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# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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BMDCR membership voted to donate to the cost of AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers. Several Colorado clubs have donated to this cause to purchase 2 trailers to be used for the state of Colorado. The club logo will also adorn one of the trailers in recognition of our donation to its purchase.

*AKC Pet Disaster Relief supplies create a safe, temporary home-base for at least 50 pets immediately after a disaster is declared, whether it is a for a co-location shelter where people can evacuate with their pets or as an emergency animal shelter for displaced animals. The trailers house and deliver essential supplies such as fans, lighting and generators; cleaning supplies; maintenance items; and animal care items including crates and carries, microchips and a scanner as well as bowls, collars and leashes*



## President's Message - May 2014

Okay, friends, pull out your shepherd's crooks and come to the Herding Fun Day on May 25th. Pack your lunch, bring a chair, and watch and learn about herding. And if you want to give your dog a go at it, sign up early by emailing Sara Karl at [karl3106@comcast.net](mailto:karl3106@comcast.net). The sheep's torment (or humor) starts at 9 a.m. The Board meeting will commence at noon and the membership meeting will start at 1 p.m. on the premises at 28475 County Road 5, Elizabeth, 80107.

For all of us who journeyed to Hampton, Virginia to enjoy this year's National, it was fun to be there and watch another show committee do all the work. The experience made me proud once again of the great job we did last year. And if you want entertaining travel tales, ask Beth Dennehy what happens when, on the final leg of her return, she rolls down her window to stay awake, only to find that it won't roll back up. Or ask me what happens when, in a road-dazed blur, I pumped gasoline into my diesel tank.

See you on Herding day!

Mary Ellen

## 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

### **May 2014 - BMDCR Spring Draft Test**

**Date:** May 3 - 4, 2014

**Location:** Sterne Park, Littleton, CO

BMDCR Spring Draft Test. Sterne Park, Littleton, CO

### **May 2014 - Dumb Friend League Furry Scurry**

**Date:** May 3, 2014

**Time:** 9am

**Location:** Washington Park, Denver, CO

We're celebrating the 21st annual Furry Scurry!

### **May 2014 - BMDCR Herding Fun Day & BMDCR Board and General Meeting**

**Date:** May 25, 2014

**Location:** Elizabeth, CO

Herding Fun Day at Halcyon Farms, 28475 County Rd 5, Elizabeth, CO 80107 on May 25th. The Herding will start at 9:00am and will be limited to 25 dogs. Bring a Lunch & drinks, chair and shade if you have it. There is water for the dogs there. \$25/dog to run. The Board meeting will be at 12:00 followed by the regular meeting. Reserve your spot for your dog(s) by contacting Sara Karl karl3106@comcast.net. Club members will have preference.

### **July 2014 - Berner Fiesta!**

**Date:** July 27, 2014

**Time:** 11am—3pm

**Location:** Pine Valley Ranch, Pine, CO.

Berner Fiesta! Main course and drinks will be provided. Please bring either a salad or dessert. A CGC and CGCA test will be offered. Dogs need to be crated or on leash but have access to a stream and hiking trails. The club will have a short meeting at this event. Members and non members may attend. CGC and CGCA will be given by Patty Davieau. We invite one and all! Coordinator Candy McDanal mcdanaljc@msn.com .

## Membership Update by Chairperson- Stacy Temples

May 2014

New Sustaining Member Applicant

Dr. Richard P. Meinig, 20 Sanford Rd., Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80906. Ph. # (719) 636-2521. cell: ph. # (719) 332-4433, E-mail:rickmeinig@gmail.com.

Sponsored by Tracey Carpe & Sara Karl.

Rick owns CH B-Haven's Ruby Mnt. of Manitou, (F, 6/29/12) from Jill Beyers. He is interested in conformation, drafting and backpacking. He also owns Siberian Huskies and has shown them in conformation from 1988- present along with being a member of the Siberian Husky Club of America.

# COMING ATTRACTION

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF THE ROCKIES  
*Presents* THE 2014 BMDCR INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY

September 5<sup>th</sup> **AN AFFAIR  
TO REMEMBER**



THIS DOG SHOW HAS BEEN RATED **G** GREELEY, GLORY, GLAM

Directed by DOTTIE SCHULTE      Ticketmaster ROBERT MILLER      Produced on Location in GREELEY, COLORADO

*from the Studios of* BMDCR.ORG

*Featuring as*

THE CONFORMATION JUDGE  
DEBORAH WILKINS

THE SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE  
KATHY DEYO

THE OBEDIENCE JUDGE  
CAROL LYNN EVANS

THE RALLY JUDGE  
JULIE YAMANE

*with Bonus Scenes*

4 TO 6 MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY COMPETITION  
AKC NATIONAL OWNER HANDLED SERIES COMPETITION

*followed by a Double Feature*

EVERGREEN KENNEL CLUB ALL-BREED SHOWS ON SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

*Design by Sandy Dunaway & Sharon Keefer*

**EXCLUSIVE  
APPAREL**

**BLOCKBUSTER  
RAFFLE**

## Show News !- By Lou Tucker

SHOW NEWS by Lou Tucker

2014 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Top Twenty Peoples Choice Winner

GCH Loriendells Sword of Elendil CD DD ANDD (Narsil) & Kim Giannone

Best Junior Handler

Masters Class - Jennifer Necker & Narsil

Team Obedience

2nd Place "Mary Janes" Alice Clark & Dash, Lori Kennedy & Dechlan, Elaine Witulski & Carly  
Beth Dennehy & Wellington

Agility Qualifiers – Elaine Witulski & Carly, Eden Jonas & Idaho

Additional Wins for Elaine Witulski & Brighteye Caliche Trails BN (Carly)

Novice Draft for New ANDD title, Novice B obedience – 2nd leg, Veterans Obedience – 4th Place

Novice Standard Agility P 1st leg, Novice Jumpers P 1st leg, Novice B rally, 1st leg

And a winner of the TRI-ATHLETE AWARD, Working Dog Award Congratulations !!!

Beginner Novice B

Wagontale's Classical Composotion (Lyric) & Alice Clark 2nd place score 185.5

Conformation

Futurity

Junior Dogs 15-18 mo. 2nd – Blumoons Bechamel Beau, 3rd Blumoon's Orzo Risoni

Puppy Bitches 6-9 mo. 1st - Lemarks Briarcliff Reverie (Twinkle) Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

Veterans Sweepstakes

Bitches 9-11 yr 2nd CH Blumoon's Meco Ascent RN CGC - Owner – Christine Mann

Terry – All Kennel Club Inc. 4/12/14

WD/BOBOH Tanzanite The Trouble With Tribbles BN RN Owners-Julia & M.Smith,S.Montville

RWD Blumoon's Iron Chef Owners – Marcia Eckhardt & Christine Mann

WB/BW/OS Nashem's Lucky Charm Owners – Shari Curran & Sara Karl

RWB Powder Keg Farms From Russia With Love Owner – Priscilla Young

BB/G1 GCH Prairefire's Winter Hawk Of Snowy Pines Owner – Sharon Johnson

SEL GCH American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

Terry – All Kennel Club Inc. 4/13/14

WD Whitana Two-To-One Odds Owner – Vicky Whitnsy

RWD Blumoon's Iron Chef Owner Marcia Eckhardt & C.Mann

WB/BW/BOBOH Powder Keg Farm Electric HushPuppy Owner – F Dominguez & P. Young

RWB Nashems Lucky Charm Owners – Shari Curran & Sara Karl

BB Ch Prairefire's Music Of The Night Owners – B. & B. Shuris & Sharon Johnson

SEL GCH Prairefires Winter Hawk Of Snowy Pines Owner – Sharon Johnson

## Board Meeting Minutes - March 23, 2014

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:10 pm on March 23rd, 2014 at the home of Lori and Don Kennedy.

**Present:** Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Candy McDanal, Lori Kennedy, Sara Karl, Dottie Schulte, Cathy Davis and Joanna Hughes.

**Approval of Minutes:** Lori moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the April/May 2014 newsletter. Motion seconded by Cathy. All in favor, motion passed.

**President's Report:** We had a communication from the AKC thanking BMDCR for donation to 2013 Club Presidents Challenge.

**Secretary's Report:** Laura is absent today, Alice had nothing to report in her place.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rescue checking \$7176.25; checking \$21,635.05; savings \$12,158.81. Sara just transferred approx. \$1,100 from checking to rescue that was donated to rescue. The Health Clinic netted about \$300. This money is to go towards Draft.

### Committee Reports

**Rescue:** There is a request from Ann for approval to pay costs associated with treatment for Romeo and Juliet. The total that is over the limit Rescue can automatically spend is \$706.53. (Cost for Romeo was \$274.53 and for Juliet \$831.76.) Subtracting the pre-approved amount of \$200 for each, this request is for permission to spend \$1106.29 minus \$200 for each = \$706.53.). Sara moved to approve and Joanna seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

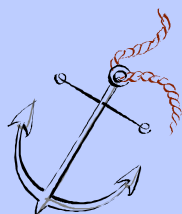
### Old Business

### New Business

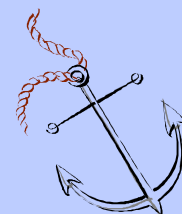
**Committees** – Lori is worried that there may be gaps in some of the committees and their tasks. There's no one for draft now that Jeanne Stanwood has retired from that position. Lori thinks we should review all the assignments and make sure everyone is aware of their duties. She suggested we should set this as an agenda item for a future meeting, since we have a program today.

### Executive Session

**Adjournment:** The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.



**THE COLORADO CUP**  
BMDCR'S answer to THE AMERICA'S CUP  
**2014 SPRING DRAFT TEST**



**May 3 & 4**

Sterne Park, Littleton, CO

Captains – Lou Tucker & Lori Kennedy

Boatswain Secretary – Vicki Whitney

[hvwhitney@bresnannet.com](mailto:hvwhitney@bresnannet.com) 303-838-2662

Admiralty - Jennifer Brightbill & Mary Alice Eschweiler

Cruise deadline – April 18, 2014

## General Meeting Minutes - March 23, 2014

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:08 pm on March 23rd at the home Lori and Don Kennedy.

**Present:** 15 voting members, 5 sustaining members, 1 junior member, 5 guests.

**Welcome:** To guests Becky & Pat Snider; Michelle and Joaquin Padilla (who have a Berner named Lagerfeld)

**Approval of Minutes:** Joanna moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the April/May 2014 newsletter. Motion seconded by Jill. All in favor, motion passed.

**President's Report:**

**Items from Board Meeting –**

The board approved costs that Rescue requested for Romeo and Juliet, see Board Minutes.

**Regional Club Council meeting in Virginia –** The RCC meets once a year at the National. Lou Tucker is our representative and asked if there was anything we would like for her to bring up at this year's meeting. There were no requests from the membership.

**Request for \$50 donation to subsidize Veterans Gala at 2014 National –** There is a request from the National Committee to cover the costs for cupcakes which will be served. Sara moved with donate \$50. Dottie seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** See Board minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** See Board minutes for balances.

There have been some issues in the past where our logo has been used without our permission. In speaking to other clubs Sara found that the recommendation was to get our name and logo trademarked. The highest cost might be around \$2,000, but Sara thinks it will be closer to \$1,000. Dottie moved that we approve up to \$2,000. Patti seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

### Committee Reports

**Health Clinic –** Nancy reported that we did 18 eye exams and 17 heartworm tests at our Health Clinic this month.

**Spring Draft Test –** Lou is looking for Stewards. Two people have volunteered so far. Lou also has a trophy sign-up sheet with her today. We still need some trophy sponsorship. You can also donate on our website. Also, keep an eye out on the Yahoo list for practices.

**2014 Regional Specialty –** The date is September 5th. Dottie would like approval for an Alpenhorn ad (1/2-page color @ \$150 or full page black-and-white @ \$62.50). Dottie moved we do the black and white, Sara seconded. All in favor, motion passed. All the AKC paperwork is in. The owner handler series will be included in the show this year (any dog that is eligible to be in the breed ring can be included). Points are earned and you can be invited to Eukanuba. We will also have the 4-6 month puppy class. We do need trophy sponsorship as well.

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## General Meeting Minutes - March 23, 2014

**2015 back to back Regional Specialty** – Dottie has nothing new today.

**Fall Draft Test Report** – The Fall Draft Test will be held in Fort Collins at Edora Park on October 4th and 5th. Judges will be Kathy Berge, Patti Davieau and Nancy Fuselier. Our theme will be “Road Construction”.

**Herding Fun Day** – Jim De Kieffer, who is giving our program today, will be our host. It will be on May 25th at his place in Elizabeth. We can do an informal Instinct Test. The cost of \$25 per dog. Bring shade and chairs. Sara thought we should plan a potluck. We should start around 9am. It will be in concert with our May meeting.

**Berner Fiesta at Pine Valley Ranch** – The last time we had Berner Fiesta there it was very successful. Candy would like to propose we do it in July. She suggests we have the club do BBQ from a vendor in the area at a cost of about \$200. Then have members bring side dishes. Cathy Davis has also volunteered to help Candy. Buffy suggests we might want to do a CGC test again. Sara suggests we have it toward the end of the month.

**Rescue** – As of Friday, Ann had a call on a female, 1 year old, to surrender. This is the 10th dog so far this year. We have 2 dogs in foster, one in Utah and one in Longmont. We did lose Juliet (one of two 8 year olds that we took in). She had a mammary tumor and died of infection. These were dogs that were turned out by breeder when they couldn't breed any more. Another rescue Jericho, 10 years old, has also been adopted. The found dog that Sharon Johnson had has been placed.

### Unfinished Business

#### New Business

**Summer Draft Clinic** – Barry isn't here but we believe he's going to do a one day clinic again in June and probably in Longmont again.

**Newsletter proofreader to replace Laura** – Laura has been doing this for Teresa and would like for someone to take this job on. Candy volunteers to do this and Julia Smith does as well.

**AKC Dog Rescue Trailer Program** – The AKC recognizes that there is a need for a rescue vehicle in the event of disasters. They're trying to do 2 trailers for the state of Colorado. Several other Colorado clubs have donated to this cause. The trailer will have crates, fans and supplies that can be set up in a building to take care of displaced dogs. The trailers are \$17k each (stocked). They can service dogs and cats. If we donate, they will put our logo on the side of the truck. Sara says they are short about \$5k for the 2nd trailer. Dottie motioned we donate \$1,000, contingent that they have the location for storage of the trailer. Candy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Donations to the Furry Scurry** – Buffy has 52 members so far and has almost hit \$11,000. She requested that the club donate \$250 to her team. Dottie suggested that we make the donation directly to the charity, rather than directing the funds to a specific individual or group. Dottie motioned we donate \$250 directly to Denver Dumb Friends League, Alice seconded. 14 in favor, one abstained, none against. Motion passed.

Lori wanted to thank us for the Kathy Roth award.

## General Meeting Minutes - March 23, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm for brags and the herding program.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is May 25th in Elizabeth at the Herding Fun Day. The time to be determined.

### **BMDCR Newsletter Deadlines for 2014**

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.

Jul/Aug Issue - 6/15/2014

Sept/Oct Issue - 8/15/2014

Nov/Dec Issue - 10/15/2014

**Email to: [t\\_doming@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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## Keeping In Touch...

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

- **Website**—[www.bmdcr.org](http://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](mailto:helann10@yahoo.com).
- **Facebook**—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](#)
- **Yahoo Groups**—<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BMDCRockies/> \*Please note, this group is for members only and you must obtain permission by the moderator to join.