

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Canada

2018 National Specialty Show

Planning Book

“Honouring our Heritage”



September 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack, British Columbia



## Honouring Our Heritage

### Welcome

The 2018 specialty committee would like to extend an invitation to join us in celebrating the wonderful heritage of our breed at the 2018 National Specialty being held in conjunction with the MCCC All-breed show in the beautiful Fraser Valley. Our show committee is working tirelessly to make this event a weekend to remember and enjoyable for all. This planning book should provide you with all the information you need to prepare for a jam-packed list of events.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Anita Vaartstra, 2018 Specialty Show Chair

phone 604-289-3830, cell 604-302-3136, [bernergold@gmail.com](mailto:bernergold@gmail.com)

Keep up with all the latest news by joining our BMDCC 2018 National Specialty Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168941507008347/>



## Honouring Our Heritage

### Committee Members

Show Chair - Anita Vaartstra  
Treasurer - Dianne Jones  
Advertising - Madeline Knowles  
Trophies - Trish Gowans, Madeline Knowles, Dianne Jones  
Obedience/Rally Chair and Ring Steward - David Denis  
Draft Chair and Secretary - Nicole Wiebe  
Specialty Conformation Ring Steward - David Denis  
Parades - Ingrid Miller  
Logos - Trish Gowans, Madeline Knowles  
Sieger Chair - Anita Vaartstra  
Raffle - Jill Weir and Adrienne Hammond  
Judges Dinner - Magdalena Vanderhook  
Ways and Means - Anita Vaartstra  
Catalogue Sales - Anita Vaartstra  
Welcome table - Yvonne Jackson, Lynn Brisban Rodgers  
Grooming - Madeline Knowles  
Live Auction - Ruth Nielsen  
Welcome bags - Trish Gowans, Madeline Knowles  
Onsite, setup/takedown - Anita Vaartstra  
Judge hosting - Anita Vaartstra, Nicole Wiebe



## Honouring Our Heritage

### Schedule of Events

#### Thursday, 20 September 2018

BMDCC Draft Test offering DD and BDD with entry limited to BMDs

- Venue: Atchelitz Thresherman's Association right next to Chilliwack Heritage Park, same parking lot  
Mount Cheam Canine Association (MCCA) All Breed Conformation Show

#### Friday, 21 September 2018

BMDCC Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes

BMDCC Specialty Obedience Trial

BMDCC Specialty Rally Trial

MCCA All Breed Conformation Show

2 x MCCA All Breed Obedience

#### Saturday, 22 September 2018

BMDCC National Specialty

- Regular Classes
- Stud Dog
- Brace
- Baby Puppy
- Brood Bitch
- Altered

Parade of Veterans and Title Holders

Junior Handler - open to juniors that live with the dog being handled

MCCA All Breed Conformation Show

MCCA All Breed Obedience Trial

MCCA All Breed Rally Obedience Trial

Judges' Dinner - Rosedale Room at the Coast Hotel Chilliwack, BC

#### Sunday, 23 September 2018

European-Style Sieger Show for Bernese Mountain Dogs

BMDCC Booster

MCCA All Breed Conformation Show

MCCA Junior Handling (Conformation)

2 x MCCA All Breed Rally Obedience Trials



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### Distinguished Panel of Judges

#### **BMDCC National Specialty – All Conformation Classes Judge: Michael Forte, Dublin, Ireland**



Dogs have always been a part of Michael Forte's life. Growing up, his family had Cocker Spaniels, Rough Collies, and German Shepherds Dogs. Over the years, he has shown and bred Old English Sheepdogs, Tibetan Spaniels, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and Bernese Mountain Dogs.

Thirty years ago, Michael introduced Bernese Mountain Dogs to Ireland, where he bred the first litters and titled the first champions in that country. In 1980, he started the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Ireland; he is currently the BMDCI President.

Mr. Forte is qualified to judge all breeds up to and including the Best in Show level. As an FCI all breed judge, he has been invited to shows in many countries around the world, including European and World shows, and many International shows. He has also judged at all breed shows in Africa, America, Canada, and Asia.

Michael has judged Bernese in most European countries, also in Australia and New Zealand. He judged the 2010 Club Specialty Show for Bernese Mountain Dogs in Celje, Slovenia. In July 2012, he judged Bernese at the Championnat de France show in Metz. In September 2012, he judged the BMD Specialty in Langenthal, Switzerland. He was back in Switzerland again in August 2013 judging Bernese (puppies and veterans) at the Euro Show in Geneva. In 2015, he judged the breed at the Richmond UK Championship show with 90 BMDs entered. Mr. Forte judged males and Best of Breed at the World Dog Show in Leipzig, Germany on 12 November 2017 where 367 Bernese were entered (the 4th largest breed entry at this World Show that had a record number of 24,692 total dogs competing) in Moscow.

**BMDCC Draft Test – Judges:** Paul Bagnall, Edmonton, AB  
Phil Chagnon, Surrey, BC  
Wanda Tait, Summerland, BC

**BMDCC Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Judge:** Denise Castonquay, Maple Ridge, BC

**BMDCC Specialty Obedience and Rally Judge:** Karen Brearly, Armstrong, BC



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European-Style Sieger Show Judge: Anne Summers, Mulino Oregon



We are very fortunate to have **Anne Summers** (Summers Bernese Mountain Dogs, USA) to judge our 2018 Sieger Show.

You will receive a written and a verbal evaluation of each dog entered in the show based on key points in the breed standard for the education of the owners and spectators.

**Classes:** (The classes are divided by age and sex)

**Jungstenklasse:** (Youngest) for dogs 6-15 months of age.

**Jugendklasse:** (Youth) - for dogs 15-18 months of age.

**Offen Klasse:** (Open) - for dogs 18 months or older that have not yet received a Championship title.

**Siegerklasse:** (Specials) - for dogs with a recognized championship ie, CKC/AKC

**Veteranenklasse:** (Veterans) - for dogs 7 years and older

**Note:** Altered dogs as well as intact dogs are equally welcome to participate in all classes. Bernese Mountain Dogs must be registered or have a Performance Event Number (PEN) to enter the show.

Contact: Anita Vaartstra [bernergold@gmail.com](mailto:bernergold@gmail.com) for more information.





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### Sieger Show Entry

Dog's Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_

CKC/AKC Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

Class to be entered \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Month/Year

Dog's Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: Canada \_\_\_\_\_ Elsewhere \_\_\_\_\_

Sire's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dam's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Payment by: Cheque/Money order \_\_\_\_ Interac E-Transfer \_\_\_\_ PayPal \_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee: \$30.00 Paid as part of the registration process, last page of the planning book.**

**Closing Date for entries: August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Mail/e-mail completed entry form to:** Anita Vaartstra, 33121 Rosetta Ave, Mission, BC V2V 6X8  
or e-mail to [bernergold@gmail.com](mailto:bernergold@gmail.com)



## Honouring Our Heritage



ANNOUNCING the Specialty  
PERFORMANCE BERNER AWARD  
for all the Hard Working & Multi-tasking  
Performance Berners!

The PERFORMANCE BERNER Award is offered to recognize and reward all the talented Berner teams that successfully compete in multiple working events at the BMDCC Specialty. The working events offered at the Specialty that count towards the PERFORMANCE BERNER Award are Draft, Obedience & Rally. It doesn't matter if your dog has already earned the title as long as you earn a passing score or performance at the Specialty. (See below for eligible classes)

The PERFORMANCE BERNER Award has two Levels:

TRIATHLETE Level - passing performance in all three events -Draft, Obedience & Rally!

BIATHLETE Level - passing performance in two of the three events.

Eligible Events/Classes:

1. Draft - all levels (CKC Draft test on Thursday September 20th)
2. Obedience - Specialty Berner Trial Only - Friday September 21st - Official classes only - Novice A,B,C & intermediate, Open -all - & Utility -all (No unofficial classes or PreNovice.)
3. Rally - Specialty Berner Trial Only - Friday September 21st - Official classes only

All Triathlete and Biathlete PERFORMANCE BERNERS will receive a unique bag full of prizes and goodies for both members of the hardworking team - it's a goal worth shooting for so be prepared to do it all and go for the Gold!

The PERFORMANCE BERNER Award is offered by Ruth Nielsen. To be eligible for this Award please fill out the PERFORMANCE BERNER Entry form on the following page and email to:

Ruth Nielsen - [mielsen@nielsenlaw.com](mailto:mielsen@nielsenlaw.com) - **Deadline September 14th, 2018**

Questions about the Award? Email Ruth at [mielsen@nielsenlaw.com](mailto:mielsen@nielsenlaw.com)





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## PERFORMANCE BERNER AWARD

### ENTRY FORM

Special Award offered to Berners successfully competing in multiple performance events at the BMDCC Specialty!

- 1. TRIATHLETE Level - passing performance in all 3 events -Draft, Obedience & Rally-
- 2. BIATHLETE Level - passing performance in 2 of the three events -



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Ruth Nielsen - [nielsen@nielsenlaw.com](mailto:nielsen@nielsenlaw.com) - Deadline [September 14th, 2018](#)

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Classes Entered:

Draft (list class) \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience (list class) \_\_\_\_\_ Rally (list class) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best way to contact you at the Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Questions about the Award? Email Ruth at [nielsen@nielsenlaw.com](mailto:nielsen@nielsenlaw.com)



## Honouring Our Heritage

### Host Hotel



The host hotel for the specialty is:

Coast Chilliwack Hotel  
45920 First Ave,  
Chilliwack, BC  
V2P 7K1

<https://www.coasthotels.com/.../chill.../coast-chilliwack-hotel/>

Phone: 604-792-5552

A block of rooms has been set aside at group room rates not including taxes;

Comfort - Two Double Beds - Single/Double \$99

Comfort - One King Bed - Single/Double \$99

Superior - One King Bed - Single/Double \$109

Premium - One King Bed - Single/Double \$139

Premium Suite - 1 King Bed - Single/Double \$159 (for more than 2 people in the room add \$10 per person to the rate)

Maximum of 3 dogs allowed in a room with a onetime fee of \$40 added for rooms with dogs.

Call the hotel directly to make a reservation to get the group rate. The block will be held until August 20, 2018 after which rooms will be released at the regular rates.

### Additional Accommodation Accepting Dogs

Comfort Inn 45405 Luckacuck Way, Chilliwack BC PH (604) 858-0636

Best Western Rainbow Country Inn 43971 Industrial Way, Chilliwack, BC PH (604) 795-3828

Vedder River Inn 5788 Vedder Road, Chilliwack BC (604) 824-7999

Exhibitors are liable for any damage caused by dogs. No bathing dogs in rooms. Dogs are not permitted in pool areas and are not to be left unattended in rooms. Please book your reservation early.



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### RV Parking/Camping

Cottonwood Meadows RV Park

<http://www.cottonwoodrvpark.com/>

A beautiful RV park located next door to Heritage Park.

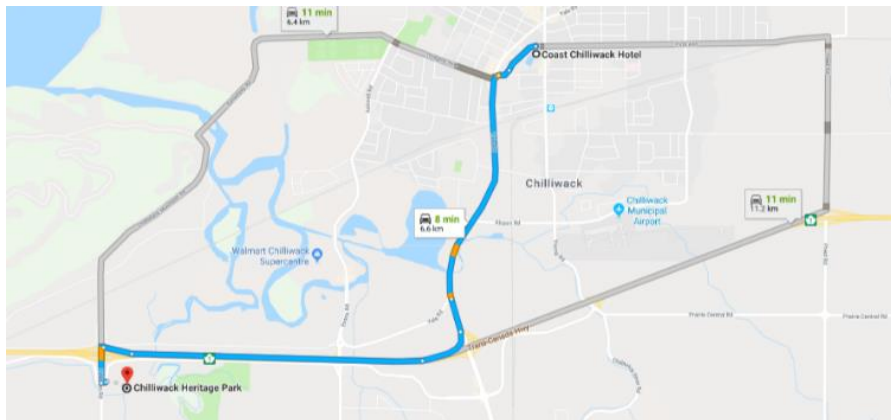
For reservations phone 604-824-7275 or

Email: [camping@cottonwoodrvpark.com](mailto:camping@cottonwoodrvpark.com)

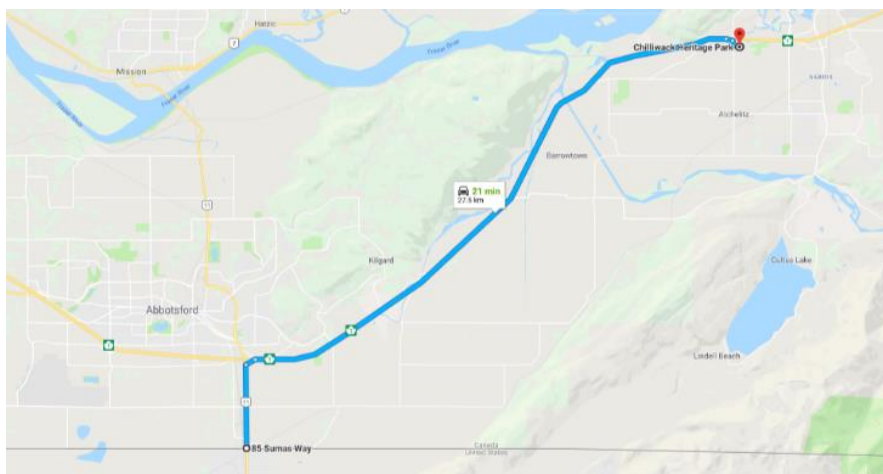
### Show Site Camping

A very limited number of power-only campsites will be available at the show site on a first come first served bases. Reservations will be available through the show secretary and additional information will be forthcoming in the MCCA Premium list.

### Directions/Times to the Show Site



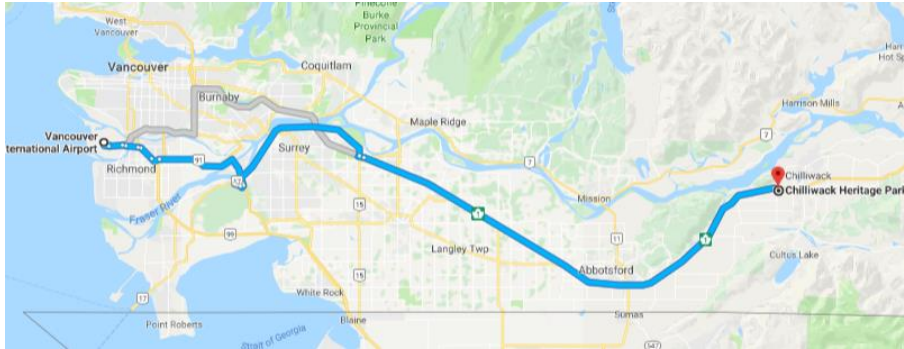
From the Coast  
Chilliwack Host Hotel, 8  
minutes.



From the Sumas border  
crossing to Chilliwack  
Heritage Park show site,  
20 minutes



## Honouring Our Heritage



From the Vancouver International Airport to Chilliwack Heritage Park show site, 1 hour, 15 minutes.

## Sponsors

Without the generosity of our membership and friends the 2018 National Specialty would not be possible. If you would like to sponsor a trophy, please contact [dianne.jones@shaw.ca](mailto:dianne.jones@shaw.ca) Follow this link for the latest list of which trophies are still available for sponsorship.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bkdiFvgTeUhfqglbon1wtr5XabgaGO-loVQEBXB4pvk>



# Honouring Our Heritage

## Specialty Catalog Ads

Advertising, Greetings, In Memory and Best Wishes.....

The Specialty Catalog will be produced in 8 ½ x 11 coil bound format and will be in black and white. It will be available for pre-purchase with a very limited number available for sale at the show site.

To have your photo, greeting, in memory or advertisement included in the catalog, the following prices will apply:

Full Page (includes one photo) .....	\$ 30.00
Half Page.....	\$ 20.00

Your submissions should be a camera ready ad in either PDF or JPG format with resolution of 300 dpi and can be emailed to

Anita Vaartstra at [bernergold@gmail.com](mailto:bernergold@gmail.com)

All dogs featured in catalog ads must include a Berner-garde#.

Payments are due at the time of placing your ad and can be made by one of the following means:

**Paypal:** [BMDC@xplornet.com](mailto:BMDC@xplornet.com) Add \$3.00 for the administration fee (Paypal only).

**Interac e-transfer:** to [BMDC@xplornet.com](mailto:BMDC@xplornet.com) (Question: specialty 2018 Answer: catalog).

**Cheque:** make payable to BMDCC and mail to:

BMDCC Treasurer: Susan Luyendyk, 1868 County Rd 23, Grafton, ON K0K 2G0

Please indicate that the payment is for a catalog ad.



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### Judges' Dinner

Please join us for the Judges' Dinner at the host hotel in the Rosedale Room. A great opportunity to catch up with friends over some great food and conversation. The cost is \$45.00 per person with a cash bar. Please see the registration page to purchase your dinner ticket and please remember to select your entrée, Chicken or Salmon. Questions on the dinner please contact Magna at [magdalenav@shaw.ca](mailto:magdalenav@shaw.ca)



#### Planned Evening Schedule

6:00 Cash Bar Open  
7:00 Dinner  
7:45 Judges' Speeches  
8:15 Annual Awards  
8:25 Performance Berners  
8:30 Live Auction

#### Menu

Grilled Chicken with a Roasted Red Pepper  
Puree  
or  
Salmon  
Roasted Yukon Potatoes  
Grilled Asparagus  
Caesar Salad  
Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Domestic Cheeseboard with Cracker and  
Fruit  
Vegetable Crudité Platter with House made  
Dip  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit platter  
Assorted Chef's Desserts  
Starbucks Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee  
& Tazo Teas

### Live Auction

Bring your cash and/or cheque and be ready to bid some wonderful berner-related one of a kind items. Our esteemed auctioneer for the evening will be Ruth Nielsen and she will keep it hopping. More information on what will be part of the live auction will be forthcoming on the Specialty Facebook Page.





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### Photographer

Winning show photos will be made available by the MCCA committee with additional information upcoming in the Premium List. Roving photographers are most welcome to take candid photos in and around the show grounds.

### Grooming

A block of grooming spaces has been set aside for the BMDCC National Specialty exhibitors. These sites are all 10' x 10' and include limited power. Please share with a friend so we can accommodate as many as possible. The cost for a grooming spot is \$20 for all 4 days. Bathing facilities are available at the show site with coin operated hot water. Please see the registration page to reserve a grooming spot. If you want to setup beside someone, please email Madeline Knowles at [Swisskiss-bmd@shaw.ca](mailto:Swisskiss-bmd@shaw.ca) Alternatively, you can arrange your own grooming spot and power. Please see the MCCA Premium List for further information on this.

### Closing Dates/Checklist

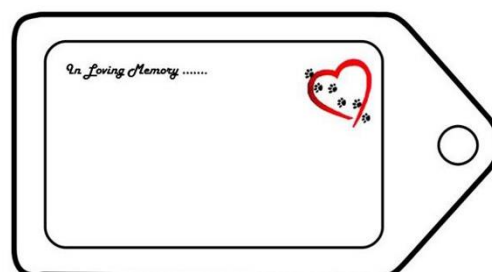
Closing dates for registration which includes grooming spaces, Judges' dinner, Seiger Show, parade entries and pre-ordered catalogs is **August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Closing date for PERFORMANCE BERNER AWARD application is **September 14, 2018**.

### Raffle

We will be holding a raffle during the show with the draw being made early Sunday morning. All raffle items will be available for viewing at the raffle table which will be located right next to the welcome table.

We would like to invite all of you to join in and donate a basket of goodies to our raffle, this will be a very special opportunity to give back to the breed and honour one of your beloved Berners that has crossed the rainbow bridge. Every basket donated will have a lovely memorial note on it.

Please print out the tag below and attach it to the basket you donate, include your name, your dog's name and any information you would like to add about your wonderful Berner.





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### Parades

In honour of our heritage we are offering two parades for your dogs to strut their stuff. There is the parade of title holders and, of course, the parade of veterans.

The parades are open to all purebred CKC and AKC registered Bernese Mountain Dogs. All dogs must be entered in an official class or Exhibition only the day of the parade. All dogs must also have a Berner-garde number. If you are lucky enough to have a veteran that is also a title holder please enter only one of the parades. All titles will be announced for both parades.

If you would like to enter either parade, please complete the parade entry form on the following page. The cost for entering the parades is \$10.00 and can be paid for as part of the registration process, found on the last page of this planning book.

The completed parade entry form can be emailed to [jemiller@shaw.ca](mailto:jemiller@shaw.ca) or snail-mailed to:

Ingrid Miller-Parades  
651 Frayne Road  
Mill Bay, BC V0R 2P4

along with a photo of your dog. Photo should be 300 DPI.



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## Parade Entry Form

Parade of Title Holders (CKC/AKC Titles Only) <input type="checkbox"/>	Parade of Veterans (7 years and older the day of the parade) <input type="checkbox"/>
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Registered Name

Call Name

Male/Female

CKC/AKC Reg#

Sire

Dam

Breeder

Owner

Titles

Please provide a biography for your dog (max 40 words) that will be printed in the catalog along with their photo and read out during your dog's turn in the ring.



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### Show Superintendent & Premium

Classic Show Services  
P.O. Box 100  
Fort Langley, BC V1M 2R4  
Phone: 604-845-9510  
Email: [sandik@classicshowservices.ca](mailto:sandik@classicshowservices.ca)  
Website: <http://www.classicshowservices.ca>

### Additional Information

Attention foreign exhibitors - as per Section 8.3.1 of the CKC Conformation Rules, every dog entered in a Championship show must be one of the following: a) registered with the CKC, b) have an Event Registration Number, c) be eligible for registration with the CKC.

**Listed Dogs:** If a dog is not registered but is eligible for registration with the CKC, it may be entered at a show as a listed dog provided: a) that if born in Canada, it is eligible for individual registration; b) that if not born in Canada, is eligible for registration in the records of the CKC; c) that if it is a foreign born and owned dog, an Event Registration Number or CKC registration number is obtained from the CKC within 30 days of the first show entered. **Section 8 4.2 Entry of a listed dog at a show must be accompanied by a listing fee as set by the Board in addition to the regular entry fee.**

**NOTICE TO U.S. EXHIBITORS RE: ERN NUMBERS** Dogs that are foreign born and foreign owned and enter Canada for the sole purpose of entering CKC events do not require a CKC registration number but will require an Event Registration Number (ERN).

**This Event Registration Number must be applied for within 30 days** of the first day of entering a CKC event. Please forward your request to:

The Canadian Kennel Club, Shows and Trials Division  
200 Ronson Drive, Suite #400  
Etobicoke, Ontario, M9W 5Z9

**PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES BY U.S. EXHIBITORS:** Current exchange rate favors the American dollar. To take full advantage of this, please purchase bank drafts or money orders payable in Canadian funds. Personal cheques will be accepted; however, they must be payable in U.S. funds, and for the full amount of the entry. Please do not mark personal cheques payable in Canadian funds, or 'at par' as such items are not readily cleared through the banks. Your cooperation is appreciated!



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So basically, the US exhibitors can enter their dog as “listed” but if they win any awards or points they must apply for an URN number or register their dog with the CKC within 30 or they will lose it.

**BORDER CROSSING:** A Rabies Certificate is required to bring a dog into Canada. Government regulations require this certificate and it **MUST** be updated at least thirty days prior to re-entry into the U.S.

There will be 4 All breed shows plus the Specialty Show, a great opportunity to pick up some points towards your Canadian Championship.

### CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB-SCHEDULE OF CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

#### Chapter 15 – Champions and Championship points

**SECTION 1** A dog awarded winners at a Championship Show held under these Dog Show Rules shall be credited with a number of championship points (ranging from 1 to 5) and the number of championship points to be credited to a dog awarded Winners shall be as provided hereunder.

**SECTION 2** The schedule to be employed in the determination of the number of points to be allocated a dog awarded Winner shall be as follows:

<b>Dogs competing*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 to 5</b>	<b>6 to 9</b>	<b>10 to 12</b>	<b>13+</b>
<b>Points Allocated</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

To determine the number of championship points by a dog awarded Winners, total all the dogs in competition which the dog defeated, directly or indirectly, for the highest of the following official breed awards: Winners, Best of Winners, Best of Breed or Best Opposite Sex, and then consult the schedule set forth above. In order for a dog to be recognized as a Champion and its owner provided with a Championship Certificate, the dog must earn at least 10 championship points under at least 3 different judges and must have earned at least one 2 point win either at the breed or group level.



## Honouring Our Heritage

2018 Specialty Registration Form  
(Print and fill or e-fill in one form for each person)

Name			
Address			
Kennel Name			
Phone			
Email			
	Quantity	Cost	Total
Name Tag & Welcome Bag		5.00	
Pre-ordered Catalog (Onsite will be \$15)		10.00	
Judges' Dinner    Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/>		45.00	
Parades		10.00	
Grooming Spot		20.00	
Seiger Show		30.00	
Donation to the general specialty fund			
<b>Total</b>			

Please email or snail mail your completed registration form to:

[dianne.jones@shaw.ca](mailto:dianne.jones@shaw.ca)  
Dianne Jones  
4960 Deer Park Trail  
Victoria, BC, V9C 4J5

Deadline for emailed forms is August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and those snail mailed postmarked not later than August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

Payments are due at the time of registration and can be made by one of the following means:

**Paypal:** [BMDC@explornet.com](mailto:BMDC@explornet.com) Add \$3.00 for the administration fee (Paypal only).

**Interac e-transfer:** to [BMDC@explornet.com](mailto:BMDC@explornet.com) (Question: specialty 2018 Answer: heritage).

**Cheque or Money Order:** make payable to BMDCC and mail to the BMDCC Treasurer:  
Susan Luyendyk,  
1868 County Rd 23,  
Grafton, ON K0K 2G0

**Note:** Please make sure to indicate your payment is for 2018 Specialty Registration on your e-transfer, cheque or paypal payment.