

*The Basenji Club of America, Inc.*



# Bulletin

# Board Newsletter

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### **\*\*\*AKC Letter Concerning Group Re-Alignment\*\*\***

Enclosed is a very important letter (page 4) from AKC and a member poll (page 8) which could possibly impact the Basenjis ability to participate in lure coursing.

It is imperative that BCOA members take the time to read the letter, fill out the poll and return to BCOA in a timely manner. This will enable BCOA to convey the thoughts and opinions of its membership to AKC.

The timeline for AKC to receive the requested information is **August 31, 2008.**

Thank you



### **ON THE MOVE**

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**\*\*\*2008 National Info\*\*\*****Events & Judges**

Specialty	Jon Curby
Sweepstakes	Brenda Cassell
African Exhibition	Pam Geoffroy
Obedience & Rally	Joseph (Bud) M. Skarbek
Agility	Judith R. Flagle
Lure Coursing	Parry Tallmadge & Jack
Downing	
Junior Showmanship	Joe Tomey

**(Panel Pending AKC Approval)**

**Closing date: August 27, 2008**

***SUBMITTING EXPENSES TO THE BCOA TREASURER***

Please note per BCOA Ballot 2004 – 48, published in January 2005 Bulletin Board:

“BCOA members incurring expenses covering BCOA budgeted items during the fiscal year shall submit invoices to the Treasurer on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year to be eligible for reimbursement. Expenditures incurred by members that are not covered by the Budget shall require Board approval. These bills shall be submitted to the Treasurer on or before February 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year. Committee Chairs shall be responsible for notifying committee members to submit receipts for expenses within this time frame.”

### Basenji Club of America, Inc. National Specialty Calendar

**2008** - Sept. 16 – 21 (new dates!)  
Dallas, Texas, South Fork Ranch  
Specialty Chair: Karlene Schoonover

**2009** - Sept 14 – 20  
Owensboro, KY, Executive Inn Rivermont  
Specialty Chair: Joe Tomey

**2010** – Aug. 31 – Sept. 5  
Greeley, CO, Island Grove Regional Park  
Specialty Chair: Pat Bird

- All dates pending AKC approval

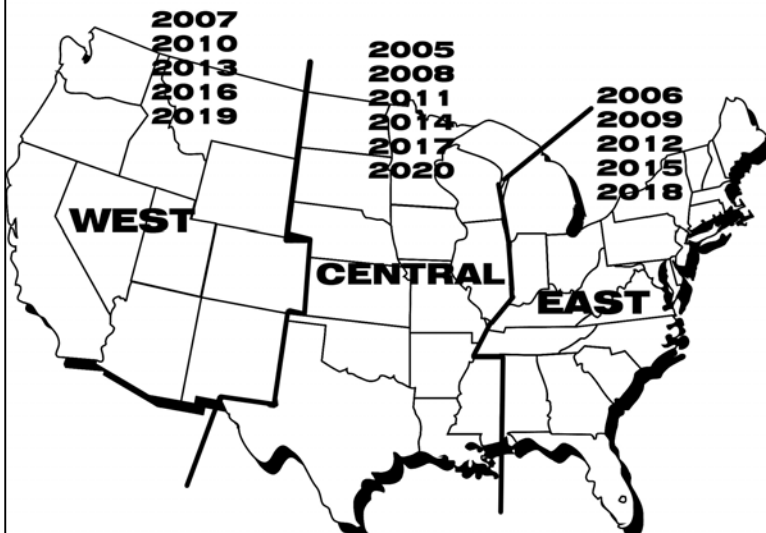
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### PERPETUAL SPECIALTY CALENDAR



**Canis Basenji**, a whimsical book about life with a Basenji, written and illustrated by widely published author and lifetime BCOA member, Robert Vavra, are for sale for \$13.00 each\*. Originally published by the Basenji Club of America, Inc. in 1958, current copies include a bonus Introduction by Mr. Vavra written in 1991. As explained in his Introduction, this was Mr. Vavra's first book and also the only book he illustrated with pen and ink.

To purchase your piece of Basenji history, visit [www.basenji.org](http://www.basenji.org) and click on the "BCOA Online Store" link to order your copy and pay by Pay Pal or contact: Carrie Jones

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\*Additional shipping charges apply to orders

outside of the USA



Robert Vavra

*Members please read this letter from the AKC concerning Basenjis in the proposed group realignment. This is our chance to have a voice into what group the Basenji will fall into in the future. A poll is included for your answers, easily mailed to the BCOA. Also for ease and fast turnaround the BCOA website has the poll online.*



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB** SM

*Group Realignment Committee Dr.  
Thomas M. Davies, Chairman  
100 John Haley Road  
Brimfield, MA 01010*

June 10, 2008

Mr. Jon Curby, AKC Delegate  
Basenji Club of America  
1201 Rustic Road  
Columbia, MO 65201

Dear Parent Club Delegate,

As you know, the Board of Directors has appointed a committee to examine the Current group structure and to recommend possible changes to the alignment of breeds within the groups.

The committee may propose new alignments which will reposition your breed within the groups. We would like your membership thoughts on our proposed placement. We would like your comments as soon as possible, preferably by August 31st. We recognize that this doesn't give a great deal of time, but your timeliness would be greatly appreciated. Also, it is important for us to have as broad a spectrum of input, so we hope that your efforts will reflect the opinions of your membership, particularly those who routinely exhibit their dogs. An internet query may be the simplest way to accomplish a quick survey.

We do not believe that the Basenji can be strictly classified as a sighthound or a scenthound, and question whether it belongs in a hound group at all. If the Hound Group is divided should the breed be included as either one of these or should it be included in the new Companion Group?

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to your response, which you may direct to:

James Crowley, Executive Secretary  
American Kennel Club, Inc.  
260 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

You may wish to send your comments via email to Jim at: [jxc@akc.org](mailto:jxc@akc.org)

We are addressing this request to the President, Corresponding Secretary and AKC Delegate of your Parent breed club.

Sincerely,

***The Committee***

Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Chairman  
Karen Burgess  
Robert Fisher  
Marieann Gladstone  
Tim James  
Dr. Alvin W. Krause  
Dr. William R. Newman  
John P. Nielsen  
Dr. Robert D. Smith  
Robin Stansell  
R. William Taylor

**BALLOT 2008 – 14**

Postmarked April 27, 2008

**SUBJECT: AMENDING NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROCEDURES –  
JUDGES ELIGIBILITY**

Effective May 7, 2008

Please mark your vote on amending National Specialty Procedures Section III, Judges Nominations, Selection, and Compensation, A 1) Conformation Judge Eligibility, c) The selected judge shall not judge Basenjis in the USA and/or Canada for the six (6) months prior to the BCOA National Specialty.

**APPROVED:** Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

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**BALLOT 2008 – 18: APPROVED**

Postmarked June 3, 2008

**SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS**

Effective June 13, 2008

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the April 2008 issue of the Bulletin Board Newsletter. Please mark your vote on approving them as members of BCOA.

Ruby and Tom Klein [WA]; Susan L. Schroeder [FL]; Melody L. Henkel [MA]; Judy Schettler [CA]

**APPROVED:** Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

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**BALLOT 2008 – 19: APPROVED**

Postmarked June 3, 2008

**SUBJECT: REVISION TO NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROCEDURES:  
AGILITY**

Effective June 13, 2008

In HOST AND SITE PROPOSAL Section B, add (g) (ii) “Agility may be offered off-site from the national specialty and may be held in conjunction with a local all-breed Agility trial.”

In III. JUDGES NOMINATIONS, SELECTION, AND COMPENSATION, Section H 1. revised to read “1. Additional required events that will need judges: Agility (if offered as a stand-alone event), Obedience, African Stock Exhibition, Lure Coursing, and Junior Showmanship.

In APPLICATIONS, EVENTS, SUPERINTENDENTS, Section C, 5. revise to read “Agility and Jumpers/with Weaves – Twenty-four (24) weeks prior to the Close date of the trial if this event is offered as a stand-alone trial.”

The purpose of this inclusion is to allow host groups the opportunity to combine Agility with an all-breed trial in the area during the time of the national specialty. This is an option only. The three sections are amended to reflect the change.

**APPROVED:** Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

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**BALLOT 2008 – 20: APPROVED**

Postmarked June 3, 2008

**SUBJECT: AWARDS HONORING INDIVIDUALS**

Effective June 13, 2008

In V. COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, D AWARDS COMMITTEE, 2 f add, “A dog must be deceased in order to honor that dog with a trophy or in the premium list. A person can still be living and be honored but that person must be retired from showing and breeding dogs.”

This is to eliminate confusion when people sponsor a national specialty class and want to dedicate their donation to a person or dog. The wording comes directly from AKC.

**APPROVED:** Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

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**BALLOT 2008 – 21: APPROVED****SUBJECT: WEBMASTER****Postmarked June 10, 2008****Effective June 20, 2008**

Please send your vote on approving Carmella Troisi-Hoerr [AZ] as Chief Webmaster for the BCOA website [basenji.org] and granting her authority to revamp the site as necessary.

**APPROVED:** Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

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**BALLOT 2008 – 22: APPROVED****SUBJECT: REVISION OF NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROCEDURES****Postmarked June 10, 2008****Effective June 20, 2008**

Please send your vote on adding these provisions to the BCOA National Specialty Procedures. Add to Section 1, National Specialty Oversight Committee (NSOC):

***B, 3. Approve the Schedule of Events for national specialties.***

***a. Avoid time and date conflicts when scheduling the required events. Care must be given to avoid overlapping required events. (Also see Section II, 2 (g))***

***b. Required events shall be scheduled before consideration is given to any optional events being offered. (Also see Section II, 2 (h))***

**APPROVED:** Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

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**BALLOT 2008 – 23: APPROVED****SUBJECT: USE OF MEMBERSHIP ROSTER****Postmarked June 20, 2008****Effective June 30, 2008**

Please send your vote on accepting this statement as part of the BCOA Policy Procedures, to be printed in all forthcoming BCOA Rosters:

**"This membership directory is released for use only by BCOA members and affiliate clubs. Member information may not be furnished, with or without compensation, to non-member entities or individuals, or be used for any commercial purpose, except as expressly approved by BCOA."**

**APPROVED:** Auerbach ["This does not prevent fundraisers for local or national clubs or foundations or projects that do not have a goal of personal gain, nor does it prevent meetups or any use for local or national club purposes."]; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

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**BALLOT 2008 – 24: APPROVED****SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS****Postmarked June 20, 2008****Effective June 30, 2008**

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the May 2008 issue of the *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on accepting these applicants as members of BCOA.

Karla & Tina Rehfeldt [MO]; Denisjean WQebb [NV]; Satu Pietikainen [Finland]; Royce Gladson [TX]

**APPROVED:** Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

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Dear Anne,

This has been a most incredible experience and I appreciate the BCOA's officers and board members entrusting me with the job of chairing the 2009 Nominating Committee! The team chosen to serve with me were incredibly well-matched therefore making my job very NON-stressful!

Please extend our (the entire Nominating Committee) thanks to the BCOA officers and board members for the opportunity to serve BCOA in such an important task.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the members of the 2009 Nominating Committee for taking their task seriously. Their professional attitude and complete candor throughout this process has been greatly appreciated by yours truly. They all survived my seemingly endless emails and made my job as Chairman incredibly easy most enjoyable! I am sorry I will not be at the National this year so I could thank each of them personally. . .LJWilliams

### **PROPOSED BCOA 2009 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Damara Bolte' (VA)**  
**Wanda Pooley (IL)**

**Midge Greenlee (FL)**  
**Laurie Stargell (CO)**

**Count by region: Eastern = 3; Central = 5; Western = 3**

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## **2008 BCOA National Specialty News**

### **BCOA 2008 National Specialty Auction**

Are you donating an item to the auction this year? Build some advance enthusiasm by posting a photo of that special donated item on the specialty website. Send your (digital or hardcopy) photo to national specialty website administrator Carmella Troisi-Hoerr, [Carmella@hchtd.com](mailto:Carmella@hchtd.com) with a short description.

### **Attention LGRA and Agility Enthusiasts!**

There are still some classes available for sponsorship. You can donate online – see the specialty website (<http://www.basenji.org/nationalspecialty/2008/Trophies.htm>) for details or contact trophy chair Anne Humphreys at [basenjis@dharian.org](mailto:basenjis@dharian.org) with any questions. Your sponsorship will be published in the specialty catalog if you get your donation in before July 23! That date is coming up quick.

**BCOA MEMBER SURVEY ON PROPOSED  
AKC GROUP REALIGNMENT**

BCOA has received a letter from the AKC Group Realignment Committee (see page 4) soliciting the opinion of the membership on the proposed repositioning of Basenjis within the Groups. AKC is seeking a broad spectrum of member input.

Please complete the following survey and mail it to the BCOA Secretary on or before **August 1, 2008**, so that we can share your views on this important topic with AKC. You may also complete this survey on line at [www.basenji.org](http://www.basenji.org).

- 1. I think that if the AKC Hound Group is divided, Basenjis should be shown in: (circle your choice)**
  - A. The Sighthound Group (Salukis, Afghans, Whippets, etc.)
  - B. The Scenthound Group (Beagles, Bassets, Foxhounds, etc.)
  - C. The new Companion Group (Probably current Non-Sporting breeds like Dalmatians and French Bulldogs, etc.)
  
- 2. Do you participate in AKC conformation events with your Basenjis? (circle your choice)**

YES NO
  
- 3. Do you participate in AKC lure coursing events with your Basenjis? (circle your choice)**

YES NO
  
- 4. Please use the space below to share additional comments about the proposed AKC Group realignment:**

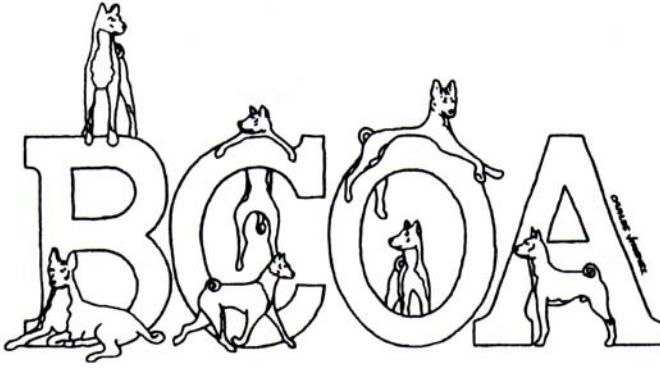
**Member name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print and mail your completed survey to:**

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Houston, Texas 77096-1404**

July 15, 2008



**Bulletin Board Newsletter**

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

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