



Mason-Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Berner Tales

Fall 2008

2008 Calendar

Oct. 19- Halloween Picnic and General Club meeting, Parkton, MD.

Covered dish, doggy costume contest and fun for members and guests.

Nov. 17- Board Meeting, Al Dente, York, PA 7pm

Dec. 6- Holiday Party and General Club Meeting at Papillonia Training Facility, Felton, PA. Covered dish, doggy games and prizes,

2009- Health Clinic Brenda is working on a really good one - stay tuned March 12-15, 2009 Celtic Cluster dog shows, York PA MDBMDC 3 supported entries and a specialty

Missing Savannah

The picnic will be missing another wonderful, long time participant. Sue Eller just posted that she had to send her beloved companion of more than 12 yrs, Maric's Savannah Blue, across the bridge after fighting cancer all summer. While they never live as long as we need them too, Savannah and Hasbro give us hope that we might have dogs that beat the odds and make the December veterans' Alpenhorn issue.

Halloween Potluck Picnic Sunday October 19, 2008

See the enclosed flyer for picnic information and directions. The picnic this year is dedicated to the dog who has led the group with the most universally creative, original and stylish costumes over the many years of the event - the Greenwood family's Hasbro. There will be a hole in all our hearts when it comes time for the costumes to come out and he is not there.

Whether as Fred Flintstone, Captain Hook, Dog



Marino, Hasbro Heffner or the workman from the Village People, Hasbro managed to maintain his dignity. He lived a long life, but it is

never enough. We will miss him greatly!

Did You Miss the August Supported Entry?

It was at the Penn Ridge Kennel Club show at the Harrisburg PA Farm Show Complex on Saturday, August 9. The MDBMDC supported the entry for Bernese Mountain Dogs. Puppy and Veteran Sweeps judge was Bill Hamilton, a breeder judge. Regular classes were done by Joan Gerow who is also a breeder judge. There was a potluck and meeting as well.

Results:

BOB CH Great Lakes Doctor Stanley
BOS CH Trevi's Lonestar
WD&BOW Snowcap's The Golden Ticket
RWD M&M Mtns Not Ur Ordinary Smith
WB Wingfield's Keeping Memories
RWB Quellen's Double Exposure

No Berners qualified in obedience.

Plan BOB Match 9/20/08 Results

Obedience: Judge Pat Mills
HIT Bedro's Edelweiss for JETS - Geneva (a veteran!) and Jill Shaeffer

Rally: Judge Valerie Chase
1st Novice A Goldie and Anita Reihert

Conformation: Judge Heather Bremmer
Best Puppy: Max - Jill and Jay Clark
Best Opposite Puppy: Stormy - Brenda Bedrosian

Best Adult: Lola - Brenda Bedrosian
Best Opposite Adult: Jackson - Nancy Daly
Best Veteran: Geneva - Jill Shaeffer

Junior Showmanship: Judge Heather Bremmer
1st Caroline Reihert and Goldie

Mason- Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club 2009 Slate of Officers and Board Members

President:	Christine Vlassis
Vice- President:	Nancy Daly
Secretary:	Jill Shaeffer
Treasurer:	Jackie Caracciolo
Officer:	Brenda Bedrosian
Officer:	Valerie Chase
Officer:	Dawn Cox
Past President:	Cathie Shipe

Any additional nominations may be made by the end of November by any member provided that the person nominated does not decline when his name is proposed. The proposer shall present to the secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position. Send any nominations and written acceptances of that nomination to Jill Shaeffer, JillsBerner33@aol.com or to 1148 Grandview Rd. York, PA 17403

Respectfully Submitted,
The 2008 Nominating Committee

News and Notes

Nancy Daly and her dog Jackson can be seen in a picture at the Sept 20 match photos at www.mdbmdc.org in the photo gallery. He was WD, but the real winner is Nancy and all the folks who know and love her. After an entire summer of being extremely ill, she has reappeared to bring cheer and joy to everyone who knows her. We are SOOOOO glad to have you back, Nancy!

A Note from Pat Mills

CH Brightwater's No Apologies v BJ, aka "**Wolly**", received her official OFA hip and elbow results:

OFA Excellent hips, OFA Elbows Normal! These are now added to her clear CERF (renewed 8/9/08), normal patellas, cardiac clearance, and vWD normal by parentage.

Wolly's sister, "Nicki", CH Brightwater's Jest In The Nic of Rhyme, bred and owned by Georgeann Reeve, also came back OFA Excellent and Elbow Normal!

A note from Dawn Cox

Tanner took an **AOM** at the National Specialty in RI, but Dawn seems most excited about getting a **Group 2** while showing him herself more recently.

Rankings as of 9/5/09

Tanner (# 14 with 8 BOBs) and **Cathie Shipe's Callahan** (# 21 with 10 BOBs) are both in the Top 25. Good going guys!

Rescue Updates

Just before this newsletter, two dogs came into MDBMDC Rescue. Both are puppies who were judged to have orthopedic issues and were therefore dumped by non-member, non-BMDCA breeders in this area. You can view pictures of both Oliver and Lola at the www.mdbmdc.org gallery of rescue dogs.

Oliver (born in April 2008) was returned to his Amish breeder and was going to be put down when a Smoketown vet working at the farm discovered him. Christine Vlassis picked him up immediately, along with his papers and got him to Mary Merrell who then transferred him to a foster home. His photos show him playing with his foster home buddy Berner. He is being evaluated and a forever home may be in his near future.

Just a few day later another puppy was being given up, 14 week old Lola, again for potential orthopedic reasons. She has also been taken in and is in the process of being evaluated and finding a new home. Lola's picture is also in the gallery.

Both are sweet, loving dogs. In both cases the owners did not spend the money to thoroughly evaluate their pups, but rather just dumped them. The club is working to insure that they find homes that care for them.

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Annual Halloween Picnic

Pre Picnic draft and Rally practice. A Rally ring and all Draft equipment including a cart will be out and ready to go by 10:30 am



Sunday, October 19, 2008
19241 Middletown Rd.
Parkton, MD 21120
11:30 – 4pm

Snacks at noon, big feed at around 12:30 pm, and then fun and games for all. Light rain or shine – the dogs don't care and the humans can hide under pop-ups. Cancelled if raining hard. Social dogs can run loose in the fenced pasture. All intact males over 1 yr on leash, please!

Hosts will provide a grilled main dish, ice, plates and utensils. Bring your own choice of drinks, a dish to share and folding chairs and/or tables and pop-ups if you have one. Don't sit under the pines trees – they are shedding needles this time of year!

RSVP to Valerie at vchase529@att.net or 410-357-8290 by the 16th.

Raffle prizes for dogs and kids in costume!

This is a good event for new Berner owners who are interested in the club, but do not belong. Please invite anyone you know with a Berner(s). Non-Berners dogs with a Berner family are welcome IF they are civil and well-behaved.



From I 83 North or South: Take Exit 31 (Middletown Rd.), which is about 7 miles south of the PA border. Go WEST on Middletown Rd. 2.4 miles. About ¼ of a mile beyond Wally's Country Store and BP Gas, turn right down a rocky driveway between two 1970's ranchers. Look for the red flag at the mailbox. Go past the house to the back pasture to park. Walk to front pasture.

From the Northwest: (Westminster or Hanover). Come SOUTH on PA 851. Where 851 curves left to go to New Freedom, about 1/3 of a mile beyond the Rutters Mini-Mart on the left, go STRAIGHT and you will be on Middletown Rd. Pass Prettyboy Elementary School on the right and then look for Pine Grove Methodist Church on the left. When past the church, look for the red flag on the left and turn left onto the rocky drive just past the flag and mailboxes.

Don't miss the annual
Halloween Potluck Picnic
and Costume Party

Sunday October 19, 2008

*Come early to practice Rally or Draft
mini draft workshop at 10:30 am
See the enclosed flyer for details!*

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