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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin Newsletter

From the President's Desk.....

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I would like to encourage your attendance at the November Annual meeting this year. This is the one meeting each year that is the most conducive to having discussions on club business. This year we will be reviewing the July events held in Waukesha as well as the Spring Fling.

The last couple years have seen declining participation in all dog events, we want to make sure that the club is hosting the kinds of things you are interested in participating in. We want your ideas and suggestions on how to increase attendance and

membership in the club. Are you interested in Farm Dog, in Fit Dog, in Conformation, in educational seminars (what topics?) in puppy get-togethers? -- We need fresh ideas and fresh talents too.

Please join us for this meeting, the club is providing lunch and there will be a presentation on the updates to BernerGarde along with the ability to update your records and ideas on how to use the database.

Thanks.
Sue Wellenstein

**"WE WANT YOUR
OPINIONS, IDEAS, AND
FEEDBACK "**



That's Mr. Carl Eschweiler spotted INSIDE a conformation ring!

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BMDCSEW EVENTS

**Draft Test Fri July 28th
Waukesha**

**Designated Specialties
Sat and Sun
July 29 and 30st
Waukesha**

**Draft Test
Fri Sept 22nd & Sat
Sept 23rd
Nashotah Park**

**Bernerfest
Sunday, Sept 25th
Nashotah Park**

**November Annual
Meeting
November 5
St Mary's Church
12:30pm**

2024 Events
coming soon.

Slate of Candidates for 2024

The following people have agreed to serve for terms on the board of directors for 2024. Unless there are nominations from the floor during the Bernerfest meeting, the following people will serve.

President
Sue Wellenstein
Vice President
Deanna Scott
Secretary
Marian Fenlon
Treasurer
Lisa Patrenets

Directors
Sue Lutz
Mary Alice Eschweiler
Brycie Marine

Thank you for stepping up to volunteer.



Dues Notice for 2024

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club
of Southeastern Wisconsin**

It's time to renew your membership to the BMDCEW.
Please completely fill out the form below.

Yearly dues are \$25.00 for a regular member and \$15.00 for an associate member. A second adult in the household is an additional \$10.00. Dues are due by **January 1, 2024**. Send this completed form along with your check made out to **BMDCEW** to:

Lisa Patrenets
1913 Hackney Court
Mount Pleasant, WI 53406-5920

PLEASE CHECK IF THERE ARE CHANGES TO YOUR INFORMATION

Name _____ Email _____

Addl Name _____ Email _____

Street/Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Kennel Name _____ Website _____

Please list me in the new club directory under the following categories. Check all that apply.

- Owner Breeder Exhibitor
- Conformation Obedience Agility Draft Tracking Therapy Dog

I would like to renew my membership. Check one.

- Regular Member (Voting)** *I plan to attend at least one meeting event and would like to have input into the direction and activities of the club. (Keep in mind we need a quorum at a meeting to vote on items so please consider Non-Voting if you do not attend meetings)*
- Associate Member (Non-Voting)** *I probably will not attend meeting events but am interested in belonging to a Regional BMD Club.*

Yodels will be sent via email and is available on line. All club business is conducted at meetings. Please attend meetings if you want your vote to count.

Events or Committees that you would work at or consider Chairing. Check all that apply.

- BernerFest Fun Match Regional Specialty Draft Match Tracking Test
- Membership Rescue Programs for Meetings Education Sunshine Newsletter
- Other _____

I am paying my Yearly Dues in the amount of:	\$ <u>25.00 / 15.00</u>	ADULT membership - circle one
Plus an additional member (\$10.00):	\$ _____	ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER
I am also including a Donation in the amount of:	\$ _____	DONATION
Enclosed is my check made out to BMDCEW	\$ _____	TOTAL ENCLOSED

Thank you!



Waukesha Recap

Both Thursday and Friday were hot (above average temps) and somewhat humid. The dogs all seemed to do well but some of the exhibitors looked a little wilted. There was also a storm that blew through on Thursday night so the ring had to be cleared of some branches and pop ups. Unfortunately, 2 of the popups from our group were also goners. Even with the weather, or maybe because of it we had an above normal pass rate. On Thursday we

had 14 entries (1 absent) and 9 passes for a pass rate of 69%. Normal pass rate is just over 50%. On Friday we had 15 entries (3 absent) and 8 passes for a pass rate of 67%. Also, Kathy Berge's Asta received her Grand Master Draft Dog title on Thursday. These pass rates show how much time and effort the exhibitors put into training their dogs. Several were first time in the ring and some were showing their dogs for the

first time in open. Thanks to all of the exhibitors for supporting these summer draft tests.

Thanks to our judges Mary Alice Eschweiler and Susan VanOcker on Thursday and Susan VanOcker and Kathy Berge on Friday. Special thank you to Paige Hess for being



BMDCA Info Series spotlight – Awards

Did you know?

The BMDCA – Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America has a collection of articles on their website dedicated to all things Bernese. There now 29 different articles on topics ranging from all about the Bernese and topics on buying, regional clubs and rescue, competing in everything from tricks to agility, to healthcare and grooming and recommended testing.

This month we explore all the Award programs the BMDCA offers to members.

https://www.bmdca.org/files/ugd/642781_525ce4bd1a35409e9365e282e5fd1bd.pdf

“Check out the BMDCA website Info Series. There are 29 topics listed with introductory information on a wide variety of topics!”



HELP WANTED!

Please consider volunteering.

Back2Back Hospitality

BMDCA Online Breeder Referral Directory

For our breeders who are also members of the BMDCA (Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America) there is a new online breeder referral directory. The BMDCA has had a major reset and update of the website and one of the areas that had issues in the transition was the breeder referral. For those that wish to be listed, the directions to be listed are as follows...

One area of particular concern is the Breeder Directory function. The transition to the new site means we have to rebuild the list, and everyone will need to sign up anew for the Directory. **The old Directory was NOT migrated over.**

We know some of you have had issues with this, and we wanted to send instructions for getting listed while we clean up the process.

FIRST STEP – you must sign up and be approved for a Member Login, so that you can access the Members Only section of the website. Instructions for this were previously provided via ECOMM. If you can't find those, please reply to this message and they will be sent again. (It's pretty easy and intuitive!)

Members Only section, please follow the steps below to join the Breeder Directory:

Sign in to the Members Only section

Scroll down to the tile that says "Apply for the Online Breeder Directory Program"

Click apply / Update Profile

Fill out the fields, **BUT DO NOT USE AUTO FILL FOR YOUR NAME.** There is currently a bug with auto-fill for this form.



Allie earns her championship!

"This is CH Jaberwock's Alice's Secret RN SWN SNE, owned by Joanne Brault & Jane Hill. The picture is finishing her CH on July 7, 2023. Judge is Donna Buxton, handler is Vonal Curran. Allie left her coat at home. Thank you to Jane for entrusting me with this very pretty girl, and for encouraging me when those last couple of points were elusive."

Joanne Brault



Zeke, RWD in Waukesha

Waukesha Specialty Day 3 CastleMtn Miracle Zeke went Reserve Winners among a great group of Dogs. Thank you to Ms. Jane Haefner for recognizing our boy!



Summer's obedience journey

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

I'm happy & proud to report that Summer has earned her CD title! She got her first 2 legs in West Bend on June 30th & July 1st with scores of 197 & 2nd place and 183 & 4th place. On Aug. 19th in Oshkosh, she got her 3rd leg with a score of 195 & a 1st place finish. She certainly keeps me on my toes, but I'm thrilled she has such a happy & willing attitude! Thanks to everyone who has continued to help & encourage us on this journey! Lyn Steffens



Member Brags can be submitted any time. All brags are accepted. Just send an email with your info to Paige at phhessco@aol.com

YEA LOUEZE!!!

GCH Jaberwock's I've Got You My Pretty had a great weekend in Minnesota August 24, 25, 26, and 27 at the St. Croix Valley Combined Specialties. She was BOX one day and BOB two days and a Group 3 one day. Thanks Ashley Waters, her handler, and to all the judges who said some kind and complimentary things when they selected and rewarded her. Oh, by the way, this is out of the VETERAN class!!





Continued – Online Breeder Referral for BMDCA

After you have entered some of the data, the Create /Update Profile button should go Orange. **If this does not work, click on any of the top of the BMDCA menu items to take you away from this page, then go back into Member Login and repeat steps 4-5. Ignore the sentence that says “By clicking the box you agree to terms”. There is no box.**

Once you have entered the information you want to have listed, click on the Create/Update Profile which will forward your info to Wendy Kirk to approve. Once she approves it, your info will be listed on the website. Please be patient as she works through each request. This will take some time. Thanks.

by the information above, please contact [Wendy Kirk](#) directly and she will assist you.

Your patience is appreciated as we get everything up and running successfully!

If you run into issues not covered

CELEBRATE YOUR VETERAN in the ALPENHORN!

Submission is open to any Bernese Mountain Dog who will be ten years of age or older by December 31, 2023. BMDCA membership is not required for owners of these dogs. Submissions and photos must be received no later than Friday, November 1 @11:59 PM MDT. Please be aware that late entries will NOT be accepted. Photo may not be larger than 25 MB.

PLEASE check the file size before you upload it. Minimum dimensions 400 pixels x 400 pixels. Senior Tributes will be published in the 2023 Winter Issue. Click on the following link to honor your Senior BMD!
<https://www.bmdca.org/senior>

This is free and you do not need to be a member of the BMDCA to be included. You can order a single issue of the Alpenhorn to get a copy of your senior tribute.

CAR MAGNET FUNDRAISER

Car magnets are still available from Peggy Granger. Get a paw print with your dog’s title abbreviations! Or a carting Berner. Customized! Only \$10 each
Contact Peggy at stormbmd@gmail.com

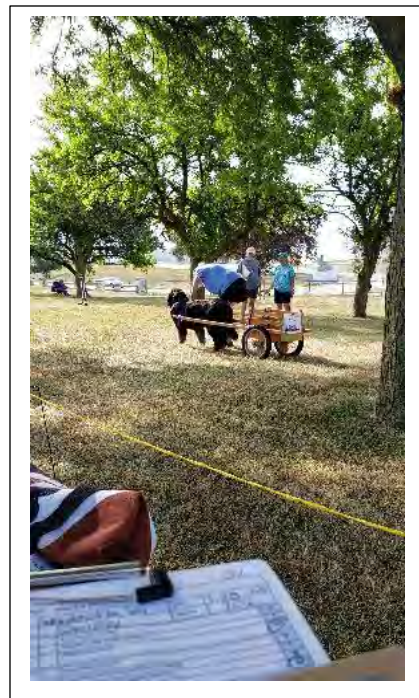
Waukesha - continued

so well organized and being Draft Test Secretary for both days.

We would also like to have a special thank you to our Stewards who helped put this test on. As Chan Keith said it takes a village to put on a Draft Test: Barb Waltenberry, Kathy Koehler, Joanne Brault, Chan Keith (who saved the day at the last minute by being in town a day early for the specialty and volunteering

his whole day), Vickie Koralewski, Cindy Falk, Stephane Delmore, Sue Wellenstein and Sue Lutz (who also stepped in when needed.

Karen Borre and Mary Alice Eschweiler Draft Test Chairs





BERNERFEST and FALL DRAFT 2023

The BMDCSEW held its 27 annual Draft Tests at the Nashotah Park on 9/22 & 9/28. Our Judges Ruth Nielsen and Steve Likevich were a blast! They were very impressed with the quality of the entries and the volunteers.

We had a good entry of 18 teams on Friday: with 10 passes: 1 Brace Open, 1 Open, 3 Brace Novice, 5 Novice; and 17 teams on

Saturday (2 entries absent) with 10 passes: 4 Open, 2 Brace Novice, 4 Novice.

In addition to the Berner entries, we had a Miniature American Shepherd, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, an "All-American" dog, and a Golden Retriever.

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A big thank you to all the club members who

stepped up to make these tests a success: Lynne Kurz, Cindy Falk, Kay Wendorf, Joanne Brault, Kathy Bohm, Karen Borre, and Peggy Granger-- our secretary extraordinaire.

Also thank you to the Eschweilers for hosting both our judges. Carri



I want to thank the following volunteers for all their help. Tammy Lindvig and Jane Hill for getting the ball rolling by putting together 25 gift baskets for the games. Vicki Koralewski for being the greeter and collecting the entrance fee. Keith Waltersdorf and Theresa Blair for emptying the trailer and setting-up the Agility course, people and kid games and baskets. Robin Krumnow for making and donating the Sloppy Joe's and hot dogs. Then transitioning over to Grooming

101. MaryGail Vowell for donating the chips and cookies for lunch. Rudy and Nancy Baumann for being the food servers. Holly Keuttel donated her adorable and delicious Berner cookies again this year. Ed and Penny Laben were busy with the Photo Booth. Cindy Falk and Zoli did a Draft demo for the crowd. This year we were fortunate to have enough people to split the working time for the Pick-a-Pop and Duck Toss games. Beth and Pete Spano along with Jessica

Binversie worked the first two hours. Then the second shift workers Stephanie Delmore and Wendy Kerr took over. It was so nice to have so many volunteers to help make our Bernerfest another huge success. We had a beautiful day and it was great to see all the berners and their families having fun. At the end of the day Keith Waltersdorf and Kevin Gasper were the clean-up crew and they did a fabulous job! Thank you to ALL for volunteering your time and talents.
Kerry Waltersdorf



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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

We're on the Web!
www.bmdcsew.org

BOARD MEETINGS 2023	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2023
Sat, Jan 21st Webex Meeting 9:00 am	Sun Feb 12th Thunder Bay Grille 1:00 pm
Sat, March 25th Webex Meeting 9:00 am	Sat, June 17th WEB Ex 10:30 am
Sat, June 17th WEB Ex 9 am	Sat, July 29th Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show Waukesha County Expo 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188 1 hour after Bernese judging
Sun, Sept 24th Nashotah Park W33N5113 County Road C Nashotah, WI 53058 9:00 am	Sunday, September 24th Nashotah Park W33N5113 County Road C Nashotah, WI 53058 10:00 am
Sun, Nov 5 th St Mary's Church 10 am	Sun, Nov 5th St Mary's Church 12:30 pm

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