

BASENJI CLUB of AMERICA

March 17, 1953

Dear Club Member:

This is your first bulletin of 1953 and there is considerable to report. The first important show of the year was Westminster at New York. Top honors went to Ch. Ace of the Congo owned by Miss Mary McWain of Batavia, New York. Best of winners was the winners bitch, Fairmont Lynn Lysande, owned by Mrs. E. O. Westlin of Palisade, New Jersey. Winner's dog was Phemister's Sandoa owned by young Miss Deborah Wescott of Clinton, New Jersey. Sandoa finished his championship title with this win. Puppy dog winner was Phemister's Harpocrates owned by Mr. Walter Philoof of New York City. The American bred dog winner, Mr. Arthur Kreugel's Kopper Nyckel was also ^{reserve} winner's dog. Rhosenji Ideal owned by Mr. George Gilkey of Merrill, Wisconsin took reserve winner's bitch.

The annual meeting of the Basenji Club of America followed the Basenji judging. Because this annual meeting is always a much smaller attended meeting than our special meeting which is held at the time and place of the specialty show, Miss McWain, as presiding officer, tabled the greater part of the club business until the June 28th meeting.

Mrs. Sydney Byers, one of our California members, and Mr. James Maltbie of New Jersey served as tellers in tabulating the results of the mailed ballots for officers and board members for 1953. You members elected Miss Mary McWain president (incidentally this same honor was extended Miss McWain in 1949). Also elected was Mrs. John Cadwell as vice-president; while I was re-elected secretary and Mr. James Maltbie, treasurer. The 1953 board members are as follows: Mr. Alexander Phemister Mr. George L. Gilkey, Mr. George Watt, Mrs. A. D. Jenkins (one of our Canadian members), Mr. Leo Shadic, Miss Eloise Gerry and Mr. John Cadwell. You voted to accept the proposed change of by-laws as proposed by Mr. George Gilkey. The year 1953 should be another great prosperous year for the Basenji Club of America.

The treasurer's report as of February 27, 1953, gives a balance of \$366.40, an increase of \$120. as of February 1952. Twenty-one new members joined our club in 1952. In the first two months of 1953, seven new members have been accepted by the club.

The most important business discussed at the club meeting concerned the approaching Basenji specialty show to be held June 28th at Rome, New York. Miss McWain reported that Mrs. Cadwell, as bench show chairman, was finding cooperation and that Miss Dayton as trophy chairman was already functioning efficiently. All other club business was tabled until the June 28th special meeting.

At the request of a club member that his available Basenji stock be listed in the bulletin, I wrote each member stating that if he or she had stock for sale and wrote back immediately to this effect, he would be listed as the owner of available Basenjies. Although this held up the mailing of the bulletin, I felt it only fair that all members have the same opportunity. The following members invite correspondence regarding the dogs they wish to sell (their names are listed in the sequence of their arrival):

Mr. R. V. Smith, 154 State St., Albany, New York
Miss Mary McWain, Batavia, New York
Miss Phyllis Elliot, Malta, Illinois
Mr. Ralph Lepper, R. R. 5, Box 177B, Noblesville, Indiana
Mr. Walter Clark, 2005 W. 92nd St., Kansas City, Missouri
Mr. James Maltbie, 855 Queen Ann Road, Teaneck, New Jersey
Mrs. John Cadwell, R. R. 2, Box 29A, Wexford, Pennsylvania

Miss Eloise Gerry, 1105 Dartmouth Road, Madison, Wisconsin
Mr. George L. Gilkey, Merrill, Wisconsin
Mrs. J. W. Anderson, 1972 Fairfield Road, Victoria, B. C. Canada
Mrs. Roberta Jenkins, Oak Ridge, Ontario, Canada
Mrs. L. B. Wescott, Clinton, New Jersey
Mrs. Alexander Phenister, Kingston, Massachusetts

The correspondence entailed with these listings brought news, some good and some bad, from our club members. Many of us have met but many have not, yet between all of us is a bond of friendship and appreciation of each other's problems. Several members are enthusiastic about their first Basenji litters - Miss Elliot, Miss McGlone and Mr. Lepper. Many are making plans for exhibiting this coming year, some for the first time. A great many are looking forward to meeting each other at the specialty show of June 28th. However, one member, Mr. Norman Slater, formerly of Metuchen, New Jersey, and now of 117 Lemley St., Huntsville, Alabama, has had to cancel this plan because of illness. Mr. Slater is now in the hospital and would appreciate mail (sent to his home address). Mr. George Watt has also been ill. Mr. James Cox is now in the army - he had the bad fortune to lose his young female, Cleopatra of the Nile. Good news came along in a letter from Mr. Ralph Lepper telling us his son, Joe, left Korea and is due home by the middle of March. Both Joe and his father are planning to attend the specialty show. Mrs. Anderson from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, was living in Hong Kong when she obtained her first pair of Basenjies from England. Since returning from Hong Kong she has become very active in dog circles. Already one of her home bred dogs has two legs on his C. D. degree in obedience and recently one of her champions won first in the hound group with very stiff competition. Miss McWain has a new import - a young tri-color bitch whom we will probably see at the specialty.

I hope all you members read the February issue of Saga Magazine. It carried an excellently written Basenji article titled, "The Mystery Dog", and written by Wendy and Everett Martin. The photography was done by Alan Gould of New York City. We here at Kingston are particularly proud that the full page picture of the Basenji jumping through the brush was our Phenister's Kedar who was but seven months old when the picture was taken. The article has created tremendous interest in our breed. If you members like to read such chit-chat, remember it can not be done unless you send the news to me.

President McWain has requested me to ask you members who have dogs who won a number of best of breeds during 1952 to list them, giving the dates and places of their wins, and send them to her. Unless your dogs have won at least eight best of breeds, do not make this effort.

I am happy to list the following new club members: Mrs. J. W. Anderson, 1972 Fairfield St., Victoria, B. C. Canada; Mr. Walter Philo, 1035 2nd Ave., New York City; Miss Marie Segelcke, 21-20 33 Road, Long Island City 6, New York; Mrs. Dean Gimple, 1124 W. Koenig St., Grand Island, Nebraska; Miss Elizabeth M. Ryder, Marlisle Kennels, General Delivery Olney, Maryland; and, Miss Marian Finke at the same address. If you members had these names added to your last membership list you can keep your lists up to date.

I hope you will all cooperate with me by sending news that can be used both in the Gazette article and in the bulletin.

Sincerely yours, *Mary R. Phenister*
Mrs. Alexander Phenister, Secretary