



MOUNTAIN DOG MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER OF THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG
CLUB OF THE ROCKIES

September / October 2005

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Upcoming Club Events

9/8-9/05.....BMDCR Regional

Next Meeting:

September 25, 2005
11:30 Board Meeting
1:00 General Meeting

Place:
5614 S. Ivy Ct.
Greenwood Village, CO
(directions on back page)

BMDCR Regional Specialty

Sept 8-9 in Greeley, CO

Thursday, Sept 8 - BMDCR Draft Test at Bittersweet Park in Greeley, CO. Test hours 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday, Sept 8 - BMDCR A-Match (obedience & conformation) at Island Grove Park in Greeley, CO. Judging begins at 5:00 PM

Friday, Sept 9 - BMDCR Regional Specialty Show (obedience & conformation) at Island Grove Park in Greeley, CO.

There will be a raffle during the Regional Specialty Show, on Friday.

There will be a potluck, after conformation on Friday, at ringside.

"In an effort to defray the rising costs of "The Messenger" production, last year an additional \$5 fee was established for mailing the newsletter first class in lieu of receiving it electronically. Subsequently the board has elected to remove that additional fee, effective with our next renewal period (6/06). The board has determined that current membership dues should cover the costs of the newsletter. In addition, our current bylaws require that all meeting notifications be disseminated via first class mail. The board would like to apologize to those members who did indeed pay the additional fee and would like to ask that if you would like a refund contact Sara Karl, in writing, with that request. She will verify the transactions and mail you a check. Or if you would like you could also just make a donation of that \$5 to the club. Again, the board would like to apologize and would like everyone to know that "The Messenger" will be mailed to all members first class mail. Future discussions regarding electronic versus surface mail will be ongoing."

- Valerie Horney

UPCOMING SHOWS, MATCHES & MORE

- KAREN BARU -

- 9/2-4** Flyball Tournament – Mesa Co. Fairgrounds, Grand Junction
Marianne Fifield/ mfifield1@earthlink.net
- 9/3** PPBMDC Draft Run-throughs, beginning draft seminar, beginning rally seminar, Grooming seminar. Contact Jen Grenz 719-310-3774,
jennifergrenz@mac.com
- 9/3-4** ASCA Aussie B/All Breed OB/Herding; SCAC, Elbert CFG, Kiowa.
Show Secy Vicki Lembcke (970)568-3875/applecross@aol.com
- 9/5** Obedience/Rally Fun Match, High Plains KC, Latigo Trails, Black Forest, Co.
Marty (303)646-3094/ mkrenek@aol.com (unconfirmed)
- 9/8** BMDCR Draft Test, Greeley, Co.
- 9/8** BMDCR “A” Match, (BMDs only), Island Grove Park, Greeley
- 9/9** BMDCR Regional Specialty, Island Grove Park, Greeley
- 9/10-11** AKC All Breed shows, Evergreen KC, Greeley, Co.
- 9/10-11** Twin Peaks DTC, UKC Agility, Boulder CFG, Trial Secy: Michele Hoppes
(303)604-9658/hoppesm@yahoo.com
- 9/24-25** Grand Valley KC All Breed Shows, Canyon View Park, Grand Junction,
Co. (www.onofrio.com)
- 9/24-25** AKC Agility, Mountain States Ob Club & Bassett Hound Club,
Arapahoe Park – Golden, Co. Trial Secy: Carol Makowski (303)665-
9007/carolmakow@aol.com
- 10/2** AKC TD Tracking Test, Denver Foothills Tracking Assoc., Chatfield State
Rec Area, Littleton. Trial Secy: Lynn Kaemmerer (303)794-9246/
lkaemmerer@worldnet.att.net
- 10/1** Agility Fun Match, FRAT, Douglas CFG, Castle Rock, Jamie Horcek
(303)791-1341, horacekj@netzero.net
- 10/7-9** AKC Agility – Terry All KC, Adams CFG, Brighton, Trial Secy: Deb Ascher
(970)532-3124/ LookoutGld@aol.com
- 10/9** AKC VST Tracking Test, Chatfield, Martha Rosner
(720)565-1641/Martha@frii.com
- 10/15-16** AKC Ob, Pikes Peak DTC, Latigo Trails-Elbert Co.; Show Secy:
Cora Pizzatola, 1934 Kodiak Dr., Co.Spgs.80910
- 10/16** AKC TD/TDX/VST Tracking Tests @ Chatfield State Park/Lynn Kaemmerer
(303)794-9246/1kaemmerer@worldnet.att.net
- 10/15-16** AKC OB & Rally Seminars for Judges & Exhibitors, Loveland, Co. hosted by
the Greater Swiss Mt. Dog Club of America

Club Officers

President.....Val Horney
Vice President.....Lou Tucker
Secretary.....Angela Hanson
Treasurer.....Sara Karl

Directors

Linda Ansfield Sharon Keefer
Phil Shaffer Elaine Witulski
Laura Haupenthal

Memberships

For a membership application or information on becoming a member of the BMDCR, please contact:

Stacy Temples
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Fort Collins, CO 80522

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303-841-9262

Newsletter Editors

Angela Hanson
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Kathy Roth Award Procedures

An Awards Committee will be established and will consist of the Awards Banquet Chair and two other members. This committee will be formed at the September meeting so that it may be announced in the November/December newsletter. The request for nominations will be in the November/December newsletter with the deadline for receipt of nominations being December 15th. All nominations must be made in writing with a synopsis as to why the person is being nominated. The awards committee will collect the nominations and make the determination as to that years recipient.

In each November Newsletter the inscription on the award, an explanation of the award and of Kathy Roth, and the list of past recipients will be printed. Also it will include information regarding the awards banquet.

The Awards Committee members for this year are: Banquet Chair Karen Baru, and committee members Terri Ditmer and Jeanne Stanwood.

MEMBERSHIP

- STACY TEMPLES -

Hello Everyone! We currently have 158 club members; 56 Voting members, 100 Sustaining members and 2 Junior members.

We have the following New Member Sustaining Applicants to the Club.

Alisha Combs, 275 S. Harrison St. #301, Denver, CO 80209. Ph.# (303) 901-2621. (E) acombs@pepsi-center.com. Sports Marketing/Sales. Alisha owns Baron-Hickory's Shelby Cobra Mustang, (M, 5/17/04). She is interested in health issues, obedience, agility and therapy work. She wants to join the club to be the best owner she can be by being educated and involved. She is willing to make time contributions and financial donations.

Robert Foth, PO Box 2654, Frisco, CO, 80443. Ph.# (970) 262-6742. Business owner/Optician. Does not list any BMD. Interested in a family pet, health issues and conformation. Bob wants to join the club to meet owners and breeders and to learn more about the dog. He has a Black Lab/ Border Collie mix who trains in obedience.

I found a penny today
Just laying on the ground,
But it's not just a penny
This little coin I've found

Found pennies come from heaven
That's what my Grandpa told me,
He said, "Dog-Angels toss them down."
Oh, how I loved that story.

He said, "When a Dog-Angel misses you
He tosses a penny down,
Sometimes just to cheer you up
To make a smile out of your frown."

So don't pass by that penny
When you're feeling blue,
It may be a penny from heaven
That your dog has tossed to you.

Author unknown

Please welcome our newest club members

**RoseEllen Cannizzaro &
Sam Stephenson**
1321 E. 12th. Avenue, #4
Denver, Colorado, 80218.
Ph. (303) 861-5182,



**Pikes Peak Bernese Mountain Dog
Club Hosts:**
Draft Seminar
Draft Run Thru's
Rally Obedience Seminar
Grooming Your Berner Seminar

September 3, 2005

Contact: Jen Grenz
719-310-3774
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July 24, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Linda, Laura, Val, Sharon, Phil, Lou, Elaine.

General Members Present: Al Beers.

Meeting called to order at 11:40 am.

Minutes - Motion to approve minutes from last meeting as published in last newsletter. 1st

Laura Haupenthal. 2nd Elaine Witulski. Passed. President report - none.

Secretary report - none. Sharon Keefer took minutes for absent Secretary, Angela Hanson.

Treasurer report - none. Sara Karl absent. A treasurer's report will be requested to include in the next newsletter.

Newsletter - Several members have reported not receiving the July/August 2005 newsletter. Going forward, all newsletters will be sent via postal service because of the specifics in the by-laws. Comments were also received regarding the incomplete National Specialty results (for BMDCR members) in the last newsletter. Sharon Keefer and Angela Hanson with report full results. To encourage members to report show wins for the Show News page, a reminder will be added under the Show News title. The list of committees and chairpersons will also be added back into each issue of the newsletter.

Kathy Roth Award - Val Horney and Sandy Dunaway will report, the proposed standing rules for the Kathy Roth Award, in the next newsletter. The Board decided that nominees will be submitted to a 3-person Awards Committee that will include the Awards Banquet Host/Chairperson. The Awards Committee will select the Kathy Roth Award recipient from the nominations received. Deadlines will be delineated in the standing rules.

Calendar of Events/Deadlines - Phil Shaffer is working on this.

Rescue Committee Charter - The updated Rescue Committee Charter and rules are in final revision. A question was raised regarding insurance since the club takes possession of rescued dogs temporarily. BMDCA and the RCC (Regional Club Council) have been addressing this issue, too. Val Horney will check with treasurer Sara Karl about BMDCR's current coverage.

Show Committee Report - Sharon Keefer reported that the premium lists for the regional were mailed late last week. Electronic copies will also be posted on the BMDCR website and yahoo group. Volunteers are needed to help at all 3 events.

New Business

An e-mail reminder was sent to the Board members stating that our bylaws do not allow the Membership Chairman to sponsor members. Val Horney will remind Stacy Temples.

Meeting Programs - Program ideas were solicited for the September 25th meeting. Sharon Keefer will see if animal chiropractor Debbie O'Reilly is available to give a presentation.

Nominating Committee - The nominating committee for 2006 officers and Board members needs to be formed today. Vice President, Secretary, and 3 Board members need to be elected for the 2006-2007 term. Committee

members will be solicited at today's general meeting, and the Board will reconvene briefly after the general meeting to approve the nominating committee. The committee must submit a slate of candidates and their biographical sketches for the August 15th newsletter deadline.

Program - Laura Haupenthal suggested the club offer a car avoidance program. This is a training program to teach dogs avoidance of moving vehicles. This could be offered at the regular meeting site in the cul-de-sac. Sharon Keefer and Lou Tucker will send Laura names of local trainers they know that might be able to help with the program. Laura will work on the possibility of offering this at the September general meeting.

Berner Fiesta - Thank you to Lou and Bob

Tucker for hosting a wonderfully successful Berner Fiesta! Volunteers to host Berner Fiesta, or suggestions for a site, for June 2006 will be solicited in the December newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

July 24, 2005 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm

Fourteen voting members present. Two sustaining members present.

Minutes - Motion to approve minutes from last meeting as published in last newsletter. 1st Lou Tucker. 2nd Jeanne Stanwood. Passed.

President report - none.

Secretary report - none. Sharon Keefer took minutes for absent Secretary, Angela Hanson.

Treasurer report - none. Sara Karl absent. A treasurer's report will be requested to include in the next newsletter.

Show Committee Report - Sharon Keefer reported that the premium lists for the regional specialty were mailed late last week. Electronic copies will be posted on the BMDCR web site and yahoo group. Volunteers are needed for all 3 events - please contact the Dottie Schulte to help with the Draft Test (or sponsor Draft Test trophies), Sara Karl to help with the Match, and Sharon Keefer to help with the Regional Specialty.

Membership - Howard Ramsdell (representing Stacy Temples) read new applicants published in last newsletter. Motion to approve both. 1st Jeanne Stanwood. 2nd Terri Dittmer. Passed.

Kathy Roth Award - Val Horney and Sandy Dunaway will report, the proposed standing rules for the Kathy Roth Award, in the next newsletter. The Board decided that nominees will be submitted to a 3-person Awards Committee that will include the Awards Banquet Host/Chairperson. The Awards Committee will select the Kathy Roth Award recipient from the nominations received. Deadlines will be delineated in the standing rules.

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New Business

Nominating Committee - Karen Baru, Linda Ansfield, and Ann Rutherford volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. Jeanne Stanwood and Howard Ramsdell volunteered to be the 2 alternate members of the committee. The committee will propose a slate of candidates for Vice President, Secretary, and 3 Board Members for the 2006-2007 term. The candidates determined by the August 15th newsletter deadline.

Awards Committee - Karen Baru will chair the 2006 Awards Committee and organize the awards banquet in January 2006 and select the Kathy Roth Award recipient from members' nominations. Jeanne Stanwood and Terri Dittmer will be the other 2 members of the 2006 Awards Committee.

Public Education - Karen Baru proposed a public education fun day at a dog park such as Chatfield. The event would be advertised to the public. The club's public education display would be shown; refreshments could be provided; and demonstrations could be included. Washington Park was suggested as a central and dog-friendly location. Karen will check the possibility of reserving an area there in October. Please contact Karen with suggestions for activities to include in the event.

Yahoo Group - Terri Dittmer commented that the BMDCRockies Yahoo Group is especially helpful for meeting reminders and members' privacy (group name, not member's name is listed in e-mail messages). 44 BMDCR members have joined the BMDCRockies Yahoo Group.

Newsletter - Karen Baru asked about problems with some members not receiving the July/August newsletter. Going forward, all newsletters will be sent via postal service because of the specifics in the by-laws.

Club Spending - Karen Baru initiated a discussion of club spending, citing recent charges for members at Berner Fiesta as an example where the club can afford to provide more for members in the form of catering and location fees, or else in reduced membership fees. The consensus was to consider increasing what the club pays for as each upcoming event is planned.

Jeanne Stanwood proposed holding draft clinics at no charge to members, and this was supported by consensus. Jeanne also asked if the yahoo group can be used to announce informal draft practice sessions. It was agreed that such use is the intent of the yahoo group; only official club business cannot be conducted via the yahoo group.

Regional Pot-Luck - Logistics will be discussed at the Regional Show Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Board members reconvened at 2:10 pm to approve the Nominating Committee. Approved. Re-adjourned at 2:15 pm.

SHOW NEWS

- VAL HORNEY -

**CONFORMATION & OBEDIENCE****Laramie Kennel Club**

May 29, 2005

WD/BW Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli", owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

WB/BOS Wagontale's Inside Edge, owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

May 30, 2005

WD/BW Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli", owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

WB/BOS Wagontale's Inkantation "Inka", owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

RWB Wagontale's Inside Edge, owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

Colorado Springs Kennel Club

June 11, 2005

3rd leg Rally Novice, 2nd place, Wagontale's Lady of the Lake "Legend", owned by Pam and Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples **NEW RALLY NOVICE DOG****Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club**

June 21, 2005

WD Blumoons Mission Control "Houston", owned by Mike and Chris Mann

WB/BW/BB Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAP OJP OAJ "Kylee" owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

BOS CH Demetux Afterberner for Takeoff, owned by Linda Ansfield and Philip Keenan

June 22, 2005

WD/BW/BB Blumoons Mission Control "Houston", owned by Mike and Chris Mann

RWB Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAP OJP OAJ "Kylee" owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

June 23, 2005

WD Blumoons Mission Control "Houston", owned by Mike and Chris Mann

WB/BW/BOS Wagontale's Inside Edge, owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

RWB Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAP OJP OAJ "Kylee" owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

BB CH Demetux Afterberner for Takeoff, owned by Linda Ansfield and Philip Keenan

Electric City Kennel Club

June 24, 2005

WD/BW Blumoons Mission Control "Houston", owned by Mike and Chris Mann

Best Bred By Exhibitor, Bred By Group 1

WB/BOS Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAP OJP OAJ "Kylee" owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

June 25, 2005

WD Blumoons Mission Control "Houston", owned by Mike and Chris Mann **NEW CHAMPION**

WB/BW/BB Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAP OJP OAJ "Kylee" owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

NEW CHAMPION

June 26, 2005

BOS Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAP OJP OAJ "Kylee" owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

Mid Del Tinker Kennel Club

June 30 and July 1st, 2005

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

Oklahoma City Kennel Club

July 2 and 3, 2005

BB CH L-Sin's Mountainair Navy Blue "Navy" owned by Darcy Babb

Sioux Valley Kennel Club

July 2, 2005

WD/BW/BB Summit's Seeing is Believing, owned by Sandy & Breanne Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

WB/BOS Wagontale's Inside Edge "Christie", owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

RWB Wagontale's Inkantation "Inka", owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

2nd place open junior Breanne Dunaway

July 3, 2005

RWD Summit's Seeing is Believing, owned by Sandy & Breanne Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

RWB Summit's High Flying Adored, owned by Sharon Keefer and Sandy and Breanne Dunaway

2nd place open junior Breanne Dunaway

Roaring Fork Kennel Club

July 15, 2005

WD Lorien Dells Sugar Daddy, owned by James Warino

WB/BW/BB Prairiefire's Tsunami v Covenant "Nami", owned by Donna Boyd and Sharon Johnson

RWB Lorien Dell's Sleeping Beauty, Owned by Warino and Wood

BOS CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern, "Marshall", owned by Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

WB/BW/BB Honorary Berner Clearfires Dial My Number "Freedom", shown by Valerie Horney

Group 3

July 16, 2005 (Roaring Fork Continued)

WD Maine's 4ever Raisin Ruckus "Ruckus", owned by Jean Gottenborg

RWD Lorien Dells Sugar Daddy, owned by James Warino

WB/BW Prairiefires Fun in the Sun, owned by Sharon

Johnson & Andrea Heinke

RWB Kinvarra's Islan Girl "Isla", owned by Pat and Neal

Hughes

BB Sapphire's Rhinestone April "April", owned by Patti

Morgan

BOS CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern, "Marshall",

owned by Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

Nebraska Kennel Club

July 23, 2005

WB/BW Wagontale's Inside Edge "Christie", owned by Stacy

Temples and Howard Ramsdell **NEW CHAMPION**

BOS CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAP OJP OAJ

"Kylee" owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi

Ochsner Mugler

1st Leg Novice CH Blumoon's Bread N Budder "Marge",

owned by Chris and Mike Mann, 177.0

July 24, 2005

WD Summit's Seeing is Believing, owned by Sandy &

Breanne Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

RWD Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli", owned by Stacy

Temples and Howard Ramsdell

WB/BW Summit's High Flying Adored, owned by Sharon

Keefer and Sandy and Breanne Dunaway

RWB Wagontale's Inkantation "Inka", owned by Stacy

Temples and Howard Ramsdell

BOS CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAP OJP OAJ

"Kylee" owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi

Ochsner Mugler

Group 4

2nd Leg Novice CH Blumoon's Bread N Budder "Marge",

owned by Chris and Mike Mann, 4th Place, 172.5

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club

August 13, 2005

Best Puppy Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli", owned by Stacy

Temples and Howard Ramsdell

WD Nashem's Play it Again Sapphire, "Rufio" owned by Sara

Karl and Lynn Wood

RWD Bull Valley Sheriff of Mayberry "andy", owned by

Marcia Eckhardt and Christina Ohlsen

RWB Prairiefires Fun in the Sun, owned by Sharon Johnson

& Andrea Heinke

BOS L-Sin's Thin Blue Line, owned by Anne Dailey and Sindi

Leo

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi

Ochsner Mugler

August 14, 2005

Best Bred By Exhibitor Nashem's Play it Again Sapphire,

"Rufio" owned by Sara Karl and Lynn Wood

WD Sunshine Spirit of Wagontale, owned by Stacy Temples

and Howard Ramsdell and Celia Cuellar

RWD Lorien Dells Sugar Daddy, owned by James Warino

WB/BW Prairiefires Fun in the Sun, owned by Sharon

Johnson & Andrea Heinke **NEW CHAMPION**

RWB Prairiefire's Tsunami v Covenant "Nami", owned by

Donna Boyd and Sharon Johnson

BOS L-Sin's Thin Blue Line, owned by Anne Dailey and Sindi

Leo

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi

Ochsner Mugler

Shoreline Dog Fanciers - July 3 and 4, 2005

1st and 2nd Leg Novice Agility, 1st places CH Wagontale's Champagne on Ice "Piper", owned by

Kathy Gray and Stacy Temples



Agility Club of San Diego - July 8, 2005

3rd Leg Novice Agility, 1st place, CH Wagontale's Champagne on Ice "Piper", owned by Kathy

Gray and Stacy Temples **NEW NOVICE AGILITY DOG**

Omaha - July 23rd

1st place open standard (1st leg) & 3rd place open jumpers (1st leg), CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAJ NAP OJP, owned by Angela & Kirk Hanson

Denver - Aug 6th

3rd place open jumpers (2nd leg), CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAJ NAP OJP, owned by Angela & Kirk Hanson



and our winner is ...

Denver - Aug 7th

1st place open standard (2nd leg) & 3rd place open jumpers (3rd leg), CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NA NAJ NAP OJP, owned by Angela & Kirk Hanson **New Open Jumpers Title**

A number of BMDCR members attended the 2005 Bernese National Specialty, held in Gettysburg, PA. We had a number of club members that participated in the activities with their dogs. Here are the show results for our members.

Conformation Results

Futurity Results

BOS - Sapphire's Rhinestone April owned by Patti Morgan

1st Place - Junior 12 to 15 Month Bitches: Sapphire's Rhinestone April owned by Patti Morgan.

2nd Place - Junior 12 to 15 Month Bitches: Summit's High Flying Adored owned by Sandy & Breanne Dunaway & Sharon Keefer.

3rd Place - Junior 12 to 15 Month Bitches: Summit's You Must Love Me owned by Sharon Keefer, Sandy & Breanne Dunaway.

1st Place - Puppy 6 to 9 Month Bitches: Prairiefire's Hat Trick owned by Sharon Johnson.

2nd Place - Puppy 6 to 9 Month Dogs: Nashems Play It Again Sapphire owned by Sara Karl & Lynn Wood.

Sweeps Results

1st Place - Veteran 11 Years & Over Bitches: CH Nashems Taylor Maid CD NDD owned by Sara Karl & Jeni West.

2nd Place - Veteran 7 Years & Under 9 Years Dogs: CH Prairiefire's Wild At Heart owned by Sharon Johnson.

3rd Place - Puppy 9 to 12 Month Bitches: Prairiefire's Hat Trick owned by Sharon Johnson.

Regular Classes

Award of Merit: CH Prairiefire's Bedtime Story owned by Sharon Johnson (received 1st award of merit)

Award of Merit: CH Nashems Taylor Maid CD NDD owned by Sara Karl & Jeni West.

Reserve Winners Bitch & Best Bred by Exhibitor: Summit's Fur Elise owned by Sharon Keefer, Sandy & Breanne Dunaway.

1st Place - Veteran 11 Years & Over Bitches: CH Nashems Taylor Maid CD owned by Sara Karl & Jeni West.

1st Place - Bred by Exhibitor Bitches: Summit's Fur Elise owned by Sharon Keefer, Sandy & Breanne Dunaway.

3rd Place - Open Bitches: Sapphire's Rhinestone April owned by Patti Morgan.

1st Place - Puppy, 6 to 9 Months Dogs: Nashems Play It Again Sapphire owned by Sara Karl & Lynn Wood.

Stud Dog Competition

3rd Place - Stud Dog: CH Nashems Got It Made CD NDD owned by Sara Karl & Jeni West.

Junior Showmanship

2nd Place - Open Senior: Breanne Dunaway.

Performance Results

Agility

1st place 24" Novice Jumpers - Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NAP OJP, owned by Angela & Kirk Hanson

BMDCA Special Awards

Tracking Dog Excellent Award (TDX) and his Companion Tracker (CT) award

CH CT Spring's Ripple In Still Water CDX, DD, CGC, owned by Fay. Note: Ripple is the first berner to receive the Companion Tracker award.

BMDCA Versatility Awards

To receive the Versatility Award, the dog must meet the following requirements:

- Owner of berner must be a BMDCA member
- Berner must be an AKC champion
- Berner must have earned a BMDCA Novice Draft Dog Title
- The Berner must have earned one of the following other titles:
 - AKC Companion Dog, AKC Tracking Dog, AKC Novice Agility Dog, AKC Novice Agility Jumper, American herding Breed Association Junior Herding Dog

The following dogs, whose owners are a member of the BMDCR, received the BMDCA Versatility Award:

CH Sandusky's Dazzling Meipaw CDX NA NAJ OAP OJP NDD BNDD, owned by Angela & Kirk Hanson

CH Blue Moon's Brigette Bardough CD DD CGC Delta Society Pet Partner, owned by Chris & Michael Mann

BMDCA Working Dog Awards

To receive the Working Dog Award, the dog must meet the following requirements:

- Owner of berner must be a BMDCA member
- Berner must have earned a BMDCA Novice Draft Dog Title
- The Berner must have earned two of the following other titles:
 - AKC Companion Dog, AKC Tracking Dog, AKC Novice Agility Dog, AKC Novice Agility Jumper, American herding Breed Association Junior Herding Dog

The following dogs, whose owners are a member of the BMDCR, received the BMDCA Working Dog Award:

CH Sandusky's Dazzling Meipaw CDX NA NAJ OAP OJP NDD BNDD, owned by Angela & Kirk Hanson

How other members helped out

The club also had a number of members who helped in putting on this year's specialty.
 Sandy Dunaway, Futurity Chairman
 Dottie Schulte, Ways and Means Co-Chairman
 Cindy Still, Coordinator Emeritus

We also had one member who had the distinction of judging one of the conformation events. Christine Mann was nominated by the BMDCA membership to judge the Futurity classes.

Other account information:

Rescue CD balance \$5161.03. Made profit of \$3160.17 on Rescue including donations, adoption fees, surrender fees and interest since January of 2003. That balance is in the checking account. We also have a Savings CD worth \$5950.4.

Awards Banquet Income	
Income	\$688.97
Expense	(\$781.75)
Total Awards Banquet Inc	(\$92.78)
Bernerfest	
Income	\$349.00
Expense	(\$608.04)
Total Bernerfest	(\$259.04)
Breeder Referral	
Donations	\$35.00
	(\$200.00)
Membership Dues	
Initian Fee	\$525.00
Renewal	\$7,905.00
Membership Dues - Other	\$30.00
Total Membership Dues	\$8,460.00
Newsletter - Income	
Newsletter subscription	\$25.00
Total Newsletter - Income	\$25.00
Rescue	
Donation Income	\$490.00
Expense	(\$453.90)
Rescue - Other	\$1,975.56
Total Rescue	\$2,011.66
Ways & Means	
Specialty Income	\$2,466.00
VwD Income	\$2,992.00
Fun Match-Expense	(\$129.89)
Health Clinic	
Income	\$1,260.00
Expense	(\$662.00)
Total Health Clinic	\$598.00
WM Committee	
Expense	(\$4,219.73)
WM Committee - Other	\$1,135.00
Total WM Committee	(\$3,084.73)

Calendar Income	
Calendar Expense	(\$549.33)
Calendar Income - Other	\$12.00
Total Calendar Income	(\$537.33)
Draft Tests	
Income	\$105.00
Expense	(\$1,074.45)
Draft Tests - Other	\$418.00
Total Draft Tests	(\$551.45)
Other W & M	
Other W&M Income	\$1,303.50
Other W&M Expense	(\$378.41)
Total Other W & M	\$925.09
Ways & Means - Other	
Total Ways & Means	\$559.25
	\$3,236.94
Total Income	\$13,216.78
Interest - Rescue	
Total Interest Income	\$17.09
Net Income	\$13,233.87

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Nominating Committee Report



Election of the 2005 board members will be held at the annual meeting in November. Positions open this year and candidates are Vice President: Lou Tucker, Secretary: Sharon Keefer, and Board Members: Nadja Torling and Gayle Brooks. Any voting member interested in running for an open position can have their name submitted at the September general meeting. These are important meetings, so please plan to attend! Thanks go to this year's nominating committee: Ann Rutherford, Chairperson, Karen Baru, Linda Ansfield, and alternates Howard Ramsdell and Jeanne Stanwood. A special thanks to Angie Hanson who served as Secretary and newsletter editor at the same time!! Biographical sketches of the candidates follow.

Vice President - *Lou Tucker*

I am Lou Tucker, on the slate running for Vice President of the BMDCR. I have been a member of the BMDCR and the BMDCA for over 10 years having served as a board member, and on various committee's including draft tests, rescue, trophy chair and am currently the RCC representative. Our household includes (my husband Bob) along with 3 Berners, Dulcie - 10, Chief - 5 and Marin -3. Lexus a S. C. Wheaten Terrier puppy and 2 cats. Between us we have participated in draft, obedience, conformation, tracking and agility. I am always amazed at the versatility of our beautiful breed and their willingness to perform, be it pulling kids in a cart, herding sheep or sleeping with the grandkids. I feel Berner health problems and increasing breed popularity are issues that will continue to challenge the club. An issue that has recently surfaced in our area is the cross breeding of Bernese Mountain Dogs to other breeds. I am not sure how to address this issue but with input from our membership and public awareness we can work toward a common goal of maintaining the standard for our breed. I welcome the opportunity to serve as an officer of the club and to meet new friends and Berner fanciers.

Secretary - *Sharon Keefer*

I have served BMDCR as a 2004-2005 Board Member, 2004 Trophy Chairman, and 2005 Show Chairman. I have 4 terrific Bernese Mountain Dogs; one is a champion and the other 3 are closing in on their championships. Two are Delta Society certified therapy dogs and have their CGC. In addition to conformation showing and therapy dog work, I am interested in drafting and obedience. I have bred 1 litter and have 2 litters planned for the coming year. I am a member of BMDCA and follow several e-lists, including BMDBreeder-L and BernerVet.

What I appreciate about BMDCR are opportunities to meet and learn from experienced breeders and fanciers; to educate newcomers to the breed; to participate in protecting the breed; and to have fun with others who love Bernese Mountain Dogs as much as I do.

Board Member - *Nadja Torling*

I joined the BMDCR five years ago to learn more about the breed before getting our first Berner. After being thrown into the show ring a little unexpectedly (my very first show included showing my Berner Henry and a friend of a friend's German Shepherd!), I realized that I love to work and play with dogs. My dog related activities include being the BMDCR newsletter editor for about two years, having fun with my dogs Henry and Lina in conformation, obedience, rally and draft, as well as working as a dog trainer in Denver. I've been a member of the BMDCA for about a year. I appreciate the nomination and would enjoy the opportunity to continue contributing to our club.

Board Member - *Gayle Brooks*

I have been involved with Bernese Mountain Dogs since 1990 when I acquired my very first bitch from an unknown breeder on Long Island in NY. This hip displastic, arthritic girl, Bromley, lived to a ripe old age of 12 1/2, dying in November 2002 !!!!!

I moved to Colorado in 1995 and after I married my current husband, Stan, we began acquiring more berners. Bromley was our matriarch. Our next two (Lhotse who we got from Stacy Temples and Tashi who we got from Sandy Dunaway) were bought as pets but have been our pride and joy for as long as we have owned them. It wasn't until we got Sumo (from Lynn Wood) that we became very interested in showing dogs. Sumo got his championship at 11 months of age and is, as his name describes, on the large side. Last New Year's, we flew up to Alaska to get our newest little girl, Kailas, from Cassie Riccardie and Tracy Hopper. Kailas is still a pup...but we have begun to show her. I have 3 children ranging in age from 32 to 18. My oldest daughter is a free-lance writer and lives in Telluride; my next daughter (29) is a new mother and lives in Boulder. My son is starting his freshman year at CU Boulder on August 18. My husband has two children aged 27 and 24. I welcome the opportunity to contribute and become more active in club activities.

Board Member - Dr. Laura Haupenthal

I have been a BMDCR Board member for the past two years and have enjoyed seeing how the club works from the “inside out,” so to speak. I have been a member of the BMDCR since 1990 and have been a proud human companion to five different Berners. Most of them have been therapy dogs as well as show dogs. Professionally, I am in private practice as a Clinical Psychologist and am frequently accompanied by one of our Berners (Hamlet, 7y/o, “Kismet,” 4 y/o, or “Dylan,” 9 months). Our home has often served as the site location for BMDCR meetings and for Berner Noel. Being a Board member has been an interesting experience and I would be glad to continue serving in that capacity if the membership would like to return me to that position.

Conditioning your draft dog

- Val Horney

An obedience dog, agility, flyball, or draft dog is similar to an athlete. They need conditioning and weight training to perform to the best of their abilities and to avoid injury. Conditioning begins with making sure your dog is the proper weight. You should be able to EASILY feel your dog's ribs and backbone with a light touch. There should be a SLIGHT layer of fat between the skin and ribs, you should be able to see a waistline behind the ribcage and the hip area. So, looking down over your dog's back you should be able to see an indent where the waist is, not the same width all the way back. If this is not the case your dog is most likely overweight.

To begin a drafting conditioning program your dog needs to build up his cardiovascular capabilities. You can do this with walks, jogs, romps at the dog park, practicing obedience, etc etc. Most dogs will begin in good cardiovascular condition so the next step is weight training. This is especially important for dogs that will be doing open draft work where they are required to pull their weight.

To get a dog ready for novice draft work where they pull 20 pounds you can typically just start by putting the 20 pounds in the cart. If you have a smaller dog, say 70 pounds or less, you may wish to start with 10 pounds. Take the dog on his normal routine of the “freight haul” whether it be around your block, down to the park, or whatever. Do this for 1- 2 weeks with the weight in the cart. (If you started with less weight after this time you can add the additional weight and do that for an additional 1-2 weeks.) At this point you should be able to start adding change of terrain (some hills and valleys) to your freight haul training. The dog will be used to the drag in the cart and will be able to begin to pull up a hill and down a slope. The hills should be a combination of short steeper slopes and longer more gradual slopes.

If you are getting a dog prepared for open draft add between 10 and 20 pounds of weight every 1-2 weeks depending on how the dog appears to be handling the previous level. If they seem to be struggling a bit leave the same weight in for a week or so longer and utilize the hills and inclines more. When they appear comfortable, meaning they are not straining too hard, nor are they unable to pull up a slope, increase the weight again. This process should continue until they have reached the weight they will be required to pull. Do not rush it as you want your dog to feel comfortable and confident. You want them to be used to the weight before you add more and you want the dog to feel comfortable and used to the weight required of them on the day of the test.

If you have a couple tests several months apart and you have slacked off on your training and your dog is still in fairly good shape you can start weight training again at 50-75 % of the final weight and work your way back up to your original weight rather than starting back at the ground floor. If it has been a longer time than that you may need to start with a lesser weight but give yourself enough time to work back up properly.

If you live in an area where there are not many hills then there are other ways to get your dog used to pulling weight at a draft test where there may be hills that will be incorporated. First, look around your area there should be a park or 2 that has a slight upslope or a street that has a slight incline. There are flatter parts of the country but there are always slopes you can find. You may have to drive to a training spot once or twice a week. Second, use terrain with some drag, sand, grass, weeds, etc. not just concrete. Don't mow your lawn quite as short. Third, get your dog conditioned at a higher weight level and for a longer distance than actually required for the test. If your dog can pull 20-25% more of it's required weight on relatively flat surfaces the reduced weight on a more hilly area will balance out to some degree.

Drafting is a sport for our dogs and they need to be treated like the athletes they are. Good food, good condition, and good fun all make for a good draft dog.

LETTER to the EDITOR

I apologize for not being able to attend more meetings this year – I have only been to one so far, and hope to attend one more before the year is over (hopefully there will be no more meetings scheduled on holidays, fourth Sunday or not). So, being unable to voice my concerns at a meeting, I have decided to write this letter to the editor.

I have several concerns. The first is the nominating process. Our current Secretary, who also happens to be the Editor of this newsletter, was the only Board member who was not asked if she would like to serve another term. This should have been handled by the Nominating Committee, but the committee was deprived of this task. Instead, it was done by the President at a Board Meeting. The Secretary was not in attendance at this meeting, so was not asked – instead, the President asked another Board member if she would like the position. The supposed reasoning was that since the Secretary is also the Newsletter Editor, it is too much work for her to do both jobs. But shouldn't she be allowed to decide which position she wants to keep? The BMDCR President is also a BMDCA Director. If an individual wants to do both positions, and is doing them well, fine. I **do** see a problem when the current Board exerts undue influence on the nominating process. The Bylaws specifically state that current Board members, or those running for another term, cannot serve on the Nominating Committee (an outgoing Board member may be on the Committee). The duty of asking the current Secretary if she wanted to serve another term, and selecting another candidate if she did not, was that of the Nominating Committee – **NOT** of the President or the current Board. I do have to wonder whether it is coincidental or not, that the current Secretary was nominated from the floor for President last year, and is also active in the formation of the new Pikes Peak BMD Club. I would certainly hope that these were not factors in why our hardworking Secretary and Newsletter Editor was not given the opportunity to run for another term as BMDCR Secretary.

My second concern is application of the Bylaws. If we are going to follow the Bylaws to the letter by requiring hardcopies of the Newsletter be mailed to everyone, even those who would rather not receive a hardcopy (**very costly**), then we need to elect new members via secret ballot. No more voting new members in as a slate, via a motion on the floor. Personally, I would like to see the Bylaws amended to waive the requirement that all members receive a newsletter by USPS, if there is a signed waiver on file. However, I think the requirement to vote new members in by secret ballot should remain, **and we should abide by it**.

My final concern is Rescue. I do not think it is practical to have all vet bills over \$200 approved by the general membership before the dog can be treated. This requirement may actually cost the club money in the long run, not to mention that it is not particularly compassionate toward the dog needing the care. The limit should be higher, and should be a percentage of the Rescue Fund (perhaps 10-15%) plus General Funds (perhaps 1%), rather than a set amount. I realize that the club is not a bottomless well of funds, and that sometimes hard decisions will need to be made, and that sometimes the money simply will not be there. It **is** there now – a generous CD as well as current funds (the current limit is only 2.5% of our Rescue Fund alone, not to mention General Funds, and is less than the \$300 adoption fee). What are we waiting to spend this money on, when we have a rescue who needs help **today**? I think it is tacky to suggest that the members who do the work (picking up rescues and housing them), should also pay the vet bills and be reimbursed later when and IF the general membership decides to. Maybe some other members should volunteer to house these dogs and watch them suffer for up to two months.

Now before the rumors start flying, no one asked me to write this letter or gave me any input. I did this totally on my own. I don't want anyone else to be blamed for the writing of this letter.

Respectfully,
Sharon Montville

BMDCR Information (club website: <http://www.bmd.org/bmdcr.html>)

Meetings: The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds 6 meetings per year in the odd number months. Location, date and time of the meetings are announced in each newsletter. The club also holds an annual banquet, berner fiesta and berner noel each year.

Directions to Meeting: From I-25 North or South, take the Orchard Road (Exit 198). Go West 1.2 miles and then take a right onto Orchard Drive. Go 0.1 miles and take a right onto S Ivy St. S Ivy St turns into S. Ivy Ct. House is at the end.

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