

# BULLETIN BOARD

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S TERMINAL...

The OOPSI department is busy again. This is not by choice - the OOPSI Department hates to work under any condition. (What a bunch of lazy characters!) They want the regular staff to check their material a little better the first time around so they can be the nonchalant operatives around here. The regular staff told them - well, they told them SOMETHING. I try to stay out of these internal quibbles... Ah, if that scenario were only so. Unfortunately there's only me and the computer. Since the computer is seldom the culprit, I do take the blame for problems. The hardest part of being a staff of one is that there's nobody to complain to and nobody to listen to a lot of the great excuses I could invent to suit the situation! So to those who are affected by the OOPSI Department's this month, I send my regrets. One correction appears up in the Club Business section. The others were inaccuracies appearing in the listing of National Specialty Winners. The proper version reads:

Reserve Winners Bitch: Bourdeaux Sarah Barra

Owners: Gene & JoDee Funchess

Stud dog Owners: Jo Ann Fimlaid, Mrs. Albert Fimlaid & Marianne Klinskowski.

Thank you to Judy Lange for her gracious letter informing me of the mix-up.

Sincere regrets are sent to both proud set of owners for the blunder. Hoping to hear from you soon! CTH

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Fort Dodge Laboratories, Fort Dodge Iowa 50501: Information about Lyme Disease. It is distributed in conjunction with the introduction of their Lyme Disease Vaccine for dogs.

International Canine Genetics, Inc. (800) 248-8099 is introducing a new canine pregnancy testing service claiming a 95% accuracy level from blood samples taken between 28 to 37 days from the last breeding.

Well written articles to send with new puppy owners are found in the DOGS USA 1991 Annual. Their general interest pieces include Crate Training, Kids & Dogs, Ethics and Nutrition. The Ethics article is very well done, written from "our side" of dog involvement. It details all aspects of pet ownership including breeding, responsibilities, moral decisions, etc. It handily covers those gray areas of concern that are sometimes difficult to convey to new owners. The Annual is available in most bookstores and is from Fancy Publications, 3 Burroughs, Irvine, CA 92718



## CLUB BUSINESS



A call for corrections or additions is requested for the published Minutes of the 1990 Annual meeting of the Basenji Club of America, in accordance with the By-Laws: Article III, Section 2 C), states: "The Minutes of the Annual meeting shall be published in the first convenient Club Bulletin or Bulletin Board Newsletter. Corrections or additions shall be requested within 30 days of publication. These shall also be published and the minutes adjusted." This is to state that the Minutes were published in the October DTP Volume 11 issue of the Bulletin Board Newsletter. Any corrections or additions should be directed to the Office of the Secretary, Shirley J. Jones, 112 E. Larry Rd., Shawnee OK 74801.

### CORRECTION:

The October Bulletin Board reported the results of the 1990 B.C.O.A. Election Results. The correct tally for the Office of Secretary is:

**Shirley J. Jones- 313**

The reported count was 278. Sincere apologies are made for any inconvenience from the printed error. CTH

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

In accordance with the By-Laws, if any member wishes, comments concerning applicants may be sent to the Secretary. Applicants are listed with their two Sponsors (\*):

**Parry Tullmudge**, 870 Page St., San Francisco, CA 94117  
\*Sandra L. Bridges & Marilyn Leighton

**Michelle T. Gahgan**, 2403 Lincoln Rd, McHenry, IL 60050  
\*Ann Hacker & Hank Hacker

**Brian & Sherry Kloosterman**,  
5425 C Carpenter Ave., Otis A.N.G.B., MA 02542  
\*Elieterio Fonseca & Ovid Varin

**James W. Swayze**, 1027 W. Willow St., Carbondale, IL 62901  
\*Vicky & Jon Curby

**Gloria Gregory**  
R.D. Box 161, Mt. Vision, NY 13810  
\*Alice Blair & Ann Hacker

**E. de Reus**, Eikendreef 26, 5731 HL Mierlo, Netherlands  
\*Margaret Grundman & Shirley J. Jones

**Judy Stuart**, 9861 Cornwall Ave. Westminster CA 92683  
\*JoAnne Fimlaid & Phillis Martin

**Sue B. Weld**, 2293 Valley View Dr. SE, Smyrna, GA 30080  
\*Mary Lou Kenworthy & Joan Clague



## B.C.O.A. CALENDER OF EVENTS

### NATIONAL SPECIALTY DATES

1991 Pineville, North Carolina	September 26, 27, 28 & 29
1992 Indianapolis, Indiana	September 21, 22, 23 & 24

All dates will be printed as information becomes available - please submit YOUR club special event to have it listed in the Calendar.

## A LOOK INTO THE PAST...

*At the recent Annual Meeting held in Santa Rosa, some discussion was made suggesting dedication of the 1992 National Specialty to B.C.O.A.'s charter members. 1992 will celebrate B.C.O.A.'s Golden Anniversary and most fitting is a reminder to all of who the most important founding members were. The following is from various sources and hopefully of interest to all.*  
CTH

Alexander & Mary Phemister are known as the founding couple in the establishment of Basenjis in the U.S.A. Al & Mary, as they were known to their friends, were always deemed a delightful and gracious couple. Mary gave credit for any success to Al, insisting she was the silent partner. Mr. Phemister was born an only child; as far back as he remembered, he always owned & loved a dog. Al & Mary met after his return from France where he served and was wounded in World War I. Their first dog was a Collie that did not fit well into their budding family and was subsequently disposed of. After great deliberation, they purchased an English Bulldog that proved to be everything they hoped for. They owned a number of Bulldog champions, one of which held a record of being the only Bulldog champion to have won his CDX degree. Mr. Phemister spoke proudly of his invitation to give an obedience demonstration in conjunction with the Westminster Dog show and was recognized by many as being one of the best dog trainers of his day. In the 1930's, Al obtained his judging license for Bulldogs, French Bulldogs & Boston Terriers. He also served several terms as president of the Bulldog Club of New England.

In late 1939-1940, they read in the English Dog Magazines of Basenjis imported from Africa. It fascinated them & they purchased a female from Veronica Tudor-Williams. The dog had to remain in England for six months due to war restrictions with shipping livestock. Meanwhile, they acquired the two African Basenjis; Phemister's Congo and Phemister's Bois. Congo was bred to a Canadian Basenji & in August of 1941 produced the first litter to be raised to maturity in America. Al trained a male from this litter for obedience, Phemister's Barrie, and history was made when he won the first CD and CDX degrees, all marked by very high scores. In these very early years, Basenjis could not be shown in breed - the only way to show Basenjis

in AKC competitions at the time was in Obedience. In 1942, Mr. Phemister founded the Basenji Club of America with officers & members from various sections of the country. Al was the first President, remaining so for many years as well as B.C.O.A.'s AKC delegate until illness forced him to resign. Mrs. Phemister had little interest in holding offices, but did serve as secretary of B.C.O.A. for seven years. She was an accomplished writer, penning the Basenji column in Pure Bred Dogs for 8 1/2 years as well as contributing articles to Dog World magazine of her beloved Basenjis. Her meticulous and exact instructions about the care, feeding & breeding of Basenjis helped many through the years. Never one to mince words, her lively articles presented convictions that remain as relevant now as they were when first written.

In the spring of 1945, Basenjis joined the Hound Group. A few months later, Phemister's Melengo became the first American Basenji Champion. A year later, another first is credited when Ch. Phemister's Melengo and her mother Ch. Zinnia of the Congo, CD became the first brace of Basenjis to go Best Brace in Show. The Phemister's kennel never comprised over six or seven adult dogs, yet over 50 champions were produced from their home based center in Massachusetts. Mr. Phemister was a well known and popular judge who presided over his early breeds as well as Basenjis, Poodles, Dalmatians and the non-sporting group.

Rather than the current mode of hosting one Annual National Specialty show, in 1959, B.C.O.A. held its first regional National Specialties. Three were held, and the overwhelming choice to judge all three shows was Mr. Phemister. He said at the time, "When informed by the Secretary of the Basenji Club of America that I had been selected by the club membership to judge all three National Basenji Specialty shows for 1959 - the East, Midwest and Far West Divisions - I was greatly touched and deeply appreciative of the honor." The Phemisters will be long remembered among Basenji people as two of the great - pioneers overcoming amazing difficulties, dedicated breeders and exhibitors, the founders of B.C.O.A. Their contributions will be long remembered each and every time we look into the faces of the dogs that we, and they, loved.



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