

# Blassi News



**November 2011**

**Time to pay your Dues!!  
Dues form included in this newsletter!**

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes  
Meeting  
Following the Bernese judging, November 19, 2011  
Syracuse State Fairgrounds  
Refer to [raudogshows.com](http://raudogshows.com) for time of Bernese judging  
and ring location**



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1 yr. term

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1 yr. term

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## Rescue

appointed

Galen Zimmer

Patty Gill

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## Membership

appointed

Galen Zimmer

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## **BMDCFL YAHOO GROUP**



Here are the details on BMDCFL'S YAHOO GROUP....

Got a question, something to share or just want to see what the other members of bmdcfl are up too... Join our Yahoo Group! Just click on the home page link below and join the group, it's that easy! When one of our members posts a message every member of the group will be able to view it and respond if they choose. It's a great way for us to keep in touch!

Group home page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bmdcfl>

Group email address: [bmdcfl@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bmdcfl@yahoogroups.com)

### **Presidents Message**

Congratulations to Sue Brightman, Bev Burney, Sherri Cole and Lynn Carlson on their election to VP, Treasurer, Secretary and Board Member respectively. Many thanks to Deb Miller, the outgoing VP and Patty Gill the outgoing Board Member; You guys did a great job and the club thanks you.

Deb Miller has graciously agreed to continue to produce our newsletter. It is a very time consuming endeavor and she has done an excellent job. Thanks Deb.

Galen Zimmer is continuing her chairmanship of rescue with help from Patty Gill and Lynn Carlson. They have done and will continue to do a great job with this important project

I have asked Sue Brightman to be our liaison to the BMDCA in general and to the Nationals in Gettysburg in 2012. She has accepted and with her knowledge, connections and experience we will now be kept abreast of happenings on the national level and what we need to do to help with the nationals.

Article 1X Section 1 of the By-Laws prescribes the order of Business for running meetings. We will be following that in the future. In addition I want to have a written agenda which will be handed out before each meeting. If you want something on the agenda you must get the information to me one week before the meeting. It is my hope that the meetings will be more formal and take less time, leaving more time to socialize.

I have asked Deb to include the BMDCFL'S Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics in the next Newsletter. I ask each of you to take a few minutes to read and think about them. It is easy to get caught up in our day to day activities with our dogs and forget the purpose of the club.

The current Alpenhorn has an excellent article on the coefficient of inbreeding (COI) by Bert Klei, PhD. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. I highly recommend the article. He states "in livestock and laboratory animals we have seen that reduced fertility, reduced size, reduced production and reduced health are being associated with increased inbreeding (COI). From a breeding standpoint the overall effect of inbreeding is detrimental for a large number of traits in which we are interested."

Here is hoping that we have a great year and that our club can aid you in perfecting the natural qualities of BMDs and sound and beautiful companions and working dogs.

Remember, "IT'S ABOUT THE DOGS:  
George

## **Secretary's Report:**

The October meeting was held at the Wine Country Dog Show at Sampson State Park in Romulus. The meeting was called to order at 3:25pm

**Members Present:** Galen Zimmer, Sherri Cole, Linda Foti, Lori Krebs, Mary Ellen Nawn, Tom Nawn, Kim Barber, Lance Nelson, Don Sahlem, Linda Sahlem, Sue Brightman, Eleanor Narby, George Narby, Patty Gill, Debbie Butler Miller, Patty Smith, Ellen Lechner and Lynn Carlson

**Guests:** William Barber, Michael and Janice Bann, Patti Wilson & Guest

Motion was made to accept the previous secretary's report by Kim Barber, Galen Zimmer 2nd the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Report

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:**

1) It was determined by the bylaws that there will be at least 4 clubs meetings held per year. There will be 2 meetings in Syracuse, 1 at the Bainbridge Dog show (normally end at the end of June/beginning of July) in which a nominating committee will be chosen for the upcoming elections and 1 meeting at the Wine Country Dog Show (normally held at the end of Sept/beginning of October) in which the election for officers for the next year will take place. Additional meetings may be held as needed.

2) Motion was made to have postcards sent out by the secretary, 14 days prior to a meeting announcing a meeting, with time and location noted. Motion made by Kim Barber, Sue Brightman 2nd the motion.

3) Motion was also made to include Bylaws in the newsletter.

**Committee Reports:**

1) **Rescue:** Galen thanked Patty Gill and Lynn Carlson for assisting her with the help of the rescue program. Galen is requesting additional help with rescue from anyone in the Syracuse area. Patty Gill has agreed to continue to help with rescue in the Buffalo area. Lynn Carlson will assist with rescue in the Rochester area and again, Galen is looking for assistance from someone living in the Syracuse area. This is an excellent way to help with the club and get involved. It doesn't take much time and there is always a lot of support and so rewarding!

Galen reported in helping to assist in providing a new forever home for a female Berner. This female now has a new and wonderful home after previous owner had passed had away. This female Berner had ear infections, needed a visit to the vet. Galen is asking for reimbursement from the club for \$162.00 for the costs involved so far plus the cost of the future spaying. The club also decided to give the new owner a free 1 year membership to the club.

2) **Membership:** Galen reported we have accepted approximately 3 new members so far this year.

3) **BernerFest:** Again, a great time was had by everyone that attended Bernerfest this past summer. For the next Bernerfest, there will be more games and activities planned. Galen will continue to chair Bernerfest.

4) **Sunshine:** Kim Barber has decided to give up the Sunshine Committee. Motion was made by Kim Barber for Patty Gill to take over this committee and the motion was 2nd by Debbie Butler Miller. If you know a member that has become ill, hospitalized or going through a hardship and needs some cheering up, please contact Patty Gill so she can send a card to that person. Patty's e-mail is:

Daisy722@roadrunner.com or 716-652-7784

5) **Newsletter:** Debbie Butler Miller apologized for the delay and is excited to start sending newsletter out. Debbie has done a wonderful job with the newsletters and makes them all interesting and exciting to read. (Remember if you have some news about your Berner you would like to have published, please contact Debbie. Debbie's e-mail is: cddebbie@hotmail.com – if your dog has done something really neat, perhaps goes to school and helps kids or is special for any reason, we all want to hear about that). Also, the newsletter will be coming out 6 times per year and at least 30 days before an upcoming meeting.

6) **National Specialty:** We are looking for donations to put in the gift basket that the club will be sending to the National Specialty Show in Gettysburg, PA in May 2012. Our basket theme will be items

from the state of New York. We have received some wing sauces, maple syrup as well as some other great items. You can bring your donations to the Syracuse dog show in November. If you are interested in sending a donation of cash, that would be acceptable as well. Please contact Debra Brown. Her e-mail address is: SerendipityFarm@hotmail.com or 315-337-3154.

7) **Supported Entry:** We are looking for items, to be given to all participants, at Wine Country Dog Show. This is the dog show which is held every year, in Romulus and our club helps support. If you have any ideas for ring favors please let Debra Brown know. Her e-mail address is: SerendipityFarm@hotmail.com or 315-337-3154. A motion was made by Sherri Cole to have Linda Foti work with the agility competition of the Wine Country Dog Show. Motion was 2nd by Kim Barber.

**President George Narby wanted to thank the following individuals for their help and contribution for the past year with his presidency:** Patty Gill, Debbie Butler Miller, Sue Brightman, Galen Zimmer, Beverly Burney, Lance Nelson and Lynn Carlson.

**Election of Officers:** Motion was made from the floor nominating the following individuals for positions, in addition to those selected by the nominating committee: Sue Brightman for Vice President, Sherri Cole as secretary and Lynn Carlson for one of the board member positions.

**Voting took place and the following are the officers for the next year:** President: George Narby, Vice President: Sue Brightman, Secretary: Sherri Cole, Treasurer: Beverly Burney, and Board Member: Lynn Carlson.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.

## Events

**National Specialty 2012, Gettysburg, PA:** BMDCA National Specialty – 2012 The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Watchung and Helderberg Bernese Mountain Dog Club of New York are pleased to be hosting the BMDCA's 2012 Specialty. Show Dates: May 7, 2012 through May 12, 2012. For a list of activities, hotels and any additional information regarding the National Specialty, please visit:

[http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2012/2012\\_BMDCA\\_National\\_Specialty\\_Home.php](http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2012/2012_BMDCA_National_Specialty_Home.php)

**Raffle -** Debra Brown and Sue Ellen Rapine will be putting a gift basket together to be raffled off. They are accepting at New York State items – (ie: NY state wine, NY state honey, NY state maple syrup, etc. and of course, anything Bernese/Dog related items). Please think about donating an item or making a monetary donation. Items for donation and monetary contributions can be given to Debra or Sue at Wine Country Dog Show.

**Trophies –** If you would like to consider sponsoring a trophy for the National Specialty, please contact Sue Adams at: [www.TheRunawayOnline@yahoo.com](mailto:www.TheRunawayOnline@yahoo.com) (Debbie – I don't know if this is correct based on the National Specialty website info, it looks like you are the chair??). Please consider sponsoring a trophy. Many people will sponsor a trophy under their kennel name or in celebration of a special Berner to you.

**Judges Hospitality –** Anyone that is coming to the National Specialty and is not competing in any competition asked to consider helping with the judges hospitality. If you are interested in helping out with the Judges Hospitality, please contact Susan Moskovitz 410-484-7190 or via e-mail at: [su-mo.woof@verizon.net](mailto:su-mo.woof@verizon.net). Again, if you are not competing, but going to the Specialty, this is a great way to get involved!

**Welcome Bags -** We are looking for free or reduced prices for items to go in the National Specialty Bags – ie: candy, magnets, crackers, etc. We would need approximately 750-1000 of these items. If you have any ideas or connections to anything that could be put in the welcome bags for the participants, please contact Linda Carney at: 570-647-0394 or e-mail at: [linc@echoes.net](mailto:linc@echoes.net)

**Shopping –** and of course, if you are looking for National Specialty merchandise or Bernese Mountain Dog merchandise, please check out the Specialty store <http://www.bmdca-store.com/>

# Rescue

Galen Zimmer

Lori Doran recently adopted “Molly” after we rescued her from very poor living conditions. Lori first offered a foster home but in very little time fell in love with “Molly”, a two and a half year old girl who deserved much better and has found it in her new forever home. Look for Lori and Molly at Berner Fest.

The BMDCFL offers a year’s membership to the club for adopting from our rescue/rehoming program

Lori Doran, 217 Burns Rd., Brooktondale, NY 14817

Our list of families looking to adopt a Berner is very short. Foster homes we always need just in case, spread the word.

## Berner Brags & Notes...

### “Winterthur’s Belle of the Ball”

Owned by Galen Zimmer

Awarded a four point major at our supported entry at this fall's Wine Country Show, as the picture shows the weather was awful. Belle, however, didn't mind a bit as she raced around the ring hardly ever keeping all four feet on the ground. Thanks to Deb Brown and friends for doing a great job in spite of the weather.

Galen was handled by “Belle” for her great win out of the bred by exhibitor class.



### Adesa’s Moonshine

Owned by Debbie Butler Miller

Shine had a wonderful summer winning several BOS and Select Bitch point towards her grand championship.

Shine also wants to brag that her Leo brother Newcastle’s Murphy Me Boy aka “Murphy” Bred by our fellow BMDCFL member Patty Smith Owned by Debbie & Patty is currently #16 breed & #11 all breed Leonberger And will be on the road to Eukanuba! Good Luck Murphy!!!



# Announcements

Berner fest 2012

Berner fest plans are underway!! Ellen Lechner and crew have volunteered to once again lead the games that everyone so enjoyed last year. We're honoring Therapy Dogs this year. Please write or call to tell me about the therapy work your dog's perform. He/she does not have to be certified just have the special gift of enriching and contributing to the happiness of human lives.

Just for fun prizes will be given to all dogs and their people who dress for a day at the lake. Give you something to think about as we enter the dregs of winter.

Any other ideas and offers of help we appreciate.

Galen

**BMDCA National Specialty  
May 7 – 12, 2012  
Gettysburg, PA**

**Hosted by  
Watchung, Fingerlakes and Helderberg  
Bernese Mountain Dog Clubs**

**It may seem like a long way off, but there is so much to do!**

**Look for more information to come in the future for your opportunity to participate!**

**[http://bmdca.org/specialty/2012/2012\\_BMDCA\\_National\\_Specialty\\_Home.php](http://bmdca.org/specialty/2012/2012_BMDCA_National_Specialty_Home.php)**

# CALENDAR

## November

**17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>** Syracuse Circuit, State Fair Grounds, Syracuse, NY  
**19<sup>th</sup>** Fingerlakes Club meeting following Berner judging at Syracuse.

## Feburary

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** Potomac Valley Regional Specialty

# 2012 BMDCFL Membership Dues Renewal Are Due Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>!

## 2012 Membership is due January 1, 2012

Dear BMDCFL Members,

If you have not renewed your membership with the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes Please do so ASAP!

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year/ Individual and \$15.00 per year /Family.

Breeder listing on our Web Page is an Annual fee of \$25.00.

Please make checks payable to BMDCFL along with this form and send to:

Beverly Burney  
Treasurer, BMDCFL  
PO Box 322  
Barneveld, NY 13304



Please Print Information Clearly

\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership,  
\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership,  
\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Website Breeder listing

Address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_ I choose to receive my newsletter via e-mail, help us go green and save \$\$\$ with this choice  
(Please send an e-mail to Debbie Butler Miller at [cddebbie@hotmail.com](mailto:cddebbie@hotmail.com) to be added to the club e-mail list.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I choose to receive my newsletter via U.S. Mail

2) \_\_\_\_\_ yes, include me in a club directory      \_\_\_\_\_ no do not wish to be included in a directory

Your donation to the following club funds is greatly appreciated!

Trophy Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rescue \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS CLUB OF THE FINGER LAKES MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



If you are applying for a regular Membership, you need to be sponsored by two current BMD CFL members in good standing who are not related to you. See "SPONSORS" paragraph below.

If you are applying only for an Associate Membership, you do not need sponsors and have all the rights of Membership except voting rights.

**Please use one application form per applicant. Please print or type.**

APPLICANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSION \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPONSORS:** These recommendations must be made by two unrelated, current BMD CFL members in good standing. They shall attest that, to the best of their knowledge, you will abide by the Code of Ethics, Constitution, and By-Laws of this club.

**FEE:** \$10/single or \$15/family shall accompany this application. This covers dues for the period from January 1 of the current year, through December 31 of the same year. Checks should be made payable to the BMD CFL. Upon approval of this request for membership, the applicant that he/she is in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics, Constitution, and By-Laws of this club.

On a separate sheet of paper or on the back of this form, write a brief autobiography, which will be shared with the membership prior to a vote on your application. Please include the "animal membership" of you household; a comment or two on what attracted you to the breed, current dog activities (including membership in clubs), showing and/or breeding expectation you have for your Bernese and from the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes, and a list of skills or particular interests which you feel would contribute to club activities.

## CODE OF ETHICS

*Sign one copy of the BMD CFL Code of Ethics and return with your application form to:*

Galen Zimmer, BMD CFL Membership Chairperson

485 North Road

Freeville, NY 13068

(607) 844-4168

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**DO NOT WRITE IN THE SPACE BELOW THIS LINE:**

This application has been presented and approved/disapproved according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Bernese Mountain

Dog Club of the Finger Lakes

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS CLUB OF THE FINGER LAKES

## CODE OF ETHICS

Code:

1. Breeders shall strive for perfection of the Bernese Mountain Dog in accordance with the official standard set forth by the \_\_\_\_\_ American Kennel Club. In this regard, they shall:

a. Maintain high standards of health and care for the dogs.

b. Use only physically and temperamentally sound stock, and will refuse stud service to any bitch that is unregistered or \_\_\_\_\_ shows obvious defects. They shall study and learn the good and bad points within their own stock, never doubling up \_\_\_\_\_ on a known and visible fault.

c. Ideally X-ray for evidence of hip dysplasia at age of two years or over, and strive to breed dysplasia-free Bernese.

d. Refrain from Breeding the bitch until her second season, and preferably waiting until at least 18 months of age. A bitch shall be bred no more than two out of three seasons, this depending on the size of the litter whelped and her \_\_\_\_\_ condition. It is suggested that in most cases, a period of one year lapse between litters.

2. Breeders will not sell stock without true representation to the purchaser nor use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising.

3. No member shall sell adults or puppies to any known retail or wholesale pet outlet.

4. A buyer shall be supplied with a four generation pedigree; with information on inoculations and other veterinary care that \_\_\_\_\_ the dogs has had; with instructions on the care, feeding and training of the Bernese Mountain Dog.

5. A breeder will guarantee the health of his stock subject to a veterinarian's examination within 48 hours of the sale.

6. A breeder should try to keep in touch with the progress of dogs of his breeding in order to better analyze his own program.

7. Breeders shall exhibit at dog shows and matches where feasible.

8. Members shall at all time exhibit good sportsmanship at all events related to eh club and dog shows.

9. Members shall not degrade any other member or kennel.

*Adopted October 4, 1986*

## **IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT/EMERGENCY**

*(Place this page in your automobile, RV, or whatever vehicle you may be driving or on your person when you are travelling with your dogs.)*

**In the event that I am incapacitated and unable to make my wishes known regarding my dog(s), please honor the following requests:**

The welfare of my dog(s) is my primary consideration.

**Contact as soon as possible:** \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Night Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**If they cannot be reached,**

**Please Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Night Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**All expenses for the dog(s) will be guaranteed by these contact people.**

If my dog(s) is not injured, they are to be cared for by the nearest reputable boarding kennel, and be kept in the best possible manner until arrangements can be made to get them home.

If my dog(s) is injured, they are to be cared for by the nearest reputable veterinarian. I prefer that my veterinarian be contacted regarding decisions on my dog(s) care and treatment. They have all of my dog(s) medical records available.

**Contact my veterinarian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Night Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If my dog(s) is injured beyond all hope of recovery, my dog(s) is to be humanely euthanized. Photographs and descriptions of my dog(s) are attached, as are their health and vaccination records. For identification purposes, my dogs are either tattooed on their \_\_\_\_\_ with a tattoo number or are micro-chipped and can be identified by a reputable veterinarian.

**I want to emphasize that the welfare of my dog(s) is my primary consideration.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_