



Beardie Works FALL 2012

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Dear RMBCC Member:

For those who were unable to make it, our Beardie Picnic and 25th Anniversary Celebration in June was a BIG success. We had more than 40 humans – and I’m not sure how many Beardies – in attendance. Our very special thanks to Kathy Zeschin, Hospitality Chairman, and her committee for their fantastic efforts in putting together a wonderful menu with sandwiches from Jason’s Deli plus two very special ice cream cakes. Please see more details and pictures further on in the Newsletter.

I would like to personally thank Mike Tupa, Janet Kittel and Jody Martin for their contribution to last year’s Board and to welcome Renee Jarrett, Vice President, Kristi Sweeney, Director, and Jill Floberg, Director, who have joined us this year.

In addition, my kudos to everyone who completed the 2012 Membership Survey. Over 50% of you took the time to answer the questions and give your input which has given the Board the guidance we need to hopefully create some excellent programs/events for 2012-2013.

The 2012 calendar is below:

Saturday, October 20	2 nd Annual Beardie Agility Day	9:00 am – 1:00 pm Diane DuBose’s facility Indian Hills, CO
Saturday, November 10	Beardie Walk and Play Day	10:00 am DeKoevend Park Centennial, CO
Saturday, December 8	Annual Holiday Party	Joyce Ann Burgett’s home Cherry Hills Village, CO

Look forward to seeing many of you this year!

Fondly,

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Beardie Minute

Mike Tupa

I am lamenting over our 15 year old Beardie. She's a bright eyed lady with a sway back who tires easily. But she is always under our feet, always ready for a walk and even tries to hop into the car whenever there is a possibility of a ride if even around the block. Our walks are shorter and slower but she always is ready, eager, tail wagging as we head out. It's the coming back that is slower. Our walks are getting shorter. Our loops through the neighborhood used to be quick paced mile but now we just can't walk slow enough to spend the time. She is willing to go the distance but she takes it at her own pace, slow and slower. Now our loops are a slow head out, duty completed and she turns around to come home. Smells seem to take on the importance of the once s-q-u-i-r-l on the fence.

There is a difference in how we relate to her with more touching, more grooming (which she loves), and special care with almost everything in her life. She is at the door when we come home, at our feet during evening dinner, at the base of the couch with an evening movie, at the foot of the bed all night and in our face during our morning routine. Sometimes it is hard to tie your shoes without catching her hair in the shoe laces; she is that close and involved. Floor exercises and stretching are almost impossible without corralling her in another room so you can have the floor space to run through your morning routine.

Yes, she is old but she is wonderfully elegant, tolerant of us, eager to be part of the family and willing to step up when asked. She still knows her obedience sits and come-arounds, and goodness how she loves her food. We wouldn't have it any other way. Older dogs are something special to have as a part of your life.

I know there's always excitement about puppies, especially Beardie puppies. But a mature dog, one who knows you and him/herself is my preference. Don't get me wrong, puppies are wonderful and it is always great to see how the puppy grows into the vision you could see when she was playing with her littermates. By the time she is 2 or 3 there is a change, a maturation, where the puppy becomes a companion and from that time on a part of your life. Some puppies mature sooner, some never mature, but that change happens with most of

them as surely as black coat changes to gray (and maybe back to black), toe nails grow, and your dog needs grooming.

Friends with larger dogs marvel when I share my dog experiences. "Your dog is 15, goodness my breed never makes it past 10! Oh how nice it would be to have those extra 5 or 10 years." And in truth we all want another year or 5 or 10 or 20 or more. The truth about our companions is that we outlive them and have to experience the whole life cycle over and over again. From puppy to hospice, from spots on the rug to... well, spots on the rug. And for us who are addicted to this relationship we have to experience it over and over again, knowing what to expect and accepting the outcome. Maybe that's the glory of this love affair with our dogs. We care for them and they teach us about life.

A friend's father lost his life companion, a Golden, who was as much a part of the family as his daughter or his son. I'm told he is afraid to look at puppies for fear he will forget his companion. Another dog in his life would lessen the importance of his trusted buddy. Time will tell, but I'll bet that someday soon he will be looking, maybe with a stroll through the shelter or a call to the breed rescue. Life without a dog at your side is truly only half a life.

So I fear the loss in our future and learn to enjoy each day with our girl. The old adage that every day is a gift is certainly true. I may lament the advancing years but when she comes up to me, those big eyes asking to go for a short slow walk, I will certainly grab a leash and grant her that wish. Each day, each walk, is a gift and an honor to share with an elegant lady. <



2012 RMBCC SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

(Meg was nominated by more than one member)

I would like to nominate Meg Naylor for the “over and above” category recognition award for her persistence, commitment and never-ending goal of updating the RMBCC website. For the last two years, she has made it a point at Board meetings and elsewhere that the website we had did not reflect the club or its mission, and she wanted it changed!

- She took the time to research all the other Beardie Collie clubs’ websites to see what other groups had done.
- Along with Jill Floberg, she recruited Karen Norteman – a well known Beardie web designer- to take on our project.
- She put together the descriptions of the various activities from conformation through herding and agility, asked members to submit pictures, and oversaw the color, layout and design from start to finish.
- In particular, since the beginning of 2012, she worked with Karen almost daily/weekly to update, change, edit or improve the overall appearance of the website.

We all saw the superb results on May 1 when the new web was launched – and for all her efforts I hope that she will be recognized by the Awards Committee.

RMBCA ANNUAL AWARDS – 2011

Conformation

Championships

Ch MikRen's Always and Forever HIC
 Ch Britannia Sebring All Time High CD BN RN HT

Owen
 Greyson

C. Renee Jarrett
 Kathy Thomas, M Ritter, J Floberg, K
 Andreassend

Grand Championship

GCh Woodsong Pandemonium CGC HIC
 GCh Sherwood Cool Sequel at Summit CD RE PT

Panda
 Audra

Norm & Olivia Lazarus
 Kathy Thomas, K Raleigh

Best in Show

Ch Britannia's Spotacular in Blu

Monica

Ruth Jeram, M Ritter, K Canham,
 K Raleigh

Obedience

Beginner Novice

Britannia Sebring All Time High BN RN

Greyson

Kathy Thomas, M Ritter, J Floberg, K
 Andreassend

Companion Dog

Britannia Sebring All Time High CD BN RN HT

Greyson

Kathy Thomas, M Ritter, J Floberg, K
 Andreassend

Rally

Rally Novice

Britannia Sebring All Time High BN RN

Greyson

Kathy Thomas, M Ritter, J Floberg, K
 Andreassend

Ch Bosque Tanacort Mystic Mati RN

River

Jill & Dean Floberg

Ragtime Still So Vain RN

Carly

Nan Matthews

RMBCA ANNUAL AWARDS – 2011

Canine Good Citizen

Ragtime Still So Vain RN CGC

Carly

Nan Matthews

Britannia Sebring Happy Days CGC

Keller

Kathy Zeschin, K Andreassend

Artisan Mambo in May CGC

Kim Kreuger

Burlesque Major League CGC

Peggy & Duffy Reed

Bryanmar's Simply Irresistible CGC

BJ Walker

Herding Titles

Herding Tested:

Britannia Sebring All Time High BN RN HT
K

Greyson

Kathy Thomas, M Ritter, J Floberg,

Andreassend

Ch MikRen's Always and Forever HT

Owen

C. Renee Jarrett

Pre-trial Tested:

Ch Sherwood Cool Sequel at Summit CD RE PT

Audra

Kathy Thomas, K Raleigh

Agility Titles

Open Agility

Nonesuch Living the High Life RN OA NAJ NF

Riley

Kathy Zeschin

Great article link:

http://animaltracks.today.com/_news/2012/09/12/13825121-when-my-dog-lucky-died-i-disappeared-too

Aunt Beardie is Back!!!

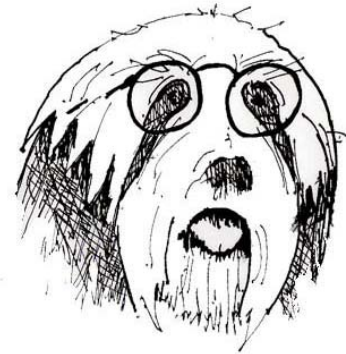
September 15, 2012

Dear Aunt Beardie,

My little brother does not seem to “get it” when our people put silly things on us this time of year when the funny pumpkin faces show up. My people put these big, black, round, stand-up ears on my head every year. I don’t really mind because it makes them laugh. But my little brother will not keep his horns and red cape on. Any other time he is fine with anything our people ask us to do. Do you have any clues about his issue with the red cape and horns?

Thank you,

Hal Aweenkid



Dear Hal,

It is ever so kind of you to be concerned about your dear little Beardie Bro. Your description of the horns and red cape tell me that your people are asking your little brother to be a little devil for Halloween. My best guess is that he does not want to be a devil because he is a sweet little Beardie boy! And who can disagree with that? Or maybe he just doesn't want all that stuff on his cute, furry little self. Take your people to the pet store or local Halloween supply store and get them to buy an orange Halloween bandana and let him wear that around his neck. It would be best if little Bro can pick out his own bandana. At least let him sniff it to become comfortable with it and “trust” it before your people ask him to wear it. And if it makes your people happy, he will probably love the experience and the “costume.”

Aunt Beardie

Dear Aunt Beardie,

I need some advice about what to do during that time of the year when a lot of people arrive at our house for this really big, fabulously smelling dinner. I love to help my people-mom cook. It is really neat to be around her while she cooks such wonderful smells. It is even better when something drops because I scoop it up so she doesn't have to bend over to pick it up. We are a great team. The problem is that when all those people are at our house to eat dinner, I am not allowed to sit by my mom to help her in case food falls to the floor like I do any other time. She tells me to stay in the other room and be good. What is up with that anyway?

Cookee

Dear Cookee,

It sounds like that really big turkey meal at Thanksgiving is on your mind. I'm sure your people-mom loves to have your company and your help while she cooks. There is a lot to cook for that meal especially when a lot of people are invited. Your mom probably invited some relatives to dinner that do not understand how much Beardies want to be with their people all the time; even at the dinner table. Just for that meal, try to understand that it is best for you to not sit under the table with all those guests. Guests may feel frightened in case your cold nose should happen to touch them or if your wagging tail should catch Aunt Hilda's skirt. So ask your people-mom for a special chew treat and be patient in the “other” room and knowing that you are a good girl and making your people very happy.

Aunt Beardie

Braggs & Waggs:

BRAG from Nan Matthews:

Bailey (Ragtime Mister Soul Man) earned his second Novice Agility Title in FAST on September 16 at the FRAAD trial at Douglas County Fairgrounds. He completed the course in 29.18 seconds and came in third in the 20" category. Just one more leg in Jumpers and Weaves, and we head to Open!

Bragg from Rachel Funez:

The newest member of our family has arrived. Olivia Linnae Funez, born 8/2/12, 7 lbs, 14 oz and 19 1/2 inches long.



Bragg from Norm and Olivia Lazarus:

Both Luke and Panda earned their Bronze Grand Championship, Panda on May 19th and Luke at the Supported Entry in Longmont. Panda took the Breed on the day of the Supported Entry and then went on to get a Group One at Idaho. Also at the shows in Idaho Panda got a Group 3 and three Group 4's. My thanks to the Olivera's for doing such a great job showing Panda.

Pictures on next page....

Panda!!



I couldn't be prouder of my young puppy, Gemin-eye America's Heartthrob! Bieber won Best Puppy in Match in August. Then Bieber went Best of Winners for a 4 point major at his very first show at the Evergreen Kennel Club show on September 9th. Way to go, Biebs!

- Meg Naylor

Annual Beardie Picnic and 25th Anniversary Celebration

June 23 was HOT, but in the cool shade of tents set up inside the DeKoevend ball field, over 40 RMBCC members plus their Beardies enjoyed catching up with friends, good food and a celebration of the club’s special anniversary honoring three of our founding members.



It was heaven for the dogs, since they could run and romp and play to their hearts’ content, since the ball field is totally enclosed and completely safe. And ohhh those puppies.....



At the end of the picnic, the 25th Anniversary Celebration began with two wonderful ice cream cakes –the challenge was getting everyone served before they started to melt!

Dock Diving.....well, sort of

Since I already knew that Bailey was quite a good swimmer – he learned at Chatfield Dog Park – I thought it would be such fun to sign him up for Dock Diving at Beardie Camp this summer. Where else but at Purina Farms is one going to have the opportunity to swim, splash and hopefully dive into a cool pool, particularly since our session was scheduled for a hot Missouri afternoon.

Arriving early to see the class ahead of us, we watched as Beardies and their owners – some gingerly and others enthusiastically – walked down the steps into the water and started introducing their dogs to the process. Some of the dogs had never swum before, so it was quite the challenge to even get their paws and tummies wet. What a variety of squeakie toys, balls and water lures the handlers had – whatever, they thought, would help their Beardie become a diving champion. All that noise, plus the Beardie participants were barking and the audience and their dogs in the stands were barking and laughing and encouraging – “Come on, Bailey or Tucker or Sadie, the water is REALLY fun and you will love it...just a little jump is all you need!”

Please enjoy the pictures below of Bailey and his Mom, Nan, having the time of their lives. He never actually dove into the pool, but with a little push from the Purina trainers he did dock-dive.....sort of.



Watch out, Missy Franklin, Here we come!



2nd ANNUAL BEARDIE AGILITY DAY Saturday, October 20, 2012

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Indian Hills
[10 minutes west of C-470 off Highway 285]

For our 2nd Annual Beardie Agility Day, we are fortunate to be returning to Diane DuBose's training facility in Indian Hills. Experienced dogs **AND** novices are invited, since we are planning runs and exercises for all levels of agility knowledge. Even if agility is not your performance sport, RMBC members and their dogs are welcome and encouraged to attend just for the fun and camaraderie. The tentative schedule for the morning is below:

- Coffee and morning snacks
- Warm up exercises using obedience and rally commands
- For novice dogs and handlers, Diane will discuss how to get started and what it takes for success. Everyone will be able to try out the equipment including jumps, tunnels, A-frame, dog walk, etc.
- Experienced dogs who are already trialing will run several courses
- And to finish, a RELAY RACE for everyone participating - it was the HIT of last year's event! Dividing into teams with novice, intermediate and advanced dogs, we go to our marks and wait for the baton.....
- Lunch will end the day

Cost: \$25 for the first dog and \$15/dog for the second or more. Please bring cash or a check made out to "Diane DuBose." If you are just coming to watch or cheer on the participants, there will be no charge.

RSVP to Nan Matthews, nan@themattgrp.com with your name and how many dogs you are bringing.

You will need a crate, water for your dog, poop bags and a chair.

Directions: 10 minutes west of C470 off Highway 285 (Hampden Avenue). Head west into the foothills, exit at Indian Hills on Parmalee Gulch Road. From that exit, it is exactly 3.1 miles to Diane's house. Pass the fire station and elementary school on the right and two churches on the left. Parmalee Gulch will take a hard left curve. **DO NOT TAKE THAT CURVE.** Go straight onto the dirt road, which is Supai Road. There is a street sign on your left. Within 20 feet take a left into the first driveway – address is marked on a big piece of flagstone – La Boheme, 23782 Supai Road. Go up the driveway and park in the grass next to the agility field.

If you get lost, call Diane DuBose at [303-638-8062](tel:303-638-8062) or Nan Matthews [303-521-9780](tel:303-521-9780).

For any other questions or more information, contact Nan Matthews, [303-843-6414](tel:303-843-6414), nan@themattgrp.com



Happy fall!!

I continue to work on formatting and appreciate any ideas.

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