



May — June 2016

Yodels

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

Presidents Message

Meet Me at the Lake! (2019)

After a site visit and discussion by representatives of the three sponsoring clubs on June 1, we have a provisional theme for The National Specialty. Lots of nitty gritty to do in the next three years (see Karen Borre's report on page 2).

Summer is here with its 90 F weather, so keep your dogs watered and in the shade.

We have a draft workshop at Kay Wendorf's and then the Waukesha show in July, a supported entry we hope you all can attend. Lots of people are working on upcoming events which we all hope you will enjoy.

Happy Summer!

Tony Packard, President

2016 Board Meetings

Sat, January 23, 10:00 am
Eschweiler's home
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun, February 7th, 10:00 am
Thunder Bay Grille
N14W24130 Tower Place,
Waukesha, WI 53188

Sat, April 16, 9:00 am
German Shepherd Club of
Wisconsin
W224 S6950 Guthrie Rd
Big Bend, WI

Sat, June 18, 10:00 am
Eschweiler's home
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sat, Sep 24, 3:00 pm or
After draft test
Nashotah Park,
W33 N5113 County Rd C
Nashotah

Sun, Nov 6, 10:00 am
Olympia Resort
1350 Royale Mile Rd
Oconomowoc

Sat, January 21, 2017 TBD
Eschweiler's home
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

General Member Meetings

Sun, Feb. 7th,
Thunder Bay Grill
N14W24130 Tower Place
Waukesha
11:00 am Dinner
12:00 PM meeting

Spring Fling
April 16th
German Shepard Dog Club
of Wisconsin
W224 S6950 Guthrie Dr.
[Big Bend](#) (map link)
Meeting 12:30 pm

Waukesha KC Show
Sat, July 30th
Waukesha County
Expo Center
1000 North view Road
1 Hour after BMD judging

Bernerfest 2016
Sept 25th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah
9:00 AM or following
draft walk-through

Fall Annual Meeting
Sun, Nov 6
St. Mary's Church
36014 Sunset Drive
Dousman, WI
12:30 PM

Upcoming BMDCSEW Sponsored Events for 2016

Awards Dinner
Sunday, February 7
Thunder Bay Grill
Waukesha
11:00 AM

Back-To-Back Specialty
Friday—Saturday
Mar 4—5
Washington Co.
Expo Center
3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,
West Bend

Spring Fling
April 16th
10:00 AM—4:00 PM
German Shepard Dog Club
of Wisconsin

W224 S6950 Guthrie Dr.

[Big Bend](#) (map link)

Draft / Carting workshop
Saturday, June 25th
W8521 School Section
Road
Darien, WI 53114

Draft Test
Friday, Sept 23rd
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah, WI

Draft Test
Sat. Sept 24th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah

Bernerfest 2016
Sunday, Sept 25th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah
10:30 AM



TO HELP RUN BENERFEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th
NASHOTAH PARK
Hwy C off of Hwy 16

- ♦ RAFFLE
- ♦ GROOMING 101
- ♦ FACE PAINTING
- ♦ GAMES FOR BERNERS AND THEIR FRIENDS
- ♦ AGILITY COURSE FOR FUN ALL DAY LONG
- ♦ BERNER PLAYGROUND ALL DAY LONG
- ♦ TRACKING FOR TREATS
- ♦ MASSAGE

WE NEED PEOPLE TO WORK 2 HOUR SHIFTS

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED JUST A HAPPY FUN
LOVING ATTITUDE

PLEASE CONTACT KERRY WALTERSDORF:

262-397-8622 OR stoneg8kerry@gmail.com

2019 National Specialty Update

Things are progressing nicely. Contract negotiations with Crai-gun's Resort in Brainerd MN is well underway. A group made another road trip to visit the site and finalize some locations for the performance events in early June. Towards the end of the month we are going to review a preliminary schedule of events during a conference call. The goal is to utilize the site to its best advantage and to try to minimize conflict for the exhibitors.

We have had a really good response from all three clubs on filling a lot of the chair and assistant chair positions. Two of the key ones that are still open are Ways and Means and Trophy. If anyone is interested in either chairing either of those committees or working on them you can contact me, Brycie or Denise Peck the show chair. We can get you job descriptions to help you understand what is involved.

Karen Borre

BMDCA Draft Tests 2016 hosted by BMDCSEW

September 23 (Friday), 24 (Saturday), & 25 (Sunday), 2016
Nashotah Park, Nashotah, WI

Chair for September 23rd test:

Mary Alice Eschweiler

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Judges: Friday: Valerie Horney & Patti Davieau

Saturday: Patti Davieau & James Maxwell

Sunday: Valerie Horney & James Maxwell



Volunteers are needed to help. No experience is needed....Really!! There is no better way to learn about draft than by helping and getting a ringside seat to watch!

If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Mary Alice Eschweiler or Peggy Granger

The physical mechanics of how a dog takes up (drinks) water

[http://www.bing.com/videos/search?](http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=dog+drinking+water+slow+motion&view=detail&mid=5D22A414341A01E919975D22A414341A01E91997&FORM=VIRE)

[q=dog+drinking+water+slow+motion&view=detail&mid=5D22A414341A01E919975D22A414341A01E91997&FORM=VIRE](http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=dog+drinking+water+slow+motion&view=detail&mid=5D22A414341A01E919975D22A414341A01E91997&FORM=VIRE)



Recent Rehomes



Olive

January, 2016

We were notified in late January, 2016, that Megan Webster of Madison needed to re-home her female bernier, Olive. Olive's family no longer had enough time to give her. At the time of re-home Olive was 8 years old. She is a sweet and gentle girl. Elora Diehl and family of Hartford, WI, re-homed Olive. Breeder unknown.

Gus

March, 2016

We were notified in March, 2016, that Joe Allen and his wife needed to re-home their bernier, Gus. Gus is a 3 year old male whose breeder is in Minnesota. With Joe's work hours on the rise he and his wife did not have the time to give Gus. The Brantley family from Bolingbrook, IL, had lost their first bernier – a rescue named Jasmine from our program. They couldn't resist this opportunity to have bernier in the family.



Teddy Bear

May, 2016

In May, 2016, we were contacted about a 6 month old puppy who needed a new home. Teddy Bear has luxating patella (his knee-caps dislocate) and he will most likely need surgery when he becomes old enough. The Amachers were unable to care for Teddy Bear in his condition. Fortunately Vickee King from Crandon, WI, wanted to add another bernier to her family and was happy to take on this little boy. His new name is Barnee! Breeder: My Legacy Kennels in Mequon, WI.



Wendy Kerr, Rescue Chair



Internet Links:

- ◆ [Tick Product Comparison](#)
- ◆ [Flea Product Comparison](#)
- ◆ [Heartworm Product Comparison](#)
- ◆ [Canine Influenza FAQs](#)
- ◆ [Canine Health Information Center \(BMD\) Info](#)
- ◆ [Microchipping What You Should Know](#)
- ◆ [Flower Gardening—Safe and Unsafe Flowers](#)
- ◆ [Arthritis Medications](#)
- ◆ [Consumer Advocate Pet Insurance Ranking](#)
- ◆ [Canine Journal Pet Insurance Ratings](#)

When sitting down to their meals, many owners are met with the pleading stares of their dogs looking for snacks, either handed out or accidentally dropped. Fortunately, our canine companions are able to consume and digest a fairly wide variety of "people food" even though they're technically carnivores. But indulgent dog lovers want to know: what are some of the better food choices one can make when it comes to sharing a bite with a hungry pouch? Here are common table foods that are good for you and for man's best friend.

Sweet potatoes

Carrots

Pumpkin

Watermelon

Salmon

Blueberries

Peanut butter

Cheese

Yogurt

Green beans

Apples

Bananas

Cheese (in moderation)

Chicken

Eggs

Honey

Rice

Pineapple

Pears

Peaches

Oatmeal

Not Good:

Fat trimmings

Yeast and dough

Garlic

Grapes

Mushrooms

Raisins

Macadamia & Walnuts



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016
Nashotah PARK
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah, WI
10a.m. - 3p.m.

Park fee \$4.00 per car BMDCEW entry fee \$5.00 per car load

FUN FOR PETS AND THIER PEOPLE

ENJOY THE DAY LEARNING AND PLAYING:

GAMES

AGILITY

TRACKING

MASSAGE

GROOMING

RAFFLE

PUPPY PLAYGROUND

THERAPY DOG

CGC TESTING**

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

**CGC testing contact Cindy Kummer 262-968-4834 or kumm5@aol.com

QUESTIONS: Kerry Waltersdorf 262-538-0220 or stoneg8kerry@gmail.com

FOOD is available to purchase

Auction Item: Circus Wagon (Min bid \$75.00)





THE SWISS COLONY CHEESE DAYS PARADE will step off from the Green County Fairgrounds on **Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 12:30 pm.**

The BMDCSEW has been a regular participant in the parade. Please contact Carri Lindblom Borish if you can attend or have questions at:

815-988-7262 or tdbmds@comcast.net

<http://www.cheesedays.com/viewing-the-swiss-colony-cheese-days-parade/>

If you have a dog afraid of thunder, you may want to read this. http://www.nola.com/pets/index.ssf/2016/05/dog_noise_drug.html

Mary Alice Eschweiler

More ... Dog Stuff Do you know ...



... Louis Pasteur began to vaccinate *people* bitten by rabid dogs in 1885.
 ... Japan started to vaccinate dogs for rabies in 1919.
 ... The United States started vaccinating dogs in 1922.
 ... In 1947 the US mounted a very successful public rabies education campaign that eventually became a national requirement to vaccinate dogs for rabies.
 ... In 1947 there were 6,949 reported cases of rabid dogs in the US; in 2006 the number was down to 71.
 ... Globally rabies kills around 69,000 people per year. About a third of the deaths are in India.
 ... Experts note that vaccinating 70 percent of dogs in a given region is the threshold for halting rabies.
 ... In many Western Europe countries rabies has been eliminated as a result of vaccine-laced bait dropped from airplanes and eaten by the vector species red fox; as a result, no longer requiring dogs to be vaccinated.
 ... Dr. Ronald Schultz, Chair of the UW-Wisconsin's Department of Pathobiological Sciences is the research pioneer behind evidence that many vaccination cycles can be extended.
 ... There is speculation that the ongoing research will move the rabies vaccination cycle to a 5 or 7 year cycle.
 Symptoms often start within 3-7 weeks. In some cases, the virus can incubate up to one or more years

Drones threatening herding dogs

By Jack Nicas, Wall Street Journal, April 7, 2015 (Excerpts)

Some farmers are turning to drones to herd livestock. Some tech-savvy farmers are opting for copters over canines. "There are limitations, but you don't have to get on a horse, you don't have to feed it," Mr.

Thomson says. "Just give it more batteries."

What do the sheep think? Most seem to respect the drone, though some just look quizzically until it is "a foot away from them and then they realize, Oh crap. I got to run," he

says. "Sheep are naturally scared of things that might attack them." In South Carolina, farmer Scott Hunt said when he received a drone for Christmas, he tried it on his 20 cows. "They thought it was a huge horsefly," he said.



Tech-savvy livestock farmers from the Australian Outback to the Irish countryside are starting to use drones as a relatively cheap alternative to the cowboy and the sheepdog. Camera-wielding copters that can be bought off-the-shelf for as little as \$500 can cover hilly terrain quickly, finding and guiding sheep and cattle while the rancher operates remotely—sometimes wearing goggles that show the drone's perspective.

Generally, farmers aren't ready to swap Rover for a robot on wheels. "It'd have to be one heck of a robot to be able to move at the speed and handle the terrain like a dog," said farmer Rick Powdrell, an executive at a New Zealand farmer's trade group. "Then there is the question of endurance. I don't think I have ever had to reboot one of my dogs."

Human beings have bred dogs over centuries to create more specialized herders or guards for their livestock, and there are now more than 70 breeds of herding dogs, including the Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog, the Hairy Mouth Heeler, and the Rough Collie—the breed exemplified by the dog Lassie.

Some might wonder: What's wrong with the canine? Dogs aren't expensive to keep and they are definitely better company than drones. "They don't talk about a dog being man's best friend for nothing," said Mr. Powdrell, the New Zealand farmer. "We certainly don't have that same connection with our tractors."

Academics working on robotic herders say their work has a higher purpose than furthering automation: People and dogs stress out livestock, while robots can mean calmer, happier animals. But it isn't always so easy to measure that under real-life conditions. Richard Vaughn, a roboticist who led the 1995 project to use a robot to herd ducks, said heart-rate and blood tests showed "the animals were less stressed by the robot .



Berner Brags



Niki also known as GCH Serendipity Alpstdt Peacenik CD NDD BNDD passed another novice draft test at the Illinois draft test on Saturday in the 90 plus degree heat. On Sunday she decided she didn't have to do the back!

Kay Wendorf



My Versatility Dog, Elsie, passed her Tracking Test at the BMDCA National Specialty in grand style, with a special award for "oldest tracking qualifier", at 7-1/2 years! BIG THANKS go to Peggy Granger, Lynne Kurtz and Paige Hess who in just a few weeks, helped to remind these old girls what tracking is all about.

Joanne & Elsie



On May 31, 2016, Blue Buffalo Company announced it is **voluntarily recalling** a select lot of its Blue Buffalo Life Protection Formula dog food due to the presence of **moisture and mold**.

To learn which products are affected, please visit the following link:

[Blue Buffalo Dog Food Recall of May 2016](#)

From Mary Alice Eschweiler

For family and friends who think I am crazy to do dog shows, there are some events at our national specialty that are highlights of fun. This is the first time I have ever been able to enter team obedience, even though I did it at my training club in the late 70's. My fellow exhibitors are from Colorado so we had only two times to practice together. Our music was Roy Orbison singing You Got It. All the boys are intact, meaning there is high risk of a confrontation, especially on a recall. They were perfect gentlemen! I am very proud of all our happy workers, especially Willie who was so tired that he took a nap during the long downs.

If you get bored, hang in there through the first exercise, heal on leash. I told the judge that I wasn't feeling well. She asked if it was my heart. No, just a bit hot, could I take off my shirt? The man judge at the other end was really worried. At 5:36 you get a better view of what I was wearing. It's another story altogether but Carl had found this size 44DDD under a chair in our hotel room (denied knowing whose it was) and suggested I wear it. Our dear father's spirit was urging me on! When I removed it, I threw it to one of the younger men in the audience. He was game! Compared to some of the other costumes, ours was tame but none as risqué.

Final result: Team Orbison placed first! (Judging based on obedience, not costumes or theme).

Enjoy!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4hE5vSu13uw>

Love, M.A.

Waukesha Kennel Club Show

Please come! July 30/31! The premium list for the Waukesha KC supported entry and Burlington WI KC, 8/1-2. are posted at www.royjonesdogshows.com. Let's get majors! WKC Judges are Susan Catlin and Vincent Chianese.

The BMDCEW has a luncheon meeting and get-together following judging on Saturday, July 30. All are welcome!

Please note that there have been a few changes in WKC policy. RV parking at Waukesha is now a two night minimum, not three. Grooming is free but we ask that you take as little space as possible. Exhibitors will need your entry paper to get free parking all three days.

Obedience and rally are back indoors, Air-conditioned, late afternoon and evening. Entries are limited so get them in early! Judges are Anna Lorenz and Fred Buroff.

Burlington KC is about 30 miles away and a wonderful low key show.

Hope to see you there!

Mary Alice Eschweiler



Some Websites that you may be interested in:

www.bmdca.org/ Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Website
<http://www.bernergarde.org/home/> Berner-Garde Foundation
www.bestbeau.ca/BMD_Health_Info_Links.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:

<http://www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/> Tufts University Pet Loss hotline
http://www.petpartners.org/Pet_Loss_Websites Pet Loss web sites
<http://www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372> Pet loss references and resources

BREEDER REFERRAL 2016

The BMDCEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2014. 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 *two of our club events*, or *chaired an event in the past year*. If you would like to participate please fill out the form below and mail to:

Linda Packard
 2 Current Court
 Galena, IL 61036
 815-776-0192
lindapack@jcwifi.com

1) Please complete:

Name: _____
 Kennel name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone number: _____
 E-mail address: _____

2) Check one:

Would you like to be listed as a: ☐ breeder or ☐ educator

3) Please name the club event(s) in the past year that you volunteered your time at and the task or duty did you perform there:

Club event:

Task performed:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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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.

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