



RMBCC Beardie Works March 2023

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RMBCC Officers	Committee Chairs	
President: Nancy Shock Nashock55@gmail.com Vice President: Olivia Lazarus doriswoodsong@yahoo.com Treasurer: Karen Deitke KarenDeitke@gmail.com Secretary: Deb McAlister dmcfarley@msn.com Directors: Meg Naylor Nan Matthews		
	Agility: Kim Krueger	Hospitality: Nan Matthews
	Awards: Kathy Zeschin Olivia Lazarus	Newsletter: Nan Matthews
	Constitution/Standing Rules: Nancy Shock	Obedience/Rally: Meg Naylor
	Herding: Molly McNamara	Barn Hunt: Olivia Lazarus
	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 yoursadness at this time is shared.

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



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From Our President March 2023

Happy, Happy Spring all (well almost... I still had enough snow to have to shovel on March 25th), The RMBCC Board of Directors BELIEVE that spring is coming, and we have scheduled some really great events and encourage you to try something new.

May 6 – FASTCat Trial – Karen Deikte has written an article for this newsletter.

May 14 – Annual RMBCC Summer picnic... Always a great time to get together with local Beardies and their people.

May 26 – BCCA Herding Instinct Test. Enter your Beardies in this instinct test or just come and watch local dogs show off their skills. I will be there and I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone. It's been a long time since I've been to a RMBCC event, and I really have missed all of you.

And on a personal note.... Last May Joy completed her Rally Novice title (and got her first leg of her Intermediate title) at the Durango Kennel Club shows. I have to tell you... living down here in southwest Colorado there is only one show weekend a year that is in driving distance, so I don't have to spend the night. That's a big deal with Elder Care duties. I got notified in the BCCA February Newsletter that Joy (Gemineye's Joy of Hermosa Mtn RN owned by Nancy Shock & Meg Naylor) received the 2022 Rally Medallion Award for Novice A. WAA HOO.. we are now training in Intermediate Rally for the shows on May 18-21st. Here's a picture from last May... and yes Joy still hates having her picture taken but she loves going to Rally.



See you at the Herding Instinct Test.



Nancy Shock
RMBCC President



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RMBCC Board Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2023

7:00 PM Meeting called to order.

President's report-Nancy Shock: a nominating committee was established, and these are the members: Nan Matthews (chair) and Terry Warnick (member)

Secretary's report: The minutes of the October 28, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report-Karen Deitke
Beginning balance: \$7,595.46
Ending balance \$6,761.59

Old business

New business

Agility/dog foundation conditioning: Kim Krueger was contacted about putting this on, and she is not able to it at this time.

Awards: Kathy Zeschin and Olivia Lazarus: Call for Awards' forms should be turned in to Nan to include in the March newsletter.

Constitution and standing rules: Nancy Shock-no report.

Herding-Meg Naylor: instinct test scheduled for Friday, May 26 at 8:00 AM. Cost is \$45 for members, \$50 nonmembers. Assistance from members is needed at the herding instinct trial. There will be a brunch afterwards.

Membership/insurance/taxes-Meg Naylor

Hospitality-chair is vacant.

Holiday party- Olivia Lazarus gave a report on the success of the event held at the Denver Aquarium.

Picnic-Nan Matthews reserved DeKoevend Park for May 14.

Newsletter: Nan Matthews- the date for the next newsletter will be March, 2023.

Obedience/rally-Meg Naylor

Therapy dogs-Norm Lazarus

Scent work-Norm Lazarus



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Barn hunt-Olivia Lazarus: will determine interest from club members.

Condolences-Laura Tappero

Fast Cat-Karen Deitke: There is a trial on May 6 at Adams County Fairgrounds. This event is very popular. Karen posted a video and explained to the Board what the event entails.

General Ideas

- A. Walk in the Park (Washington Park)
- B. Having a professional photographer photograph your dog(s)-determine interest from club members.
- C. Games to play with your dogs-Becky Tupa liked this idea but pointed out that it is difficult for members in northern Colorado to attend this because of I-25 construction.

Adjournment: 8:27 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Deb McAlister, Secretary

BRAGGS AND WAGGS

Becky and Mike Tupa - Abbey

CH Britannia Abbey Road BN RI FDC CGC TKP earned her Beginner Novice Obedience title with a 1st and 3rd placements! Granted, novice is only a start, but this was Abbey and Becky's first attempt at obedience. After a lifetime of dog activities such as rally, herding, scent work, trick dog, etc., where hand signals, verbal encouragement, and commands are allowed in the trial; obedience was an exercise (for Becky) communicating only the allowed verbal commands while maintaining "quiet" body language. Abbey is so eager to please and such a fun girl to work with!



Abbey was also recognized with a Versatility Award by the Bearded Collie Club of America. We are proud of Abbey for her accomplishments, but mostly because she just loves a job to do and is eager for any game.

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Karen Deitke – Kindle and Linus



Kindle earns her MACH (Master Agility Championship) title the same weekend that **Linus** earned his PACH2 (Preferred Agility Championship) title at the Palmer Divide Agility Club trial in March.

NEW MEMBER - Jill Floberg with Keagan and Tosh



WELCOME BACK!

The RMBCC welcome backs Jill Floberg as our newest regular member. Jill has had Beardies for 30+ years and was a past member and President of the RMBCC. She resides in Littleton with her husband, Dean and Beardies Keagan and Tosh. Jill is active in the show ring with Tosh and doing a bit of Rally with both dogs.

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MAY 6 - FAST CAT TRIAL IN WATKINS

We thought some of the club members would be interested in the newest performance sport from AKC – Fast Coursing Agility Test (FastCAT).. It is a timed straight 100-yard dash for dogs. Dogs are held behind the start line, and the coursing lure is activated prompting the dog to follow, chasing it to the finish line and into a catch pen. It requires no “training,” and several club members think it is great fun for them and their dog.

Here is an example video of dogs running FAST CAT. You can see that all you need is someone to hold your dog on the start line, while you stand at the end while they chase the lure, once the dogs get that they need to chase the lure the fun begins and that does not take long!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= WImTdfc3IU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WImTdfc3IU)

The link to the May 6 trial is:

https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/events/search/index_results.cfm?action=plan&event_number=2023434302

ENTRIES OPEN APRIL 1 – SO IF YOU’RE INTERESTED **SIGN UP RIGHT AWAY** SINCE REGISTRATIONS FILL UP VERY FAST.

So far Karen Deitke (karen.deitke@gmail.com) and Nan Matthews (nan@themattgrp.com) are planning on attending. It might be fun to have several Beardies represented, so let either of us know if you might be going.

HOW IT BEGINS

*A puppy is a puppy is a puppy.
He is probably in a basket with a bunch of other puppies.
Then he’s a little older and he’s nothing but a
bundle of longing.
He doesn’t even understand it.*

*Then someone picks him up and says,
“I want this one.”*

Poem from “Dog Songs” by Mary Oliver, Pulitzer Prize winner. A marvelous collection of poems about the many dogs she has loved.



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MAY 14 – RMBCC ANNUAL PICNIC



RMBCC's Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, May 14, 2023

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 – our favorite place for the annual picnic. After lunch we will have a short annual meeting and present the 2022 awards.

Details on lunch will follow in April. The club will provide the entrée, and everyone else is encouraged to bring desserts or salads. We will have bottled water and lemonade 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 with 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

With the number of people coming and what dish you are bringing.



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RMBCC 2022 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 (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 2022.
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 2022.

APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AWARDS CHAIRPERSON (LISTED BELOW) BY April 14, 2023. 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 April 14, 2023 to: Olivia Lazarus
6715 E Villanova Place.
Denver, CO 80224



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RMBCC Special Recognition Award

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 April 14, 2023 – address below. This award will be presented at the annual meeting to be held during the picnic on May 14, 2023.

Return by April 14, 2023 to: Olivia Lazarus
6715 E Villanova Place.
Denver, CO 80224



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MAY 26 – HERDING INSTINCT TEST



Bearded Collie Club of America

Herding Instinct Test

hosted by

Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection

Calling all Bearded Collies to participate in our HIT in Colorado

Our judge will be Carrie Sparks, approved AKC & AHBA judge.

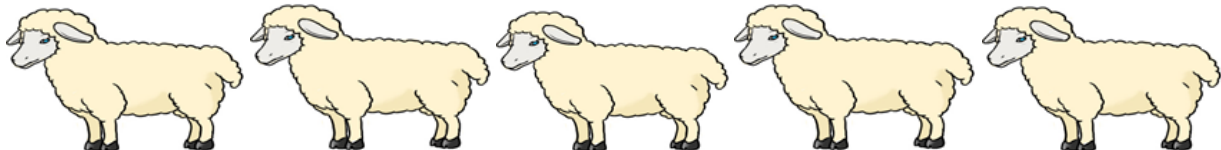
When: Friday, May 26th, 8:30AM start time

Where: Carrie's place in Elizabeth, CO

Contact Meg Naylor, Naylormk@outlook.com

with questions. Entry form and additional information are on

next two pages.





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Registration Form – BCCA HIC Test – Friday, May 26th, 2023

Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection

Please write legibly to ensure that your certificate is correctly done.

Fill in a separate form for each dog if you have multiple Beardies in the test.

Deadline: May 12, 2023

Fee: \$50 per dog – make checks to RMBCC

Registered Name (leave blank if not registered):

Call Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Sex (circle one): M F

Sire Name: _____

Dam Name: _____

Owner Name: _____

Owner Address: _____

Owner Mobile Phone # : _____ Email Address: _____

Breeder's Name: _____

Disclaimer (Print Name & Sign & Date)

I, _____, understand that the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection (RMBCC), the Bearded Collie Club (BCCA), the owner of the property, the tester, and anyone else assisting with the test will not be responsible in any way for accidents or injury to dogs or held personally and financially responsible for any injury my dog may cause to the stock at this site. The owner of the stock will decide the severity of the stock's injury and will charge \$200.00 per animal or the injury.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Return this form(s) with a copy of dog's AKC or other registration certificate (or ILP/PAL certificate), and your check for the Herding registration fee to:

Meg Naylor

7838 S. Zeno St.

Centennial, CO 80016

Contact: Naylormk@outlook.com, cell - 303 880 5091

Note: Certificates will be mailed by the HIC secretary 2-3 weeks after she receives the forms which are to be mailed the week after the test.

(Do not complete below line; this is done the day of HIC test)

Entry #: _____

Qualify: _____

Did not qualifv: _____



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Bearded Collie Club of America Herding Instinct Test

Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection

May 26, 2023

The instinct test will find out if your Beardie has the instinct to herd sheep. Dogs need to be 6 months or older. No training is necessary to participate. This is not an AKC title but is recognized by the Bearded Collie Club of America. A certificate and ribbon will be awarded for each dog that passes.

Our judge is Carrie Sparks, of Elizabeth, CO, and the event will be at her place, Hachita Farms.

The day will begin at 8:30 AM and we will probably be finished by 11:00 – 12:00. We will allow approximately 15 minutes for each run. I will put together a schedule – let me know if you have a desired time to run. Also, be sure to arrive in plenty of time for your test.

What to bring besides yourself and your dog – a chair, proper clothing for the weather, water & poop bags for your dog, The club will provide human bottled water and there is a port-a-potty available.

Directions to the Trial Site: You may want to use your navigation system.

Hachita Farms

4500 Private Rd 162

Elizabeth, CO 80107

(2nd house on the left, white w/ black trim)

Parking on road. You should exercise your dog on leash in this area, outside of the fence.

From Castle Rock/CO Springs:

Take Hwy 86 through Franktown and through the town of Elizabeth. At the top of the hill, turn left/north on County Rd 21. Go north on CR 21 for 5.7 miles to Private Rd 162. Turn left/west on PR 162 (dirt road)

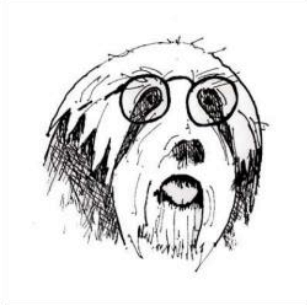
From Parker:

Parker Road/Hwy 83 to Hess Rd. Left/east on Hess Rd – will turn into Hilltop after about a mile – stay on for another 4-5 miles to Singing Hills (can only turn left/east again). Stay on Singing Hills east for approx. 7 miles (past 2 four-way stops) to County Rd 21 (First right after the second four-way stop). Right/south at CR21. Go 1 mile south to Private Rd 162. Turn right/west on PR 162 (dirt road).

From Fort Collins:

I-25 South to Denver & follow From Parker directions. Alternate – take E-470 requiring tolls & follow your navigation system.

Aunt Beardie



Dear Aunt Beardie,

My younger sister, Trixie hates to have her nails trimmed. She squirms around, pulls her foot back, and makes it really impossible for my people to trim her claws. How can I help?

Sincerely,
Flower

Dear Flower,

Oh, those Beardie kids do have touchy toes! When my little ones were conditioned from puppy hood to tolerate work on their feet, nail trims worked well. Such conditioning can be started anytime. Communicate to your people that they must build up Trixie's tolerance for gently touching, playing with, and holding her paws to begin. Your people might offer treats when they touch her toes. Once Trixie allows toe touching, your people can hold her foot for a short time then work toward longer timeframes. Getting treats during paw holding should eventually be interpreted by Trixie as "paw holding leads to treats or happy things." Or perhaps, like my little Rosita, she may prefer a favorite toy to mouth or chew during paw-holding.

By the time Trixie has been conditioned to accept paw handling for a significant time, your people can work toward very carefully clipping one claw and offering lots of treats or rewards for one claw. Eventually they can do more than one claw at a time. Experts recommend at first, to clip claws on just one paw each day, then play games or reward with toys or other favorite things. It takes time but eventually your people will succeed.

One reference that I read recommends that the clipper be kept nearby so Trixie gets used to it being there. Eventually when your people are able to trim her claws, it will seem to Trixie like everything is the same; no big deal, no reason to stress about it when the clipper appears. (A word of caution: It is important not to clip a claw too short to cause pain.) Your people might consider filing nails rather than clipping.

Sincerely,
Aunt Beardie



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They've Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

We've recently said goodbye to one of our Beardies, and below are a picture and memories from their owner.



Dulcie (Woodsong I Have Dreamed Thee) 2008 – 2023 Nan Matthews

I adopted Dulcie when she was 9 years old having been returned to her breeder from her first family. Wanting a second dog, I had signed up with Julie Sneed who helps re-home pedigree Beardies. After almost a year, she let me know that Dulcie was available and with the best news of all was with Tammy Begler, a long time RMBCC member. Tammy and I talked and decided I could pick her up in Santa Fe in July, 2018. Dulcie and Tammy went to obedience classes and ran 6 miles/day with Tammy's pack losing more than 12 unwanted pounds.

She fit in perfectly with Bailey, my original Beardie, and during her time with me received a Rally Notice title in 2019 and CGCA in 2020. She was the most delightful little girl, and it was very hard to say goodbye earlier this year.

She was one of the last River babies – River being Jill Floberg's multi-champion boy, River.