

B.C.O.A. BULLETIN BOARD - FEBRUARY ISSUE

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

(submitted by Junior Showmanship Chairperson Francis Bercher)

The following Junior wins are complete through the Jan. '87 Gazette:

<u>Junior</u>	<u># Defeated</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u># Defeated</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u># Defeated</u>
Beverly Arrand	3	Jennifer Bass	1	Mischa Bonicelli	5
Alyssa Coe	38	Jean Deimier	66	Marena Doolittle	3
Amy Funchess	4	Brett Doty-Garner	438	Tracie Gramann	98
Tara Kay Harris	38	Kate Hauri	5	Jennifer Hobbs	8
Jennifer Landers	3	Kristin Lange	134	Christopher Pate	3
Julie Ray	10	Michelle Sturgeon	12	Monica Swope	3
Leigh Thompson	3	Krista Ward	2	Susanne Wilson	1
Kari Wournos	438				

In addition, these Juniors won Best Junior Handler awards at the following shows - the number in parentheses is the total number of competitors defeated in all classes for the top award: Karyl Bailey, BJH at the Basenji Club of Northern California, Oct. 18; Brett Doty Garner BJH at Contra Costa County KC Oct. 4 (19), and Two Cities KC Oct. 11 (12); Tracie Gramann, BJH at the Butler County KC show Sept. 20 (9), and Dayton KC Nov. 14 (4); Julie Ray, BJH at the Columbia Missouri KC Show, Oct. 4 (18); and Kari Wournos BJH at the Rochester Minnesota KC Show Sept. 20 (12).

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 with their two sponsors.

Robin L. Beals	Paul, Cathy & Katrina Gesch
9513 Charleston	3825 N. Longview
El Paso, TX 79924	Portland, OR 97227
Loretta J. Kelley	Debra Janes Blake
Diane Davis	Marilyn Leighton

Dear Western Region BCOA Members and Clubs:

The 1990 Basenji Club of America, Inc. Independent National Specialty is scheduled to be held in the Western Region. This is your invitation to submit a proposal to host the 1990 specialty. Proposals may be submitted by either a BCOA Affiliated Club or five BCOA members in good standing. All proposals must be mailed to me by April 1, 1987. Proposals postmarked after April 1, 1987 shall be ineligible. Below is a list of information that must be included in the proposal.

1. Date(s) - The BCOA Independent National Specialty must take place between July 1 and November 30. Specialty classes should be scheduled for one or more consecutive days.
2. Location - It is necessary that the specialty be held within the specific geographic area of the region.
3. Facilities - Indoor/Outdoor, air-conditioned, tent, equipment, size of ring(s), crating, seating, refreshments, etc.
4. Accommodations - Hotels/Motels, camping and hookups, restaurants, airline access, entertainment, etc.

5. Planned Related Activities - Lure coursing, field trial, obedience classes, seminars, or other education programs,
6. Host Group - At least five individuals who are BCOA members in good standing, or a BCOA affiliated club, willing to assume responsibility for all local arrangements.
7. Name of a BCOA Member in good standing living near the proposed site who will accept chairpersonship of the BCOA Independent National Specialty, if said site is selected,

JUDGES SELECTION:

Each voting member of the BCOA (as defined in the Bylaws) can nominate one conformation judge and one sweepstakes judge for each BCOA Independent National Specialty.

All judge nominations shall be mailed to the BCOA Vice President before April 15 of the third year preceding the specialty, with the member's return name and address clearly legible on the front of the envelope. Nominations postmarked after April 15 or with illegible return name and address shall not be eligible.

Conformation Judge Qualifications:

1. Judges nominated must meet the requirements set forth by the AKC governing the awarding of AKC championship points to the Basenji breed.
2. Only judges shall be eligible who have not judged the conformation or sweepstakes at a BCOA Independent National Specialty in the five (5) years prior to this one.
3. The selected judge shall be requested not to judge Basenjis during the six (6) months prior to the specialty. Failure to comply with this request shall disqualify that person from serving as a judge at the BCOA Independent National Specialty.

Sweepstakes Judge Qualifications:

1. The Sweepstakes judge need not be an AKC "approved" judge. Anyone in good standing with the AKC may serve in this capacity.
2. Only those persons are eligible who have not judged the conformation or sweepstakes classes at a BCOA Independent National Specialty in the five (5) years prior to this one.
3. Only those persons are eligible who do not live in the region of the specialty.
4. The selected judge shall be requested not to judge a Basenji sweepstakes for the six (6) months prior to the Specialty. Failure to comply with this request shall disqualify that person from serving as the sweepstakes judge at the BCOA Independent National Specialty.

Those who are ineligible to be nominated for the 1990 specialty because of having judged at one of the previous four specialties are: Thelma Brown, Carol Webb, Ann Rogers Clark, Damara Bolte, Michelle Billings, Bettina Belmont Ward, Del Glodowski, and Judy Cunningham.

Melody Russell, BCOA Vice-President

FROM LORETTA KELLEY, OUR SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON:

Our sincere condolences to Peg Grundman on the loss of her husband, Bob.

Get well wishes go out to Doris Foster.

BALLOT NO. 10 - January 3, 1987 - PASSED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS, circulated in accordance with the Bylaws.

The following persons have applied for membership in the BCOA and their names, along with a request for comments, have been published in the November, 1986 BCOA Bulletin Board. No comments have been received by the Secretary. Your approval is requested to accept the applicants as members.

Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Knight & Valerie Anne Yale of CA; Dennis & Marcine Woodcox of WA; Frances P. Wiener of NY; Deborah Bringley of NY; Lynn & Dennis Arrand of Ontario, CANADA.

APPROVED: Bolte, Camp, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

BALLOT NO. 11 - PASSED

SUBJECT: COMMITTEES, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

Your approval is requested for the following to serve as chairpersons of said committees for the 1986-87 Club year.

Historian	Andy Paysinger of CA
Stud Dog Tallier	Diane Laue of TX
Obedience Tallier	Mickey Rubin of CO
Junior Showmanship	Francis Bercher of WI
Standard AND Education	Barbara Camp of TX AND Damara Bolte of VA
Liaison	Mary Woodcock of MO
Data Information	Bob Hodge of TX
Conformation Tallier	Debra Jones Blake of OR
Membership AND Sunshine	Loretta Kelley of TX
Coursing AND Racing	Marianne Klinkowski of CA and Tari Parish of OK
AKC Delegate	Bob House of CT
Bylaws	Melody Russell of WA
Budget	Peg Grundman of FL
Health AND Research	Sally Wournos of MI

APPROVED: Bolte, Camp, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, *Laue, Russell, Williams

*Abstained from Stud Dog Tallier.

BALLOT NO. 12 - PASSED

SUBJECT: CHANGE OF BALLOT NO. 34 (4-13-86), circulated at the request of Treasurer Grundman.

You are requested to approve the following: When a BCOA Member dies, the Sunshine Chairperson will send a card to the family. In November, a donation will be made to Basenji research in the names of these members. The amount and to whom donated will be determined each year in October by Board Ballot.

APPROVED: Bolte, Camp, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

BALLOT NO. 13 - PASSED

SUBJECT: RECEIVING CHECKS FOR BCOA, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

You are requested to approve the following: Any committee member, advertising director, Board Member, etc., etc, receiving checks for the BCOA shall forward them to the Treasurer within two weeks of receipt.

APPROVED: Bolte, Camp, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

FANCONI'S SYNDROME UPDATE

Many breeders & owners of Basenjis have expressed their concern about Fanconi's Syndrome and the future of the breed. As we wish to let you know that help is indeed on the way, I have been given permission to release the following information. Studies

have not yet been made public as it is feared that releasing premature information may stir breeders into requesting testing before the facilities & personnel are available. Let me make it quite clear, testing is not available at this time. A group of Basenji breeders have been cooperating with researchers at Virginia Commonwealth University in studying the genetic basis of Fanconi's Syndrome. Our own Dr. Russell V. Brown is involved so the project is in good hands. Dr. Brown, however, is NOT doing routine testing at this time, so please do not make requests for tests now.

The study will not be completed until all collected data has been analyzed & until puppies from expected litters out of tested parents have been tested. Even though a good start has been made there is much work to be done. The present estimate for a release of information is the spring of 1987. It is hoped that a reliable test for carriers will be available in a few months and well in advance of the 1987 breeding season. In a preliminary study, a small group of Basenjis were tested for several chemicals in their urine. A pattern was seen in the protein levels of related dogs that suggested a Mendelian inheritance. Other families were tested & the pattern has repeated. In any dog that showed a high level of protein, at least one parent had a high level also. Dogs with Fanconi's Syndrome have high levels of protein and glucose, and their offspring test high in protein. Two dogs with high levels of protein may have offspring with either high levels or normal levels. It thus seems that a high level of protein in the urine is controlled by a single co-dominant gene. It is hypothesized that if two of these genes come together in an individual, that individual will probably develop Fanconi's Syndrome later in life. Therefore, Fanconi's Syndrome can be regarded as a recessive condition.

At present there is no way to tell if a carrier has one or both genes for the disease although some test higher than others. It is assumed that the higher protein level may indicate two genes for Fanconi's, but this can only be confirmed with enough time to see if the disease develops or not. The tests done at V.C.U. seem to distinguish a carrier from clear, but additional research needs to be completed to determine the best level dividing carriers from diseased. This may be a long, drawn-out process.

Other factors may affect the accuracy of test results. The protein level of the food fed a dog may have a small effect on the test results. It also appears that protein levels are slightly elevated in dogs (males & females) in season. Testing before the breeding season may be the desirable procedure. Age may prove to be a variance and we'll need to know if the test is accurate in young puppies.

Other studies will be conducted at V.C.U. primarily of proteins, potassium, glucose & uric acid. Urine samples of more than 150 Basenjis have been collected, frozen and are now being tested for these factors. You will be informed of developments as things progress and when there is a test available, the details will be supplied.

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