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

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Nominating Committee Reminder

The nominating committee chaired by Candy McDanal and comprised of Elaine Witulski, Sharon Keefer and alternates Vicky Whitney and Val Horney, submit this proposed slate of officers for 2013:

- **President** Mary Ellen Guy
- **Treasurer** Sara Karl
- **Board members:** Candy McDanal and Joanna Hughes

Elections will be held at the November BMDCR general membership meeting.

Current BMDCR Board Members

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT—Mary Ellen Guy
VICE PRESIDENT—Lori Kennedy
SECRETARY—Alice Gordon
TREASURER—Sara Karl

DIRECTORS

Helen Karl
Candy McDanal
Joanna Hughes
Barry Solomon
Vicki Chesser

President's Message

Hi everyone!

Another successful draft test is behind us and draft enthusiasts among us have titles to boast. Congratulations to all and a big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make the test a reality.

I want to bring you up to date on the club's decision for how to store and transport club equipment. After a lengthy discussion at the September meeting, we decided to keep doing things the way we have been with the exception that there will be a point person – Elaine Witulski -- who maintains an inventory of equipment and supplies. She will keep tabs on what exists and who has it.

While this solution does not help us with the transportation side of the question, it has the advantage of not incurring maintenance costs for a trailer or storage unit. And it has the advantage of letting people who use the equipment keep it in their possession. So please let Elaine know what club equipment you have. And before you buy supplies, check with her. She can tell you whether we already have what you need.

The November meeting will be at Lori Kennedy's and we will have a program. See you there!

Mary Ellen

Letter from the Editor

Hello BMDCR Members,

For the last 10 issues, I've been the Editor in Chief of the Mountain Dog Messenger. I've enjoyed sharing stories, happy memories, proud moments of Show News, and informative articles. It's also with a heavy heart that I've shared sad moments, and the news of the passing of some of our wonderful four-legged friends.

I hope you have found the Newsletter to be informative and enjoyed reading it as much as I enjoyed creating it. Unfortunately I have to leave this post, and I'm hoping there is someone out there who would like to fill my position. If you are interested, please contact the board.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Take care,

Buffy

Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

November 18, 2012 - Meeting **Elections for the Board will be held at the Membership Meeting**

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2012

Board Meeting Time: 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm / **Program Time:** 2:00

Special Program: Energy Therapy and Essential Oils presented by Shelly Whalen of Energy Therapy LLC

Location: Lori and Don's House (Lori's # [303-641-0138](tel:303-641-0138))
9630 E. Colorado Ave. Denver (Near Parker Road and Iliff)

Please bring a chair, and dogs are welcome.

December, 2012 - Here We Come a Caroling/Berner Noel

Holiday decorations and attire encouraged for dogs, carts and carolers.

Date: Sunday, December 9th, 11AM

Location: Aspen Grove Shopping Center, Littleton, CO— 7301 S Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO

Time: Meet at 10:45 for caroling in the Champps Parking lot. Caroling is from 11:00—12:15.

Lunch: Lunch at [Champps](#) following the Carts and Caroling. Food is available for purchase off menu; drinks, appetizers, salads, sandwiches, desserts. Everyone is “on their own”.

Optional: If you would like to participate in the Doggie gift exchange, please bring a wrapped toy or dog related gift item for exchange. Your gift should not exceed \$12.00.

January, 2013—BMDCR Awards Banquet and Meeting

Date: Sunday, January 27, 2013

Location: The Bistro at Aspen Grove, 7301 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton

North East Corner of the Aspen Grove Shopping Center—Banquet Room

Board Meeting: 11:00 am / **Membership Meeting/Lunch:** 11:30 am

- ✓ **Menu:** We Will be ordering off the regular menu, prices range from \$9.00 and up. They have breakfast skilletts, croissant breakfast sandwiches, and much more. Individual payment per person or family at banquet. (no prepay) For more information go to <http://thebistroataspengrove.com/>
- ✓ **RSVP:** RSVP to Lou Tucker (bltdog@msn.com) if you will be attending the brunch. A head count is needed for table service and set-up. **RSVP by January 16, 2013.**
- ✓ **Awards:** Email information to Alice Clark (aliceann@hotmail.com) including dogs AKC name, call name, title(s) earned with date. **Deadline – January 9, 2013**
- ✓ **Slide Show Pictures:** Send pictures to Jeanne Stanwood at Stanwood@earthlink.net. Please include candid photos, dogs at work and play, drafting events and fun photos. No show photos, please. **Deadline – January 9, 2013**
- ✓ **Kathy Roth Award** – Send nominations for the Kathy Roth award to Lou. Tucker (bltdog@msn.com). Please include a brief description of the merits of your nominee. **Deadline – January 9, 2013**

Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

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May, 2013 - Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry

Date: May 4, 2013

Location: Washington Park, Denver, CO

*Contact Buffy Snider at AVampSlayer@Gmail.com for more information on joining or donating to the Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends team.

2013 BMDCA National Specialty “Rendezvous in the Rockies”

Date: May 13-18, 2013

Location: The Ranch Events Complex and Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa, and Conference Center, Loveland, CO

For more information, visit the website: <http://bmdca.org/specialty/2013/index.php>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BMDCA2013>

Show Chairman - Dottie Schulte - dotties911@aol.com

Conformation Co-Chair - Sara Karl - karl3106@comcast.net

Performance Co-Chair - Stephanie Biksacky - dogwoman67@q.com

Show News! By Lou Tucker

Independent Specialty Show Greeley, CO 9/7/2012

Highlights of BMDCR Members Wins

BOS Puppy Sweepstakes Summit's Tres Jolie V Joyful Owners-Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

Best in Veterans Sweepstakes CH Prairefire Legend Lucia Night Owners – Robert & Becky Shuris, Amy Fitzgerald & Sharon Johnson

BOS Veteran Sweepstakes Wagontale's Kanyon Vernors Owner – Barb Clark

WD/BW Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWB Fortueneia French Kiss V Schaetzend Owner – Sharon Johnson

BOS CH Horton Bays Weather Report (Sunny) Owners – Pam & Kevin Swisher

SEL GCH Nashems He's The Man of Woodmoor CD RN HT (Angus) Owners – Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

AM GCH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

AM GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners - Berverly & M. Hilmes

BEST BRED BY – Plainsongs Ruby Red Cloud (Ruby) Owners – Pam & K. Swisher

Obedience Trial

NOVICE A CH Kiabab's Gold Rush In Silver City RN Handled by Barb LeTourneau

1st Leg Score 173 High Scoring Novice

OPEN A Springs Straight From the Heart CD RE Handled by Nancy Fuselier

1st Leg Score 184

NON-REGULAR OBEDIENCE VETERANS CH Brighteye Angel Fire CDX RE

Score 189 Handled by Stephanie Biksacky

RALLY NOVICE-B 1st Place Kinvarra's Dancing Star Handled by Fiona Hughes

RALLY ADVANCED B CLASS

1st Place CH Wagontale's Whodunnit Handled by Pam Solomon

2nd Place Dashing To The Rescue CD RE BN Handled by Alice Clark

3rd Place Wagontale's Princess Alexandria Handled by Candy McDanal

4th Place CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Mircle CD RE Handled by Pam Solomon

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RALLY EXCELLENT-B CLASS

1st Place Kimberlite's Obsidian Lace Handled by Vicky Whitney

2nd Place Dashing To The Rescue CD RE BN Handled by Alice Clark

3rd Place CH Wagontale's Whodunnit? RE CD Handled by Pam Solomon

4th Place CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Mircle CD RE Handled by Pam Solomon

NON-REGULAR RALLY – RALLY PAIRS EXCELLENT

1st Place Score 192 CH Wagontale's Lady Of The Lake CD RAE & CH Wagontale's Whodunnit? RE CD Handled by Pam Solomon

***St Croix Valley Kennel Club* 8/25/12**

WB Summit's Tres Jolie V Joyful (Jolie) Owners- Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

SEL CH Plainsongs VirtuosoV Summit Owners-S.Keefer, S.Dunaway, P.Swisher

*** Cheyenne Kennel Club* 9/01/12**

WD/BW Major Win Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners-Dottie Schulte, S.Karl, H.Karl

RWD American Ale Vom Der Bernessehof Owners- Beverly & Michael Hilmes

BPY Wagontales One Way or Another Owners-Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

WB Blumoons Goodnight Kiss (Smooch) Owners – Christine & Michael Mann

RWB Prairefire's Hidden Treasure at Tanzanite Owners-Sharon Montville & S.Jo hnson

BOS Brisago Aurora Borealis at Wagontale Owner – Stacy Temples

SEL CH Indian Ivanhoe from Orsinas Land (Kuza) Owner – Valerie Horney

***Cheyenne Kennel Club* 9/02/12**

WD Nashems Homebrew Owners-Dottie Schulte, Sara Karl, Helen Karl

RWD American Ale Vom Der Bernessehof Owners – Beverley & Michael Hilmes

WB/BW Blumoons Goodnight Kiss Owners – Christine & Michael Mann

RWB Prairefire's Happy As A Lark Owner- Sharon Johnson

BB CH Indian Ivanhoe from Orsinas Land Owner – Valerie Horney

OS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) Owners-Bev & M. Hilmes

SEL Brisago Aurora Borealis at Wagontale Owner – Stacy Temples

SEL GCH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

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WD/BW Shadowdance JJ Cale V Plainsong Owners – Richard File - Pam Swisher

RWD Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners-Dottie Schulte, S. Karl, H. Karl

WB Fortuneia French Kiss V Schatzend Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWB Nashems Hey Soul Sister (Hazel) Owners – Sara Karl, Helen Karl

BOS CH Plainsongs VirtuosoV Summit Owners- S. Keefer, S. Dunaway,P.Swisher

SEL CH Horton Bays Weather Report (Sunny) Owners- Pam & Kevin Swisher

***Evergreen Kennel Club* 9/09/12**

WB Fortuneia French Kiss V Schatzend Owner – Sharon Johnson

BOS Brisago Aurora Borealis at Wagontale Owner – Stacy Temples

SEL CH Plainsongs VirtuosoV Summit Owners-S.Keefer, S.Dunaway, P.Swisher

SEL Gatekeeper Vom Gipfeleur Owner - Sharon Johnson

***Bonneville Basin Kennel Assoc* 9/15/12**

RWD Barberry Jigger of Jameson V Winridge (JJ) Owner – Kim Giannone

SEL GCH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

***Bonneville Basin Kennel Assoc* 9/16/12**

BB GCH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

***Arapahoe Kennel Club* 9/22/12**

RWD Miabis Save The Last Dance For Krystal Hi Owners-Kristina Wickizer, K.Kent

WD/BW Prairefire's Music of The Night Owners- Becky & Bob Shuris, Sharon Johnson

WB Wagontale's Winter Rose CGC Owners – Stacy Temples & Nancy Winegar

RWB Blumoons Goodnight Kiss Owners –Christine & Michael Mann

OS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners-Beverly & Michael Hilmes

SEL CH Brisago Aurora Borelis at Wagontale Owners – Stacy Temples

SEL Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson

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***Arapahoe Kennel Club* 9/23/12**

WD/BW American Ale Von Der Berneshof Owners- Beverley & M. Hilmes

RWD Prairefire's Music of The Night Owners-Becky & Bob Shuris, Sharon Johnson

WB/OS Blumoon's Goodnight Kiss Owners – Christine & Michael Mann

RWB Prairefires Happy As A Lark Owner – Sharon Johnson

SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners-Beverley & M. Hilmes

***Grand Valley Kennel Club* 9/27/12**

WD/BW Prairefire's Music of the Night Owners-Becky & B. Shuris & Sharon Johnson

RWD Wagontale's Zanzibar Tusker Owners – Stacy Temples & Lesley Lumpkin

WB/OS Bluemoon's Goodnight Kiss (Smooch) Owners – Christine & M. Mann

RWB Ayehli's Amazing Grace V Ratcliff Owners- Tracey Hyatt, F. Bushell, J.Nekker

SEL GCH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendel (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

***Grand Valley Kennel Club* 9/28/12**

BPY/G2 Barberry Jigger of Jameson V Winridge (JJ) Owner – Kim Giannone

WD/BW Prairefire's Music Of The Night Owners- B. & B. Shuris, Sharon Johnson

RWD Wagontale's Zanzibar Tusker Owners – Stacy Temples & Lesley Lumpkin

RWB Prairefire's Happy As A Lark Owner - Sharon Johnson

SEL CH GATEKEEPER Vom Gipfelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson

***Grand Valley Kennel Club* 9/29/12**

WD Wagontale's Zanzibar Tusker Owners – Stacy Temples & Lesley Lumpkin

RWD Barberry Jigger of Jamison Owner – Kim Giannone

WB/BW/BBY/**NEW CH** Blumoon's Goodnight Kiss Owners- Christine & M. Mann

RWB Wagontale's Winter Rose CGC Owners – Stacy Temples & Nancy Winegar

BB/**G1** CH Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson

SEL GCH LorienDell's Sword Of Elendil (Narsil) Owners- Kim & Joe Giannone

Show News! By Lou Tucker*(Continued from page 8)****Grand Valley Kennel Club* 9/30/12**

WD/BW Prairefire's Music of The Night Owners – Becky & B. Shuris, S. Johnson

RWD Wagontale's Zanzibar Tusker Owners – Stacy Temples & Lesley Lumpkin

WB Prairefire's Happy As A Lark Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWB Prairefire's Hidden Treasure At Tanzanite Owners – Sharon Montville, S. Johnson

SEL GCH Lorien Dell's Sword Of Elendil Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

*** Platte Valley Kennel Club of Fremont NE* 10/04/12**

WD/BW American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owners- Beverley & M. Hilmes

OS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners – Beverley & M.Hilmes

***Platte Valley Kennel Club* 10/05/12**

WD/BW American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owners –Beverley & M. Hilmes

RWD Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners –Dottie Schulte, S. Karl, H. Karl

WB/OS Nashems Hey Soul Sister (Hazel) Owners – Sara Karl & Helen Karl

SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners - Beverley & M. Hilmes

***Cornhusker Kennel Club of Lincoln* 10/06/12**

WD Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners – Dottie Schulte, S. Karl & H. Karl

RWD American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owners – Beverley & M. Hilmes

RWB Nashems Hey Soul Sister (Hazel) Owners – Sara Karl & Helen Karl

OS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners –Beverley & M. Hilmes

***Cornhusker Kennel Club of Lincoln* 10/07/12**

WD American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owners – Beverley & M. Hilmes

RWD Nashems Home Brew Owners – Dottie Schulte, S. Karl & H. Karl

RWB Nashems Hey Soul Sister Owners – Sara Karl & Helen Karl

OS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners – Beverley & M. Hilmes

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PERFORMANCE WINS

USRVDTIC Idaho Falls, ID 8/19/12

Nashems Sweet Talking Man CD RN NAP NJP (Omar) owner – Vicky Hall

NEW TITLE CDX

BMDCR Draft Test Murray, Utah 10/6 – 10/7/12

Ashflat Princess Graci (Graci) Owner – Laurie Kennedy Earned 3rd Leg

NEW TITLE - BNDD

Ashflat Princess Graci (Graci) & Kennedy's Murren (Murrey) Owner – Laurie Kennedy Passed Both Days

Membership Update

Please welcome the BMDCR's newly approved members who were voted in at the September 30, 2012 meeting. There are no new applicants at this time.

New Sustaining Members:

Joan Grasser, Commerce City, CO 80022-9693, Ph.# [720-685-9304](tel:720-685-9304). E-mail: joang@mesanetworks.net.

Margaret Darling, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Ph.# [970-731-4580](tel:970-731-4580). E-mail: Margaret@wjdarling.com.

Jim & Belynda Wilson, Denver, CO 80237, Ph.# [\(303\) 741-4070](tel:303-741-4070), E-mail: jhbw4037@aol.com.

Susan Barrett, Santa Fe, NM 87506, Ph.# [\(505\) 988-2711](tel:505-988-2711), E-mail: susanbarrett726@gmail.com

New Voting Members:

Buffy Snider & Michael Caruso, Arvada, CO 80002. Ph.# [303-604-6920](tel:303-604-6920). E-mail: Avampslayer@gmail.com. Taekwondonut@gmail.com.

Vicky Whitney, Conifer, CO 80433. Ph.# [303-838-2662](tel:303-838-2662). E-mail: hvwhitney@bresnan.net.

Board Meeting Minutes—September 30, 2012

Laura and Al's Home

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:10 pm on September 30th 2012 at Al and Laura's home in Denver.

Present: Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Helen Karl, Alice Clark, Candy McDanal, Barry Solomon, Vicki Chesser.

Approval of Minutes: Sara moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the May/June 2012 newsletter. Motion seconded by Candy. All in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The Flatirons Kennel Club sent in a request to sponsor a trophy for their 2013 shows. The Board suggested that we present this to the general membership for individual sponsorship rather than club sponsorship.

Treasurer's Report: Savings Rescue CD \$5,282.93; savings CD \$6,781.78 (Matures in Jan 13), checking \$13,661.81. We still need to transfer money to the Rescue account. Mary Ellen asked what will happen to the rescue savings account. Sara said it was established in 1997 after we hosted the National and it's never been touched. Sara thinks we should combine the two into one savings account. Barry suggests rolling together and see how they do for six months. If they still haven't touched it, we might see about doing something with the excess.

We made \$377.52 on the draft clinic. We made \$1,805.76 on the Regional.

Membership directory - Sara is presenting a draft for the new layout. If the Board approves she'll email it and send it out by regular post. We'll pass around at the membership meeting for all to review.

Executive Session - The Board went into Executive Session at 12:20 and came out at 12:37.

Committee Reports

Website – Sandy has a question about transitioning the rescue form to the club website – should the forms be directed to all members of the committee or just the Chair? Everyone agrees that they should go to just the Chair.

Rescue Committee – nothing to report.

2013 National – We are working on the planning booklet and everyone seems to have their info in to Kim. Closing dates will be March 23rd for mail in registration and March 31st for on line registration. Closing date for the dog show events is April 17th. Ba-Ray has to be the show secretary, we can't use Robert Miller. We can still hire our own equipment.

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Laura and Al's Home

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Old Business

Welcoming Procedure for New Members – Vicky and Stacy have created a letter and has started sending it out to the most recent new members. They haven't implemented the phone calls. There was feedback from some of those new members that they liked the letter. It might also be a good idea to send new members the latest copy of the newsletter. Vicky will do that with the letter.

Storage of Club Equipment – Mary Ellen led us in a discussion of the pros and cons of the different options so we can present them to the general membership.

Cons for storage – monthly payments, loading, how would you control access.

Cons for trailer - need a vehicle with hitch, need a place to store the trailer. We would have to keep everything in the trailer, so it would all go from event to event. If we get the trailer, we would be sort of locked in. We could sell it. We now have an asset to manage could have tax implications. The costs involved - initial purchase, storage, upkeep, tags.

Cons of status quo – someone has to go to site, load/unload. We also have stuff all over the place. Ways and means, hospitality, draft equipment, records.

Pros of storage unit – centralized location, secure. We could try this and if it doesn't work, we could go to a trailer.

Pros for trailer – portability, no loading.

Pros of status quo – no action is needed.

Spring Draft Test – What are the pros and cons for doing this? We discussed several of them and are agreed we can present to general membership to vote on.

New Business

None

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is November 18th at Lori Kennedy's home.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm. Sara motioned, Barry seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Meeting Minutes—September 20, 2012

Laura and Al's Home

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:10pm pm on September 30th 2012 at Al and Laura's home in Denver.

Present: 19 voting members (a quorum), 1 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 2 guests. Welcome to guest Bill and Anne Smith, Retired from Del Mar, previously had German Shepherd Dogs, and did Schutzhund with them. They are now making a change to the Berner world.

Approval of Minutes: Alice moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the May/June 2012 newsletter. Motion seconded by Sara. All in favor, motion passed.

President's Report: We have lots to talk about today. But let's start by thanking our departing historian Helen Karl and thank Elaine Witulski for picking up where Helen left off.

Secretary's Report: We have a request from the Flatirons Kennel Club for trophy donations for their 2013 shows. The club won't be donating, but if any individuals wish to donate see Alice for their details.

Treasurer's Report: See Board minutes. Also we must redirect the PayPal account, once we transfer the monies to the new bank.

Committee Reports

Berner Noel – We can go to Champps and have their banquet room for free, where we can order off the menu. Candy motioned that we do so, Sara seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

December Caroling – The suggestion is to do it on 12/9, at Aspen Grove. Candy so motioned Sara seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Awards Banquet – 27th of January. We can use The Bistro at Aspen Grove. We can use the room for free and can order off the menu. Prices are \$10 -\$15 off the breakfast or brunch menu. They have a screen that we can use. Candy moved to have the Banquet on the 27th at The Bistro at 11am. Sara seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Ways and Means – We will have a booth at the National in 2013 to sell our stock. Sharon has recruited a few people already from other clubs.

2013 Regional – There was a discussion and agreement to not offer Stud Dog and Brood Bitch this coming year.

Brace Trophies Draft Test – There have been questions about whether both dogs in the brace team should get a trophy. Could we charge more per brace team to cover the extra cost? Or we could have the trophy distribution based on the number of owners. Teams with one owner get one trophy, teams with two owners get two. The consensus was that we look at each draft test individually, and make a decision based on the test and the type of trophy that's planned.

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2013 BMDCA National Specialty – The dates are May 13th to May 18th. We had a request from the Raffle Chair to see if the regional clubs wanted to sponsor a club Basket. Val volunteers to be the coordinate it.

In lieu of the traditional hospitality donation, would the BMDCR be willing to sponsor the internet access at the show site - \$250-\$300. Alice so motioned, Candy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Website – Sharon Keefer is soliciting good quality photos to add to our club website.

Rescue – Ann has vet bills (\$1,550) for Saba from Phil Schafer. She ended up being adopted by her foster family. The bills included - ultrasound, prescriptions, office visits, x-rays, heartworm test, shots, blood draw, Vit B 12 and dog food. The diagnosis was IBS. The rescue committee can only spend \$200 without club approval. Barry motioned that we issue \$200 and that we need Phil report why he took the action he took without club approval, before there can be any further reimbursement. Motion seconded by Helen. Eighteen in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passed. There also needs to be a discussion with Phil on this subject.

Nominating Committee – With the 2013 National coming up the committee felt it was not a good time to change officers, so they asked the current Officers and Directors if they would stay on. All agreed to do so. There were no nominations from the floor. The election will occur at the November meeting. Dottie moved that we close the nominations, Sara seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Election of New Members

Buffy Snider & Mike Caruso (voting)

Vicki Whitney (voting)

Joan Grasser (sustaining)

Margaret Darling (sustaining)

Jim and Belynda Wilson (sustaining)

Susan Barrett (sustaining)

All in favor for sustaining. All but one in favor for Buffy and Mike.

Unfinished Business –

Storage and Transport of Club Equipment – We are reopening this discussion because we felt that there has not been consensus among the club members. We reviewed the pros and cons as listed in the Board Minutes. Discussion points: the hassles of renting a trailer from Jeanne Stanwood. Trailer cost would be about \$2500. Storage unit cost is about \$60. Rental of a truck is about \$30 a day. Jeanne motioned that we leave things as is. Sara seconded. There was a suggestion to create an inventory of everything and keep it on the Yahoo list. Elaine volunteers to be the inventory person. She will also be the point of contact for

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people running events to see what is available. Jeanne accepted that this is an amendment to her motion. All in favor but 1 and 1 person abstained. The motion passed.

New Business

Trophies for Peak to Peak – We would like to sponsor Veteran Sweeps, Best Opposite in Veteran Sweeps, Best in Puppy Sweeps, Best of Opposite in Puppy Sweeps. Also sponsor Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Best of Winners, Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch, and High Scoring Berner. Dottie so motioned, Jeanne seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Draft Clinic proceeds – We've had a clinic the last 3 years, and have been profitable for all 3 years. Barry motioned that all the profits to go toward Draft related activities. Dottie seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Barry also motioned that \$300 of the current year profits be donated to the 2013 National Draft Test. Barry accepted an amendment that the donation is directed towards draft equipment and ring decoration. Jeanne seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Newsletter Editor - Buffy Snider will continue as the newsletter editor through December. We need a new newsletter editor starting in January. Please be thinking about this subject.

Ways and Means Chair – Sharon wants to retire possibly effective January 2014. There was a discussion that we could perhaps create a committee to handle Ways and Means. It might be a good idea to have event chairs find volunteers who will help with sales during events to take some of the burden off of the Chair. Let's think about who might want to help Sharon out with events.

Spring Draft Test - Alice presented a plan drawn up by herself, Val Horney, Barry Solomon, Lori Kennedy and Elaine Witulski for a one day, no frills Draft test next April 6th. Val Horney will be the Chair. The location will be Bicentennial Park in Aurora. Judges will be Fay Benson and Patti Davieau. Jeanne (who is co-chair for the 2013 National Draft Test) is supportive of this plan. Alice motioned we proceed as presented, Helen seconded. 16 in favor, 3 abstained. Motion passed.

Membership directory – Sara presented the new format. Please review and give Sara any feedback.

Program at the November Meeting – Lori Kennedy would like to have the meeting at her home and have a program post-meeting on energy healing and essential oils.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is tentatively set for November 18th, at Lori Kennedy's home in Parker.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

BMDCR FALL DRAFT TEST RESULTS By Vicky Hall

BMDCR FALL DRAFT TEST RESULTS

Hi all, two very busy days of drafting, but lovely weather for our back-to-back tests. Huge thanks to our judges Eden Jonas and Kathe Vasquez, who worked very hard, especially with all those freight hauls. Also thanks to all of our ring crew and the Colorado folks who drove ring equipment, trophies, and hospitality stuff (along with dogs and draft rigs) out to Utah. Special thanks to Dawn Weber, who rode out with Jennifer just to be a helper at our tests. Our hospitality chair was not able to be there so Dawn helped set up and run hospitality, served as a ring steward, and also was our photographer!

Test limit was 24 both days, we started with 31 entries on Saturday and 32 for Sunday. Five withdrew before the test. 2 alternates on Saturday did not get in, though fortunately both were in with another entry. We had 2 absences on Sunday, one alternate who did not get in. All are BMDs.

SATURDAY QUALIFIERS

OPEN

- GCH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil NDD (Narsil), Kim Giannone
- Pinnacle's Here We Go Again CGC DD RA (Harper), Lesley Koonce -- New MDD

OPEN BRACE

- AKC/CKC CH Brechbuhler's All About Me NJP ANDD ABNDD DD BDD Can DD (Mia) & AKC GCH CKC CH Brechbuhler's Entitled to it All NAPANDD ABNDD MDD BDD Can DD (Tilly), Jennifer Brightbill
- CH Wagonale's Sing Me a Miracle CGC CD RE ANDD ABNDD MDD BDD (Smokey) & CH Wagonale's Whodunnit? CGC CD RE NDD BNDD DD BDD (Watson), Barry Solomon

NOVICE BRACE

- Ashflat Princess sGraci RN BN NDD (Graci) & Kennedy's Murren CD RA NJP NDD (Murrey), Lori Kennedy
- AKC GCH CKC CH Brechbuhler's Entitled to it All NAP ANDD ABNDD MDD BDD Can DD (Tilly) & Brechbuhler's Far & Away NDD (Teva), Jennifer Brightbill

NOVICE

- Blackcoral Gallina CDX NAP OJP (Gallina), Gwyndean Candelaria -- New BMDCA Working Dog
- CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land (Kuza), Valerie Horney
- Rosewood's Leave it to Weaver CD RN NDD (Weaver), Janet Nelson
- Brighteye Caliche Trails (Carly), Elaine Witulski
- Raycevision's AngellegetstheLight VSK (Angelle), Karen Childs
- Ashflat Princess Graci RN BN (Graci), Lori Kennedy
- CH Mountainair's Lima Bean CD BN RE MDD (Wellington), Elisabeth Dennehy -- New ANDD

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SUNDAY QUALIFIERS**OPEN**

- AKC/CKC CH Brechbuhler's All About Me NJP ANDD ABNDD DD BDD Can DD (Mia), Jennifer Brightbill-- New MDD
- CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land NDD (Kuza), Valerie Horney

OPEN BRACE

- AKC/CKC CH Brechbuhler's All About Me NJP ANDD ABNDD DD BDD Can DD (Mia), Jennifer Brightbill-- New MBDD
- AKC GCH CKC CH Brechbuhler's Entitled to it All NAP ANDD ABNDD MDD BDD Can DD (Tilly), Jennifer Brightbill -- New MBDD

NOVICE BRACE

- Ashflat Princess Graci RN BN NDD BNDD (Graci) & Kennedy's Murren CD RA NJP NDD BNDD (Murrey), Lori Kennedy
- CH Wagon-tale's Sing Me a Miracle CGC CD RE ANDD ABNDD MDD BDD (Smokey) & CH Wagon-tale's Whodunnit? CGC CD RE NDD BNDD DD BDD (Watson), Pam Solomon

NOVICE

- Blackcoral Gallina CDX NAP OJP NDD (Gallina), Gwyndean Candelaria
- Telltail's Attala v Raycevision (Maddie), Vernon Childs
- Brighteye Caiche Trails NDD (Carly), Elaine Witulski
- Baran's Jolly Boy CGC RN NDD JHD-s DD CD (JB), Dr. William Baran
- Pinnacle's Here We Go again CGC DD RA MDD (Harper), Lesley Koonce
- Wagon-tale's Radiant Camber CD RE HCT-s BND NDD (Camber), Alice Clark

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who entered or helped.

Vicky Hall

Draft Test Secretary

December, 2012 - Here We Come a Caroling/Berner Noel

We hope you will join us for the annual Berner Holiday Festivities!

Holiday decorations and attire encouraged for dogs, carts and carolers.

Date: Sunday, December 9th, 11AM

Location: Aspen Grove Shopping Center, Littleton, CO— 7301 S Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO

Time: Meet at 10:45 for caroling in the Champps Parking lot. Caroling is from 11:00—12:15.

Lunch: Lunch at [Champps](#) following the Carts and Caroling. Food is available for purchase off menu; drinks, appetizers, salads, sandwiches, desserts. Everyone is “on their own”.

Optional: If you would like to participate in the Doggie gift exchange, please bring a wrapped toy or dog related gift item for exchange. Your gift should not exceed \$12.00.



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As a Bernese Mountain Dog owner, are you looking for fun opportunities where you can socialize your dog, and make new friends? Would you like to have the chance to hike, camp, have play dates at dog parks, take canine First Aid, massage classes, walk in parades, do fun run/walk events, raise money for good causes, and more all while hanging out with other cool Berner owners & dogs?

Join us in the #1 Bernese Mountain Dog “Meetup” (www.Meetup.com) club in the US! We have 98 members, and are growing every week! In the past year, we’ve had 87 Meetups, and currently have 35 Meetup Events planned.

Check us out at <http://www.meetup.com/The-Colorado-Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Meetup-Group/>.

We’re also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Colorado-Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Meetup-Group/222486277790520>

Thanks & hope to see you soon at a Meetup Event!

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies

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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](#)
- **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.