

PREMIUM LIST

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test
39th & 40th Draft Tests Hosted by the
*BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF NASHOBA VALLEY***



Saturday, May 13, 2017

Sunday, May 14, 2017

**US Army Corps of Engineers-Westville Lake Recreational Area
125 Wallace Road
Sturbridge, Massachusetts**

Judges:

Saturday 5/13

Christine Mann Boulder, CO

Phil Atkinson Bolton, MA

Sunday 5/14

Christine Mann Boulder, CO

Barb Gibson Edgecomb, ME

Entries close at the address of the Test Secretary, at 6:00 PM EDT on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations

All Judging will be outdoors

Officers of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley

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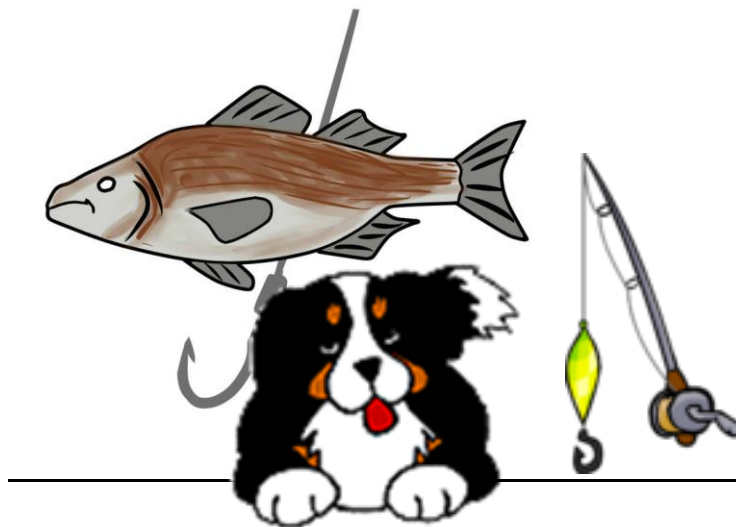
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Test Secretary (both days)

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Committee Members: Lori Bellussi, Jo Ann Coniglio, Jon Cons, Beth Atkinson, Margot Burwood.

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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America

Draft Test Purpose

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test is a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of Bernese Mountain Dogs in a working capacity involving hauling. The Bernese Mountain Dog has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities, and performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting from both inherent ability and training which are applicable to realistic work situations. Efficiency in accomplishment of tasks is essential. It is also desirable that the dog show willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

Regulations

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (July 2011 Edition) and being familiar with them. Draft test regulations are available online: <http://bmdca.org/Draft>. These are *All Eligible Dogs* draft tests in accordance with current BMDCA Draft Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 1, Paragraph B (with preference given to Bernese Mountain Dogs). The BMDCA and the DWC take dog aggression very seriously and have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior on the part of dogs/owners and/or handlers. For a copy of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure, go to http://bmdca.org/Draft/BMDCA_Draft_Discipline.php

By participating in or attending this test, you understand and agree to the terms of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure. This procedure is a clarification of the Discipline Section of the BMDCA Draft Regulations.

Awards

All participating teams will receive a suitable keepsake. Qualifying teams will receive a rosette. Teams qualifying in a BMDCNV test for the first time will receive a classic wooden contoured silhouette of a Bernese Mountain Dog pulling a cart. Qualifying teams who have previously qualified will receive a special trophy. There will be an award given to the oldest qualifying BMD on each day.

Veterinary:

ON CALL: Baystate Mobile Veterinary Services 877-219-4811

ALT: Sturbridge Veterinary Hospital, 6 Cedar Street, Sturbridge MA 01566
(508)347-7374

ALT -Approximately 3.8 miles (8 minutes) from test site. Directions from Site: North on Wallace Rd.(.87 miles), Left on Main St/MA-131 (2.31 miles), Left on Main St/US 20-W (.59 miles), Right onto Cedar Street to # 6 Cedar St.

Test Site and Weather

Westville Lake is situated on the Quinebaug River in the towns of Southbridge and Sturbridge, and lies just outside of downtown Southbridge. The facilities easy access distinguishes Westville Lake as a popular outdoor recreation area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers owns and manages 578 acres of land at Westville Lake. There are covered picnic areas, charcoal grill areas, picnic tables, flush toilets and pets must be leashed. Check the forecast frequently and come prepared for yourself and your dog(s). May temperatures in Sturbridge average a high of 68 degrees, and a low of 46 degrees. Average monthly rainfall total for May is 3.78 inches. Sunrise and sunset: approximately 5AM and 6:45PM each day.

Directions to Test Site

Route 90/ (MA Pike) is a major highway north of Sturbridge and Southbridge. Route 84 is a major highway west of the Test Site.

From CT Route 84 Northbound:

EXIT 1, onto Mashapaug Road. Left onto Breakneck Road to end. Right onto Wallace Road.

If you miss Exit 1, you can take Exit 2 onto River Road then Left onto Mashapaug Rd. Follow directions above.

From Route 90 /(MA Pike):

Merge onto I-84 W towards US-20/Hartford/NYC. Merge onto US-20 W/Main St. via exit 3B. Sharp Left toward MA-131 Sturbridge/Palmer. Main Street/MA 131 then Right onto Wallace Road to #125.

****Please check directions online and printout from your location to our test site to avoid delays****

Recreational Vehicles

RVs may be considered at site with permit. NO hook up facilities.

For more information contact (978)318-8848 or email keith.w.beecher@usace.army.mil

Hospitality and Refreshments

Coffee and snacks will be available on site Saturday and Sunday morning. Lunch is available at TEDDY G's (pizza, burgers, etc.), 179 Main Street, Sturbridge. Lunch will be provided for the Judges. Everyone else the cost is \$12 per day, which includes pizza/beverages on Saturday and paninis/beverages on Sunday to be delivered to the site. There will be an informal Judges' Dinner on Saturday evening at the Public House Historic Inn restaurant for Judges and Draft Committee only. All entrants, stewards, club members and officials will need to make their own plans due to occupancy constraints/other events in town. Some Suggestions are Thai Place(371 Main Street), Cedar Street Grill(12 Cedar Street) and Avellino(502 Main Street).

Spring Fun Day

On Sunday, June 11, Nashoba Valley will also be hosting its annual Spring Fun Day at the Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds, Westford MA, where all families and friends of Berners are welcome to join the fun and socialize throughout the day. Details for the event will be available through the BMDCNV website at <http://bmdcnv.org/events.html>.

Nearby Accommodations (Please call for specific rates & pet policies)

Super 8 Sturbridge 358 Main Street Sturbridge MA 01566 877-298-2066 3.1 miles from test site (Pet friendly)	Public House Historic Inn 277 Main Street Sturbridge MA 01566 508-347-3313 publichouse.choosearoom.com 2.5 miles from test site (Pet friendly)	Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Ctr. 366 Main Street Sturbridge MA 01566 508-347-7393 info@sturbridgehosthotel.com 3.4 miles from test site (Pet friendly)
Days Inn Sturbridge 400 Hayes Street (Rte. 15) Sturbridge MA 01566 877-298-2066 5.5 miles from test site (Pet friendly)	Hamilton Inn Sturbridge 172 Main Street Sturbridge MA 01566 508-347-9673 1.6 miles from test site (NOT Pet friendly)	Econo Lodge Sturbridge 408 Main Street Sturbridge MA 01566 877-298-2066 3.5 miles from test site (Pet friendly)

Attention Exhibitors – Important Information

- Handlers must provide their own rigs, harnesses, and tie downs or other means of securing a load on their particular draft rig.
- Handlers must provide their own weights for the freight haul. Weight will be verified via scale at the test site. Freight haul weight loads: In Novice Draft, the weight required is 20 lbs. In Open Draft, the weight required is the weight of the dog rounded down to the nearest 10 lbs; 60 lbs minimum. In Novice Brace Draft, the weight required is 40 lbs per team. In Open Brace Draft, the weight required is the sum of the Open weight of each dog.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Each Open or Open Brace entry, or possible 'move-up' to Open or Open Brace, must include a veterinary certificate stating the dog's name and weight. This certificate must be dated within 60 days prior to the date of the test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. Entry Fees shall be refunded upon receipt of a veterinary certificate stating an entered bitch is in season at the time of the Draft Test.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.

Class Entry Details

- The entry fee is \$35 per team. The brace entry fee is \$35 per two-dog team. For brace entries, please complete an entry form for each dog and staple together.
- Entry is limited to 24 teams per day.
- The following classes are offered: Novice, Novice Brace, Open, and Open Brace. Brace teams may be grouped with the appropriate level single teams for group exercises.
- If more than 24 entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
 1. Untitled Bernese Mountain Dogs
 2. Titled Bernese Mountain Dogs
 3. Untitled other dogs
 4. Titled other dog(Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class)
- A random draw will be held for each group including and following the one that causes the total entry in excess of the Test limit.
- Entrants must notify the Draft Test Secretary if a dog has earned a title in the entered class, including if the title is earned after the entry has been submitted.
- Teams entered in a class in which they have already earned the advanced level title will be drawn after teams without the advanced level title in that class.
- Alternates will also be drawn and may compete if a spot becomes available.
- Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event the dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge or barred from competition by the Show Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of the Show Committee it is impossible to open or to complete the test, no refund of entry fee will be made. Extreme weather conditions must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors, officials, and spectators and are of paramount importance. In the event it is necessary to cancel or stop the test before completion, no refund of entry fee will be made.
- A handler may withdraw a dog from a draft test for medical reasons. Entry fees shall be refunded upon receipt of a signed veterinarian's certificate stating the reason for withdrawal (postmarked mail prior to the test date is acceptable); however, it is requested that the Test Secretary is notified as soon as possible so an alternate can be contacted.

Close of Entries

Entries close **Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 6:00 PM EDT** at the Draft Test Secretary's address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations. Please type or print legibly and include your telephone number and email address on each entry. Please make checks payable to BMDCNV and write a separate check for each entry. If entering both days you **MUST** complete entry forms for each day and include separate checks. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann Coniglio (401)626-6789 or jorabit@aol.com. Telephone or incomplete entries cannot be accepted. Entries received without fees will not be accepted. Post-dated checks and returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. No entry shall be made or no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Tentative Schedule

Schedule to be determined after the close of entries. Entrants and judges will be notified of Arrival time and Equipment Check & Freight Haul Weigh-In. Judging will begin shortly following Judges' Session and Course Familiarization. A lunch break will be taken at the judges' discretion.

We welcome spectators at this event!

Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s). Unentered dogs may be present, but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.



BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF NASHOBA VALLEY
WESTVILLE LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA / US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS STURBRIDGE MA
Saturday May 13 & Sunday, May 14, 2017

Entry fee: \$35.00 per entry. (Brace is considered one entry)

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Mail Entries & Fees to: **Jo Ann Coniglio, Test Secretary**
143 Cole Drive
North Kingstown RI 02857

Make checks payable to: BMDCNV

Please type or print clearly. Use one form per dog per class entered.

Breed		Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
			<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is titled in entered class		<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday May 13		<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday May 14	
Registered Name (please include titles)			
Call Name		Berner-Garde # (BMDs only)	
Date of Birth		DNA Profile # (Nationals only)	
Registration #		<input type="checkbox"/> American Kennel Club <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Kennel Club	
Breeder			
Sire			
Dam			
Actual Owner(s)			
Owners Address			
City	State	Zip	
Telephone		E-mail	
Handler/Agent			

Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement

ENTRY AGREEMENT

I understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. I agree that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and the dog ("the dog") that accompanies me in relationship to this entry.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to **HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY** the following listed parties from any claim for loss, damage or injury alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by my actions or by the actions of the dog in relationship to this event : the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) and the event-giving club, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or leaser of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any BMDCA Draft Judge judging at this event. I personally assume **all responsibility and liability** for any such claim. I agree to be responsible for any loss and expense (including legal fees) incurred by any of the listed parties based on claims related in any way to my participation or the actions of the dog in relationship to this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself.

Additionally, I agree to assume the sole responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself or to the dog in relationship to this event. I agree to **RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and promise not to sue** the parties listed above for any such loss, damage or injury to myself or the dog, regardless of the cause, and whether or not the loss, damage or injury may have been caused by the negligence of the listed parties.

I AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE BMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE BMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by rules and regulations of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) in effect at the time of this BMDCA Draft Test and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for this event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. **I also certify that all the information I provide with this entry is true and correct.** This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

Name of Participant

(please print)

Signature

Date:

Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement

Revised January 21, 2013