



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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BMDCR Independent Regional Specialty, Friday Sept 9, Greely CO

Join us in Greely for the Fifth Independent Regional Specialty Show! These events are held indoors and are unbenched. Complimentary ringside breakfast will be provided by the BMDCR.

Location:

[Island Grove Regional Park](http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove.aspx) (<http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove.aspx>)
North 11th Avenue & "D" Street
Greely, Colorado

Directions to Island Grove Regional Park

FROM THE NORTH:

Take Highway 85 south to the 11th Ave. exit. Proceed south on 11th Ave. to "D" Street, turn right on "D" Street into the park.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Take Highway 85 north to the 5th St. exit; proceed west on 5th St. to 11th Ave. Take 11th Ave. north to "D" Street, turn left on "D" Street into the park.

FROM INTERSTATE 25:

Exit at Highway 34 East. Take Highway 34 east to Highway 85; take Highway 85 to the 5th St. exit; proceed west on 5th St. to 11th Ave. Take 11th Ave. north to "D" Street, turn left into the park.

For a map of the park, [click here](http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove_facilities.aspx). (http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove_facilities.aspx)

Day of Parking:

The paved lot south of the stadium (approximately one block from the Exhibition Building) is available for day parking. Additional day parking is available FREE OF CHARGE on the east side of the park and west of the show buildings. These are gravel lots.

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Regional Specialty, Program of Judging

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Program of Judging—Summary

For details, see the [Judging Program](http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html) at <http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html>.

- Rally Trial—Livestock Barn—Starting at 9:00 AM (Walkthrough 8:45 AM)
- Obedience Trial—4-H Building—Starting at 10:30 AM
- Junior Showmanship—Exhibition Building—Starting at 12:30 PM
- Puppy Sweepstakes—Exhibition Building—Starting at 12:45
- Veteran Sweepstakes—Exhibition Building—Starting at 1:45
- Specialty Breed Classes—Exhibition Building—Starting at 2:15

Specialty Raffle!

Don't forget to stop by the Ways and Means table to check out all of the awesome items that are for sale, and buy a couple of tickets for the raffle!

For items that are on the table, including beautiful baskets full of Berner items, pictures, prints, books and more—tickets are only \$1 each or 6 for \$5 or \$20 for arms span worth!

The larger ticket items are only \$5 ticket or 6 for \$25 and you could win fantastic items like a cart, soft sided crate, or a Berner mailbox!

Show Committee:

Show Chairperson: Dottie Schulte

Obedience Chairperson: Alice Gordon

Rally Chairperson: Pam Solomon

Chief Ring Steward: Lou Tucker

Trophy and Ribbon Committee Sara Karl, Chairperson

Marketing and Logo Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway, Co-chairpersons

Hospitality Committee: Candy McDanal, Chairperson

Reception Committee: Beverly Hilmes, Chairperson

Ways and Means Committee: Joanna Hughes and Sherri Mangin, Co-chairpersons

Grounds Committee Bob Tucker, Chairperson

For more information see the [Premium List](http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html) at <http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html>.

"TO LIVE
LONG, EAT
LIKE A CAT,
DRINK LIKE
A DOG."

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

BMDCA National Specialty Coming to Colorado in 2013

Save The Dates! May 13-18, 2013!

Just a reminder that it takes an incredible amount of time, energy, and people to put on an event of the size. Although we have the majority of our chairperson positions filled, our committee still has a few openings. And we have some committees with only a chairperson and no members. So we are soliciting your help.

Committee chair positions still open are:

- Photo contest
- Fundraising (getting sponsorships)
- Hospitality

Committees that need members and their chairpersons are:

- Ways and Means (Lou Tucker)
- Banquets (Diane Sylvester from Lone Star)
- Grounds (Randy Karl)
- Vendors (Sherri Mangin)
- Parades (Bev Hilmes)

Please contact Dottie Schulte (dotties911@aol.com) if you are interested in joining the National Specialty team. We will need various helpers throughout the week when it arrives. The fun you will have and the friends you will make while working on the specialty will far outweigh the work that you will put in. We hope to see you there!

President's Message

Congratulations to all of us! Our club members, YOU!, donated \$1390 to the fundraiser to support Dr. Breen's research into histiocytosis. At the July meeting, the membership voted to match that amount. That means that between our marvelous members and the club as a whole, we have donated a total of \$2780.00 to help figure out how to beat this tragic disease.

By the time you read this, our Regional Specialty will be upon us. Come to Greeley on September 9 and enjoy the show, the raffle, the dinner, your Berner friends. Enjoy it all! And don't forget the Fall draft test on October 8 and 9 in Loveland. If you can help out, let Lori Kennedy know (lkck@comcast.net).

Welcome to our new members Patty Wellinger, Kirstin Gillespie, Mary Ann Marszalek, Larry Parachini, Pam Swisher, Susanne Thompson, Elizabeth Watkins, and Nancy Winegar. We look forward to getting to know each of you.

And remember – now at the conclusion of each club meeting, we have a brag session. For a mere \$1 boast, you get to tell us what great things your dog is doing. And at the conclusion of the brags, everyone in attendance puts their name in the hat. Whoever's name is drawn wins the pot. Okay, okay. So I won it in July. You could be the next winner.

Our next meeting is Sunday afternoon, September 25 at Val Horney's home. Watch the BMDCR email list to learn what time. It will be after the Berner judging at the Arapahoe Kennel Club show in Aurora that day. As soon as the judging schedule is published, we will figure out the exact time and post it on the list.

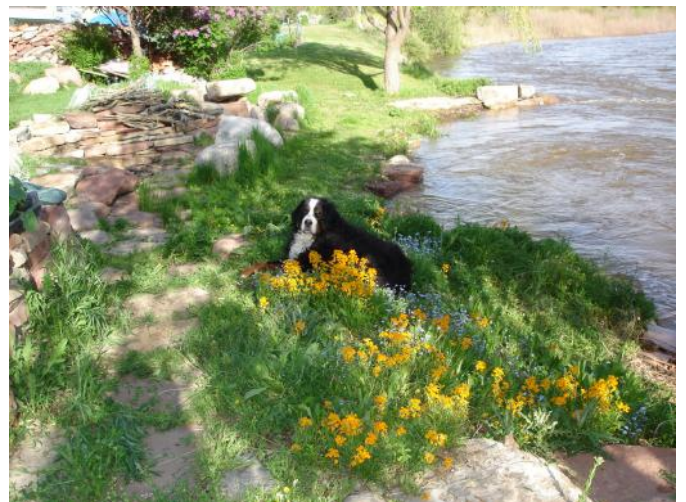
See you ringside,
Mary Ellen

In Loving Memory

Pansy (9/4/1999-7/28/2011)

Oh dear sweet beautiful Pansy. You have brought us such joy through your gentle and kind spirit. You have given us unending love and you have wrapped us in the unending warmth of your big Berner heart. We will hold you forever in our hearts.

Doug and Darlene Weinheimer and grandniece Willow



Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

Club Meetings

September Meeting

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2011

Time: TBD—Time to be announced as soon as the dog show schedule is available.

[Val Horney's House](#)
[11561 E Dakota Ave](#)
[Aurora, CO 80012](#)

Note Due to the Arapahoe Kennel Club dog show on the same day, this meeting time will be adjusted to after the Berner ring time.

Special Events

Canine First Aid Class

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011

[7155 West Montview Lane, Littleton, CO](#)

The BMDCR will host a pet first aid class on October 15th at Bob and Lou Tuckers home, 7155 West Montview Lane, Littleton, CO.

The class will run from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$45.00. A certificate of completion is available for an additional \$8.00.

The class will cover such basic issues as CPR, choking, bleeding, bandaging, poisons, burns, muzzling, snake bites, and what to have in your first aid kit. The Red Cross first aid book will be available at cost.

Please bring a snack or light lunch item to share with the class.

The class is limited to 20 attendees, so if you would like to attend, please contact Candy McDanal at mcdanaljc@msn.com before October 1. ***Note*** This is a people-only class.

Other Events

BMDCR Regional Specialty

- Friday, September 9, 2011
- [Island Grove Regional Park Greeley, CO](#)
(<http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove.aspx>)
- [Premium List Information](#)
- [Judging Program](#)

Evergreen Kennel Club All-Breed Shows

- September 10-11, 2011
- [Island Grove Regional Park Greeley, CO](#)

Arapahoe Kennel Club All-Breed Shows

- September 24-25, 2011
- Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

Grand Valley Kennel Club All-Breed Shows

- September 29-30, October 1-2, 2011
- Grand Junction, CO

Fall Draft Test

- Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9, 2011
- 8158 Woods Rose Lane Loveland, CO
- Entries close on September 28
- [Premium List](#)

See page 10 of the newsletter for more information. Also, see the dates/times/locations posted on the BMDCR Yahoo Groups page for upcoming Draft Practices.

For more information, including Premium Lists, and Judging Programs, on any of these events please go to the [BMDCR website](http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html). (<http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html>)

Rescue News

The BMDCR Rescue Team has been busy since the last newsletter! They have currently placed 14 dogs so far this year!

- 9 month old “Bill” from Salt Lake City was adopted by Pam Burns in Glenwood Springs, CO.
- Rescue has found a Foster home for a 6 yr old spayed female Berner. She is healthy, housebroken, and good with kids and other dogs. When she is ready for adoption, information will be posted on the [BMDCR Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Club-of-the-Rockies/97939807767) page. (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Club-of-the-Rockies/97939807767>)
- There is also an 18 month old girl who is waiting to be placed. She is still under evaluation, and has a choice of loving Forever Homes!

See the [Rescue Info](http://www.bmd.org/bmdcr/rescue_faq.html) (http://www.bmd.org/bmdcr/rescue_faq.html) page for more information the BMDCR Rescue process and to sign up as a foster or adoptive parent. If you can help these wonderful dogs find a Forever Home, call Ann Rutherford at 303-697-0258 or send an email to bobandann25@msn.com.

2012-2013 Candidates for BMDCR Board Members

Elections

The nominating committee has submitted the following slate of candidates for 2012-2013 Vice President and three Board of Directors positions

Elections will be held at the November BMDCR general membership meeting. Nominations can also be taken from interested parties at the September general membership meeting.

Lori Kennedy—Vice President Candidate

Hi, My name is Lori Kennedy and I am presently a BMDCR board member. I have two five year old Bernese Mountain Dogs; Murrey and Graci. Graci is a BARC rescue. Murrey and I compete in draft, obedience and rally and we are just getting started in agility which is Murrey's favorite! Graci and I are working toward our obedience and draft titles. My Bernese Mountain Dogs have forever changed my life for the positive; they have made me a better person and paved the road to many wonderful friendships. I consider my Berners and my husband Don to be my greatest blessings in life. We also have a cattle dog mix named Mikah who Don rescued six years ago running around in a busy highway. In addition to the dogs we have a calico cat named Callie. I volun-

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BARKS AT
SOMETHING,
THE REST
BARK AT
HIM."

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2012-2013 Candidates for BMDCR Board Members Cont'd

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teered to be this year's fall draft chairperson and thus far it has been an amazing experience. ~ *Lori served on the BMDCR Board of Directors in 2011.*

Alice Clark (Gordon)—Secretary Candidate

Hello, I'm Alice Clark and have been a member of the BMDCR for a couple of years now. I got my first Berner in January of 2007 and added a rescue boy in July of 2008. I'm involved in performance events with my two dogs and try to be involved in as many club activities as possible. I've been serving as Secretary for the two years, and would be happy to continue on for another term.

Vicki Chesser—Board Member Candidate

Since 2003, I've belonged to Berners and the BMDCR. I feel very strongly about our stewardship for these awesome dogs we love so much. Serving on the Board in an advisory/liaison capacity would be an honor and opportunity to learn more about how our Club functions.

Helen Karl—Board Member Candidate

I have spent my whole life around Bernese. My mom Sara Karl got her first Berner the year before I was born. I compete in conformation and draft and am preparing to compete in obedience with my girl Roxy. I love this breed and everything they have to offer and look forward to continuing my involvement in the club. ~ *Helen has served one term on the BMDCR Board of Directors in 2010-11.*

Barry Solomon—Board Member Candidate

My wife Pam and I have been involved with Bernese Mountain Dogs for ten years now. We currently have Legend, an eight year old female; Smokey, a four year old male; and Smokey's son, Watson, who will turn two at the end of September. We have shown to titles in conformation, obedience, drafting, and rally obedience, and are now working on our basic skills in agility. My major focus however has been in drafting, working novice and open in both single and brace, and while we enjoy drafting competition, we also participate in more practical drafting including parades and yard work. I have been slowly working my way through my draft judging credentials and am currently a provisional draft judge. In addition, I have created the annual Rockies Draft Retreat, a 2-day draft training clinic that we have organized and run the last two years.

If you have an article, recipe, news, question, or other item that you would like to see in a future newsletter, please send a note to Buffy Snider at bmdcrookies@gmail.com

Show News! By Lou Tucker

* Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club * 7/02/2011

RWD Prairefire's The Song Remains The Same - Owner - Sharon Johnson

WB **New Champion** Funic True Blue Moon - Owner - Christine Mann

BB CH GCH Lorien Dells Sword of Elendil (Narsil) - Owners - Kim & Joe Giannoni

SEL CH GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern

CD OAP OJP (Marshall) - Owners-Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

SEL CH Prairefire's Worth My Weight In Gold - Owners - Christine Lancaster & S. Johnson

* Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club * 7/03/2011

BBY/G3 Chrysalis Follow Thy Star Cares Owners - S.Holbert, Sandy Dunaway, Carolyn Taylor & R. Greathouse

WD Mountaineir's Lima Bean RN,RE (Wellington) Owners - Elisabeth Dennehy, W. Rogers & Darcy Babb

WB/BW Kaibabs Gold Rush in Silver City (Zaida) Owners - Barb & Keith LeTourneau & Mary Ann Bowman

RWB Prairefire's Hidden Treasure at Tanzanite Owners - Sharon

Montville & Sharon Johnson

BB/G3 CH Prairefire's Worth My Weight In Gold Owners - Christine Lancaster & S. Johnson

BOS CH GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD OAP OJP Owners - V.Horney, L.Ebnet

Roaring Fork Kennel Club 7/16/2011

WD/BW Mountaineir's Lima Bean RN RE - Owners - Elisabeth Dennehy, W. Rogers, D.Babb

RWD DeLi's Lemark Believe It or Not - Owners Dr.M.E.Guy & Lilian Ostermiller

WB Prairefire's Perfectly Happy -Owners - Joanna Hughes & Sharon Johnson

BB/G3 CH GCH Lorientell's Sword of Elendil - Owners - Kim & Joe Giannoni

SEL CH Jenda N Nashem Party Like A Rock Star Owners - Sara & Helen Karl & Jeni West

Roaring Fork Kennel Club 7/17/2011

WD/BW Mountaineir's Lima Bean RN RE - Owners - E. Dennehy & W.Rogers & D. Babb

RWD DeLi's Lemark Believe It Or Not - Owners - Dr. M.E. Guy & Lilian Ostermiller

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

BB/G2 CH GCH Lorientell's Sword of Elendil - Owners - Kim & Joe Giannoni

SEL CH Jenda's N Nashem Party Like A Rock Star - Owners - Sara & Helen Karl & Jeni West

Five Star Kennel Club Missoula Mt 6/26/2011

WB Kaibabs Gold Rush In Silver City (Zaida) - Owners-Barb & K LeTourneau & M.Bowman

New Titles

CH GCH Lin Car's Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) Owners - Beverly & Michael Hilmes

> Amber's wins as submitted by Bev Hilmes

Working Dog Assn of Greater Houston 7/20/2011

BOB Oklahoma City Kennel Club 6/30, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3 2011

BOB, BOS, BOS, BOS Texas Kennel Club, Dallas Tx 7/8, 7/9, 7/10 2011

BOB, BOS, BOS Houston Kennel Club 7/14, 7/15, 7/16, 7/17/2011

BOB, BOS, SELECT, BOS

Congratulations to Amber on an exciting summer tour.

Galveston County KC Beginner Puppy Competition 7/24/2011

Faith (Amber's daughter) Group 4 Working Dog Beginner Puppy

New Title

JHD title earned by Wagontale's Nordic Legend CGC, CI, BNDD, MDD, HCT (Donner) Owned by Jennifer & Todd Zaayer - Title earned 4/4/2011 DelMar CA, BMDCA

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Greeley Kennel Club 8/20/2011

WD Prairefire's Winter Hawk of Snowy Pines - Owner - Sharon Johnson

RWD Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land - Owner - Valerie Horney

WB/BW Kaibab's Gold Rush In Silver City - Owners - Barb & Keith LeTourneau & Mary Ann Bowman

RWB Jenda's Happy Hour - Owners - Jeni West & Sara Karl

BB GCH Nashem's He's The Man of Woodmoor CD RN - Owners - Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

OS CH GCH Lin Car's Special Dark Girl V Biergarten—Owners - Beverly & Michael Hilmes

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Show News! Cont'd

Greeley Kennel Club 8/21/2011

WD/BW Mountanaire's Lima Bean RN,RE - Owners - Elisabeth & W. Rogers & Darcy Babb

RWD Nashem's Home Brew (Homer) - Owners - Dottie Schulte & Sara & Helen Karl

WB Jenda's Happy Hour - Owners - Jeni West & Sara Karl

RWB Kaibab's Gold Rush In Silver City - Owners - Barb & Keith LeTourneau & M. Bowman

BOS GCH Lin Car's Special Dark Girl V Biergarten - Owners - Beverley & Michael Hilmes

Performance Wins

Greeley Kennel Club 8/20/2011

New Title

Wagontale's Radiant Camber RE, CGC Novice B score 177 - *NEW CD*

Dashing to the Rescue CD, RE, NDD, CGC Rally Advanced - score 90

Rally Excellent B - score 77 1st RAE Leg

Greeley Kennel Club 8/21/2011

Wagontale's Radiant Camber CD, RE, CGC - Novice B score 191.5 3rd place - Owners - Alice Gordon Clark and Steve Clark

Please send your show results to Lou Tucker by the 20th of the month to get into the next newsletter. bltdog@msn.com.

Dear Show News Reporter,

I enjoy reading about all the accomplishments in your report and know they are important wins but being new to the show scene I'm not sure what all those letters mean. Please help me understand so I know what all the excitement is about.

~A Confused Berner Lover

Dear Confused,

Yes, all the abbreviations can be a bit daunting. I will give a brief overview of the specific placements. The Prefixs will be terms used for the show ring, which is also known as "Conformation."

Conformation is judging to the AKC Standard for each specific breed written by the breed's parent club, and how each dog conforms to that standard through the judge's evaluation.

WD = Winners Dog, This is the first place winner or judges pick of all the male class winners (example -

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puppy classes, bred by exhibitor class, open class etc.). All the 1st place winners of each class go back into the ring for WD.

RWD = Reserve Winners Dog or second pick.

WB = Winners Bitch (Yes, the female dog is called a bitch.) This is the first place winner or judges pick of all the female class winners.

RWB = Reserve Winners Bitch

WD and **WB** are awarded points toward their **CH** = Champion Title

Points awarded are based on the number of dogs or bitches defeated. Two major wins of 3, 4, or 5 points plus non major points are used toward the count of CH points which is 15.

BOW = Best of Winners. Winner's dog and bitch go back into the ring with the CH dogs and bitches and may compete for the breed win and/or Best of Winners.

BOB = Best of Breed. Is the judges pick to win the competition and go on to show in group.

BOS = Best of Opposite. The pick of opposite sex to BOB.

SELECT = Is a dog worthy of recognition by the judge and receives points

toward GCH.

GCH = Grand Champion Title. GCH requires 25 GCH points won under 3 different judges plus other criteria.

GROUP I, II, III, IV

The BOB BMD now moves on to the Working Group which consists of approximately 27 other working breeds. Only 4 placements are given so getting a group placement is the ultimate. Especially if it is a Group I because then the dog moves on to the prestigious Best In Show competition which is all the Group I winners from the 7 groups, Terriers, Sporting, Toy etc.

The winner of this competition has now earned bragging rights of:

BIS = BEST IN SHOW - or-

BISS = Best In Show Specialty if it is a Specialty Show

I hope this information helps make the dog show world a bit easier to understand and enjoy.

In the upcoming issues I will focus on terminology for the Performance Events, Obedience, Rally, Agility and Drafting.

Bernerly, Lou

BMDCR Fall Draft Test Saturday October 8, 2011– Sunday October 9, 2011 - Loveland, CO

We hope you will join us at the BMDCR Fall 2011 Draft Tests that will be held in Loveland Colorado. Here are some highlights, and for more information, please see the [Premium List](http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html) at <http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html>.

Where:

8158 Woods Rose Lane
Loveland, CO 80538

When:

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Draft Chairperson

Lori Kennedy
lkck@comcast.net

Draft Secretary

Vicki Chesser
vickichesser@comcast.net

Judges for the Tests

Nancy Van Horne, Valerie Horney, Faye Benson

Entry Information

The entry fee is \$30.00. Only one entry fee is required for a Brace entry. The total entry is limited to twenty two (22) teams. The following classes are offered: Novice (NDD), Open (DD), Brace Novice (BNDD) and Brace Open (BDD). **Any slot not filled by Bernese Mountain Dogs will be open to dogs of any other breed. Dogs that have NOT earned the title in the entered class shall be given preference over dogs that have earned the title but wish to continue to compete at that level. If more than 22 entries are received, a random drawing will be held within 48 hours of the entry closing date. All entrants will be notified BY MAIL or EMAIL of their entry status. Alternates will also be drawn and may compete in the absence of regular entries.

Entries CLOSE at the TEST SECRETARY'S address on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 at 6:00 PM after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, or altered except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations. Please type or print legibly when filling out the entry form, and remember to include your telephone number. Checks should be made payable to BMDCR. Mail entry fee and completed entry form to: Vicki Chesser, 1930 Lowell Blvd, Denver, CO 80204.

Prizes

The BMDCR offers a Bernese Mountain Dog item or general dog related item and a qualifying rosette to all passing teams. All participating entrants will receive a ring favor.

Food

The club will provide breakfast items in the morning (donations towards expenses will be gratefully accepted). Lunch will be available for purchase. The cost will be no more than \$8. Please phone, email or mail lunch reservations to: Dottie Schulte, 1943 Mountview Drive, Greeley, CO 80631. 970-392-1806. Dotties911@aol.com

Hotels

Please see the Premium List for a listing of Pet Friendly hotels in the Loveland area.

We welcome spectators at this event—bring a friend!

Draft Practices

Please see the information posted in the BMDCR Yahoo Group about the dates/times/locations set up by Alice Clark (Gordon).

"Only mad
dogs and
Englishmen
go out in the
noonday
sun."

Indian
Proverb

Braggs-n-Wags!



- * Wagontale's a Magic Moment (Schatz) (pictured at left)
By Ch Wagontale's Whodunnit? CD RN and Ch Wagontale's Magical Morgan. Owned by Greta J Ritschard & Stacy Temples. Saturday July 17, 2011 at Roaring Fork Kennel Club, First Place and score of 97. Sunday July 18 at Roaring Fork Kennel Club. Second Place and score of 97. Saturday August 20, 2011 at Greeley Kennel Club show Score of 95, and new Rally Novice Title with 7 month old puppy!



- * CDX RE MX MXJ OAP AJP OF DD Wagontale's Quite A Catch (Peyton) (pictured at left) has been invited to the sixth AKC Agility Invitational (for the third year in a row! She is currently the #3 Bernese Mountain Dog in Agility. Peyton is co-owned by Kelley VanArsdale, Renee Merieaux, and Stacy Temples.

- * Five of Stacy Temples' Wagontale Bernese are invited to Eukanuba this year! Peyton has been top 3 in agility for three years! See their pictures on the left and below.

Wagontale's Quite A Catch (Peyton)



CH Wagontale's Whodunnit? CD RN (Watson)



CH Brisago A Bright Night at Wagontale (Tycho)



CH Brisago Aurora Borealis at Wagontale (Rory)



CH Sandpiper A Sunnyday Wagontale OA AXJ (Sunny)

Brags-n-Wags! Cont'd

2010 Rally Combined: Top 10 Working Dogs

The Front & Finish® Rally Combined Ratings rank dogs in AKC Rally Obedience competition who place first through fourth in Rally Advanced A&B, and Rally Excellent A&B classes during a given calendar year.

- 3rd Place - Nashems Dream A Little Dream CDX RAE2 S Curran/S Karl (Bernese Mountain Dog)
- 4th Place - CH Nashems American Dream CD RE K Curren/S Curren/S Karl (Bernese Mountain Dog)

2010 Rally Combined: by Breed

- 1st Place - Nashems Dream A Little Dream CDX RAE2 S Curran/S Karl (Bernese Mountain Dog)
- 2nd Place - CH Nashems American Dream CD RE K Curren/S Curren/S Karl (Bernese Mountain Dog)

2010 First & Foremost Rating System: by Breed

The First & Foremost® Rating System ranks dogs in AKC obedience competition that earn qualifying scores of 170 or more points in Open and Utility classes during a given competition year.

- Tied for 6th Place - CH Rogel's Many Stars Of Nighttime CDX RAE OA OAJ OAP OJP A Hanson/K Hanson (Bernese Mountain Dog)
- Tied for 9th Place - Wagontale's Quite A Catch CDX RE MX MXJ OAP AJP OF K VanArsdale/S Temples/R Meriaux (Bernese Mountain Dog)

2010 Rally Novice A & B: By Breed

The Rally Novice Ratings rank dogs in AKC Rally Obedience competition who place first through fourth in any Rally Novice A and B classes during a given calendar year.

- Tied for 6th Place - Kennedy's Murren RN L Kennedy (Bernese Mountain Dog)

Membership Updates—Stacy Temples

Please Welcome to the BMDCR the following new Sustaining and Voting members. For additional contact information, please see the BMDCR Member Directory on the BMDCR.org website.

- **Kirstin Gillespie**—E-mail: Kirsting@comcast.net
- **Mary Ann Marszalek**, E-mail: maryannm@gene.com
- **Larry Parachini**, E-mail: LawrenceParachini@msn.com
- **Pam Swisher**—E-mail: Kpswisher@msn.com
- **Susanne Thompson**—E-mail: arfcows@gmail.com
- **Elizabeth Watkins**—E-mail: lizmwatkins@gmail.com
- **Nancy Winegar**—E-mail: nancywinegar@yahoo.com
- **Patty Wellinger**—E-mail: pwellling@law.du.edu (Voting)

New Voting Member Applicants:

Vicki Chesser—E-mail: vickichesser@comcast.net. Vicki and her husband have Wagontale's Vivace (F, 12/06/08) and Wagontale's O'Roll out the Barrel (NM, 11/07/04) and before Wagontale's Kween of Hearts RN, NDD (SF, 6/20/03); from Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell. Vicki has been an active sustaining member of the club since November 2004. She wants to become a voting member to have more input in the club activities. She is the Secretary for our club drafts test this Fall and she has helped with Hospitality and Ways and Means at our regional specialties. She trains and has titled her dogs in drafting, rally and obedience and she is also a member of the BMDCA. Sponsored by Alice Gordon Clark & Nada Torling.

Bridget Peiffer—E-mail: bpieffer@comcast.net. Bridget owns CH Lorien Dell's Haribo Gummi Baer, (F, 7/19/2004) from Lynn Wood. She also has two of her daughters: GCH BriMarDell's Xmas Carols Humbug (F, 12/21/06) and GCH BriMarDell's Kashmir, (F, 11/10/08) who she and her husband Mark bred. She wants to join to be able to network with other owners and to learn of new developments in the breed. She can volunteer when needed. She shows her dogs in conformation and she is also a member of the BMDCA and the Pikes Peak BMDClub. Sponsored by Lynn Wood & Sara Karl.

New Sustaining Member Applicants:

Kevin & Shari Curran—SE-mail: nobigwoof@gmail.com, KE-mail: kcaggie66@gmail.com. The Currans have CH Nashem's American Dream CD, RAE, (M10/11/04) and Nashem's Dream a Little Dream CDX, MDD, both from Sara Karl. They would like to become involved in a regional club and Shari is the Obedience chair of the 2013 national specialty. They also have a Corgi and a Cavalier and Goldens. They have trained for 30 years in conformation, rally, obedience and draft. They have never bred their dogs. They are BMDCA members and have been Lone Star club members too. Sponsored by Dottie Schulte and Sara Karl.

Lesley Stewart—E-mail: lesleystewart@comcast.net. Lesley and Joe have Hana Montana (F, 3/23/2011) from Dawn Gabig and also a Lab/Shepherd mix. Joe is the woodworker and maker of "Joe's Carts" and they have donated some beautiful carts to the club for different raffles and events. They have also donated money to Rescue. She has been to some events and wants to be a part of a team that works to promote great things for the dogs. She can help with activities and she has trained her dogs in obedience for the past 2 years. She has never bred or been a dog club member. Sponsored by Alice Gordon Clark and Lori Kennedy.

Board Meeting Minutes—July 24, 2011 Alameda East Veterinary Hospital in Denver, CO

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:10 pm on July 24, 2011 at Alameda East Veterinary Hospital in Denver.

Present: Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Sara Karl, Helen Karl, Laura Haupenthal, Candy McDanal, Joanna Hughes, Lori Kennedy, Phil Schafer & Alice Gordon. Also present were Al Haupenthal, Randy Karl, Sharon Keefer, Patty Wellinger and Lou Tucker.

Approval of Minutes: Laura moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the June/July 2011 newsletter. Motion seconded by Sara. All in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$15,070.88 in checking, \$5,874.36 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$6,771.76. The checking account balance reflects all the membership renewal fees. It also reflects the additional Von Willebrand's Tests that we purchased.

The accountant we hired filed our taxes and from here on Sara will be able to

do our own. We did not have to file any back taxes.

Financial Business:

Several club members asked that the club match their individual donations to the 2011 William Wijnberg Cancer Fundraiser run by Joye Neff. As a club we have already donate \$200. The first point of discussion was the logistics of sending the money. Do our funds, if we decide to match, have to go through Joye, or can we donate directly to the fund? Sara also wondered what would happen to our funds if the study they are intended to support is not approved by the AKC (the study is to be voted on by the ACK in September 2011). Sara will check with the AKC and see if we can donate directly to the AKC CHF and have the funds designated for this study. Candy motioned that we recommend to the general membership to do a 100% match of member donations to the study, via direct donation to the fund. The motion was seconded by Lori, all in favor, motion passed.

Peak to Peak working dog show has asked us to do-

nate trophies to their February show. Dottie Schulte suggests we donate \$375. That would include \$175 for the general trophy fund and than \$200 for sweepstakes trophies. Sara recommends that we take to the general membership to donate \$375. Candy seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The 2012 National Specialty has asked for a donation to hospitality. We have a history of making this donation. Alice motions to recommend to general membership that we donate \$300, Joanna seconds, all in favor, motion passed.

The 2012 National Specialty has also asked for donations to their Trophy Fund – Sara moves to donate \$100 to the general trophy fund on behalf of the BMDCR. Helen seconds, all in favor, motion passed.

This month will be the start of our new "Brag Session" at the end of the General Membership meeting. Mary asks for ideas on how we should use the money collected for the brags. It was suggested that the winner can keep or donate the proceeds. It was also

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"If you are a host to your guest, be a host to his dog also."

Russian Proverb

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agreed that everyone at the meeting gets their name in the hat, regardless of whether they had a brag or not. Minimum donation is \$1, no ceiling. Any brag is acceptable; it doesn't have to be dog related. We will also put the winner's name in the newsletter. Sara motions to all of the above, Joanna second, all in favor, motion passed.

Committee Reports

2011 Regional Specialty and 2013 National Specialty – There is nothing to report this month.

Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

New Business

Nominating Committee – It is time to form a nominating committee for open board positions. We have to fill the Vice President, Secretary, and three board seats (Helen, Laura and Lori's positions). The committee must consist of two general (voting) members plus two alternates and need not have more than one member of the board. Sharon Keefer volunteers to chair the committee and will ask for volunteers at

the General Meeting. The committee must meet no later than August 15th and reports their selections to the Secretary who will post the slate in the September newsletter (which must reach members by September 11th).

Bylaw Revision - When the donation to William Wijnberg fundraiser came up it was noted that the bylaws don't support anything but an in person meeting for authorizing dispersal of funds. Mary Ellen got info from Julia Crawford about how the National bylaws handle decisions in between established meeting dates and learned that their bylaws allow for decisions to be made by other means (teleconference, for instance). We decided that we should put together a committee to review the bylaws in their entirety, not just as relates to this issue. Alice volunteers to participate, Sara will chair. Sharon also volunteers to participate. Sharon volunteers Sandy Dunaway to help as well.

AKC Club Outreach – Mary Ellen was notified by the AKC of their Outreach program. If we choose to participate then when a person registers a BMD who

lives in our region than they will be forwarded our website link. The AKC also recommends that we change our membership process to the streamlined process that many other clubs use – prospective new members need only to show up at a meeting and get voted on by membership on that day. Mary Ellen will send in the general agreement for website link. We will remand the decision on membership to the Bylaws Committee.

Performance Programs – For the scent work program, Phil recommends that we do this as an indoor event during cold weather. Sara will work on herding fun day to happen later in October.

Arapahoe Kennel Club Bark in the Park – This event offers us the opportunity to do a "Meet the Breed", which would fulfill one of our requirements for AKC Compliance. It's on Sunday, Sept 18th. We declined to participate due to many other events happening around this time.

Next Meeting: We need to consider when to have the September meeting as the current date conflicts

with the Arapahoe show. One possibility is to have the meeting after the show, on the show site. Patty Wellinger will check on meeting room options at the show site. The other possibility is to have the meeting after the show at Al and Laura's house or at Val's house. A decision will be made by email in time to post in the newsletter.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Membership Meeting Minutes—July 24, 2011 Alameda East Veterinary Hospital in Denver, CO

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:15 pm on July 24, 2011 at Alameda East Veterinary Hospital in Denver.

Present: 17 voting members (a quorum), 2 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 3 guests.

Approval of Minutes: We did not ask for approval of the minutes at the general meeting.

President's Report: The Draft Clinic held this year was once again a success. A pack hike was also organized and led by Ron Abbott in June, and that had a nice turn out as well. As a reminder - we have the Pet First Aid class coming up on October 15th – sign up with Candy McDanal.

Earlier today, the Board discussed and recommended doing a 100% match of the funds donated by the BMDCR membership to the 2011 William Wijnberg Cancer Fundraiser. Phil moved that we accept the Board's recommendation. Val Horney seconded. Val informed us that the funds donated by the BMDCA will go to either the Canine Health Fund or the University of North Carolina, di-

rected to Matthew Breen's study. All approved, motion passed.

During the Board meeting today, the Board discussed and recommended that the club give a donation to the Peak to Peak in the amount of \$375 for their trophy fund. Sara motions that the club accepts the Board's recommendation and Helen seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

During the Board meeting today, the Board discussed and recommended that the club give a donation to the 2012 National Specialty in the amount of \$300 towards Hospitality. Alice motions that the club accepts the Board's recommendation and Candy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

For the General Membership's info, the Board voted today to approve \$100 to the 2012 National Specialty trophy fund.

The Board discussed the newly proposed "Brag Session" during the meeting today. The agreement was that anyone who is present at the General Meeting will put their name in the hat. At the close of the meeting, everyone who would like

can "brag", with a minimum donation of \$1 into the pot. The name drawn will win the pot.

The Board set up a committee to review the club's bylaws during the meeting today. Stacy Temples would like to volunteer for the Committee.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$15,070.88 in checking, \$5,874.36 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$6,771.76.

Committee Reports

Breeder Referral and Education - Phil is working on breeder referral process, and has put out proposals and received some feedback.

Fall Draft Test - The premium list is done and ready to go out. We need volunteers to help with the site. Alice and Steve Clark volunteered to help with the site set up. There will be a draft committee meeting after today's General Meeting. There was a suggestion from Sharon to put a button on the calendar to get trophy donations... but we do have money left over from last Test.

"The greater love is a mother's; then comes a dog's; then a sweetheart's."

Polish Proverb

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Membership – The committee has been working on revamping the on line application. It is pretty much complete. We will have an on line application which emails from site, or the applicant can print the application and send it by snail mail. All of the sponsorship forms are also on line, in the Members Only section. You can also print these off and mail in via snail mail. We've also set up the membership dues to be payable by PayPal.

We have several new members to vote on today: Patty Wellinger, Kirstin Gillespie, Mary Ann Marszalek, Larry Parachini, Pam Swisher, Susanne Thompson, Elizabeth Watkins and Nancy Winegar. All were approved by the Membership.

Newsletter – Buffy Snider, our Newsletter editor, couldn't be present today, but Candy is here with a question that Buffy has. The last newsletter was 20 pages, should there be a limit? Sara suggested a 6 page front and back limit. Phil also mentioned that we need to be cognizant of the size of the files for people still on dial up. Buffy is

using “constant contact” to manage the newsletter and it has a “share with a friend” because we charge for the newsletter. The link that Buffy has in the email needs to be to our website and not to Constant Contact. That needs to be changed. But everyone felt that the newsletter was really well done.

It was also noted that the new “Meet Up” group that Buffy has set up for Berners cannot be in the Newsletter, as it not an official BMDCR function, but it can be published on the Facebook Page.

For this upcoming Newsletter, we must move up the publication date in order to meet the requirement for nominations of new candidates for the Board. The Newsletter must be in member's hands by September 11th.

Ways and Means – We may need some volunteers to help with W&M and raffle table at the Regional Specialty.

Rescue – We still have Bear in rescue. Ann has called many folks, and he's had a few visitors, but no one interested. Jacqueline Schuck did say might be interested. Stacy and Sara both feel they may know someone for him. Ann reports that he's good with kids and other dogs. Bear is

the 13th dog to go through our rescue program this year.

Draft committee – The committee will start working on the spring test soon. Lou has a suggestion about doing something new for the advanced awards – like a medallion, or perhaps a different ribbon. Lou will look into the options and report back. The next draft test is October 8th and 9th near Loveland. Val Horney, Nancy Van Horne and Fay Benson are the judges.

2011 Regional Specialty – Dottie isn't here today, but everything is set.

Website – We are working on getting the directory updated on the website.

Nominating Committee – It is time to form a nominating committee for open board positions. We have to fill the Vice President, Secretary, and three board seats (Helen, Laura and Lori's positions). The committee must consist of two general (voting) members plus two alternates and need not have more than one member of the board. Sharon Keefer volunteered during the Board meeting to chair the committee. The committee must meet no

later than August 15th and reports their selections to the Secretary who will post the slate in the September newsletter (which must reach members by September 11th). Joanna Hughes, Ann Rutherford and Sandy Dunaway volunteered to assist. Elaine Witulski volunteered as an alternate.

Other Items:

- Phil is working on setting up a nosework program for a fall or winter meeting.

- The Regional Club Council is still working on the zone rotation for National Specialties.

Sara is working on a herding fun day for sometime in October.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on September 25th, site to be determined. See the discussion on the Board Minutes.

Brag Pot – Mary Ellen was the winner of the brag pot.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

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.



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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 *Please note, to review the Members Only section of the website, you must have the member password. If you are a member, and need the password, please send a message to bmdcrookies@Gmail.com.
- **Facebook**—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](https://www.facebook.com/BerneseMountainDogCluboftheRockies/)
- **Yahoo Groups**—<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BMDCRockies/> *Please note, you must obtain permission by the moderator to join this group.
- **Email**—Informational emails and Newsletters will come from bmdcrookies@Gmail.com.