

BULLETIN BOARD

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FROM THE EDITOR'S TERMINAL...

Well, some words from the OOPS! Department this month. These misprints appeared in the April issue of the Bulletin Board & were the result of some mysterious malady of the left index finger! In the BCOA Calendar, do realize that Chicotland is actually CHICAGOLAND. There were 3 corrections that are addressed in the Club Business section of this issue to make them official. ALL were typing errors that somehow slipped by when proofreading. Sincere apologies for the errors are requested & any inconvenience is regretted. Hope to hear from you soon! CTH



CLUB BUSINESS



BALLOT # 14, 23 March, 1991 - APPROVED

New Members, circulated in accordance with the By-Laws: The following people have applied for membership in the BCOA & their names along with a request for comments have been published in the January issue of the Bulletin Board. No comments have been received by the secretary. Your approval is requested to accept the applicants as members: Laura M. & Charles Baker, PA; Jeff & Theresa Gygi, IN; Richard Beech, TX.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wuornos

BALLOT # 15, 16 April 1991 - APPROVED

get for 1991 circulated at the request of President Curby: The attached budget is submitted for your approval.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Grundman, Jimenez, Work, Wuornos

DISAPPROVED: Coe "I appreciate the fact that the judges' education brochure seems to have been paid for BUT I don't understand why it isn't included in the budget. AND what happened to the donation to health research?". Jones "I am troubled by a budget which does not allow for a postage increase - it's doomed before it gets started!", Williams "Budget is still missing allowances for judges education expenses".

VOTE WITHHELD: Russell (see comment on next ballot)

BALLOT # 16, 16 April 1991 - DISAPPROVED

AKC Gazette Subscriptions circulated at the request of President Curby: You are requested to approve paid subscriptions to the AKC Gazette for all officially appointed BCOA tallier, including stud dog, brood bitch, junior showmanship & conformation awards-eligible dogs.

APPROVED: Bolte, Jimenez "I'm assuming this is for the Awards section only", Work, Wuornos "This should be only the awards section at \$36/year per person. This is a small amount to pay for the hours spent!"

DISAPPROVED: Bridges "This was voted down following lengthy discussion at the September 13 1990 Board meeting. There is no way to compensate all members for their contributions (i.e. use of personal equipment - typewriters, computer, etc.; hours spent in the car or on the phone) in service to the Club. Therefore, it is not acceptable to compensate one segment.", Coe "A large & probably unnecessary expense since we probably have willing members who already receive the Show Awards section from the AKC", Grundman, Jones, Williams "Do not think this is necessary. The Gazette would not do the talliers any good. I'm sure more talliers already subscribe to the Awards publication".

VOTE WITHHELD: Russell "The budget calls for \$25/year. How many people needs a subscription?"

BALLOT # 17, 16 April 1991 - APPROVED

Members circulated in accordance with the By-Laws: The following people have applied for membership in the BCOA & their names along with a request for comments have been published in the February issue of the Bulletin Board. No comments have been received by the secretary. Your approval is requested to accept the applicants as members: W. Daniel McGinley, GA; Robin Hammitt, CO; Christine O'Rear, CA; Lynn M. Danell, CA.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Wil-

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
1993 St. Louis, Missouri	October 1, 2, & 3

REGIONAL SPECIALTIES: 1991

May 25	Basenji Club of Cincinnati
June 15	Greater Chicagoland Basenji Club
July 19	Basenji Club of Southern California

SUPPORTED ENTRIES

July 7	Dog Fanciers of Oregon	Willamette Valley Basenji Club
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All dates will be printed as information becomes available - please submit YOUR club special event to have it listed in the Calendar.

liams, Wuornos

VOTE WITHHELD: Work "I have nothing against any of these applicants. I feel that we should have more than a name & a state before we approve someone. I think we should all get a copy of the application."

SECRETARY'S RESPONSE: To send a copy of the application to the Board Members would be an additional expense on an already strained budget. Also, the process is cumbersome enough as it is. The only information on the application not available to the Board members is activity in local breed, all-breed or training clubs, kennel name, if any, and colors of dogs & breeding plans. The applicant's address & sponsors are published in the Bulletin Board. Any additional material which an individual member might desire can surely be gained by asking the sponsors.

CORRECTIONS:

The April Bulletin Board reported the following inaccuracies & the corrections are stated as follows:

- Ballot #4: Administrative Procedure 1 should read "...All Board ballots must be in the hands of the President & Secretary within 18 days of the postmarked date of the Ballot." [Reported "10 days" - 18 is the correct number.]
- Ballot #4: Administrative Procedure 2 should read "When necessary for EXPEDIENCE, balloting may be conducted..." [not "experience"]
- Ballot #9, Committee Chair People: Obedience: Micky RUBIN [Not "Rugin"]

Notes from the Secretary:

The Rosters are going to be out later this year than they were last because of various & sundry glitches & yours truly having a heavier teaching load & a lot more papers to grade than last year. However, the end is in sight as of mid-April & I hope to mail them by the first week in May. Thank you for your forbearance! I'd like to also mention the policy I have carried on from previous secretaries of NEVER giving out Rosters to non-members. It has come to my attention that some people are on mailing lists which they thought might have been caused by advertisers & marketers getting the Roster. Be assured no one has recieved one from me who wasn't entitled to it!

Concerning Membership Applications: If you need some, please send me a card or call & I'll put some in the mail to you. To EVERYBODY: Please, if you're using old applications, fix the membership fees. (\$13 Single, \$20 Household, \$1 for each Junior) I've recieved some which had the old \$10 fee on them, and that's pretty old! I have to return the ones which don't have the right amount & that's time consuming & costs that much more postage. Also be sure that the new forms are staying together. They have a tendency to fall apart when handled. These MUST get to me in triplicate so I can pass the treasurer's & the Bulletin Board Editor's copies along to them.

Signed, Your Harried Secretary,

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 (*):

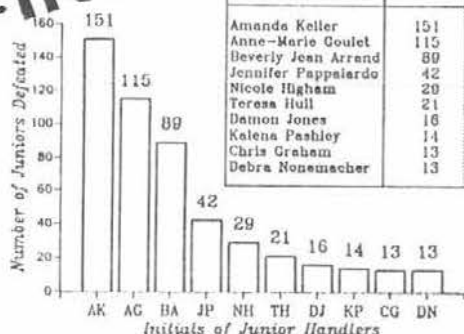
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 *Dorothy Ammons & Elizabeth White
 Dorothy A. Baetcke 4525 Palm Valley Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
 *Elaine Sykes & L. Jane Williams
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 *Susan Patterson-Wilson & Rick L. Wilson
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 *Patricia Wand & Patricia Bright

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Submitted by Connie Reid, Chairman

I'm FINALLY finished with the 1990 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP TALLY! The records I have run from the March '90 through March '91 issues of the American Kennel Gazette's Show Awards. Please look for your names on the charts provided. You'll notice that I have only the junior handlers listed that have acquired PLACEMENTS at shows throughout the year. (Juniors not winning placements in their classes are not listed in the Show Awards Stats.) The Show Awards publication runs about 3 months behind the actual dates of shows & since it is the official AKC publication, it is the source for all records generated. Congratulations to MANDY KELLER for holding the #1 slot in the Final Tally for defeating 151 Juniors. Honorable Mention goes to Anne-Marie Goulet & Beverly Jean Arrand for the #2 & #3 positions. These ladies have worked hard to be able to travel to the shows.

FINAL!



Names of Junior Handlers	Defeated	B/H Wins	Firsts
Amanda Keller	151	8	21
Anne-Marie Goulet	115	2	10
Beverly Jean Arrand	89	4	5
Jennifer Pappalardo	42	2	5
Nicole Higham	29	0	2
Teresa Hull	21	0	0
Damon Jones	16	0	1
Kalena Pashley	14	0	0
Chris Graham	13	0	0
Debra Nonemacher	13	0	1

For a little info on how I keep your records, the records I keep list the following for each show having a placement for each Basenji Handling Junior: Gazette Issue & Page number, Date of Show, Name of Show, Best Junior Win, Additional Juniors (other classes) Defeated for Best Junior. This information is sortable by any category or by any name. I tend to keep the tally in order by date unless I'm generating a printout for the tally. I do try to minimize my discrepancies, however... there is an occasional boo-boo. If you find mistakes, please WRITE or CALL (6pm-10:30 EDT) with the information that is correct. I am happy to correct any mistakes on my part provided that you are able to provide documentation for the corrections that included: Show Date & Name, Class entered & Junior's name. This information will help me to find the data in the Show awards Issue to confirm your corrections.

Since becoming involved with the Junior Showmanship Tally, I have made a point of watching the Juniors whenever possible. I see a lot of hardworking Juniors in each class. The level of handling ability & showmanship varies with the Junior. I have, for the purpose of this column, divided my view of the world of Jr. Showmanship into two parts. As we go along & I learn more on the subject, I'll break it down again as necessary.

Handling Ability - my definition, covers the manner in which the dog is groomed & presented to the judge. No frills, calm, effortless, efficient exhibition of the dog that presents the dog to the best of the handler's ability. Showmanship - is a form of advertising that covers the manner in which the junior draws attention to the presentation of the dog. You're selling your product, the dog, to the judge. Showmanship is the difference between a brand new green as grass newcomer to dog showing & the polished professional job of a professional handler. Please note that the Showmanship part does not include the unnecessary bouncing about the ring, waving hands around, using dirty little handling tricks that are

COMMITTEE REPORT:

LURE COURSING: Ken Leighton, Chairman

The ASFA International Invitational (ASFA II) Lure Trial is Scheduled in Colorado Springs CO June 1 & 2 of this year. Trophies for 1st through 5th place in the Open Stakes & Field Champion Stakes, Best of B & High Qualifying Score Veteran & Conformation Champion are offered. The trophy fund needs your support to offset trophy expenses. Any excess funds will be held in a savings account to be applied toward the trophies for the 1992 ASFA II. Please send donations to: Ken Leighton, 4530 Entrada Ct. Pleasanton, CA 94566 (415)846-5300

BASENJI JUNIOR HANDLERS - 1990

	Total Defeated	#Shows Placed	First Place	# Best Junior Wins
Keller, Amanda	151	35	21	8
Goulet, Anne-Marie	115	21	10	2
Arrand, Beverly Jean	89	15	5	4
Pappalardo, Jennifer	42	6	5	2
Higham, Nicole	29	10	2	
Hull, Teresa	21	3		
Jones, Damon	16	3	1	
Pashley, Kalena	14	4		
Nonemacher, Debra	13	4	1	
Graham, Chris	13	3		
Peterson, Sharon	12	6	3	
Wand, Carolyn	9	6	1	1
Wallace, Carrie	8	3		
Mulligan, Jaycee	7	2	1	
Graham, Kathy	6	1	1	
Hauri, Kate	6	1		
Powell, Judith	5	9	6	
Schroeder, Lynn	4	2		
Strother, Michael	3	3	3	
Weideman, Liza	3	1		
Latzke, Jill	2	5	4	
Gesch, Katrina	2	2	1	1
MacKenzie, Jennifer	2	1		
Cantero, Dorothea	2	5		
Colegrove, Leslie	2	1		
Moulton, Dan	1	4	1	
McCarty, Jonathan	1	2	1	
Freidlund, Christina	0	1		

used by the insecure handler. Just because Mr. or Mrs. So & So handle that way doesn't mean you should! Handling combined with Showmanship is the effortless art of telling the judge that you have a dog that is worth looking at & deserves the win.

When involved with Jr. Showmanship, the judge is judging YOU & the way you present the dog - grooming, handling, etc. As a competent Jr. Handler, you should be impressing the judge with your casual, effortless presentation of that dog as well as your consideration & awareness of your competition. When you win, that's great! I'm happy for you. Call me, I'll cheer & scream & yell with you when you do well. When you lose, be a good loser. There wasn't anyone in the ring that made you handle the dog wrong but YOU. Did you do the best you could? Could you have done better? If you're planning to exhibit your outrage at losing, do it outside at the van, car, motorhome, motel or anywhere but ringside. Remember, you did by an opinion regardless of what that opinion may be. PARENTS: Don't encourage tantrums! I've seen parents console their juniors by saying "Poor baby, you were the best out there. I don't know why that mean judge didn't put you up." It is great for you to feel bad about your junior losing but in my limited & biased opinion, the junior must have done something to lose the judge's favor. The juniors' entire future doesn't hang in the balance if he/she doesn't win every show. The world will continue to turn & after all, there's another show tomorrow.

Juniors & Parents, apologies for getting on my soap box. I hope this has widened some fields of vision out there. I look forward to meeting the Basenji Handling Juniors & their support staff (parents) at the '91 National. If you need any info on "local historic sites" (Revolutionary & Civil War sites) for the schools to be happy about your junior being absent from school, call me. I have info on several nearby places of interest that can satisfy those needs. See you soon!

NATIONAL SPECIALTY 1991: THE FIELD TRIALS

Much interest has been given to the Basenji Field Trial Day of the Specialty, which is on Day 1, Thursday September 26th. Many questions have been asked about what exactly is involved in this "other neat stuff" to do with our Basenjis. The ASFA Lure coursing trial should be familiar to most. But the Basenji Survival Instinct Test & Scent Field Trial are both different.

The Survival Instinct Test will be given intermittently all during the Field Trial day, some run early, some run between the other trials & the rest afterwards. This event will be on lead & no prior training is necessary. The Test will also be held on Day 3 of the Specialty, Saturday (Sept. 28) at the convenience of exhibitors & those who work the test. It is identical to the BSIT test run on Day 1 for the benefit of those who were unable to attend Field Day.

The Scent Trial purpose is to demonstrate the natural hunting ability of the breed in the field. Basenjis have such ability to find, point and/or flush birds. A good reference of what actually happens at a Scent trial is found in Susan Coe's book, *Basenjis, Out of Africa to You*. Two classes are offered in the trials - Beginners & Novice. The Beginners Class is for dogs that have never been trained for the field or hunted. The dog must show a keen desire to boldly & independently hunt, have a fast yet attractive style of running & demonstrate intelligence in seeking objectives. Basenjis are expected to run eagerly, cast & search cover. The ability to find game is of first importance & once found should show a steadiness on game which equates to pointing and/or flushing. NO gunshots will be fired in this class. Beginning handlers will be given reasonable instructions on negotiating the bird field.

The Novice Class is for Basenjis that have been trained for the field and/or hunted. The dog must give a more finished performance & must be under reasonable control by its handler. A keen desire to hunt, bold & attractive style of running as well as independence must be shown. The dog must range out in a forward moving pattern, seek the most promising objectives so as to locate any game on the course. Excessive line-casting & avoiding cover must be penalized. The dog must respond to handling but must demonstrate independent judgment in hunting the course. The ability to find game is of first importance, then the Basenji must indicate a steadiness on game & to wing. Intelligent use of wind & terrain in locating game, accurate nose & style are essential. A bird will be released but no shot will be fired.

General rules for the Scent Trial include full discretionary power to the judge to withhold any or all awards for lack of merit. The decisions of the judge shall be final in all matters relating to the performance of the dog. The judge will turn

out of the stake any dog or handler who wilfully interferes with another competitor or dog; or any dog considered unfit to compete. Bitches in season shall be eligible for competition after all other dogs have been judged. Severe training, correcting or disciplining of dogs on any part of the trial grounds is not permitted. Any person who conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to the best interest of pure-bred dogs, field trials or the AKC will be dealt with promptly. The Field Trial Committee may refuse an entry or remove a dog from the trial for cause.

For the trial itself, dogs are run individually & off lead. The field in which the trial is held is totally enclosed with fencing. A run consists of a 6 minute back course with wild game. Bird field time will be 10 minutes with planted game. At least 16 minutes but not more than 22 minutes will be allowed for each heat. The total entry limit for the Field Trial will be 20 dogs. Scent Trial judge will be Maj. (Ret.) A.L. Braun. The day will begin with this event as the scent is best in the early morning.

It needs to be mentioned that several important rules are enforced. NO training of dogs anywhere on the course during the trials is allowed. A dog out of judgment for a period of more than 5 minutes will not be placed unless in the opinion of the judge the dog's absence was due to unusual circumstances. No person shall assist a handler in controlling his dog. Disqualification may occur if a handler receives such assistance or if the dog receives direction of any kind from anyone other than its handler. No dog shall be picked up during a heat except on direction or permission from the judge. No one shall be permitted in the bird field at any time except for the judge, the official gun, the marshal & the handlers of the competing dogs.

The Field Trials will be held south of Monroe, NC, approximately 40 miles east of the Specialty show site on 20 fenced acres. The Lure Coursing Field will be groomed & another part of the area will be left to grow cover for the Scent Trial. Shaded parking on top a knoll will command a good view of the fields where the competitions will be held. For those who want Premium Lists for the Field Day Events (Scent Field Trial, ASFA Lure Coursing & Basenji Survival Instinct Test) send your name & address to: Connie Reid, 411 Webb's Chapel Rd. Denver NC 28037. These Premium Lists will NOT be sent with the regular mailing so be SURE to request them if you plan to enter. The ASFA Lure Coursing will be by pre-entry ONLY. The Scent Field Trial will have post entries ONLY if limits have not been reached. The BSIT will have post entries if time allows. The moral is if you would like to enter ANY of these events, be safe & pre-enter.

In addition, if you wish to receive Specialty information & a conformation Premium List & are not on the MB-F mailing list, send your name and address to: Candence C. Griffin, 1101 Freehold Close, Virginia Beach VA 23455.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

This is for the statistics lovers out there in BasenjiLand: The 1990 AKC Litter Registrations for Basenjis find them ranked 58th out of 131 breeds listed for the most letters registered from January 1 to December 31st. The total number of litters registered was 537, down from 1989 when 566 litters were counted. Individual Basenjis registered totaled 1619, also a drop from '89 when 1709 Basenjis were recorded. Most number of litters registered honors went to the Poodles, with 47,547 litters registered, actually a drop from 1989's count of 50,900 litters. Cocker Spaniels scored the highest numbers in the individual registration department with 105,642 recorded. Interestingly enough, BCOA scored in the top 10% in the number of entries at a Specialty Show. Of over 1600 Specialty shows, BCOA's 1990 Specialty ranked in the 63rd spot with an entry of 228 Basenjis in Santa Rosa last fall.

So who can guess without peeking in the AKC Gazette, the number of All Breed shows held in 1990? How does 1114 sound? In other words, about 3.7 All breed shows held each day of the year in theory. Biggest attendance award went to the Louisville KC & Evansville KC, both part of the Louisville KY spring extravaganza with 3746 & 3232 dogs entered respectively. Surprisingly, the Detroit Kennel Club, the oldest U.S. show & still a benched event commanded the number 12 spot on the list with entries of 2795. The number of entries for the top shows are impressive but the terrific number at a benched show is quite a feat.

Dogs Monthly, the British publication, (February 1991, Vol. 9 No. 2) found Basenjis on the cover & featured in a 14 page spread written most commandingly by Elspet Ford. Ms. Ford is the force behind her Taysenji kennels, established in 1961. The feature is well written, taking in the history of the breed, its problems quite candidly & ventures to probe the future with good documentation of the recent imports here. Well illustrated with many photos of the winning British dogs, it is very enlightening to see the viewpoint of breeders across the ocean & to see as well the results of other breeding programs. Well done, Ms. Ford!

Remember the Ban on Breeding law passed in San Mateo Co., CA? Since the proposal & coverage of the measure, similar ordinances are being considered nationwide. Counties in California, New Jersey, Washington, Nevada, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan & New Mexico, among others, are all considering some form of legislation to restrict breeders. The crux of the matter is that all the counties are concerned with the overpopulation of animals in their community. This problem is not a local issue; it is a national problem which requires cooperation, work & involvement of the entire dog fancy. While it may seem to restrict the rights of those who are concerned, involved breeders, it also must address the problem of the general population of animals that are destroyed on a daily basis in vast numbers.

The culmination of three long years of hard work, determination & commitment was reached on January 4, 1991 when Mayor David Dinkins signed New York City's Dangerous Dog Act. NYC will now be protected by reasonable, enforceable, non-discriminatory animal control legislation which defines dangerous dogs by deed, not Breed. It entitles the owner of a dog declared to be dangerous to a public hearing & which holds dog owners responsible for the dogs' action. Special thanks go to the AKC, RDOA & all who so vigorously supported this non breed specific legislation.

Don't forget the following for Specialty Plans:

3 Air Gold File Number 212592 for 35% off full round trip coach or 5% off any promotional airfare offered by USAir. Includes 30% off for those flying in from Canada as well.
Show Headquarters: Holiday Inn in Ft. Mill SC Phone # is 803-548-2400 or 704-334-4450
Auction & Store headed by Robin Hardison (919-376-9778) Please don't forget to keep watch for great items to donate in the upcoming months. Consignment sales will be offered so for you talented ones, now is not too early to start your special projects. See you in September!

A LOOK INTO THE PAST ...

In the early years, the Westminster Kennel Club show, held annually in New York was very important to Basenji Fanciers. Westminster was one of the few shows in which more than 1 or 2 Basenjis actually were shown. Even then it seems those majors were few and far between. Westminster was planned for endlessly, and then when it was over, the activities of Westminster reported until the next year's planning stage began again. At the 1945 show, Basenjis made their final appearance shown in the Miscellaneous class. Westminster was important also to BCOA as it was when the Club's Annual meeting was held for many years.

At first the membership was small & new members were actively solicited. Dues were \$3. The goal for the club was to have each Basenji owner also a member of BCOA. The meetings were open & each member had a say in the running of Club affairs. Officers for the upcoming year were elected at the annual meeting. BCOA purchased then offered an annual trophy to be awarded to the dog, owned by a member of the Club, that won the most Best of Breeds through the year. Of course the win count started with Westminster & included all show in the country up to the following Westminster! This first BCOA annual award was won by Ch. Phemister's Melengo.

In August of 1948, permission was granted for BCOA to hold its first sanctioned match. Held on the grounds of then club president, Alexander Phemister in Kingston, MA. The match was well attended

by BCOA members from all over the U.S. From as far south as Texas & Oklahoma, from Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and New York, the members supported this first major event of the Club with 31 entries. Mrs. Drury L. Sheraton, a well known all-round judge & licensed in basenji presided over 15 Basenjis. In addition to recounting the results of the match, Mrs. Alexander Phemister reported in the October 1948 American Kennel Gazette that Club members enjoyed swimming, paddling in the canoe & row boat in the pond located on their property. Seemed that the day's judging commenced after the morning's water sports. Most importantly, happy chatter from all those with so much in common was heard all through the day.

The match was important to start the club in its quest for its own licensed Specialty. Then, as now, the AKC required clubs to hold sanctioned matches to acquire experience in conducting a licensed event. Premium lists were published & mailed, trophies solicited, records kept & reported back to AKC. The club's initial entry was 31 Basenjis, over half being complimentary entries sent in by club members unable to attend but sent to support the Match. This support was important in showing the AKC that the entire Basenji fancy was behind this particular endeavor. The club members used all means available to support their breed & club, and were proud to champion their enthusiasm for Basenjis and the Basenji Club of America in its first official Club exhibition. CTH



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