

October- December 2021



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

On September 24 & 25, 2021, our club hosted two BMDCA Draft tests at the lovely Nashotah Park. Our judges were Patti Davieau and Barry Solomon, both from Colorado. We had 19 entries each day. On Friday, there were 11 passes and on Saturday, there were 10 passes. Good pass rate of just over 50%.

Many people were involved to make these tests such a success. So many huge Thank Yous!! Mary Alice and Carl Eschweiler graciously housed, fed, and chauffeured both judges. Thank you for taking such good care of them. Also huge Thank You to everyone who stewarded; Kathy Bohm, Carri Borisch, Kay Wendorf, Cindy Falk, Laura Kutka, Penny Laben, Joanne Brault, Mary Alice Eschweiler, Carl Eschweiler and Jennifer Krohn.

A good time was had by all!!!

Lynne Kurz -Chair

Peggy Granger -Secretary



BOARD MEETINGS 2022

Sat, Jan 22rd

Webex Meeting 9:00 am

Sun, Feb 13th

Thunder Bay Grille 10 am

Sat, March 26th

Webex Meeting 9:00 am

Sat, June 18th

Mukwanago Park 10 am

Sun, Sept 25th

Nashotah Park

W33N5113 County Road C

Nashotah, WI 53058

9:00 am

Sun, Nov 6th

Okauchee Lions Pk 10 am

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2022

Sun Feb 13th

Thunder Bay Grille 1:00 pm

Sat, June 18th

Mukwanago Park 12:30 pm

Sat, July 30th

Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show

Waukesha County Expo

1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188

1 hour after Bernese judging

Sunday, September 25th

Nashotah Park

W33N5113 County Road C

Nashotah, WI 53058

10:00 am

Sun, Nov 6th

Okauchee Lions Pk 12:30 pm

2022 BMD CSEW SPONSORED EVENTS

Back2Back Specialty, Fri- Sat March 4 & 5

Washington Co. Expo Center

3000 Pleasant Valley Rd, West Bend

Spring Fling Sat June 18th

Mukwanago Park

W320s88 Beulah Rd, Mukwanago, WI

12:30 pm

Draft / Carting Workshop,
TBD

Draft Test, Fri, Sept 23rd & Sat. Sept 24th
Nashotah Park

W330 N5113 Cty Road C, Nashotah, WI

Bernerfest, Sunday, Sept 25th

Nashotah Park

W330 N5113 Cty Road C, Nashotah, WI

10:00 am



More Draft Test Pictures from September 2021





BMDCSEW 2022 Back-to-Back Specialties

Kathy Bohm is looking for Ring Stewards for our B2B. I need stewards for Rally, Obedience and experienced Stewards for Conformation. If interested, they can contact me at 608 289 7889 or at bohmk@charter.net. The dates are March 4th and 5th.

There is still time to get your Berner ready for some of the Performance Events Rally and/or Obedience.

Member Brags

Stonehill Collects Taxes From Beulah Stormfront



A couple of brags on my Beulah, Stonehill Collects Taxes From Beulah Stormfront. On June 25, 2021, she earned the Rally Novice title. Three times in the ring, three legs, and her first title with scores of 95, 97, and 94.

Then on October 10, 2021, she passed a tracking test to earn the Tracking Dog title. She ran her track flawlessly except for the last leg which was confused by the handler (me!). But she gathered herself and completed the track in just 7 minutes! So very proud of this young girl. So very thankful to Kerry Waltersdorf and Beth Spano for breeding this girl and letting her come to live with me.

Peggy Granger

Member Brags

Bugziere's Summer Breeze RI, CGC



Bugziere's Summer Breeze RI, CGC earned her Trick Dog Novice title on Nov. 6, 2021.

We took a break from Agility classes and are now continuing to work on her Obedience & Draft skills.

Lyn Steffens



Member Brags

Stonehill For Auld Lang Syne

Zoli has had a good year! On Feb 21 he earned his UKC RO2 title, including one 2nd place (slower time). On April 25 he earned his UKC RO3 title with 2 1sts and one 2nd place. On May 29 he earned his ANDD (finally!) and on September 24 he earned his MDD. Thank you so much Kerry Waltersdorf for letting this funny, challenging boy live with us! Thank you Ed Laban for the picture!

Cindy Falk



Member Brags

Jaberwock's Alice's Secret

Allie, with her first scent work ribbons earning her first title at
14 months
Joanne Brault



Oconomowoc Christmas Parade Pictures- A good time was had by all!





National Specialty 2024

December 11, 2021

As you know (hopefully), our National Specialty is going to Purina Farms in 2024! I am super excited as we did a tour this past spring and think it is an ideal dog show venue. We have a contract with PF and host hotel contracts are in process so lots of things in the works. We did things a little backwards on this as the Board approved and we proceeded with the contract without a committee. This needed to happen so we could get on the PF calendar as they only had one week available for 2024. So, for now, I am putting together a committee.

So I am soliciting volunteers from all the Midwest clubs that are in our new central zone. BMDCA of Southeastern Wisconsin does fall within this geographic area. The "ask" is that you approach your club members to come onboard either as individuals or as a club. I am currently acting as show chair but my goal is to find someone who is willing to chair or act as co-chair with me. And we are in need of a Performance Chair. There are several positions that can be done "by committee" that your club may be interested in taking on. These include Ways and Means, Raffle, Trophies. We are also in need of draft chairs. Committees that can easily be managed by one person are Vendors, Parades, Photo Contest. You can find a full list of specialty positions on the BMDCA website (under the specialty tab). We do have a few positions filled but there are many more open.

There are several people in the St. Louis on board and willing to help with some of the logistic challenges presented due to distance of other committee members from the site. Purina Farms is used to working with committees remotely so this will be helpful as well as we move forward with planning.

The dates for the event are 3/31-4/6 so we are 2 1/2 years out. . .so need to get rolling to make this happen. Please get back with me with comments, suggestions, what you and/or your club would like to do. Or feel free to call should you want to chat about anything 2024 related!

Thanks in advance for your input and for taking this to your club membership.

Dottie Schulte
BMDCA National Specialty Coordinator
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December 19th

Good morning SE WI BMDCA peeps,

Heart of Michigan responded to my last email with some questions and wanted clarification on how all this would work with more clubs involved. This is a bit of uncharted territory as we go from 7 Zones to 3. So we anticipate some growing pains. Buckeye also responded and asked if I would sit in on their Board meeting and I am happy to do this with them and with your club if you want. Below is my response to Heart of Michigan:

As I imagine this, we can have all clubs in the central zone work together. Or one club can take this on. But I think this is a thing of the past as we all get older and have less club volunteers involved. Ideally, the various clubs would take on certain responsibilities. So one club commit to trophies, another Ways and Means, another Raffle as these are the most time and volunteer intensive and are the most difficult to do from a distance, although possible if we can have things shipped to a central place in St. Louis. Other "big" responsibilities are draft chair, vendors. The NS committee has expanded considerably to provide support so we have peeps that do the planning booklet, solicit trophy sponsorship, do on-line and on-site registration.

Purina Farms does quite a lot of the physical work such as matting, setting rings, setting up agility equipment. We do have to get draft equipment. Chan Keith is about an hour from the site and he has agreed to be Grounds and RV chair. And there are commitments for Grooming, Welcome Bags, OB, Rally, Scentwork, Herding, Conformation, Logo development, Catalog ads, Health Clinics. Grapevine is that there is someone interested in Trophies. So some positions are filled. And the NS committee will fill in for some as well. Open positions most needed are a Chair or Co-chair (for now I am chairing and can continue but would like a co-chair), Performance Chair and Ways and Means.

The most complicating factor is how to divvy up profits if there are any. For 2021, we split based on percentage of chairs from each club. Because the Rockies did most of the work, they got most of the profits with AZ and Lone Star getting less. Everyone thought this fair so we would likely do a similar model.

Hopefully this explains things. As said, I anticipate growing pains! Do let me know if you have other questions or need clarification on how all this will work.

Dottie



Things to do with your dog

Bringfido.com – Especially good for travel as they list dog friendly hotels and restaurants, but they also list activities and events when the organizers have forethought to list them online!

Facebook events – If you join dog groups on FB, such as Badger State Berners, Bernese Friends Worldwide, Berners 'n Buds, A Berner Life, the Berner Bunch, Berner Nation, etc., they promote and communicate about events on their events pages and if you are part of the group, will get notified. You can also go the Events page in FB and search "dog", etc. Many event organizers include dog friendly info in the event details section of the event page.

Build your own – we have a loosely organized group of Berner friends that gather at dog friendly events (Pop up Beer Tents, food Truck events at parks, outdoor markets and craft events, etc.

We all put great importance on socialization of our puppies, but it seems that many Berner people forget about that as their dogs mature. Dogs are social creatures and we have found that our dogs really enjoy being with other dogs, and have become better dogs in almost all situations since we have been making an effort to introduce them to other dogs.

I was really disappointed that we had such a low dog turnout for the Annual meeting, and even more disappointed that the people who brought dogs, for the most part, didn't want them to come in contact with the other dogs there! The whole point is to have fun within a mixed group of people and dogs.

Ed Laben

We also discovered that Vino, etc... in downtown Oconomowoc is dog friendly. They invited us in and the dogs had lots of attention. Sunday is their special dog day but dogs are always welcome. Great place for drinks with our celebrity dogs ❤️💕💖

I have pics of them at the bar...

Penny

Thought I'd share some info on some Dog Camps I am aware of.

I contacted the one I have attended a number of years ago to get the current info. the next camp is this January

It's called Camp Dogwood. Here is a link the winter program.

<https://www.campdogwood.com/camp-sessions/winter-camp/>

I attended the Fall Session a number of years ago and would recommend it. I would like to do this winter camp in the near future. It is an all inclusive camp with all food and events including in the pricing. (some events require an added charge) The spring and summer camps are more rustic held at a kids summer camp facility but I believe the winter camp is more upscale accommodations. (more like a hotel)

Another camp I am familiar with is something called Dog Scouts USA - it is based in MI - I have not attended this camp but am aware of it. this one is 6 days long.

<http://dogscouts.org/base/>

The 3rd one I know of is Camp gone to the Dogs and it is in VA. I believe this one is more competition oriented.

<https://www.camp-gone-to-the-dogs.com/>

Paige Hess

Other things that people seem to be having fun with are the AKC trick dog titles and Scent Work

Karen Borre

Out of Room will post more in next yodels.



BREEDER REFERRAL 2022

The BMDCEW 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

Reminder- Annual Dues are due the writable form is on the website

Reminder- Awards Dinner is coming up- please send reservations to Robin and your Award earnings to Lyn January 20th is deadline



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