

July - August - September



Quarterly newsletter of the
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin
Website - bmdcsew.org

On August 7, 2021, a draft workshop was organized by Kay Wendorf and held at her residence. Six dogs and their people attended...5 Berners and 1 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. All the dogs were beginners. Several of the people have had experience with previous dogs. Everyone worked on harness and cart fitting. Basic training was discussed and individual help and attention was given to each team. The BMDCA Draft Regulations were discussed and the different exercises were explained along with training tips.

Many Thank to Kay, Peggy Granger and Kathy Huhn for organizing and hosting this annual event!

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BOARD MEETINGS 2021

Sat, Jan 23rd

Webex Meeting 9:00 am

Sat, Feb 13th

Webex Meeting 9:00 am

Sat, March 27th

Webex Meeting 9:00 am

Sat, June 19th

Webex Meeting 9:00 am

Sun, Sept 26th

Nashotah Park
W33N5113 County Road C
Nashotah, WI 53058
9:00 am

Sun, Nov 7th

Location TBD 10:00 am

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2021

Sat, Feb 13th

Webex Meeting 10:30 am

Sat, June 19th

Webex Meeting 10:30 am

Sat, July 31st

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

Sunday, September 26th

Nashotah Park
W33N5113 County Road C
Nashotah, WI 53058
10:00 am

Sun, Nov 7th

Location TBD 12:30 pm

2021 BMDCSEW SPONSORED EVENTS

Back2Back Specialty, Fri- Sat March 5 & 6
Washington Co. Expo Center
3000 Pleasant Valley Rd, West Bend

Spring Fling, Sat, June 19th

Mukwonago, WI
W320S83, Beulah Rd, Mukwonago, WI
12:30 pm

Draft / Carting Workshop, Sat. Aug 7th
Kay Wendorf's Home
W8521 School Section Road, Darien, WI
8:00 am

Draft Test, Fri, Sept 24th & Sat. Sept 25th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C, Nashotah, WI

Bernerfest, Sunday, Sept 26th

Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C, Nashotah, WI
10:00 am



Attention BMDCSEW Members!

BernerFest is only weeks away! We are looking for volunteers for the following assignments:

Assignment	1 st Shift 7:30AM - Noon	2 nd Shift Noon to 5:00PM
Agility Course	1	1
Puppy Playground	2	2
Kid's Games	2	2
Dog Games	2	2
Raffle Ticket Sales	4	4
Lunch Counter	2	2
Dog Portraits	1	1

1st Shift includes setup, 2nd Shift includes teardown.

2nd Shift Raffle Ticket Sellers will help with drawing and basket distribution

Please contact Ed Laben to volunteer at tbolts.el@gmail.com or (262)441-0628



BMDCSEW 2021 DRAFT TESTS

We will be hosting two BMDC Draft Tests this year. The dates are Friday, September 24th and Saturday, September 25th. The tests will be at Nashotah Park, Nashotah, Wisconsin. Our judges will be Barry Solomon and Patti Davieau, both from Colorado. The Chair is Lynne Kurz and the Test Secretary is Peggy Granger. We will once again have the Covid Protocols in place that have been established by the BMDC. In addition, we will be adhering to whatever state and county guidelines are in place at that time.

If you are interested in learning about draft, but are unsure how it all works, being a steward at the tests is a great way to learn!

Absolutely no experience is necessary. It's a great opportunity to see draft close up, talk with handlers and judges and ask questions.

Member Brags

Driftless Taking It To The Streets

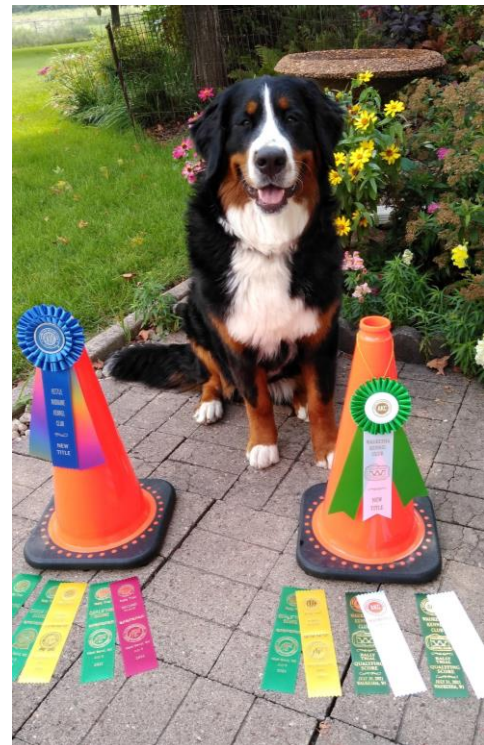


Ceasar was awarded two 4 point Majors in a beautiful supported entry at the recent Waukesha Kennel Club Shows. Deanna Scott and I are very proud to announce that Caesar is a new Champion.

-- *Kathy Bohm*

Member Brags

Bugziere's Summer Breeze RI, CGC



Summer and I had a very eventful July. We earned her Rally Novice title in 3 straight shows during the Star Spangled Cluster in West Bend (July 2, 3 & 5). In her 4th trial that weekend she got her 1st Rally Intermediate leg on July 6th. Next, she behaved long enough to become a Canine Good Citizen on July 13th. Then it was back to the Rally ring on July 30 & 31 in Waukesha to earn the last 2 legs of her Intermediate title. This was all before she was 13 months old. It has definitely been a team effort and she makes sure to keep me on my toes and keep things interesting!! We will continue to work on her self-control and attention skills as we move on to our next adventures.

-- *Lyn Stephens*



Maisie

8/20-7/21

Maisie served two tours with me. She was originally surrendered by her owner in August 2020 after finding out that she had hip dysplasia in both hips. She had just turned one year old at that time. Maisie's breeder is an Amish family from Platteville, WI. Maisie needed to be housebroken and spayed. She deemed it necessary to chew up several articles of my clothing, some socks, a garden hose, my phone, papers, etc. Raiding the wastebasket was also a favorite past-time. After a pre-surgical appointment, it was determined that Maisie did not need surgery at this time. She walks, runs and jumps and is not in any pain. To look at her x-rays you'd never expect her to be so mobile and pain free. Maisie was adopted in December 2020 by a bachelor from Chicago. Maisie wasn't happy in Chicago and we discovered that she much prefers there to be a female presence in her home. Our second attempt to place Maisie has proven to be the charm. Maisie now lives with Dawn and David in Bloomer, WI, on a farm. Dawn and David's other Berner (Mocha) is a very special boy who watches over everyone and is Maisie's steadfast companion. Reports from Dawn are that Maisie is thriving.

Wendy Kerr





National Specialty Timing

There was some discussion at the 2021 National Specialty about the new zones for having the specialty. The BMDCA website was still showing the 8 zones so I asked Dottie Schulte who is the National Specialty coordinator what was actually going on. The below is the response that I received. Paige Hess as or RCC representative also provided the map. If anyone is interested in working on the 2024 National they are looking to build a committee.

Karen,

The club voted to change to three zones about a year and a half ago. Adam has the info but has not gotten around to update the website yet. 2023 is actually the first specialty that will be under the auspices of the new zones. The northern California clubs ponied up to take the lead although they will likely get other volunteers from other peeps in the west coast clubs. 2024 goes to the Midwest. I had emailed all the presidents and key contacts of the clubs in this zone (MN, Illinois, WI, Heart of MI, Rockies, Heartland, Buckeye, North Coast) to check on interest and no one wanted to take a lead, most said they may have members who may want to help. I had had many members request we look at Purina Farms so a few of us did a site visit there in April. They had two available weeks for 2024 so we snagged one. The Board approved but we have not signed a contract yet. Purina is an ideal dog show site and I think, because they work with many breed clubs for specialties, we can do most things from a distance. And it is in the central zone. So we are working on a contract but will need to build a committee around it. So if you know anyone who wants to join in the planning send them my way!

It was announced in Estes about Purina I am sure there is some chatter. But here you have it from the horse's mouth!!! I am anxious to get some pieces in place so let me know if there is anyone who may want to help.

Dottie





It's Officer/Board Nomination Time

The nominating committee has set the nominations for this year's election:

Position	Incumbent	Nominee	Term
President	Sue Wellenstein	Sue Wellenstein	1 Year
Vice President	Lynne Kurz	Deanna Scott	1 Year
Treasurer	Lisa Patrenets	Lisa Patrenets	2 Years
Director	Kristi Tursky	Lynne Kurz	1 Year
Director	Deanna Scott	Brycie Marine	1 Year
Director	Ed Laben	Ed Laben	1 Year

Marian Fenlon, Secretary was not up for election

Submitted by the nominating committee, Ed Laben, Peggy Granger, and Kathy Bohm.

Per our Bylaws: The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office and for each other position on the Board of Directors and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position. The list of Nominees will be presented at the July membership meeting.

Additional nominations may be made by any member in good standing in attendance at the September Meeting providing that the person nominated does not decline when person's name is proposed, and provided further if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting the proposer shall have obtained the written consent of the nominee before such nomination.

If no valid additional nominations are made the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no elections will be required. **If additional nominations are made, the election will be held at the Annual Meeting.**

Newsletter Editor

I have volunteered to be the newsletter editor. I could use some help with things like articles that you have found that would be of interest to others, member brags, or if you are chairing something getting me the information (if you can send in word that would be great) Also pictures after an event I think people are always interested in. I am also looking for a source of Berner clip art.

Thanks
Karen Borre



BREEDER REFERRAL 2021

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2021. 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 Wisconsin dog related laws

www.bmdca.org/ Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Website

www.bernergarde.org/home/ Berner-Garde Foundation

www.bestbeau.ca/BMDHealthInfoLinks.html BMD Health Site

www.pettravel.com Pet friendly travel accommodations

www.dogbitelaw.com Dog Bite Law

www.barcinc.net/ Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition

www.akc.org Official American Kennel Club Site

www.rallyobedience.com/ Rally obedience Site

www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm Plants that are Poisonous for Dogs

www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement

Offa.org Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

www.vmdb.org/cerf.html Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF)

www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html Canine Health Information Center

www.behaf.org/ Berner Emergency Health Assistance Foundation (Behalf)

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/ Help With Grief

www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/ Tufts University Pet Loss hotline

www.petpartners.org/PetLossWebsites Pet Loss web sites

www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372 Pet loss references and resources

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"I don't know if he's chasing us or wants to fill out an application."



"So your answer is 'bark bark?' Well, would it interest you to know that in your sworn deposition dated January 9th that you said, and I quote, 'bow wow wow?!' Well?! Which is it, Rex?"



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\$5.00 per quarter page copy ready / \$10 editor set-up

Non-Member advertising is additional 50% per ad and subject to space.

Litter announcements

The Yodels Newsletter is intended for educational and BMDCSEW related activities. The Yodels will not publish litter announcements. Please refer litter announcements to the Breeder Referral as posted in the adjoining column.

Publication is anticipated the last week of the quarter. Deadline for News, Articles and Advertisements are as follows:

March 20	1st Qtr. Jan-Mar Newsletter
June 20	2nd Qtr. Apr-Jun Newsletter
September 20	3rd Qtr. Jul-Sep Newsletter
December 20	4th Qtr. Oct-Dec Newsletter

Articles written by members of the BMDCSEW on any topic/subject that may be of interest to Bernese members are welcome. Non copyrighted articles or those that can be reprinted with permission are welcome as well.

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