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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

Hosted by the
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northern California



3 DAYS OF DRAFT TESTS: OCT. 31–NOV. 2, 2014

Test 1 (Friday): Judges Jim Maxwell & Phil Chagnon

Test 2 (Saturday): Judges Phil Chagnon & Christine Mann

Test 3 (Sunday): Judges Christine Mann & Jim Maxwell

BOHLIG HAUS
5355 Timberland Drive
Foresthill, CA. 95631

Entries close at the Test Secretary's address below on **Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 11:00 p.m., PDT.** Please mail with checks payable to **BMDCNC**, or e-mail with online PayPal payment to:

Cindy Beckman
3444 Broderick Street, San Francisco, CA 94123-1803
BluNoteBMD@gmail.com | www.norcalbernese.org

These are ALL ELIGIBLE DOGS tests.

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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(510) 886-6843 Email: [jasen.duncan@mac.com](mailto:jasen.duncan@mac.com)

**Committee:** Larry Bohlig, Litia Bohlig, Nick Hengeveld,  
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**DRAFT TEST SECRETARIES:**  
**(ALL ENTRY FORMS GO TO TEST No. 1 SECRETARY)**

**TEST 1:** Cindy Beckman, 3444 Broderick St., San Francisco, CA 94123  
**Fri, Oct. 31** (415) 776-8575 Email: [BluNoteBMD@mindspring.com](mailto:BluNoteBMD@mindspring.com)

**TEST 2:** Diana Gerba, 27 Stowe Lane, Menlo Park, CA 94025  
**Sat, Nov. 1** (650) 234-1156 [dgerba@mac.com](mailto:dgerba@mac.com)

**TEST 3:** Wendi Wakefield, 123 Nimitz Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061  
**Sun, Nov. 2** (434) 825-1898 E-mail: [wendi1dog@gmail.com](mailto:wendi1dog@gmail.com)

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VETERINARIAN

Day of Test: North Fork Veterinary Clinic
12080 Locksley Lane, Auburn, CA 95602
(530) 888-8788. We will have printed directions on site.

Emergency: Loomis Basin Veterinary Clinic
3901 Sierra College Blvd, Loomis, CA 95650
(916) 652-5816. We will have printed directions on site.
Please call if possible prior to arriving.

OUR ESTEEMED JUDGES

- Tests No. 1 & 3:** Mr. Jim Maxwell..... 3444 Broderick Street
San Francisco, CA 94123
- Tests No. 1 & 2:** Mr. Phil Chagnon 5411 Maple Road
Richmond, BC, Canada
- Tests No. 2 & 3:** Ms. Christine Mann..... 2942 Sugarloaf Road
Boulder, CO 80302

SCHEDULE

- Site opens at Noon on Thursday, Oct. 30 for early setup and campers.
- Daily Check-In time will be determined after the close of entries.
- Equipment Check will immediately follow Check-In.
- Judging will begin as soon as possible after the Equipment Check.
- A lunch break will be taken each day at the judges' discretion.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test each day.
- **Remember, clocks "fall back" one hour Sunday morning!!**

CLASS ENTRY DETAILS

- **Entry limits:** There will be a limit of 28 entries for Draft Tests No. 1 and No. 2 (Friday and Saturday) and a limit of 24 entries for Draft Test No. 3 (Sunday).
- **Entry fees:** \$35.00 for a single dog team, \$45.00 for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team (please check "Dog 1" or "Dog 2") and then stapled together. Even though two entry forms are required for each brace team, each brace team will be counted as one entry in the Draft Test entry limit.
- If more entries than the daily limits noted above are received, they will be prioritized each day in the following order:
 1. **BMD** – Untitled
 2. **BMD** – Titled
 3. **Other breeds** – Untitled
 4. **Other breeds** – Titled

(Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.)
- A random drawing will be held for each group in the list including and following the one that causes a total entry in excess of the Test limit. 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.
- All Entrants and Alternates will be notified of their entry status within 48 hours of the close of entries by phone or e-mail.
- 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.

TEST SITE

Bohlig Haus

5355 Timberland Drive, Foresthill, CA 95631

The test site is in the community of Foresthill and situated on four acres at the home of Litia and Larry Bohlig. Foresthill was one of the earliest explored areas of California during the gold rush.

Directions

- From I-80, take the Auburn Ravine/Foresthill exit (Exit 121). Turn east onto Auburn Ravine / Foresthill Road.
- Continue straight on Foresthill Road for 15.9 miles.
- After you pass Worton's Market, make a left turn onto Timberland Dr.
- Go to the end of Timberland Dr. and the driveway is on your right.

Weather

...will happen! We'll update entrants on the forecast as the test approaches.

Accommodations

Best Western Golden Key, 13450 Lincoln Way. Auburn, CA (530-885-8611 ext. 0) is offering a group rate of \$85 for a single king and \$100 for two queens. Complimentary continental breakfast, heated pool and hot tub. Up to two dogs per room with a \$15/day pet fee. Ask for the "Bernese Mountain Dog Group." **Reserve a room by Oct. 17 to receive group rate.**

Other Area Hotels (please inquire about their current pet policy):

- **Quality Inn Gold Country**, 13490 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA
Reservations: (530) 885-7025, www.qualityinnauburn.com
- **Motel 6**, 1819 Auburn Ravine Road Auburn, CA
Reservations: (530) 888-7829, <http://motel6-auburn.com/>

Camping Out at Bohlig Haus

- Bring your own RV, trailer or tent and stay on site. Please contact Larry Bohlig if you would like to stay on site so he can arrange space for everyone: (530) 367-6206 or threebernese@sebastiancorp.net.
- Want to rent an RV or trailer? Try these local vendors:

Happy Daze RVs

Sacramento, CA

(800) 783-6509

happydazerv.com

Fun Sports Rentals

Elk Grove, CA

(916) 684-6529

funsportsoutdoorrentals.com

Cruise America

Sacramento, CA

(800) 671-8042

cruiseamerica.com

AWARDS

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northern California and their friends will offer a **Custom Prize and Qualifying Rosette** to all qualifying teams.

Achievement Awards will be presented to:

- Any qualifying team earning an Advanced Draft Title
- Any team that qualifies in at least one class all three days
- First qualifying score during the weekend by any rescue dog
- First qualifying score during the weekend by any veteran dog
- The oldest qualifying dog in each test

All participating teams will receive a **Ring Favor**.

REFRESHMENTS & MEALS

Morning Hospitality provided each day..... *Free (donations accepted!)*

Lunch available each day. Lunch will consist of an entrée, dessert and a beverage. Vegetarian selections available if pre-ordered.....*\$10/person*

Dinner available Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights – see below for menu descriptions. Vegetarian selections available if pre-ordered:

- **Thursday Pizza Party:** If you are staying on site or getting into town early, join us for a pizza and green salad buffet*\$10/person*
- **“Frightday” Thrills & Grills Party:** Bring your own main course item for the grill and the BMD CNC will provide the chilling appetizers and side dish, spirited beverages, and ghoulish desserts to celebrate the holiday – costumes encouraged!.....*Free!*
- **Saturday Judge’s Dinner:** We’ll be roasting our judges over the grill ... oops, we mean *toasting* our judges *by* the grill with salad, grilled meat and vegetables, side dish and desserts (vegetarian version with grilled Portobello mushrooms)*\$15/person*

Sunday Pancake Breakfast: Clocks “fall back” on Sunday morning, so use your extra hour to enjoy a pancake breakfast in support of Northern California Bernese Mountain Dog Rescue & Rehome... *\$5 donation/person*
 *Free for handlers with a rescued team member*
Additional donations for rescue happily accepted!

PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED ORDER FORM TO ORDER MEALS

MEAL ORDER FORM

THURSDAY, Oct. 30: **Dinner:** Pizza and Green Salad Buffet **\$10**

FRIDAY, Oct. 31: **Lunch:** Entree, dessert and beverage **\$10**

Dinner: BYO entree (grill available) **Free!**
 Appetizer, side, dessert & beverage provided

SATURDAY, Nov. 2: **Lunch:** Entree, dessert and beverage **\$10**

Dinner: Grilled meats and vegetables **\$15**
 With side dish, dessert and beverage (vegetarian version with grilled Portobello mushroom entree)

SUNDAY, Nov. 3: **Pancake Breakfast:** To support BMD Rescue **\$5**

Lunch: Entree, dessert and beverage **\$10**

Friday’s BYO-entree Dinner is being hosted by the BMD CNC and is free, but we need your reservation count to plan appropriately!

DRAFT TEST A LA “CART” MENU

For each meal, please indicate the number of
Meaty (Reg.) or Vegetarian (Veg.) meals you are ordering.

			Reg.	Veg.		
Thursday:	Pizza Dinner	\$10/person				\$
Friday:	Lunch	\$10/person				\$
	Halloween Dinner	Free/person				\$ 0
Saturday:	Lunch	\$10/person				\$
	Judges Dinner	\$15/person				\$
Sunday:	Pancake Breakfast	\$5/person				\$
	Lunch	\$10/person				\$

NAME(S): _____ **TOTAL** \$

Please complete and return Meal Order to the Test Secretary by Oct. 21st.
 Make checks out to BMD CNC or use PayPal at www.norcalbernese.org.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES

All entries are to be sent to Cindy Beckman, Draft Test No. 1 Secretary.
Entries close (and all forms and payments must be received at the address below) on **Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 11:00 p.m., PDT.**

1. Enter by hand or by mail with checks payable to BMDNC to:
Cindy Beckman, 3444 Broderick Street, San Francisco, CA 94123
2. Enter electronically by:
 - a. paying with PayPal thru *www.norcalbernese.org* AND
 - b. e-mailing entry form, weight certificate, and PayPal confirmation to *BluNoteBMD@gmail.com*

REGULATIONS

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of 2011) and being familiar with them. Draft Test Regulations may be downloaded from www.bmdca.org/Draft at no charge.

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

- Classes offered: Novice and Open; Brace Novice and Brace Open.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Open and Brace Open entries must include a veterinary certificate stating the dog's name and weight. This certificate must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.
- Move-ups are allowed per the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations. Entrants hoping to move up must submit weight certificates with their Novice entry form, as they cannot be accepted after the entry deadline.
- Handlers must provide their own draft rig, freight load, harness, and tie downs (or other means of securing a load in their particular draft rig).
- 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.
 - **In Brace Novice Draft**, the weight required is 40 lbs. per team.
 - **In Brace Open Draft**, the weight required is the sum of the Open weight for each dog.

Handlers must provide their own freight haul weights.
- Bitches in season are not allowed to compete in the Draft Test. Refund of entry fees for bitches who come in season after the closing date of the Test may be obtained by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Test Secretary postmarked before the opening day of the Test, or by giving it to the Test Secretary before the start of the Test.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person.

We Welcome Spectators!

Unentered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.

Please remember to pick up after your dogs!

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 purebred 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 evidence willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

**Return all Entry Forms and Meal Order Forms
to the Draft Test No. 1 Secretary
by 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2014:**

**Cindy Beckman
3444 Broderick Street,
San Francisco, CA 94123
(415) 776-8575 or *BluNoteBMD@gmail.com***

ONLINE ENTRIES CAN ALSO BE MADE!

1. Visit *www.norcalbernese.org* to pay via PayPal
2. E-mail completed entry form and any weight certificate with a copy of PayPal confirmation

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

Breed			Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	Brace Novice: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 2		<input type="checkbox"/> Open
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is titled in entered class		<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate enclosed		
<input type="checkbox"/> Test #1 (Fri., Oct. 31)	<input type="checkbox"/> Test #2 (Sat., Nov. 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Test #3 (Sun., Nov. 2)		
Registered Name <small>(please include titles)</small>				
Call Name		Berners-Garde # <small>(BMDs only)</small>		
Date of Birth		DNA Profile # <small>(BMD Nat'l. Spec. only)</small>		
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:** _____

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