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JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

(Submitted by the BCOA Junior Showmanship Chairman, Francis Bercher)

The following Junior Handlers have posted wins with Basenjis at AKC Shows in 1985 as reported thru the July Gazette:

Junior	# Defeated	Junior	# Defeated
Susan Cannell	11	Kristin Lange	43
Alyssa Coe	4	Lori Perkowski	7
Chris Funchess	7	Stephanie Schierloh	4
Brett Doty Garner	36	Carl Siegle	13
Jenny Hobbs	17	Kari Wournos	37
Kim Lange	14	Mikki Younzbauer	5

Congratulations to Chris Funchess for winning Best Junior Handler over 40 competitors at the Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club on March 24.

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LETTERS:

Dear (Editor):

Just now I have time to contribute to the commotion about Mrs. Hardison's unfortunate misunderstanding of your comments and responses. I'm new to Basenjis - but old in the way of things - and one of the "things" that happen in the pursuits we really care about is that someone reads between the lines (or hears behind the words) and reacts violently to what he thinks we thought. Most times, it's enough to give a simple explanation of what we meant to say but somehow left a loophole in for misunderstanding; the other person hears what we say, and all is o.k. But every once in a while, our careful explanations just seem to make things worse; the other person is antagonistic to whatever is said. For you, the hurt is worse because it's so unexpected... of all things, a writer doesn't intend to alienate any readers! Thus, take some faint comfort in the knowledge that this is not the first time for such a thing to happen... it's sort of like a case of the shingles... you don't deserve it, but you get it.

Both your original comments and your responses were quite acceptable; you have nothing to reproach yourself with. The only advice I would give is this: NEVER respond to, or attempt to refute, a personal attack (such as how much time or money you can donate, how much money you have to spend on your own dogs, etc*). Both making and responding to personal attacks wastes time and dignity.

I thoroughly enjoy the magazine and the newsletter; I have nothing but admiration for you who work so hard to get it out.

Sincerely,
Anne L. Graves

*As well as: the kind of vehicle one drives to dog shows, the amount of underwear one wears (or doesn't), and other irrelevancies. (These two are matters discussed in another breed publication!)

BALLOT NO. 39 - June 1, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FUNDS, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the Treasurer to transfer the amount of \$1,000 from the National Specialty Reserve Account to the BCOA General Savings Account.

APPROVE: Bolte, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley*, Russell

ABSTAIN: Coe**

NO RECORD OF VOTE: DeWhitt, Mankey

*Kelley Comment: Why?

**Coe Comment: I feel like a rubber stamp when a ballot with no explanation comes around.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS: In accordance with BCOA Bylaws, if any member wishes, he may send comments on any applicant to the Secretary of BCOA. Applicants are listed below with their two sponsors.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY:

Dear Penny/Sandy (whoever is sending out the next publication):

After reading JoAnn Weller's letter published in the July, 1985 Bulletin Board, I felt it was important to drop you this note and ask you to print another statistic regarding ballot response from the officers and board members. From the beginning of the Club Year (11/1/84) through June 1, 1985, I did 13 mailings of ballots. Some of these mailings consisted of only one ballot, while others contained multiple ballots.

I think it is important for people to be aware of this fact when considering how many ballots were not voted on by someone. In order to complete the entire picture, you must consider how many mailings a person missed, not only how many ballots they missed. Below is a tally of how many ballot mailings the board members missed:

Bolte	5	Coe	2	DeWhitt	7
Grundman	0	Hendren	2	Hawes	3
Jimenez	1	Kelley	0	Mankev	3
Russell	0				

Sincerely,
Melody Russell, Secretary

"A curled tail whisking around the corner, springy legs prancing down the hall, a yodel behind a room door. --- everywhere you look, Basenjis, basenjis, Basenjis."
Anne L. Graves

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Teena Simmons

"Well, to me it's a collage of dogs, faces, events all in fast-paced, living color, out of which I glean important information and hope I will retain what I have learned so that I may apply it to my continuing education about my dogs."
L. Jane Williams

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