



RMBCC Beardie Works August 2022

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Board Members: Meg Naylor Nan Matthews	Therapy Dogs/ScentWork: Norm Lazarus Olivia Lazarus	Membership/Insurance/Taxes Meg Naylor

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 August 2022

RMBCC members,

I'd like to say Thank You to all the Board members who have agreed to serve this year. Vice President – Olivia Lazarus, Secretary – Deb McAlister, Treasurer – Karen Deitke, Board Members – Meg Naylor and Nan Matthews. We will be having our quarterly Board Meetings via Zoom with the next meeting in October.

Our first Board meeting was held July 30th and the minutes of that meeting are included in this newsletter. Thanks to all for getting your articles to Nan and a big thanks to her for pulling the Newsletter together. It is our main form of communication with the club members, and I hope you all enjoy catching up with plans for the RMBCC.

When you look at the Program and Activity ideas the Board discussed think about helping to organize them and participate in as many as possible.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas or questions.

As I said in my July e-mail, thank you all for electing me as club president this year. As many of you know I am now living in Durango Colorado caring for my elderly mother. I believe through the wonders of technology that I will be able to serve you all as president, and with the help of my brother and his wife coming down to take care of my mom a few times a year, I will be able to come up to Denver and participate in some club activities.

Take care all,
Nancy





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RMBCC Board Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2022

The Zoom meeting commenced at 6:10 PM. In attendance:

Nancy Shock, Nan Matthews, Olivia Lazarus, Meg Naylor, Karen Deitke, Deb McAlister

BJ Walker has resigned from the board due to health issues. The board will have two members at large.

Report from the Secretary: Deb McAlister. The May 10, 2022 board meeting minutes were amended. Meg Naylor moved to approve the amended minutes. Olivia Lazarus seconded. The motion carried.

Report from the Treasurer: Karen Deitke. Nancy Shock moved that a payment of \$275 be made to the National BCCA Club specialty sponsorship for a colored ad in the catalogue. The ad was designed by Karen Deitke last year, and we will use the same ad this year, but in color. Deb McAlister seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business

Meg Naylor led a discussion about condolences to club members. Laura Tappero has handled this in the past and will continue to do so. A current expenditure of \$75 for flowers for a member was approved.

Committee Reports

1. Picnic: Nan Matthews. There was a good turnout at the picnic this year. Approximately 25 members attended.
2. Awards: Olivia Lazarus. Awards will be listed later in the newsletter.
3. Membership: Meg Naylor. The club has about 45 members. Meg moved that Joyce Ann Burgett be a regular honorary lifetime member. The motion was seconded and carried.
4. Scent work: Norm and Olivia Lazarus. No activity is currently scheduled but there may be one in the fall.
5. Agility-dog conditioning- report from Kim Krueger. No activity is currently scheduled, but it is a possibility for this winter. A foundation seminar for puppies was discussed and may be scheduled in the future.
6. Newsletter: Nan Matthews. Nancy Shock suggested that a “getting to know your board members” section be added to the newsletter. It was suggested that board members write about the first time they saw beardies and knew it was the breed they wanted in their hearts.

New Business

Current committee chairs: Nancy will be contacting the committee chairs to check to see if they want to continue their duties.

- A. Agility-Kim Krueger
- B. Awards-Kathy Zeschin and Olivia Lazarus
- C. Constitution and standing rules-Nancy Shock
- D. Herding-Molly McNamara
- E. Membership/insurance/taxes-Meg Naylor
- F. Hospitality- Nan Matthews
- G. Newsletter- Nan Matthews and Laura Tappero
- H. Obedience/rally- Meg Naylor
- I. Condolences- Laura Tappero
- J. Therapy-Olivia and Norm Lazarus
- K. Barn hunt-Olivia Lazarus
- L. Fast Cat-Karen Deitke



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Programs and Activity Ideas

- A. Scent work-October or November
- B. Dog conditioning-Kim Krueger-winter
- C. Walk in the park-Kristi Sweeney-TBD
- D. Photographing your dog-Nan Matthews and Nancy Shock
- E. Games to play with your dog-Becky Tupa-TBD
- F. Holiday party-December
- G. Annual Picnic-May
- H. Herding-Renee Jarrett, Molly McNamara or Meg Naylor-possibly spring
- I. Frequency of board meetings – it was decided that we would meet quarterly. The next meeting will be held in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb McAlister, secretary

BRAGGS AND WAGGS

Meg Naylor and Paisley

CH Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love RA HT FDC OA OAJ NF ACT2 CGCA TKI VX

I'm so proud of Paisley for all that she accomplished last year. She received 8 new titles, including her AKC Championship and the BCCA Versatility Excellent Award. She loves everything she does and is a joy to live with!



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Luke Krueger with River, Frapper and Sprite

Luke (Kim Krueger's son) was VERY successful at the Douglas County Fair. He got 2nd in Intermediate Showmanship with River. He got 1st with Frapper and 2nd with River in Intermediate Advanced Rally. Sprite won her Beginner Obedience class and got 2nd in Novice Rally.



And he took Reserve Grand Champion with Frapper!



(Frapper is the brown girl in the middle.)

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Luke Earns AKC Title “Therapy Dog Distinguished”



On May 11, 2022, GCHB Woodsong Tangled Up In Blue RN FDC NA NAJ NF OFP SWN THDD RATO CGCA TKI, “Luke” earned the AKC title of Therapy Dog Distinguished for having 400 visits as a Therapy Dog.

In May of 2012 Luke started working as a Therapy Dog. He has volunteered at Swedish Medical Center for 10 years. During the very beginning of the pandemic Norm was notified that he was eligible to receive the vaccine at the same time as the medical staff at the hospital. They prioritized the taking of his first vaccination shot so that he could bring Luke back for visits safely as soon as possible.

Once we were allowed back Norm sought out Luke’s favorite nurse in the acute care unit. She has moved to a new location. A former co-worker called to tell her there was a hairy guy here to see her and his name was Luke. She came within minutes from her new workplace to give Luke a big hug.

One day Norm received an email from the Hospital telling him to go to the front desk to pick up a letter, so he went to the front desk, and they had mail addressed to Swedish Hospital, Attention: Luke the Therapy Dog. It was a lovely letter thanking Luke for his visit from a patient and his family. The enclosed photo was of his dogs, minus the sender. Another time when Norm and Luke went into a room to visit a patient, the patient immediately recognized Luke and told Norm she remembered him from another post-surgery visit five years earlier.

Once Norm walked into a room in the multi-trauma unit occupied by a paralyzed man. There was a nurse supervisor and physical therapist tending to him. Norm asked if Luke could visit the patient, and they said yes. Norm maneuvered Luke to the man’s hand by the bed. The man gradually began petting Luke with the tips of his fingers. The nurse and physical therapist couldn’t believe it! They told Norm they could not get the patient to move during therapy, and here he was petting Luke. As I turned to leave, they wanted to know when we were coming back. I looked back and noticed the patient had a smile on his face.

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During another visit, we were ready to leave when a parent approached us and asked if we could visit her teenage daughter who had major leg damage. Once we finished the visit, it was mentioned that the girl sat up much faster to pet Luke than she had in earlier attempts in physical therapy.

In March of 2019 Luke was diagnosed with Nodular Multifocal Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). It has been over 3 years since his diagnosis. Doing his Therapy visits has given Luke a purpose which has kept him alive, he is now over 14 ½ years old. Due to his age and health, he is retiring from Therapy work. I hope others in the club will look into doing Therapy work with their dogs it is very rewarding for the people involved.

Olivia and Norm Lazarus

2022 RMBCC Picnic a Big Success



Club members gathered again for our Annual Picnic on May 16 this year. As always it is the Beardies that have the most fun - running and jumping and barking....but the humans do enjoy and appreciate the time to see each other and to catch up on what has been happening since last year.

We returned to the format of everyone bringing a salad or dessert – we have some talented cooks in our club - adding tasty chicken skewers for the meat option.

Olivia Lazarus and Kathy Zeschin, Awards Committee, handed out the 2021 RMBCC Awards with quite a number of accomplishments in spite of still dealing with COVID. [See list on the last page.] It was a pleasure to give the RMBCC Special Recognition Award to Kathy Zeschin for her long standing and ongoing enthusiastic help and support with all the club's activities.

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They've Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

We've recently said goodbye to two of our Beardies, and below are some pictures and memories from their owners.

Bryn – BJ Walker



Bryn

January 30, 2008 – June 17, 2022

CH MACH2 BRYNMAR'S SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE RN MXS MJC NF T2B2 TKA

She certainly did change my life. Bryn taught me so many things about loyalty, being tough in adversarial conditions, and being happy and eager to learn new things.

Bryn was my partner as we competed in the show and agility rings. One of my favorite memories was when we went to Greeley for a conformation show. She was excited up until we walked to the outdoor ring, and she kept looking around for the jumps and other obstacles. When she realized this was not agility, she stopped in her tracks, her head went down, and she looked up at me as though I had tricked her. She went around the ring like that and still won points. Two days later, she had finished and never had to show again.

She was such a star at agility and loved every moment. But if I took my eyes off her on the course, she made up her own. It was never the same as the judges, but often a lot better. She competed at the highest level with the best dogs in Colorado. When she



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earned her first MACH, Nan and Kathy brought a cake to a trial and we all celebrated the first beardie in Colorado to earn a master agility championship.

She was crazy about playing ball. Near the end of her life when her energy was low, I was careful to limit the time she ran, got the ball and brought it almost to me. Never all the way. Then we would sit and rest side by side on the pause table until she caught her breath, and we could begin again.

She was always with me. Always at my feet. So, now that she's gone, my life has changed again. It's lonelier, but I try to be a better person. And use what she taught me.

Rest, dear Bryn. You are so missed.

Kenda– Tammy Begler



Kenda

Ch Woodsongs Cruisin Kenda Blur, THD, HSAs, RN

Kenda lived a really adventurous 16 1/2 years! She spent hours and hours as a therapy dog visiting nursing facilities from Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. She loved sheep herding or sheep chasing but was able to pull off qualifying for her HS.

Kenda attended her first national specialty in Mt Hood and loved the rain that went along with the day. As with most, she had her very special unique personality. Always confident, needed little from me but demanded lots of activity. She was a master bunker builder, could open any cabinet and could climb any obstacle.

Kenda had a special fascination with airplanes. She was lucky to live near the Flagstaff airport which allowed all out sprinting not far from the runway for airplanes coming and going. One amazing day Thunder over Flagstaff arrived at the local airport, and Kenda was allowed to go right down on the runway!

She spent the final few years of her life enjoying the company of her sister Pedals which was a very nice treat. There will be no replacing this girl.

Aunt Beardie



Dear Aunt Beardie,

One day, my people and all of us Beardies had to leave our house really, really fast. The air smelled smokey, we all got hustled into the car with no time for potty or anything and then we drove away fast. We went to a friend's house for two days. We finally got to go home late the next night. The little ones just played like normal, but my aunt and brother were really anxious. Can you help us deal with this if it ever happens again?

Smokey

Dear Smokey,

WOW! It sounds like there was a big forest fire near your house and your family had to evacuate. Forest fires, flash floods, tornadoes and other emergencies often require fast evacuation to keep you safe. It is a scary time. It was fortunate that your people were home at the time, so they could take you to a safe place. Many agencies, including your county disaster preparedness web site, and the AKC recommend that your people have a "to-go-bag" packed for people and pets, so everyone is ready to leave in case of an emergency. Recommended items in your "to-go bag" include your food, bottled water, bowls, collars and leashes, medications, veterinarian, vaccination records, microchip number, contact phone numbers, dog first aid kit, toys or bones to chew on, etc. Photos of the Beardie family can be helpful too – just in case. Kennels are helpful too. Some of my human friends have been through evacuations with their Beardie families, and it is scary. The more you are prepared, organized, and ready, the safer and smoother it can be. For more information refer your people to look on their county disaster preparedness web site and AKC web site for disaster preparation for pets.

Stay safe,

Aunt Beardie

Dear Aunt Beardie,

My little nephew, Bo has the odd habit of picking up and trotting around with any item that may have dropped to the floor. Sometimes he just drops it. Other times he tries to chew on it. Why does he do that?

Nanny

Dear Nanny,

Bo is probably playing his own little game because that's what Beardies do for fun and entertainment. Your people have an automatic training opportunity. They can ask Bo to drop the item in their hand or bring it to them. A little encouragement and even a reward can promote that behavior. Eventually, your people can ask Bo to pick up a specific dropped item and give it to them. The behavior could be handy for someone who needs a little help around the house. Bo can become his owners' little "service dog" helper. (Once I even asked one of my little ones to get my ball from behind the couch where I could not fit). Your people do need to supervise to make sure little Bo doesn't pick up dangerous items. Good luck. This can be fun for Bo and the family.

Sincerely,

Aunt Beardie

"Aunt Beardie welcomes your thoughts or suggestions on her newsletter articles. Email your thoughts to becky2pa@aol.com."

Get to Know Your Board

Board members were asked to write about the first time they saw a Beardie and knew it was the breed they wanted in their hearts.



Deb McAlister, Treasurer, with Max and Reo

The first time I really looked into owning a Beardie was over 35 years ago. Chris and I had been married a few years, and I had always had Old English Sheepdogs and liked them very much. At the time, I had Ralph and Rufus, both OES. Chris wondered if there was a similar breed, but smaller, and I told him I knew that there were Bearded Collies, but they were rather difficult to find. I had seen a picture of Ralph Lauren with his Beardie in a magazine and had kept the magazine page for several years.

So off we went to the next dog show to see if we could find the Bearded Collies. What I remember most was that nearly all the dogs were on their hind legs, giving their owners hugs and kisses. I can't remember who came over to us and asked us if we were Beardie people, but we said we weren't-yet.

Sometime after that we acquired Lucy, a "plain girl" from Kay Schultz. Lucy was a real worker, rounding up the two sheepdogs we still had, showing GREAT interest in our cat, and generally being a good girl. She was Beardie No. 1. Then we got a call from a friend in Estes who rescued Grady, a young dog that had been abandoned and weighed half of what he should have. He wasn't the sharpest crayon in the box, but he was loyal and good through-and-through. He and Lucy loved one another. Then came Yum, who was a real looker, but he died young as a result of Addison's disease. Now we have Max and Reo, both from Wisconsin.



Nancy Shock, President, Hope

Way back... many, many, years ago, in the summer of 1980, I was living in Grand Junction, Colorado. I had been to a dog show with a friend who was looking at Alaskan Malamutes, and I was looking for a breed that was smart and friendly and didn't require an ear or tail docking. It was there I first saw a Beardie, and I think met Julie McHugh. Later I met Pat McDonald at a Meet the Breeds event in the Grand Junction mall. She spent quite a bit of time talking to me about the breed, showed me the Bearded Basics book by Barbara Hagen Rieseberg and Betty Jo McKinney, and let me play with her Beardie. After that I was hooked, and I even spent time with Pat at the National last year 40 years later. You never know where those chance connections will lead you.



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Beardie Minute by Mike Tupa

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Well, Abbey, what shall we write about this month? Mike, why do all your questions to me start with WHAT? What's Up? What do you want to do now? What's outside? What were you thinking when you did that? And when I look up at you, staring to get your attention, all you can say is "What?"

She's right you know, most of our interaction is spent trying to understand what is being said or what needs to be communicated. I'll admit all the "what's" start my query. Like I actually expect her to respond with "This look means I have to go outside." But "what's" would be the beginning of any interaction, human to human or to animal. Now after years of our interaction I am beginning to think we are making progress. I'm here working on this, and she is just being annoying, sniffing here and there at my feet, I say "What?", she looks at the door and off we go to the back yard as she intended. Now it could be that Beardies (Abbey in particular) are smarter than all other dogs. And it could be that I am especially sensitive to what she is trying to say. I think I'll blame it on the COVID quarantine and our being together more these past couple years. Has anyone else noticed that closeness with their pup? And it could be that I'm more aware of her and "what" she's trying to tell me.

I must share this with you, it's a bit personal: Most every morning (now in my "retired years") I'll drive over to that 'Bucks Coffee Shop. It's a bit of change I think I can afford, and it sets me up for my day. Well Abbey comes along. She often is the motivator to get me to the car and get going. Barking all the way. In the car she stages herself in the back seat, and if it's cool enough, she waits in the car for me. If it's warm, we do the drive-up window. I place my order, drive up and pay at the window where the clerk hands me the beverage.

Abbey routinely hops over the front seat and looking straight at the clerk, gives a pleading stare that could melt any heart. So, I must get her a "pup-cup" which she takes to the back seat for the ride home. We don't do the "pup-cup" every day, just once a week, but it's enough to get her begging daily. Now, on the drive home she places herself on the right or left side of the car when we are to turn in that direction, or in the middle (fire dog style) when we go straight. She knows every turn, stop light and the roadway home. God forbid if I take a detour to get gas or stop at the bank. I've said this about her on our drives to Minnesota. She knows after 900 miles and two days on the road when to pop up in the back seat and direct us to the farm those last 10 miles.

We received a most amazing puppy those many years ago. Thanks to the breeder and loving homes that raised her to her 10th week birthday. She keeps teaching us and eventually I know we'll learn "what" all that barking is about.



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RMBCC 2021 Awards

(Awards were handed out at the RMBCC Annual Picnic, May 16, 2022)

Karen Dietke

Sebring Light My Fire BN RA MX MXJ NF ACT1C TKN VX (**Kindle**)

- Rally Novice – 2021
- Rally Intermediate – 2021
- Rally Advanced – 2021
- Beginner Novice – 2021
- Agility Fast Novice - 2021
- Agility Excellent – 2021
- Agility Excellent Jumper – 2021
- Master Agility Excellent – 2021
- Master Excellent Jumper – 2021
- Versatility Excellent Award – 2021

PACH Linus CD BN RAE OA OAJ MXP5 MXPS MJP8 MJPG PAX XFP T2BP THDN CGC TKI VX (**Linus**)

- Master Agility Excellent Preferred 4 – 2021
- Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 6 – 2021
- Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 7 – 2021
- Master Silver Jumper Preferred – 2021
- Master Gold Jumper Preferred – 2021
- Master Agility Excellent Preferred 5 – 2021
- Master Silver Agility Preferred – 2021
- Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 8 - 2021

Janet and Russ Kittel

Artisan Mystic Crystal HSAs FDC CGCA TKN (**Lexie**)

- Canine Good Citizen – 2021
- Advanced Canine Good Citizen – 2021
- Trick Dog Novice – 2021

Olivia and Norm Lazarus

CHS CH Woodsong Pandemonium BN RM FDC CGCA CGCU HIC VX (**Panda**)

- Rally Master – 2021

Meg Naylor

Wigglesworth Gemineye Thanks 4 Masking NA NAJ CGC TKN (**Dakota**)

- Canine Good Citizen - 2021
- Novice Agility Jumper – 2021
- Novice Agility - 2021

CH Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love RA HT FDC OA AXJ NF ACT2 CGCA TKI VX (**Paisley**)

- Open Agility Jumper – 2021



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- Versatility Award – 202
- Agility Excellent Jumper – 2021
- Advanced Canine Good Citizen – 2021
- Versatility Excellent Award – 2021
- Rally Advanced - 2021
- Champion – 2021
- Farm Dog Certified – 2021
- Novice Fast – 2021

Terry and Regan Warnick

Heartstone White Cliffs of Dover FDC NA NAJ OA (**Jesse**)

- Open Agility - 2021

Kathy and Jon Zeschin

Sebring Mama Tried CGC TKI (**Merle**)

- Canine Good Citizen - 2021
- Trick Dog Novice – 2021
- Trick Dog Intermediate – 2021

GCH CH Britannia Sebring Happy Days RN MX MXJ NF TKI CGCA CGCU VX (**Keller**)

- Rally Novice – 2021
- Advanced Canine Good Citizen – 2021
- Canine Good Citizen Urban - 2021
- Trick Dog Novice – 2021
- Trick Dog Intermediate – 2021
- Versatility Award - 2021
- Versatility Excellent Award - 2021