



THE SPECIALTY STAR

BMDCA National Specialty Newsletter **FRIDAY Edition**

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FRIDAY HAPPENINGS

[Draft Test #4](#) – Eisenhower Hotel Grounds (Catalog [HERE](#))

[Scent Work Trial](#) – Eisenhower Hotel Ballroom (Catalog [HERE](#))

[AKC Judges Education with Ringside Mentoring](#) – All Star Expo Hall Conference Room

[Regular & Non-Regular Bitch Conformation Classes](#) – All Star Expo Hall (Catalog [HERE](#))

[Pee Wee Special Attraction](#) – All Star Expo Hall, during lunch break

[BMDCA Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration](#) – The Aspire Hotel Grand Ballroom, Cocktails 6 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Meeting and Awards 7:30 p.m.



**2025 BMDCA
National Specialty**





The Top Twenty was spectacular! Wow. What a beautiful group of Berners.

And speaking of spectacular – the Juniors!!!
Congratulations to all of them, and especially our Best Junior, Raini Johnson.

Yesterday also included the various male conformation classes, team obedience, baby puppies, and a lot of crying at the Veterans Parade.

Today we make way for the girls! You will notice a lot of pink – consider that your reminder to get your annual mammogram. More on the pinkness of it all later in this newsletter.

The final draft test is today and no doubt the Queen of All Things Draft, Gina Craig, will be as organized and cheerful today as she was at the first draft test. She is a marvel.

Scentwork is happening today, the Mug Dinner is tonight, and we will have the Pee Wee class at lunch – I can't wait to see the Pee Wee photos!

And speaking of photos – thank you to all who share. Space limits use but not my gratitude 🙏

And speaking of gratitude, make sure and express yours for the volunteers who are helping you make memories today ❤️

I Wanna Talk About ME PEE



Have you ever lost a Berner to cancer? Want to help fight back? There's an easy way you can do just that.

If you have a dog here with you -- and that dog pees -- get a collection kit from the Berner-Garde booth and donate some Berner pee for cancer research!

Easy Peesy!

They are only 50 samples away from reaching their goal. **Please help!** (Do it before 2 pm while supplies are available.)

And speaking of pee, it is _____ (*insert unflattering words like gross and perhaps even rude*) to let your male dog pee on things that a human made or will touch. For example, garbage cans and signs.

Here is a helpful little poem to remind your male dog where to go:

Need to pee?

Find a tree.



Veterans Parade

The Veterans Parade is always a tear-jerker and so this year, there were Berner tissue packets on the seats. Well-done, Team!

If you missed the Veterans Parade, you can rest your heart and mind on these special dogs by checking out the participants [HERE](#).





Winners Dog: (#290) Creo's Hidden Treasure. Bred by Ursula & Jill Coprataux and owned by Ursula Corpataux.



Reserve Winners Dog: (#297) Driftless Slow Burn v Vinn. Bred and owned by Joann Richter, Eric Buonpane, and Deanna Scott.



4 - 6 mos. Beginner Puppy



BEST: (#11) MIDNIGHT'S I'VE BEEN FRAMED
Bred and Owned by Gene & Mona Williams



Best of Opposite: VIDA'S THE ULTIMATE BUBBLE
Bred and Owned by Heather Sherwood



Winners of the Veterans Classes

7 to 9, Dogs: (221) CH HUGO SINA DRUZYNA. Breeder, Emilia Orlikowska. Owners: Charis Matey & Sally Wolfgang.

9 to 11, Dogs: CH VON ENGEL'S LOOK NO FURTHER.
Breeders/Owners: Sherry & Kasey Von Engel.

Winner of the Stud Dog Class

GCHS CARMA QUE N TRISTEVAN'S FEARLESS REDNECK BCAT. Breeders: Marsha Schaublin & Brenda Calvelage.
Owners: Bobbie Parker & Hunter & Brenda Calvelage.

Winners of the Brace Class



(171) HORIZONS RISK IT FOR THE BRISKET CGC TKN RN,
(178) HORIZON'S IF THE BBQ'S IS BLAZIN' THE BEERS AMAZIN,
Breeder & Owner: Amanda Wescott.

Team Obedience



Every team was a winner,
but first place went to Team Three.



Juniors

Best Junior was Raini Johnson with GCH
BERNERGARDENS NINA PRETTY BALLERINA.
This team was also in the Top Twenty!

Congratulations, Raini & Nina



Photo Contest

People's Choice Best in Show



"The Last Sunset" **Ruth Nielsen**



Visit the online Galleries [HERE](#) to see all the Photo Contest winners as well as the gallery for Titleholders and Rescue.



Top Twenty Winner ALEX



WINNER: “Alex” GCHS CH Windfall Timberidge's Play The Game V Adesa. Breeder: Kris Hayko. Owners: Diane Waldman & Kris Hayko.

PEOPLE’S CHOICE: “Ullr” BIS MBISS GCHG CH Windfall Adesa 3 Wire Winter @ Emerald Mtn CD RN FDC DD. Breeders: Kris Hayko & Michael Knicely. Owners: Elisabeth Dennehy, Will Rogers Jr., Kris Hayko & Bobbi Kinley-Blewett.



Alex & Ullr

Also receiving special honors at the Top Twenty...

First Runner-up (and Best Dressed Human):

“Emma” GCHG Summers' Anastasia Treasured Godiva. Breeders: Anne Summers & Natalie Ellis. Owner: Yu (Addy) Cui.

Second Runner-up: “Ragnar” GCHS CH Swiss Charm Ragnar Northern Chills CGC TKN. Breeder: Heather Anschutz. Owners: Keith & Joyce Walter, Heather Anschutz.

Congratulations to ALL and thanks for sharing your dogs with us.

Wearing PINK
on the day
when the girls
are showing
started in
memory of
Fara and now
honors all who
face cancer,
especially
breast cancer.

*Remembering
Fara Bushnell
1958-2019*



*You know the one thing I've always
said is that when I'm gone, I want
to be remembered not for winning
a bunch of specialties, including
national, but all the champions I've
owned or bred - but rather, for
making a difference in improving
the health & longevity of our breed
while still achieving the breed
standard so you can win in the
show ring,*

“What I like about photographs is that they capture a moment that’s gone forever, impossible to reproduce.”
(Karl Lagerfeld)



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