



Newsletter

May 2014

President's Message

Hi All!

Please join us for a brief meeting at 11:00am at the BernerFest on Sunday, June 8th at Myers Point Park, N. Lansing, NY, just north of Ithaca on the east side of Seneca Lake. The BernerFest will be held 9am – approx. 5pm. A notice is included elsewhere in this newsletter. It should be an enjoyable picnic and day for Berners and their owners and other fanciers. Many thanks to Galen Zimmer and the many members who help put on this day focused on our wonderful breed. Galen has a few activities planned, including a discussion about Berners working. Most of the activities occur 10:00am – 3pm. Please do join us!

A nominating committee has been selected to help identify a slate for the club's new year, to begin at the end of the meeting held at Sampson State Park shortly after our club's supported entry, at the end of September. The nominating committee consists of Galen Zimmer, Chair, Linda Carney and Joan LaMendola. Please feel free to contact them with recommendations for the officers of the club and for a Board member. Galen can be reached at 607-844-4168.

Many thanks to Lynn Nelson and Pam Wehle for preparing the great basket donated by the BMD CFL to the BMDCA National Specialty to be raffled as a fundraiser. Our basket was a real star among many wonderful baskets. They did us proud—thanks, ladies! Those of us who traveled to Virginia had a wonderful time, and our dogs represented our region well!

Bernerly,
Sue Brightman, President
ArundelBerners@gmail.com
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2014 BMD CFL Nominating Committee

Galen Zimmer, Chair
Linda Carney
Joan LaMendola.

Please feel free to contact them with recommendations for the officers of the club and for a Board member. Galen can be reached at 607-844-4168.

The Secretary will formally let anyone nominated know of their candidacy by June 15. At the Annual Meeting (September), we accept nominations from the floor (if a candidate is not in attendance, they are expected to have provided a written statement of their willingness to be nominated). We then cast a vote and the newly elected officers and board take office at the end of the meeting.

BernerFest 2014

Sunday, June 8.

Myers Park, Cayuga Lake in Lansing (Pavilion F)

9 am - 5 pm with most organized activities happening before our picnic at 1 pm

We welcome Berners and their families and friends (human and canine).

A raffle will follow the picnic.

**We always have a good time rain or shine—
the dogs don't care!**

Hots and hamburgers will be provided by the club.

Bring beverages and place settings, a dish to pass and to add to our raffle with a dog-related item.

We look forward to sharing this popular event with you and your Berner.

Any questions, contact:
Galen Zimmer, 607-844-4168

A small fee for parking is charged. Overnight camping is available.

Families are asked to donate \$5 each to our club treasury (checks payable to BMDCFL) to help cover the festivities.

The theme of this year's Bernerfest is "Yes-We are Working Dogs!"

Anyone who has a Berner with a job- Please make note of this at registration.

Jobs can be from waiting at the bus stop with the kids, keeping the grandparents company, visiting nursing homes, being part of school programs, etc. etc.

These dogs will be honored for their contribution to the Working Dog Hall of Fame!

Minutes, BMD CFL Meeting, March 29, 2014

In Attendance:

Members: Sue Brightman, Paul Donabella, Galen Zimmer, Bob Holley, Linda DeLorm, Lynn Nelson, Linda Craney, Debra Brown, Ellen Lechner, Beverly Burney, Lori Krebs, Joan LaMendola, Pam Wehle, Tom Herman.

Guests: D. Dixon

President Sue Brightman called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Report of the Secretary: The Secretary did not attend the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were posted in the newsletter. Ellen Lechner motioned to accept the minutes as posted, Lynn Nelson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer: Bev Burney announced Berkshire Bank has taken over the account where the club's treasury is held, and all accounts from the prior bank have been converted. The February 2014 balance is \$4911.29 and includes checks to the webmaster, for web hosting, BMDCA hospitality, and Sportsmens Insurance. A call was made for dues for 2014-15 and a few members renewed at the meeting. Bev will get a new membership list finalized. Linda Carney motioned to accept the report, Galen Zimmer seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Rescue: Galen Zimmer reported the Davidsons rescued a Berner and drove from Corning to Farmington to pick up the dog. The dog was from a puppy mill. The new family had the dog neutered and is acclimating him into their home. Due to the wonderful, caring new family, the awful situation was turned into a great success. Galen confirmed that the club offers a free year's associate (non-voting) membership in the club including the newsletter. She will give the information to Lori Krebs, membership chair, and Joan LaMendola, newsletter chair.

Old Business:

January Winter Bash: Many thanks to Lynn and Lance Nelson for hosting the Winter Bash east of Rochester, and to the many members who assisted with this successful bash! We are calling on other members to coordinate a club gathering in the region. It does not have to be elaborate.

Facebook: Please contribute news and "like" to the BMD CFL's FaceBook page. Contribute your news of your dog, fun with the family, pictures, activities of any sort, wins, and general Berner info. Many thanks to Lynn Nelson from keeping up with this forum!

New Business:

BernerFest: Galen reminded members of the BernerFest scheduled on Sunday, June 8 at Myers Point Park, N. Lansing. Fliers were available for anyone wanting to post them. The event will run 9am-5pm with the activities primarily 10am-3pm. Hots and hamburgs will be provided by the club, and people are asked to bring a dish to pass, a toy and raffle item, and to contribute \$5 to the activities. A brief club meeting will be held at 11am. The theme this year is "Yes, we are working dogs with jobs!"

Other Events: Lynn reminded members of the Hunt Country Walk Saturday, June 7 in Branchport to support the local humane society. A couple of members talked about camping at BernerFest and attending both events.

BMDCA National Specialty, April 6-12, Hampton, VA: Lynn Nelson and Pam Wehle were preparing a basket for the fundraising event for the BMDCA National Specialty. They were accepting donations of Berner or NYS-related items or donations to support the basket. The BMDCA National Specialty holds a raffle of all baskets donated by regional clubs and individuals. Many thanks to Lynn and Pam and to those who contributed!

BMDCA Regional Club and Rescue Meetings: Sue Brightman thanked Lynn Nelson for attending the BMDCA's RCC and Rescue Roundtable meetings on behalf of the Club.

Supported Entry at Sampson State Park at the end of September: Debra Brown, Chair of the event, called for donations and asked members to check their March newsletter for details. Donations are requested for Rally, Agility, Obedience, Junior Showmanship, Brace, and Regular Conformation. The supported entry will be held again at Sampson State Park in conjunction with the Wine Country show circuit. It is unclear whether this circuit will continue, though they did agree to hold this year's circuit. Please contact Debra Brown with your donations and send any checks to Treasurer Bev Burney.

Sportsmens Insurance: Bev Burney asked if there might be a member who knows more about insurance and whether there is any way to save funds. Currently, the club is paying \$625/year for insurance. Sue offered to contact 1-2 club members who may know more about insurance. Discussion ensued about the need for insurance and some past details.

Ways & Means: Lynn Nelson asked about Ways and Means committee with Berner wares to sell on behalf of the club. Discussion ensued on the past committee and the lack of interest or income from these items. Sue asked that a volunteer present a plan to the Board for discussion and the club would consider such a committee if there was an interest.

Since there was no additional business, Joan LaMendola motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Tom Herman seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.

Sincerely,
Sue Brightman, President



"like Us!"

See "Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes".

For those that do not have a computer or use the computer, FaceBook is one of the social media that people use to stay informed. Clubs and businesses use FaceBook as a way of promoting their club or business. Unlike a website, Facebook is multi-dimensional in that people can post comments and photos and others can reply. It is an excellent way to get up-to-the- minute information out to a lot of people at once.

Our FaceBook page has already been updated with information about The Hunt Country Dog Walk, Bernerfest, and Wine Country. We will post more events as they come up.

This is also an excellent way for us to announce our brags from dog shows, new litters, if someone wants a recipe from the Winter Bash--simply post a comment. This will not replace our newsletter, but rather this is an enhancing tool for our club to communicate to members and non members.

New Members

Caryn and David Schrader
Baldwinsville, NY
Sponsors: Lori Krebs, Sue
Brightman

Susan Nicholl
Pittsford, NY
Sponsors: Sue Brightman, Joan
LaMendola

Chris Collins
Penfield, NY
Sponsors: Joan LaMendola, Sue
Brightman

Tom Herman and Pam Wehle
Pittsford, NY
Sponsors: Sue Brightman, Joan
LaMendola

Chuck & Tonya Taber
Lockport, NY
Sponsors: Sue Brightman, Chris
Collins

In the works:
New member applicant:
Meagan LaMendola

Welcome



Meet Lisa Morrell and her dog

Dunkin!

Brag

Send me your
brags and pictures for the next
BMDCCFL Newsletter

Brag:

"Arundel's Stroke of Luck v Nashem" took two 5-point majors at the Potomac Regional Specialty in Maryland in February, ably handled by Meagan LaMendola. Striker is owned by Sue and Alan Brightman and bred by Sara Karl, out of Sue's and Carol Propis's Diezel. At the same shows, GCh.Honeoye Arundel's Arm Candy "Derrick" was AOM one day and Arundel Honeoye Una was Reserve Winners Bitch one day.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



~ 2014 Canadian National Specialty ~

We need your Help!

Volunteers are needed to help during the 2014 Specialty Weekend
22-24 August in Long Sault, ON.

We need people for the Registration and Welcome Desk,
to help with the fundraisers raffle and silent auction,
to set up and breakdown the lunch tables on Saturday and Sunday,
and for other general assistance throughout the weekend.

If you can offer a few hours of your time to make the
2014 National and Ontario Specialty Shows a success,
please contact:

Frances Harding (2014 Specialty Volunteer Coordinator)
506-755-9192 bernhavenacres@yahoo.ca

Thank you to everyone in advance,

Robin Camken
2014 BMDCC National Specialty Chair

6th Annual Hunt Country Dog Walk

Date: **Sat, Jun 7, 2014**

Time: **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Venue: **Hunt Country Vineyards, 4021 Italy Hill Road, Branchport, NY 14418**

Contact: **Andy Marshall**

Phone: **800.946.3289**

Email: **Andy@HuntWines.com**

A benefit for the Humane Society of Yates County



Official flyer (feel free to print & distribute!)

Back for the sixth year - the Annual Hunt Country Dog Walk! We're looking forward to seeing friends from last year and to meeting new and amazing dogs (and their people!) this year.

Registration for the event is \$10/dog and entitles the dog (and their human!) to unlimited walking time on our beautiful trails through the vineyards and woods and a complimentary standard wine tasting or grape juice for those under 21. 100% of the registration fees go directly to the Shelter of Hope; as well as a portion of our sales for the day. Additionally, we will once again be selling a commemorative t-shirt and other vendors will be present selling their dog-related goodies.



NEW! Yates County Sheriff Deputy Chad Betts and his canine partner, Hasko, have signed on to give a demonstration at 1:00 pm. Be sure to join us then!



Ellen Bean and “Keeley” at work in the classroom!

The following are applying for membership in the BMD CFL. Anyone having any knowledge of these persons may direct concerns in writing to the Secretary, Mary Ellen Nawn, and the Membership Chair, Lori Krebs (lori.krebs99@gmail.com), no later than 30 days after publication of this newsletter.

Meet New Member, Chris Collins

Introduced to Berners through Sue (Brightman) in 1991 when my friend Carol (Propis) got Kobi.
Got my first Berner in 1996 from Sharon Smith, after a referral from Sue. That was Abbey.
Got my second Berner from Sue in 2003, Razzle. I’m now on my third Berner, Lexi, also from Sue.

I often watch other Berners and over the years my dogs and I have hosted:
Kobi, Tag, Diezel, Rugby, Joy, Izzy, Roxie4, Gunnar, Mocha, Xena, Mabel, Olivia, Striker, Piper – and probably a couple more that I have forgotten!

Lexi had puppies in June 2013 (sired by Derrick) and I would do that again but probably not until I am retired....

*Thank you Chris for your generous donation to the General Fund.

Meet New Member, Andrea Heiny

I am originally from Philadelphia, moved to Rochester and have spent most of that time working at Xerox as a Systems Admin/Engineer primarily with UNIX and Xerox proprietary systems.

During my life I've been the companion/caretaker of 17 cats and 13 dogs. Out of the dogs, 7 have been BMD's. I was first introduced to the breed in the early 90's and they have been in my life ever since.

My general interests are in the nutrition for our cats and dogs, understanding the environment and its impact, vaccinations, medications, different surgeries, theriogenology, and behavior.

I originally co-owned our first Berner, "Jemina v Cricket Hollow" with Shelene Lochner. We bred her twice and kept Molly out of her first litter. Since Molly my Berners have been bred by Susan Brightman (Arundel Kennels), with whom I've had the privilege of co-owning several dogs as well as whelping and raising three litters. Along with the Berners we introduced two Border Collies from Sweet Border Collie Rescue at Glen Highland Farm.

Our household now consists of two cats, five Bernese, and one Border Collie.

My primary interests is to learn as much as I can about the health, temperament, and genetic background of Berners. How are decisions made when it comes to breeding? In addition to increasing my knowledge, how can I better teach others – about the breed, various behaviors, and communication. How can we better enhance the relationship between owner and dog as well as amongst the dogs themselves? What more can we do to increase the health and longevity of this breed?

In communications with other Berner owning friends around the US, England, and Australia I discovered many have a very strong local network offering outings, various events (carting, agility, et al), celebrations and importantly – support – particularly in the area of behavior and health. In response to that I've recently started Berner Buddies of Rochester NY Area via Meetup in an attempt to reach out to other Berner owners, a group that is evergreen, meeting the desires and needs of individuals as the group evolves. There is a wealth of information to be shared which can enrich the owner/dog relationship and well-being of this loyal breed. And fun – who can resist a group of Berners running freely and playing amongst themselves.

I am open to volunteer work and will list various tasks I've been responsible for that may apply. At my time in Xerox (and previous company in New Jersey), I taught classes in basic to advanced computer usage (technical and application), coordinated and hosted conferences for internal customers and vendors anywhere from 20-200 employees (this included 'advertising', invitations, AV/computer setup, food/beverages, guest speaker introductions, creating handouts...), wrote and provided dynamic technical documentation for internal customers, volunteered with the Xerox Science Consulting group teaching and demonstrating a science topic/experiment in fifth/sixth grade classes twice a month, maintained budgets, and coordinated and hosted group activities for celebrations of product launches, I also delegated where I could create a sense of teamwork and fairness in order to accomplish more and show that I couldn't have done all these things with the support of my colleagues and staff.

Meet New Member, Susan Nicholl

My husband and I met Susan and Alan Brightman in 1985. Shortly after, our first Berner Davos joined our family. Since then we have had six other wonderful Bernese from the Brightmans.

At this time, we share our home with Ben (Ch. Maibock's Arundel's Forecast) who is now eight.

All our berners have shared in the outdoor activities we love; X-C skiing, snow shoeing, hiking and they have all been "certified" RADs (ride-along-dogs) happy to cruise around while I do errands. Everyone one of them traveled to the Adirondacks with us many times to explore the mountains and trails there.

Sharing our lives for almost thirty years with these incredible, beautiful dogs had brought us such joy, comfort and uncomplicated, enduring canine love.

Meet New Member, Laura Masterson

My husband Paul and I have never owned a dog so we put a lot of time researching the best breed for our family. Hands down, a Berner seemed to be the best fit. I recently left my full time job in Accounting and became a volunteer advocate for children with learning disabilities. Since I am part time, I have the free time to enjoy life through my new puppy, Bella. She came to us late July and although she has had some serious medical issues, she is healing and is now free to play without limitations! I think we have since met half of the Penfield residents in the last few months and she is a joy to have. We are currently enrolled in Dogs at Play for obedience training and socialization. She is very gentle and submissive to all the dogs in our neighborhood and is very social with kids and adults too! We are part of a Bernese Mountain dog meet up group and would like to participate in events like the Berner Winter bash and year round activities with other berners.

Meet New Members, Caryn & David Schrader

My wife and I purchased Lily at 8 weeks old Lori Krebs/Sandy Creek- We had both had different dogs in the past (goldens,labs, husky) and as we researched Bernese. We learned they are beautiful, lovable, loyal family dog. Lily is now 2 ½ yrs old, and has grown to a fiercely loyal, curious dog who we both love very much. Her face shows her emotions... pretty amazing.

She loves chasing squirrels so her bird friends can eat at the feeders.

I am a retired teacher from Baldwinsville, (34 yrs) I still coach JV football and JV girls lacrosse. My wife, Caryn is currently working in the S.U. Bookstore. We both have belonged to various clubs/organizations/church groups and feel we could add new ideas and bring various skills will us. Lily is not being bred or shown, our intent in joining is to meet other Berner families and allow Lily to play with other Berners.

Thanks You!!

Meet New Members, Chuck & Tonya Taber

Chuck and I have a 24 year old daughter Katie, Gibbs – a 10 month old Berner, and three cats, Isabelle, Leo and Dani.

Our family has owned Bernese Mountain Dogs since 2000. I first fell in love with the breed while attending a dog shows as a spectator. I was initially attracted to their striking appearance but then fell in love with the personality of the breed. Eddy was our first Bernese. Ellen Lechner was kind enough to trust my husband, 10 year old daughter and I to own one of these wonderful animals. After Eddy passed, Max became part of our family, also from Ellen. We currently have Gibbs, from Sue Brightman, another wonderful breeder.

Tonya is a retired teacher and loves spending time with Gibbs. We have done over 20 classes of obedience and I am planning to start agility with him in the near future. We also enjoy snowshoeing in the winter and hiking in the summer.

We would love to become a member of BMD CFL. Since Tonya is retired I have the time and energy to attend function and meetings. I would be excited to contribute to the club in any way I can.

Welcome and Thank you New Members for joining our club and submitting a bio to help us all get to know you. I hope this is the start of many more newsletter submissions!

Next issue must include some “old” member bio’s I think! I will see what I can do!

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Hope to see all of you at the Bernerfest!