

Entries close at **7:00 p.m. (PST), March 6, 2024**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations. Make checks payable to **SWBMDC** and mail fee with entry form to: **Ann Ghorso**, Draft Test Secretary, **815 Sea Spray Lane, #216, Foster City, CA 94404**. If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail, envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted

These tests are held in accordance with the January 2023 BMDCA Draft Test Regulations

Premium List

Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test



**Hosted by
Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club
The 31st and 32nd Independent Draft Tests**

**Mesenhimer Ranch
7013 Dusty Lane, Modesto, CA 95357**

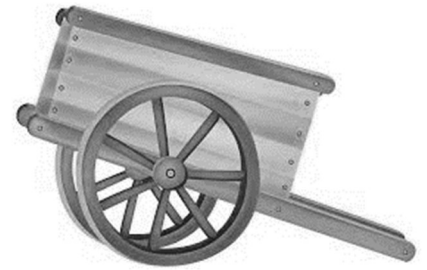
Saturday, March 16, 2024 and Sunday March 17, 2024

Judges: Lori Kennedy & Nancy Van Horne

These Are All Eligible Dogs Draft Tests

Officers of the Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club

President	Annette deBoer
Vice President	Karen Heitkamp
Treasurer	Hank Gnesa
Secretary	Robin Paloma
	30 S. Hickory Avenue Tracy, CA 95376
Board of Directors	Derrick Horn, Bill Poulos, Ann Ghiorso, Nick Hengeveld, and Rich Paloma



Draft Tests Committee

Draft Test Chair:	Karen Heitkamp
Draft Test Secretary:	Ann Ghiorso
Draft Test Secretary's Email:	aghiorso@comcast.net
Committee Members:	Annette deBoer, Nick Hengeveld, and Bill Poulos

Draft Tests Judges Lori Kennedy and Nancy Van Horne

Veterinarian (On-Call)

Standiford Veterinary Center

1520 Standiford Ave., Modesto, CA 95350, (209) 577-3481
(10.1 miles from Draft site)

Schedule

- We will be utilizing a "self-check-in" the morning of the test. Please look for your team's name and park your cart in the designated cart parking area. Your numbers, catalog, and other materials will be in this space.
- Check-in and equipment check times to be determined after the close of entries. You will be notified via email.
- Course walk-through to follow equipment check.
- Judging to begin as soon as possible after the walkthrough.
- Lunch break at judges' discretion.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Draft Test.

Awards

The following prizes are offered by Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club unless otherwise noted: Each passing team will receive a selected award and rosette. All entrants will receive ring favors. There will be special recognition for the oldest qualifying Bernese Mountain Dog and the oldest qualifying dog of all other breeds.

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 dog(s).

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Tests are 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.

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of **24** entries per test.
- Entry fees **\$35** for each single dog team and **\$50** for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then submitted 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 than **24** entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
 1. Untitled BMD's
 2. Titled BMD's without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 3. Titled BMDs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 4. Untitled other dogs
 5. Titled other dogs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 6. Titled other dogs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
- *Note: For brace teams, the dog with the lowest level title in the entered class determines the team's priority. If a brace has a BMD and a non-BMD, it is considered a "BMD team" for the above.*
- *Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.*
- Running Order: A separate random draw to determine the running order for each class for each test.
- 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.

Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered: Novice, Brace Novice, Open and Brace Open.
- Handlers must provide their own rigs, harnesses, and tie downs or other means of securing a load on their particular draft rig.
- Handlers must bring their own weight. Weight will be verified via scale at the test site.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months' old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete.
- Refunds will be given for bitches in season or injured dogs with a veterinary certificate.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.
- Unentered dogs may be present but, like entered dogs that are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.
- Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s).

Weight Certificates

Each Open or Open Brace entry shall include the DWC weight certificate or a certificate that includes the same information that is contained in the DWC WC and be signed and dated within 60 days prior to each Draft Test date. The handler is solely responsible for having a valid Weight Certificate. An incorrect Weight Certificate may result in the loss of any qualifying runs.

<https://www.bmdca.org/draft>

(listed under "Draft Regulations & General Resources")

Regulations

Draft Test Regulations 2023 Edition: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of Jan 2023) and being familiar with them.

<https://www.bmdca.org/draft>

(listed under "Draft Regulations & General Resources")



Weather

The normal high in March averages 68.2 degrees and the normal low averages 45.2 degrees. As it is spring, there could be a slight chance of rain (but we welcome rain in California). It's best to dress in layers.

Hotel Information

Please ask about pet policy.

Quinta Inn & Suites Ripon

1524 W. Colony Rd., Ripon, CA 95366, (209) 382-8132

La Quinta Inn & Suites North Modesto

4909 Sisk Rd., Salida, CA 95368, (209) 418-7127

Residence Inn by Marriott Modesto North

2901 Healthcare Way, Modesto, CA 95356, (209) 382-8850



Camping

French Camp RV Park

3919 French Camp Rd.,
Manteca, CA 95336, (209) 234-1544

Caswell State Park

28000 South Austin Road
Ripon, CA. 95366, (209) 826-1197
<https://reservecalifornia.com/>

Location and Driving Directions

Mesenhimer Ranch

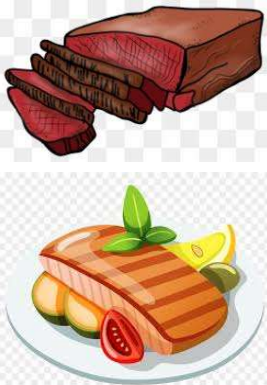
7013 Dusty Lane, Modesto, CA 95357

<http://tinyurl.com/SWBMD-C-Mesenhimer-Ranch>

Please follow the signs for the designated parking area(s)

Refreshments, Lunches & Saturday Dinner

Morning - complimentary assorted muffins, danishes, and fruit. Coffee and juice will also be available.

Saturday's Lunch	Saturday's Dinner	Sunday's Lunch
<p>Taco Bar (meat or veggie with all the fixins)</p> 	<p>Grilled Tri-Tip, Grilled Salmon, or Vegetarian, includes salads, bread and dessert</p> 	<p>St. Patty's Day Lunch (corned beef or veggie)</p> 

Meal reservations can be made by check or via PayPal. Please make meal reservations by **Monday, March 11, 2024.**

If paying by check, the check should be payable to SWBMDC and sent to Ann Ghiorso, Draft Test Secretary, 815 Sea Spray Lane, #216, Foster City, CA 94404.

If making reservations by PayPal, go to the Events page on SWBMDC's website and click on the applicable links - <https://sierrawestbmdc.org/events.html>.

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Saturday Lunch (March 16, 2024) – Taco Bar with all the fixins

Name	Pork	Chicken	Vegetarian	Cost \$15
Total				

Saturday Dinner (following conclusion of Draft Test) (March 16, 2024) – Grilled Tri-Tip, Grilled Salmon, or Vegetarian

Name	Tri-Tip	Grilled Salmon	Vegetarian	Cost \$22
Total				

Sunday Lunch (March 17, 2024) – St. Patty’s Day Lunch - Corned Beef or Vegetarian with cabbage, potatoes and soda bread)

Name	Corned Beef	Vegetarian	Cost \$15
Total			

Name of Individual Submitting Form: _____

If paying by check, send form and check made payable to SWBMDC to Ann Ghorso, 815 Sea Spray Lane, #216, Foster City, CA 94404 **by March 11, 2024**. Meal reservations can also be made online under the Events page on SWBMDC’s website - <https://sierrawestbmdc.org/events.html>.

SIERRA WEST BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB
Mesenhimer Ranch, 7013 Dusty Lane, Modesto, CA 95357
Saturday, March 16, 2024 and Sunday March 17, 2024

Entry fees: \$35 per team \$50 per brace team

Close of Entries

- Entries close at the Test Secretary's address on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. (PST)**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.
- Please make checks payable to **SWBMDC** and mail fee with entry form to the Test Secretary.
- If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail, envelopes must be released without a signature.
 - Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.
- Entrants will receive confirmation of entry via e-mail.

To enter online: Type on Entry Form (fillable PDF files), save to your computer, and email attachments and, if applicable, weight certificate to Ann Ghiorso at aghiorso@comcast.net. Pay via PayPal at www.sierrawestbmdc.org/2024_Draft_Test.html

To enter by mail: Mail completed Entry Form and Entry Agreement (2 pages) and Fees to: Ann Ghiorso, 815 Sea Spray Lane, #216, Foster City, CA 94404

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"/> Test 100 – Saturday, March 16, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 – Sunday, March 17, 2024			
Registered Name (please include titles)				
Call Name	Berner-Garde # (BMDs only)			
Date of Birth	DNA # 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			

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

I have read, understand, and agree to the Entry Agreement.

Date:

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.

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA
DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**

NAME OF VET CLINIC: _____

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: _____

DOG'S CALL NAME: _____

VET CLINIC TO FILL IN BY HAND:

I verify on _____ : _____ : Weighed _____ lbs.
(date) *(dog's call name)* *(insert weight)*

(Signature of Vet Clinic employee witnessing weight of dog)

(Position of Vet Clinician)

(Print name of Vet employee signing this form)

(Clinic Phone #)

Please provide **Vet Clinic Stamp** below, **with name and address of the Clinic**, OR have the information above printed/provided on the Vet Clinic's letterhead.

VET STAMP HERE: