



# BEARDIE WORKS

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# Presidents Message:

Dear RMBCC Member:

Summer is almost upon us, and we are getting ready for the big 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at our annual picnic which is scheduled for Saturday, June 23 at DeKoevend Park. For more details, please check out the flyer posted in this newsletter.

On May 1, I sent out an announcement about the launch of RMBCC's new website. If you haven't checked it out, please do so, since it is a marvelous story of our club and our Beardies. Just go to [www.rockymountainbeardies.com](http://www.rockymountainbeardies.com)

I wanted to offer my sincere appreciation to this past year's Board members, Mike Tupa, Janet Kittel and Jody Martin, for being part of our merry group. Their insights and assistance were most valuable and made program planning and decision-making much easier...and a lot more fun!

At the picnic, I will introduce the new Board Members who will replace them. They are:

Vice President	Renee Jarrett
Director	Kristi Sweeney
Director	Jill Floberg

Their pictures and bios can be seen in another section of the newsletter.

In addition and it's not done often enough is to thank Tammy Begler for the tremendous job she does of compiling and formatting our electronic newsletters. I can't wait until they arrive to learn about our members, their dogs, their brags and successes.

Look forward to seeing everyone and their Beardies in June!

Fondly,

Nan Matthews



## Braggs & Waggs...

Kathy Zeschin:  
Riley (Nonesuch Living the High Life RN OA OAJ NF) completed his Open Agility Jumpers title on March 23rd with a perfect run and a first place. With a time of less than 31 seconds, he finished eight seconds faster than the second place dog.



Jenn Sanders:  
Ch Nonesuch Riverhobo Catfish John RA CDX was the Top Novice Obedience Beardie in 2011. Catfish has always wanted to do things his way, and to teach him that we are a team that has fun working together was a challenge. When it clicked, it really clicked! He loves being in the ring. He loves knowing what his job is. He loves getting all the attention. I am so thrilled with our accomplishment! It means so much to have achieved it with my one-and-only rascal. I love walking down this road called life with my brown clown nearby.

## Braggs & Waggs...cont.

### **Announcing....**

RMBCCC Members with their puppies from Meg Naylor/Gemineye Bearded Collies!



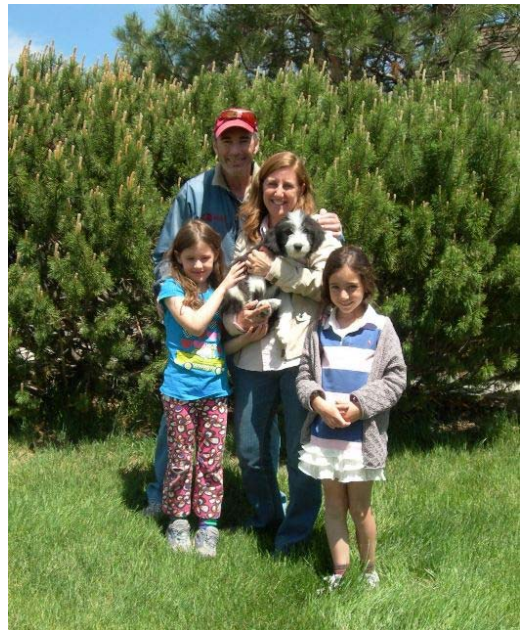
Nancy and Joy



Linda Ambraczyk & Bink with Farley



Meg with Bieber



New Member, Jill Waldman with family and Luna

## Braggs & Waggs...cont.



Ruth Jeram:

Kim and I have a new puppy, Blu Chip's Serendipity (Sara). CH Blu Chip's MacPherson (Phers) x BIS CH Britannia Spotacular in Blu (Monica).

March 11, 2012. "Bred-by" here we come!

Nan Matthews:

Ragtime Mister Soul Man (Bailey) earned his first Agility Title in the Novice Standard course with a score of 100 at the January CKC trial. He has two legs in both Jumpers with Weaves and FAST, so hopefully he may get a second one this summer!

Jill Floberg:

Britannia One In A Zillion , Miss ZiZi, now has earned a new title of Grand Champion. She is officially GCH CH Britannia One In A Zillion HT RA CGC.

Loved by Jill Floberg. She will continue to be shown as a special very selectively through the rest of this year.

## Braggs & Waggs...cont.

Candy Hepner:

Congratulations to Norm and Olivia Lazarus and Bob and JoAnn Morris on the 11th place standing in breed points for 2011 to GCH CH WOODSONG'S PANDEMONIUM, CGC ("Panda"). Panda was bred by Norm and Olivia Lazarus and Candace Hepner. Way to go girl!!

## New Board Member Bio:

Jill Floberg

My journey with beardies started in 1987 when Dean and I got our first from Doni LaZar. He was a beautiful brown boy who kind of resembled a teddy bear. We called him Theo,. Since that time we have had six beardies, all who stole our hearts and four who have gone on to the Rainbow Bridge.

I have been a member of the BCCA and the RMBCC throughout this time. While we have lived here in the Denver area since 1997 I have held various positions on the Board including 3 years as Board President. In 2008 I submitted to the BCCA Board our bid to host the 2010 National Specialty in Loveland. The bid was accepted and Nancy Shock, me, and a host of great RMBCC members we pulled off a very successful specialty.

I am delighted to be back on the Board and working for you the members.



## Acceptance: What is – is.

It snowed again last night and one more time I need to shovel the drive before taking out the trash and getting to work. On the way to work, now later than expected, the line at my favorite coffee shop is long and slow. Someone ordered 8 specialty drinks for their office and Bonnie behind the espresso machine is pumping them out at her usual efficient speed but after those 8 she has to work through the next 5 orders before she can get to mine and before I can get out the door. But Bonnie always has a cheerful “Have a nice day Mike!” even in the middle of her seeming demanding day. It’s just one of those mornings, something to float through as I make my way to the office where employees push for my approval, review, creativity, and their next project. Days seem to all meld together; months flash by and quickly years pass filled with the frustration of unmet expectations.

But even on the worst days when I come home my Beardies are there wagging their tails happy to see me, happy to sniff where I’ve been that day, and completely accepting of my sagging shoulders and heavy load. And, as always, happy to lead me to the door and let them outside for their break from a day in the house. Duties done they are back, pushing my arm for attention, excited for a possible walk (on a sunny day), offering an injection of comfort into my long day, and once again ready to settle as we go about our evening activities.

In the past I have marveled at the ability of our dogs to accept what we ask of them. A long trip in the car, a visit to the Vet, less food, bitter pills hidden in smelly cheese, teeth brushing, nail trimming, grooming, etc. It’s another routine we humans see as necessary and we can only imagine what our beloved pets think of the need for that routine. From early puppyhood they must learn to accept these daily expectations. Somehow, I think, they learn it faster than we humans do.

We can’t ask them for their thoughts but we can read some of their language. I know they are often un-accepting of some of what we ask of them. Of course, off and on they can express their opinion, frustration and even anger. But mostly what I see is acceptance of what must be, of the time it takes, of what must be taken, of where they must go. But with that we still see their acceptance of their duty to please and their willingness to endure what we ask.

Some of this we see on YouTube videos where dogs are dressed to please, or sitting at a table as if in a restaurant ordering food, or fetching a six pack from the refrigerator at his owners request. The dog does it, waits for the next request, probably considers that, and then goes to the next task. In training they are directed, over and over again, how to perform a task perfectly (on queue without treats) and that repetition has to be frustrating. Trying to understand what is asked of you and then trying to do it perfectly each time. Doing it based on the expectations of someone else.

So I watch Bonnie the Barista as she pumps out Latte’s and Mocha Frappachino and then finally my Americano and I realize we and our dogs are so very much in the same world. I watch as my employees ask for further explanation of a seemingly simple task or a client asks for more paperwork before he can pay on a long overdue invoice. And I see myself responding to the flow of the day realizing that with a truer perspective I also must form an attitude of acceptance as I strive to perfect my life.

Once again my Beardie has much to teach me, if only I could understand what she is saying.



## RMBCB Tracking Seminar Held

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, RMBCB members enjoyed an Introduction to Tracking seminar, sponsored by the Club. The Club decided to put on the seminar in response to high member interest expressed in last year's survey. Tracking is an AKC-recognized sport that demonstrates a dog's natural ability to follow a scent and is the foundation of canine search and rescue work. The club was privileged to have the seminar conducted by a licensed AKC tracking judge, Jean Hilbig and an active tracking instructor, Lynn Kaemmerer. The instructors provided a complete introduction to the sport, including an informative lecture and field demonstration. Then, the participants helped set up courses and the beardies had a chance to try the sport for themselves! We learned that all breeds have the ability to track, and unlike other dog activities, the dog is in charge, since only the dog can detect and follow the scent. We also learned that Denver has a very active tracking community and puts on many trials and seminars throughout the year, so there are many opportunities to learn and participate in this sport. The attendees all had fun and hope to be able to continue with tracking, and the Club hopes to get even more members interested in tracking in the coming year.







## ***RMBCC's 25th Anniversary Summer Picnic Celebration***

**Saturday, June 23, 2012 9:00 am – 1:00 pm DeKoevend Park, Centennial, CO**  
**A park for Beardies to run and play..... and a celebration of RMBCC's first 25 years**

We are returning to the park that was so much fun for the last two years, but have decided to set up inside the fenced ball field and to start earlier due to the summer heat. So playtime starts at 9:00 am, and lunch will be served around 11:00-11:30.

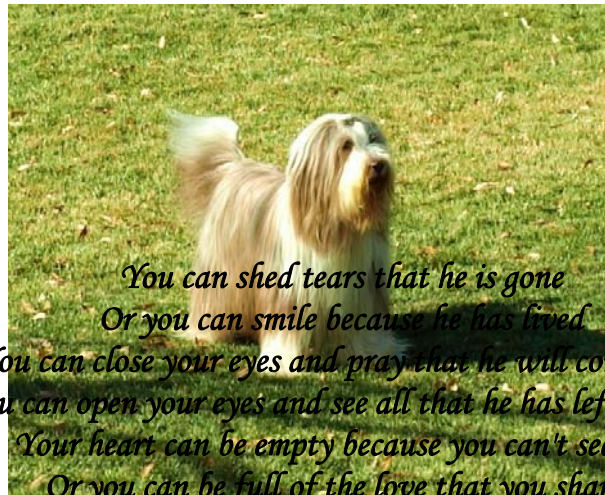
RMBCC will provide an array of sandwiches and a special anniversary dessert. We would like everyone attending to bring a side dish or appetizer to share, your own beverages, and water and poop bags for your dog(s).

There will be a 15 x 15 yellow-striped tent with tables for food, but please bring your own picnic gear (chairs, blankets or portable tables, tents, awnings, etc) as there is no seating or shade in the ball park.

### **Directions**

6580 S. Vine Street, Centennial, CO 80122. Nearest cross streets are Arapahoe Road and University Boulevard. South Vine Street is the first light west of University. Bank of the West on the South– Post Office on the north. Turn on Vine at the Post Office, follow the road until you see the South Suburban Ice Arena on your right. Pull into the parking lot and go to the east side. Take the path across the Highline Canal and down a little hill. You will see the ball park and set-up area directly ahead. Please RSVP to Kathy Zeschin, [kathy@zeschin.org](mailto:kathy@zeschin.org), with the number of people attending and also whether you have an awning or canopy that you can bring.

CH SUMMIT'S COOL REFLECTION CD RN HSAs  
**BROCK**  
(11/1/99-02/28/12)



*You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*



## RMBCC Special Recognition Award

The Board of Directors for the RMBCC has charged the Awards Committee with creation of a new award to honor beardies and/or members of our club that have accomplished something “special” over the past year. Members may nominate their own beardies or other members or their beardies. Some examples: rescue dogs who have overcome bad life experiences and are now serving as therapy dogs or working on AKC titles or simply have become wonderful companion animals; members who work with the rescue program; members who are going to nursing homes with their beardies; a dog that accomplished a special “feat” over the past year; or recognizing a member who goes above and beyond. These are just some examples and other situations may come to your mind. Please write a short nomination statement and submit it to the Awards Chair by May 18, 2012. This award will be presented at the annual meeting.

Please download the attached document to submit your  
Nomination!!

March 26, 2012

To: Members of the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection

From: The 2012 RMBCC Nominating Committee

Re: 2012 Slate of Officers

As directed by the RMBCC Board of Directors and the RMBCC Constitution and By-Laws, this year's nominating committee has met and compiled a Slate of Officers for the upcoming year. All the individuals were contacted by phone and each is agree able to the following recommendations.

President:	Nan Matthews
Vice President:	Renee Jarrett
Recording/Corresponding Secretary:	Peggy Reed
Treasurer:	Meg Naylor
Past President:	Nancy Shock

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Board Members:

2012-2013:	Norm Lazarus - one year of two year term remaining
2012-2014:	Kristi Sweeney - two year term
2012-2014:	Jill Floberg - two year term

The above Slate of Officers was compiled and is submitted in accordance with the RMBCC Constitution and By-Laws. As stipulated in the By-Laws, this Slate of Officers is to be mailed to the RMBCC membership for their consideration prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Norm Lazarus, Chair  
Don Means

The new officers will be announced at the picnic. Their term will begin in at the end of June, 2012.

**Website**

**Don't forget to check out the new website at  
[rockymountainbeardies.com](http://rockymountainbeardies.com)**