



*Rocky Mountain
Bearded Collie Connection*

Beardie Works
August 2023



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	Awards: Kathy Zeschin Olivia Lazarus	Newsletter: Nan Matthews
	Constitution/Standing Rules: Nancy Shock	Obedience/Rally: Meg Naylor
	Herding: Meg Naylor	Barn Hunt: Olivia Lazarus
	Therapy Dogs/ScentWork: Norm Lazarus Olivia Lazarus	Membership/Insurance/ Taxes: Meg Naylor
	Condolences: Laura Tappero	

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, let me know.*

We all mourn when we lose our beloved pets or a family member. It's important 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 2023

Thank you all so much for electing me as the RMBCC President again this year.

We have a great Board of Directors: RMBCC Board Members 2023-2024: President – Nancy Shock, Vice President – Olivia Lazarus, Secretary – Deb McAlister, Treasurer – Karen Deitke, Board Members – Meg Naylor, Nan Matthews and Colleen Fitzgerald.

And with our committee chairs we are planning some fun events for the year. See the Board minutes from our Aug 25th meeting to check out some of the ideas we've been talking about.

I was fortunate enough to arrange elder care schedules with my sisters this May, so I was able to attend the Herding Instinct tests. Meg did a fantastic job organizing all the details. It was wonderful getting to see all of you and your lovely dogs. Hopefully I will be able to get to Denver a few more times this year, and I'll try to schedule my trips at the same time as the club events. I miss you all.

I heard the picnic was another successful event. Thanks to Nan and her helpers for organizing and rescheduling the picnic and to Olivia for conducting the General Membership Meeting. I am looking forward to seeing the Annual Awards printed in this newsletter.

Some of you know that my sweet Joy passed away at the beginning of the summer. I know all of you who have lost a dog understand that my heart is broken. For 36 years I have had a Beardie in my house, it is so quiet now.

Take care, my friends, and give your Beardies a hug, Nancy



Nancy Shock
RMBCC President



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RMBCC General Meeting Minutes –August 25, 2023

The Zoom meeting commenced at 7:12 PM, with President Nancy Shock presiding.

Secretary's report

The minutes of the July 16, 2023 general meeting at DeKoevend Park were read.

Treasurer's report

Beginning balance: \$7350.51

Ending balance: 7201.83

Old Business

Committee Reports

Picnic-Nan Matthew- The picnic was held at DeKoevend Park, with 18 owners and their dogs attending. A deli tray was ordered from King Soopers and it was delicious. The cost was approximately \$80.

Awards-Olivia Lazarus-Kathy Zeschin. Posted in this newsletter.

Membership-Meg Naylor-Membership closes August 31. Meg contacted members to remind them to renew, and most have. Several members who have lost their last Beardie chose to drop their membership.

Newsletter-Nan Matthews-Nan reminded us that the deadline for the newsletter is August 26, 2023.

Board members were asked to submit a paragraph about something that our Beardie does to make us smile.

Hospitality- board decided to schedule the holiday party either on Dec. 9 or 10 this year at the Denver Aquarium. Colleen Fitzgerald and Nan Matthews will contact the aquarium to reserve either Dec. 9 or 10. The Club will provide a small gift for attendees, as has been the case in previous years.

Other Old business: Treasurer, Karen Deitke, reported on how postage is paid for bereavement cards and congratulatory cards. Laura Tappero handles preparing and mailing the cards.

The Board discussed whether the club should establish a Standing Rule concerning donations of RMBCC funds to beardedie owners in need. No decision was made, as we need to know if this is allowable with a 501(c)(3). The board will look into this issue.

New Business

Committee chairs-the Board verified all the club's committee chairpersons.

Agility-Kim Krueger-will also ask her if she will do conditioning.

Awards-Kathy Zeschin, Olivia Lazarus

Constitution & Standing Rules-Nancy Shock

Herding-Meg Naylor

Membership/Insurance/Taxes-Meg Naylor

Hospitality-Colleen Fitzgerald, Nan Matthews

Newsletter-Nan Matthews

Obedience/rally-Meg Naylor

Therapy Dogs/Scent Work-Norm Lazarus

Barn Hunt-Olivia Lazarus

Condolences-Laura Tappero

Fast Cat-Nan Matthews/Colleen Fitzgerald



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2023-2024 Programs and activity ideas

- A. Scent Work/Barn Hunt-Norm Lazarus-it was noted that there are fewer facilities for this activity
- B. Walk in the Park-Washington Park in Denver-October
- C. Photographing your dog
- D. Games to play with your dog
- E. Holiday party
- F. Annual picnic
- G. Herding-a minimum of 6 people, we may do this every other year.

Frequency of Board Meetings-quarterly

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Deb McAlister, secretary

BRAGGS AND WAGGS

New Puppies Born August 27!



4 beautiful puppies born on 8/27! 2 boys 2 girls to Kindie, Karen Deitke's girl!

MACH Sebring Light My Fire BN RA MXB MJB XF ACT1 CGC TKN
(out of CH Firstprizebears Haagen Dazs X CH Sebring High Fashion)

with Sire GCH CH Blue Moon Photo Finish
(out of GCH CH Mccrystal Forever Timeless X CH Blue Moon Violets Are Blue)

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Luke Krueger – Frappuccino



Luke Krueger and Frappuccino Wins the Douglas County Fair Agility Trial

They took Advanced Standard, Advanced Jumpers, got High in Trial for both, then got Grand Champion Dog Agility!

Karen Deitke – Linus



Linus Wins Silver Medal at the PPAC Agility Games Trial

This trial used to be associated with the Rocky Mountain State Games that occurs every year over a couple of weeks in Colorado Springs with athletes from all different sports. After a while it got too expensive to participate but the PPAC agility club decided to continue the fun and still calculates and gives gold/silver/bronze for each agility class.

He also got Silver in the 20" Preferred Class.

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Tammy Begler – Abbit



Abbit has been enjoying her summer with lots of travel and a new haircut!

We were in southern Oregon near Gold Beach for these great shots.

Becky Tupa – Abbey



Abbey Earns Scent Work Titles

Abbey (CH Britannia Abbey Road RI FDC CGC TKIP BN) has earned her Novice: Scent Work Buried, Scent Work Container, and Scent Work Interior titles.

Scent work is truly the dogs' game, and they love it! It is a "train the trainer" game as we learn to trust the dog's ability to locate the scent.

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Meg Naylor – Dakota



**CH Wigglesworth Gemineye
Thanks 4 Masking FDC OA OAJ
OF CGC TKN HIC**

My beautiful Dakota finished her AKC Championship!!

All points were owner-handled.

Meg Naylor – Paisley



**CH Wigglesworth Daybar
Groovy Kind Of Love CD RE HT
FDC A X AXJ NF ACT2 CGCA TKI
VX**

I'm super pleased that Paisley did so well completing her Obedience CD (Companion Dog). Three legs with scores in the 190's, and a couple 2nd placements.

We are also competing in Rally Masters and Agility Masters, with a recent High Triple and High Combined In Rally.

She is an awesome dog with lots of enthusiasm!

Linda Abramczyk – Meet Kramer, Linda’s New Dog



Kramer Is a Schapendoes



Kramer with his Beardie Friends

If you Google Schapendoes, it will come up “Dutch Sheepdog.” I call Kramer my Dutch Beardie. The body in length is shorter and the coat texture is different, but his activity level and personality pretty much remind me of my Beardies. Being shorter in body, I have to say he seems a bit more agile, cat-like almost. Size and weight seem to be about the same as a Beardie too.

I had really never heard of the breed until earlier this year while seeing them on Facebook playing with Pepper, Meg Naylor’s girl. I remember saying “I could have that in my pack.” Well, a couple months later while at an agility trial, I got to meet one of Kramer’s littermates. I was informed there were still two males left in the litter. Hmm, so up to Longmont we go, just to look, ha, ha. Whiskey played with Kramer and got along from the get go, and that was all I needed.

Beardies are my heart dog and always will be, but I’m really loving this new guy as well.

MAY 6 - FAST CAT TRIAL

Karen Deitke and Nan Matthews attended the FAST CAT TRIAL in May with their Beardies, Kindle and Skye, to try out this new AKC performance sport.

Fast Coursing Agility Test (FastCAT) 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 any dog can participate. It takes about 150 points to earn the BCAT (Beginner FastCAT) title.

After checking in, we lined up with a variety of dogs from Bishon’s to Rottweiler’s all waiting to give the course a try. Karen held Skye at the start line....Nan trotted down to the catch pen....and then at the GO signal, Nan yelled, “Skye, COME!” and down the course she ran in 12.755 seconds, 16.01 MPH! Karen and Nan then switched places, and it was Kindle’s turn. Her first run – 10.88 seconds, 18.80 MPH, and her second 9.90 seconds, 20.66 MPH.

With speeds from 6.57 to 26.77 MPH, the Beardies did a great job staying with the pack!



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MAY 26 – HERDING INSTINCT TEST



We were so lucky to have perfect weather for The Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection’s BCCA Herding Instinct Test! The test was conducted at our sheepherding judge, Carrie Spark’s ranch in Elizabeth, CO.

All nine Beardies participating in the test passed, and another six got a little time with the sheep doing a Fun Run. We finished the day with lunch at a local restaurant with Beardies allowed on the patio. It was a fun day! Thank you to the helpers and participants.

The new HIT Beardies and their primary owners are:

- Heartstone The Mist Is In The Air – Jill Floberg
- Gemineye’s Whole Lotta Love – Deborah Gentile
- Pentangle’s What A Wonderful World With You – Deborah Gentile
- Heartstone The Blues Have It – Mary Ellen & Brad Lundgren
- Rose Of Skye Isle – Nan Matthews
- Gemineye Spice Of Life – Meg Naylor

- Wigglesworth Gemineye Thanks 4 Masking – Meg Naylor
- Heartstone Raise The Flag Trooper – Terry & Regan Warnick
- Shanaspree’s High Hopes – Marta Witt & Laura Tappero



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JULY 16 – RMBCC ANNUAL PICNIC



After a long rainy and stormy spring, it took us until July to finally have our picnic. Over 18 members and their Beardies got together on a lovely Sunday morning to visit, enjoy excellent food, and watch our dogs run and play and bark and just have fun!



Aunt Beardie



My Dear Aunt Beardie,

I am at my wit's end trying to keep my high energy little brother, Wilder, busy with acceptable activities. He is a bundle of pure energy, and I am afraid he might flunk puppy class because he has no impulse control. He runs over to greet other students during class. He steals my people's slippers and runs off looking quite proud of himself. What advice do you have?

Sleepless in Centennial,
Emma Good Dog

Dear Emma,

Oh yes, I feel your pain. Those high energy pups are charming, adorable, wonderful, and exhausting all at the same time. You are smart to work on keeping him busy with acceptable activities. New pups, adult dogs, and even adopted adult dogs need guidance and training to become reliable little best friends. Fortunately, most pups are very treat-motivated. I use positive reward training with my little ones. Those pups learn so quickly as long as we are consistent with them.

Emma, when you are training little Wilder, you might want to make sure that your eyes are not covered with hair. It is easier for the pup to "read" your intent when he sees your eyes. (Make sure his eyes are not covered by hair also!) Tell your people to remove their sunglasses when they interact with Wilder.

In order to set limits with him, you and your people can play "trade" with him. Whenever he picks up a forbidden object, say "Trade" and immediately offer a mini treat as soon as he drops the item. Then quickly remove the unacceptable item. Perhaps another mini treat in the initial training period until he gets the idea. It is all about the timing, so he associates "trade" with dropping the item and getting the treat. Some people use a clicker and treat to mark the desired behavior.

In puppy class when Wilder bolts off to greet other students, your people can use that same idea by offering a mini treat or by playing with him to basically be more fun than the other puppy that is attracting his attention. Your Puppy Class trainer probably has lots of experience and many good ideas for working with Wilder. Emma, soon you and Wilder will "besties."

Sincerely Yours,
Aunt Beardie

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They've Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

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



Luke (Norm and Olivia Lazarus)
December 18, 2007 – August 4, 2023

GCHB CH Woodsong Tangled Up In Blue RN NA NAJ NF OFP SWN THDD RATO CGCA TKI VX HIC
 UKC Titles NI NC NV AC and NACSW Title NWI, Luke took 3rd place out of 44 dogs entered.

He received three Group Placements. He was the 5th Bearded Collie in the Country to receive his Grand Championship.

He was best known for his Therapy work. Luke spent 10 years working at Swedish Hospital. He received the National BCCA Andrew Award for Therapy in 2017 and 2021.

He was very Special and will be forever in our Hearts.



Joy (Nancy Shock)

Joy passed away on June 10th, the vet said she had a tumor on her heart. It was fast, she only had one tough day that I knew things were really bad. That was a blessing. I always said she 'was the best dog ever'. Most of you know that the past 3 years have been tough for me. Transitioning from a job I loved to retirement, selling my home, covid, and now caring for my 86 year old mother. None of this was easy and Joy got me through it. She made me laugh every day and the last three months have been really tough without her. So tough that it took me three months to tell all of you. Give your Beardies a hug from me. Nancy



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Get to Know Your Board

Board members were asked to write about "What About Your Beardie Makes You Smile?"

Deb McAlister and Reo **Secretary**

"One of the things that Reo does to make me smile is his Cheshire Cat grin. Several years ago when I asked him if he wanted a cookie, he would lick his lips, and then he would get the cookie. He must have thought, "Well, that worked, so if I REALLY lick my lips, maybe I'll get more cookies." Soon this licking turned into him smiling, pulling his lips back and showing all his teeth. To him must mean, 'Yes, yes, please,' because sometimes when he wants something, he will look directly at me and do his silly grin."

Colleen Fitzgerald and Cormac **Director**

"There are so many things.....but every morning, Cormac waits by my bedside for me to wake. Once I do and look at him, he expects to be invited up on the bed. He puts his right paw across my chest and then the cuddles begin. He will roll over across my body for a belly rub but mostly he just looks at me while I give him the love he deserves. This is usually a 15-20 minute session but has in the past gone longer if he isn't ready to go for a walk yet.

My day is complete once we get our cuddles in."

RMBCC 2022 Awards

The 2022 awards were announced and given out at the Annual Picnic in July.

Karen Dietke

Sebring Light My Fire BN RI MXB MXJ NF ACT1 CGC TKN

Agility FAST Open – 2022

Master Bronze Agility – 2022

PACH Linus CD BN RAE OA OAJ MXP6 MXPS MJP9 MJPG PAX MFP T2BP THDN CGC TKI

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 9 – 2022

Agility Master FAST Excellent Preferred – 2022

Master Agility Excellent Preferred 6 – 2022

Kim Krueger

Risa Spindrift Fairy Dust HT FDC ACT1 ACT1J TKN

Farm Dog Certified – 2022

Agility Course Test 1 – 2022

Agility Course Test 1 JWW - 2022



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Olivia and Norm Lazarus

GCHB CH Woodsong Tangled Up In Blue RN FDC NA NAJ NF OFP SWN THDD RATO CGCA TKI VX
Distinguished Therapy Dog – 2022
Andrew Award for 2021 – 2022

Molly McNamara

Orion's Starfire RN PT BCAT SWN SEA TKA BN-V VHMA VSWB VX
BCAT - 2022
Virtual Beginner Novice – 2022
Versatility Excellent – 2022
Scent Work Container Novice - 2022
Scent Work Exterior Novice – 2022
Scent Work Interior Novice – 2022
Scent Work Buried Novice – 2022
Scent Work Novice – 2022
Scent Work Exterior Advanced - 2022

CH Orion She's A Rainbow TKN
Champion - 2022

Mccrystal Moonlark Of Orion RA PT CGC TKI ATT BN-V VHMA VSWB
Virtual Beginner Novice – 2022
Rally Advanced – 2022

Meg Naylor

Wigglesworth Gemineye Thanks 4 Masking FDC OA OAJ OF CGC TKN
Open Agility - 2022
Open Agility Jumper – 2022
Agility FAST Novice – 2022
Farm Dog Certified – 2022
Agility FAST Open - 2022

CH Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love RE HT FDC OA AXJ NF ACT2 CGCA TKI
Top "Dog" Rally Award - Excellent – 2022
Rally Excellent B Medallion Award – 2022
Rally Excellent - 2022

Nancy Shock

Gemineye's Joy Of Hermosa Mtn RN
Rally Novice – 2022
Rally Novice A Medallion Award - 2022