



RMBCC Beardie Works October 2021

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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 @ Shanaspre@Q.com



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From Our President October 2021

Dear RMBCC Members:

In all my years in Colorado, I have never seen the changing leaves looking so beautiful. After the string of 90-day temperatures this summer, it is such a treat to have a cool day to walk our Beardies with beautiful colors to enjoy.

After the most successful picnic in August, we have some more events for the club to enjoy this year.

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Walk in the Park

After skipping a year, we thought it would be great fun to again take our Beardies for a walk in Washington Park this fall. We will start at 10:30 am allowing for weather – please see the flyer with more information later in the newsletter. See page 15 for more details.

Webpage Membership Survey

The Board thought it would be useful to reach out to everyone to get some information about how or when or if you, our members, are using our webpage – www.rmbcc.info

A short survey will be going out shortly, we ask you please to answer the questions plus give us some feedback on how to make our webpage more useful and relevant.

Holiday Party

December 11, 2021

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

This year our Holiday Party is going to be at Tap & Burger which has Sandwiches, Salads, Limited Brunch Menu and Drinks. They are located at 4910 S. Newport Street, Denver, CO 80237 (West of I-25 off Belleview). See Page 16 for more details.

Other Happenings

Scent Work Game Day

Dog Conditioning

More information on these events will be sent out shortly.

Look forward to seeing everyone this fall!

Nan Matthews, President

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MINUTES

RMBCC Board Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2021

Zoom meeting commenced at 5:00 PM.

Treasurer's report:

Balance: \$8380.02.

Expenditures:

\$200 for grooming video production

\$150 for the specialty ad. It was supposed to be in color, but was printed in black and white.

RMBCC Website: Nan Matthews will manage the website, and Karen Norteman will continue as webmaster. Nan will make updates.

Membership: Meg Naylor sent the final notice on August 27, 2021. Several longtime members did not renew. Total membership is in the high 30's. Some members sent additional money, one even sending an extra \$100.

Bearded Collie Club Picnic: The picnic occurred on August 29 at Dekoevend Park in Centennial, with approximately 25 members attending. The box lunches we purchased from Jimmy Johns were a success. Total cost: \$317.30, which included a \$30 tip. A big thank you to Kristi Sweeney for organizing it. If you have photos that you would like to be in the newsletter, be sure to send them to Laura Tappero.

Walk in the Park: November is the month selected for this year's walk.

New Business:

Our club was contacted by National to see if there was an interest in hosting in 2023. After a discussion of this opportunity, the board decided against hosting the event.

Insurance Issues

1. Insurance does not cover water events
2. Non-members are not covered by our insurance and should not attend training events. If only 1 person in a household is a member, other household members should be reminded that they are not covered by insurance and should not attend the event.

Holiday Party: Mimi's in Aurora has been the site of past parties but is now closed. The board will discuss the location of this year's party at the next board meeting.



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Awards: A history of our club's awards and plaques was given, and it was noted that \$300-\$400 per year has been spent on the plaques and awards. The board discussed whether members want the same format or whether a different format should be used, for example certificates like National gives. It was agreed that awards should be announced on the website.

Respectfully,
Deb McAlister, Secretary

Braggs and Waggs

Luke Krueger – River and Frapper

Welcome to a new generation!!



Frapper, Luke and River

Kim Krueger's son Luke, who is 11 years old and in the 6th grade, has been showing two of Kim's dogs – River and Frapper – for the past year in 4-H.

This year Frapper and Luke won showmanship at the county fair and also won beginner obedience and got reserve grand championship in that! In Rally Frapper took 4th; while River took 5th.

At the State Fair, Frapper and Luke took 8th in obedience and 10th in showmanship. In agility, Frapper and Luke took 4th in jumpers and 9th in standard. River got 10th in jumpers.

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River and Luke



Frappier and Luke

Nan Matthews – Bailey Bailey is 15!!

Bailey (Ragtime Mister Soul Man) turned 15 on July 16. He is doing very well for a senior – taking two walks though slowly each day, eating enthusiastically, and barking at the world when he feels like it. Does seem to enjoy the harness that helps him up the stairs each night as we head to bed. Here he is at 3 weeks old and his birthday party with seven of his Beardie friends.



Colleen Fitzgerald – Cormac Introduced to Barn Hunt

While I never quite thought of my Beardie being a “hunter,” it seems that he does enjoy the thrill of seeking out things in the hay. I have only participated once and while Cormac enjoyed jumping on the hay bales and running through the hay bale tunnel, he also figured out that there were some good smells in the canisters. He is not ready for any type of competition yet but it sure was fun to see him (and me) experience something new. Cormac and Colleen tried out Barn Hunt with The Bark Valley Dog Club in Buena Vista.



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Molly McNamara – Stanley, Astrid, Maeve and Sorsh



Results from the Bearded Collie 2021 National Specialty in Olympia, WA

Stanley - AmGCH/CanCH Highlander He Shoots He Scores BN RE HT PT OA AXJ NF TKI CGC PJ1 TN-O CL1 JHD CCC2 VX ROM ROMAX:

1st in 14+ veteran sweepstakes

Astrid - GCH Orion Across The Universe From Highlander BN RE HSAs PT FDC HTADI-d JHD TKI ATT CGC TN-N NW-TEAM1+ CCC2 VX:

1st in veteran obedience

3rd in rally pairs

Maeve - McCrystal Moonlark of Orion HT RI TKI HIC ATT CGC VHMA NW-TEAM1 CCC2:

New Herding Tested (HT) title

1st place in rally advanced A

3rd place in rally pairs

4th place, open bitch class

5th place in the Chip Versatility competition

Sorsha - Orion's Starfire RN HT PT TKA VHMA HIC TEAM1 NW-TEAM1 CCC1 VA:

New Pretrial Tested (PT) title

Best Opposite Sex, puppy sweepstakes

4th place, bred-by bitch class

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Meg Naylor – Paisley and Dakota



PAISLEY IS A CHAMPION

I'm happy to announce that Paisley is now a Conformation Champion! We finished up our Championship in September with an owner-handler group 3.



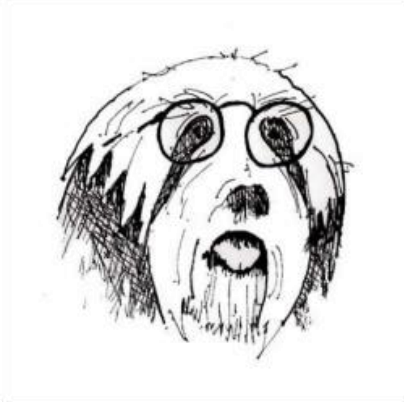
Paisley and Dakota

Paisley and Dakota enjoyed the 2021 Specialty in Olympic, WA! We came home with lots of beautiful trophies and sparkly ribbons.

Dakota finished her Agility Novice Standard title; placed 4th in Rally Novice, and 1st in her class at the Regional and Regular National Specialties.

Paisley was High in Trial for Agility FAST and also placed 2nd in Rally Advanced.

Aunt Beardie



Dear Aunt Beardie,

My “Gramma” is always dropping stuff on the floor, and Gramma moves really slow, so I try to help her out. She likes to play ball with me, so when stuff drops on the floor, I just pick it up and bring it to her just as though it were my ball. How can I teach my young sister how to bring stuff to Gramma too?

Sincerely,
Fetch

Dear Fetch,

That is a very handy task! I’ll bet when you were a pup, your people taught you to play ball by rewarding you when you retrieved the ball. Maybe you scored another treat when you gave the ball to your people. That task and reward method can be used to teach your sister this desired activity.

Tell your people to place an item on the floor. Teach sister to touch it; get a treat, repeat till she has learned the routine. Next teach sister to pick up the item, treat, repeat until she learns it. Next teach sister to bring/give the item to Gramma or whomever playing this game with her. This may take a while, but Beardies like to make their owners happy so lots of praise should encourage this activity. If your Gramma spends time in her chair reading or watching TV, Gramma can work with your sister to perfect this handy little service. The game becomes more fun when your people teach sister to bring the item to another person also.

This “pick up and bring it” becomes a game of combined skills, but mostly it is a fun game of “will work for treats.” Have fun!

Sincerely Yours,
Aunt Beardie



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Beardie Minute

A look back at how RMBCC began.....

by Mike Tupa Fall, 2021

Well, the trees are turning, nights are getting cooler and days shorter. My consumption of coffee has increased, and the shorter days mean I sit around more than just a couple months ago. My Beardie, Abbey, might also recognize the change in seasons. She works by the sun until we shift our routine then she shifts with us. We may eat at the same time but there's no outside dinner and we head to bed a bit earlier. I guess we all are diurnal creatures ruled by the daylight and darkness. Ready for bed now at 7 but not at 10-11 as earlier in the year. So now sitting on the back deck, the yellows of my ash, redbud, and maple all blending to produce a kick back soaking up the last warmth of the late afternoon sunshine dream. My favorite time of the year. Cool air, warm sun, colors abound and a dog nose wondering if I'm napping or just internalizing. But I have a Beardie Minute to produce and now I must get up and focus elsewhere. Expect a pretty scattered article this time (aren't they all) .

I was thinking how RMBCC began, what was important back then and how active were those early club folks in getting this movement going. I was thinking how interesting it was to see how a few (4-5) Beardie owners got together over a couple beers and agreed to join their Beardie knowledge and obsession to form what is now a thriving club. Now, I'm not sure if I can recount the specific dates, people, activities, etc. but I can share some of my thoughts on what we did and what was good back then. I know it was back in the pre-technical age. Cell phones barely were part of our livelihood and computers (word processing) was kept to those special supervisors (via a secretary) to use. Social distancing was as far as the coiled handset could reach from the phone and a long-distance call was still something only used after 7pm.

But back in the early '90s (?) Beardie geeks gathered at dog shows, shared cookies, and thought of ways to improve care for our dogs, what grooming tips and shampoos we use, training, puppies coming up, and how can we have fun other than in the dog show grooming areas. An example we thought we could follow from the national Bearded Collie Club (of America) would formalize the association, provide a place to retain dues so we could bring in speakers, etc. and provide refreshments for meetings. Our informal became a formal dog breed club, the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection, RMBCC, our pride and joy. Meetings were critical at that time. None of us were connected nor were we in the same community. Spread north and south along the Colorado Front Range and even into Arizona we had to have an annual meeting-picnic and Holiday party.

We had to have someone (committee) to schedule education at those meetings (talks, grooming, herding, grooming, showing, diseases, and of course grooming). Meetings were a pretty religious event held almost monthly (I was a president for a year or two at that time) and the committees were expected to produce fun informative and topical events for everyone. It was outrageously demanding, maybe foolishly demanding, but few of us had any knowledge to offer. Those who were in the breed for many years seemingly kept away from us young ones. But we learned, we grew RMBCC, held national dog shows (without ever knowing what the heck we were doing). And in that growth, we have held several of those dog shows, coupled with other breed clubs hosted all breed herding and confirmation events. Over several years we even manned display tables at local Festivals and at the local shopping mall Dog Display days... such fun.

It often seems that so little is happening within RMBCC today. But members (now close to 40) are active on-line, over the web pages, email, Face Fook, YouTube and more. Our meetings are clustered around topics that begin with "did you see Meg on YouTube" or "lost Beardie" postings on our club web page. More recently a full series on grooming Beardie videos was produced for RMBCC and posted on YouTube. Amazing times. And all the while we are showing our dogs,



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expanding into obedience, rally and herding. As a RMBC member life is good, our dogs are appreciated, and we are better educated.

Oh, did I mention the newsletter transformation. Yes, those early days the Beardie Works was typed and pasted into something that could be copied. We were just beyond the age of mimeograph reproduction but not far. That evolved into short, assembled handouts and mailings, produced on the now old Apple Mac and Radio Shack computers. A laborious task that was printed and mailed. Now it's all easy-peasey assembled and posted on the web. Club meetings include annual picnics, dog romps in the park, herding events, and "social" gatherings at multi breed events. Even with the 2020 blackout we've kept it rolling and fun.

The goals are the same. How do we learn more about our breed, teach more, have more fun, and provide outreach to the community when it's needed? Spread from Cheyenne to Albuquerque and into the mountains RMBC is recognized nationally as a club that offers a valuable contribution to the Beardie world. And it all started over a couple beers.

RMBC 2020 Annual Awards

The awards were presented at our Annual Picnic held this year on August 29, 2021.

This year the awards are listed alphabetically by the owner's name.

KAREN DEITKE

Sebring Light My Fire OA OAJ ACT1 CGC TKN (Kindle)

- Agility Course Test 1
- Novice Agility
- Novice Agility Jumper
- Open Agility
- Open Agility Jumper

PACH Linus CD BN RAE OA OAJ MXP3 MXPB MJP6 MJPS PAX XFP T2BP THDN CGC TKI (Linus)

- Preferred Agility Champion
- Preferred Agility Excellent
- Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 6

KIM KRUEGER

Risa Spindrift Fairy Dust HT TKN (Sprite)

- Trick Dog Novice
- Herding Tested

Artisan Mambo In May RA PT FDC CGC TKN (Tallulah)

- Trick Dog Novice

Risa Rocking The River RN HT FDC NA NAJ ACT2 CGCA CGCU TKN (River)

- Trick Dog Novice

Risa Caramel Frappuccino RA PT FDC OA AXJ NF TKN (Frappier)_

- Trick Dog Novice



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OLIVIA AND NORM LAZARUS

GCHS CH Woodsong Pandemonium BN RE FDC CGCA CGCU HIC VX (Panda)

- Urban Canine Good Citizen

GCHB CH Woodsong Tangled Up In Blue RN FDC NA NAJ OFP SWN THDX RATO CGCA TKI HIC VX (Luke)

- Rally Novice

MOLLY MCNAMARA

Orion's Starfire TKA VHMA (Sorsha)

- Trick Dog Advanced
- Virtual Home Manners Adult

Mccrystal Moonlark Of Orion RN TKN VHMA (Maeve)

- Virtual Home Manners Adult
- Rally Novice

MEG NAYLOR

CH PACH2 Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye CD RAE HT FDC AX AXJ MXP7 MXPG MJP6 MJPS PAX2 MFP THDN CGC TKI MV (Emie)

- Master Gold Agility Preferred
- Preferred Agility Champion 2
- Master Agility Excellent Preferred 7

Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love RN HT OA NAJ TKI ACT2 CGC VA (Paisley)

- Trick Dog Intermediate
- Agility Course Test 2
- Novice Agility
- Open Agility
- VA
- Herding Tested
- Rally Novice
- Canine Good Citizen
- Open Standard Award
- AHBA Herding Title – HCT-s – 11/25/20

HELEN O'CONNOR

Ragtyme Catching Fire ACT2 SCA SWN SHDN CGC TKI VA (Primrose)

- Scent Work Handler Discrimination Novice
- Scent Work Exterior Novice
- Scent Work Novice
- Agility Course Test 2
- VA



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LAURA TAPPERO AND B J. WALKER

CH Shanaspree's Gift of Life (Mia)

- Champion
- Herding Instinct

KATHY THOMAS

Harvest Mtn High Hope At Summit RI CGC TKI (Hope)

- Rally Novice
- Rally Intermediate

BECKY TUPA

CH Britannia Abbey Road RI FDC CGC TKP (Abbey)

- Rally Intermediate

TERRY AND REGAN WARNICK

Heartstone White Cliffs of Dover FDC NA NAJ (Jesse)

- Novice Agility Jumper
- Ryan Award Novice A JWW

KATHY ZESCHIN

Sebring Mama Tried (Merle)

- Herding Instinct Certificate

VERSATILITY BEARDIES

Ragtime Catching Fire ACT2 SCA SWN SHDN CGC TKI VA (Primrose) Owner: Helen O' Connor

Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love RN HT OA NAJ TKI ACT2 CGC VA (Paisley) Owner: Meg Naylor

RMBCC 2020 Special Recognition Award

This year the Special Recognition Award was given to the three club members who organized, filmed, edited and reviewed the Grooming Video series now available on the RMBCC Website. The Board wants to sincerely thank Kathy Thomas, Becky Tupa and Mary Homan.



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RMBCC Annual Picnic - August 29, 2021



Did the humans and the Beardies have fun at our annual picnic this year!! Starting early to avoid the heat, we set up tents and tables for food, put out water bowls for the dogs, and threw the Frisbee time and time again to a joyous pack of pups running and chasing and just having fun.

Before lunch, we held the Annual Meeting awarding the club members whose dogs had earned titles in 2020 (list is included on Page 10-12). Then Nan Matthews (President) asked both Meg Naylor and Karen Dietke to share with the group their incredible successes at the June BCCA Specialty at Purina Farms. They both described just how much time and energy and training it takes to get their dogs ready for competition - and then held up the many beautiful and BIG ribbons and trophies they had received. All of us got to share in their accomplishments and really enjoyed the presentations.

A pre-ordered box lunch from Jimmy Johns was a great lunch option for pandemic times. The picnic ended with us presenting Kristi Sweeney, our Program Chairman, with a lovely fall basket of yellow flowers for all her hard work and effort over the years.



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MORE PICNIC PICTURES



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BEARDIE WALK IN THE PARK ***Sunday, November 7, 10:30 am - ?*** ***Washington Park***

Please join RMBCC members and their Beardies for a lovely fall walk in Washington Park on Sunday, November 7.

We will be starting at the south end of the park, so would recommend parking in the South High School lot – 1700 E. Louisiana Avenue, Denver, CO 80210. Cross the street and look for all the Beardies.

Please bring water for dogs and humans and the always necessary poop bags.

We had many humans and dogs for our last walk – and always get lots of attention! Hope to see you there!

No need to RSVP. If weather is bad, we will reschedule.

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

WHAT: Food, Fun, Gift Exchange and Holiday Cheer

WHEN: Saturday, December 11 - 11:30 am-1:30 pm

WHERE: Tap & Burger
(private room)
4910 S. Newport Street
Denver, CO 80237

Brunch or Lunch?

There are a few brunch options plus lots of lunch choices which you can order off the menu. Everyone is responsible for paying for their own meal with a credit card.

Gift Exchange: If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped dog-related gift for the Beardie loving human in the club. Please keep gifts in \$10-\$15 range.

RSVP: By December 3rd to Kristi Sweeney, kristis@sweeneyassoc.net. Please give her the name(s) and number of people attending.

Directions: Take the Belleview exit west off I-25.
Turn north on S. Newport Street.
The restaurant is on the right at the end of the block.
There is street parking.