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Yodels

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

Changes to two club policies that were voted on at the July Meeting.

Awards Policy. The Board has updated the wording as requested by membership at the February meeting. The main two points were to include BMDCA Top Producers and AKC Achievers. Following is the Policy as the Board is proposing it. Deletions are struck through and additions are underlined.

Annual New Title Awards

Each year in February, members that have placed a title on their Bernese during the previous year receive an award at the annual Awards Luncheon. To be eligible for an award the following accomplishments must be met:

1. You, the owner or co-owner, must be a member in good standing with the BMDCEW.
2. The dog must reside with a member of the BMDCEW or a member in good standing must have done the majority of the showing/testing. Breeders that are co-owners who do most of the showing can get an award even if the dog does not live with them.
3. The dog must have completed the requirements and received a certificate from the AKC, UKC, CKC, BMDCA or a Therapy Dog Organization. for titles in the following categories: Conformation, Obedience, Draft, Herding, Rally, CGC, Agility, Tracking, Working Dog, Versatility, Therapy, and/or Temperament Test

2018 Board Meetings

Sat, January 20; 10:00 AM
 Eschweiler's home
 32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun. Feb 11 9:30 AM
 Thunder Bay Grille
 N14W24130 Tower Place,
 Waukesha

Sat., April 7, 2017 9:00 AM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia

Sat, June 16th, 10:00 AM
 Eschweiler's
 32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sat, Sept 29th, 3:00 PM or
 after Draft is finished
 Nashotah Park
 W330N5113 County Road
 C, Nashotah, WI 53058
 INCLEMENT WEATHER
 ALTERNATE: Eschweiler's
 32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun, Nov, 4, 10:00 am
 Olympia Resort, 1350 Roy-
 ale Mile Road,
 Oconomowoc

General Member Meetings

Sun. Feb 11, 2018
 Thunder Bay Grill
 N14W24130 Tower Place
 Waukesha
 11:00 AM Dinner
 12:00 PM meeting

Spring Fling
 Sat., April 7,
 10:00 am—4:00 PM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia
 Meeting 12:30 PM

Waukesha 2018 KC Show
 Saturday, July 28th
 Waukesha County
 Expo Center
 1000 North view Road
 1 Hour after BMD judging

Bernerfest 2018
 Sun., September 30th
 Nashotah Park
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C
 Nashotah
 9:30 AM or following
 draft walk-through

Annual Member Meeting
 Sunday, November 4th
 St. Mary's Church
 36014 Sunset Drive
 Dousman
 12:30 PM

Upcoming BMDCEW Sponsored Events for 2018

Awards Dinner
 Sunday, Feb. 11th
 Thunder Bay Grill
 Waukesha
 11:00 AM

Back-To-Back Specialty
 Friday—Saturday
 March 2—3
 6:00 AM—6:00 PM
 Washington Co.
 Expo Center
 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,
 West Bend

Spring Fling
 Saturday, April 7th
 10:00 AM—4:00 PM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive,
 Ixonia

Draft / Carting Workshop
 TBD
 W8521 School Section
 Road
 Darien

Draft Test
 Friday, Sept 28rd
 Nashotah Park
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C
 Nashotah

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 10:00 AM



4. Members of the BMDCSEW who own or co-own a dog that achieves Top Producer status with the BMDCA is also eligible for an Award.

To receive the award at the Awards Banquet in February, an Awards Application must be completed sent with a photocopy of the title certificate to the Awards Chair. Awards Applications will be made available at the end of the year.

Breeder Referral Participation Policy. The old policy required working at one event a year and be a member in good standing.

Dues must be current. Breeder must be a participating member of the BMDCSEW for at least 2 years and a voting member for 1 year.

Pet puppies will be sold on a spay/neuter contract and limited registration. All litters will be registered with the AKC with full litters entered in Berner-Garde. Breeders and stud dog owners shall accept responsibility for all the puppies they produce. Parents of litters will be current in Berner-Garde and have OFA/Penn Hip evaluations of hips and elbows.

The BMDCSEW strongly recommends current eye certification, testing for vWD or clear by parentage, cardiac evaluation and DM testing and have that entered in Berner-Garde.

Breeder should have exhibited in an AKC or BMDCA show or trial within the last 2 years.

Breeders must follow the BMDCSEW code of ethics.

Breeders are required to attend 2 general meetings per calendar year and chair one event, being in attendance or work on two committees. Breeder referral chair will verify that these requirements are met before breeder is placed on the website.

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- ◆ Regional Specialty Judges Hospitality Chair
- ◆ Regional Specialty Chief Ring Steward Chair
- ◆ Regional Specialty Raffle Chair
- ◆ Regional Specialty Raffle Committee
- ◆ Membership Chair
- ◆ Board Member (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Director)

2018 Draft Test

Our club hosted three BMDCA Draft Tests again this year on Friday 9/28, Saturday 9/29, and Sunday 9/30. Our judges were Karyn Beyer from California, Val Horney from Colorado, and Phil Atkinson from Massachusetts. The number of entries was 13 on Friday, 16 on Saturday, and 11 on Sunday. Several entrants were absent for various reasons, so the total number who actually participated was a bit lower.

Friday, we had 13 entries. Of that, 2 were absent, 2 open passes, 2 novice passes, 7 novice fails.

Saturday, we had 16 entries. Of that, 4 were absent, 2 open passes, 2 open fails, 3 novice passes, 5 novice fails.

Sunday, we had 11 entries. Of that 3 were absent, 3 open passes, 1 open fail, 3 novice passes, 1 novice fail.

The weather was cool which was great for the dogs. There was rain overnight but we got lucky that it held off during the day except a bit misty on Sunday morning.

There were a few other breeds besides BMDs entered – two Leonbergers, a Bouvier des Flandres, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, a St Bernard, and a Shetland Sheepdog. It was enjoyable to watch the other breeds working draft!

Many Thank Yous need to be given! Where to start! Kerry & Keith Waltersdorf and their son housed and fed the judges and helped transport them from the airport and to and from the draft site. Robin Krumnow also helped with transporting judges from the airport. Kathy Bohm was secretary for all three days of tests! She did a fabulous job! No one would have known this was her first time! She did have a great mentor in Paige Hess! We had wonderful stewards each day. Joanne Brault, Lynne Kurz, Kay Wendorf, and Cindy Falk worked all three days. Others who helped are Benita Theleen, Penny Laben, Lyn Steffens, Brycie Marine, Marian Fenlon, Stephanie Delmore, Debbie Schneider, and Angie Hanson. Special thanks to Marian Fenlon for her help with the catalog layout. Thank You...Thank You...Thank You All!!

Peggy Granger and Karen Borre



American Kennel Club Announces 'AKC FIT DOG' Program

The American Kennel Club (AKC®) is proud to announce the AKC FIT DOG program. AKC FIT DOG is an introductory level incentive program that will offer dog owners who reach a specified fitness goal a free car magnet featuring the AKC FIT DOG logo. Participation in AKC FIT DOG will bring health benefits to both dogs and their owners.

"The most commonly recommended exercise to improve fitness by both physicians and veterinarians is walking," said Mary Burch, Director of the AKC Family Dog program. "AKC FIT DOG has adopted the American Heart Association's recommendation of 30 to 40 minutes of walking for a total of 150 minutes per week. If we can get people walking with their dogs, we can contribute to the overall health, fitness and well-being of dogs and their owners."

"We hope AKC clubs and other organizations will have fun with this program in their own unique way," said Doug Ljungren, Executive VP for Sports & Events. "Group walks will help socialize dogs and promote fitness and fellowship."

To participate in AKC FIT DOG and earn your free car magnet, please go to: <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>

Pics From the Past

Fifth Liberty Loan drive of 1919 taken in Washington D.C. The Belgians used dogs frequently in WWI to pull their machine gun units. Americans used dogs to pull medical carts.



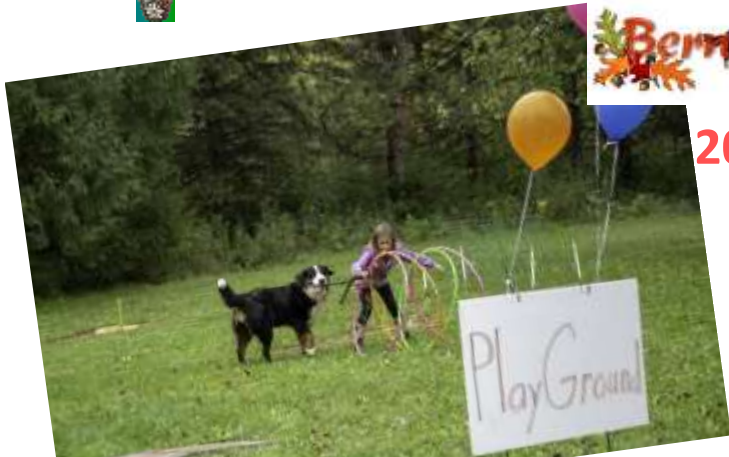
The 2019 BMDCA National Specialty Trophy Committee is busy paddling towards Cragun's Resort, but we need your help to get the paddling done! Help us finish paddling by going to the bmdca.org On-line Store and selecting one of the trophies that are left. We can get to the finish line with everyone's help!





Berner Fest

2018





Reggie

Berner Brags

I am so proud of my girl, Breeze. On October 14, 2018, she passed her VST test. That completed the requirements for the AKC Champion Tracker title. She is just the 10th BMD to achieve this title! Most impressive is that she passed all three of the tracking titles required for Champion Tracker on her first try each!!

I could not be prouder of my big goofy Breeze!! She is now CT Stormfront Delightful Breeze at Stonehill, CD, Grand Maser Draft Dog.

Peggy Granger



GCH Serendipity Alpstadt Peacenic (Niki) CD BNDD got her ANDD at the first day of the Wisconsin draft tests - (still not listed in BG but that pass should have completed it)

Kay Wendorf



It was a great summer for us! "Luther" Holiday's I Have a Dream CGC finished his championship in style, going Best of Winners and earning a 4 point major on July 28th at the BMDCEW Supported Entry at the Waukesha Kennel Club dog show. He also went select dog at the BMDCGTC supported entry, over many beautiful specials, at the St Croix Valley Kennel Club dog show on Aug 26th in Minnesota.

I love my Louie Louis Luther!

Brycie Marine



Finn



Miss Beasley



Maggie





Photos by Kerry Waltersdorf

BMDCSEW At Green County Cheese Days



BERNERFEST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Despite the on again-off again rain we had a good turnout. **Vicki, Star & Dimples** were kept busy collecting the car entry fees. Games by **Nancy** were a lot of fun according to my grandsons, who don't own a Berner but like to play the games with their lab. **Ed** spent the entire day taking beautiful photos of the dogs and their families. People commented this will be their Christmas card. **Aaron** had a non-stop line of people and dogs waiting for a massage. Across the way his mother **Robin** did the 101 grooming on so many of the pet Berners. **Cindy** was booked solid doing the CGC testing, all passed!!!

Holly made her deliciously famous Berner cookies and donated all the proceeds to the club. The food vendors **Gareth & Cody** with their helpers Jack & Lucy served the popular Italian Beef sandwiches. **Gareth & Cody** generously donated all the money from their sales back to the club. It is so nice of them to support our club and spend the day with all the crazy Berner people. The basket raffle was organized by **Penny** and her friends. The baskets were fantastic!! Those baskets along with other donated items kept the crowd buying all those precious tickets. **Penny** and friends did a great job setting-up and selling tickets. The draft cart donated by **Bonnie & Tammy Lindvig** was won by Kerry Luderus of Dousman, WI.

It makes me feel so proud to think that people who don't even belong to our club are so generous with their time, products and money donating to our club to make it the success it is. Thank you to **all** the good and generous people who feel our Club is special, Kerry Waltersdorf VP BMDCSEW



Some Websites that you may be interested in:

www.bmdca.org/ Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Website
<http://www.bernergarde.org/home/> Berner-Garde Foundation
www.bestbeau.ca/BMD_Health_Info_Links.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 (Behaf)
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:

<http://www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/> Tufts University Pet Loss hotline
http://www.petpartners.org/Pet_Loss_Websites Pet Loss web sites
<http://www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372> Pet loss references and resources

BREEDER REFERRAL 2018

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2018. 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 the form below and mail to:

Sue Wellenstein
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 Oshkosh, WI 54904
 920-231-2881
bugziere@gmail.com

1) Please complete:

Name: _____
 Kennel name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone number: _____
 E-mail address: _____

2) Check one:

Would you like to be listed as a: breeder or educator

3) Please name the club event(s) in the past year that you volunteered your time at and the task or duty did you perform there:

Club event:

Task performed:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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