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#### BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Laura Tappero

While my duties as chair might make you believe I am the bearer of bad news, let me reassure you that I can bring good news also. Especially the good news as it pertains to your beardies accomplishments. But, and this is the biggy. *I can only do this if you the membership lets me know.* 

We all mourn when we lose our beloved pets or a family member. It's important that to know how much your sadness at this time is shared.

If you have news for me, good or sad, please e-mail me @ Shanaspree@Q.com

### From Our President June 2021

Dear RMBCC Members:

Isn't it wonderful to start taking our masks off and feel a sense of the normal return!!

We have one event to report on and another to announce - - and an exciting project that has been in the works since last year.

*May 22, 2021* Trick Dog and CGC Workshop Did the Beardies and their humans have fun in May at Renee Jarrett's new training facility in Loveland Everything Dogs. *Please see the article with more details and pictures later in the newsletter.* 

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#### Grooming Videos Now Available!!

Based on a member survey we started this project last year, but with the pandemic and its restrictions were not able to finish as soon as we hoped. BUT I have heard from the committee – Kathy Thomas, Becky Tupa and Mary Homan – that the videos are finished and now posted on the RMBCC website – <u>www.rmbcc.info</u>. Go to the Membership tab, click on Members Only and then Grooming.

Hosted by Jennie Smith, a master groomer in Loveland, Colorado, there are 16 topics covering everything from Tools and Products to Brushing Long Coat to Beardie Bathing Tips. You can watch the whole presentation lasting around 30 minutes or pick and choose those topics of most interest to you and your Beardie. Do check it out – so many excellent tips for grooming our dogs!

Look forward to seeing everyone in August!!



Nan Matthews, President 303-843-6414 nan@themattgrp.com

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#### NEED WEB ADMINISTRATOR

After many years of being our web administrator and most recently updating the webpage, Meg Naylor has decided to step down from this responsibility. So, this is a Want Ad to our RMBCC members to hopefully find someone else who can take over for her.

The administration duties do not take a lot of time, but the key component of the job is being familiar with or willingness to learn WordPress - the program "behind" our web site. Meg will be happy to share the duties with anyone interested.

Check out the webpage at <a href="https://rmbcc.info/">https://rmbcc.info/</a>

If you're interested, please contact Nan Matthews, nan@themattgrp.com, 303-843-6414

## **RMBCC Annual Meeting Minutes - Aug 30, 2020**

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The in-person meeting was held at DeKoevend Park in Centennial and commenced at 11:00 am.

Present: Linda Abramczyk Kirsti and Brooks Sweeney Karen Deitke Laura Tappero Russ and Janet Kittel Jan and Greek Taylor Kim Krueger Tim and Leise Tetherow

Olivia Lazarus Terry and Regan Warnick Jody Martin Marta Witt Nan Matthews Kathy and Jon Zeschin Meg Naylor and Michael Bain

President Nan Matthews welcomed everyone and asked that they introduce themselves, tell how long they've been in the club and how many Beardies they have.

#### President's Report

Thanked Meg Naylor for her work in getting the webpage updated and allowing the club to have access in order to make changes/updates when needed.

<u>Updates to Constitution</u> – Nan outlined two issues which the Board is recommending two change in our Constitution. First - Removing the "100-mile radius" for regular members and replacing it with Colorado. Second - changing wording from always mailing proposed changes to the members via the postal service to sending and requesting responses via email. Olivia Lazarus will edit the wording and forward to Deb McAlister to mail out to the members.

#### New Events

Nan mentioned several possible Zoom or live, if possible, events discussed at the Board Zoom Meeting on August 29. Those of interest were: therapy dog information, how to groom your dog, and nose work. The Board will work on moving forward with setting these up.

#### Treasurer's report

Ending balance: \$9306.25

#### **Herding**

Meg Naylor reminded everyone that the herding instinct test will be Saturday, October 17, 2020. She will send notices out in early September. She asked for a show of hands as to whose dogs might be taking the test and for people to help out. It will be only for Beardies. The event will be at Carrie Sparks place in Elizabeth. She indicated that Russ Kittel & Beardie Lexie were willing to give a demonstration! Russ has been competing in herding with his Beardie(s) for a number of years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am Respectfully, Jody Martin, standing in for Deb McAlister

After the meeting was formally adjourned, Nan presented Olivia Lazarus with some fall flowers thanking her for the six years she served as president. Olivia Lazarus and Kathy Zeschin handed out the plaques for the 2019 awards. Kathy Zeschin read the submission for the 2019 Special Recognition Award which was given to Olivia and Norm Lazarus for their contribution to the club and presented Olivia with their plaque.

## **RMBCC Board Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2021**

The board convened at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** current balance: \$8225.02. Insurance of \$438 and SOS registration of \$10 were paid.

<u>Grooming videos</u>: The videos are completed and paid for. Jenny Smith, a professional groomer, was featured in the (16) 5 minute videos on various grooming topics. Becky Tupa, Mary Homan and Kathy Thomas worked on making the videos

a reality. Many thanks to them.

The board was given a password so that they could review the videos prior to releasing to the membership. The videos were posted on the website and will check with Meg to clarify if they are password controlled.

Nan will ask members if there is someone who would work with the webmaster to keep the website updated and fresh.

**Picnic:** The picnic is scheduled for 9:30 am – 1:00 pm Sunday, August 29, 2021 at DeKoevend Park, 6302 University Blvd., Centennial, the same as last year.

<u>Misc.</u> Deb McAlister announced to the board that Lambspun, a yarn shop in Ft. Collins, will spin dog hair. She brought a sample of her 2 beardies' fur and they spun it into a very nice yarn.

## Braggs and Wags

### Janet & Russ Kittel - Lexie

Lexie got her Level II American Herding Breed Association title in March, with a 2nd place finish is an all-Breed event in Arizona.

Lexie also got her Canine Good Citizen, Canine Good Citizen Advanced and Novice Trick Dog titles in May under our very own AKC Judge Renee Jarrett. Many thanks to Renee for hosting the club for this fun event at her brand new training facility.





### Kathy and Jon Zeschin - Keller and Merle

Keller passed his CGCA and CGCU tests and got his Trick Dog Novice and Trick Dog Intermediate Titles at the May RMBCC Workshop. Merle passed his CGC test and got his Trick Dog Novice and Trick Dog intermediate Titles as well.

Thanks so much to our RMBCC Member Renee Jarrett and the gang at her great new facility for making this most enjoyable and successful day possible.





### **BJ and Steve Walker - Bryn and Cooper**

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Bryn (13 1/2 years young) earned her AKC Advanced Tricks title at the RMBCC tricks seminar at Renee's beautiful venue in Loveland. In the photo, Bryn is weaving around my legs as I walk. She absolutely loved learning new tricks, which meant a lot of treats! Learning and practicing the tricks gave her a job to do. Thanks to Renee for letting us use her facility and for running the seminar. And thanks to Nan for arranging. It was great fun!!

Cooper loves to show off. He learns so easily and could do even more than the 10 tricks required for the Intermediate title. But then came Show Time. And he froze. Being out with people and dogs after a year of going almost nowhere was so intimidating. But after a few tries, he was able to play with his interactive toy and weave through my legs (see photo). Then he realized he was to do his tricks! It was so good for his self confidence to show off in front of people and dogs. He had a blast. Thanks Renee and Nan for putting on the best Tricks Seminar yet!





### Linda Abramczyk - Whiskey

Whiskey up here in Steamboat runs NADAC agility and has titled in Elite class in Tunnelers, Hoopers, Touch n Go, and Jumpers. I usually don't do braggs since it's not AKC events, which most members do. Thanks, hope to see ya all at the picnic.

### Nan Matthews - Dulcie

On May 22, 2021 Dulcie (Woodsong I Have Dreamed Thee) earned her Advanced Canine Good Citizen title at the RMBCC Trick Dog and CGC Workshop. Dulcie was adopted when she was nine from her first family, and since joining Bailey and I in July 2018 has gotten her Novice Rally title and now the CGCA. She will be 13 in September which proves that Beardies can do anything at any age.



### **Olivia Lazarus - Panda**

GCHS CH Woodsong Pandemonium BN RM FDC CGCA CGCU TKI, Panda received her **Rally Masters Title** on Sunday June13th.



### **Meg Naylor - Dakota and Paisley**

What a fabulous time we had at the BCCA 2020 National Specialty! Both Dakota and Paisley did so well. Our highlight was Dakota (Wigglesworth Gemineye Thanks For Masking TKN CGC) was Best Puppy In Sweepstakes! Such a fun win! She also pulled out a Q in Rally Novice B.

Paisley (Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love RN HT FDC OA OAJ CGCA TKI) had some nice runs in agility and took 1st in both Novice FAST and with her relay team. She also was 1st place in Rally Advanced B.

Both girls took 2nd place in their conformation classes. A big THANK YOU to all who sent messages of congratulations! I really appreciate all the nice support from my RMBCC friends!





### **Deb McAlister - Reo**

Our beardie, Reo, earned his Canine Good Citizen Award as well as Novice Trick Dog at the event at Renee Jarrett's facility on May 22.



## Karen Deitke - Kindle

Sebring Light My Fire (Kindle), owned and handled by Karen Deitke, won the Open Bitch Class at the BCCA 2020 National Specialty and was also awarded the BCCA 2020 National Specialty Chip Versatility Award. This award was earned for highest scoring Beardie participating in 3 or more activities at the national specialty. Kindle's win came from the Open Bitch class win along with qualifying runs and placements in novice fast, time to beat and 2 double Qs in masters agility, 100 and 1st place in both rally intermediate and rally advanced in addition to teaming up with Linus for a 2nd place in rally novice doubles.



## Aunt Beardie



Aunt Beardie fields many questions about our beloved Bearded Collies. Recently when Aunt Beardie was asked about her advice on grooming, she wisely deferred to her people who knew a grooming expert. Aunt Beardie's people accepted the challenge and began working on it. Aunt Beardie's wise advice to her people was to create short videos by topic so specific grooming tips can be located quickly.

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## **Beardie Minute**

by Mike Tupa

Well, I'm not on track to come up with an interesting topic. Just days where the outside weather (too hot or too cold) keeps the brain inside, and the distractions further wear away the desire to accomplish things that are not critical or difficult. I'm not sure what others do when in this funk. I used to just take a break, go for a bike ride, go to Dairy Queen, get away from the office and flush my head to help the focus. But I am much older now and it's easier to flush my head and acquire a task to complete.

So, here's where a Beardie comes in. Our girl Abbey will check in with me occasionally. I once believed it was because my office is the (temp) coolest room in the house. She'd spread out on the linoleum and cool her belly while I clicked through my computer stuff. Life for a dog is seemingly easier, more directed butyet less planned. And maybe that's what I'm directing my life to be now in my "retired" years. Easier, directed and less planned.

Abbey is a relatively smart dog, by my standards. She knows how things unfold. Put on shoes, go down steps, pick up keys and she's waiting for me at the garage door ready for a car ride for coffee (and maybe a "pup-a-chino" if she can swing the "look" at the window). Over the years I have come to believe that my dogs, and maybe all dogs, certainly all Beardies, live in the moment. Shoes and keys equal a chance treat. She knows that picking up a stray wrapper on the floor and bringing it to one of us adults will get her a treat. So, she picks her moments each evening to do her errands. Something different happens and she is on alert, ready to tell us something is different. My phone buzzes when someone is at the door, or just walks by the front door. Abbey knows that with a couple earned responses someone may just BE AT THE DOOR and alerts me because she hears the phone buzz. Sometimes she's right but mostly wrong. That doesn't stop her from her barking alert. For her it's not something to watch for, just something to react to in the moment. I do love Beardies. They excel at this momentary awareness and surprise. The faintest rumble of thunder 25 miles away gives a bark built out of a low "WOOW-WOOW" but someone at the door is a short snap bark. One says it's out there, not sure what it is. And the other is a "I heard the buzz" alert bark meant to get us to react quickly. Smart dog. Now if only we could communicate with them and know the respond to those 12-15 excitement barks tell us about what she sees. Unfortunately, we just can't understand what she's saying and that is my frustration each day.

Well, my brain is flushed, time for dinner and some elbow nudging from Abbey to remind me that she is there ready for a small table scrap or an affectionate ear rub and pat on the back.

# RMBCC Beardie Works June 2021 RMBCC 2020 Annual Awards

#### **RMBCC 2020 ANNUAL AWARD APPLICATION**

#### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. One brass plate will be given for AKC titles earned per Beardie. Members may apply for any AKC event title, BCCA HIC and versatility titles, AKC CGC, therapy dog certification and any other title that the BCCA recognizes (BCCA standing rules; section 9.9.2). Associate members will be presented with a certificate of accomplishment but may order awards at the cost incurred by the Club.

2. Titles must be confirmed by the AKC. **Please attach a photocopy of your title certificate to the application.** The period covered will be for the calendar year 2020.

3. All persons applying must be members of the RMBCC in good standing, as well as with the AKC, at the time in which the title is awarded, achieved and presented.

If you are a regular member and this is your first award, please indicate on the form below that a plaque will be needed to hold the award plate(s). A separate application is required for each dog if more than one dog in your household has received titles during 2020.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS **MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AWARDS CHAIRPERSON (LISTED BELOW) BY July 30,** 2021. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Members Name:

Title(s) awarded: (Championship/grand championship, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, agility, BCCA HIC and versatility awards, CGC, therapy dog, barn hunt, trick dog, and other titles that are recognized by the BCCA; Section 9.9.2 of the BCCA standing rules)

#### ATTACH A COPY OF THE TITLE CERTIFICATION TO THE APPLICATION

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name:

Check here if you are a regular member and have not received a plaque:

Return by JULY 30, 2021 to:

Olivia Lazarus 6715 E Villanova Place. Denver, CO 80224

### **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 Awards Chair Olivia Lazarus by July 30, 2021. This award will be presented at the annual meeting to be held during the picnic in 2021.

## **RMBCC Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Workshop**

On a recent Saturday, 10 Beardies and their people gathered in Loveland for a day showcasing good manners and fun tricks. Hosted by Renee Jarrett and her partners at their wonderful new training facility Everything Dog, the morning kicked off with Beardies demonstrating their ability to be well rounded, polite community members in a variety of settings. Before breaking for lunch, 5 CGC, 5 CGCA and 2 CGCU tests had been passed by the group shown below.

In the afternoon, everyone polished their tricks with coaching and training hints from Renee and fellow club members. Then we were entertained as our fun-loving Beardies and their creative humans performed the tricks they had honed. At the end of the afternoon, numerous titles — Novice, Intermediate and even an Advanced Trick Dog — had been earned and much laughter and camaraderie shared.

Kudos and a big thank you to club member and evaluator extraordinaire Renee and her wonderful partners and staff. For more pictures and individual accomplishments, see "Braggs & Wags!". Also, some "action shots" taken by Renee's partner JoDee will be posted on the website in the near future.



#### RMBCC members and their dogs starting from the left:

Colleen Fitzgerald and Cormac Kathy & Jon Zeschin with Merle and Keller Nan Matthews and Dulcie Russ & Janet Kittel and Lexie Meg Naylor with Dakota and Paisley [BJ and Steve Walker with Bryn and Cooper (Came in the afternoon)

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If you have a portable tent or awning, please bring it for shade. You may want chairs, blankets for your own comfort and seating in the ballpark. Please have water and poop bags for your dog(s).

#### 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 Kristi Sweeney, kristis@sweeneyassoc.net

The number of people attending whether you have a tent or awning Choice of sandwiches will be provided for you to choose from

[Please note that Renee sent us the information below before her training facility, Everything Dog, opened. Go to her website- www.everythingdogco.com - for current detailed information on her upcoming classes and programs.]

#### Hi RMBCC Members,

I was asked to write up an exciting news item coming up soon. I have been a member of this club for lots of years and happy to see you all are still a part of a great club.

I have been doing dog training classes up here in Loveland for over 9 years and the place I was doing them closed that part. So 4 other women (that were and are clients and now good friends) decided that Northern Colorado needed to have a "dog mecca" center --- ha ha . So when the place closed, that pushed us into hunting a new place which we are doing right now in the Loveland area. The name of our business is EVERYTHING DOG L.L.C. We are finishing up our logo, website , deciding on classes , filing with the state and federal government . Hopefully I will be able to share where our place will be soon.

With 4 instructors we will be offering lots of classes -- Puppy Manners/STAR, Beyond Puppy, CCG and advance levels, Tricks, Rally signs and Rally drop in, 4 levels of Conformation (the 4th one is for the mental requirements in the group rings --- when we have shows again), Impulse Control levels 1 and 2, Parkour, training from Sue Alsbey, Scent, Nose work, Farm dog, Massage, Eric Salas methods, help humans understand how dogs think, emotional intelligence for both parties, how dogs learn, cooperative care at the vets and groomers, dancing with your dog, beginning obedience BN through a CD etc.

Plus we hope to have health seminars, grooming seminars, breed matches, kennel meetings, renting our facility to work a dog, drop in rally and conformation and if we have outside room we would like to offer nose work, farm dog (even getting titles), general scent work, barn hunt and maybe even dock diving == this is depending on if we have enough outside area.

So, I hope to give out more information once we are set up in the Loveland area.

**Renee Jarrett** 

