



RMBCC Beardie Works March 2022

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| RMBCC Officers | Committee Members | |
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| President: Nan Mathews nan@themattgrp.com | Agility: Kim Krueger | Hospitality: |
| Vice President: Olivia Lazarus doriswoodsong@yahoo.com | Awards: Kathy Zeschin Olivia Lazarus | Newsletter: |
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| Board Members: Meg Naylor Kathy Zeschin Nancy Shock | Herding: Molly McNamara | Therapy Dogs/Scent Work: Norm Lazarus |
| | Membership/Insurance/Taxes Meg Naylor | Barn Hunt Olivia Lazarus |
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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 March 2022

Dear RMBCC Members:

It's hard to believe it is already the middle of February and four months since our last newsletter. Here's what the club has been doing plus plans for this year.

Webpage Membership Survey

In November we sent out a Survey asking our members about the webpage – was it useful; did they visit it frequently; how could it be improved, etc. 14 people responded, and the summary is printed on page 13. Thanks to everyone who participated. Comments or suggestions re the webpage are most welcome.

November 7, 2021 - Walk in the Park

It couldn't have been a more beautiful Colorado day for our walk in Washington Park. With 8 humans and 10 Beardies we made the usual splash with everyone coming up to us and wanting to know "what kind of dogs are these?" and "Could I please pet them?"

December 11, 2021 – Annual Holiday Party

It wasn't our biggest Holiday Party and COVID and "are you vaccinated or not" didn't make it easy, but 10 club members did get together at Tap & Burger to celebrate the season.

What's coming up in 2022?

Scent Work Games – originally scheduled for January 8, 2022 – it was cancelled due to COVID restrictions and lack of registrations. It is such a fun activity for both dogs and humans, and we hope to reschedule it this year.

May 15, 2022 – Annual Picnic

Put it on your calendar and more details will be coming in the next few months. We hope that a May date will be cooler for us all – and no snow or rain. **See Page 12 for more information.**

Report from the 2022 Nominating Committee

Please refer to Page 4 for this year's Slate of Officers. My thanks to Deb McAlister, Laura Tappero, and Becky Tupa for taking on this most important task for RMBCC.

RMBCC Call for Awards and Special Recognition Award – go to pages 5-6 for the forms. With the picnic on May 15 everyone needs to get their forms in no later than March 31, 2022.

If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions for events, classes or just fun, please let me know at 303-843-6414 or nan@themattgrp.com



Nan Matthews, President



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MINUTES

RMBCC Board Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2021

Old business

RMBCC website: Nan Matthews has posted the February and June 2021 newsletters on the web page. She updated the Versatility Awards from 2020 and is working on updating pictures on Flickr.

Membership

50 members
33 households

Website

Nan is working on it. The board discussed creating a Facebook group but decided not to, as not all members have Facebook accounts. The members were sent a survey about website usage.

New Business

AKC indoor scent games: Olivia Lazarus found an excellent possible event/activity for the club at Mantayo or Blue Springs in 2022.

Walk in Washington Park: November 7. Fewer members were able to participate because of other dog events the same weekend. About 10-12 members and their dogs participated.

Holiday Party:

Previous holiday parties were held at Mimi's, which is now closed. The party was scheduled at Tap and Burger on December 11. 10 members attended. There was a fun gift exchange and Meg Naylor donated a large lighted bearded collie outdoor decoration that Chris McAlister won. Thank you, Meg!

Respectfully,

Deb McAlister, Secretary

(Some of these minutes were written after the event took place.)



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RMBCC 2022 Slate of Officers

March 3, 2022

To: Members of the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection

From: The 2022 RMBCC Nominating Committee

As directed by the RMBCC Board of Directors and the RMBCC Constitution and By-Laws, this year’s nominating committee has met and compiled a Slate of Officers for the upcoming year. All the individuals were contacted, and all have agreed to the following recommendations.

President: Nancy Shock

Vice President: Olivia Lazarus

Recording/Corresponding Secretary: Deb McAlister

Treasurer: Karen Deitke

Past President: vacant

*****Board Members:

Meg Naylor 1st year of 2-year term

Nan Matthews: 1st year of 2-year term

B.J. Walker 1st year of 2-year term

The above Slate of Officers was compiled and is submitted in accordance with the RMBCC Constitution and By-Laws. As stipulated in the By-Laws, this Slate of Officers is to be sent to the RMBCC membership for their consideration prior to April 1st.

Sincerely,

Deb McAlister – Chair
Laura Tappero
Becky Tupa



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RMBCC 2021 Call for Awards 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 (See BCCA Standing Rules). 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 2021.
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.
4. 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 2021.

APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AWARDS CHAIRPERSON (LISTED BELOW) BY March 31, 2022. 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; Refer to BCCA standing rules for information on recognized awards

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 March 31, 2022 to: Olivia Lazarus
6715 E Villanova Place.
Denver, CO 80224



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RMBCC Special Recognition Award Application

The Board of Directors for the RMBCC has charged the Awards Committee with creation of an 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 March 31, 2022. This award will be presented at the annual meeting to be held during the picnic in 2022.

BRAGGS AND WAGGS

Meg Naylor and Dakota



My Dakota is becoming a wonderful agility partner! She is now in both Excellent Standard and Jumpers with Weaves. Lots of pretty ribbons for us.

B J Walker and Bryn and Cooper



Bryn was 14 years old in January.

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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.

Bailey (Ragtyme Mister Soul Man)

June 2006 – November 2021



How can one summarize all the joys a Beardie gives you? For Bailey, it was finally getting his Agility Novice title when he was five...going to Beardie Camp and trying out dock diving...swimming and catching a thrown stick in the creek at Lair of the Bear...still going for walks, though slowly, as a senior at 15 ½. He was my first Beardie and like your first love never to be forgotten! Nan Matthews

Mosey

Leise and Tim Tetherow are sad to report that Mosey went to the Rainbow Bridge on Monday, January 31, 2022. He was 14 and a half years, and a very happy and fun-loving Beardie. We miss him so much.



A Painting of Mosey by Leise

Aunt Beardie



Dear Aunt Beardie,

My little brother, Bucky, loves to play with his stuffed toy. He tosses it, pounces on it, shakes it, and runs around with it; on and on and on. It is cute to watch him “kill” the toy, but Bucky will not give it up. He will keep up this game for a long time, even when we all need to go outside for our routine “business.” Why does he behave this way and how do we convince him to give up the toy when “duty” calls?

Sincerely,

Dante

Dear Dante,

Dante, you are right that Bucky is enjoying playing and “killing” the toy. The behavior is natural, simulating the hunt and kill as his ancient ancestors hunted for their food. When my little nephew, Bo behaved that way, we tried to take his toy away and that did not end well for his favorite toy. So, we found another way. We had to get our people involved.

Our human mom had a special treat that Bo loved (smelled like strong fish). When it was time for Bo to give up the toy, mom offered him a piece of the stinky treat, so he dropped the toy in her hand. Then she gave him another morsel of the treat and hurried us outside for a romp or “duty”. By that time Bo had forgotten about the toy that mom had put away until his next play session. Mom called that maneuver “trade”. It worked well on all of us whenever we picked up something we were not supposed to have.



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Beardie Minute by Mike Tupa

March 2022

Dogs are a part of my life: Beardies especially. They have that “let’s do something crazy” look in their eyes that begs a game of catch in the house or a chase the squirrel through the snow (with me out there begging her to come in.) I think the best part of a Beardie in our household is the unquestioned love (and begging for treats) that a snuggle brings on a cold evening or the middle of a cold cold night. Maybe my dog is special or unique but over the years we’ve had a continuous role call of Beardies who all would love to snuggle and be crazy.

It’s easy to find (YouTube) dogs that share a log cabin off in the wilderness with their human and even find quite a few Vlogs of couples or families sailing around the globe with their dog(s) on a small sailboat with 3-4 humans bouncing across the waves. But nothing about dogs sharing a trip to the Space station or planned for a trip to Mars. Dogs are so a part of our collective lifestyle I wondered why they are not with us into space now? Yes, the first orbital dog was Laika, the Space Dog, a husky-spitz mix, now over 65 years ago since her demise. First to orbit earth and return were Strelka and Belka. The Soviet Union sent up 71 dogs into space between 1951 and 1966. Two dogs, Veterok and Ugolyok were launched for a record breaking 22 days and successfully brought back to earth. Evidently dogs were strapped into a tight cage for the whole trip, not allowed to move or float or manage the controls to let earthlings know what space is like. And no windows! There were many other flights with other animals, rabbits, monkeys, mice, rats, fruit flies and turtles. Needless to say, not all survived but all paved the way for humans to know what space was like and what was needed to survive those conditions. There are some interesting stories about Laika (“Barker” in Russian) on the Smithsonian web page. I’ll share some of that here but there’s much more out there within the reach of the internet.

Russian dogs were chosen because of the number of stray dogs on the street and who would miss a stray dog. Dogs went through training/testing to see which would be best for the ordeal. Females were chosen because they were smaller and more docile. Tested in pressurized capsules with conditions they “thought” space flight would be like. Laika and one other bitch were the successful candidates, and Laika chosen because the other dog had just given birth months earlier. Everyone knew Laika would not survive the trip. They took her home, gave her treats and gave her great last months of her life prior to lift-off. Sadly, Laika’s lift off was 5 times normal gravity levels, and by the time she made 4 orbits the capsule was over 90 degrees and without water, food or AC. The heat shield gave way, and she never shared the last 18 orbits. Pretty sad story to say the least. Rumors were spread that she survived the voyage, but the truth got out and demonstrations across the world spread her story. Today much of the space flight success can be attributed to that doomed dog. Books about her, museum exhibits, and at times new information is shared about her life and last minutes.

So why are there no dogs in Star Wars or Star Trek or on the ISS or planned for the moon or Mars missions? Not even a dog in Lost in Space about a family on a pretty big comfy spaceship ... lost in space? And they even had a pet robot !

Do spend a bit of time reading about Laika the Space Dog ... not Laika and the Astronauts, a Russian rock band. Maybe it’s a way to pay tribute to dogs and what they have contributed to our world.



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RMBCC Annual Picnic – May 15, 2022



RMBCC's Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, May 15, 2022

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

DeKoevend Park, Centennial, CO

A park for Beardies to run and play....

We're meeting again at DeKoevend Park but have scheduled a May event to avoid the summer heat. As for COVID restrictions, use this statement for guidance, "*If you are not vaccinated, please follow current county recommendations (Arapahoe) for mask wearing.*" After lunch we will have a short annual meeting and present the 2021 awards.

Details on lunch will follow in April. Last year everyone seemed to like the pre-ordered lunch boxes from Jimmy Johns, so we might do that again. We will have lemonade and iced tea for refreshments.

If you have a portable tent or awning, please bring it for shade. You may want to bring chairs, blankets for your own comfort and seating in the ballpark.

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 ballpark and set-up area directly ahead.

RSVP by May 1 to nan@themattgrp.com



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Summary of November 2021 Webpage Survey (14 responded)

| Are you aware that the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection has a webpage? | | |
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| YES | 13 | |
| NO | 1 | |
| If yes, how often have you visited the webpage in the last year? | | |
| Not visited webpage | 2 | |
| 1-3 times | 6 | |
| 4-6 times | 1 | |
| 7-10 times | 4 | |
| Which sections have you visited the most? Click as many as are applicable | | |
| About Us | 1 | |
| Beardies | 2 | |
| Activities | 6 | |
| Calendar | 7 | |
| Membership | 3 | |
| Awards | 4 | |
| Photo Gallery | 5 | |
| Rainbow Bridge | 1 | |
| Grooming Video | 9 | |
| What would make the webpage more valuable/useful to you? | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I visit the website so infrequently I do not have qualified suggestions Stretching, or warm up exercises before competing, or trick video I would like to see more activities example dog walk picnics come to Northern Co. Loveland, Ft. Collins etc. area A Facebook page kept up to date with events and local resources Behavior issues - training tips I think it is fine History of Beardies, health articles, member content about their life with their Beardies I would like to keep track of Beardie events, news and potential litters Updated activities and details | | |
| Where else do you get information about the breed or your dog? Check as many as apply. | | |
| AKC Webpage | 9 | |
| Onofrio Website of Trials | 2 | |
| Facebook | 8 | |
| Twitter | 0 | |
| Instagram | 0 | |
| Local clubs | 6 | |
| Other (see below) | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCCA Website and Bulletins Club members BCCA and Beacon for Health | | |
| What activities do you and your Beardie participate in? | | |
| Conformation | 5 | |
| Agility | 5 | |
| Rally | 4 | |
| Obedience | 3 | |
| Scent Work | 2 | |
| Herding | 4 | |
| None, we just have fun together | 7 | |