



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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Spring Draft Test a Huge SUCCESS!!

The Spring Draft Tests held last month at the lovely Adams Regional Park in Brighton was a fantastic success! A huge thank you to Lori and Don Kennedy, Vicky Chesser, Ron Abbott, Buffy Snider, Mike Caruso, and all of the wonderful volunteers, and the judges who made the weekend great! Here are pictures of some of the winners—for a link to all of the pictures from the weekend, see [page 9](#).



President's Message

President's Message – May 2012 newsletter

As I write this, I am making my packing list for Gettysburg. And I am turning my head to all the events I will enjoy at the Specialty. For all of us who will be there, let's put our best foot forward and encourage everyone to come to Denver next year. And as you come across good ideas that would work well for us in 2013, take note and let Dottie hear from you.

Here are some interesting factoids that Sharon Keefer and I learned at the canine health symposium held at the Colorado State University Vet School last month: When it comes to hip dysplasia, Bernese don't even rank among the top 20 breeds afflicted. For elbow dysplasia, however, we are close to the top, ranking 6th, behind Pugs, Chows, Rottweilers, Bulldogs, and Black Russian Terriers. And when planning breedings, Dr. Bell, the renowned geneticist, spoke about the value of computing the Coefficient of Inbreeding (COI) but warned that for it to be meaningful; the calculation must include 10 generations. So be wary of the COIs some people use that reflect less than that. This seminar was sponsored by AKC and the Canine Health Foundation. If you have an opportunity to attend one of these, it is time well spent!

For everyone who participated and helped at the Draft Test, pat yourselves on the back for all your successes. For everyone headed to Gettysburg, safe travels and I look forward to seeing you there!

Mary Ellen

Annual Canine Health Clinic

Thanks to Nancy Fusilier for spearheading the eye and heartworm clinics. We made approximately \$600. A special thanks to Phil for helping out.

This year we added DNA sampling for the Bernese Mountain Dog DNA and Tissue Repository to our annual health clinic. The repository was formed by researchers at Michigan State University and the Berner Garde. The Repository is envisioned to be a reliable resource for investigations of genetic and complex diseases that affect Berners. Such studies have the potential to help both Bernese Mountain Dogs, other dog breeds and humans that have similar diseases. Thanks to Sharon Keefer for joining the clinic team to run the DNA sampling. Here "Kuza" gets a cheek swab to sample his DNA. We got over 30 donations for the Berner Garde repository!



Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

May Meeting

Date: Sunday, May 20, 2012

Board Meeting Time: 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: Al and Laura's Home—103 Blue Heron Court, Greenwood Village 80121

Please Note: BMDCR -MeetingDirections

There is very limited parking with two spots in the driveway and one in front of the house. There also is parking at the clubhouse (#137 Blue Heron Drive), one block past Blue Heron Court on the corner of Silver Fox Circle and Blue Heron Drive. Otherwise, it is OK to park on the street. Many of our neighbors have rusty, metal landscape edging! Please keep all dogs on lead at all times (until safely escorted into Al and Laura's back yard) and off the neighbors' yards!!!

Entrance to the back yard is via a gate on the east (right) side of the garage. Please help to ensure the safety of all dogs by latching the outer gate behind you. There will be an X-pen just inside the gate as a secondary precaution. Please close it behind you also.

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.

3rd Annual Draft Clinic

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Berner Fiesta!

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

July 22, 2012 - Meeting

Date: Sunday, July 22, 2012

Board Meeting Time: 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: TBD

September 23, 2012 - Meeting

Date: Sunday, September 23, 2012

Board Meeting Time: 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: TBD

Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

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Fall Draft Tests

Date: October 6-7, 2012

Location: Germania Park, 5243 S. Murray Parkway Ave, Murray, Utah

Entries Close: Wednesday September 26, 2012, 7:00 PM

Secretary: Vicky Hall—1910 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84108 Ph: 801-486-7141

eMail: ravhall@aol.com

Judges: Kathe Vasquez & Eden Jonas

BMDCR Independent Specialty “Celebrating Silver—BMDCR’s 25th Anniversary”

Date: September 7, 2012

Location: Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO

Entries close August 22, 2012. Show Chairman: Dottie Schulte

November 18, 2012 - Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2012

Board Meeting Time: 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: TBD

December, 2012 - Berner Noel

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

December, 2012 - Carts and Caroling

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

2013 BMDCA National Specialty (See Hotel Reservation Form, and Credit Card Authorization Form)

Date: May 13-18, 2013

Location: Loveland, CO

****Please Note**:** Room reservations are selected by lottery. To be considered for the lottery, the reservation form and credit card authorization form must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2012, and received no later than July 6, 2012. (UPS, Fed-Ex, USPS) No Fax or phone reservations will be accepted.

Welcome New Members and Applicants!

Please welcome the following new members who were voted in at the last meeting:

New Sustaining Members

Lee Ann McCaslin, Englewood, CO E-mail: lamacinco@gmail.com

Greta Ritschard (Jani), Buena Vista, CO E-mail: ritschard@bresnan.net

Patricia Tackett, Balch Springs, TX E-mail: pat_tackett@yahoo.com

Lynette Weaver, Steamboat Springs, CO E-mail: Lynette.Weaver@zirkel.us

New Voting Member

Kelly Pickett, Cherry Hills, CO E-mail: kmpickett@msn.com

Voting Member Applicant

Barb Callen LeTourneau, Leadville, CO E-mail: barb1625@yahoo.com

Sponsored by Sharon Keefer & Valerie Horney. Barb has been a sustaining member of the BMDCR for years and she is already pretty active in club events and showing so is changing to a voting member. She has Zelda (SF) from B. Hefner, CH Zaida (SF) from M Bowman, and Zeke (M) from M. Bowman. Her interests are conformation, obedience, tracking, agility and carting. She is already a member of the BMDCA, and has never bred a litter or been a club officer before.

Sustaining Member Applicants

Byron T Petersen & J. Yoshi Petersen, Sandy, UT, E-mail: bypshi2162@q.com

Sponsored by Sharon Keefer & Valerie Horney. Currently they are owners of Werlwind's One For the Road, (male, 10/23/2011) and Werlwind's Last Call (male, 05/25/2011), both boys from C. Switzler; and Pine Mountain Mr. Tucker (Tucker) (male, 01/02/06) from L. Hyatt. He has been a member of the BMDCA since 1982 and involved with Bernese since the 1980s, and was acquainted with Don and Kathy Roth. Their interests are health issues, conformation, tracking, obedience, agility, breeding, herding, carting and therapy work. He started showing in conformation and obedience in 1982 and was a stud dog owner in the past. They are both retired now and plan to attend regional specialties and to volunteer whenever possible. She is willing to provide activities support such as administrative and logistical coordination.

BMDCR May /June 2012 Membership Due

It is time to renew your membership for the BMDCR. By now you should have received notice either by e-mail or by snail mail.

The renewal forms can also be filled out and submitted online at <http://www.bmdcr.org/Membership-Renewal-Form.html>, with a Paypal payment for dues or you can mail it directly to Sara Karl.

Show News! By Lou Tucker

***Garden City Kansas Kennel Club* 3/09/2012**

WD/BW Miabi's All You Need Is Love - Owner – Kerri Kent

RWB Miabi's Independence - Owner – Kerri Kent

BOS CH Mountainair's Journey Home - Owner – Darcy Babb

***Garden City Kennel Club* 3/10/2012**

WD/BW/**BBY/G1** Miabi's All You Need Is Love - Owner – Kerri Kent

WB Springs Joy Of Driving - Owner – Nancy Fuselier DVM

BOS CH Mountainair's Journey Home - Owner – Darcy Babb

***Garden City Kennel Club* 3/11/2012**

WD/BW Miabi's All You Need Is Love - Owner – Keri Kent

RWB Maibi's Independence - Owner – Keri Kent

BOS CH Mountainair's Journey Home - Owner – Darcy Babb

***Scottsbluff Kennel Club* - 3/30/12, 3/31/12, 4/01/12**

BOS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) Owners-Beverky&Michael Hilmes

***Salina Kennel Club* - 4/04/2012**

RWD Berntiers Rough Rider (Rider) - Owner – Christine Mann

BB/VET GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD,NFP,AXP, OJ (Marshall) – Owners Valery Horney & Lisa Ebnet

SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) - Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

***Wichita Kennel Club* - 4/07/2012**

WD/BW **NEW CHAMPION** - Indian Ivanhoe from Orsinas Land (Kuza) - Owner - Valerie Horney

WB/BOS Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit (Maven) - Owners-Sandy Dunaway, Pam Swisher, Sharon Keefer

SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) - Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

***Hutchinson Kennel Club* - 4/08/2012**

RWD Summit's Legend In The Making V Cope (Snyder)- Owners-Amy Fitzgerald, Sandy Dunaway, E. & K. Woodhull

BOS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) - Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

SEL GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern (Marshall) - Owners-Val Horney & L.Ebnet

Show News! Cont'd

***Wichita Kennel Club* - 4/09/2012**

WD Shadowdance JJ Cale V Plainsong (Cale) - Owners – Richard File & Pam Swisher
WB/BW/OS BlueMoons Goodnight Kiss (Smooch) - Owners – Christine & Michael Mann
SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) - Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

***Terry-All Kennel Club* - 4/14/2012**

RWD Nashem’s Homebrew (Homer) - Owner – Dottie Schulte & Sara Karl & Helen Karl
WD Prairefire’s The Song Remains The Same - Owner – Sharon Johnson
BB/G1 GCH Nashem’s He’s The Man Of Woodmoor (Angus) CD,RN,HT Owners-S&R Karl,D.Schulte
BOS GCH Lin cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) - Owners - Beverley & Michael Hilmes

***Terry-All Kennel Club* - 4/15/2012**

WD/BW Classique’s Midnight Serenade BN,RN (Cooper) - Owners-Patty Wellinger & D.Gabig
RWD Nashem’s Homebrew (Homer) - Owners – Dottie Schulte & Sara Karl & Helen Karl
WB Nashem’s Hey Soul Sister (Hazel) - Owners – Sara Karl & Helen Karl
BOS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) Owners Beverly & M. Hilmes

PERFORMANCE WINS & PLACEMENTS

Classique’s Midnight Serenade BN, RN (Cooper) - Owners – Patty Wellinger & D. Gabig

Collie Club Specialty

4/13/12 Rally Advanced, 1st Leg

High Plains Kennel Club

UKC 3/10/12
3rd leg, Rally – level 1 Score – 92, 2nd place **New URO1 Title**
Conformation Win - Group 2, Group 1 **New UKC CH Title**

3/11/12 1st Leg, Rally – level 2, Score 92, 2nd place

GROUP 4 - TOTAL DOG AWARD

***LoneStar Draft Test* 2/18/20**

Wagontale’s Radiant Camber (Camber) CD,RE,HCT-S - Owners –Alice Clark & Stacy Temples
New NOVICE DRAFT DOG TITLE
Dashing To The Rescue CD,RE,NDD, (Dash) Owner – Alice Clark
New DRAFT DOG TITLE

BMDCR Spring Draft Test Results

Thank you to everyone for a successful Spring Draft Test. The teams did a super job despite the high temperatures with a pass rate of 71% on Saturday and a pass rate of 67% on Sunday!

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Team # (Qualifying Teams)

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1. Zuzu's Petals CD RA NA OAJ NJP,NF NDD (Zuzu) Owner-Vicky Hall

NEW TITLE – DD- (DRAFT DOG) (OPEN)

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2. GCH Brechbuhler's Entitled To It All NAP ANDD ABNDD MDD BDD (Tilly) + AKC/CKC CH Brechbuhler's All About ME NJP ABNDD BDD/CAC DD (Mia) = Owned by Jennifer & Tom Brightbill

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3. CH Mountainair's Lima Bean CD BN RE DD (Wellington) - Owned by – Beth Dennehy, William Rogers & Darcy Babb

4. GCH Loriendell's Sword of Elendell NDD (Narsil) - Owned by Kim & Joe Giannone

NEW TITLE – DD – (DRAFT DOG) (OPEN)

7. Wagontale's Ultimate Catch RA NFP NDD (Fisher) Owners – Nadja Torling, Ryan Johnson & Stacy Temples

NEW TITLE – DD (DRAFT DOG) (OPEN)

<Novice Draft>

11. Baran's Jolly Boy CGC RN NDD (JB) - Owners Dr. William & Leslie Baran

12. AKC/CKC CH Brechbuhler's All About Me (Mia) - Owners – Jennifer & T. Brightbill

14. CH Mountainair's Lima Bean (Wellington) - Owner-Beth Dennehy, W. Rogers, DBabb

15. Kennedy's Murren CD RA NJP NDD (Murrey) - Owner – Lori Kennedy

18. GCH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil NDD - Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

<Novice Brace>

16. Brighteye R Questa'win NA NAP NAJ NJP RN NDD BNDD (Questa) – Owners Elaine Witulski & Deborah Hotze + Dashing To The Rescue CD RE ANDD (Dash) Owners – Alice & Steve Clark

NEW TITLE BNDD (BRACE NOVICE DRAFT DOG)

17. CH Brighteye Angel Fire CDX RE DD BNDD (Angie) Owner – Stephanie Biksacky & D. Hotze

NEW TITLE – ABNDD (ADVANCED BRACE NOVICE DRAFT DOG)

Bright Eye Wilani Sweetest Tabu CD RN BNDD (Zeta) - Owner Stephanie Biksacky & Debra Hotze

BMDCR Spring Draft Test Results

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Team # (Qualifying Teams)

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1. CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle CD RE ANDD ABNDD DD BDD CGC (Smokey) -Owners – Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

2. Zuzu's Petals CD RA NA OAJ NF NDD DD - Owner – Vicky Hall

3. CH Mountainair's Lima Bean CD BBN RE DD – Owners B.Dennehy, W.Rogers, DBabb

8. Nashem's Sweet Talkin' Man RN CD NDD (Omar) - Owner – Vicky Hall & Sara Karl

NEW TITLE – DD (DRAFT DOG) (OPEN)

9. Wagontale's Ultimate Catch RA NFP NDD DD (Fisher) - Owners- Nadja Torling, Ryan Johnson & Stacy Temples

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5. GCH Brechbuhler's Entitled to It All (Tilly) Owners – Jennifer & Tom Brightbill

AKC/CKC CH Brechbuhler's All About Me (Mia)

< Novice Draft>

12. Kennedy's Murren CD RA NJP NDD (Murrey) - Owner - Lori Kennedy

NEW TITLE ANDD (ADVANCED NOVICE DRAFT DOG)

18. Ashflat Princess Graci RN (Graci) - Owner – Lori Kennedy

NEW TITLE NDD – (NOVICE DRAFT DOG)

20. CH Wagontales Whodunnit? CGC CD RA NDD (Watson) - Owners Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

21. GCH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil NDD DD - Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

NEW TITLE – ANDD (ADVANCED NOVICE DRAFT DOG)

<Novice Brace>

14. Ch Brighteye Angel Fire CDX RE DD BNDD ABNDD (Angie)- Owners – Steph Biksacky & Deborah Hotze + Brighteye Wilani Sweetest Tabu CD RN BNDD (Zeta) Owners – Steph Biksacky & D. Hotze

NEW TITLE – ABNDD (ADVANCED NOVICE DRAFT DOG)

16. Brighteye R Questa'win NA NAP NAJ NJP RN NDD BNDD (Questa) - Owners –

Elaine Witulski & D. Hotze + Dashing to The Rescue CD RE ANDD (Dash) - Owners – Alice & Steve Clark

The members of the BMDCR wish to sincerely thank everyone who helped support the Draft Tests. We are very grateful for your help and attendance. To see pictures from the event, go to: http://bearandbeecreations.smugmug.com/Animals/BMDCR/2012-Spring-Draft-Test/22683665_mn4Q9R

Board Meeting Minutes—March 25, 2012

Bob and Lou Tuckers Home in Littleton, CO

Board Meeting Minutes – March 25th, 2012

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:03 pm on March 25th, 2012 at Bob and Lou Tucker's home in Littleton.

Present: Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Sara Karl, Alice Clark, Candy McDanal, Joanna Hughes and Barry Solomon. Guest Sharon Keefer.

Approval of Minutes: Alice moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the January/February 2012 newsletter. Motion seconded by Mary Ellen. All in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: We spoke about AKC membership list requirement and recent emails from the AKC asking for it to be submitted electronically. Our current file needs major reformatting to fit the AKC's requirements. Sara will have Randy reformat the file.

Treasurer's Report: Regarding the Fall Specialty report, Sara has reformatted how the reports are created. She did find \$100 that was not in the correct bucket. So we're down to a \$719 loss on the Regional. We lost \$55 on the Fall Draft Test. The loss for the regional can be attributed to the cost of trophies and the dinner. We have the following account balances: Savings Rescue CD \$5,279.62; savings CD \$6,776.77, checking \$15,283.59. We discussed opening a second checking count just for rescue. We would have to vote on how much money to transfer from the checking and possibly move the Rescue CD \$ to the account. Barry motions to move the CD money + \$5000 from Checking to a separate account for Rescue, Candy seconds, all in favor. Sara will get a debit card for the Rescue Chair.

Committee Reports

Task Force on Storage of Club Equipment – Lori is not present but asked if we can define how much material the historian has to store. Sara reports there are 4 boxes for Historian and Treasurer materials. Lori recommends we use a trailer vs. a storage unit. The Board expressed concerns with a trailer. There are annual licensing costs and we still have to have a place to store it. Also tires can go flat between uses. Barry feels the trailer makes sense for the draft equipment, but not for the historian and treasurer materials. It was suggested that we get a storage closet for those materials and for hospitality items. Having a trailer will facilitate moving the materials to and from draft tests. We encourage Lori to continue to investigate the options and report back.

2012 Regional Specialty – How do we want to handle the dinner for the 25th anniversary? Does the club want to subsidize the dinner and pay for special trophies? Dottie's idea was to have the club subsidize the dessert. Candy so moves with a cap \$250, Barry seconds, all in favor, motion passed. We then discussed having the Club sponsor High Scoring and BOB trophies (cost of \$200 total) in memory of the hard work that club members have done over the years. Alice so motioned and Candy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Trophy sponsorships – Barry motions to update the club membership renewal form to have special mention of the Silver Anniversary. We would add a line for donation to a general trophy fund that can be used

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throughout the year. Donors will be recognized in the regional catalog and the fall draft test.

Rescue Operations – There was an issue that came up in the last month that generated a lot of discussion between the Rescue Committee and Mary Ellen. The question also came up, who is on the committee that's being groomed to take over the Chair. Ann thinks she could break off the foster home portion of the business. Mary Ellen asks if we know anyone who would be suitable to step up and help.

Unfinished Business

Draft Retreat – We need to lock down the dates and the sites in the next two weeks.

New Business**2012 National Specialty Trophy Fund –**

Conflict of Interest – There have been a couple of issues on the minds of Board members recently that seemed to touch on Conflict of Interest. The BMDCA has a formal Conflict of Interest statement that helps to capture both of these issues (private enterprises and the existence of dual club websites). The Board felt that we need to have more delineation between Member's private enterprises and Club enterprises. The Yahoo list shouldn't be used for private enterprises. The second issue is the existence of the two club web sites (an older website and the newly commissioned official website). After discussion the Board decided on the following: The older website must have the BMDCR logo and name removed and it should be re-branded as a private website. Any references to the club (lists of officers, etc.) should be removed. The rescue form that is maintained on the older website should be migrated to the official website. In addition, the BMDCR Facebook page should link to the official website, or be re-branded as a private page.

Constant Contact – Buffy wanted the Board to revisit this idea. She feels that is a progressive step for the club and will bump up the image of the club. It will cost \$200 per year. Candy motioned that there is no need to have a second form of communication. Joanna seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Berner Fiesta – Discussion of whether we should have this connected with the Draft Clinic in the future. Barry motioned that we should not have Berner Fiesta in connection with the Draft Clinic, Candy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Newsletter Editor as Ex officio member of Board – Mary Ellen asks what the Board thought of asking Buffy Snider to join our Board meetings as an Ex Officio member. The board was supportive of this idea, with clarification that she does not have any voting rights.

Furry Scurry – Buffy asked if the club could do matching donations for her Furry Scurry team. Last year we donated \$250. The board is agreement to do the same. Mary Ellen will bring it up for vote at the general membership meeting.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is May 20th, location to be determined at the general meeting.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

General Membership Meeting Minutes—March 25, 2012

Bob and Lou Tuckers Home in Littleton, CO

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:25 pm on March 25th, 2012 at Bob and Lou Tucker's home in Littleton.

Present: 15 voting members (a quorum), 2 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 2 guests.

Approval of Minutes: One correction, the spring draft test is April 21st and 22nd. Val moves to approve the minutes as published in the January/February 2012 newsletter. Barry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

President's Report: Thanks to Nancy Fusilier for spearheading the eye and heartworm clinics. We made approximately \$600. Also thanks to Sharon and Phil for helping out. We got over 30 donations for the Berner Garde repository as well.

The Board approved covering the cost of the dessert at the Fall Specialty banquet, and the cost of two special trophies (High Scoring and BOB).

Buffy will attend board meetings as an Ex officio member of the board (in her capacity as newsletter editor).

We are setting up a separate checking account for Rescue business. Sara also suggested that we might lower the donation amount required for adoption. Ann says we don't necessarily always ask for the full \$300 for adoption. If she feels that a dog might have excessive health expenses then we wouldn't ask for as much for adoption fee.

We're revising the membership renewal form to ask for donations to a general trophy donation fund. There will be a page in the fall catalogs to thank donors.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Savings Rescue CD \$5,279.62; savings CD \$6,776.77, checking \$15,283.59. Val asked about the previous report of a loss on the Regional... see the Board minutes for discussion of that item. Note that the loss at the Specialty only includes W&M that were sold at the Regional... it doesn't include the items that we sell throughout the year. For the draft tests, we sometimes buy ribbons to cover several tests, not just the one being reported.

Committee Reports

Ways and Means – Sharon has some new items for sale today. There are blankets, fleeces, and a new Maggie Crawford "Best in Snow" themed shirts. The blankets are a sweatshirt material. Maggie also did a large painting of the Best in Snow that we can use in raffle or for 2013.

Rescue – A dog was taken in today that may have a problem with his leg – he was abandoned at a doggy day care facility. There is another dog that may have a hernia to be looked at. He needs to be altered as well. We did find a home for the dog that was not dog and kid friendly.

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2012 Regional Specialty – Get your items to Joanna for the raffle. We also need help setting up Thursday and manning the raffle table. We are only sharing judges with the Rotties for Obedience and Rally. The date is September 7th. We need stewards for Rally and Obedience.

2013 BMDCA National Specialty – The dates are May 13th to May 18th. We will be making our debut at the Gettysburg Specialty to introduce the 2013 Specialty. Our theme is Rendezvous in the Rockies. Ways and means orders are placed. Lou will need help transporting and setting up the booth. We will have a meeting Thursday or Friday in Gettysburg for the whole committee. Dottie had a conversation with Ann Milligan on what we need for the website – hotel form, top twenty, and transportation. We are going to have a Facebook page. The National club has to put it the Facebook page up, and Sharon will be the administrator. Dottie, Alice and Val are on the Brewery Tour committee. If you think of things that people will want to do as side trips let the committee know. All information for the planning booklet needs to be to Kim Giannone by November 15th. For our booth at the National, we'd like to put up a digital picture frame or a laptop that will scroll through pictures of the site. Dottie will contact Steve Clark to get some help taking photos.

Spring Draft Test – We need volunteers to help with the set up, both Saturday and Sunday They need to be there at 5:30 am. Buffy and Mike are the grounds people.

3rd Annual Rockies Draft Retreat – Alice and Lori are the Chairs. We are looking at the weekend of June 16th and 17th for the retreat, but have to confirm that. We need the site settled. We'd like to get flyers printed for the Terry-All show and for the Spring Draft Test. We'll send the details to Sharon to put on the website when everything is confirmed.

Membership – We have 4 sustaining member applicants and one voting member. Kelly Pickett (voting) and Pat Tackett (sustaining) were present today and introduced themselves. Other club members gave brief bios on the other applicants (Lee Ann Caslin, Greta Ritschard, and Lynette Weaver – all sustaining). Dottie moves to vote for the entire slate, Sharon seconds. All in favor, motion passed. Voting proceeded and all were voted in.

New Business

Furry Scurry – Buffy has put together a team this year. The Furry Scurry is the nation's largest animal fundraising walk. They help to fund spay and neuter clinics. Buffy has 9 members on her team and has raised \$1,200. The date is May 5th. Buffy asks if the club would like to do a matching donation. Dottie moves to donate \$250, Bev seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is May 20th, at Al and Laura's home.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Clark.

Braggs-n-Wags!

Kathy LaPine and Hannah earned their UD at a local trial here in Utah last weekend. It has been a long time coming for a diligent handler and a great working dog but they finally got that elusive leg #3!

Congratulations to Kathy and Hannah, and to Hannah's breeder Stacy Temples!

Vicky Hall
Utah USA

Rescue Update

3/27/12—BMDCR rescue took in a beautiful 20 month old boy with a great personality. His name is Theo and he needs a special home to deal with his hips and knee. He has a partial tear of his left CCL and his hips are dysplastic - particularly the right. There are several treatment options for him so we are looking for a home that is willing to work with us to give him the best future possible.

The latest news is that his foster family is going to adopt him! Congratulations Theo on finding a forever home!



Do we have your email address? BMDCR encourages you to go green and change your subscription to soft-copy! Email us at bmdcrookies@gmail.com if you want to switch!

2012 Denver Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry

The Furry Scurry is the nation's largest charity dog walk and the biggest fundraiser for the Colorado Front Range area's premier humane society - [The Dumb Friends League](http://www.DDFL.org) (www.DDFL.org).

This year, newsletter editor Buffy Snider created a team for the Furry Scurry called “[Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends](#)” and we ended up with 17 wonderful team members! Not only did we raise over \$4500, but we are pretty sure we won the “Team Spirit” Award! We won’t know until June, when they announce all the winners—but stay tuned for the exciting news! Check out the pictures, and I’m sure you’ll see why we think we are a lock! Milo even has a cameo in the official [Furry Scurry Video](#)!

Thank you very much to everyone who donated to this great cause—we really appreciate your support! We hope you will join us next year, when our theme will be (more appropriately) SWISS!



Nancy Winegar and Rose



Kristen Cobb and Clementine



Mike Caruso, Milo, and Otis

In Loving Memory

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Marshall Marshall Marshall, Marty, Martle, Marshall Mutt, I am not sure where to begin. Marshall was an amazing dog, period. I lost a piece of my heart to him when I went to pick a puppy out at 7 weeks old and he was constantly tugging on my pants leg and under foot and wagging his tail nonstop, I finally just said "OK, I get it!, I'll take the Gold boy". Now I have lost that same piece of my heart and it can never be returned because he was suddenly stolen way too early and for no apparent reason. It is like someone just came down and yanked him away. It seems so surreal. My house is empty and quiet. He was just such a presence, the hole is palpable. His tail wagged all the time banging on the floor, the walls, me, Kuza, Freedom, whatever or whomever was in range got whacked. The toys are way too quiet as they have no one to squeak them 24/7 anymore. I remember my Mom asking one time if he ever stopped squeaking and I just said "nope". I will miss that tail and he and his toys the most. Some people say they would trade all the titles in the world if they could just have more time. I am not sure I can say that as Marshall loved to do all the things he did, especially agility and drafting. Barking his way through a course and acting like a 115 pound border collie, hauling his cart, and sometimes his slower partner, with a smile. More time without the activities he loved would have been a terrible life for Marshall, so I take the short, but incredibly full and fun life I had with Marshall because I have no choice. My life was better for having him in it and I would not have changed a thing on our journey. It is wonderful the thoughtful words I have gotten from all over the place and even though my heart is broken it makes me smile that Marshall was able to share so much of himself with other people and dogs and make them smile as well. He just had so much to give and he loved it. He was honestly a friend to everyone and every animal he met with that tail constantly going and a big smile on his face. I remember at a friend's house her little cockatiel came down from the perch to stand on the bottom of the cage to say hello to Marshall who had his nose pressed against the cage and wagging his tail. They were nose to beak and it was amazing and adorable. He was just such a happy friendly dog and thought everyone needed to meet him. A friend who has one of Marshall's daughters said he did not cross the Rainbow Bridge he jumped over it, which is likely true!

My dear friend Sharon Keefer has done an amazing thing to honor Marshall so that his giving spirit can live on. Please visit the following link to Morris Animal Foundation and help Marshall leave his legacy for the future. As Sharon said he still has a job to do, which would make him incredibly happy. Please donate or simply comment in honor of Marshall or any other dog that has touched you.

I miss him now, and forever, and my life has changed for the better because of my Mini Marshall Mutt, that amazing dog.

<http://maf.convio.net/goto/MarshallLegacy>

Valerie Horney, Freedom and Kuza



New Ways and Means Goodies

As usual, Sharon Keefer, our resident Ways and Means Guru has surpassed herself with the quality and selection of new goodies available in the Shop The Rockies site: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Shop-the-Rockies.html>

Take a peek at these wonderful items and don't delay—they are going fast!



A new coffee blend!



Super soft microfleece pullover



A Berner-sized blanket!



Double layer T-Shirt



A BMDCR Custom Original T-Shirt



Jersey Hoodie

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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 bmdcrookies@Gmail.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.
- **Email**—Informational emails and Newsletters will come from bmdcrookies@Gmail.com.