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Congratulations to: Kathy Bohm! Bugziere's Leo's Living The Dream.

BG# 116342. Leo enjoyed our walks along the lake. This photo was taken in Brainerd, Minnesota

BMDCSEW EVENTS

2025

Designated Specialties
Fri and Sat
July 25 and 26th
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

Designated Specialties at Waukesha

Join us on July 25 – 27!

Wisconsin's largest outdoor dog shows featuring dock diving, all breed conformation judging, rally and obedience trials, 3 days of Fast Cat Trials, Meeting The Breeds, and all breed puppy and adult Match on Friday night, as well as numerous vendors on site!

For bernese, we will be having Sweepstakes and Owner Handler both Friday and Saturday as

well as 4 to 6 month puppy classes all three days.

Judging Panel for Berners is as follows

Friday
Tori Pinkes Harned - sweeps
Regular Classes & 4-6
Amy Kessler

Saturday
Wanda Tait - Sweeps
Regular Classes & 4-6
Abby Patrizio

Sunday Supported Entry
Honey Glen... Canada

Sue Wellenstein

A club meeting will be held Saturday the 26th one hour after the conclusion of Bernese judging.



Draft Workshop

Submitted By Kay Wendorf

I sent you a few photos from the workshop . It was the lowest participation we have ever had possibly due to the Iowa tests that weekend and being right after the national. Not pictured was Kerry Luderus and Mary Alice. Seemed to be appreciated by those who were there.

Lots of Attachments

Be sure to check out all the attachments. There are Board and Membership meeting minutes as well as a couple BernerGarde Newsletters and the premium list for our September draft tests. So much great information.

Upcoming Yodels

Don't let another Senior spotlight go by without honoring YOUR Seniors! Every July we will feature the berners of our club members who are 7 or older. Send their photo and up to 50 words about them. Including their Berner-Garde number. ALSO – don't forget the photo contest! We have some great submissions but you can always add your photo to the mix. Just include their Berner-Garde number with a photo and send me a quick email. PHHessco@aol.com – enter early and enter often!



NEXT DEADLINE: August 15

Spring Fling Recap

By: Tammy Lindvig

Bonnie and Tammy Lindvig chaired the 2025 Spring Fling along with Krista Dahl-Koehler and Kerry Waltersdorf who each co-chaired the event. The event included a Scavenger Hunt, Minute to Win It games, Rover Says and Musical Chairs. Krista hand made beautiful Berner mugs to pass out to those individuals who completed the Scavenger Hunt. There were also goody bags for the pups and stuffed toys for the top four-legged winners.

We want to thank all those who helped out including Kerry Waltersdorf and Krista Dahl-Koehler, who each made their own famous brownies, Kevin Gasper, who stepped up at the last minute to help run the games, and Lynne Mueller, who helped out with the clean up after the event.





Bonnie and Tammy Lindvig would like to praise our boy, Stonehill's Roaring Good Time Teddy (AKA - Teddy) who in November of 2024 became a Grand Champion and in May of 2025 received from the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America his Champion and Grand Champion medals. We know to many of you this is probably an everyday accomplishment but to us, it is a major accomplishment and the first time one of our boys ever received medals from the BMDCA. We are so grateful every day that Kerry Waltersdorf trusted us with one of her boys and we are so very proud of Teddy for his accomplishments.

However, recently, Teddy gave us an even greater reason to be proud of him and that is for his strength and courage as he recently underwent major, emergency surgery for GDV (bloat). We are amazed at his courage and strength and are so grateful that he is here with us today to hopefully share many, many more years with us.

Bonnie and Tammy Lindvig would like to announce our newest family member - Thistledown Hiking to the Celebration (AKA - Dante). He is a bundle of energy and joy all rolled into one. We are looking forward to competing alongside our fellow members and continuing to form new friendships along the way.



By: Lyn Steffens and Paige Hess

Team SuSa Earns 2 GMDD Titles!

We had a busy spring traveling to Colorado, Iowa & Illinois in the pursuit of the ultimate Draft Dog title. What started out as a hopeful dream when these littermates were 8 months old, became a reality when both Summer & Sam earned their Grand Master Draft Dog titles on the same weekend of May 17 & 18th at the BMDCA Draft Tests.

Needing at least 11 more passes between them, we set our sights on the spring draft tests. Working through record high temps, high winds & many other challenges, we hit three states, seven tests, and with a 100% pass rate, we got those 11 passes in six short weeks!

To earn a GMDD title, each dog must pass at least 5 tests, under 7 different judges in all 4 classes: Novice, Open, Brace Novice & Brace Open. We enjoyed a wonderful journey together, filled with a lot of hard work, fluid plans & schedules, patience, laughs and celebrations (both big & small). Spending time with our dogs was the biggest joy! We are beyond thrilled & very proud of what the whole Team SuSa has accomplished!!

Thanks again to all of our mentors & friends who have travelled this journey with us, supporting us along the way. You are all greatly appreciated!!





BMDCSEW Raffle “Basket” at the 2025 National



Photo submitted by Jane Haefner

Huge Appreciation

Thank you to Tammy Lindvig and Krista Dahl for stepping up to take on the job of the Spring Fling. You both did a fabulous job and your efforts were greatly appreciated by me and the other attendees.

Also a shout out to Kathy Bohm who has accepted the Bernerfest Chair job. Please support her hard work by either reaching out to help her or attending the event with your friends and family.

- Sue Wellenstein



BMDCA Outstanding Service Award

(reprinted with permission - copy of the awards presentation speech from the national specialty)

Outstanding Service Award

Tonight, I have the honor of presenting the Outstanding Service Award. This award is given annually, generally to a long-term club member who doesn't know how to say "no". In fact I think many of my friends should join me in being members of Volunteers Anonymous.

Today's award winner has been a member of the BMDCA since 1984. She attended her first specialty in 1985, which was also the first year this award was presented.

This member has served on many committees for the club.

She was licensed to judge Bernese in 1995 and is currently licensed to judge most of the working group and junior showmanship.

She was BMDCA secretary in 1991 and 1992.

She served as Membership chair from the late '80s through 1999. She has again taken over that responsibility this year. Some people don't know when to quit!

This year's Outstanding Service Award winner is Jane Haefner.



left to right Nancy Stewart, Lori Jodar, Jane Haefner

2nd member of the BMDCSEW to be recognized.



Senior Shoutout 2025



Opal is 7 years old. Her date of birth is 3/24/17. BG #141196 Sue Wellenstein is her breeder. She has been with me since she was 7 months old and has seen many rescues come and go. She's the apple of my eye. The love of this breed continues.

Wendy Kerr

Nora (BG#32512) April 18, 2016 She is out of a breeding (Kaden x Olivia) that Amy Kessler and I bred. She is an awesome girl, very easy to live with. She lived with Amy's family for a time & was known as "No, No", but not here. She loves to spend time with us, short walks on the trail, eating (anything) being petted & her special friend, Sue Lutz. We hope she stays with us for many more years. Nick & Sue Wellenstein



Jaberwock's Charlie Bear (BG #154208)

Charlie (AKA Tank) is turning 9 years old on June 28, 2025. He enjoys spending time with his family and doing his daily exercises outside in the backyard which consist of rolling over onto his back and kicking all four legs up into the air repeatedly as fast as he can. He also enjoys his long car rides and mom's homemade doggie meals. He is dearly loved by Bonnie and Tammy Lindvig.



Astia's Sacred Treasure, CGC, FDC, RN, RI (Kaylee)
BG# 145130
06/04/2016

So very thankful and thrilled she just had her 9th birthday!! After her successful battle with Blastomycosis she has slowed down a bit but when pushed by her brother she absolutely is still the boss! She is such a sweet girl and loved so much!

Sue Lutz

“Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a little out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well.” – Bennie Wilcox



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Articles written by members of the BMDCEW 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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BOARD MEETINGS 2025	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2025
Sat, Jan 18 th Zoom Meeting 9:00 am	Sun Feb 9 th Thunder Bay Grille 1:00 pm
Sun, Feb 9 th Thunder Bay Grille 10:00 am	Sat, May 10 th Western Waukesha County Dog Training Ixonnia, WI 12:30 pm
Sat, March 22 nd Zoom Meeting 9 am	Sat, July 26 th Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show Waukesha County Expo 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188 1 hour after Bernese judging
Sat. May 10 th Ixonnia, WI 10:00 am	Sunday, September 28 th Nashotah Park W33N5113 County Road C Nashotah, WI 53058 10:00 am
Sun, Sept 28 th Nashotah Park 9:00 am	Sun, Nov 2 nd St Mary's Church Dousman, WI 12:30 pm
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