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Coming Soon...

December 8, 2012 Holiday Party

11:30: Information included in this
newsletter

Spring 2013 Herding Instinct Test:

Watch for details in the next newsletter



Presidents Message

Dear RMBCC Member:

I can't believe it is almost the end of 2012, and the New Year is almost upon us!

- In October, the Club hosted our 2nd Annual Beardie Agility Day which once again was a big success. Please see the article about it further along in the Newsletter.
- In November, the Beardie Play Day was cold and snowy, but two hardy club members and their joyous Beardies had lots of fun romping and running at DeKoevend Park. .
- And we have saved the best for last! Saturday, December 8 is the annual Holiday Party which this year will be hosted by Joyce Ann Burgett. Since I joined the RMBCC six years ago, this has been one of my most favorite of our club's activities with good company, excellent food and generous gift giving. It would be wonderful to see many of you there to finish out the celebration of our 25th Anniversary year.

Your Board is currently working on activities for 2013 which hopefully will include a herding instinct test, health and wellness roundtable plus some other events that should be of interest to everyone.

If I don't see you at the Holiday Party, please have a most wonderful holiday season and very happiest of New Years!

Sincerely,
Nan Matthews
President





Musings from the 2012 BCCA National Specialty, Hooray For Hollywood.

By jill floberg

For more results go to the BCCA 2012 website
<http://www.bcca2012.com/showresults.html>

While it was a wonderful week full of excitement for the Colorado contingency that motored west to the Pacific Palms Hotel in the City of Industry, CA it was not without its challenges. The disclaimer to this article is that the opinions expressed here are strictly my own. Spelling of registered names was taken directly from the catalog.

Lets just get the weeks challenges out of the way first. I will not expound on them and will let you draw your own conclusions. Rain (outdoor show), having to change elevators to reach the room, an extremely long walk through the lobby to the outside for dogs to potty, an extremely long walk from the show site to the hotel lobby for the human potty. You get the picture.

Now lets talk about the good stuff. Starting with conformation classes and the first to earn a placement was Candy Hepner with her puppy bitch Willowisp Bit Of The Piper. She was 2nd in her class in futurity, 1st in sweepstakes class 12-under 16 mos. bitches, going on to become Best in Sweeps. The next Colorado competitor was Meg Naylor with Gemineye America's Heartthrop. 1st in the 6-9 ,mos dog sweepstakes class. When competing in Sweepstakes it is the puppies and the veterans, and the regular classes are for the dogs competing for championship points and grand champion points. For those of you who don't compete it can be very confusing, so just follow along and you will be impressed by all the Colorado folks who went to CA and did so very well. Before leaving the puppies, Candy walked away with the top prestigious honor winning Best Puppy in Sweeps. 27 puppies competed. Moving along the next to earn a placement (did I mention what an honor it is to come home from a National Specialty with a ribbon) was Kathy Thomas with her girl GCH Sherwood Cool Sequal AT Summit CD RE PT, 3rd bitches in 7and under 10 yrs veteran bitch. That completes the Futurity classes iudged by Cindv Alsnough and Sweens iudged by Susan Lvbrand.

The Regular classes began on Wednesday with the dogs judged first, delayed by a downpour, (never a dull moment) Thursday was for the bitches and Friday was for BOB. Once the rain subsided and the ring which thank you very much was under a tent, but still had to be shop vacuumed we got started. The judge for all the regular classes was Sue O'Brien from England. Our first Colorado contender was Lynn and Vince Zagarella and Jennifer Schmidt showing Edinbridge Chosen One placing 1st, in the 6 and under 9 mos class, Meg Naylor once again showing her boy Gemineye America's Heartthrop who placed 3rd in the 6 and under 9 mos class. Don Means placed 1st in the very tough bred-by-class with Donalea's Garfunkel's Pal.

under 9mos class, Lynn Zagarella, Gail Wall and Helen O'Connor placed 2nd with Ragtyme Catching Fire, Nancy Shock placed 4th with Gemineye's Joy Of Hermosa Mtn. 12 and under 15 mos, Candy placed 1st with Willowisp Bit Of The Piper At Woodsong. In the bred-by-class Joyce Ann Burgett was 1st with Winberlee's It's Me Eloise and she went on to win Winner's Bitch. In the veteran bitch class Joyce Ann Burgett's CH Winberlee's Picture Perfect HT was 3rd place 7 and under 10 class.

On Friday the competitors for Best of Breed gathered and the tension is at an all time high as we never know who will say look at me, choose me, I'm the best. Of course we all think ours is the best and we are all spiffed and polished for the big event. There were 191 dogs competing here including the dogs and bitches that competed on Wednesday and Thursday, The only one of these dogs to move on to Friday was Joyce Ann's Winberlee's It's Me Eloise. I will list in catalog order the dogs from Colorado who earned top honors.

Winberlee's It's Me Eloise, owned by Joyce Ann Burgett, Best of Winners and Award of Merit GCH Britannia One In A Zillion RN HT, owned by Jill Floberg, Award of Merit #11

Ch Ragtyme Beautiful Soul , owned by Lynn and Vince Zagarella, Best of Opposite Sex GCH Woodsong Pandemonium. Owned by Olivia and Norm Lazarus, Select Bitch and Award of Merit

Ch Britannia Sebring All Time High CD BN RA HT owned by Kathy Thomas, Award of Merit #13

There were 20 Trophies and Ribbons given out at the end and if you count them up you will see that Colorado came home with 7 of them. I have listed only the dogs who are owned by and live in Colorado. There were others that have ties to Colorado who did very well, but this highlights those who competed in conformation and came away as winners.

Moving Back to Saturday and Sunday the Herding tests and trials were held. A dog with a Colorado connection who placed High In Trial on Sunday. I hope that person is writing an article for this newsletter.

There were no CO dogs entered in the herding competition.

Tuesday all the agility dogs competed. Once again I carefully went through the catalog and did not see any CO dogs that placed in agility.

Wednesday AM was devoted to Rally and Obedience. Only one of our dogs was entered in obedience, Joyce Ann's Winberlee's Picture Perfect HT was 1st in her class of beginner novice B, earning a score of 193.5.

In Rally Kathy Thomas's boy Ch Britannia Sebring All Time High CD BN RA HT was 3rd in his class.

That pretty well concludes the weeks competition activities. I hope that all who came away with ribbons will do brags for the newsletter. The Southern California Club that hosted this event is to be commended for their efforts, putting together a very busy week for all. Until you have hosted and worked on the committee that does this you can not imagine the time (apprx 3 years) and work required to pull this off. While there are always problems and not everything is perfect, it came reasonably close to being a very enjoyable week.

Beardie Minute by Mike Tupa

In my one brief tenure as a college instructor I came to realize that not only was it a process of sharing my knowledge in hopes my students gained a little from my effort. But it also was a learning experience for me. As I researched the topic of the day I came to appreciate what I knew and the only real task was how to share it. This teacher learning as they teach is probably common. I don't make myself out to be something more than I am. But the methods and process of teaching is in itself a learning experience.

It occurs to me that working with my dog, whether it is herding, show, obedience, rally, etc. is a learning experience for me. As I teach her she also teaches me. I instruct a careful sit and stay, she tests just what that really means. Is it: "Sit here forever" or "Sit for while, look around and then move on" or is it some other variant of wait before doing something else. My learning comes in the ability to recognize those variants and be ready to encourage the desired response. (Not a lot different than teaching a Sophomore College studio)

While herding a step to the side, towards the dog, or away from the dog, a wave of my cane or even my frustrated kick at the dust can produce a corresponding response from my dog. While I am teaching her to help me she is teaching me how she can help, or wants to help. And as a typical Beardie, she does it all while thinking she has a better way of doing it. And I should learn the better way.

Dogs are said to be the first animal to be domesticated by humans. Widely kept for working, hunting, and pets over the course of human history it is said that as early man moved from caves to cities dogs were there from the beginning. Humans and dogs joining in one procession of cultural evolution. mDNA testing suggests a split between dogs and wolves over 100,000 years ago and evidence in Siberia and Belgium from 33,000 years ago of dogs and humans living together. Our present breeds are said to be only a few hundred years old (*Wikipedia*) but Egyptian carvings clearly illustrate domesticated dogs large and small.

Archaeological findings from the Upper Paleolithic times (17,000-14,000 years ago) found evidence of domestic dogs at the camp sites. No evidence of show rings, blue ribbons, or agility course equipment was found. But then no canine recipes were found either.

Today our breeding is for aesthetic and functional purposes. I believe that mankind came to realize, possibly early on, that working with (domesticating) dogs taught them to be better humans, taught them to work together, and taught those early humans to better communicate their thoughts as they worked with their dogs (and other humans). Dogs taught humans the give and take of learning and growth. Not only did a dog alert those sleeping to approaching danger but the humans also communicated their need for help with hunting, protection, affection, warmth, and to clean up the table scraps.

Our girls are on a daily effort to teach us what they are thinking. And after all these years I think I am hearing what they are saying. It's not just the "I have to go out" that we all earn from our puppies, but also the "It's time to go for a drive" or "You should get out for a walk" or "Get out of the house so we can sleep" or "Humm, Can't you see, I'm not finished out here!" and the list goes on.

One fall afternoon the cold wet weather turned into those large snowflakes that float to the ground. So as this lovely first snow filtered down I let the dogs out and my girl, looking up at the falling snow, looked back at me and, again looking up, looked back directly at me. She was telling me "Hey this is something new!" It was as purposeful a statement as anyone would have made on this beautiful moment. And I was fortunate to literally share the moment with her as we both appreciated the beauty of that first snow. And only one of us sat there anticipating the deep snow to lap up and track back into the house.



Aunt Beardie

Dear Aunt Beardie

How can I get my little Beardie friend to enjoy her crate as much as I enjoy being in mine? I like to use mine as my dog house as a place to get away from it all. My little friend whines when she is in her crate.

Sincerely,
MySpace

Dear MySpace,

Crates are a wonderful thing when they are used correctly. And it sounds like your people did a good job making your crate feel like your home. In order for pup to feel comfortable in the crate, it has to be a retreat; not a jail. Here are some tips that Aunt Beardie has learned from her pups and relatives along the way. Just pick up this letter and lay it at the feet of your people to read.

Select a crate big enough for pup to stand up and turn around easily.

Let pup investigate the crate on her own. Encourage curiosity by tossing a toy or a few treats inside.

Feed pup in her crate. Quietly close the door while she eats and then open the door after she eats and let her outside to potty.

Hire a good interior decorator. Well, just kidding. Make the interior of the crate comfortable with a blanket or bath towel and a chew toy to keep her occupied.

Never put pup in her crate as a punishment. Select a different "time-out" location, like a bathroom, when you need to stop an unwanted behavior.

Do NOT keep pup in a crate longer than 4 hours at a time.

Crate for very short times at first. Extend crate time as she adapts to it. Reward, reward, reward the desired behavior; in this case no whining; instead just happy pup.

Sincerely,
Aunt Beardie

Braggs and Waggs...

BRAG from Nan Matthews

Ragtime Still So Vain (Carly) finished her last leg in Rally Advanced at the Buckhorn Valley show October 27. We head to Excellent next month!



Agility News!

Emie, Ch Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye, NA NAJ CGC HIC, finished her Novice B titles at Flatirons with a first place in JWW on Saturday and second place in Standard on Sunday.

Meg Naylor

From Janet and Russ Kittel

Russ and Janet Kittel's Lexie earned her HT and PT herding titles this fall. Lexie has great interest in herding and Kittels are looking forward to continuing to herd with her next Spring.

**CH BRITANNIA SEBRING ALL TIME HIGH CD BN GN RE HT
“Greyson”**



Greyson has had a busy and successful Fall, 2012. In September he earned the Graduate Novice Obedience title. In October he completed the Rally Excellent title. Then at the BCCA National Specialty, Greyson earned an Award of Merit.

Thank you Kim Raleigh for your beautiful presentation of Greyson at the National. We are so proud of Greyson. He is such a biddable beardie that is always eager to learn something new and a joy to live with.

Kathy and Steve Thomas

Greyson is co-owned by Michele Ritter, Jill Floberg and Kirsten Andreassend



Brag from Jill Floberg

GCH Britannia On In A Zillion RN HT, aka ZiZi went to the 2012 National Specialty and came home with an Award of Merit # 11. ZiZi is owned by Jill Floberg, Amy Steltz and Michele Ritter. She lives in Colorado with Jill. ZiZi celebrated her 7th birthday on Nov. 14th and is now a veteran. She has always been owner/handled by Jill. Highlights of her Nat'l Specialty career include winning Best Puppy in Sweeps @ 10 months old @ the NW Regional that was held in conjunction with the National Specialty where she was Reserve Bitch in 2006, 4th in her class at the 2007 specialty, Award of Merit in 2008 and now she finishes out her show career.



ZiZi -BCCA National Specialty 2012



ZiZi – BCCA National Specialty 2006

From Norm and Olivia Lazarus

Bronze GCH Woodsong Pandemonium received Select and the second Award of Merit at the National Specialty Best of Breed Competition.



Braggs from Renee Jarrett

Ginger, Mik-Ren's Forever Isn't Long Enough received her championship at the Arapahoe Shows Sat. Sept. 22nd by taking the winner's bitch, best of winners and best of breed. Now she wants to do performance events. Thank you Mrs. Sharon Newcomb.

At the same show , Merrin , (Mik-Ren Blessings Where's the Action, Barky? --Ginger's nephew, took best of opposite to add 2 more points . He will be finishing up during 2013.



Ginger , Champion Mik-Ren's Forever Isn't Long Enough



Merrin-- Mik-Ren Blessing's Where's the Action, Barky? 18 months and in the wind too!

Two weeks earlier, I finished my elkhound bitch, Alex-- Ch Vin-Melca's Ms. Alexandrite So September 2012 was a great month for my dogs and me.

Brag from Candy Hepner

Willowisp Bit O'The Piper At Woodsong took a First place in her Confirmation class Bitches 12 mos and under 15 mos, Second place in her Futurity class Bitches 9 mos and under 12 mos and she won **Best in Sweepstakes**.



Brag from Nancy Thompson, Tammy Begler, Candy Hepner and Jill Floberg ... the Story of Danner!



CH Woodsong's Danner Take A Hike, RE, HSAsd, STDd, JHD

Nancy's Journey with her first Beardie!

Danner's journey started many years before he was born. My husband and I purchased our first puppy from the humane society – a Gordon Setter, OES mix... having bought into the theory that mixes were healthier. Maggie was the sweetest, most nurturing dog. She loved everybody and raised puppies and

kittens and our son with equal ease and love. In the early 1990's I was on the computer and called Mark into the room – Look at these pictures..... “how did pictures of Maggie get out there? “ was his question. I explained that these were Bearded Collies and that Maggie must really be a beardie mix... my love of the breed began.

The wait for Danner started in 2006 when I met Tammy Beglar at a dog show in Arizona. I again fell in love with the breed that was so sweet and welcoming to my neardie, Beardsley. My first experience showing in conformation was Tammy letting me take Loop into the ring. What a wonderful, sweet dog, so patient with my fumbling. When Tammy made plans to breed Loop, I was delighted that she approved of me as a puppy parent.



Danner was the first puppy I ever saw whelped. Tammy invited me to Flagstaff to watch the birth, along with the neighbors and their grandkids. The first two pups were born before I got there – Danner was the

3rd in the litter.... A perfect little black and white boy with great markings and a personality that developed into a sweet, peace seeking, dog friendly, loving boy with a crazy work ethic.

While waiting for Danner, I put together a clicker based training plan for his early life with us. It called for training 4-5 times a day for 4-5 minutes...teaching the basics of obedience and agility and he loved his training sessions. He was also the easiest puppy to house break, he just followed the older dogs out the door, and that was that. I was competing in obedience, rally and agility with Beardsley, so Danner would

just tag along until he was old enough to compete. I was also fortunate to be able to bring Danner to work with me in the early months. He was in a crate under my desk, and most people didn't know he was there.

In January, 2009, I took Danner to a local Wags for Wishes show where the local herding group was doing instinct testing. Danner was 4 months old at the time, and the herding people were not optimistic that he would “turn on”... They wanted to be sure I wouldn't be discouraged if he didn't... He turned on right away and we went back a few times to play with the sheep. By the end of the week end Danner and I were hooked. I had heard a few things about herding instructors and wanted to find someone who would not be too harsh. When Danner was 7 months old, I got a call from Tammy, she found a place for Danner and me to train and they only lived an hour away! We made our first appointment and fell in

love with Tim and Kathy Stangler. We had so much in common, they were originally from Minnesota,

The poor dog had more baths than any dog should have to endure. One of my friends breeds Afghans and she would often tell me “Clean hair doesn’t break, if you want to keep a coat, wash your dog.”

Danner’s first conformation show was in New Mexico when he was 8 months old. We met and roomed with Jen Sanders and Catfish. Jen was very encouraging, showing me grooming and training tips. We also met Jill Floberg who owns Danner’s father, River.

During the summer we continued to train in obedience, conformation and herding when ever possible.

Danner got his first point from long time breeder, Arlene Rubenstein in September and followed up a month later with his PT in herding, making him one of the youngest Beardies to get a PT at 13 months old.

Danner and I continued to train in obedience, conformation, agility and herding, sometimes 3-4 nights a week. In Dec, 2009, I had a sheep run into my knee, hyper extending it, and ultimately tearing the meniscus, leading to surgery in April, 2010. I would drive Danner to lessons, but in agility and herding often counted on others to run him through the practices. Tim and Kathy Stangler each handled Danner getting a leg toward his A course started sheep title.

In March, 2010, a major highlight of our show career was going Best of Breed over one of the top Beardies in the country at the Tucson shows. It was a really windy day, and Danner’s coat was everywhere. Deborah Gentile and Meg Naylor were there to encourage me, and I kept remembering Tammy’s motto – Just have fun out there! It was a thrill, and one that will never be forgotten.

Our first Nationals were in 2010 in Colorado. I was so excited, but very nervous. I wanted Tammy to be very proud of Danner and all he was doing. Herding didn’t go our way. Putting two novices together, along with the pressure I put on us, and we had a wild ride. It was a good experience and we learned a lot from it. After herding, we settled down Danner went on to get his Rally Novice title and 2nd in his conformation class. It was a thrilling trip for both of us, but we set our sights on California in 2012 and went right back to training.

On February 13, 2011, during our first practice run, Danner went out for a runaway black sheep, turned it and slowed... I was watching Danner and didn’t see the sheep until the last second, when she sideswiped me, causing me to roll my ankle and break it in many places. Again, I had to count on friends to handle Danner in practices and ultimately in herding trials. Tim took Danner to the herding trial the next weekend and finished his A course started title. We had to take time off during my recovery, but a few months later, I got the OK to drive again, we headed back to herding, agility and obedience lessons. My friend, Tracy, would come from across town to our agility classes and run Danner in class for me. I had a ton of support



In March, 2012, I arranged, for the first time, to have a handler show Danner in conformation. There were friends coming in from California to help build a major and I committed Danner to showing on Friday and Monday, when I had to work. The handler forgot about Danner and didn't show up at the ring on Friday. I felt horrible... but I know these things happen. On Saturday, showing to Chantel Andrew, Danner received his first major. He also went Winner's Dog on Sunday, for his second major. Since we had what we needed, and I didn't want to blow the major on Monday (but I also didn't trust the handler) I arranged with a friend to pick up Danner from my work. She took him to the show, and got him ready to show. I left work early, racing to the show grounds and got there about 5 mins before we went into the ring. Chris Walkowicz was the judge, and Danner received his 3rd major! At this point he had 14 points, and he and I had done it ourselves (with a lot of grooming help).

We traveled to California, to the mission circuit in May, 2012 to help build points for those dogs that helped us. We are happy we were able to help give Kobe McLaren one of his majors. Danner received his last point in California. My son was at the show, his first show ever and that was very exciting!

Now that Danner had his Championship, we concentrated more on agility and obedience, entering matches and small trials. We also started a training plan with Tim Stangler for herding. Tim wanted to go to the Nationals and handle Danner in herding. From May on, our training schedule was: Monday: obedience, Tuesday: two agility classes; Thursday: agility class; Friday, obedience class and agility open practice. We'd herd on the weekends and bathe/groom every Sunday night.

I showed Danner in Flagstaff, his hometown, in June. We entered Conformation and Rally. We NQ'd the first day in Rally when I went right by one of the signs. The judge later asked me "do you know why your dog is barking at you? You missed a sign and he was trying to tell you that." We had practiced the course a few times outside the ring, and I guess he had it patterned – and I messed up the pattern. The next day, Danner qualified with a 98, I messed up a sign and reduced our score by 10 points, but it was still enough to qualify for his second excellent leg.

All this was in preparation for the Nationals. My goal was to go, have fun, and know what we were doing. I wanted to make my trainers proud. I just wanted to do the best we could, not be better than anybody else. I went into each class as another training opportunity, working on our partnership, and most of all, having fun. And we did...it got a little surreal.... We had entered 11 events. – 6 in herding (if I was paying for Tim to go, it didn't make sense not to enter Danner in everything. We could always pull if we needed to do so, but I would not have that opportunity again). Danner and Tim worked together very well, with some very wily sheep and some great geese, qualifying in 5 of the 6 events and receiving the high score on sheep on Sunday. Danner earned his first leg in B course sheep with a High in Trial score of 98. He also received high combined Sheep for the two day trial and received the Boone Award for the Bearded Collie with the highest combined sheep scores at the National, and the Chip Thrill Memorial Award for herding.

In agility Danner was the only qualifier in his novice class. I guess if you are fast enough, hit your contacts and weaves, you can qualify even with a lot of other bobbles. He had a great jumpers run, but dropped a bar when I tried to push him to a jump and then turn too soon.

In obedience and rally, Danner did everything he was supposed to do in a pretty distracting area. There were leaf blowers, golf carts, etc. But Danner's eyes were on me. Rally was interesting because of the new signs that were incorporated. We didn't know two of them. We worked on them outside the ring,

and because he knows how to learn, went in and received another 1st place.

All of this ended with Danner winning the **Chip Versatility award for the 2012 Bearded Collie Nationals**, and it couldn't have happened to a sweeter, kinder, dog. None of this would have happened without my great friends and mentors, and my husband, Mark for saying "Yes" so often. Sitting here at the computer with Danner at my feet...that's what it is all about.



THE BOONE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

In memory of Am. Can. Ch. Artisan Bronze Paladin HXAs HX, offered by Ann Witte, to be awarded annually to the Bearded Collie Dog with the highest combined score on sheep earned during the National Herding Event(s) each year, using qualifying scores from A, B, and/or C course or any combination of these courses. Offered on a limited lifetime basis, individual trophies will be awarded annually for a period of 25 years. The first trophy will be awarded at the 2012 National Specialty, with the final trophy being awarded at the 2032 National Specialty. Individual annual trophies will be small replicas of a bronze sculpture of a Bearded Collie facing off a Scottish Blackface ram mounted on a wooden base. The original sculpture, upon which each year's winner will be recorded, will be displayed at all National Specialties and remain in the permanent possession of the BCCA.)

CHIP VERSATILITY AWARD: In April of 2005, the BCCA Board approved a motion to establish an award to honor the most versatile Beardie at our annual National Specialty show. This award is named in memory of the first Masters In Versatility winner, DC Britannia Chip Thrills UDX MX MXJ.

2ND ANNUAL BEARDIE AGILITY DAY



The weather gods do love Beardie Collies, since once again the sun was shining and the temperature mild even on October 20 at Diane DuBose's agility training facility.

After hot coffee and tasty muffins for the humans, all the dogs from puppies to seniors went through a warm-up of obedience and rally exercises to get everyone in shape for the day. Then the dogs with little or no agility experience tried out the jumps, tunnels, and A-frame with lots of treats and encouragement from their owners. Next experienced dogs took center stage and ran a challenging standard course – Meg's Emie took the prize for that event! The always popular relay race with teams of two novice and one experienced dogs ended the day to the cheers of everyone attending. It proves once again that performance sports like agility do fit the temperament and skills of our wonderful Beardies!

In the warm afternoon sun, we ended our festivities with a lunch of two fabulous chili dishes provided by Peggy Reed and Meg Naylor.

Can't wait till Agility Day 2013!

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, June 23, 2012
Dekovenda Park, Centennial, Colorado

President, Nan Matthews called the meeting to order. She welcomes the attendees and thanks them for coming to the 2012 Annual Picnic & a very special "Celebration," recognizing the RMBCC 25th year.

President Matthews reports on the Club's very successful year, noting some of the programs and events that were well attended:

- a) An onsite Agility event with trainer
- b) A Therapy dog seminar
- c) An onsite Tracking seminar with instructors
- d) The RMBCC Holiday Brunch
- e) Supported Entry at the Flatirons Kennel Dog Show
- f) New Website launched

Mrs. Matthews also informs attendees of the changes in the Board. Leaving is Vice President Mike Tupa, Director Janet Kittel and Director, Jody Martin. Newly elected was Renee Jarrett, Vice President. Christy Sweeney, Director - 2 year term and Jill Floberg, Director - 2 year term.

Kathy Thomas, chairman, Awards Committee, recognizes all of this year's Award winners with ribbons and/or gifts.

Treasurer, Meg Naylor reports the current balance of the RMBCC bank account is \$9,552.47. Also, states Mrs. Naylor, our new members are Marlon & Rachel Funez and Jill Waldman, both with regular joint memberships. President Matthews reminded every one of the party, celebrating the 25th year of the RMBCC, beginning at the close of this meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn by Marta Witt, second by Laura Tappero. Motion carried.

Peggy B. Reed, Secretary

Please join us for the ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEARDED COLLIE CONNECTION'S HOLIDAY PARTY

WHAT: Food, Fun, Gift Exchange and Holiday Cheer

WHEN: Saturday , December 8 - 11:30 am-2:30 pm

WHERE: 4 Martin Lane (Joyce Ann Burgett's home)
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113
[303-806-6447](tel:303-806-6447)
Directions below

Joyce Ann will be providing two entrees – beef brisket and chicken spaghetti - plus most of the lunch items. But if you would like to bring something, she

recommends the following to add to the menu:

Potatoes au gratin

Green beans

Scalloped potatoes

Asparagus

Lettuce salad

Peas

Gift Exchange: If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped dog-related gift

RSVP: Please RSVP to Nan Matthews, nan@themattgrp.com or [303-843-6414](tel:303-843-6414). Let her know: 1) what food you will bring and 2) the name(s) and number of people attending.

Directions:

From the North: Take I-25 to Santa Fe South. Take Santa Fe to Oxford. Turn left on Oxford, stay on Oxford past Broadway and Logan. There is a stop sign at the corner of Oxford and Clarkson, turn left on Clarkson, turn right on Martin Lane. Stay to the left, second house on the left. You can park in the driveway or on the street.

From the South: Take I-25 to Belleview Exit (199). Go past University – the next light is Clarkson. Turn north on Clarkson, immediately after 3rd stop sign on Oxford, turn on Martin Lane, stay to the left, second house on the left. You can park in the driveway or on the street.