville, Lisa and Duke Monk, Rhonda Squires, Shirley Didier and Amanda Hollenbeck.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned for the Awards Banquet that immediately followed thereafter at noon.



All photos courtesy of Barbara LeTourneau

BMDCR Newsletter Deadlines for 2015

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.

May/June Issue - 4/15/2015
 July/Aug Issue - 6/15/2015
 Sept/Oct Issue - 8/15/2015
 Nov/Dec Issue - 10/15/2015
 Email to: t_doming@msn.com

Breed Mentors Program

What is the BMDCR Mentors program?

Have you ever wondered what events and activities are available for you and your dog?

Have you seen or heard of an event or activity for you and your dog that you might be interested in, but didn't know where to start or were afraid to ask?

Have you thought about an event or activity for you and your dog, but were unsure how to train, and afraid to invest in specialized equipment without knowing if your dog was a willing participant?

BMDCR Mentors are club members with skill and expertise in events and activities you can do with your dogs. These Mentors have agreed to act as points of contacts for your questions regarding how to get started, how and where to train, what equipment to buy, and how to find and enter events and activities.

BMDCR Mentors have volunteered to support your questions via phone and/or email. From time to time, they may schedule demonstrations that will be part of club meetings or as separate stand-alone events. You may be invited to local practice sessions or shows to see the mentor and their dogs in action.

All you need to do is take the first step by contacting a BMDCR Mentor!

For a current list of Mentors please see the club website: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Mentors.html>

BMDCR Members – If you would like to be listed as a Mentor for one of the events or activities above, or if you can Mentor an event or activity that is not on the list, please contact Barry Solomon at bsolomon@myqci.com or 303-670-0426.

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The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies Fast Facts

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



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

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](https://www.facebook.com/BerneseMountainDogCluboftheRockies)
- 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.