



Mason-Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Berner Tales

Late Summer 2014

Calendar

Saturday September 13

Plan BOB match with Rally at 4 Paws
Spa and Training Center,
Forest Hill, MD
(see the enclosed flyer)
Conformation
Obedience
Rally and Draft practice
Brief general meeting

Sunday October 19

Annual Halloween Potluck Picnic in Bill
and Valerie's front pasture. Dogs
running loose, wearing crazy outfits,
good food and good company.
Look for the flyer in the next issue.
Brief general meeting

Sunday, January 4, 2015

Annual Health Clinic: eyes, hearts, and
chipping. Get all your dogs up to date
for Berner-Garde entries.

Crazy Busy Spring

The Celtic Classic at York with a
MDBMDC regional specialty and a
supported entry went well with 57 dogs
entered in the specialty.

It was followed almost immediately
two weeks later with the Back to Back
draft tests held with the BMDC of
Watchung in York at John Rudy Dog
Park on what had to be the coldest and
wettest weekend of the entire spring
(not springlike). It rained like mad, the
wind blew everything sideways, pop ups
flew and rain blew and the mud grew.
Even the folks doing paperwork under
the tent were soaked. No one had
raingear to match the storm except
Angie Evans who stewarded constantly.
The judges stood out all day both days
and remained cheerful and supportive.
There were great pass rates, especially
among the open dogs, especially open
brace girls. By the time the tents were
packed and the wet dogs stored on
Sunday afternoon

the temperature had dropped to 34 and snow began falling as most folks drove home. The dogs and humans both showed amazing good grace and fortitude under some really awful conditions.

The earlier than usual draft test date was determined by the BMDCA National Specialty which kicked off very early this year the following weekend in Hampton VA. The dogs and people barely had time to dry off and warm up.

Brave wet MDBMDC match workers: Jill Shaeffer, Sue Van Ocker, Dawn Cox, Angie Evans, Carol Ronca, Babs Winicur, Lori Kuhn and Valerie Chase.

Next year the draft tests move back to BMDC of Watchung territory on April 11-12,

Drafting at the Match

Draft dogs need obedience training so dog class is great and rally helps with the idea of following a course, but sometimes getting hooked up to a cart doesn't come naturally. When the formal Plan BOB match is done, we'll be doing informal draft. There will be two extra carts and harnesses in 4 sizes from small to fairly large.

Hang around after the match and join in or watch and learn. Find out if your dog is a natural or needs a slow introduction. There are 3 draft tests locally at the end of September and in early October. The draft schedules, rules and information are all on www.bmdca.org under draft

The Halloween Picnic is October 19, Sunday

For once Howard Co is the weekend before and Leesburg is the weekend after the picnic. Last year the turnout was not large but it was a lovely day, the food was great and the dogs were very happy to have the whole pasture to roam in. Bill will be here so grilled salmon may be on menu. More info to come.



Scuba dog w/ tank and fish id

AKC Sanctioned Plan BOB Match with Rally
MASON DIXON BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB

Saturday September 13, 2014

4 PAWS SPA AND TRAINING CENTER

121-A Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050

**INDOORS w/ AIR CONDITING \$10 for first entry includes lunch,
\$5 for additional dogs/entries BMDs only**

Schedule:

9 am: entries open, obedience entries close at 10 am;

conformation and rally at 10:30 am

10:30 am Conformation Ring 1

Judge Mr. Al Ferruggiaro:

- Classes: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18. BBE, Open , Veterans 7- 9 and 9-11
- Trophies and Rosettes: Best Puppy and Opposite, Best Adult and Opposite (12-18, BBE and Open), Best Veteran and Opposite
- **Pointed dogs, including majors, accepted in regular classes;** no pro handlers except as owners; CHs and neutered dogs restricted to Veterans classes

10 am Obedience Ring 2

Judge Ms Debbie Kaminski: Oriole Dog Training Club obedience instructor and frequent run thru judge at Oriole and 4 Paws

- Classes: Beginners Novice A and B, Novice A and B, Open A and B, Utility A and B
- Trophy and Rosette: High in Trial

- AKC rules for class entry apply (ie no dogs in BN with CD leg or in Novice with CDX leg nor Open with a CDX except B)

Lunch following the end of Conformation and/or Obedience

Rally in Ring 1 after lunch

Judge: Valerie Chase, Oriole Dog Training Club Rally instructor, 4 H and run thru rally judge

- Classes: Novice A and B, Advanced A and B, Excellent A and B
- Trophy and Rosette: High Combined RAE leg

Informal Draft Introduction and Practice to follow lunch in Ring 2 and outdoors - NO ENTRY FEE

Join MDBMDC members who cart and can help you get started.

Several carts and harnesses available. There are upcoming BMDCCV, PVBMDC and BMDCW tests locally.

Detailed Directions to 4 Paws at www.4pawsspaonline

Look carefully at the Map. Coming from Carroll, northern Baltimore or York Co consider using I 83. From I 83 going north, access Jarrettesville Pike from I 83 exit 31 east on Wiseburg Rd, left on White Hall Rd after the RR tracks. Right on MD 23. Stay **straight east** in Jarrettesville to stay on the pike (no right turn on 23 at light) which goes right past Industry Lane in Forest Hill after the intersection with MD 24. Use MD 439 coming down from PA.