

FROM THE EDITOR'S TERMINAL...

Well, know you've all been holding your breaths waiting to see what issue of the Bulletin Board you'd be getting this quarter, right? No? Oh well... This again is a combined issue, a July/August extravaganza. A bit late for July, early for August. The editor waited a long time for much of the information wrapped up in the pages of this month's edition & taking our family vacation in what normally would be the production time for the August issue. Did get approval from the powers above & promise not to do it again. Do you think that means going on vacation? To coin the popular phrase today, "NOT!" Hoping to hear from you soon. CTH

B.C.O.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS**NATIONAL SPECIALTY DATES**

1992	Indianapolis, Indiana	September 21, 22, 23 & 24
1993	St. Louis, Missouri	September 17, 18 & 19

REGIONAL SPECIALTIES - 1992

July 17	Basenji Club of Southern CA
September 25	Basenji Club of Cincinnati

SUPPORTED ENTRIES - 1992

Buckhorn Valley KC - CO	August 15
Pontiac KC - MI	August 16

1992 National Specialty Update

The official information fliers have been mailed. Additional fliers are available and non-BCOA members need only to contact Jones dog shows for a premium list which is due out mid-July. The Basenji Club of Cincinnati Fall Specialty held in conjunction with the National is included in this premium list as well. Call Roy Jones, Supt., at (219) 925-0525. For further information contact Susan Patterson-Wilson (219) 546-4091 P.O. Box 1076 South Bend, IN 46624.

The Specialty Catalogue deadline for advertising has been extended by the Superintendent to July 28. All ads must be accompanied by payment - send all copy along with your payment to Susan P-W (address listed above).

A special note about the catalogue - it is to be published like a retrospective & will include material never before seen from the BCOA archives. BCOA Historian, Andie Paysinger has been gleaming all this precious memorabilia to share with you. It will be a Limited Edition; copies will first be available first to persons attending the Specialty. Marked catalogues will be available for shipping on a first come basis while supplies last. Checks will be held

until orders are filled. Send \$20 with your name and address to: 50th Anniversary Catalogue, BCOA, C/O Susan Patterson-Wilson, P.O. Box 1076 South Bend, IN 46624

T-shirts will be available at Specialty and also can be ordered from Carol Stephenson - 45 E. Racetrack Road, Alexandria, KY 41001 (606) 635-3153. The shirt is gold with the logo done in black silkscreen. Available sizes are Medium & Large. X-large sizes are available in black with gold metallic silkscreen. Including shipping, they are \$17 and \$18, respectively (\$15 and \$16 at the specialty site).

The general trophy fund is still seeking donations, states Pat Bright, Chairperson. Lure Coursing trophy fund donations are also sought by Tracy Leonard. In addition, all lure coursing questions should be referred by calling 513-259-0948 or 110 Indiana Ave. Dayton, OH 45410.

Attention RV Owners! If you plan on motorhome parking reservations, do call Ann & Frank Hacker at (317) 784-7816. Please have your rig dimensions handy. See you in Indiana!

"... And the Winner is..."

Who knows about the First BCOA Specialty? Where was it held? Who was there? Who was the judge? Let's go back to 1959 for the answers. The first Basenji Club of America's Specialty show was held on March 1st in Louisville, KY. It was reported to be a glamorous success, thanks to the efforts of show chairman, Doris Lester assisted by Mr. Joe P. Lepper, Ralph Deimer & other Mid-western Basenji enthusiasts.

Mr. Alexander Phemister judged and he stated "We had the largest ringside audience of any breed. For the benefit of the spectators, I gaited each class several times around the large ring. The most gratifying improvement I noticed while judging the Basenjis was their excellent temperament. Each & every one gaited beautifully and, as I went over them, not one showed any resentment or nervousness. These regional specialties should be a great boon to each owner & breeder in this country & Canada & will create a bigger demand for puppies by showing the public what an adorable breed our little Basenji is." The Winner of Best in Breed and the BCOA award to the owner of the Basenji with the greatest number of Breed wins over extra mural competition was won by Ch. Miacor's Zuchil.

Zuchil was owned & bred by Mrs. Elizabeth Shoemaker of Coral Gables FL. He was by Ch. Brahme of Syngfield out of Ch. Phemister's Lustrous. Described as "not a flashy dog" he was praised as well trained with perfect manners. This win was accomplished when Zuchil was 3 years old and was his 54th Best of Breed win. He was the first Basenji in North America to win more than 50 Best of Breeds in competition, achieved under 35 different judges and acquired 14 group placements.

The first National specialty was held in 1979, after it was decided to combine the regional specialties into one annual event. The first National Specialty judge was Ms. Michelle Billings. And the winner? Ch. Absin' Bublin' Brown Sugar Lihu, owned & handled by Ms. Diane Coleman. Who are the biggest winners of all through the years of Basenjis Specialties? All those who were involved, who attended & who could not attend but thrilled at the prospect of one day attending such event.

CLUB BUSINESS



April 14, 1992 TELECONFERENCE

Participants - Curby, Grundman, Bridges, Work, Coe, Williams, Craven, Ehlers, Wuornos, Patterson-Wilson

Unavailable - Bolte

Reading Of Minutes From 9/91 Meeting dispensed.

Treasurer's Report - Mailed to Officers & Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1] AKC Hands-On judging events: discussion.
- 2] Genetic Defect Registry: discussion.
- 3] Rod Thatcher & The Basenji Health Research Corporation: discussion re: Transfer of funds to BCOA endowment fund.
- 4] Code Of Ethics: discussion of 2 documents sent by Diane Davis (previously appointed by board to submit information for consideration)
Secretary Note: documents not reprinted herein due to length. final proposal will be printed for membership feedback.
Consensus on revision of items #7 & 8; know that in #9, to use the word "legal" a person has to use an attorney to draw up the contract; we should stipulate that we don't necessarily breed just because we have reservations for puppies; #10 should be withdrawn since its contents are covered elsewhere. Additionally, we should make provision for consequences of violations of the code of ethics.
- 5] Revision Of Specialty Guidelines: discussion.

NEW BUSINESS (INCLUDING BALLOTS):

- 1] AKC Video Of Basenji Standard - Discussion
AKC originally agreed to videotape in Allentown, PA at the 1993 National Specialty. Now, the AKC insists that the PA arrangement is unsuitable & not timely enough. Curby invited AKC & their video production company to 1992 Specialty; AKC declined to accept. They say that their contract with the video company expires this year. They want to have an open call for Basenjis on the East Coast this fall after the National Specialty. The Board & officers find this unacceptable in that it involves unreasonable expense for any interested members as well as keeping a representative sample of the breed from being filmed for the project. Curby will continue to pursue alternatives, as will Board & officers who have contact with the AKC officials at Eastern shows, etc.

BALLOT 12 - APPROVED

AKC HANDS-ON JUDGING: All requests for hands-on testing with Basenjis should be forwarded to the BCOA Judge's Education Committee (Lu Dye, Chairperson) for handling. The Committee will, if at all possible, arrange for the involvement of a near-by breeder judge, as well as contacting representative area breeders to participate.

BALLOT 13 - APPROVED

GENETIC DEFECT REGISTRY: At the request of President Curby, Board to consider acting on letter from member Hoeltzel (MI) with regard to such a registry. Board approved formation of a new committee to begin working on this. President Curby to contact member Carter DVM, MO to initiate this.

BALLOT 14 - APPROVED

WAYS & MEANS FUNDRAISING - NATIONAL PROJECT: At the request of President Curby, you are asked to approve proposal for reprinting Honorary Member Robert Vavra's Canis Basenji book as an ongoing means of fundraising for all the Ways & Means committees. The committees to share the cost of the reprinting (\$834 per 1,000 copies) to be divided among the 5 regions & the books to be sold for \$10 each. Each region's Ways & Means committee will receive 200 copies of the book to sell & they'll retain all the profits.

BALLOT 15 - APPROVED

FUNDS TRANSFER FROM THE BASENJI HEALTH RESEARCH CORP.: At the request of President Curby & Secretary Patterson-Wilson, you are asked to approve the conditions of transfer of funds as stipulated by BHRC's Rod Thatcher. The funds total \$1,428 & will be

deposited into the new BCOA Endowment Fund.

Secretary Note: Presently, the Endowment awaits IRS approval of incorporation & tax matters.

BALLOT 16 - APPROVED

SPECIALTY GUIDELINES REVISIONS: Circulated by President Curby, you are asked to approve the following changes to the Specialty Guidelines: (1) Vice President's duties in this regard need to be formally outlined & printed. (2) 12-18 mos. junior dogs/bitches always to be offered in both the Sweepstakes & the Regular classes. (3) Limit the number of get shown in the Stud/Brood classes to no more than 3. (4) Specialty Fund treasury account to be established by BCOA treasurer. (5) Eliminate #1 under Judges Selection II. (6) Change length of time for eligibility to judge National Specialties from 5 to 8 years.

BALLOT 17 - APPROVED

RE-EVALUATION OF OUR TEXAS INCORPORATION STATUS: Requested by President Curby & Treasurer Grundman, you are asked to approve the amount of \$100 for evaluation of legal/tax matters concerning BCOA'S organizational incorporation in the state of Texas. There are new yearly filing laws in that state which will require reporting of all income originating in TX.

BALLOT 18 - APPROVED

PRINTER FOR BULLETIN EDITOR: Circulated at the request of President Curby, you are asked to approve the purchase of a printer to be used in the publishing of the BCOA BULLETIN.

Secretary's Note: this was a second consideration of this matter. It was previously submitted & commented on in the ballot submitted for approval of the 1992 Budget. The comments remained the same.

BALLOT 19 - APPROVED

NEW SUPPLY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS & CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS. Circulated at the request of President Curby & Secretary Patterson-Wilson, you are asked to approve the cost of printing a new supply of membership applications on the ncr paper, as well as printing (in reduced size) an additional supply of the BCOA Constitution & By-Laws of which there presently are none available to new members.

BALLOT 20 - APPROVED

BASENJI COLORS ON AKC BLUE SLIPS: Circulated by President Curby at the request of members of the Board, you are asked to approve BCOA notification of AKC of our wish that Blue Slips reflect our current Standard (change "Brindle" to "Brindle & white"). Curby to draft a letter to Board re: entire discussion of colors from the previous "color" ballot, as well as during this teleconference meeting.

The above ballots during the teleconference were approved unanimously.

TELECONFERENCE ADJOURNED.

SUSAN PATTERSON-WILSON, SECRETARY

BALLOT #21 June 11, 1992 - APPROVED

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, circulated at the request of President Curby: You are asked to approve the following persons to be on the Nominating Committee for the 1993 slate of Officers & Board of Directors:

Chairperson: Barbara Jimenez, SC; Laura Hesse, WI; Christine Hartley, CA. Alternates: Shirley Jones, OK & Cecelia Wozniak, IN

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Craven, Ehlers, Grundman, Patterson-Wilson, Williams, Work

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The original ballot contained an ineligible member. The changed ballot was submitted to the officers & Board over the phone at the request of the President. The above tally concerns the final version of the ballot.

BALLOT #22 June 11, 1992 - APPROVED

1995 NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROPOSALS, circulated at the request of President Curby & Vice President Work: You are asked to review the enclosed proposals from the Western Region for the 1995 National Specialty.

APPROVED: Bolte "No mention of cost??", Bridges "Weekend quite specifically means all of the weekend!", Coe "I thought the Board voted on these only when there were too many...", Craven "I would suggest that approximate prices for motel (Inn at the Park) be included in this proposal before it is sent to the membership in ballot form", Ehlers "If they (Oregon) hold the Specialty on the 5, 6, 7 & 8th to include the weekend, I'll then approve", Grundman,

Patterson-Wilson, Williams, Work
DISAPPROVED: Wuornos "A weekend is a weekend - Saturday & Sunday = Weekend!!! If this group can't interpret the word weekend, I have trouble having confidence in their ability to host a National!"
Secretary's Note: Comment concerned only one of two proposals presented for Board approval; Wuornos approved the 2nd proposal.

BALLOT #23 June 11, 1992 - 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 May 1992 issue of the Bulletin Board. The comment received is attached. Your approval is requested to accept the applicants as members: Debra Jones Blake & Whitney Blake (Jr. member) OR, Fredric F. Fralick IN, Sandra Hawes-Young OH, T.A. Gillespi III TN, Thomas Genick MI, Linda Grow MO, Sue Gruber OH, Richard & Elaine Liltman FL, Charles Mullins CA, Roger & Rhonda Mallison AR, Rex & Annette Perry WA, Michael Scheuffer & Michelle Maton IL, Phyllis Schierloh OH, Linda J. Vigorito IN, Mary Alice Webb CA, Dorothy White VA
APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Craven, Ehlers, Grundman, Patterson-Wilson, Williams "With one exception. According to the By-Laws, any applicant receiving negative comments is to be notified by the Secretary & given 14 days to respond. After which all correspondence is sent to the Board for voting. It is not clear whether this has been done. I recommend this person's name be re-submitted after all such correspondence has been received as per the by-laws", Work, Wuornos

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 (*):

Nancy L. Lorence
1132 W. 12th St. Lorain, OH 44052
*Jan & Larry Bruner
Susan Baumgardner
250 Greenmont Downs Lane Alpharetta, GA 30201
*L. Jane Williams & Connie C. Reid
Betty Swadener
12413 218th Pl. SE Snohomish, WA 98290
*Jacqueline Jones & Cathy Gesch
Gary & Chris Oliver
542 Humphrey St., South Haven MI 49090
*Susan & Ricky Wilson
Jill & Georgia Yost
1933 Kingswood Dr Salisbury, MD 211801
*Dorothy Ammons & Lisa Corell
Gilbert & Karen Felsenfeld
9350 Twin Oaks Ln., DesPlaines IL 60016
*Arnieta Kurtz & Alice D. Richman
Judith & Mark "Doc" Holiday
P.O. Box 100415, Denver CO 80250-0415
*Carol A Webb & Andrea Paysinger
Frances & Stephen Androsko
4875 Carodoc Circle, Titusville FL 32796
*Evelyn Hirt & Richard Beech
Sandra Hill & Janet Davis
5637 S. Newport Ave., Tulsa OK 74105
*Brenda Casell & Michelle Carter
Barbara Fisher
P.O. Box 951597, Lake Mary FL 32746
*Mary & Myron Woodcock
David & Kay Bleakley
*4813 W. 121st, Overland Park KS 66209
*Linda Ehlers & Mary Turner
George & Marcia Woodard
1005 W. Bartonga, Seattle WA 98119
*JoAnne Fimlaid & Laurie Montgomery
Peggy Galeone
118 23rd St., Avalon NJ 08202
*Susan Coe & Kimberly Etherson

1994 National Specialty Judge Nomination Results:

Michelle Billings - Breed Judge
Michael Work - Sweepstakes Judge

From President Curby: Somehow, the actual publication of this ballot result seemed to slip into that netherland of "Why, of course it was done... wasn't it?" Well, it wasn't and so apologize. Any inconvenience for the omission is regretted. If desired, actual ballot count numbers are available through the Office of the President.

A Look into the Past ... with a View to the Future

With 50 years of Basenji Club of America history to contemplate, it may come to no surprise to some that there have been many memorable people involved with our breed. Recently, an article in an all breed magazine lamented the passage of some of the more colorful characters in the dog show world. Most of those characters were possibly revered by their peers, occasionally the source of exasperation, quite often outspoken & decidedly memorable. What was obvious to all was their undaunting support, their strong beliefs & unquestioning dedication to their dog club or to their breed; to all dogs & all dog fanciers.

In the Basenji Club of America, we are fortunate to have Ms. Veronica Tudor-Williams & Mr. Robert Vavra, two most distinguished devotees to Basenjis as our club's Honorary Members. When you stop & think of all the memorable folks within our own breed, maybe there is one or several people that seems to stick out as decidedly special. It could be fitting to honor that special person with an Honorary Membership nomination.

The 50th anniversary National Specialty is dedicated to the founding members of BCOA. In another 50 years, it is you & your peers that will be the be hallowed names in the annuals of the historic archives. Those we know as special members & contributors to the breed are among us today. Could they be deserving of Honorary BCOA membership? Maybe so. If anyone feels that they know of a person who has richly contributed to the Club or to the breed, why not nominate them? Contacting a BCOA Board member is the first step - the next step is up to you!

... from *Canis Basenji* by Robert Vavra



For Your Information . . .

At the April meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved the use of imported frozen or fresh extended semen for all-breeds, from any country whose stud book is recognized by the AKC. There are requirements to be met which include:

- Use of imported semen must receive approval by the registration division of the AKC before insemination.
- The extraction, storage & shipping must be done under veterinary supervision & such certification will be required on an AKC form.
- Insemination must be done under veterinary supervision & certification of such will also be required on an AKC form.

Application to register such a litter will include:

- 1) Certification of the owner of the sire & veterinarian who did the extraction & shipping.
- 2) Certified three generation pedigree on the sire.
- 3) Certification of the owner of the dam & the veterinarian who does the insemination.

For further information, write to the AKC, Foreign Registration Department.

At the same April meeting, AKC approved the addition of the Japan Kennel Club to their Primary List of Foreign Dog Registry Organizations. The Japan Kennel Club was established in 1948 & is the sole non-profit organization authorized by the Government of Japan as a canine corporation for all breeds. It is a member of the Federation Cynologique International & the Asia Kennel Union. The JKC registers more than 250,000 dogs annually which makes it Japan's principal registry & the second largest registry in the world, second only to the AKC. The club also holds approximately 500 dog events annually throughout Japan, several of which are international shows & issues

several different championship titles. It is also the governing body for over 950 local member clubs & 100,00 individual members. The JKC headquarters are located in Tokyo.

Summertime & the reading is easy - on those lazy days you have the time to get into a good book, here's a few that all dog lovers would enjoy. Susan Conant is the author of an engaging and continuing series of mysteries that features the world of dog shows & dog fanciers. Her first mystery, *A Bite of Death* won the Maxwell Award for Best Fiction from the Dog Writers Association of America. *Dead and Doggone*, *A New Leash on Death* and *Paws Before Dying* all tell of disruptions in the world of Holly Winter, the main character and her entourage of friends, neighbors, veterinarian, her two malamutes and the police lieutenant of Cambridge MA. The author says the first Holly Winter book presented itself one evening in 1988 at an obedience class. "I was training my first Alaskan malamute, Tasha, when a small group of advanced handlers left their dogs on the Long Down exercise & walked out of the hall. Five minutes passed. The instructor called, 'Handlers, return to your dogs.' But one handler failed to appear. Bingo! The first mystery began to write itself the next morning." In each of Ms. Conant's books she strives to share information that many caring but uninformed dog lovers may need. The latest title in the series, *Gone to the Dogs*, will be released in July by Doubleday Publishers. For more information, contact their publicity department at Perfect Crime (212) 492-9795.

Not all reading is so pleasant and if you do not subscribe to Reader's Digest, this is a month to go find a copy. The August issue features an article by Peter Michelmoro titled "Hidden Shame of an American Sport" and is about the reality behind the glittering facade of greyhound racing. The article is well written, well researched & if you don't shed a tear or two you will applaud the fact that this article was written. This piece in RD, with it's 28 million worldwide circulation, will affect many with the frank details, yet offers hope & suggestions for improvement in all aspects of this sport. Reprints of RD articles are available and their prices for reprints are modest. Write to Reprint Editor, Reader's Digest, Box 406, Pleasantville NY 10570.

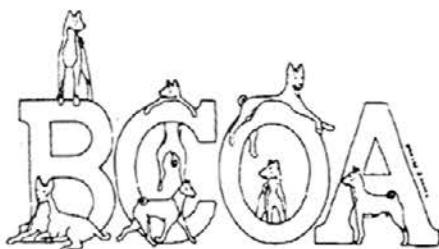
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