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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin Newsletter

2023 Back 2 Back Specialty

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Well, another show weekend in the books. This always takes a village to put on and having many of the same people step up year after year is very much appreciated, it makes the Show Chair's job look easy. I would like to thank my Show Committee: Carrie Borisch, Conformation Chief Ring Steward, Marian Fenlon, Catalog Advertising, Deanne Wolfe, Raffle, Sue Wellenstein, Trophy, Kathy Koehler, Hospitality, Sue Lutz, Reserve Grooming and

Kerry Waltersdorf, Public Education. The stewards who volunteered their time for Obedience, Rally & Conformation. The Judges: Andrew Ritter, Carol Lynn Fox, Mike Zebolsky, Sindie Leo and Suzanne Mayborne. Everyone who cleaned the ring, the floor, took the tape off the floor,

didn't make me whine all day to move their cars and cheered on all the dogs in the ring.

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"This was our 39th & 50th Regional Specialty including Conformation, Sweeps and Obedience, it was our 34th and 35th Rally Trials."



Farm Dog May 13

Join us in Larsen, WI for the 2023 Farm Dog Tests! You can earn your Farm Dog title in just one day! Details on the Farm Dog Program can be found on the AKC website. The Bernese is

a Working Dog and this fun program is a way to demonstrate your dog's working ability around a farm. You will need to pass the test two times under two judges to earn your title. We schedule

the day so that 4 dogs will run every 45 minutes. You will be sent the run order the week of the event so you do not need to spend the entire day at the farm. Premium list www.bmdcsew.org

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BMDCSEW EVENTS

Back2Back Specialty
Fri- Sat March 3 & 4

Draft Workshop
Sat. April 22
Darien, WI

Farm Dog Test
May 13, 2023 Larsen, WI

Spring Fling June 17th
Mukwanago
12:30 pm

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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



Berner Magnets

Fundraiser for the Wisconsin Draft Tests



7 5/8 inch x 3 1/2 inch



3 3/4 inch x 3 5/8 inch

Cart magnet: Number ordered _____ X \$10ea = _____

Paw magnet: Any letters of your choice - max of 4 letters each magnet..eg CH, CD, NDD, GMDD, short name.

("Rally" is the exception)

If ordering more than one magnet, each may have different letters.

Letters of choice: _____

Number ordered _____ X \$10ea = _____

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Magnets don't stick everywhere on some vehicles. ***

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

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Send order form and payment to:

Peggy Granger

W4540 County Road A, Elkhorn, WI 53121

Questions to stormbmd@gmail.com

Make check payable to Peggy Granger.



2022 Awards Banquet

Congratulations to the club members and their dogs who earned titles this year.

As a club there were over 60 earned titles that included.

Conformation – 2 Grand Championships and 4 Champions

Obedience – 3 Beginner Novice and 3 Companion Dogs

Rally – 6 Novice, 5 Intermediate, 4 Advanced and 3 Excellent

Draft – dogs earned 3 Novice 2 Advance Novice and one each Brace Novice, Brace Draft dog and one Master Draft Dog!

Tracking one TD and one TDX

Scent Work – one dog completed multiple scent work titles.

We honored 3 Active dogs and 1 Working Dog – BMDCA awards for earning titles in multiple areas.

There were 11 Farm Dogs awarded.

A NOHS dog earned a Bronze level and the #10 BMD

3 CGC awards were also earned as well as one Temperament test and 3 Therapy Dog titles were earned as well.

A full list of the awards that were presented can be found on our website here:

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



BMDCA Info Series spotlight

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 currently 27 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.

About the Bernese Info Series begins with the first Info sheet

http://bmdca.org/breed_education/pdf/01_bernese_basics_about.pdf

“Check out the BMDCA website Info Series. There are 27 topics listed with introductory information on a wide variety of topics!”



HELP WANTED!

Please consider volunteering.

Back2Back Hospitality

Andy Ritter Judges Comments

I would like to thank the Southeastern Wisconsin club for giving me the opportunity to judge your specialty.

Overall, I would rate the entry's as good. I was able to look into the ring and was able to see a large striking tri-colored dog that is sturdy and balanced.

I had some promising 4-6 puppy. As I moved to the dog classes I was happy to see most of the dogs had sound temperaments, and the eyes were slightly almond shaped with generally soft expressions.

The bone for the most part was good. I had one or two soft top lines.

My winners' dogs was a sound moving dog

and was in balance with his head and bone.

My class bitch's where a pleasure to look at. They carried nice bone and good angles. They looked feminine without looking weak. They carried sturdy bone.

My winner's bitch was a nice package, angle, coat, bone and a balanced dog with a solid temperament.

Hats off to your show chair and the club members who help put the show on. Great site and I enjoyed the club's hospitality.

My breed class was a great class to go over.

Alot of breed type was found in the best of breed. Strong moving dogs and heavy bone.

Let us not forget my veterans. They were in good shape for their age, still able to get around the ring well.

In the end I did my bitch's to be a little better overall quality.

In conclusion I find that our breed is alive and well in Wisconsin. I hope the breeders will continue their efforts to preserve and maintain our breed.

Andy Ritter

Cerri's Bernese Mountain Dogs and Newfoundlands Stockton, New Jersey



Hank earns Master Rally title!

On Friday, March 3rd, Hank (aka GCH CH Serendipity Grand Slam, CD BN RE TD CGC finished his Master's Rally title at our Specialty. Hank achieved the 10 qualifying scores needed for the title in 11 attempts. And the one NQ we received was not his fault but instead mine! He also qualified the second day. In addition we brought home two High Scoring Triple Q's (Masters, Excellent and Advanced) and one High Combined for Rally Excellent B and Advanced B. Hank did a great job and has had lots of fun in our Rally

classes both in training and in competition. Thank you Kay Wendorf for allowing me to enjoy working with this happy go lucky boy!

Submitted By Lynne Kurz



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Thanks to all the exhibitors who came to show their talented and beautiful dogs. It was nice to see some of the same dogs in both the performance ring and conformation ring.

Thanks to everyone who came up with our new "raffle" format and those of you who embraced it. I think it was a lot of fun and it was very successful.

Karen Borre, Show Chair

Spring Draft Workshop

Our club will be hosting a draft workshop on April 22, 2023. This is open to advanced dogs preparing for a draft test as well as true beginners and all levels 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. Advanced teams should bring their own 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, good treats for the dog, and something for your lunch. The club will provide donuts, coffee, and water.

"This is open to advanced dogs preparing for a draft test as well as true beginners and all levels between."

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

Kay Wendorf, Peggy Granger, Kathy Heun

FUNDRAISER FOR DRAFT

See the flyer on page 2 for custom car magnets to show off your dog's titles or add fun accents.

Mike Zebolsky - Saturday Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes

I'd like to thank the BMDCSEW show committee for the honor of inviting me to judge puppy and veteran Sweepstakes during the 2023 B2B Specialty. I'd also like to thank all the exhibitors that presented such beautiful dogs to me.

Overall this was a group of dogs that exhibited nice facial expression, good substance, and

exceptional balance. I did see weaker than desired fronts and minor temperament issues, but these were few and far between.

In general, topline were level and straight, with well angled fronts and rears. Though not perfect, if this group is any indication, I'd have to say we've come a long ways in a

short time at improving the tail set and carriage issues that have been prevalent in our breed the past few years.

In the end, breed type and movement were most importance to me.

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Mike Zebolsky remarks - continued from pg 4

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It's essential for a Bernese Mountain Dog to have the strength and substance to do the job of drafting, but also the fluid movement that allows it to be successful at herding and other general farm duties. I think both, Best Puppy and BOS Puppy were beautiful examples of dogs that could perform the duties

they were bred for.

While it was truly an honor to judge all of the entries, there's something extra special about being in the ring with our veterans. Best Veteran and BOS Veteran, like the puppy winners, were full of substance while having wonderful movement. Their toplines were straight and strong and their eyes were dark and full of expression.

My only regret is there weren't more ribbons to be handed out, because this was a great group of dogs!

Regards, Mike Zebolsky

Spring Fling CANCELED – online meeting instead

As of the March board meeting, no one has stepped forward to chair the Spring Fling. The board made the decision to cancel the event and will be setting up meetings via WebEx. The board meeting will occur prior to a general membership meeting. An invitation to the WebEx membership meeting will be emailed to all current members the week prior. The

meetings will be held on June 17th the board meeting is scheduled for 9:00 am and the general membership meeting will be at 10:30pm. Guests will also welcome to attend. Specific details on the WebEx meeting will be sent a week or two prior to the meetings.

FREE

DRAFT MATCH

Please see the attached flyer for a free match in Illinois May 7. Great opportunity to see how your dog will do in a test setting.

Judges Remarks – Carol Lynn Fox

First off, thank you so much to the club for allowing me to judge the Friday Specialty.

I felt all the class dogs and bitches had merit. So nice to see this. The 4-6 month puppies showed lots of promise and the Bred By Exhibitor bitches was my strongest class. It was wonderful to examine them and see a bright future ahead. So much type and sound movement.

As I started to judge the Veterans, I literally had to gather myself and choke back

the tears before beginning. Wonderfully sound veteran classes with all of them happy to be in the ring again.

Then the Specials...Wow! My task was difficult with so many beautiful dogs of both sexes. After the initial examination my BOS pick, I knew I would place her in the ribbons, just not where at that point. When it came down to my final decision for my top male, I finally narrowed it down to two and around one more time...and BOB was the Veteran! Beautiful type,

structure and movement. You couldn't tell he was a veteran by looking at him.

It was a lovely entry with good depth in structure and type. There were just not enough ribbons!

I can't say enough good things about the club, members, exhibitors, hospitality and show site. I was honored to judge such a special event with a beautiful entry. I hope to make it back again sometime ♥☐

Carol Lynn Fox



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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

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www.bmdcsew.org

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BOARD MEETINGS 2023

- Sat, Jan 21st
Webex Meeting 9:00 am
- Sat, March 25th
Webex Meeting 9:00 am
- Sat, June 17th
WEB Ex 9 am
- Sun, Sept 24th
Nashotah Park
W33N5113 County Road C
Nashotah, WI 53058
9:00 am
- Sun, Nov 5th
St Mary's Church 10 am

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2023

- Sun Feb 12th
Thunder Bay Grille 1:00 pm
- Sat, June 17th
WEB Ex 10:30 pm
- Sat, July 29th Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show
Waukesha County Expo
1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188
1 hour after Bernese judging
- Sunday, September 24th
Nashotah Park
W33N5113 County Road C
Nashotah, WI 53058
10:00 am
- Sun, Nov 5th
St Mary's Church 12:30 pm

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