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## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR: JILL FLOBERG

The RMBCC has a bereavement chair person who on behalf of the club will send cards and/or other appropriate condolences. In some instances of a bearded's outstanding accomplishment a card would also be sent. But in order to do this the club needs to know, so please send any acknowledgement to Jill at [brightybeardie@aol.com](mailto:brightybeardie@aol.com) (<mailto:brightybeardie@aol.com>). This is done for club member, family member or beardedies only.



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## Presidents Message

I hope everyone is staying warm and you can get your Beardies to come in the house. Mine want to stay outside in this cold weather. No amount of bribing works to bring Temple back inside. She is definitely an ice puppsical and loves the snow and cold weather.

Some of our members have done some great accomplishments. I would like to Congratulate Meg Naylor, and Emmi, for Qualifying for the Rally Nationals. What a great opportunity.

We have lots of activities coming up for our beardies. The weather will be turning nice and we can get out and play with the Beardies on some warmer days.

Weather permitting we will be having a dog walk in Wash park on March 28th. If you are interested contact Kristie.

In April we will have our Herding instinct as well as a barn hunt instinct. There will be different levels of the barn hunt. It should be lots of fun. There is more information in the newsletter. If you have any questions contact Renee.

In May we have our annual picnic. It is a great time for both Beardies and their humans. Those of you who have earned awards in 2014 get that information to Kathy Thomas very soon. We will also be doing a CGC at the picnic, A Canine Good Citizenship. It will be fun. There is more info in the newsletter on this. If you are interested in the CGC contact Renee.

Also we have been throwing around the idea of an agility day in Steamboat Springs this summer. If you are interested contact Meg. It will be a great little get away with our 4 legged family.

I want to say Thank You to the board for working with me this year. It has been a pleasure. You gals made it easy. We have had a lot of activities focused around our Beardies. That is where the focus should be. On our lovely Beardies and what we can experience with them and what they continue to teach us.

Give your Beardies a big hug and enjoy time with them.

See you and your Beardies at some of our events,

Laura Tappero



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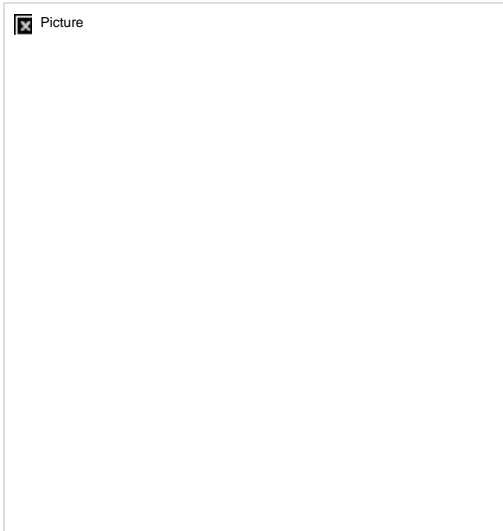
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## Braggs and Waggs!

### New Members



#### Welcome back to Nancy & Alan Main!

Our new members have moved back to Colorado from Wisconsin. They are currently residing in Parker with their two Beardies, Keegan & Qwigley (pictured).

They are Regular Joint members and are sponsored by Laura Tappero.

We're glad to have you back, Nancy & Alan!

### Laura Tappero & Temple

Brag: Shanaspree Bearded Collies wants to congratulate Temple, Shanaspree's Virtuous Vixen. she passed her CGC. Then the next day she passed her barn hunt and Herding instinct.

What a girl Temple!



Shanaspree Bearded Collies also wants to congratulate

Shanaspree As you like it, Lucianna, for passing her Herding Instinct. She loved those sheep. She also achieved her CGC the day before.

### Molly MacNamara and Astrid

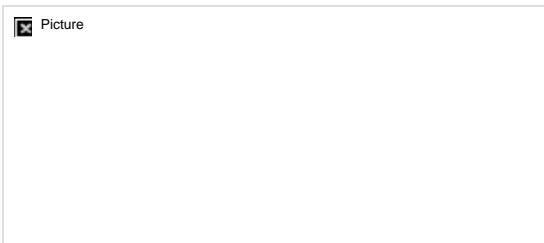


Astrid- Orion Across The Universe From Highlander PT RN

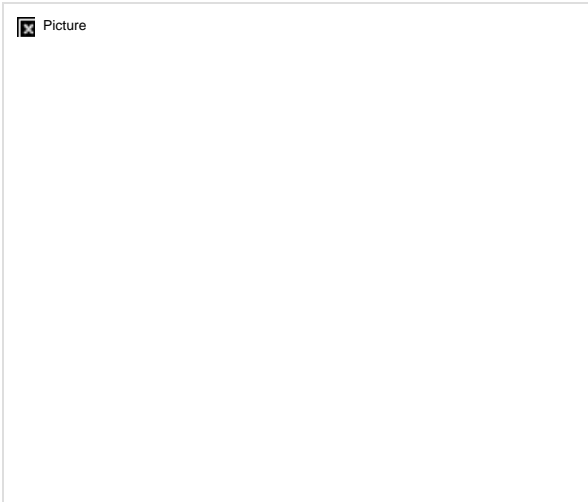
Astrid got her PT at the Buckhorn KC trial in April and her RN at the Utah shows 2 weeks later!  
You rock Astrid!

## Jill Waldman, Luna & Farley

Luna and Farley of Steamboat Springs, Colorado Turned 3 on February 14th! Happy Birthday to them and their litter mates, Bieber, Joy, Zep and Izzy.



## Meg Naylor & Emie



Emie has been busy this winter. She completed her Rally Advanced title and is moving on to Excellent. We are also invited to attend the AKC National Rally Invitational! She completed her Agility Standard Excellent title and qualified for 2 legs toward her Obedience CD. We're having fun!

CH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye RA AX OAJ HIC CGC

**We Need MORE Brags for the next newsletter!**  
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## Aunt Beardie



From Dear Aunt Beardie

This is our tribute to Senior Beardies issue.

Aunt Beardie, being just a tiny bit toward the senior side, is taking a moment to recognize all those wonderful, loving, playful Beardies who are in their golden years (not to be confused with that other breed). Seniors, Rejoice! And tell your people you deserve all the comforts, walks, playtimes, toys, games, and treats they can muster up!

You deserve it my friends!



## Barn Hunt

### THE NEW SPORT OF BARN HUNT by Sheree Girty

Barn Hunt is a relatively new sport that was created in the spring of 2013. There are already well over 10,000 dogs registered. "The purpose of Barn Hunt is to demonstrate a dog's vermin hunting ability in finding and marking rats in a "barn-like" setting, using straw/hay bales to introduce climbing and tunneling obstacles in the dog's path.

Barn Hunt is based on the skills historically used by itinerant "ratcatchers" in traveling the countryside, ridding farms of vermin, thus helping conserve and preserve food grains and cutting down on disease. "Barn Hunt is also for any breed or mix of dog who loves to hunt and who can fit through an 18" wide gap between two hay bales. It will test speed, agility, and surefootedness. While not specifically targeted at larger dogs or dogs without a vermin hunting history, Barn Hunt is all inclusive and fun for any dog and human who wishes to play the game."

"Barn Hunt is a sporting event, and as such there will be levels of difficulty, titles, and championships to be attained. While it can be used as an instinct test, there is also a handler component in that the handler must signal when the dog has reached the desired target PVC rat tube; thus, the handler must know and have a partnership with their dog. Teamwork will win the game. "Barn Hunt can be held indoors or outdoors, in a barn-like setting or on any piece of level ground that can be enclosed securely by gating/fencing." One of the nice things about Barn Hunt is that it can include any size or age dog. We have embraced the sport. Stella, Dunhill Wish Upon a Shooting Star, is the first Beardie to have attained the level of RATS. The "S" means she has completed her senior title. Brenna, Dunhill Emerald Isle of Lochcairn, is not far behind. Brenna is only the second Beardie to have attained the level of RATO (Open).

Courses are set up using bales of straw and ramps. There must be one tunnel which becomes more difficult as the dog completes titles. Hard PVC tubes are hidden in the straw. The tubes can be empty, contain rat bedding or contain a live rat. The tubes protect the rat from ever being harmed. The dog must climb on a straw bale, go thru the tunnel and identify to the handler which tube has the live rat. This is a timed event. We enjoy volunteering as gate keepers, rat wranglers, scribes and timers. We are traveling with our dogs, meeting people that love to have fun with their dogs and building camaraderie with our dogs.

Go to [www.barnhunt.com/about/barn-hunt-faqs/](http://www.barnhunt.com/about/barn-hunt-faqs/) for more information.



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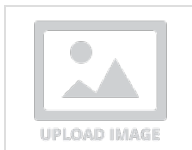
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## Walk & Picnic!

### **Beardie Walk In Washington Park**

We had a great turn out for the Walk in Washington Park. The weather was great.



### **Beardie Picnic**

The weather held out and the beardies and their humans had a great time.





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## RMBCB Board Meeting Minutes

### RMBCB General Membership Meeting Minutes

**December 7, 2014**

The meeting was conducted in conjunction with the holiday party, held at MiMi's in Aurora and called to order at 11:17a. Those in attendance were Kristi Sweeney, Nan Matthews, Becky Tupa, Russ and Janet Kittel, Don and Elodji Means, John and Virginia Mitchell, Marta Witt, Susanne Hanssard and Jackie (her mother), Nancy Shock, Norm and Olivia Lazarus, Laura Tappero, Sally Yeager and Kathy Thomas.

The minutes from the May general membership, published in the July newsletter, were approved as published; motion for approval from Marta and seconded by Olivia.

President's Report: Laura thanked Krisiti, Sally and Nan for making the arrangements for the holiday party. She also reported that the herding instinct test, originally scheduled for November was cancelled due to lack of interest, and will be rescheduled in April. There was discussion regarding the "manners"/obedience seminar that will be held on either March 15th or 22nd. The AKC CGC program requirements will be covered at this seminar and it is planned to offer the CGC test at our May 2015 picnic/annual meeting. Laura wanted to make sure that everyone had her updated e-mail address: [shanaspre@q.com](mailto:shanaspre@q.com) (<mailto:shanaspre@q.com>).

Treasurer's Report: The club treasury has \$8,868.03.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Nan discussed a potential seminar in Canine First Aid and CPR. Those completing the 4-hr class will receive a certification in canine CPR and first aid. She will send the flyer to the members via e-mail to ascertain if there is interest in sponsoring such an event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am with a motion from Marta and seconded by Russ.

## RMBCB Board Meeting Minutes

**February 28, 2015**

The meeting was conducted via conference call and called to order at 1:02pm. In attendance were Nan Matthews, Renee Jarrett, Meg Naylor, Kristi Sweeney, Jill Floberg, and Kathy Thomas. Laura Tappero joined the call at 1:20.

The minutes from the November board meeting were approved as published; motion for approval from Meg and seconded by Nan.

President's Report: Laura congratulated Meg (and Emie) for being invited to the 2015 AKC National Rally Invitational to be held at Purina Farms. Laura encouraged anyone with an interest to serve as an officer or board member to please contact her or one of the current members of the board.

Treasurer's Report: The club balance is \$8,375.03. The insurance, which was \$438.00 (the same as last year), has been paid for 2015. CO & Fed tax documents have been filed. CO cost was \$10 and Fed, no cost. Those costs are reflected in the balance.

The club's bank, USBank, informed the club that they are starting to charge \$14.00 a month to receive paper monthly statements. Therefore, the club account was transferred to online banking and statements may be printed at no charge.

Secretary's Report: The club received a card of thanks from Kathy Zeschin for the plant and card hand delivered by Jill after Kathy's recent surgery.

Membership: Membership renewals will be sent before the end of March. Meg reported that new members, Alan and Nancy Main, were recently voted on via e-mail. They are joint regular members and sponsored by Laura. There will be a "new members" announcement in the newsletter.

Supported Entry: The plans for our supported entry, in conjunction with the Flatirons Kennel Club all-breed shows, are progressing well. Trophies have been finalized and we are awaiting the premium list from Onofrio so all information can be proofed. We will request a corner ring to avoid some of the crowding and confusion experienced last year. A notice for this event will be sent to the BCCA for e-mail announcement to the national membership. Nan will also send a notice to the RMBCC membership in May and it will be published in the upcoming RMBCC newsletter. Meg made a motion to allocate \$15 for the purchase of candy to be placed on the award table at ringside; Kristi seconded.

Herding Instinct Test and Barn Hunt: The instinct test will be held on April 26th. Information will be sent to Tammy for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter and to Nan who will e-mail it to the membership. This year we will also hold a barn hunt in conjunction with the instinct test. This information will be included in the newsletter and sent to the membership via e-mail. Kristi made a motion to allow the expenditure of \$25 for refreshments for the combined events; Jill seconded.

Annual Picnic: Our annual picnic will again be held at South Suburban Park. The date will be May 16th. CGC testing will be offered at the cost of \$10 per dog. Details will be sent to the membership. A motion to approve up to \$160 for food was made by Kristi and seconded by Kathy.

Website: Nothing new to report. Meg encourages members to send her pictures/memorials to add to website.

Obedience/Rally/"Manners" Day: Postponed to a later date.

CPR and Canine First Aid Seminar: Postponed to a later date.

Agility: An offer of an agility day to be held in June in Steamboat Springs was discussed. A notice of this potential event will be included in the President's report.

#### New Business

There was discussion about planning another dog walk in Washington Park for March 28th, weather permitting. A notice will be sent to the membership via e-mail closer to the date of the proposed "walk".

Meg has agreed to serve as the board member for the 2015 Nominating Committee. She made a motion to combine the Corresponding and Recording Secretary positions; Renee seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm with a motion from Jill and seconded by Renee.

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## Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection Herding Instinct and Barn Hunt Practice May 17,2015

Well after having to cancel our event on April 26th due to the strange weather we have had this spring, we had an absolutely fabulous day, weather wise--- sunshine, cool temperature, slight wind, good friends, great dogs, and new people.

This year we added Barn Hunt Practice. A big thank you goes out to Caitlin Long that had over 18 people with multiple dogs and many did all three levels. For those that did participate, the first level is Familiarization which is where there are 3 canisters with a rat in one and the dog must go up to the right canister and point/paw/sniff – which indicates that they have shown the correct canister. The next level is Instinct and this is where the dog must find the canister among the hay bales. The Novice level is where the canisters are well hidden and the dog may have to go through a tunnel of hay bales, up on top of hay bales trying to find the rat in the canister. I think all that did this enjoyed this activity and now that it is an AKC titled event, maybe we will have some beardies want to go further in this sport.

As for our herding instinct event, we had 19 beardies and several non-beardies participate which is the largest group we have had in years. 16 beardies, 1 giant Schnauzer, 5 Icelandic Sheepdogs and 1 mixed breed were entered. 9 beardies, 4 Icelandic sheepdogs, 1 schnauzer, 1 mixed breed all passed their herding instinct test. Several beardies were so close to passing that they are encouraged to either take lessons or to come back next year.

Those beardies passing are Pam Morton's Ryan, Debbie McAlister's Reo, Meryl Warner's Oliver, Becky and Mike Tupa's Abbie, Marta Witt's Luciana, Laura Tappero's Cici, Temple, and Tiara, Renee Jarrett's Gift.

SEVERAL BIG THANK YOUS go out to Nan Matthews that is Girl Friday that will just step in and do what has to be done without having to be told and makes things go so smoothly. She also brought food goodies to share with all of the participants. Another thank you goes to Olivia Lazarus who just took the entries sheets for the barn hunt practice and with her experience in this sport knew exactly what to do and how to help make that portion of our day work so smoothly. The other thank yous go to Cathy Ballui who offers her place and stock and does such a professional job with the dogs to help them herd the stock. Caitlin Long was the administrator of the Barn Hunt and was so pleasant to work with and did a great job. Another thank you goes out to Kristy Sweeney who couldn't be there but saved us workers with the food left over from the beardie picnic the day before. We really appreciated the food after a rewarding morning. Thank you Laura T for your support and to the Solomon's for letting us see what the 5 Icelandic sheepdogs can do with stock.

Again it was a beautiful day and thank you to all that participated. You made these events such successes.

Renee Jarrett



Hi all, Well one of our participants, Randy Solomon, is a photographer and he took pictures of those of you who did the herding instinct test on May 17th.. I am not sure how he wants to handle this but I am passing on the information to all of you in case you would like some pictures.. Randy Solomon goldpnnr@juno. com 970-988-4000 (callto:+1970-988-4000) cell 970-897-2366 (callto:+1970-897-2366) home Sorry to those of you who only did the barn hunt , we didn't get pictures of that .

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**CGC is now an AKC approved title**

**and you could get it quickly and easily at our annual picnic**

**Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection will be holding CGC (Canine Good Citizenship) Tests at our annual picnic May 16, 2015.**

**Cost is \$10.00 – please make out a check to RMBCC (Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection) or bring cash at the time of the testing.**

**Bring yourself, your dog, a 6-foot lead, and regular collar (no pinch collar or electronic collar), and we will supply the rest of the equipment and personnel. If you have your AKC, ILP or PAL number, you can bring that with you too, but it is not required. This test takes about 10 minutes and if you pass, you send in one copy of the test form and \$ 8.00 for the certificate only and/or \$20.00 to AKC to receive your certificate and/or title. The title will then go behind your dog's name.**

**For information about the 10 tests for CGC, go to**

**[http://classic.akc.org/events/cgc/training\\_testing.cfm](http://classic.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm)**

**([http://classic.akc.org/events/cgc/training\\_testing.cfm](http://classic.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm)) on the AKC webpage.**

**For those who already have passed a CGC test dating back to 2001, you can get a form from AKC send it in with your \$20.00 and proof of passing your CGC, and you will get your title. OR you are welcome to redo the test with us if you can't find your proof.**

I can also offer the CGCA, ( an additional \$10.00) which is the title after CGC and you must have the CGC first but you could do both tests at the picnic if you wanted the 2nd title. You have to go into AKC and look up Community Canine to get those test items

This is a fund-raiser for the local Beardie Collie club. The evaluator is C. Renee Jarrett who has done this test for over 6 years for both the local Beardie and Elkhound clubs, a fly ball club, and Buckhorn Kennel Club as well as teaching Puppy STAR and CGC classes in Loveland, CO.

If you have any questions, please contact Renee at [razchaunce@aol.com](mailto:razchaunce@aol.com) (<mailto:razchaunce@aol.com>) or call 970-667-8293.



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## RMBCC 2014 ANNUAL AWARDS

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#### Conformation

##### Championships

CH Britannia Sebring Happy Days CGC

Keller

Kathy Zeschin & K. Andreassend

#### Obedience

##### Beginner Novice

Britannia Brand New Day at Summit BN

Rayne

Kathy Thomas & Kim Raleigh

#### Rally

##### Rally Novice

CH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye RN OA OAJ HIC CGC

Emie

Meg Naylor & Claudia McNulty

#### Canine Good Citizen

CH Britannia Sebring Happy Days CGC

Keller

Kathy Zeschin & K. Andreassend

CH Gemineye America's Heartthrob HT PT CGC

Bieber

Meg Naylor

CH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye RN OA OAJ HIC CGC

Emie

Meg Naylor & Claudia McNulty

#### Herding Titles

##### Herding Tested:

CH Gemineye America's Heartthrob HT CGC

Bieber

Meg Naylor

##### Pre-Trial Tested:

CH Gemineye America's Heartthrob HT PT CGC

Bieber

Meg Naylor

#### Agility Titles Novice Agility Jumpers:



Risa Caramel Frappuccino RN PT NAJ Frapper Kim Krueger

Master Agility Bronze:

CH Brynmar's Simply Irresistible RN MXB MJB NF Bryn BJ Walker

Master Bronze Agility:

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Preferred Agility Excellent:

GCH CH Brynmar's My Love RN MX AXJ MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX NF  
Brodie BJ Walker

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred Levels 3, 4, 5:

GCH CH Brynmar's My Love RN MX AXJ MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX NF  
Brodie BJ Walker

Master Agility Excellent Preferred Levels 3, 4, 5:

GCH CH Brynmar's My Love RN MX AXJ MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX NF  
Brodie BJ Walker

Master Silver Jumper Preferred:

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Brodie BJ Walker

Master Silver Agility Preferred:

GCH CH Brynmar's My Love RN MX AXJ MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX NF  
Brodie BJ Walker

**Therapy Dog**

GCH Woodsong Tangled Up In Blue CGC HIC THD Luke Norm & Olivia Lazarus

**BCCA Versatility Awards**

CH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye RN OA OAJ HIC CGC Emie Meg Naylor & Claudia McNulty

Risa Caramel Frappuccino RN PT NAJ Frapper Kim Krueger



## RMBC Special Recognition Award

The Board of Directors for the RMBC 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 April 10, 2015. This award will be presented at the annual meeting.



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## Dog Show Bullies

Obedience Article: Laurie Lo, BCCA obedience chair, granted us permission to re-publish this article in our RMBCC newsletter.

Most of us look forward to taking our dog to his first show or trial with some trepidation. Even if we have been taking our best friend to conformation, obedience or agility classes, the "real deal" is just not the same. Why? Because we are tense, the other handlers are tense and so our dogs become tense. I have always thought if I lit a match during the first hour of the first day of an obedience trial, the building would explode. What to do?

Take care of your dog and yourself. Be aware of your dog's emotional state and the emotional state of the dogs near yours. Be aware of your own emotional state and do what you can to keep an even keel. Think smart and act proactively and be on the lookout for **dog show bullies**.

### The STARING DOG

Since so many dogs are geared up at shows and trials, keep an eye out for the **staring dog**. Note the dog and move your dog out of the staring dog's line of sight. Staring can be a sign of aggression even with tail wagging. Similarly, if your dog is staring at another dog, stop his gazing. You don't have to be heavy handed about it, but make sure that he does not stare at other dogs. Some dogs may not mind, but others may take offense. It's best to avoid the problem altogether.

### The CRATE GUARDER

Set up your dog's crate in a calm location. Sometimes that is difficult. But no matter what, do NOT set up near a **crate guarder** or walk your dog past him. What is a crate guarder? It is the dog that quietly lays in his crate and then springs into action, screaming and growling and thrashing, as you and your dog walk past him. The crate guarder will put you and your dog into an emotionally unstable place when it attacks your dog from behind bars.

At one obedience trial, I set up my beardie in an out-of-the-way location. I went to pick up my armbands. When I returned to my dog, a local competitor had set up her gaggle of crate guarding Golden retrievers next to my dog. Even though she had thrown sheets over her dogs' crates, the dogs still barked and growled at passing dogs. I gathered up our belongings and moved ourselves to another spot. Why should my dog have to put up with that? Why should I?

### The POOR SPORT

In a similar vein, avoid the **Poor Sport**. A year ago, I sat next to a competitor who thought he knew everything. I didn't know the guy when I set up next to him. Was I in for an education! At one point, he remarked that the competitor in the ring would be a lot more stable on her feet "if she would only get a breast reduction." What???

As I was driving home from the trial, I thought, "Maybe I should get to the trial early tomorrow and move my chair." So, that's what I did. I had a much better time and my dog performed better too!

Laurie Lo

BCCA Obedience Committee Chair

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## RMBCC Would Like to Celebrate Our Seniors!!!

### Jill Floberg & ZiZi



In January of 2006 ZiZi arrived in our lives. A beautiful blue puppy born on 11/14/2005. She was bashful at first and it took our other 2 beardies just a few minutes to coax her out of her travel kennel. She was bred by Amy Steltz and Michele Ritter. Born in WA state she is a Zazzy X Biff daughter. It took us awhile to come up with both a call name and a registered name for her. ZiZi had to have a name that had Z's in it. I never got farther than repeating Z over and over trying to find just the one that would stick. Well ZiZi stuck and her registered name is Britania One In A Zillion. She has earned a few titles during her 9 years with us. Many of which are AKC earned but none that I am more humbled by and proud of than her winning Best Puppy (52 entries) in a regional specialty. And in the same week winning reserve bitch at our National Specialty in 2006 before she was even a year old. Since that first bashful moment she has never been bashful again. In her senior years she has become quite sassy and rules our household. She understands much and chooses to ignore more unless it is her choice and has a treat attached. We hope to have many more years with her.



## Nan Matthews & Carly

Carly  
Ragtime Still So Vain  
Lynn Zagarella, Ragtime Beardies  
February 4, 2002  
13 Years!

Carly was adopted in September 2009 when she was seven – and what excitement she brought to the family. Bailey, my first Beardie, is quite the laid back boy, but with “sister” bumping him on walks and barking at him to get up, life got much more interesting.

As for the human in the group, Carly made my mornings such a joy. When I sat on the bed to put on my socks, she would jump up, put both feet on my knees, and while I stroked her silky ears, we would have a long conversation as to what adventures lay ahead of us that day. Now at 13, it is harder for her to jump up, but she still likes the ear rubbing – out comes the tip of her tongue to let me know not to stop.



**Carly was shaved all over when she joined our family – but wasn't she adorable!**



**It does feel good to take a snooze every afternoon.....**

## Kim Horsely & Grendel

Spindrift Cookie Monster Risa CD RN PT AX MXJ OAP OJP VX

Grendel was bred by Pam Harris and Jana Dozet

Grendel is 14 years old. She was born on thanksgiving. November 25, 2000

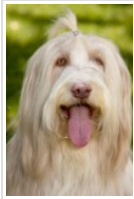
Loved and owned by Kim, Alex and Luke Krueger

The first picture is of baby Grendel in her tunnel. We still have an agility tunnel that she uses as her crate and bed in our living room. The second picture is of her trail running with me in December.

Grendel has taught me more than I could ever imagine. She made me a better competitor by making sure I could never take myself too seriously. She makes everything fun. My favorite agility run with her was when she won alphabet soup for having the most mistakes of the day. I don't think I have ever laughed so hard. She has been with me through most of my veterinary career, getting married and helping me raise two boys. At 14 she still runs the household with a firm hand. Last weekend she even happily competed in a rally trial working on her Advanced B title. When Grendel was 11 she was diagnosed with a large inoperable liver tumor. At that time we decided to start a bucket list for her. It has been so much fun. Every day at least one of us do something just because it will make Grendel happy. I am forever thankful for this wonderful, silly, smart but yet very bad brown girl!



## Gloria & Mark Beaty with Gibson

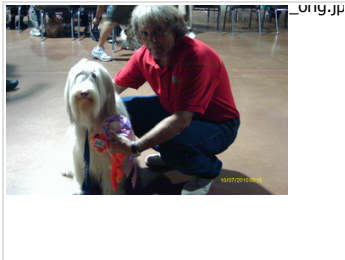


This is our Gibson. When we rescued Gibson on December 8, 2006, he was approximately 3 years old, today he is 11. Gibson is a rescue from Hurricane Katrina, in the beginning he suffered badly from abandonment issues. He has overcome a lot and is still so fearful of Thunder. One year ago, Gibson suffered an ear infection and as a result has lost his hearing. Just recently we found out Gibson has a kidney infection.

Picture # 1 shows Mark and Gibson at the 32nd National Specialty Show in Loveland, Gibson was awarded a Rescue Ribbon.

Picture # 2 They say a dog and his Owner sometimes look alike, notice the hair cuts.

Picture # 3 This is how Gibson looked when we brought him home, his hair was cut less than an inch all over except around his face.



## Molly McNamara & Max

Max - CH MACH Highlander Orion From Alamos RA MXB MJC NJP OF PD2 PS2 PJ3 PK2 PR1 PG1 ATD CL1 CGC VX - Bred by Jane Cooper  
Born 3/8/02 (almost 13!)

Owned by Molly McNamara and Beth Tilson

Max is my first beardedie, first agility dog, first obedience dog, first show dog! We learned the ropes of just about everything together and he even picked my husband out for me. It's hard to sum up so many years of teamwork in a few sentences but he always gave me 100% in anything I asked of him and with a proper beardedie sense of humor - it was hard to do anything with Max without smiling. He's enjoying an active retirement - hiking our property and putting the puppy in her place as often as possible!



## Linda Abramczyk & Bink Smith with Duncan

Bragging about Duncan..121/2 yrs. old born June 8 2002  
Reg. name Duncan II

Call name Duncan  
Owned by Linda Abramczyk and Bink Smith of Steamboat Springs.

As Bink says: Duncan is a true family dog. Has a good source of loyalty to family and to the pack..Kenna the Border Collie 6 yrs. and Farley the Beardie almost 3 yrs.  
Great in agility, hiking and running partner to this day.

PS as I write this , Duncan is recovering from a somewhat emergency Splenectomy done on Wed...lets hope for a speedy and successful recovery..so far so good..



## Laura Tappero & Tipper

Tipper is 14 + years old. She is CH Shanaspree's Popular Vote. Bred by Tammy Begler and Laura Tappero. She is owned by Laura Tappero and Tammy Begler. Her biggest accomplishment was being a champion by 9 months of age. She was attacked by a pit bull around her 1st birthday so that ended her show career and any agility training. Tipper loved herding sheep. As she ages her eyes are getting dimmer, her ears are closing and she sleeps alot but her nose can tell when there is food or bait around in a heart beat. She comes running for her share.



## Jody Martin & Raymond



Registered Name: Ewenique EverybodyLuv Raymond  
DOB: Dec. 13, 2001  
Breeder: Debbie L. Milligan and Chris Schaefer-Blair  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

I purchased him when he was 21/2 years old in April 2004. He is my companion dog---no metals---no awards---no certificates---no ribbons, just my favorite best buddy!! He has alittle arthritis, but seems to be loving life!!

## Kathy Thomas & Ian

CH Summit's No Strings Attached CD RAE3 PT

**IAN**

**Ian turned 13 on February 5, 2015. He was an incredible rally competitor becoming the first and only beardedie to earn an RAE3. Ian qualified every time he entered the ring (75 runs) and was the Top Advanced Rally Dog in 2009, the 2009 *Front and Finish* #1 bearded collie competing in rally, and he was Top Excellent Rally Dog in 2010. Ian enjoyed being my "special rally dog" and I loved being his partner!**





## Pam & Arnold Morton with Garrett

I would like to say a few things about my Garrett. He will be 10 years old on the 21st of this month. Garrett came from a breeding that the late Donna Johnson had. She had bred her bitch CH.Arline Summer BreezeBeauchin (Breezy) to Kathy Thomas Ch. Summits Cool Reflection (Brock) For some time I had been wanting a Brock son and my dream came true. Garrett was the only brown boy in the litter. I was thrilled when I picked up that little 8 week old puppy. I had the name Garrett picked out 5 years before he was born. One day on my way to work I was listening to a DJ who was here from Wales.....his name was Garrett. I thought what a neat name for a dog.

Garrett got his championship 4 days before his second birthday. It was the cluster shows in Denver and the club was having our supported entry that Sat. He loved the show ring and had that attitude that I so love to see in the show ring.....look at me because I'm the best. But like we all know having a Beardie goes way beyond the ribbons and trophies. Garrett has been my companion, protector, entertainment (he makes me laugh all the time) and therapy all rolled into one beautiful brown clown. Never a cuddler or kisser like some but the affection is there when needed. And now he is big brother to Ryan our 9 month old brown puppy. He truly has been a teacher to Ry but also a buddy that Ryan just adores.

So we will celebrate 10 wonderful years with our boy and pray for many more.

Pam and Arnold Morton

## Becky & Mike Tupa with Carri

If this looks like a two headed dog, that would be a good way to describe the close, fun loving relationship between Carri (CH Summit Carri Lovenewe Amherst, CD, RN, PT) and her mom, Maureen (CH Sherwood Sweetheart BeauChien CD, RN,PT, and ROMRX).

From the moment Maureen came to visit Carri, the two bounced around like puppies, high fiving each other just for the joy of being together! They loved being together so much that Maureen soon moved in and life was sweet for both of them. It was that close relationship and similar conformation that tempted me to show them as a brace. They loved working on their brace skills and showing them off too. They won best brace in 1 All breed show & 2 Nationals. Carri at age 14 is still the "forever puppy" in her playful attitude, still loving her walks, playing ball & stealing it from Abbey. Maureen was the perfect, ever sweet, devoted mom and friend.



## Meg Naylor & Tina

It's hard to believe that my Tina, CH Gemineye's Million Dollar Bar HIC, will be 14 years old in May. She is the daughter of my brown Beardie, Godiva, and is part of the "chocolate" litter. Why the name Tina? She was born in the vet's office about 9 hours after the first pup was delivered – sorta unbelievable that she made it. This was at the same time that the popular Survivor television show was wrapping up their 2nd season, and their million dollar winner was named Tina.

Yup, my Tina is still surviving and doing quite well. She's my resident Beardie matriarch (those of you who have one, will understand)! Of all things in the world, Tina loves her walks. She can no longer jump up in the van, but she can still walk a full 3 miles on a cool day. I have a feeling that Tina may be with us for several more years.

Club members Pat Clark and Linda Peters have Tina's littermates, Sydnee (formerly Truffle) and Tandy (formerly Buster). These 2 great homes have given their Beardies the love and care that they need to make it to their canine senior years.



## Pat Clark & Sydnee



My Dog Sydnee. I got her from Meg almost 14 years ago. She'll be 14 on May 7th. She's the best dog ever & I love her to death. She's my walking "buddy" & is always by my side. I'm always so grateful to Meg for choosing me for her Mom!

## Renee Jarrett & Keira

Here is Keira, International and AKC Champion Summit's Luck of the Draw PT RN now age 13

