

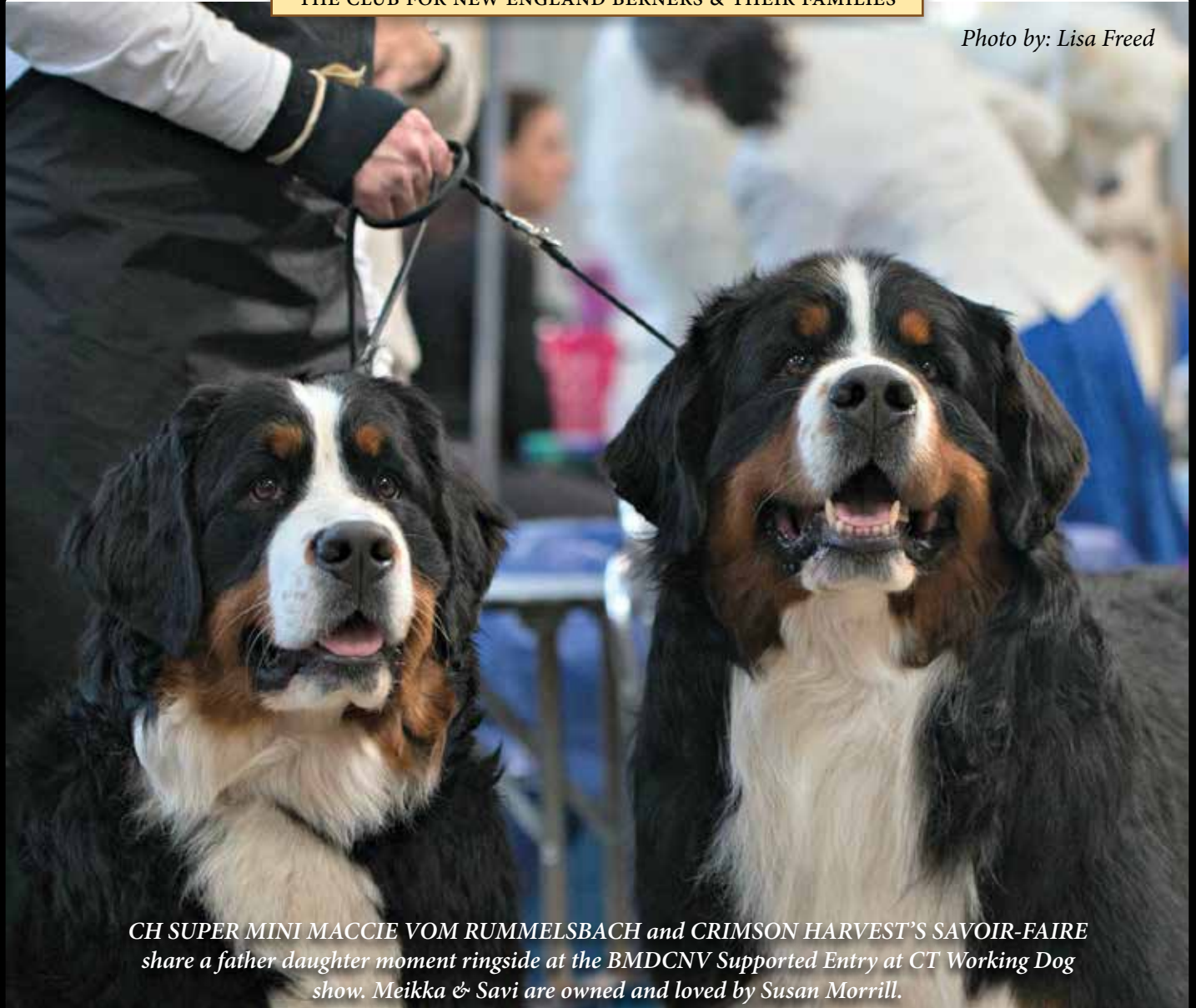
The Berner Blatt

March 2019

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
**Bernese Mountain Dog Club
of Nashoba Valley**

THE CLUB FOR NEW ENGLAND BERNERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Photo by: Lisa Freed



CH SUPER MINI MACCIE VOM RUMMELSBACH and CRIMSON HARVEST'S SAVOIR-FAIRE share a father daughter moment ringside at the BMDCNV Supported Entry at CT Working Dog show. Meikka & Savi are owned and loved by Susan Morrill.

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BMDCNV *Calendar of Events*

~ 2019 ~

April 28

Annual Meeting • *Boxboro, MA*

June 1

Supported Entry • *Wrentham, MA*

June 8

Spring Fun Day • *Westford, MA*

June 23

Kittery Picnic • *Kittery, ME*

August 11

Farm Dog Certification • *Killington, VT*

September 28

Fall Fun Day • *Westford, MA*

October 19 & 20

Fall Draft Tests • *TBD*

November 7-10

Retreat Weekend • *Oceanwood, ME*

FMI: www.bmdcnv.org/events.html

... CLUB NOTICES ...

Spring and Fall Fun Day Chairs wanted.

Spring Fun Day is Saturday, June 8th and Fall Fun Day is Saturday, September 28th. No experience necessary and Board of Directors are happy to help and walk them through the process. Please contact Jean Michael at jpmichael85@verizon.net.

Last call for title certificates for Annual Meeting:

To have your dog recognized for a title they earned in 2018 at the Annual Meeting please send copies of certificates to Patricia Buickerood by April 8th. AKC or BMDCA titles. Must have been earned in 2018. Please send a copy of the certificate showing dog's registered name, owner, award. Can be sent to Patricia at pbuickerood@gmail.com (pdf or photo) or mailed to me via USPS at:
Patricia Buickerood
19 Townsend St
Pepperell, MA 01463
Deadline: April 8, 2019

• • SAVE THE DATE • •

BMDCNV Supported Entry

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Ladies Dog Club, Inc.

Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds

Emerald Street, Wrentham, MA

Closing Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

JUDGE: MRS. BETTY-ANNE STENMARK



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Welcome! New Members

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Warren, CT

Breanna Cronk
Fremont, NH

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Joanne Burke
Wayland, MA



Welcome Sam Sirico

as the new Editor of the Berner Blatt! Sam's first issue will be our April/May 2019 Annual Meeting issue. Please continue to send in your pictures, articles, brags, birthdays and announcements by the 20th of the month to: bernerblatt@bmdcnv.org or bmdcnvblatt@gmail.com

New Members

Showcase



Breanna Cronk; Fremont, NH

How many Berners: 1

Favorite Berner activity: Playing with other dogs

My name is Breanna Cronk. I grew up in Minnesota, went to college in Michigan and after graduating I started work in New Hampshire. My husband Evan and I have been living in New Hampshire since 2011. There was an adjustment period as our family is still in the Midwest but the friends we have made in New England are like family to us. We both like the outdoors and often go camping, hiking, and fishing together. We both grew up with dogs and have wanted to get one of our own.

Nova keeps me on my toes and is a blessing. She can be a good listener except when she is really excited. She loves to play with other friendly dogs and go on walks. She is a nervous dog and seems to get scared around new things that move (flags, balloons, etc.) Her and I are taking obedience classes together with the goal of getting Canine Good Citizen. I think she would have fun carting and would like to try it this year.

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These dedicated chairpeople provide essential services to you, our membership. Please feel free to contact them with your questions, concerns, suggestions, requests for help or offers of help. Our mission is to provide the best for Berners and their families.

Show Results



Connecticut River Working Group Association

Saturday, March 2, 2019

JUDGE: MRS. BEVERLY VICS

Best of Breed

CH ALPENSPIRIT PRIVATE SCREENING

Owner: Sheila Gallizzo & Mylene Turbide & Lisa Gallizzo
Breeder: Mylene Turbide

Best of Opposite Sex:

GCH TRULLI'S LITTLE LION MAN

Owner: Michael Lella & Kelly & Tyler Marino Breeder: Michael Lella

Best of Winners/Winners Bitch:

ANASTASIA'S GENESIS

Breeder/Owner: Natalie Ellis

Select Bitch:

CH THALASSA'S TEA BISCUIT V BIGROCK

Owner: Priscilla Marsh & Will Marsh & R & J Gabriel
Breeder: Robert Gabriel & Joan Gabriel & Georgeann Reeve

Select Dog:

GCHG VON ENGEL'S DESIGNATED DRIVER FROM INDIAN HILL

Owner: Sherry & Kasey Von Engel & Debbie Reams
Breeder: Sherry & Kasey Von Engel & Joanne Gerow

Best of Breed Owner-Handled/ Award of Merit:

CH SUPER MINI MACCIE VOM RUMMELSBACH

Owner: Susan K Morrill Breeder: Jurgen Mogge

Award of Merit:

GCHS SIMPLE TWIST OF FATE SOULBERN

Owner: Linda O Sullivan Breeder: Anna Kochanowska

Winners Dog:

L-SIN'S TAKE IT EASY AT PINE HILL

Owner: Sindi L Leo Breeder: Amy Morrow

Best Puppy/ Best Puppy Group 4:

ALPENSPIRIT I'M A SOUL MAN

Owner: Pamela Eldredge & Mylene Turbide Breeder: Mylene Turbide

Reserve Winners Dog

KASABLANCA'S SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN

Breeder/Owner: Laura W Gilliam

Reserve Winners Bitch

L-SIN'S ZESTFULLY ZAZZY

Owner: Carri Ehrich & Sindi Leo Breeder: Sindi L Leo

JUDGE: MRS. BEVERLY VICS

Best 4-6 month Puppy/ Group 2

CEDAR CREEK L-SIN'S BLACK MAGIC

Breeder/Owner: Brenda O Bernard

SWEEPS JUDGE: MS. DOREEN LUHRS

Best in Sweeps

ALPENSPIRIT I'M A SOUL MAN

Owner: Pamela Eldredge & Mylene Turbide Breeder: Mylene Turbide

Best of Opposite Sex Sweeps

BIGROCKS SOMETHING FABULOUS

Owner: Priscilla Marsh & Diane Travis & Emily Marsh Breeder: Priscilla & Emily Marsh

Best Veteran in Sweeps

GCH TRULLI'S LITTLE LION MAN

Owner: Michael Lella & Kelly & Tyler Marino Breeder: Michael Lella

Best of Opposite Sex Veteran Sweeps

EDELWEISS ANNALI VON BLACK CREEK CD BN RA TD2 TDU TDX FDC CGCA RNCKC

Owner: Ann Davis Breeder: Susan L Watkins



Clockwise From Top Left:

Best of Opposite Sex Veteran Sweeps:
EDELWEISS ANNALI VON BLACK CREEK CD
BN RA TD2 TDU TDX FDC CGCA RNCKC

Select Bitch: CH THALASSA'S TEA BISCUIT
V BIGROCK

Best of Opposite Sex Sweeps: BIGROCKS
SOMETHING FABULOUS



Show Results



Connecticut River Working Group Association

Sunday, March 3, 2019

JUDGE: Ms. VICKI E. ALLENBRAND

Best of Breed/ Group 4:

GCHG VON ENGEL'S DESIGNATED DRIVER FROM INDIAN HILL

Owner: Sherry & Kasey Von Engel & Debbie Reams
Breeder: Sherry & Kasey Von Engel & Joanne Gerow

Best of Winners/ Winners Bitch:

L-SIN'S ZESTFULLY ZAZZY

Owner: Carri Ehrich & Sindi Leo Breeder: Sindi L Leo

Best of Breed Owner-Handled:

CH SUPER MINI MACCIE VOM RUMMELSBACH

Owner: Susan K Morrill Breeder: Jurgen Mogge

Best of Opposite Sex:

CH THALASSA'S TEA BISCUIT V BIGROCK

Owner: Priscilla Marsh & Will Marsh & R & J Gabriel
Breeder: Robert Gabriel & Joan Gabriel & Georgeann Reeve

Select Bitch:

GCHS SIMPLE TWIST OF FATE SOULBERN

Owner: Linda O Sullivan Breeder: Anna Kochanowska

Select Dog:

GCHG ALPENSPIRIT BLUE SUEDE SHOES

Owner: Barbara Bych & Mylene Turbide Breeder: Mylene Turbide

Award of Merit:

CH MILLENIUM STAR ZIPPI BOY

Owner: Kathy Elders & Kimberly Anderson Breeder: Olga N Palagina

Award of Merit:

GCHG BELNOIS ROMEO RUBA CUORI FDC

Owner: Pamela Eldredge
Breeder: Veronique Matte-Paquet & Pier Ann Lavoie

Winners Dog:

KASABLANCA'S SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN

Breeder/Owner: Laura W Gilliam

Reserve Winners Dog:

XCALIBUR'S FLIP YOUR LID

Owner: Kristen & Robin Greenwood
Breeder: Robin Greenwood & Kristen Greenwood

Reserve Winners Bitch/ Best Puppy:

CRIMSON HARVEST'S SAVOIR-FAIRE

Owner: Susan K Morrill Breeder: Laurel Wood

SWEEPS JUDGE: Ms. JULIE DUGAN

Best in Sweeps:

BELNOIS WHITEMTNS PEMIGEWASSET

Owner: Barbara J Beck-Wilczek
Breeder: V Matte-Paquet & R Turcotte & L LaCroix.

Best of Opposite Sex Sweeps:

ALPENSPIRIT I'M A SOUL MAN

Owner: Pamela Eldredge & Mylene Turbide Breeder: Mylene Turbide

Best Veteran in Sweeps:

GCH TRULLI'S LITTLE LION MAN

Owner: Michael Lella & Kelly & Tyler Marino Breeder: Michael Lella

Best of Opposite Sex Veteran Sweeps:

GCH PURPLE FUGITIVE SPRING AUF SOUTHWIND CD

BN RE CGCA CGCU NDD

Owner: Adam P Conn Breeder: Dr Jonathan Cons & Judith Cons



Above:
Best in Sweeps: BELNOIS WHITEMTNS PEMIGEWASSET



Left:
Award of Merit: CH MILLENIUM STAR ZIPPI BOY



Right:
Best Opposite Sex Veteran Sweeps: GCH CH Purple Fugitive Spring Auf Southwind CD BN RE CGCA CGCU NDD HCT-s

Regional Specialty

The Connecticut River Working Group Association, Inc. held their 20th Back-to-Back Working Group Dog Shows on Saturday, March 2 & 3. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley held Supported Entries with Sweepstakes on Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3. First Company Governor's Foot Guard Athletic Association All Breed Shows were held on the same

days, which meant a very hectic schedule for exhibitors with 4 Shows in 2 Days! All the exhibitors had a great time and many thanks to our exhibitors, spectators, and members who came to the show! We had a wonderful hospitality by our grooming section and thank you very much to those who contributed. The next Supported Entry is June 1 at Ladies Dog Club in Wrentham, MA.



Regional Specialty



Many thanks to Lisa Freed for photographing the event.

HOME TO NEW ENGLAND

By Linda DeCelles, Rescue Chair



Harper, Tessie & Georgia on their trip up north



Earnie on the ride home [Earnie is the correct spelling—short for his “Earnest” expression!]

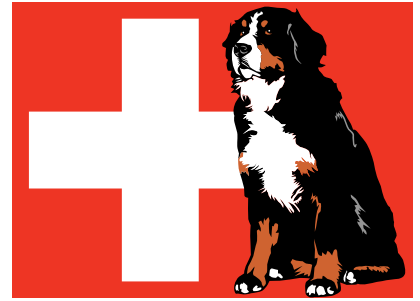
BERNER, INC. assisted BMDC-Chattahoochee Valley rescue in placing 3 puppies and 1 young adult in new homes in our region. BMDCCV had rescued 54 Berners and Bernerdoodles from a puppy mill in Aiken, South Carolina. With the help of BMDCA rescues across the country and with support from the BMDCA, CV rescue was able to find homes and placements for all of the dogs. It was a huge undertaking, needless to say, and BERNER, INC. was happy to help. **Lisa Ellis**, President and **Michelle Maendler**, Rescue Manager of BMDCCV, deserve accolades for overseeing this big rescue.

How to get the dogs from Atlanta, Georgia, where they were in foster homes, to New England? BERNER, INC., volunteers and previous adopters, **Judy and Matt Hartman**, flew to Atlanta, rented a minivan, and drove 2 puppies and the young adult up north. It happened to be Valentine’s Day! Judy and Matt adopted one of the puppies and named her “Georgia.” BMDCNV members **Geri and Steve Holdsworth** adopted 1 puppy and named her “Tessie.” The young female, “Carolina,” went into foster with me and my husband, Gib Otten. After Carolina was spayed, Geri and Steve adopted her as well and renamed her “Harper.”

Two weeks after 2 puppies were brought up north, Lisa called me and said they had one more puppy in need of a home. BERNER INC. applicants **Cheryl and Bob Amey** drove down to the home of a BMDCA contact in Norfolk, Virginia to pick up their adopted puppy, “Earnie.” A playgroup of the “Chattahoochee Berners” has been formed!

Look forward to stories about these Berners as they grow up!

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OUR THANKS TO BETH ATKINSON

After several years on the BERNER, INC. Board, Beth is retiring from her position. But we will continue to see her and her Berners at the many competitions and events they participate in. BERNER, INC. is grateful to Beth for her contributions to Bernese rescue, not only as a Board member, but as a foster home.

WELCOME TO THE BOARD, SUE NOWAK!

Berner, Inc. is pleased to announce that Sue Nowak has joined the BERNER, INC. Board of Directors. Many of you know Sue and her Berners. She is a long-time member of BMDCNV. BERNER INC. is grateful to have Sue on the Board to share her Berner experience.

the BERNER INC board of directors

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DIRECTOR - Sue Nowak

Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



Happy Gotcha Day

Anniversary Luna!

SMOKEY KEEP KING
MOONRACER'S TREASURE.
Three amazing years! You are our
sassy, crazy, silly, lovable little
Tuna. We love you Peanut! Love,
Mom and Rogue.

— Carolyn Massey; Billerica, MA



SPELLBOUND'S FRESCA
DAL FRUTTETA "Fresca"
won the Bred-By Bitch
class on March 2nd
at the BMDCSEW
Regional Specialty.

— Dayna Merrow;
Burr Ridge, IL



Birthday Boy!

WINDFALL'S TO A THOUSAND
PLACES (Digit) will turn 4 on
3/14/19. Owned by Adam P
Conn, Kris Hayko & Michael
Knically, DVM.

— Adam Conn; Maynard, MA



New Title!

SNOWPAWS SPRUCE MOUNTAIN
JADA earned her Rally Masters
Title on February 3. She became
the 6th Bernese Mountain Dog in
the country and the first in New
England to earn the Masters Title!
She is owned, loved, and trained by
Lauralyn Brown in Millers Falls, MA.
She was bred by Heidi Henderson of
Killington, VT. She loves hot dogs,
pizza, and a good snowstorm!

— Lauralyn Brown; Millers Falls, MA



New Champion!

CH MAINE'S HEALING LIGHT
RAPHAEL V SPRUCEPEAK NDD,
FDC, CGCA thank you Judge Dr. Gary
L Sparschu for finding my boy. Raphael
earned his Championship with limited
showing and 4 majors.

Bred by: Libby Kesner, Kim Anderson
Celeste O'Malley; Brattleboro, VT



Being a BMDCNV member from afar,
here is a brag all the way from Wisconsin!
Our newest addition, SPELLBOUND'S OAK
ISLAND TREASURE, "Mari" won Best of
Opposite in 4-6 puppy, both March 1 &
2 at the BMDCSEW Regional Specialty
shows. Entry of 11 was adorable to watch,
and Mari's handling classes paid off,
making her look like a little pro!

— Dayna Merrow; Burr Ridge, IL



New Champion!

Bill and I are so excited to Introduce
Patchwork Bernese's first Champion CH
PATCHWORK SERGER "Eros". We love this
boy he is handsome, smart, sweet and loved
by all. Big Thank You to Melissa and Justin
Jaynes for raising such a amazing boy!

— Stephanie Freeman; Chelmsford, MA



Bretton has made it a whole month without
eating anything that required a visit to Tufts
and graduated from Puppy Class!

— Keith Menard; Douglas, MA

New Champion!

BPISS, BPIG, MBBPIG, CH ALPENSPIRIT
I'M A SOUL MAN, Otis, finished his
championship at the age of 9 months
(pending AKC approval) at the Mason
Dixon Regional Specialty today under judge
Cindy Stansell. Special thank you to Lisa
Gallizzo for piloting my young man, and to
Mylene Turbide for letting Otis come live
with me in Vermont.

— Pam Eldredge; Waterbury, VT



New Title Event!



BMDCNV will be hosting a Farm Dog Certification (per AKC approvals) on Aug 11th in Killington Vermont. These two characters will be our farm stock (behind fencing of course) and look forward to meeting all those who attend. Much more info to come! There will be 30 slots available with two judges on one day so you can title same day!

Advance planning for hotels or houses is recommended. This is a resort town and weddings galore, so do make reservations soon if you are considering coming.

Val Roc Motel across the street from event site has rooms 800-238-8762 at \$80 + \$5 per pet

Hillside Inn 802-613-0449 \$79 per night, but \$25 per pet per night

Contact Heidi Henderson snowpawbmd@gmail.com as the contact for Farm Dog Certification

7th Annual BMDCNV Fall Retreat Weekend

Join us for BMDCNV's
**7th Annual Retreat Weekend at
Oceanwood, Ocean Park Maine
November 7-10, 2019**
(Thursday evening-Sunday mid day)

We are going to handle registration thru our on line store but for those that need to snail mail email bardnancy@gmail.com for more info.

May 1: Early Bird Registration opens and runs through July 1, \$200 pp Register early to get your choice of housing, cabin or dorm style. Registration will be \$250.00 pp after July 1.

July 1: Registration opens for Saturday day visitor or including Saturday night registration. Rates for those options will be posted at a later date.

Liane Weyers Paint Your Pet Workshops, \$75.00 fee. Registration for Liane's Workshops will be open May 1 Look for a link under the event on BMDCNV web site.

Draft, nose work and fun games with your dogs! More details on planned activities to follow.....



Best time spent with old & new friends and our Bernese Mountain Dogs!

Email Nancy Bard at bardnancy@gmail.com with any questions or for additional info.



All BMDCNV Members and families are invited and encouraged to attend.

BMDCNV Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Boxboro Regency Hotel & Conference Center • Boxborough, MA



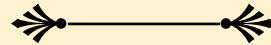
All BMDCNV Members, their families and well behaved dogs are invited to attend the Nashoba Valley Annual Meeting. Join us to celebrate the achievements of our Bernese Mt. Dogs, our outstanding volunteers including the MVBP (Most Valuable Berner Person) and the Shelley Tyre Award.

Tickets for Buffet Lunch

\$25

Children Menu: \$15

Cash Bar Available



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12:00 pm

***Annual Meeting
& Buffet Lunch***

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RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 21st

Name(s) _____

Number Attending
Buffet @ \$25

Children's Menu
@ \$15

TOTAL \$

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CHECK ~ MAIL RESERVATION TO BMDCNV BRUCE HALLDEN- PO BOX 293 CROMWELL, CT 06416

CREDIT CARD ~ Visit <https://bmdcnv.bigcartel.com/product/annual-meeting-buffet>

No charge to attend the Annual Meeting Business Portion of the day. Please decide today that you will attend; it helps us tremendously to have an early attendance count. No penalty for cancellation. Refunds issued before April 21st.

In Remembrance

URSLI DORIELLE

FEBRUARY 22, 2007 - MARCH 14, 2019

Our beautiful, strong, gracious, playful Dorielle died March 14th at 12 years 20 days. Dorielle did a little of everything. She had points in conformation showing, she earned her Novice Agility Jumpers Preferred title and was working on her Novice Standard Preferred agility title, she had 3 exquisite litters of puppies -- giving us all so much fun! -- and learned all about draft work. We will miss her forever.

— Mary Durham & Paul Emerson;
Groton, MA



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ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 28, 2019

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