

July-Sept 2022



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

BERNERFEST 2022 was fantastic. People were waiting for the meeting to end so they could partake in the festivities. It was so nice to see all those Berners and their owners. Despite the wet and mud, people were enjoying the agility course, games for young, old and doggies, Puppachino stand, Golden sucker, Grooming 101, Draft demo and lunch. The photo op by Ed and Penny Laben was in constant demand. There were two special sweet treats, one from Tammy & Bonnie Ludvig and again this year Holly Kuettel made her fabulous cutout and decorated Berner cookies. Many people enjoyed visiting with other dog owners. It was nice and cool and the dogs did enjoy their festival. I would like to thank all those that helped make Bernerfest another huge success: Vicki Koralewski, Jessica Binverse, Kevin Gasper, Jane Hill, Cindy Falk, Robin Krumnow, Penny Laben, Rudy & Nancy Baumann and Keith Waltersdorf

Ed Laben it was a pleasure co-chairing with you, Kerry Waltersdorf

I special thank you to Emily and Sue Weaver who stayed in the pouring rain to help dismantle and put everything in the trailer.



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
St Mary's Church 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
St Mary's Church 12:30 pm

2022 BMDCSEW SPONSORED EVENTS

Back2Back Specialty, Fri- Sat March 4 & 5

Spring Fling Sat June 18th
Mukwanago Park
W320s88 Beulah Rd, Mukwanago, WI
12:30 pm

Draft Test July 29th Waukesha

Designated Specialties Sat and Sun
July 30 and 31st Waukesha

Draft Test, Fri, Sept 23rd & Sat. Sept 24th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C, Nashotah, WI

Barn Dog Test Saturday November 5th
Larsen Wisconsin

Bernerfest, Sunday, Sept 25th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C, Nashotah, WI
10:00 am



More Pictures Bernerfest September 2022





Member Brags

This past year has been very busy for GLORY. She worked on and passed her CGCA, CGCU, FDC and Championship. "Stonehill's Blazing 1776 Celebration of Old Glory". She is now working on her Therapy Dog. GLORY is a very smart and gentle girl who will make a perfect Therapy dog.

ABE "Stonehills Honest Abe" is now a Champion. ABE is the litter brother to GLORY. ABE had three majors and needed that single point to finish. Finally got that single point at the Sheboygan show and was also Best of Breed over a Special, a great way to finish his championship. ABE is also a Service dog. Now we can start him on obedience and Rally, which he loves.

Member Brags

Stellar's She's Got That Sparkle in Her Eyes
CD RE DCAT CGCA TKN



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A little history was made at our draft test held in conjunction with the Waukesha July shows. My little Sparkle became the first Miniature American Shepherd Novice Draft Dog. This was Sparkle's (Stellar's She's Got That Sparkle In Her Eyes CD RE DCAT CGCA TKN) eleventh title and she just turned two in April.

The test itself went off beautifully and was enjoyed by all. We can be proud of our pass rate at 80% since the average is about 50%. Well done, everybody!

Thanks Karen Borre for taking these excellent pictures of Sparkle. I can't choose just one.

- Barb Waltenberry

Member Brags

CH Serendipity Grand Slam CD BN
RE TD CGC



On Sunday October 9th, Hank passed a Tracking Dog Test at Hartmann Creek State Park in Waupaca. The test was offered by the Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Club and our judges were Carla Ogert and Neida Heusinkvelt. The day was perfect – cool temperatures, moist ground conditions and calm winds. Hank took off at the start flag and never faltered. Within 6 minutes, he tracked to the end making every turn and even crossing a horse trail. He proudly picked up the final article, a leather glove, and presented it to me. Needless to say, I knew he was very capable of this and was proud of and pleased with his performance. And of course, our work never ends – on to Tracking Dog Excellent and Variable Surface work!

Thank you to Peggy Granger and Beulah, our tracking partners. Thank you to Inge Suchanek who certified Hank and served as teacher and mentor over the past year. Finally a special thank you Kay Wendorf for allowing me the privilege to work with this boy

Lynne Kurz



July Draft Test



July Draft Test- Judges Comments

I judged with Kathy Berge, for the first time ever!! It was really nice. We had a great time and had the same mindset on all performances. This was a 1 day test held before the BMDCSEW designated specialties at a large all breed show. It was great idea and ran very well. The weather in July in WI could be sketchy but for this day it was very nice. Cool in the morning and low 80's in the afternoon. We only had 10 teams so we were done early enough for the sun to not be an issue. The ring had multiple trees and the freight haul had some shade off an on. The ring had a large slope on one side that we avoided but had plenty of room in the remainder of the space. It was a nice site and the ring was well away from the hub of the shows. Very nice site! I met Mary Alice at the site on Thursday afternoon and she had the FH options plotted and the ring set up we really did not need to make any changes. I came up with a maneuvering course and communicated with Kathy as she was on her way in. Sent her a photo of the course and we just made one small change when she saw it on Fri morning.

3 Open 3 Pass
 7 Novice 1 Withdrew before testing, 4 Pass 2 Fail
 1 Novice Brace 1 Pass

The 2 novice teams that did not pass were just not quite ready. One was a golden who was very attentive but the "team" just needed some work as the leash was an issue throughout the maneuvering. The other dog was a BMD and she went visiting way outside the ring on the recall but did come back and did a respectable remainder of a performance with a few tight leashes. Everyone really did a very nice job and there were no unusual items of note or no unusual performances to discuss. All in all a very non dramatic test! Everything ran very smoothly!!!

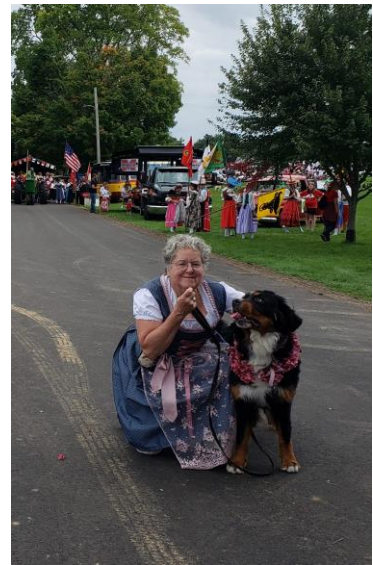
Valerie Horney, Cliff, Trucker and the Mini Cooper



Cheese Day Parade

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin will have a spot in the Cheese Days Parade on Sunday, September 18th. The parade begins at 12:30, but those walking in the parade need to be on-site by 12:00 noon.

It appears that a good time was had by all. Keep this in mind for next year.



The Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club needs your help!

We have received a report from the Michigan Club on their rescue situation. They have gone from 55 ish dogs on average per year to 140 plus dogs year to date. They just had a litter of BMD puppies that all got parvo and the vet bill was \$11,000. They also have had dogs come into their rescue with entropion, severe kidney disease/ failure, and numerous orthopedic issues which has increased their vet bills astronomically. Their fosters are saturated and burned out .

They currently have an emphasis on transporting the dogs to foster homes from the Midwest to the West. They have not figured out yet how they are going to pay for the transport of the dogs to send out west, and with the high cost of gas, it's been very hard financially to make repeat trips or find volunteers that will donate the gas.

Again, they need our help. If you are able to foster a dog, contact Wendy Kerr, our Rescue Chair as she is coordinating fosters with Michigan - her contact information is on the website - Rescue/Rehome page. If you are able to help with transportation, let Wendy know this also.

If you would like to make a donation, the address to send a check to is:

Heart of Michigan BMD Rescue
36309 Oregon Avenue
Westland, Michigan 48186

Thank you in advance for supporting Bernese Rescue



September Draft Test





BREEDER REFERRAL 2022

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2022. 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

Help Needed for the Regional Specialty

Looking for people to help with Judges Hospitality. Rides to and from Airport to West Bend, taking judges to dinner, transporting judges from hotel to show site. If I can get several people then it would split the work load out. Because we use Breeder Judges, they are not paid only their expenses are covered so it is good practice to show them hospitality.

Karen Borre, Show Chair kardon2009@yahoo.com



Yodels

The contents of the Yodels represent the views and opinions of the authors, and not necessarily those of the BMDCSEW or its members, nor does publication constitute endorsement.

The Yodels is published four times a year.

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March 20	1st Qtr. Jan-Mar Newsletter
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September 20	3rd Qtr. Jul-Sep Newsletter
December 20	4th Qtr. Oct-Dec Newsletter

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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