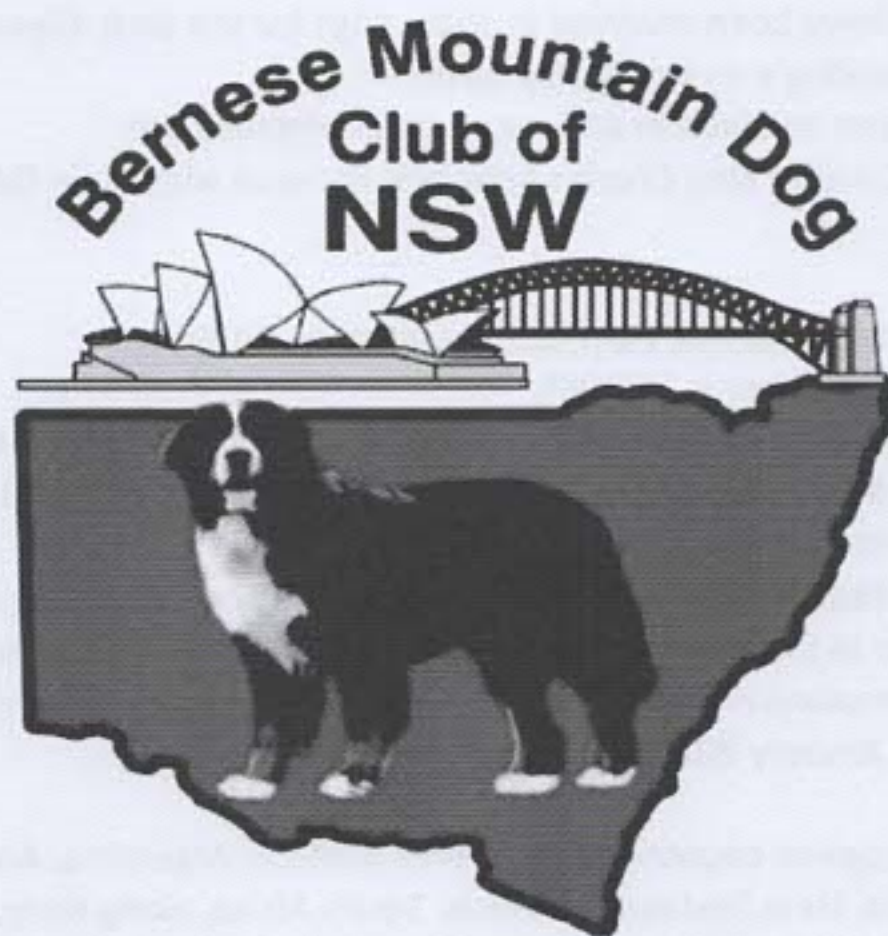




**Championship Show, Thursday
27th August, 2026**

*Judge – Mr Michael Leonard,
Ireland*

Judges CV Michael Leonard.

I am 68 years of age and have been involved in show dogs for the past 47 years. Although I grew up with Dogs as my father had Gundog's on the family farm.

The breeds that I have been involved in and made-up champions are:

Old English Sheepdogs, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Japanese Spitz and Tibetan Spaniels.

Under Irish Kennel Club rules and FCI, I am now qualified as An All Breeds Judge. My Licence Number is EI00085. American Kennel Club 97927.

I am also a Best in Show Judge and have had this honour in Ireland, Denmark, Italy, France, Norway, Japan, Columbia, Malaysia, Sweden, South Africa, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, Canada, Mexico, Indonesia, Brazil, Australia, Peru. China and USA. Beverly Hills 2020.

I have judged Pup of the Year Competition in Ireland in 1997 and 2007, Dog of the Year in Denmark in 1998 and Show Dog of the Year in Sweden in 2001. Champion of Champions in Prague. In December 2016 I judged Champion of Champions in Estonia. I judged Ch of Champions in Latvia in December 2019 and a second time in Prague in January 2020.

I have judged in most European countries and further afield in Argentina, America, Brazil, Canada, Australia, Japan, Columbia, New Zealand, Malaysia, South Africa, Hong Kong, China, Philipines, Mexico, Indonesia, Peru. Uruguay, Thailand and USA.

In 2008 I had the great honour of Judging Tibetan Spaniels at the World Dog Show in Sweden.

In 2018 at The World Dog Show in Amsterdam I judged Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Miniature Bull Terriers and English Toy Terriers.

In 2008 I also had the honour of judging Shetland Sheepdog Chinese Crested and Dogs Argentino at The European Dog Show in Poland.

In 2019 I judged Males and Females at The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel National in America.

In 2019 I was one of the 2 judges at the Adelaide Royal in Australia and judged Best in Show.

With regards to Old English Sheepdogs I have judged the Breed Speciality Shows in Ireland, Finland, Germany and Denmark. I have also judged the Breed in many countries. In respect of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels I first judged the Breed in Ireland in 1983 and also over the years in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany, and Holland. Argentina, Japan, Australia, Columbia, France, Estonia, Lithuania, Canada, Italy and Spain.

USA. One of my most exciting appointment was in France in 2012 when I was one of of six judges for the Cavalier Speciality with an entry of over 600 Cavaliers.

I have also judged Breeds Specialities in Sweden and Denmark. In September 2015 I judged CC's under English Kennel Club rules at Belfast Championship Show.

In 2018 I judged the Breed at the World Show in Amsterdam.

In US I have judged the breeds, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Southern California in June of 2015 and a 2nd time in 2020. Cavaliers of the Northeast 2017. ACKCSC 2019 National Speciality. Males and Females.

Canadian Cavalier National August 2024.

In respect of Japanese Spitz I judged the Breed Speciality in May 2012 in Sweden, in 2013 The Breed Speciality in Finland and the Norwegian Japanese Spitz Speciality in 2014. In August of this year I judged the Speciality in Sydney Australia.

In respect of Bernese Mountain Dogs I have judged Breed Specialities in Ireland, Argentina, New Zealand and Canada.

In 2018 I was one of the 3 judges who judged The Bernese National in America. This was a very big honour for a European judge as was voted by the members and I will be the First Irish Judge to have this honour.

I have been involved in Show Dogs since 1977 when Michael Forte and I bought an Old English Sheepdog from Stella Harte. We quickly caught the show bug and within 2 years we were showing the Old English sheepdog and Cavaliers. We set up the Kennel Prefix

Leonfort and we quickly became known in Cavaliers as we won Best of Breed under Pamela Cross Stern with a ten month old puppy Ch Ronnoc Vincenzo at his first St Patricks Day Show (The Irish Crufts) in 1980. He won again the following year under Russell Roberts. Ch Ronnoc Vincenzo was the top stud dog in the breed for 6 years in a row.

We made up 2 other Champions Ch Leonfort Vincenzo and Ch Vandyck Jester of Leonfort who both had wonderful show careers. I was a committee member of The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Ireland for approx. 10 years from 1980.

In Old English Sheepdogs we made up one champion and bred 2 litters. I was secretary of the club for 4 years and the IKC Representative.

In Bernese Mountain Dogs we made up champions and bred litters. We had the breed recognized with the IKC in 1979 and set up the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Ireland. I served as Secretary/Treasurer and in 2007 had the honour of been the Judge for their 25th Anniversary show and also in 2022 the 40th anniversary show. I have judged Breed Specialities in Ireland, Argentina, Norway, New Zealand and Canada.

In 2018, I was one of the 3 judges who judged The Bernese National in America. This is a very big honour for a European judge as was voted by the members and I was the First Irish Judge to have this honour. in 2023 at World Dog Show in Geneva I judged Bernese Mountain dog females with an amazing entry of 102 females.

In Japanese Spitz I had the Breed recognized in the IKC with Stella Harte and Michael Forte in 1983 and owned the first champion to be made up which was bred by Stella Harte. We set up the Japanese Spitz Club of Ireland and I served as Secretary, Treasurer and IKC Representative.

In Tibetan Spaniels I made up champions and bred litters and served as Chairman for over 10 years. I had the honour of judging the breed at the World Show in Sweden in 2008. One of the only 2 Irish Judges at this show and have awarded CC on 2 occasions at Scottish Club shows.

Order of judging:

Breed judging to commence at 9.00am with veteran classes 12 and 12a, age classes to follow in age class order beginning with baby puppy.

The parade of Veterans will be held at the conclusion of breed judging, not before 10.00am or after 11.30am.

The Northern beaches Pet parade will be held at the conclusion of breed judging following parade of Veterans, not before 10.00am or after 11.30am.

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Best in Show Perpetual Trophy	Sponsored by Branbern Bernese
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Best Opposite in Show	Sponsored by Evensands Bernese
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	Northern Beaches BMD
Reserve Neuter Dog Challenge	Sponsored by Murrumbern Bernese
Neuter Bitch Challenge	Sponsored by Valkirie Bernese
Reserve Neuter Bitch Challenge	Sponsored by Valkirie Bernese
Best Baby Puppy in Show	Sponsored by Stacy Filrose
Best Minor Puppy in Show	Sponsored by Starbern Bernese

Best Puppy in Show	Sponsored by Kraigoaks Bernese
Best Junior in Show	Sponsored by Michael and Melissa Murray
Best Intermediate in Show	Sponsored by Steve and Trish Cable
Best Australian Bred in Show	Sponsored by Jane Luttrell
Best Open in Show	Sponsored by Alpenhund Bernese
Best Veteran in Show	Sponsored by Schatzi Bernese NZ
Best Neuter in Show	Sponsored by Kyseair Bernese
Best Opposite Baby Puppy in Show	Sponsored by Stacy Filrose
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Veteran's Parade	Sponsored by Kyseair Bernese



President's Message

August is a great time of the year for our 2026 Annual Bernese Mountain Dog Club Show. I would like to thank the Chair of the Spring Fair Mrs Christina Rafton for allowing us to share an internationally we respected Bernese Mountain Dog Breed Specialist Mr Michael Leonard from Ireland. I would also like to thank Mr Leonard for accepting our invitation to judge we are very privileged.

Thank you to our always dedicated steward Mrs Nellie Slade.

2026 has had the wonderful input and promotion of our lovely breed enthusiasts . the Northern Beaches Bernese Group, Josh and Kirrilli Zimmer started this social group some 10 years ago, and our club appreciate so much their work and their innovations that have resulted in a huge amount of fund raising by the sales and promotion of the hooded Bernese Jackets and this year the Beanies, a huge thank you for all the fundraising you have done to help our club promote our wonderful breed.

To our hard working Secretary Sandy Wesselink and Steve Cable our dedicated treasurer, to Murray Fisher on keeping updated our facebook page, to Melissa Murray for her bags of goodies and the funds Melissa has put into prizes, to Lyndel Porter for her devotion to our Veterans Parade, to Zoie for organising the critiques, and I know this morning we have the help of Tina and Stevie setting up the ring decorations and many others of our committee for all their contributions . A special thank you to Vineyard Vet Hospital for all the bags of extra gifts for the Veterans and added attendees.

We welcome all our exhibitors today and the added team of the Northern Beaches Group. Good luck and have a wonderful day.

Lyn Brand (President)

Judge: Mr Michael Leonard (Ireland)

Bernese Mountain Dog (Males)

Class: 1 - Baby Puppy Dog

- ✓ 1 2 A Puhtajevica BRANBERN WHERE'S WALLY 2100640775 07.03.2026 Sire: Bih. Ch. Blr. Ch. Blr. Jch. Me. Ch. Mk. Ch. Ru. Jr Ch. Rus. Ch. Rus. Gr. Ch. Sr. Bu. Ch. Srb. Ch. Bern Haus On Oka Grand Winner (imp Srb) Dam: Branbern Glosser
- ✓ 2 1 M Murray GRANDESSA PLAY TO WIN (AI) 2100641095 25.04.2026 Sire: Ch. Grandessa Casanova Dam: Ch. Labanc-volgyi Harlo (imp Srb)

Class: 2 - Minor Puppy Dog

- ✓ 3 1 K O'bryan & Miss T O'bryan KOBUSON BOX OF CHOCOLATES 3100503523 12.02.2026 Sire: Bernation Aperol Spritz Dam: Ch. Kobuson Hold Back The River

Class: 3 - Puppy Dog

- ✓ 4 1 Ld Brand LILACBREEZE YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE (AI) 3100501147 18.11.2025 Sire: Viking King Hugo Boss (swden Imp Ndl) Dam: Lilacbreeze Norh
- ✓ 5 2 M & Mrs B Eslick AZZABERN JUST LIL OLD ME (AI) 4100413915 05.09.2025 Sire: Ch. Azzabern Grand Wizard Dam: Azzabern Askala

Class: 4 - Junior Dog

- ✓ 6 1 S Holmes & Mr S & Mrs C Eastley C.I.B.-J CH. CLOUDFOREST QUESADILLA 7100057579 22.06.2025 Sire: Ch. Nimoy Numo Vom Ritter Burkart (imp Deu) Dam: Ch. Atthecove Just A Whim Away(ai)

Class: 5 - Intermediate Dog

- ✓ 7 1 Kelly Anderson AUS CH. BIH. JR CH. BLK. JR CH. BLK. CH. KOS. CH. ME. JR CH. MK. JR CH. SMILING DREAM PAKS FORTIS (IMPORT CZE) BCU045-003297 25.12.2023 Sire: Balt Ch.by Ch.cze Ch. Lva Ch. Ltu Ch. Rus Ch Emperor Cesar De Marais Champagne (che) Dam: Blr Jch. By. Ch Tsvetanka (blr)
- ✓ 8 2 M Fisher & Ms V Hodgson BRANBERN GRAND ILLUSION 2100622138 01.11.2024 Sire: Rus.gr.ch. Multi.ch Bern Haus On Oka Grand Winner(imp Srb) Dam: Murrumbern Azzurra Esprit
- ✓ 9 3 M Murray CH BRANBERN REGAL GRAND 2100624595 04.01.2025 Sire: Ch Bern Haus On Oka Grand Winner (imp Srb) Dam: Branbern Crimes Of Passion

Class: 10 - Australian Bred Dog

- ✓ 10 1 Ld Brand BRANBERN BAZZA MCKENZIE 2100612932 12.01.2024 Sire: Rus Gr Ch Sr Ch Srb Ch Bih Ch Blr Ch Bern Haus On Oka Grand Winner Dam: Branbern A Daisy A Day
- ✓ 11 2 M & Mrs B Eslick CH. AZZABERN EASY TO LOVE 4100400959 18.07.2024 Sire: Ch. Millenium Star Yaromir Constant (imp Usa) Dam: Ch. Azzabern Wants To Play
- ✓ 12 A MI Murray CH GRANDESSA CASANOVA 2100552947 18.11.2020 Sire: Ch Canovali Hard River (imp Pol) Dam: Ch Branbern Once Upon A Time

Class: 11 - Open Dog

- ✓ 13 1 L D Brand RUS GR CH SR.BU.SRB.CH. BLR CH. BERN HAUS ON OKA GRAND WINNER (RUS) (IMPSRB) RKF5634201 02.01.2019 Sire: Rus Gr Ch.blr Ch.c.i.b Ch Mountain Crystal Gandalf (Hung) Dam: Rus Gr Ch Blr Ch C.i.b. Rkf Nirvana Pride Of Justin (Ukr)

Class: 12 - Veteran Dog 7 yrs & Over

- ✓ 14 2 L.d. Brand BRANBERN COMPOSED BY CHOPIN 2100494231 10.03.2018 Sire: Canovali Hard River (imp Pol) Dam: Branbern Dark Roxanne
- ✓ 15 3 L D Brand BRANBERN DARK TEDDY BEAR 2100476450 01.05.2017 Sire: Kronblommas Papageno Dam: Branbern Miss Macey
- ✓ 16 1 C R Phillips & Miss K L Oakley CH. KRAIGOAKS INCOMING WAVES 3100396154 15.07.2019 Sire: Ch. Emir Hard River (imp Pol) Dam: Ch. Kraigoaks Gold N Penny

Ch.Dog:

16

Points:

Res.Dog:

7

Bernese Mountain Dog (Females)

Class: 1a - Baby Puppy Bitch

- ✓ 17 A M Fisher And Ms V Hodgson MURRUMBERN DIVINE DESTINY 2100641395 27.03.2026 Sire: Branbern Bazza
Mckenzie Dam: Murrumburn Azzura Esprit
- ✓ 18 A M & Mrs B Eslick AZZABERN KISS THE BOYS 4100419131 28.03.2026 Sire: Ch. Azzabern Easy To Love Dam:
Azzabern Angel Whispers
- ✓ 19 1 M & Mrs B Eslick AZZABERN LUCKY IN LOVE 4100419137 04.04.2026 Sire: Ch. Azzabern Easy To Love Dam:
Azzabern Zulu Princess

Class: 2a - Minor Puppy Bitch

- ✓ 20 1 M Murray KARLEKEN BABY IM YOURS (AI) 4100416382 13.12.2025 Sire: Bernation Highland Harvest Dam: Ch.
Karleken Heartbreaker
- ✓ 21 2 E & Z Sankey And Talbot ZOLLIKON ACTUALLY ROMANTIC 3100504894 24.02.2026 Sire: Montreaux Motown
Man Dam: Zollikon Bet U Think About Me

Class: 5a - Intermediate Bitch

- ✓ 22 1 S Flint CH. BRANBERN MISS CHANEL 2100624593 04.01.2025 Sire: Rus Gr Ch Sr. Bu. Srb. Ch. Blr. Ch. Bern
Haus On Oka Grand Winner (imp Srb) Dam: Branbern Crimes Of Passion
- ✓ 23 2 K & T O'bryan CH. KOBUSON TRICK OR TREAT 3100486972 17.10.2024 Sire: Malicloy Walk This Way Dam:
Ch. Kobuson Hold Back The River
- ✓ 24 3 Z Phillips VALKIRIE CALM LIKE A BOMB 2100628129 22.02.2025 Sire: Bih. Ch. Blr. Ch. Blr. Jch. Me. Ch. Mk. Ch.
Ru. Jr Ch. Rus. Ch. Rus. Gr. Ch. Sr. Bu. Ch. S Dam: Vevey Xqueueze Me

Class: 10a - Australian Bred Bitch

- ✓ 25 1 Ld Brand BRANBERN CRIMES OF PASSION 2100595708 11.11.2022 Sire: Ch Sennen Organised Crime Dam:
Ch Branbern Prima Gina
- ✓ 26 2 Ld Brand BRANBERN MISS MAYA 2100624594 04.01.2026 Sire: Multi Ch Bern Haus On Oka Grand Winner Dam:
Branbern Crimes Of Passion
- ✓ 27 A M Fisher & Ms V Hodgson MURRUMBERN CANT STOP WONT STOP 2100598813 02.02.2023 Sire: Ch Sennen
Organised Crime Dam: Branbern Sophia Loren
- ✓ 28 3 E Stewart & Ms S Holmes CH. DARKCRUSH IMPERATOR FURIOSA SPRD 3100398637 24.09.2019 Sire:
Sup.ch. Cloudforest Time Traveller Dam: Ch. Cloudforest Under The Covers

Class: 11a - Open Bitch

- ✓ 29 3 Ld Brand BRANBERN GLOSSER 2100586079 28.05.2022 Sire: Branbern Tik Tok Soldier Dam: Branbern Dark
Patent
- ✓ 30 1 D & R Clark & Catt CH ALPENHUND NO ALIBI 5100145959 10.09.2024 Sire: A2o Ch Ch. Alpenhund I Did It For
Dad Dam: Ch. Alpenhund Quintessential Dream
- ✓ 31 2 C R Phillips & Miss K L Oakley CH. KRAIGOAKS KINDRED SPIRIT 3100420077 08.11.2020 Sire: Terra De Bern
Around The World Rn. (imp Rus) Dam: Grand. Ch. Neut. Grand Ch. Kraigoaks Heart Of Gold
- ✓ 32 E Stewart & Ms S Holmes A2O CH C.I.B. C.I.B.-J CH. DARKCRUSH CRIMSON THREAD SPRD.X
3100464731 06.03.2023 Sire: Ch. Vennberne Full Of Mischief Dam: Ch. Darkcrush Imperator Furiosa Sprd

Ch.Bitch:	30	Points:	Res.Bitch	25
BOB:	30	Points:	R/up BOB:	16

Class: 18a - Open Neuter Bitch

- 33 Z Phillips VEVEY XQUEUEZE ME 5100121317 16.11.2020 Sire: Ltu Uch. Md. Gr. Ch. Rkf. Ch. Rus. Ch. Po Prostu
Courvoiser Z Deikowej Doliny (imp Pol) Dam: Ch. Vevey Hook Me Up Rn

Neuter Cert. Bitch & Best Neut.:	33	Points:	
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General Specials

	Breed	Exhibit No.
Best in Show:		30
Runner-up to Best in Show:		16
Best Baby in Show:		19
Best Minor Puppy in Show:		3
Best Puppy in Show:		4
Best Junior in Show:		6
Best Intermediate in Show:		7
Best Australian Bred in Show:		25
Best Open in Show:		30
Best Veteran 7 Yes & Over in Show:		16
Best Neuter In Show:		33