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Congratulations to: Barb Waltenberry! This is (was) [BARBERRY THE TUFF GET GOING TO JABERWOCK \(TUFFY\)](#) BG# 145197. The cat is Charlie, Dick's favorite cat. He was very dog-like and loved the berners. Tuffy was a full brother to Alice.

BMDCSEW EVENTS

Back To Back Regional Specialty

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! It truly takes a village to put on this show and I love that people show up to do it. Thank you to all my Stewards for Obedience and Rally. Sue Lutz for reserved Grooming and Stewarding Conformation both days, Marian Fenlon for taking care of ribbons, being chief ring steward, the Catalog and helping with set-up. Sue Wellenstein for handling Trophies for more years than I know as well as

helping with set up. Also, thanks to all the people that donate to the Trophy and Ribbon fund. Robin Krumnow for stepping up to take over Raffle which is so important for the financial end of this event. Thanks to everyone who donated to the raffle. The Bonds for cleaning the ring Friday after showing. Also, a special thank you for people who stepped up to help with Judges

Hospitality, the Eschweilers, Jane Haefner and Sue Lutz. If I did not mention you by name know that your time and effort is always very appreciated.

Karen Borre

2025

Draft Workshop and Spring Fling
Sat May 10th
Ixonia, WI

Designated Specialties
Fri and Sat
July 25 and 26st
Waukesha

Draft Test
Fri-Sat Sept 26 & 27th
Nashotah Park

Bernerfest
Sunday, Sept 28th
Nashotah Park

Annual Meeting
Sunday Nov. 2nd
St. Mary's Church
Dousman, WI



DRAFT WORKSHOP

Our club will be hosting a draft workshop on May 10, 2025 along with the Spring Fling. The location this year will again be the WWCDTC facility.

This workshop is open to advanced dogs preparing for a draft test as well as true beginners and all levels in between. We will start at 8am with the advanced dogs. Then transition to the beginners. It is beneficial for beginners to come and watch the advanced dogs work, but not required. If you are even just curious about draft, this would be a great introduction.

To participate in the workshop, you must preregister. Observers are welcome to come and watch and learn and get hooked on this fun activity with your dog.

Advanced teams should bring their own draft equipment. For the beginners, there will be some equipment available to use during the workshop.

Everyone please bring a chair, crate or xpen, collar, leash, and yummy good treats for the dog.

Preregistration is required. The attached registration form has location address and contact information if you have any questions.

Kay Wendorf * Peggy Granger * Kathy Heun * Lynne Kurz

Annual Awards Meeting Recap

February 9th Thunder Bay Grille
Pewaukee, WI
Club Meeting and Annual
presentation of awards in honor of
members earning titles with their
dogs. A full list of dogs earning
titles can be found on the club
website. Take a moment to check
out all the hard work our club
members are putting into training
their dogs.

<https://www.bmdcsew.org/our-dogs>



Spring Fling May 10

Be sure to check out the attached flyer for the Spring Fling. Support our NEW chairs and plan to enjoy this event. Breeders please share the flyer with your puppy people. The draft workshop will also be happening. Please note that registration is required for the draft workshop.





By: Karen Borre

Hiker had a good weekend at the B2B on the Companion events. He passed Beginner Novice Obedience both days for a new title and 1st place on Saturday. He also got 2 legs for his Intermediate Rally Title getting first place on Saturday. (His handler had an issue Friday losing the team 20 points) Love working with this dog, on to Draft.



Senior Shout Outs!

Let's hear it for the old guys! Do you share your home with berners over the age of 7? - well, let's CELEBRATE! I would love to feature ALL our veterans. – so if you have a veteran please submit a photo and provide up to 50 words of text. Please include your dogs Berner-Garde number. Share your titles, or a short story, tell us what makes your veteran special. We will feature our veterans in the July issue each year. Send Email with your photo and write up including BernerGarde number to PHHessCo@aol.com and put "Senior" in the subject line.

YOUR brag could be right HERE! Send in those BRAGS! We know you are proud of your dogs. Share the news so we can all celebrate them.



By: Paige Hess and Lyn Steffens

Team SuSa Rocked it in the Rockies!

Another awesome draft adventure is in the books. Summer and Sam traveled to Colorado for a three day draft test. We were entered 5 times and came home with a 100% pass rate! Sam earned his Advance Novice Draft Dog title and we both added more passes in Open and Open Brace. Friday and Saturday were HOT – record highs of 87 degrees with freight hauls on pavement and hot sand! Sam had two runs Saturday and pulled his heart out sporting his cool coat. Beyond thrilled with our successes to date. On to the next tests!





Back -2- Back Judges Comments

Conformation February 28 2025

Thank you to the members of the BMDCSEW and your show committee for inviting me to judge the 2025 Specialty Show. This is my third time judging the Back to Back and the quality of the entry and the hospitality extended to me were probably the best ever. I loved the good sportsmanship and camaraderie.

The entry was superb starting from the first class. Of course the day began with the most fun class – the 4-6 month puppies. They were adorable and there is so much potential in these young ones. Three of the four were littermates and it was fun to see the similarities and differences in them.

Regular classes started with the 9-12 month dogs. The winner of that class was also my Winners Dog. He has so much potential and I can't wait to see him as he matures. He definitely had some competition for Winners, but I could not deny him the win.

The bitches were also very strong. My Winner and Best of Winners was from the Bred By Exhibitor Adult class. She was truly stunning and I later found out that the win finished her championship. I was so pleased to see her win an AOM the next day.

What can you say about the veterans except that all of them were in great condition and so happy to be in the ring. We all should be so proud that our dogs are living longer, healthier lives. The male from the 7-9 class who also was awarded an Award of Merit was such a great example of the breed.

Best of Breed was deep in quality. There were not enough awards. In the end I had the difficult task of deciding between my breed dog and the best of opposite bitch. Both are outstanding. I was told when we were taking photos that the breed dog was the sire of the best of winners. I just love seeing that consistency in a breeding program. The Select Dog and Bitch were both excellent examples of the breed as were the Awards of Merit. When judging I always ask myself if the dog has the structure and movement to do the draft and droving work that the breed was bred to do. All these dogs did.

In conclusion I just want to mention that it is disheartening to see overly trimmed coats and dirty teeth. Our dogs have beautiful natural coats and we should be happy to show them off that way. They are not any better straight and flattened. A good judge judges with their hands. Likewise clean teeth promote health and we all know that health and longevity are a challenge to all of us in Bernese Mountain Dogs.

Thank you again for inviting me and special kudos to Karen Borre and the committee for running an excellent event.

Nancy Stewart

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National Specialty 2027 Call for volunteers

This is in our area again and the National Club is looking for volunteers. If you are not sure what a job entails the job descriptions are on the National Website. Attached is a list of all positions filled and unfilled. The BMD CSEW will get a percentage of the profits depending on how many chairs we have. Please contact Dottie Schulte if you are interested in one of the open positions.

We answered the call!

By: Brycie Marine

Special Thank You For Supporting Berner Research!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the BMD CSEW club members who traveled and generously donated blood from their Berners to assist Dr. Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan with her early cancer detection liquid biopsy research. Two blood draws were held at two different facilities. First, Thank you to BMD CSEW members Paige Hess, Sue Wellenstein, Mandi Hendriks, Lyn Steffens, Joanne Brault, Tim Lau, and Sue Lutz for bringing their Berners to donate blood on March 27th to the Omro Animal Hospital.. BIG HUGS to Summer, Sam, Jimmy, Matteo, Emmy Lou, Nora, Siri, Allie, Ruby, Zeke, Kaylee. Thank you also to the Omro Animal Hospital for the use of their clinic and to vet tech Alli for helping to organize the blood draw. A special "Thank You" to Paige Hess for her assistance in my absence.

Thank you's also go out to the BMD CSEW members who donated blood from their Berners at our second blood draw clinic held April 16th at Veterinary Village in Lomira, Wisconsin! Deep gratitude to Drs Marty Greer and Dan Griffiths for their generosity in allowing the use of their staff, building and supplies. Team Trisha, Jeff and Heidi were amazing at helping organize the blood collection and keeping it running smoothly. Thank you to these club owners and BIG HUGS to the following Berners :

Cindy Kummer with Sakari
Peggy Granger with Beulah
Pat Mahoney with Autumn
Lynn Mueller with Hank
Cindy Falk with Zoli
Karen Borre with Hiker
Tammy Lindvig with Teddy
Kay Wendorf with Jada
Robin Krumnow with Crystal
Rebecca Dove with Lexi and Denali
Ed Laben with Luna
Kevin Gasper with Poppy
Kathy Koehler with Luna

Mary Alice Eschweiler with Frank, Bless, Pauli and Lani
Kerry Waltersdorf with Tangle, Clover, Glory, and Buddha

BMD CSEW...doing it for the love of a Berner! ❧
Brycie Marine
Berner-Garde Trustee and Co-Liaison to the BMD Repository

Poppy (BG# 213274)





Back 2 Back Sweeps Judge Comments

By: Danielle Meyers

Thank you to the club for inviting me to judge for my very first sweepstake assignment. It was an honor!

My best puppy was a beautiful bitch with a strong top line, well balanced gait, and dark eye. Her presence immediately caught my eye. My best of opposite puppy was a strong male that was very balanced, sound moving, and had substantial substance. All of my

veterans moved around the ring with little effort and good top lines for their age. Congratulations to all of the owners and breeders who had a veteran entered! What an amazing accomplishment!

Overall, the quality of dogs judged at the specialty was impressive, with many exhibits displaying excellent breed type and soundness. I was very pleased to see confident temperaments. Good tail sets and bites were prevalent. Healthy coats were noted. Many dogs moved with a natural slow trot but still had the ability for speed and agility. Well arched toes and round feet were present.

Hindquarters and forequarters were well-structured individually; however, balance between the two was often lacking, leading to issues such as soft or roached top lines. Additionally, more attention should be given to eye shape and size, as tighter, smaller, darker eyes would enhance expression. Lastly, I would like to see more bone and substance.

Warm regards
Danielle Meyers

Please volunteer!

Spring Fling

"In the spring at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." - Margaret Atwood

Could Ms. Margaret Atwood have owned some Berners and witnessed their handiwork in the yard as they love digging up holes or could she just have been anticipating the arrival of our annual Spring Fling?

With Spring Fling less than two months away, we are looking for 6-8 volunteers to help out for approximately one hour during the event with the following positions:

1. Welcome Table - pass out game sheets, address visitor questions, hand out prizes
2. Face Painting paw prints
3. Game Host - minute-to-win-it type games and challenges
4. Meal preparation assistance, serving, and/or cleanup

The event will run on Saturday, May 10 from 10am - noon. Please reach out to Tammy Lindvig at berniers4us@gmail.com and Krista Dahl-Koehler at kdahlkoehler@gmail.com if you are able to help on the day of the event... and let us know which role you'd prefer. No planning ahead or meetings needed! Just a willingness to help make this a great event!

Submitted by Tammy Lindvig and Krista Dahl-Koehler

Thank you Event Chairs

THANK YOU!

For stepping up.
For your contribution
For sharing your talents.
For giving back to the club.
For being a resource.

You are appreciated and you are seen. We are all busy. We all have other commitments. And we all want to have our membership in this club mean something. It won't if there aren't events or communication.

Don't keep all your hard work to yourself. Please let us know the details of your events so we can share it with the rest of the membership. We have many ways to share the details of our events.

We know most of you have been doing these jobs for years. You can't assume we remember all the details for each event every year.

Please take a moment and let ALL of these people know the current details on your events.



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www.bmdcsew.org

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Sat, Jan 18th
Zoom Meeting 9:00 am

Sun, Feb 9th
Thunder Bay Grille 10:00 am

Sat, March 22nd
Zoom Meeting 9 am

Sat, May 10th
Ixonla, WI 10:00 am

Sun, Sept 28th
Nashotah Park 9:00 am

Sun, Nov 2nd
St Mary's Church 10 am

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2025

Sun Feb 9th
Thunder Bay Grille 1:00 pm

Sat, May 10th
Western Waukesha County Dog Training
Ixonla, WI 12:30 pm

Sat, July 26th
Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show
Waukesha County Expo
1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188
1 hour after Bernese judging

Sunday, September 28th
Nashotah Park W33N5113 County Road C
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10:00 am

Sun, Nov 2nd
St Mary's Church Dousman, WI 12:30 pm

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