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# Yodels

Quarterly newsletter of the  
 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin  
 Website - [bmdcsew.org](http://bmdcsew.org)



The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

### 2020 Board Meet-

Sat, January 18; 10:00 AM  
 TBD

Sun. Feb 9; 9:30 AM  
 Thunder Bay Grille  
 N14W24130 Tower Place,  
 Waukesha

Sat., Mar 28; 10:00 AM  
 TBD

Sat, June 13; 10:00 AM  
 Mukwonago Park  
 W320S8315 Beulah Road  
 Mukwonago

Sat, Sept 27; 9:00 am  
 Nashotah Park  
 W330N5113 County Road  
 C, Nashotah, WI 53058  
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 ALTERNATE: TBD

Sun, Nov, 1; 10:00 am  
 TBD

Saturday, Jan 23; 12:30

### General Member Meetings

*Awards Dinner*  
 Sun. Feb 9th  
 Thunder Bay Grill  
 1:00 pm  
 N14W24130 Tower Place  
 Waukesha

*Spring Fling*  
 Sat., June 13th  
 12:30 pm  
 Mukwonago Park  
 W320S8315 Beulah Road  
 Mukwonago

*Waukesha 2020 KC Show*  
 Saturday, July 25  
 1 Hour after BMD Judging  
 Waukesha County  
 Expo Center  
 1000 North view Road  
 Waukesha

*Bernerfest 2020*  
 Sun., September 27th  
 9:00 am  
 Nashotah Park  
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C  
 Nashotah

*Annual Member Meeting*  
 Sunday, November 3rd  
 12:30 am  
 St. Mary's Church  
 36014 Sunset Drive  
 (Hwys 18 & 67)  
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### Upcoming BMDCEW Sponsored Events for 2020

*Awards Dinner*  
 Sunday, Feb. 9th  
 Thunder Bay Grill  
 Waukesha  
 12:00 noon lunch

*Back-To-Back Specialty*  
 Friday–Saturday  
 February 28 & 29  
 6:00 AM–6:00 PM  
 Washington Co.  
 Expo Center  
 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,  
 West Bend

*Spring Fling*  
 Saturday, June 13th  
 10:00 AM–4:00 PM  
 Mukwonago Park  
 W320S8315 Beulah Road  
 Mukwonago

*Draft / Carting Workshop*  
 Saturday, September 12  
 8:00 AM  
 W8521 School Section  
 Rd,  
 Darien, WI

*Draft Test*  
 Friday, Sept 25th  
 &

Sat. Sept 26th  
 Nashotah Park  
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C  
 Nashotah

*Bernerfest*  
 Sunday, Sept 27th  
 Nashotah Park  
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C  
 Nashotah  
 10:00 AM



## BMDCSEW 2020 Draft Tests

At this time, our club is continuing plans to host these two BMDCA Draft Tests as other clubs are doing. But depending on the progression of the COVID-19 virus and the possibility of stay at home restrictions being reinstated, the club may have to cancel. Please check the club's web site to check for any changes.

The ongoing plan is hosting the draft tests on Friday and Saturday, September 25 & 26, 2020. This will leave Sunday completely for Bernerfest. The draft tests will be at Nashotah Park, Nashotah, WI. Our wonderful judges are Eden Jonas from North Carolina and Patti Davieau from Colorado. The Chair is Lynne Kurz and the secretary is Peggy Granger. The premium list is on our club's website. You can also obtain it by contacting the test secretary.

There is still plenty of time to get ready for these tests! If you have any questions about training or getting started, feel free to contact either Lynne or Peggy or the club's Draft Chairperson, Kay Wendorf.

If you are interested in learning about draft but just unsure how it all works, being a steward at the tests is a wonderful way to learn!! Absolutely no experience is needed! It is a great opportunity to see draft close up!

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**new glarus**  
 175th Anniversary  
 for New Glarus  
 The New Glarus Chamber of Commerce  
 has invited the BMDCSEW to march in their  
 parade. Saturday August 1, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. The  
 route is approximately 2 miles long. There will be more de-  
 tails to follow when I receive them.

**POSTPONED TO 2021**

## Draft Workshop

The draft workshop is on (refer to email attachment) unless the covid-19 pandemic situation dictates otherwise.

Kay Wendorf



## July BMDCSEW Board Meeting

The Board of Directors would like to notify the membership of a rescheduled Board Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for July 26th, Saturday, at 9 am. This meeting is a make up meeting for one cancelled this spring. This meeting will be a videoconference meeting via WebEx. If any member is interested in attending the meeting - please contact Lisa Patrenets at: [lpatrenets@gmail.com](mailto:lpatrenets@gmail.com) for the link information to log into the meeting.





Meet the AKC Canine Health Foundation's new Executive Director, Dr. Calvin Carpenter. In this 7-minute video, Dr. Carpenter will introduce himself and give an update on CHF operations, including how COVID-19 has affected the work of the Foundation.



The numbers don't lie. The AKC Canine Health Foundation is the leader in research to prevent, treat and cure canine cancer. In May, we recognize **Pet Cancer Awareness Month** and the good work being done to support canine cancer research.

- ◆ 230 canine cancer research and education grants since 1995
- ◆ \$14.46M in funding for canine cancer research since 1995
- ◆ 32 currently active canine cancer grants

Your financial support can fund more research into devastating diseases like hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, and osteosarcoma. Give today and make a difference for current and future generations of dogs and the people who love them.

**DONATE NOW** 

## Clark Osojnicki, a financial analyst and champion dog trainer, dies of COVID-19 at 56

By Matt McKinney Star Tribune

At the hospital, staffers had seen signs of improvement, and his wife felt certain he would return to their Stillwater home soon.

Clark Osojnicki was a longtime employee of a Minneapolis law firm and a trainer of champion "agility" dogs. He was 56.

The day before he went to the hospital, Clark Osojnicki felt better than he had in days. His fever had gone down, and the body aches and headache that had bothered him since March 18 had faded. A day later, he walked from his couch to the bathroom and back, and he was exhausted.

"He said, 'I feel like I just ran there,'" said his wife, Kris Osojnicki. Even as Osojnicki was hospitalized and put on a ventilator, it didn't seem possible that he could die of COVID-19, said Kris. The medical staff said they saw signs of improvement, and she felt certain he would return to their Stillwater home soon.

Instead, Osojnicki, a longtime employee of a Minneapolis law firm and a trainer of champion "agility" dogs, died April 6. He was 56. Despite having Type 2 diabetes, Osojnicki was healthy, ate well, and got regular exercise while training his *Bernese mountain dogs* and border collies, said Kris.

"I do think that people feel like if you're young and healthy it's not going to happen to you, and the worst thing is that you might give it to your 95-year-old grandmother," she said.

Born in Roseville, Osojnicki graduated from Totino-Grace High School, attended the University of Minnesota and then transferred to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. After graduation, he took a job as an accounts payable clerk at the law firm Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett. The firm earlier this year merged with another to become Lathrop GPM, and at the time of his death Osojnicki was the firm's senior financial systems analyst.

He and Kris met as teenagers in 1981 at a bowling alley and married in 1987. They chose not to have children, and their home life revolved around competitions.

In the "agility" community, Osojnicki was a teacher, friend and helpful aid to other dog owners. He and Kris were part owners of the Animal Inn in Lake Elmo for many years. He won some 25 championships with his dogs, and with his Bernese mountain dog, Roxy, took third place at the American Kennel Club Agility Nationals in 2007.

At 6-feet-4, Osojnicki was known as a gentle giant who loved good humor, sports and sports statistics and solving problems at the office.

"Clark was a fabulous person in all regards," wrote Minneapolis attorney and Osojnicki's co-worker Bruce Mooty on an online memorial to Osojnicki.

He is survived by his wife; brother, Mark Osojnicki of Vadnais Heights; and sisters Ann Zender of Saint-Paul de Vence, France; and Toni Osojnicki of Stillwater.





### Back 2 Back Comments from Lindsay Thomson

First and Foremost, Thank You!!! Thank you to the Committee of BMDCSW for inviting me to judge such a great show. It was a lovely venue, excellent weather (snow for me but not too much snow for you!) and wonderful prizes.

Sportsmanship was exemplary and I especially liked to see the warm, genuine congratulations given to winners by their peers.

I was really pleased with my entry and the quality of the dogs overall. As with my country and much of the world bitches were over all slightly stronger in quality than the males but in saying that there were a lot of lovely males and there were many I would have loved to have in my back yard.

Temperaments of the dogs were excellent, not a single dog shied and none of the males even when packed into a smaller space had a grumble.

My Winners Dog was a very promising young man from the 12-18 month old class, some maturing still to do but that didn't disguise his lovely type and effortless movement, I was really pleased to see he was WD again the next day under Dr. Ericson and a new Champion Congratulations.

My Winners Bitch and BOW was a 2 year-old girl from BBE class, she was strong but feminine, balanced, didn't put a foot wrong and loved to show herself off. Her win also gave her Championship.

My Specials classes were strong and I wished I had a few more

AOM's to give out to be honest, Best Male (and Best Opposite Sex) and Select Dog were both veterans and really defied their ages, they were strong, sound and could easily still work.

Select Bitch was a lovely honest girl, beautiful head, correct proportions and a lovely style, she actually made me teary in the ring as she reminded me so much of a girl I have at home who wasn't doing well at the time.

Best of Breed on the day was my Best BBE and Best of Winners Skylyn's Whistling Dixie owned by C Mclean and G Robinson. She really is a gorgeous girl. I loved everything about except that she wasn't mine! She performed like a star and was a beautiful example of the breed to boot.

Congratulations to all my winners and thank you again for the honour of judging your beautiful dogs.

This came after the last Yodels were published, see below note from Lindsay Thomson.

Gahhh I am so sorry Karen,

Things here have been so crazy, I have had to work flat out with all the Covid isolations as we have set up a 'Camp Corona' so to speak. Where the patients who are positive and need to be isolated away from negative friends and family are staying at a holiday park (ironic hey!) that had closed due to the virus and we are working to assess and triage them.

But I will add some thought now I apologize for the tardiness, This is my first half day off.





## BREEDER REFERRAL 2019

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2019. 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](#) at this link.

### Some Websites that you may be interested in:

- [www.animallaw.info/statute/wi-dog-consolidated-dog-laws#s173\\_41](http://www.animallaw.info/statute/wi-dog-consolidated-dog-laws#s173_41) Wisconsin dog related laws
- [www.bmdca.org/](http://www.bmdca.org/) Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Website
- [www.bernergarde.org/home/](http://www.bernergarde.org/home/) Berner-Garde Foundation
- [www.bestbeau.ca/BMD\\_Health\\_Info\\_Links.html](http://www.bestbeau.ca/BMD_Health_Info_Links.html) BMD Health Site
- [www.pettravel.com](http://www.pettravel.com) Pet friendly travel accommodations
- [www.dogbitelaw.com](http://www.dogbitelaw.com) Dog Bite Law
- [www.barcinc.net/](http://www.barcinc.net/) Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition
- [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) Official American Kennel Club Site
- [www.rallyobedience.com/](http://www.rallyobedience.com/) Rally obedience Site
- [www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm](http://www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm) Plants that are Poisonous for Dogs
- [www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html](http://www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html) University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement
- [Offa.org](http://Offa.org) Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
- [www.vmdb.org/cerf.html](http://www.vmdb.org/cerf.html) Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF)
- [www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html) Canine Health Information Center
- [www.behaf.org/](http://www.behaf.org/) Berner Emergency Health Assistance Foundation (Behaf)
- [www.bmdcni.org/index.html](http://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:

- [www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/) Tufts University Pet Loss hotline
- [www.petpartners.org/Pet\\_Loss\\_Websites](http://www.petpartners.org/Pet_Loss_Websites) Pet Loss web sites
- [www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372](http://www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372) Pet loss references and resources



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### Litter announcements

The Yodels Newsletter is intended for educational and BMDCSEW related activities. The Yodels will not publish litter announcements. Please refer litter announcements to the Breeder Referral as posted in the adjoining column.

Publication is anticipated the **last week of the quarter**. Deadline for News, Articles and Advertisements are as follows:

<b>March 20</b>	<b>1st Qtr. Jan-Mar Newsletter</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>2nd Qtr. Apr-Jun Newsletter</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>3rd Qtr. Jul-Sep Newsletter</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>4th Qtr. Oct-Dec Newsletter</b>

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