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Quarterly newsletter of the  
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin  
Website - [bmdcsew.org](http://bmdcsew.org)

## Oconomowoc Christmas Parade

### "A Candyland Christmas"

There were over 70 units in the 2022 parade, the most the Oconomowoc Kiwanis Breakfast club has ever had. Based on the pictures a good time was had by all the participants, it was especially nice to have the Laben's drive the lead car and provide music to help with the festivities. Afterwards people joined together at a dog friendly bar and relaxed.



#### BOARD MEETINGS 2023

Sat, Jan 21st  
Webex Meeting 9:00 am

Sat, March 25th  
Webex Meeting 9:00 am

Sat, June 17th  
Mukwanago Park 10 am

Sun, Sept 24th  
Nashotah Park  
W33N5113 County Road C  
Nashotah, WI 53058  
9:00 am

Sun, Nov 5th  
St Mary's Church 10 am

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2023

Sun Feb 12th  
Thunder Bay Grille 1:00 pm

Sat, June 17th  
Mukwanago Park 12:30 pm

Sat, July 29th Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show  
Waukesha County Expo  
1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188  
1 hour after Bernese judging

Sunday, September 24th  
Nashotah Park  
W33N5113 County Road C  
Nashotah, WI 53058  
10:00 am

Sun, Nov 5th  
St Mary's Church 12:30 pm

#### 2022 BMDCSEW SPONSORED EVENTS

Back2Back Specialty, Fri- Sat March 3 & 4

Spring Fling Sat June 17th  
Mukwanago Park  
W320s88 Beulah Rd, Mukwanago, WI  
12:30 pm

Draft Test Fri July 28th Waukesha

Designated Specialties Sat and Sun  
July 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> Waukesha

Draft Test, Fri Sept 22nd & Sat Sept 23rd  
Nashotah Park  
W330 N5113 Cty Road C, Nashotah, WI

Farm Dog Test

Bernerfest, Sunday, Sept 25th  
Nashotah Park  
W330 N5113 Cty Road C, Nashotah, WI  
10:00 am

## More Pictures Christmas Parade December 2022







### Yodels Editor

It has been fun being the Yodel's editor for the past year but I think my time will be better spent working on the Regional Specialties and other events. Thanks to everyone who has contributed articles and pictures, it has really helped a lot.

If you are interested in being the editor, please contact a board member. If you have any questions about it feel free to contact me.

*Karen Borre*

## Member Brags

GCH CH Driftless Taking It To The Streets  
CGC, RI FDC, TKN



Caesar was recently entered in the Skokie Kennel Club Show. He was awarded Select Dog on Saturday and Best of Breed and Best of Breed Owner Handler on Sunday. Caesar also finished the 2022 Ranking year in the top ten Owner Handled Bernese Mountain Dogs earning an invitation to the AKC National in Orlando. We opted not to make the trip for personal reasons, but it was an honor to be invited.

*Kathy Bohm*

## Member Brags



On November 5 Zoli earned his Farm Dog Certified title and qualified for the BMDCA Active Dog Award. Thank you to Paige and Sue for organizing the event and to Kerry Waltersdorf for letting me have this guy!

*Cindy Falk*



## Member Brags

### My Amazing Beulah!!

On October 2nd, she passed the TDX Tracking Test and did so with flying colors. She ran her 1/2 mile track in 8 minutes!! She nailed every turn, didn't bat an eye at the cross tracks, stopped at each article then went right back to tracking, didn't hesitate at any of the obstacles. Best of all, she actually slowed down a bit when I asked her to so I could keep up. Then 2 weeks later, we went up to Minnesota for their draft tests. She passed!! That was her 5th pass in novice earning her the Advance Novice Draft Dog title!! She used the travois that my husband designed and built for all 5 of her passes. She is the only dog to use a travois for all five of her passes at a BMDCA Draft Test.



*Peggy Granger*

## Member Brags

### Bugziere's Secret Agent Man RI TKE



Sam qualified to enter the AKC National Trick Dog competition this year and was awarded #1 Bernese Mountain Dog in the country! To compete we needed to create and film a skit with a minimum of 10 tricks in a maximum of 6 minutes. Here's a link to Sam's skit <https://youtu.be/ekYquLleroc> The top 20 videos are posted on the AKC website and while we did not get selected for the Top 20 we have something to work toward for next year. Super proud of my very smart boy! Thanks to Sue Wellenstein and Deanna Scott for creating this combo of Midge and Presto - all 3 from the litter are great working





## Rescue Corner

by Wendy Kerr



Daisy



Matty

2022 has been a crazy year for the Michigan club as far as rescues are concerned. April Van Buren has had her hands full to say the least. She's been getting calls to rescue multiple dogs and puppies every week. April's been covering Michigan, Indiana and Ohio as best she can and doing an amazing job. Some Amish breeders have gotten out of the breeding business, some aren't finding enough buyers. All contributing to the rescue load. April has reached out to the entire country for assistance because she's had so many dogs to handle. We were able to assist Michigan with six dogs: four dogs in July and two more in September. Of these six there were two shy females I fostered who captured my heart: Daisy and Matty. I do have a bit of a weakness for the shy ones. I fostered Matty for over two months but it was purely for my personal enjoyment. Showing them that life can be warm, fuzzy and fun is a joy. Watching them begin to show some trust is the best reward. Daisy was adopted by the Gipson family in Madison, WI. Matty was adopted by the Tinsen family in Cudahy, WI. In addition to these six "Ohio" dogs we also re-homed six others for our own State in 2022. Many thanks go to Carina Brennand for finding and fostering Goose. To Kathy Koehler for fostering Sophie. To Dian Phelan and Laura Klemm for being fosters and foster failures!



## Farm Dog Certification Test 11-5-2022

On the wettest day in memory, we held the clubs first ever Farm Dog certification tests up in Larsen, WI. We had 24 dogs entered and ended up with a 100% pass rate in less than ideal conditions to say the least. The entries came from as far away as Iron Mountain, MI, Chicago, IL, and Hudson, WI! Just 11 of our entries were club members in our All Breed test.

Huge shout out to the volunteers who worked hard to ensure a successful and FUN test. BMDCEW members Lyn Steffens, Kathy Koehler, new members Lexie and Tim Lau, and nonmembers Mandi Hendricks, Kate Pfaendtner, and Jill Siebecker. Our judges Karen Combs and Jean Bernier, they kept positive upbeat attitudes and jumped in to handle the needs of the event from planning to completion. It was fun to be a part of this group!

The event made a profit and we are already discussing options for 2023!

Sue Lutz, Event Chair and Paige Hess Event Secretary



## Member Brags

### Bugziere's Summer Breeze BN RI CGC TKN NDD FDC

Summer & I had a very busy Fall. We entered our first ever Draft Tests on Sept. 23 & 24 at Nashotah Park. We did not pass either day but I wanted to thank the BMDCEW for providing Summer the opportunity to visit the judges 3 times during the recall, take out the narrows, almost losing a wheel & to snuggle with the load/unload steward...what fun she had!!

I then took the "Happy Social Butterfly" to MN and our 2<sup>nd</sup> set of Draft Tests on Oct. 22 & 23 went much better! We passed both days earning her NDD & 2<sup>nd</sup> leg towards her Advanced title. I'm so proud of how well she worked!!

On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> we got to go to the Hughes Farm in Larsen WI and play in the mud & pouring rain. There, Summer passed both Farm Dog tests, earning the FDC title!

Thanks to all the event organizers, workers & judges along with our special friends and their dogs who helped us in so many ways!





## BREEDER REFERRAL 2023

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2023. Your name, kennel name, phone number, and e-mail address will be listed on our club website. To be listed, you must have volunteered to work *at club events in the past year*. If you would like to participate, please fill out and mail the **Breeder Referral form** on the website.

### Some Websites that you may be interested in:

[www.animallaw.info/statute/wi-dog-consolidated-dog-laws#s17341](http://www.animallaw.info/statute/wi-dog-consolidated-dog-laws#s17341) Wisconsin dog related laws  
[www.bmdca.org/](http://www.bmdca.org/) Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Website  
[www.bernergarde.org/home/](http://www.bernergarde.org/home/) Berner-Garde Foundation  
[www.bestbeau.ca/BMDHealthInfoLinks.html](http://www.bestbeau.ca/BMDHealthInfoLinks.html) BMD Health Site  
[www.pettravel.com](http://www.pettravel.com) Pet friendly travel accommodations  
[www.dogbitelaw.com](http://www.dogbitelaw.com) Dog Bite Law  
[www.barcinc.net/](http://www.barcinc.net/) Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition  
[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) Official American Kennel Club Site  
[www.rallyobedience.com/](http://www.rallyobedience.com/) Rally obedience Site  
[www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm](http://www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm) Plants that are Poisonous for Dogs  
[www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html](http://www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html) University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement  
[Offa.org](http://Offa.org) Orthopedic Foundation for Animals  
[www.vmdb.org/cerf.html](http://www.vmdb.org/cerf.html) Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF)  
[www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html) Canine Health Information Center  
[www.behaf.org/](http://www.behaf.org/) Berner Emergency Health Assistance Foundation (Behalf)  
[www.bmdcni.org/index.html](http://www.bmdcni.org/index.html) Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois  
<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/petfoodrecall/#Dog> U.S. Food & Drug Administration Dog Food Recalls  
**Pet Loss and Bereavement:**  
[helpwithgrief.org/](http://helpwithgrief.org/) Help With Grief  
[www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/) Tufts University Pet Loss hotline  
[www.petpartners.org/PetLossWebsites](http://www.petpartners.org/PetLossWebsites) Pet Loss web sites  
[www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372](http://www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372) Pet loss references and resources

### Help Needed for the Regional Specialty

Looking for people to help with Judges Hospitality. Rides to and from Airport to West Bend, taking judges to dinner, transporting judges from hotel to show site. If I can get several people then it would split the work load out. Because we use Breeder Judges, they are not paid only their expenses are covered so it is good practice to show them hospitality.

I could also use some stewards for Rally and Obedience

Karen Borre, Show Chair kardon2009@yahoo.com



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