



*Rocky Mountain  
Bearded Collie Connection*

**Beardie Works**

April 2025



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	<b>Agility:</b> Kim Krueger	<b>Hospitality:</b> Colleen Fitzgerald Nan Matthews
	<b>Awards:</b> Kathy Zeschin Olivia Lazarus	<b>Newsletter:</b> Nan Matthews
	<b>Constitution/Standing Rules:</b> Nancy Shock	<b>Obedience/Rally:</b> Meg Naylor
	<b>Herding:</b> Meg Naylor	<b>Barn Hunt:</b> Olivia Lazarus
	<b>Therapy Dogs/ScentWork:</b> Norm Lazarus Olivia Lazarus	<b>Membership/Insurance/Taxes</b> Meg Naylor
	<b>Condolences:</b> 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](mailto:Shanaspre@Q.com)



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## RMBCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - April 2025

Happy Spring Everyone:

Our next club event is the Herding Instinct test on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Elizabeth, CO. Contact Meg Naylor if you have any questions... I would love to be able to join you, but my youngest niece is graduating from High School that same day, so I'll be in Durango helping her celebrate that milestone. Have a great time everyone!!

Next our membership dues are due May 31<sup>st</sup>... please see Meg's email for payment options.

Our picnic this year will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are using the same location as in years past (DeKoevend Park) and will have an earlier start time, so that the dogs can do their Beardie Zooms before it gets too hot.

I love following so many of you on social media. It brings me joy to see so many of our members and their wonderful Beardies involved in Conformation and Performance events. Congratulations to all of you and continue to have fun times with your Beardies.



Beardie Hugs to All,  
Nancy



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## RMBCC Board Meeting Minutes - February 9, 2025

Secretary - Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer- \$5,529.80.

### Old Business

1. Picnic-Nan Matthews scheduled our picnic at DeKoevend Park on Sunday, August 3.
2. Membership-Meg Naylor-membership renewal will be sent after Holiday party.
3. Hospitality-Colleen Fitzgerald-a big thank you for organizing the Holiday party. It will be held next year at the same venue.
4. Herding-Meg Naylor-Beardies must be a minimum of 6 months. Date is May 23 in Elizabeth. Cost will be \$50 for each test/run.

### New Business

1. Nominating committee-Meg Naylor-three people in the club will comprise the nominating committee.
2. Committees and chairs
  - Agility-Karen Dietke
  - Awards-Kathy Zeschin, Olivia Lazarus
  - Constitution and Standing Rules-Nancy Shock
  - Herding-Meg Naylor
  - Hospitality-Colleen Fitzgerald, Nan Matthews
  - Newsletter-Nan Matthews
  - Obedience-rally-Meg Naylor
  - Therapy dogs, scent work-Norm and Olivia Lazarus
  - Barn hunt-Olivia Lazarus
  - Condolences-Laura Tappero
  - Fast Cat-Karen Dietke

### 3. 2025 Program and Activity Ideas

- A. Scent work
- B. Walk in the Park in spring
- C. Beardie playday at DeKoevend Park in spring
- D. Photographing your dog
- E. Games to play with your dog
- F. Annual picnic
- G. Herding
- H. Fast cat

Respectfully submitted, Deb McAlister, secretary



## RMBCC Beardie Works April 2025

March 18, 2025

To: Members of the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection  
FROM: The 2025 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: Olivia Lazarus

Past President/VP: Nancy Shock

Recording/Corresponding  
Secretary: Deb McAlister

Treasurer: Karen Deitke

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Board Members:

Meg Naylor 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year term

Kathy Zeschin 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term

Colleen Fitzgerald 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

Meg Naylor – Chair  
Kathy Zeschin

## BRAGGS AND WAGGS

### Meg Naylor – Paisley



**CH RACH Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love CD RM3 RAE3 HT FDC AX MXF XF CGCA TKI MV**

***I have a couple of big brags for Paisley!***

Paisley achieved her Rally Championship (RACH) in January. The requirements are 20 triple Q's (Master Q, Excellent Q, Advanced Q/trial) plus 150 points, with 75 of the points from the Master Class. We have been working towards this the last couple of years, and the RACH makes Paisley a dual Champion. She's the first Beardie Rally Champion in Colorado!

Paisley was also awarded BCCA's Master In Versatility award! This is the top award for versatility. To achieve this award, you need 2 Championships, a herding title, and 15 titles from at least 5 venues. Her Rally CH was the final title needed for her MV award.

Thanks to Paisley for being such a willing teammate!

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### Mollie McNamara – Sorsha



Sorsha was the first Bearded Collie to receive a title from North American Canicross this March when she completed the requirements for the Novice Canicross Dog title.



North American Canicross (NACC) <https://naccanicross.com> was founded in June of 2019 for the purpose of promoting Canicross as a competitive sport in the United States.

Competitors may compete with any dog, purebred and/or mixed breed, 12 months or older. The goal of the sport is to demonstrate the competitor's skill and expertise in training and performance.

Canicross is meant to highlight the fundamental elements of a dog(s) and human running team: strength, confidence, speed, communication and all around athleticism. All who want to compete in the North American Canicross titling program must register a dog with NACC in order to enter the dog in the titling program and in future sanctioned events.



## Karen Dietke – Linus



### Linus wins the BCCA Agility Preferred Veteran Award for 2024

Linus retired from agility in January 2025 - What a way to end his agility career! Linus started his agility career winning the BCCA winning the Agility Sunshine and Ryan awards in 2016 and ended with the 2024 Preferred Veteran Award.

Linus was an amazing agility partner with the following accomplishment throughout the years:

- 2016 BCCA Sunshine Award
- 2016 BCCA Ryan Award
- PACH and PACH2 titles
- MFP, PAX2, T2BP, MXP8, MXPG, MJP13, MJPB2 titles
- 2 Silver Medals from Pikes Peak Agility Games
- Gold Medal from Piked Peak Agility Games
- 12th place in 20" Preferred at the 2021 AKC Agility National Championships
- 2024 BCCA Preferred Veteran Agility Award



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### Russ and Janet Kittel – Brennah



Brennah got her AHBA Junior Herding Dog title in January. Working sheep is her favorite thing.

### Colleen Fitzgerald – Cormac



Cormac and I doing our favorite thing. Hiking! We are on the North Broken Boyfriend trail in Buena Vista.

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### Karen Dietke – Kindle



MACH2 for Kindle after a QQ QQ QQ weekend!

### Meg Naylor – Pepper and Dakota



Pepper and Dakota Naylor both finished their Novice Rally title at the Golden trial.  
WTG, girls!



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**Kim Kruger – Sprite**

**Risa Spindrift Fairy Dust RA HT FDC OA NAJ ACT1 ACT1J TKN**



Sprite got her Rally Advanced title and Open Jumpers title!

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**Kim Kruger - Frapper**

**Risa Caramel Frappuccino RE PT FDC OA AXJ OJP NF TKN**



Frapper got her Rally Excellent title and officially retired at the age of 13 ½.  
We had a retirement party for her!

**Kim Kruger – River**  
**Risa Rocking the River**

River got her Rally Advanced title!





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### Becky Tupa – Abbey



Having fun with Abbey at the park. She loves playing Rally Dog, Obedience Dog, Parkour Dog, and this is her favorite bench.



**Rally Class Beardies patiently waiting for their owners to get the course set up, so they can go to work!!!**

We'd love to have some other Beardies join us every Thursday morning from 10:00 – 11:30. Cost is \$15/session. We're also working on Trick Dog titles and other fun things.

If you're interested, contact Meg Naylor, [naylormk@outlook.com](mailto:naylormk@outlook.com)



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Dear Aunt Beardie,

My younger sister is such a clown. She runs around the yard or the house, sometimes with a toy, trying to get any of us to play a game with her. After a while she actually appears to be laughing at the game. I wonder, do dogs really laugh?

Sincerely,  
Chuckles

Dear Chuckles,

In their own way, dogs do laugh but not quite like humans. Dogs are not likely to understand the joke about "3 guys walk into a bar." What dogs do is called play-pant when they are having fun. It sounds like *ha, ha, ha, ha*, right?

In my family (dogs of all ages), we are pretty sure the older dogs and the younger pups show their joy in a way that looks to the humans like laughter. We see this joy especially when the young ones try to entice a game of "chase me." My goodness, aren't the little ones adorable and joyful?

In his book Man Meets Dog, the author, Lorenz, describes: *opened jaws which reveal the tongue, and the tilted angle of the mouth which stretches almost from ear to ear giving the impression of laughing*. If dogs have the mental capacity of a 2 to 2.5 year old human child, it is easy to believe that dogs also have a similar playful nature that looks like laughter when they play pant. Keep laughing, little one.

Sincerely,  
Aunt Beardie

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### RAINBOW BRIDGE Jody Martin - Ryder



*The happy kisses rain upon your  
face;  
your hands again caress the  
beloved head,  
and you look once more  
into the trusting eyes of your pet,  
so long gone from your life  
but never absent from your heart.*

*Then you cross Rainbow Bridge  
together....*

*Lost my Good Buddy-Ryder on March 3d. He was 16 years, 10 months old.  
Jody Martin*

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## SAVE THE DATE for Some Beardie Fun!



RMBCC Annual Picnic is scheduled for  
Sunday, August 3, 2025  
9:30-1:00pm  
at DeKoevend Park, Centennial  
Look for a flyer soon





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### **Bearded Collie Club of America Herding Instinct Test Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection May 23, 2025**

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 12 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. 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.



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**Registration Form – BCCA HIC Test – Friday, May 23, 2025**

**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, 2025**

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

Dog Registered Name (leave blank if not registered)

\_\_\_\_\_

Dog 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**