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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Greater Twin Cities

The BMDCGTC was formed in 1988 to help promote the best possible breeding, training, health, and well-being of the purebred Bernese Mountain Dog.

Outgoing President's Letter

-Micky Trent (Merlin, Cammie & Viva)

December is here, even though the weather is not complying. December usually means cooler weather and snow, both of which are reasons to rejoice if you are a Bernese Mountain Dog (or their owner)! This Fall has been a good one for our club, with a very successful Health and Wellness Day in September and an equally successful two-day draft test in October. We are progressing steadily toward AKC accreditation and should hear soon about our next step to an A level match. Play Pals has expanded to include educational as well as fun activities, and our Web site has a new chair with great new ideas that will benefit the club in many ways. And the party of the year (and our last club meeting of the year) was a couple weekends ago.

I will be ending my term as club president with the elections in December. It is a time for me to reflect on the past year. I am very grateful to the dedicated board, committee chairs and club members who contributed their time and effort to welcome those who have or want to have Berners in their lives, and to show ways to enjoy the Berners that they have. I encourage you all to remember why we all joined together as a group. I think of my first Berner, Merlin, who turned 11 the day before Winterfest. I took him herding this morning and, while he is slowing down a bit, the joy that he showed in bringing the sheep to me was very clear and very rewarding. Cammie (6y) and her daughter Viva (2.5y) participated in an agility trial this weekend. I love watching them develop and watching our teamwork grow. They all teach me every day. What a wonderful way to spend my time!

Thank your dogs and treat others as you would your dogs.

Best Wishes

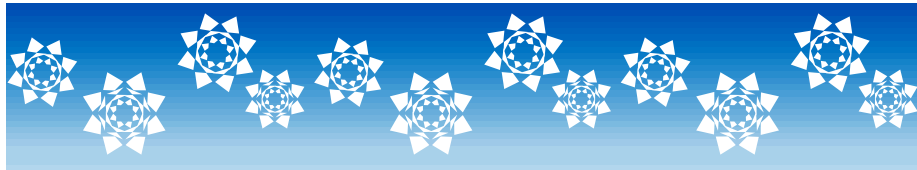
Micky Trent and Merlin (the heart dog), Cammie (the teacher) and Viva (the joy)

Incoming President's Letter

-Laura Fourre

Hi Everyone! I just want to take a moment to recognize and thank Micky Trent for all her hard work and dedication to the club, as president, for the past couple years. I certainly have big shoes to fill (hopefully she will be able to help me ;-)). I also want to thank the board members who are leaving us for their hard work - Sarah Tennessen, Denise Peck, and Shannon Cihlar. You will all be missed - thank you again! That leads me to congratulate and welcome Nancy Mayer, our new treasurer, and Coleen Carroll and Shelley Strohm, as our two newest board members. I think we have a great group, and I look forward to working with everyone!! Let's have a great 2012, with tons of member participation, as well as new members, and fun events!

Laura Fourre



Announcing the 2012 Fan Award

Given to the Oldest Dog (Male and Female) Entered in any event (Including the Veteran's Parade) at the National Specialty.

Offered by Meg Auger since the 2003 BMDCA National Specialty, the Fan Award honors the memory of her Bernese Mountain Dog soul mate, Fan, who lived to nearly 14 years old. The Fan Award celebrates longevity in the breed and is given to oldest Bernese Mountain Dog male and female attending this year's National Specialty. The presentation is made at the BMDCA Judges' Dinner at which the honored senior dogs are guests.

If you wish to obtain more information about The Fan Award or own a senior dog who will be attending the specialty and may be eligible for this award, please contact the Fan Award chairwoman.

Meg Auger, Fan Award chairwoman



**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Greater Twin Cities
Minutes: General Membership Meeting
Bryan/Carroll Residence, Mahtomedi
December 17, 2011**

Call to Order at 2:45 P.M. Quorum: Yes

Minutes of the last meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

Report of President: Micky Trent thanked all who helped contribute to a successful year. This year marked another successful Regional Specialty in conjunction with the BMDCA at the St Croix Valley Cluster in August. We had our first Agility Trial at Animal Inn. This was a very successful event and we look forward to even more Club participation. We had our 4th Draft Test in October and enjoyed great weather and some great teams.

Report of Secretary: Karen Johnson-please fill in membership renewals at this meeting to help save on postage for the club. Thank you to outgoing president Micky Trent for all her hard work and dedication.

Report of Treasurer: Denise McCabe no report at this meeting

Report of Committees:

Rescue-Coleen Carroll-received a six year old female rescue that is being spayed and prepared for her new home

Playpals-Marilyn Blake-Watch the website for upcoming Playpals days.

Newsletter-Shannon Cihlar-Shannon can use items for the newsletter, which will be coming out soon.

Breeder Referral-Deb Wilkins-no report

Public Education-Julie Latteral has a tentative schedule of events for 2012 on the website. Shelley Strom mentioned the upcoming Lucy Fund wine tasting eve

RCC-Micky Trent-no report

Website

Historian

Legislative-Debby Wilkins

Membership-Susan Acklen-Susan was not in attendance, but a new member application was read for Marty & Julia Kihn. Sandy Wagner was voted in as a new member.

Trophy- Karen Johnson & Sarah Tennessen-no report

Ways & Means-Sarah Tennessen-brought Ways & Means items to the meeting

Unfinished Business:

We will continue the process of working toward accreditation with the AKC. Next item is to schedule an A match once it is approved by AKC.

New Business:

Annual election of Board of Directors and Club officers. Elections were held by paper ballot, then ballots were destroyed by a majority vote of the membership. Elected to a new 2 year term are as follows:

Laura Fourre-President
Nancy Mayer-Treasurer
Coleen Carroll-Director
Shelley Strohm-Director

Motion to adjourn at 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Johnson, Secretary

[Apple Cinnamon Training Bits](#)
[325 – 1 hour](#)

4 cups whole wheat flour
½ cup cornmeal
1 egg
2 Tbsp vegetable oil
1 small apple (grated)
1 tsp cinnamon
1 1/3 cups of water

In a bowl combine all ingredients except the apple and water. Grate apple into mixture and add water. Mix until it starts forming together. Turn out on a lightly floured surface. Knead well. Roll out to a thickness of ¼" - ½". Take a straight edge and score the dough horizontally then vertically to make a grid of ¾ squares. Be careful not to score the dough that it completely cuts through the dough. Place on a baking sheet that has been sprayed with a nonstick spray.

Thank you, Nancy Mayer, for another great recipe!

Club Calendar of Events

2012

January 28

Lucy Fund Winetasting and Silent Auction
St. Paul, MN

February 4

Club Meeting/Berner PlayPals
Intro to Berner-Garde and Health studies
Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

February 12 (tentative date)

BMDGTC Club Banquet

March 2-3

BMDCSEW B2B Regional Specialty
West Bend, WI

March 11

Berner PlayPals
Alimagnet Dog Park
Burnsville, MN

April 7

BMDCGTC A(OA) Match
Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

April 14

Berner PlayPals
Battle Creek Regional Park
St. Paul, MN

NOTE: For the most up-to-date info on upcoming Club events check out the Club events calendar at www.twinCitiesbmd.org



Bonfire at Winterfest



Host, Coleen, with attentive audience.



Bernese Mountain Dog Club



of the Greater Twin Cities

2012 Dues Schedule

Member Name: _____

BMD Names: _____

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|--------------------------|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular membership with voting rights (one adult) | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Household membership with voting rights
(Two adults residing in the same household, each eligible to vote) | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Associate membership with no voting rights) | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Newsletter only | \$ 7.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional Contribution to Club Funds | |

Please indicate to which fund/funds you would like your additional contribution distributed:

- Breeder Referral Fund Rescue Fund Lucy Fund Trophy Fund
 General Fund (includes: public education, newspaper ads, donations to BMD health related issues)

Total Enclosed

Please enclose a check made payable to BMDCGTC for your annual club dues.

I would like to continue to receive my newsletter by mail.

I would like to receive my newsletter via email.

My email address is (**PLEASE PRINT**) _____

***Please mail your check by
 January 31, 2012 to:
 Karen Johnson
 12550 120th St. N
 Stillwater, MN 55082***

LUCY FUND WINE-TASTING EVENT

WHAT COULD BE BETTER? PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF WINE, BERNERS AND FUN.

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012
TIME: 6:00 - 6:30 BUBBLY AND APPETIZERS
6:30 - 7:00 WINE TASTING
7:00 - LIGHT MEAL AND MORE WINE

WHERE: HOME OF SHELLEY STROHM AND STEVE BODA, 2196 SARGENT AVE, ST. PAUL, MN 55105

HOSTED BY: BELLA AND HARRY - WE'RE BACK AT OUR ORIGINAL LOCATIONS SO DOGS ARE WELCOME!!! KITTIES ATTEND AT THEIR OWN RISK.

WHAT:

- WINE TASTING & SILENT AUCTION -

THE EVENING WILL BE A FESTIVE GATHERING WITH WINE TASTING, GOURMET FOOD AND, OF COURSE, THE EVER-COMPETITIVE SILENT AUCTION (AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THERE WILL BE A SURPRISE LIVE AUCTION)!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE SILENT AUCTION, PLEASE EMAIL ALICE@ENTERTAININGTHEIDEA.COM WITH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ITEM AND THE RETAIL VALUE AND SHE'LL START LOGGING THEM NOW. (THEN JUST BRING THE ITEM TO THE EVENT OR ARRANGE DROP OFF WITH ALICE OR SHELLEY.)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR WINE OR BRING AN APPETIZER, PLEASE EMAIL STROHMSHELLEY@YAHOO.COM.

SUGGESTED DONATION FOR THE EVENT IS \$25.

- THE LUCY FUND -

THIS FUND IS AVAILABLE TO BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS OF THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF THE GREATER TWIN CITIES AND PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS WHOSE DOGS EXPERIENCE AN INJURY OR ILLNESS THAT COMES WITH CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL EXPENSES. MEMBERS MAY RECEIVE UP TO \$2000 PER DOG PER LIFETIME TO HELP COVER VET BILLS.

NOW IN OUR 7TH YEAR, WE HAVE GIVEN NEARLY \$20,000 IN AID TO BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG PARENTS.

DETAILS AND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: [HTTP://TWINCITIESBMD.ORG/LUCY.PHP](http://twincitiesbmd.org/lucy.php).

K&B Back Specialties

58 The Alpenhorn

designed by Marion Fenton



The Bernese Mountain Dog Club
of Southeastern Wisconsin
Cordially invites you to join us for our

K&B Back Specialties

March 2 & 3, 2012

Washington County Fair Park
3000 Pleasant Valley Road, West Bend, Wisconsin

Our Spacious location offers Reserved Grooming

Friday

Conformation Judge - Breeder Judge Joanne Leslie Gerow of New York
Sweepstakes and Junior Showmanship Judge - Pat Putman of Washington
Obedience & Rally Judge - Elmer Willems of Wisconsin

Saturday

Conformation Judge - Breeder Judge Elin Normannseth of Norway
who has judged in multiple European countries including Switzerland
Sweepstakes Judge - Fara Bushnell of Kentucky
Junior Showmanship - Jeanne Nonhof of Wisconsin
Obedience & Rally Judge - Fred Buroff of Illinois
Join us in our Versatility Showcase Saturday

Entries close 8:00 PM (CST) Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Download Complete Premium List from our Web Site at www.bmdcsew.org

Show Chair - Karen Borre - kardon2009@yahoo.com

Show Secretary - Mark Milligan Event Services - bonmead@netnet.net

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Sarah Reischel

Shelley Strohm

Julie Latterell

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.twincitiesbmd.org



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