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BCOA Announcement

President's report

I want to applaud all the volunteers/judges working at Nationals. Everything went smoothly with only a few glitches. It takes a team for this major event. This being said we desperately need clubs to host a National. Please consider.

If you serve on a BCOA committee, thank you so much. Looking forward to another year with all of you.

BCOA needs future volunteers for Meet The Breed sponsored by AKC. More information to follow soon .

Pat Marshall
Berimo Basenjis

Note from the BCOA Secretary

You should have received by snail-mail the **BALLOTS** for the **2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**.

If not, contact Secretary at secretary@basenji.org or leave a message at 815-325-5908. Ballots must be postmarked by December 3 and received at the Tallier by December 10.

Results will be published with a BB announce in December.

Check this new BCOA Fundraising Auction on Facebook

We are so very grateful for amazing members and volunteers that work hard to support our club and our National(s). Please support them, too, by following the BCOA Fundraising Auction group, having fun bidding on some special Basenji items. Currently fundraising for the 2023 National.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bcoafundraising>



October 9-15
500 William Danforth Way
Gray Summit, MO 63039

We have a new **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE** person.

After several years of Sunshine work, Linda Stilwell will pass the work onto Stella Sapios. Thank you to both ladies for their work for BCOA.

Stella Sapios stellasapios@gmail.com

BCOA Breeder Liaison 2022 Report

Denise Vertrees

Bridenbasenjis@gmail.com

2022 requests for breeder contact information have increased slightly over the 2021 year. For the 2022 period we are averaging 32 requests per month for approximately 418 total for the year. The same period in 2021 averaged 28 per month with a total of 332 requests for the year. The 2020 period averaged 24 per month with a total of 292 for the year.

I also listed myself on GoodDog.com, a website for breeders to list upcoming litters, for the sole purpose of directing people interested in finding a basenji to breeders that are members of the BCOA. We received close to 19 requests per month throughout 2022 up until June. The decrease was due to GoodDog.com's change in their process. If breeders do not list an upcoming litter, or a litter on the ground, potential buyers are no longer provided with that breeder's contact information.

Please be sure that you respond timely to those that are contacting you to learn more about your breeding and basenjis in general. If you have any changes to your contact information, please let me know so it can be updated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and I will do all that I can to assist.

Quick Reference

Send address & email changes to:

Laura Mae Hesse, Treasurer@basenji.org

Sunshine Committee

To ask the BCOA to send a card regarding an ILLNESS, BIRTH, MARRIAGE or DEATH of a member or a member's immediate family, notify Stella Sapios. stellasapios@gmail.com

Submitting expenses to BCOA Treasurer

Per BCOA Ballot 2004-48, published in January 2005 Bulletin Board:

"BCOA members incurring expenses covering BCOA budgeted items during the fiscal year shall submit invoices to the Treasurer on or before March 1st of the next year to be eligible for reimbursement. Expenditures incurred by members that are not covered by the Budget shall require Board approval. These bills shall be submitted to the Treasurer on or before February 1st of the next year. Committee Chairs shall be responsible for notifying committee members to submit receipts for expenses within this time frame."

The link to the reimbursement form is on the Members' page of www.Basenji.org

BCOA Bulletin Board Subscription information

The Bulletin Board Newsletter is published in conjunction with membership in the Basenji Club of America, Inc. Dues are \$30 for single members; \$42 for household memberships. All applications for membership require the signatures of two BCOA members in good standing. Send membership inquiries to Janet Ketz, Secretary@basenji.org

Send submissions to:

Jlketz, Secretary@basenji.org
newsletter@basenji.org

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BCOA on FaceBook

Keep up with the latest information on Social Media at:

<https://www.facebook.com/basenji.org/>

Visit the National Website

Basenji Club of America

2022 National Specialty

Complete show results can be found at Executive Dog Shows.

www.executivedogshows.com/

Visit the National FaceBook page:

Basenji Club of America National Specialty | Facebook

like and follow the National page to receive updates

New Member Applicants

In accordance with the Bylaws any member in good standing may send comments on applicants for membership to the BCOA Secretary within a period of fourteen days following the date of the newsletter publication. Comments will be sent to these person(s) for reply, and all comments and replies will then be sent to the Board.

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Curt – service Manager, Heather - Procurement & Marketing
Specific Interests: Fast Cat, Agility, LC, Conformation
Karen Hutchison, Sarah Smith-Falkner

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Puppies & Stud
Carolyn Boutchyard, Pam Geoffroy

Jennifer Rivera
33 Vista Drive
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631-741-7734, jrivera8@binghamton.edu
Medical Biller
Affiliate Club: Mid-Atlantic Basenji Club of Maryland
Specific Interests: conformation, nosework, coursing
Lizabeth McCargo, Heather Kilmer-Cruzate

Meg Sorhus
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Occupation: Vet' Kennel name: South House
Specific Interests: Conformation, LC
Laurie Gregory, Bryan Gregory

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Kennel: Itapuca
Club Affiliations: CBKC (Brazil)
Position: Breeder Commission
Puppy & Stud Dog
Christian Morales Reyes, Barbara Reisinger



Basenji Club of America

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Dr Gary Johnson, MO
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Michael Work, VT

National Specialty Dates

Any questions or volunteers for any of the upcoming National Specialty Events should contact **National Specialty Advisory Committee (NSAC)**, Jon Curby at jcurby@offa.org

All judges are pending AKC approval.

2023 Aug 7—Aug 11, Argus Ranch, Auburn WA

Event Chair: Natalie Scherwin (WA)
Assistant Chair Barbara Reisinger, AZ
Judges: Conformation: Mia Lowbeer,
Sweepstakes: Sally Wuornos
Evergreen Basenji Club Specialty and Futurity will be Aug 4 and Aug 5 in conjunction with the National.
Judges: Conformation: Joe Walton and Garry Newton.
Futurity & Maturity: Brad Phifer
<https://www.evergreenbasenjiclub.org/futurity>

2024 East Region

Purina Farm, Gray Summit, MO has been reserved for the event. BCOA has no Host group or volunteers for the 2024 National. The BCOA Board encourages Affiliate Clubs or a group of eight BCOA members to consider managing the events. If no volunteers come forward, the Board will manage the events on a reduced schedule. Questions can go to the Nat Spec Advisory, Jon Curby or any Board of Director. Judges: pending

2025

The west region will have first option to host the 2025 National Specialty. Per Procedure, this host bid is not due yet but if your affiliate club or 8 BCOA members in good standing are interested, please let the NSAC know ASAP.

2026 Central

Volunteers needed.

https://basenji.org/ClubDocs/NS_Procedures_Rev_P.pdf

Region, Year of Event and Bid Year

West 2025	Bid 2022
Central 2026	Bid 2023
East 2027	Bid 2024
West 2028	Bid 2025
Central 2029	Bid 2026
East 2030	Bid 2027

News From the Secretary

Janet Ketz, secretary@basenji.org

Eastern time, 815-325-5908

Annual Membership Meeting October 13, 2022
Purina Farms, 500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, MO 63039

The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Janet Ketz.

Members present:

Julie Bill, Karen Butler, Katie Campbell, Terry Colbert, Nancy Craigie, Joan Duszka, Jeff Gilespeie, Bob Gooderl, Nancy Grant, Rachel Harbor, Julie Hartigan, Debbie Hauri, Susan Howard, Laura Mae Hesse, S. Anne Humphreys, Karen Hutchison, M. Sue Joyner, Janet Ketz, Carole Kirk, Sue Kite, Stacy LeBlanc, Kenneth Linberg, Lisa Marshall, Pat Marshall, Sandy McArthur, Stella Sapios, Sharron Schmigdall, Denise Vertrees, Jon curby, Tonda Curry, Heather Galford, Pam Geoffroy, Bryan Gregory, Laurie Gregory, Andrew Sawler, Veronica Nagy, Nancy Predale, John Predale, Barbara Reisinger, David Reitzel, Cherie Reitzel, Dianna Sanders, Larry Sobel, Ann Sobel, Michael Work. A quorum was present.

Treasurer Report will be published in the next Bulletin Board (BB) Newsletter.

No unfinished business.

New business – 2 items

Introduction of new BCOA Top Dog Awards by Veronica Nagy. (Julie Jones & Veronica Nagy)

Purpose: To recognize the Top Basenjis that are owned by BCOA members in several competition categories each year. This Policy will be added to the Policy Manual. The Policy and winners will be published in the next BB Newsletter.

2021 Winners received engraved plaques

Lifetime Membership

From the BCOA Bylaws-

The Club may appoint lifetime members in recognition of outstanding service to the breed. Lifetime members may be nominated either by means of a petition addressed to the Secretary signed by five members in good standing or by a majority vote of the Board. Nominees shall be notified of their nomination by the Club Secretary and shall be given the option of accepting or declining the nomination.

The names of those accepting nomination shall be submitted to the Club membership for vote, and lifetime membership shall be granted if the nominee receives affirmative votes of 2/3 of those voting. Lifetime members shall receive a subscription to the Publications and shall hold individual voting privileges but shall not pay dues.

In September 2022, the BCOA Board unanimously voted to appoint Susan Coe as a Lifetime member of BCOA in recognition of her outstanding service to the breed. Susan did accept the nomination.

The membership must now vote to grant Susan Coe lifetime membership. A 2/3 affirmative vote of members voting is required per the BCOA Bylaws.

All in favor, a unanimous vote of all members in attendance. Congratulations and Thank You to Susan Coe our newest Lifetime Member!

With no other pending or new business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pat Marshall and a second. Submitted by Janet Ketz, BCOA Secretary

BCOA Financials - 2022 Third Quarter

The Basenji Club of America, Inc. Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2022

Accrual Basis

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase Bank-Checking (BCOA*5469)	30,896.47
Chase Bank-Savings (BCOA*4624)	
National Specialty AGILITY	504.81
African Stock Project	1,781.07
Archive Maintenance	112.20
Contingency Fund	42,087.44
Public Education Program	466.49
National Specialty Reserve	588.10
Rescue Fund	6,975.75
Chase Bank-Savings (BCOA*4624) - Other	-1.10
Total Chase Bank-Savings (BCOA*4624)	<u>52,514.76</u>
Total Checking/Savings	83,411.23
Other Current Assets	
Federal Income Tax Withheld	8.84
Petty Cash - Bulletin Board	-0.13
Total Other Current Assets	<u>8.71</u>
Total Current Assets	83,419.94
Fixed Assets	
Equipment	
Club Projector	472.49
Equipment - Other	-70.00
Total Equipment	<u>402.49</u>
Total Fixed Assets	402.49
Other Assets	
National Specialty Advance	10,000.00
Total Other Assets	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>93,822.43</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	22,259.76
Retained Earnings	64,015.03
Net Income	7,547.64
Total Equity	<u>93,822.43</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>93,822.43</u>

Profit & Loss

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jul - Sep 22
Income	
Committee	
Judges/Public Education (Income)	700.00
Total Committee	700.00
Membership (Income)	
Affiliated Club Dues	0.00
Membership Dues	-5.00
Membership Application Fee/Dues	30.00
Total Membership (Income)	25.00
National Specialty Income	
National Specialty Income 2021	0.00
National Specialty Income 2020	0.00
Total National Specialty Income	0.00
Publications (Income)	
Canis Basenji Book Sales	18.00
Bulletin Income	
BCOA Bulletin Extra Copies	11.00
Total Bulletin Income	11.00
Roster Income	
Roster Advertising	0.00
Total Roster Income	0.00
Total Publications (Income)	29.00
Miscellaneous Income	
Contributions	
Miscellaneous	0.00
Purina Parent Club Partnership	0.00
Total Contributions	0.00
Breeders' Webpage Income	0.00
Miscellaneous Income - Other	0.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	0.00
Total Income	<u>754.00</u>
Gross Profit	754.00
Expense	
Membership Ballots	
Judges Selection	
Mailing Costs	0.00
Printing Costs	0.00
Total Judges Selection	0.00
Total Membership Ballots	0.00
Committees	
Education	
Public Education	
Meet The Breeds	0.00
Total Public Education	0.00
Total Education	0.00
Total Committees	0.00

Website

Website Maintenance	0.00
Web site hosting - basenji.org	14.95
Total Website	14.95
Conferences	
ASFA Delegate	-45.00
Total Conferences	-45.00
Contributions/Donations	0.00
Dues and Subscriptions	
ASFA Annual Dues	0.00
Total Dues and Subscriptions	0.00
Insurance	
D&O Liability Insurance	0.00
Events Insurance	600.00
Surety/Fidelity Bond	0.00
Total Insurance	600.00
Membership (Expense)	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	
Bank Fees	
Bank Service Charges	12.00
Total Bank Fees	12.00
Total Miscellaneous Expense	12.00
National Specialty Expense	
National Specialty Expns - 2022	
NS-2022 Videographer - Services	1,450.00
Total National Specialty Expns - 2022	1,450.00
National Specialty Expense - Other	0.00
Total National Specialty Expense	1,450.00
Officers' Expenses	
Secretary	0.00
Treasurer	173.85
Total Officers' Expenses	173.85
PayPal Fees	1.99
Postage and Delivery	0.00
Professional Fees	
Accounting	584.00
Total Professional Fees	584.00
Publications (Expense)	
Illustrated Standard	
Total Illustrated Standard	0.00
Total Roster Expense	0.00
Bulletin Board Expense	
Total Bulletin Board Expense	0.00
Total Publications (Expense)	0.00
Total Expense	<u>2,791.79</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-2,037.79
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	2.61
Total Other Income	2.61
Other Expense	
Disbursement from Reserve Funds	
Rescue Fund Expenditure	0.00
Total Disbursement from Reserve Funds	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00
Net Other Income	<u>2.61</u>
	<u>-2,035.18</u>

BCOA BHE Financials - 2022 Quarter 3

The Basenji Health Endowment, Inc. Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2022

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CHASE - Checking (BHE*3905)	35,381.51
CHASE - Savings (BHE*0599)	
Contingency Fund	46,353.67
Midge Greenlee Education Series	23,930.48
CHASE - Savings (BHE*0599)	
- Other	182.17
Total CHASE - Savings (BHE*0599)	70,466.32
Total Checking/Savings	105,847.83
Total Current Assets	105,847.83
TOTAL ASSETS	105,847.83
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	150,615.81
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	-54,968.28
Net Income	10,200.30
Total Equity	105,847.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	105,847.83



Profit & Loss

January through September 2022

Jul - Sep 22

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributed support	
BCOA Contribution	0.00
Indiv/business contribution	2,547.85
Total Contributed support	2,547.85
Earned revenues	
Interest-savings/short-term inv	3.50
Total Earned revenues	3.50
Total Income	2,551.35
Expense	
Business expenses	
Organizational (corp) expenses	10.00
Total Business expenses	10.00
Misc expenses	
Bank Charges	15.00
Total Misc expenses	15.00
Total Expense	25.00
Net Ordinary Income	2,526.35
Net Income	2,526.35



Basenji Health Endowment Donors

July through September 2022

Thank you to the following individuals who made contributions to the **Basenji Health Endowment** during the third quarter of 2022. We appreciate your commitment to our goals to promote, further, and facilitate health research to benefit Basenjis and to educate the general public and fanciers about those health concerns and the need for ongoing research.

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AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you.

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The Basenji Health Endowment, Inc. (EIN: 36-3814602) has been issued a \$62.17 donation from the **AmazonSmile Foundation** as a

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The Basenji University (BU) is a practical education concept. The goal is to provide home-study programs in Basenji breed education. The University is designed as an on-going school of learning in which courses on owning, breeding, competing with and judging Basenjis are available year round.

The Basenji University is dedicated to preserving the past and educating future breeders, owners, exhibitors and judges of the Basenji.

Pedigree Database

An update from Sally Wallis. The **Basenji Pedigree Database** is now on an SSL security certificate. The address has changed slightly.

The database is now [https://
pedigrees.zandebasenjis.com/](https://pedigrees.zandebasenjis.com/)

Introducing our new Basenji Club of America (BCOA) TOP DOG AWARDS

PURPOSE: To recognize the Top Basenjis in 10 competition categories that are owned by BCOA Club members.

CRITERIA USED IN SELECTING THE RECIPIENT OF THE "BCOA TOP DOG AWARDS"

The BCOA Top Dog Award will recognize the highest ranked, member owned, dog in the various performance and conformation competitions outlined below. At least one of the dog's owners must have been a BCOA member in good standing at the end of the qualifying year.

The awards will be displayed at and awarded at the BCOA National. The qualifying year will be the previous calendar year (January 1 – December 31), except for Junior Showmanship. The AKC qualifying year for Junior Showmanship is July 1 – June 30.

AKC and ASFA year-end reports will be used to determine the award recipients and eligible owners.

The top dog in the following competitions will be recognized with the **BCOA Top Dog Award**.

- [AKC Conformation Breed Standings](#)
- AKC Conformation All Breed Standings
- AKC Junior Showmanship
- AKC Lure Coursing
- ASFA Lure Coursing
- AKC MACH Agility
- AKC PACH Agility
- AKC Obedience
- AKC Rally
- AKC Fast Cat



FORM OF RECOGNITION:

The recipient of the Top Dog Awards shall receive an engraved plaque, which will include the dog's registered name, including titles, as reported by AKC and/or ASFA, award title, and the year received.

Only one award will be given per category. If the Top Dog is owned by more than one member, a duplicate award can be purchased. For 2021 contact Julie Jones. (Created by Julie Jones and Veronica Nagy. Board approved October 2022.)

2021 Winners:

AKC Conformation Breed Standings - [GCH Mata Hauri Virtuoso in the Jungle Debbie Hauri](#)

AKC Conformation All Breed Standings - GCH Mata Hauri Virtuoso in the Jungle Debbie Hauri

AKC Junior Showmanship Elizabeth Skaggs

AKC Lure Coursing – DC Dakota's Social Butterfly FDC MC LCXS CA BCAT CGC TKN Terry Colbert

ASFA Lure Coursing – GCH DC CAN CH Borassus Hot Cool Yours LCM9 SC CA RATN Kathy Sanders

AKC MACH Agility - [FC RACH Sinbaje's Africans Continue 2 Inspire CD BN RM2 RAE2 SC MX MXJ CA DCAT SWE SHDN TKN Linda Daves Siekert](#)

AKC PACH Agility – Briden's Kuruka ROHA RN AXP AJP OFP CGC TKN Denise Vertrees

AKC Obedience - none

AKC Rally - Africans Continue 2 Inspire CD BN RM2 RAE2 SC MX MXJ CA DCAT SWE SHDN TKN Linda Daves Siekert

AKC Fast Cat – DC Remeseb's Royal Blue Tanzanite RI FDC SC CA FCAT 18 RATO Jane Johnson

Congratulations to all winners for 2021!

2022 BCOA National report Committee Chairs Sharron Schmidgall and Barbara Reisinger

The winners have been chosen, races won, titles earned, and most importantly, it was FUN!

The jammed-packed week began with racing and lure coursing at the stunning Isen Farm in Sorrento, IL. The field, the dogs, and the competition were fantastic. Thank you to the judges, Kevin Carlson and Scott Hurlbert, for making some tough calls – jobs well done! Compliments and appreciation to Lisa Stewart for making the beautiful wall hangings that were part of the unique prizes. Also available at the onset were scent work, agility, and carting. This National, being held in conjunction with both the American Bouvier de Flandres Club and the Giant Schnauzer Club of America Nationals, provided our members multiple sports in which to participate and title.

The day started with rain for the BCOA hosted all-breed FCATs. However, the weather turned, dogs ran, and the fundraiser was a success. For the committee, it was a unique challenge to manage this event from all across the country, not certain what to expect upon arrival. It was a great learning experience, too, one to help with future events. A special kudos to Bryan Gregory, Joe Stewart, Matt Gerdes, Sandy McArthur, and Stephanie Jones for your amazing help on the day!

Wednesday brought us the BCOA hosted all-breed obedience and rally trial; thank you to judge Fred Buroff for helping to make the event such a success. The stud dog gallery, flea market, and the welcome fun night wrapped the day up. The threatening weather moved our evening events inside, but the results were bright and full of camaraderie. The Route 66 Club organized an absolutely terrific welcome fun night with games, prizes, and picture opportunities that captured moments to be cherished for years to come. The African Stock Exhibition kicked off Thursday. This year's event expertly judged by breeder-judge Anja Hansen (Strietzel), who has herself been on one of the Congo trips to import new Basenjis, also featured a catalog that had a QR code for each dog. When scanned, it redirected you to a unique page for that dog, providing the pedigree, showing a photo (if one was provided) and a link to that dog's OFA page. If you missed it, the catalog can be found online: <https://nationalspecialty.basenji.org/schedule/thursday/african-stock-exhibition/>.

Following the ASE, breeder-judge Stella Sapios had the unenviable task of judging Sweepstakes. With such a lovely entry, she made the job look effortless.

The first health seminar of the National featured Dawna Voelkl, DVM, DACT on the topic of Getting One Paw Up on Pregnancy: Management of the Bitch Prior to, During, and After Breeding to Optimize Outcome. A portion of the seminar time was allotted for pre-submitted questions and topics of particular interest to Basenji breeders. The participants of this seminar provided an informative interactive discussion that concluded with the decision that Dr. Voelkl must return for another seminar.

Thursday concluded with the Top 20 event that always stirs up excitement and features some glamour.

Breeder-judge Katie Campbell started Friday with the difficult charge of judging and selecting from the classes Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.

After a conformation-filled day, the Breeder Roundtable: Cystinuria led by Chris Maxka was well attended. The shared experiences and surprise call in from Dr. Gary Johnson spurred a genuine consensus that BCOA needs to devote funds to further study this issue.

The day concluded with a sociable banquet and lively auction, that provoked some arm-wrestling, benefiting the Basenji Health Endowment Fund.

The final day of the National brought the conclusion of the conformation judging. Once again, breeder-judge Katie Campbell had the responsibility to choose and distribute the massive rosettes and the lovely prize quilts handcrafted, with authentic African material, by Sue Kite.

Sharron and I, as your co-chairs of the 2022 Basenji Club of America National Specialty, would like to recognize and thank the amazing team that brought this specialty week to life and made it a grand success. Thank you, Janet Ketz, Lianna Frazer, Michelle Hogan, Bob Gooderl, Terry Colbert, Holly Hamilton, Sarah Smith-Faulkner, Suzanne LaCroix, Sally Wuornos, Brenda Philips, Chris Maxka, Jon Curby, Andrea Stone, Laura Mae Hesse, Julie Hartigan, Jared Reisinger, Terry Fiedler, Ann Sobel, Matt Gerdes, Jessica Ryno, Steffanie Jones, Sandy McArthur, the Route 66 Basenji Club, Andrew Sawler, Pat Marshall, MaryK Quinnett, Michael Work, and the Purina Event Center Staff: Hannah, Tracy, Gordon, Mary, Maddie, Brandon, and more. If we have inadvertently overlooked anyone, please forgive.

Thank you to Tony Hale of Performance Streaming – he was the man behind the camera that brought the National conformation to your home computer/tv!

Lure coursing, racing, FCATs, win photos, ringside candid, and the live streaming videos can be found at the following links:

<https://teddylei.shootproof.com/>

<http://www.jumoke.com/photo/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/BasenjiClubofAmerica>



A Note from Stella Sapios (Sweepstakes Judge)

Judging at the National this year was extra special to me. First I want to thank all the members who voted for me and a special thank you to all the exhibitors that entered their veterans and puppies for me to judge.

All in all, I was pleased with the overall quality of the dogs. Still some points, we as breeders need to pay attention to: Lack of fore chest, stronger top lines and flat, web feet. There were so many pretty heads with great wrinkle, but some did lack wrinkle. The majority of the movement was good. With such a large ring, it was nice to see. My two winners were stunning and you all did not make it easy for me by bringing such lovely puppies and veterans into the ring.

Hope to see you all at the National next year!



2023 BCOA Judge's Critique By: Katie Campbell

Thank you for electing me to judge the 2023 Basenji Club of America National Specialty. It was a privilege to have earned your trust to fairly adjudicate amongst my peers. It was an experience that I shall forever keep near and dear to my heart.

To those who attended, I appreciate the effort that you made to travel to the national specialty, not only to show to me, but to exhibit your dogs to The Fancy. Only a few dogs can take the big rosettes home on any given day, and those are limited to the judge's opinion based upon a single performance, purely on phenotype. It is the responsibility of breeders and owners which exhibits are health tested, which pairs are bred, which puppies are trained, then shown and chosen to usher the breed forward. The judge can only evaluate what is brought before him or her. The national specialty (in any breed) is far more than just another dog show to compete in; It's more than an annual event to get together with friends and fellow fanciers: It's the greatest opportunity of the year to view the population as a whole and take notes for yourself. In your future, you may need to breed to a dog with particular qualities that may or may not have shown well that day, and/or may or may not have had the virtues that I held highest to award. Ultimately, "value" is in the eyes of the beholder, which can gain or lose potency over time. It's great to be able to watch the streaming (and old DVDs) but there is nothing like seeing dogs in the flesh and having the opportunity to talk to the breeders and/or owners of these dogs to learn more about them, share your genuine interest and admiration, and get your own hands on them. You may also find that once you are able to study the pedigrees you may/not want to breed to the dog you saw and/or an ancestor. Watching the national year after year is a solid investment to become knowledgeable about the collective gene pool, thus who/what is available, and how you can improve upon your own efforts. So thank you to all who served our community by making the trip and exhibiting your bloodline and your personal progress.

A few notes of what I saw from the collective entry: In general, the population's head shape is improving. In recent years, we saw too many snipy and long forefaces. This year I saw more examples of "muzzle shorter than skull" with good cushioning. Also, the effort of many breeders to reduce the (once) oversized ears is definitely paying off; "Little hooded ears" are still rare, but the pendulum is swinging in the correct direction. Hocks are quite uniformly "well let down" which is critical for endurance in the field and daily treks in their native land. Coat color and texture has also improved considerably.

My greatest concerns were that topline are in trouble. Our standard does not call for a rise at the back, or at the loin; Rather the topline should be *level*. The tail is to be set high on the topline, with visible reach of ischium behind. These features are critical to the outline of our breed. Few front and rear angles exhibited to me actually matched, so they were not balanced fore and aft, thus those exhibits were crabbing coming and going. The effort to collect themselves at the trot then fell short of rhythmic cadence, often appearing frazzled with wasted energy.

As we all know, no Basenji is perfect, but I was absolutely smitten with my top award winners. Time and space will not permit me to comment elaborate on all of the final 15, but here the highlights of my top awards:

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I adored both my BOB (GCHG Mata Hauri Virtuoso in the Jungle) and SD-NOHS (GCHS Sundiata Tezeta's T'ej BCAT). They are both exemplary specimens of classic Veronica Tudor Williams (VTW) Basenji head style – the like I haven't seen in many years. Each was dripping in wrinkle, not only on top of their heads between the ears with furrowed brow, but also both possessed true, yet elusive side-wrinkle. Both possessed the dark, farseeing, truly almond shaped eye, generously lined in "mascara." Their mature masculine chassis were both of moderation, and properly short backed. The BOB dog has a bit more bone than SD though still elegant in stature. Both were clean coming and going, and beautifully presented. Ultimately the glorious rich chestnut red, razor short, pliant coat of the BOB dog earned him the top win of the day. Truly it was splitting hairs between the two.

The BOS bitch (GCHG Signet Amelia Bedelia) makes a beautiful picture both standing and on the move. She covered ground with efficient stride, head proudly carried, amid the essence of true ease and elegance. I confess that I've seen this bitch before, and she has never looked better to my eye than she did that day. She has matured beautifully. She epitomizes high quality with modern Basenji style. She is truly lovely and exquisitely breeder-owner handled.

My WD/BOW/Best BBEX/Best Puppy (Sirobe No News Is Good News) was the star mover in the ring that day. He truly covered ground effortlessly like no other. He was able to do that because his moderately laid back shoulders are set on correctly. When viewed across the ring either stacked or in motion, as well as under the hand, the smooth transition from his neck into his shoulders, through his withers and onto his topline was evident. His unusual length of upper arm, facilitates a proper "return of upper arm" which enables his front assembly to reach further with each stride – at any speed – smoothly and easily. Nothing about this dog feels hurried or rushed. His rear angulation matched his front angulation so he moved perfectly clean coming and going. This balance enabled him to move with ease, conserving energy, thus "effortlessly". It was my job to judge on the day, but as an active breeder myself, I must say that I look forward with great anticipation to how this handsome young tri dog matures.

The charming tricolor whom I awarded WB came from the 9-12 PB class (Laurel Rascally Little Rascals' Darling). She was able to hold up throughout the day demonstrating true endurance amongst her competitors in the Winners class. She was a smooth and steady mover as well as clean coming and going. Her proper front assembly, topline, tail set and rear assembly made a lovely picture stacked up too. She was calm, cool and collected all day piloted by her breeder/owner/handler.

My two veteran bitches verified how true quality endures over time. My SB (GCHS Dark Moon's Barking Bad, JC) from the VB7-10 masqueraded herself as a five-year-old <g> with few-to-no gray hairs and possessing classic type. Her topline remains rock solid because she is built properly and kept in condition, so she still moves effortlessly.

After my assignment was complete and turned in, I was finally able to study my catalog. I then realized that I had 3 pairs of littermates in my final lineup, which was fun to see. I was also pleased to note just how far the breed has come with refining the legacy of the (new) African imports to now be entirely competitive with domestic pedigrees (no declaration of handicap necessary). It's one thing when you live with it and breed it, but having been to DRC and brought back stock myself it was a powerful feeling to see what great success The Fancy at large has accomplished en masse.

Thank you again for entrusting me with this "bucket list" assignment. I'll see you all in the ring next year at BCOA 2023 in Auburn, Washington.



2022 National AKC Lure Coursing

Best of Breed

GCH DC Jadaka Meisterhaus Sheeza Pistol SC CAA DCAT Basenji D Reitzel/T Brooks/J Kahl Peyton

Open BASENJIS (6 Starters)

- 1st GCH CH Dark Moon's Supernatural SC Basenji J Curby/S Mcarthur/V Nagy- Reuben (5 points)
- 2nd CH Bon Mot Kiroja Where The Sidewalk Ends BCAT Basenji K Harmon Sheldon (3 points)
- 3rd Jadaka Meisterhaus Rock Your World BCAT Basenji R Pearl
- 4th CH Signet Bourgeois Basenji K Thornley/B Cassell Odafin

Special BASENJIS (4 Starters)

- 1st FC Suddanly Lady Bugatti SC FCAT3 Basenji P Quinn Lady Bug (3 points)
- 2nd DC Dakotah's Social Butterfly FDC MC LCX5 CA BCAT CGC TKN Basenji T Colbert Kipepepo (1 points)
- 3rd DC Dark Moon Kiroja Unleash The Dragon SC FCAT Basenji K Harmon/V Nagy Dragon
- 4th DC Bisa's Bold Spirit MC Basenji T Colbert Jasiri

Open Veteran BASENJIS (3 Starters)

- 1st GCH DC Jadaka Meisterhaus Sheeza Pistol SC CAA DCAT Basenji D Reitzel/T Brooks/J Kahl Peyton (5 points)
- 2nd GCHB DC Joy-Us Hung The Moon MC LCX CGC TKN Basenji T Colbert Taziri
- 3rd GCH CH Jumoke's Richard Rider At Chi-Tig SC DCAT Basenji R Gooderl/D Woolf Nova

Singles

- 1 Kid – Zamaradi's Aerial Repeater
- 2 Nightwing- FC Kibushi's Dark Heir of Gotham- J Ryno J Curby
- 3 Rocket- Joy-Us Shoot for the Moon- J Cook
- 4 Sloane- Kiroja Slow Motion Replay



2022 National ASFA Lure Coursing

BASENJI Judges: Kevin Carlson, Scott Hurlbert

Open Flight A (10, 4 NQ, 3 NC, 2 DIS)

1. Beaux, Kiroja Beaux Apollo Toga Roo, L.Voss/K.Harmon R28
 2. Odafin, Ch Signet Bourgeois, K.Thornley/B.Cassell 21
 3. Pearl, Jadaka Meisterhaus Rock Your World, Gooderi/Brooks/Woolf/Kahl 14
- DIS. Sheldon, Ch Bon Mot Kiroja Where The Sidewalk Ends, BCAT, K.Harmon
DIS. Dragon, DC Dark Moon Kiroja Unleash The Dragon, SC,FCAT, K.Harmon/V.Predale

Field Champion Flight A (2)

1. Kipepeo, DC Dakotah's Social Butterfly, LCM,MC,LCX5,SGRC2,SORC, T.Colbert B28
2. Jasiri, DC Bisa's Bold Spirit, FCh,MC,ORC,SGRC, T.Colbert 6

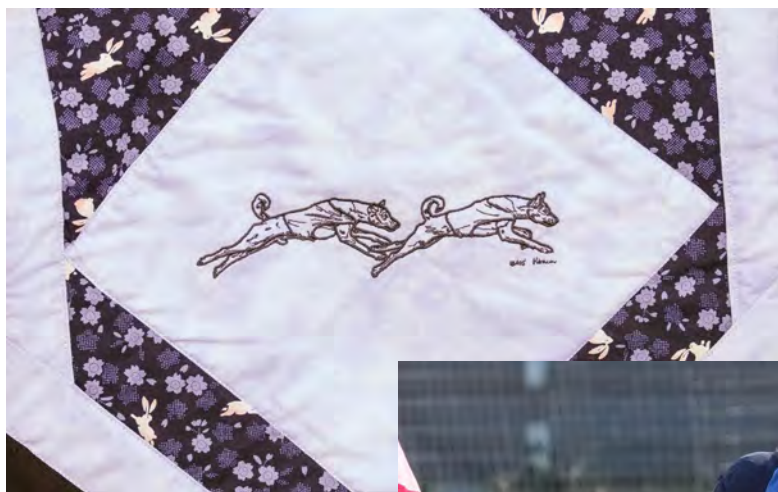
Veteran Flight A(3)

1. Nova, GCh Jumoke's Richard Rider At Chi-Tig, FCh, R.Gooderl/D.Woolf R12
2. Taziri, GCh,DC Joy-Us Hung The Moon, LCM4,LCX,MC,SORC2,SGRC2, T.Colbert 9
3. Peyton, GCh,DC Jadaka Meisterhaus Sheeza Pistol, FCh,SC,BCAT,CAA, D.& C.Reitzel/T.Brooks/J.Kahl 6

SINGLES Judges: Kevin Carlson, Scott Hurlbert

Single Flight A(5)

1. Nightwing, FC Kibushi's Dark Heir Of Gotham, FCh,SC,BCAT, J.Ryno/J.Curby 20
 2. Robin, FC Relic's Rock'n Robin, FCh,TCP,SC,BCAT, J.& D.Ryno/D.Sanders 15
 3. Rocket, Joy-Us Shoot For The Moon, TCP, J.Cook 10
 4. Alita, GCh,DC Meisterhaus The Next Level, SC,LCX,TKP,DCAT, L. & J.Stewart/T.Brooks 5
- N. Sam, Sunbird Suddanly Silver Eagle Samwise The Brave, FCh, M.Roach/A.Therrell



AKC Delegate Report prepared for the 2022 BCOA Annual Meeting

The pandemic made it exceedingly difficult to participate in our sports, as we all know. To keep skills fresh and reward continued participation in our events, **AKC created several virtual activities** that continue to engage dog owners even today as we emerge from the pandemic. Many proved to be so successful, that AKC decided to keep them going. **They include AKC Trick Dog; Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellent classes in Rally; Agility ACT Standard and Jumpers classes; Beginner Novice and Novice Obedience classes; the Pointing Breed Water Test; Virtual Scent work and Virtual Home Manners.** These programs also find an additional purpose in introducing newcomers to our sports. If we can encourage new constituents to get started with AKC events through these virtual platforms, they will soon seek more in real time.

COVID created a vacuum in sourcing stewards for most dog sports. Often times stewards are knowledgeable retired or retiring exhibitors, who were cautioned by their medical advisors to not attend public events during the pandemic. After 2+ years of cautionary absence, too many of those stewards just aren't coming back, despite vaccines and policy changes. Please, if you haven't already stewarded or volunteered in your sport/s of passion, *please consider doing so*. Stewarding *IS* fun and insightful and is even sometimes a paid position/role and the clubs really need knowledgeable folks to lend a hand to make these events possible. If you are relatively new to dog sports, you will gain great insight and lessons learned by volunteering to steward. Most seasoned Chief Ring Stewards (who hire the ring stewards) will initially pair you with an expert steward the first time or two that you volunteer so that you can learn the fine points of the job and teach you the skills so that you can manage a ring yourself. I would be happy to provide you with free online reference materials about stewarding if you reach out to me directly. In the meantime as we caravan through the current situation, **certain COVID-times modifications in Companion and Performance Events have been permanently adapted to ease the need for volunteers. These include using cones in Obedience, permitting exhibitors to carry leashes in Agility, a friendly greeting instead of a handshake for Canine Good Citizen, and a designated container for Retriever Hunting Tests.**

During the pandemic, AKC launched a Breed webinar series that was so successful, it has been made a permanent service. The AKC Education Webinar Series has hosted 52 webinars for over 11,000 participants so far in 2022. Learners have included judges, show chairs, groomers, trainers, breeders, exhibitors, and the general public. Many of the webinars have been recorded and remain available for all to experience at any time (Note: The Basenji webinar was removed from akc.org per BCOA-BOD). The AKC Canine College offers hundreds of courses and exams. You do need to create an account when you initially get started with AKC Canine College, but it's easy to do. Once you've established your account, you can browse through the course catalogs and choose which courses piques your interest (many of the basic courses are free, while others cost \$20-\$35). Check it out at: www.caninecollege.akc.org

The AKC Archives is going digital! The new AKC online library holds breed, club and sport history – and more entries are being added daily. Anyone can explore from their desktop or mobile phone, A great starting point to begin exploring the online archive collection is here: <https://www.akc.org/about/archive/guide-collections/> Some would say this is the golden age of education at AKC. I urge you all to take advantage of what AKC has to offer in the Public Education section of AKC.org. If you haven't browsed through there recently, you will be surprised at how much great information is available.

At the urging of the AKC Delegate body, AKC Judging Operations adopted a new policy that all approved **AKC Conformation Judges are required to successfully complete a recertification course/exam on new/current judging procedures and policies every five years to maintain their ability to accept assignments.** The content of these particular recertification exams do not include changes in specific breed standards, nor parent club recommendations of breed-specific judging procedures (that information is distributed to approved judges directly).

AKC has also taken steps to advance breed competition. **Now, Specialty Clubs can travel up to 300 miles out of their territory to join another Specialty Club in the same breed.** Formerly, the limit was 200 miles. **Specialty Clubs may now hold up to four designated Specialties in addition to independent or concurrent Specialties.** Recall that a designated Specialty is one in which a Specialty Club considers the regular breed judging at an All-Breed or Group show as its Specialty show. These changes will particularly help breeds with fewer Specialty Clubs around the country to increase their opportunities for competition and encourage camaraderie across greater distances.

A new provision also **allows clubs and clusters to add a third conformation event on a single day, as long as one of the three events is a Specialty show.** Modification of the earlier policy now means that there can be three opportunities for Championship points in a single day. Given the effort and expense that we put into getting to shows, it is only sensible to maximize opportunities to achieve success once we are there.

AKC is separating CAT / Fast CAT® Regulations from Lure Coursing. The new (split) rule books are nearly ready to go to press. Be on the lookout for those.

- AKC Lure Coursing: Discussion ensued at the Committee level if AKC Lure Coursing would benefit from a Regional Point Schedule (similar to how conformation has regional Divisions). The point schedule hasn't been changed in 31 years. Of the 15 allowed AKC lure coursing breeds, 12 are at the lowest allowable point schedule. After a lot of statistics were presented by staff, a long discussion by the Committee, **it was decided to recommend adopting a regional versus the current national approach,** but only allow the point schedule to go down at this time (*Note: Effective*

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date not yet announced). This would impact two breeds. The point schedule for Borzois would decrease in three regions and the point schedule for Whippets would decrease in two regions. The point schedule might be increased at some time in the future if participation warranted the change (again, paralleling how the conformation point schedule vacillates).

In the September meeting, there was discussion and consensus that, in lure coursing, the words *"Tally Ho"* are not to be uttered by the Huntmaster until the Lure Operator has started the lure. The pattern for starting should ALWAYS be the same, the Huntmaster should check with the lure operator if they are "ready", then the dog's releaser/handler if they are "ready", then the Huntmaster should signal the lure operator to start the lure; Only then, once the lure is moving, the Huntmaster yells *"Tally Ho"* and the dog is released. **The lure is ALWAYS in motion before the words "Tally Ho" are said and the dog is released.** Please remind (and when needed, retrain) our Huntmasters of this required pattern.

As a reminder to all Event Committees: **Event committees must have a minimum of 5 members who are club members, and their names must be listed in the premium list. Three need to be onsite.**

Scentwork is now the 3rd largest AKC Sport. Scentwork regionals have been held in Indiana and Oregon. From feedback received by this committee, reformatting may need to be done for timelier events. The 30 day/100-mile restriction upon Scentwork judges accepting assignments that was lifted during COVID has been permanently eliminated. Lisa Russel, Manager of AKC Scentwork, has resigned; Her replacement was not announced at the meeting.

Doug Ljungren (AKC EVP of Sports and Events) in his report shared that there will be over #25,000 events held in 2022, with entries well above 2019 entries (the last full year of sports). **The number of unique dogs is at an all-time high. As of the end of August, all AKC sports in 2022 were at or above the same time frame in 2021.** Ljungren also mentioned that **the 4-6 Month Puppy competition had the largest increase in number of events over 2021.**

We had a whopping number of 14 delegate ballots at the September 2023 AKC Delegates meeting held in Newark, NJ. Most of the ballots were simply housekeeping and/or wordsmithing, but a few implied real change, and they were passionately discussed. Here are a few of those highlights:

Repealing Term Limits for serving on the AKC Board of Directors (AKC-BOD) was narrowly defeated (2/3 required to make the change). So the current term limits remain in place, "No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. A Board member who has served more than half a term on the Board is considered to have served a full term. This section does not preclude re-election of any delegate to the Board of Directors after a one-year (or greater) hiatus from Directorship."

Enabling class animals who are awarded Group placements an opportunity to earn points was adopted by two-thirds majority (effective Jan 1, 2023) by amending CH 16 > Section 2 of Rules Applying To Dog Shows by adding the following: "A dog in its breed competition at a show which has placed Winners, and which also has finished second, third, or fourth in its group competition at the same show shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety of any breed entered in the show and entitled to winners points in its group, exclusive of any breed or variety that placed higher in the group class."

Many good points were made on this highly debated proposal, here are a few of the most influential ones:

Judges do not award group placements based upon how one breed is compared to another within the group. Rather, they judge as they do at the breed level: Comparing the exhibit in front of them to the Standard of that breed.

Awarding points for group placements is not a new concept. For decades in the AKC system, it's been possible for exhibits who are awarded G1 placements from the classes. Canada and some other countries have been doing this for all four group placements for years.

AKC now recognizes 200 breeds, with about 190 that are relatively unknown to the general public. The top ten always get the recognition; the 190 could use a little more exposure especially now with more and more dog show groups being televised and streaming.

Now more than half of AKC breeds are deemed as "Low Entry" on the official list published by AKC every year; By definition, Low Entry breeds have a sum total of less than 3500 entries per year across the AKC system. Most, but not all of the Low Entry breeds were in favor of this ballot.

Geographically challenged areas such as Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico were in favor of the ballot too, as finishing a championship in those areas frequently require extensive travel (particularly by boat or by air) which seems to be more than most family dog owners, particularly those just getting started in the sport of conformation are able/willing to do – even when they have a superb representative of the breed standard.

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Some clubs expressed their feeling that awarding points for group placements would cheapen the value of an AKC championship. Doug Ljungren (EVP of Sports & Events) was asked for data points to articulate just how many points could/would be distributed in this manner if the ballot was approved. Ljungren reported that based on 2019 data (2019 being the last year that we had full/normal attendance at All-Breed conformation shows before the pandemic shut-down and gradual return): There were a total of 820 class dogs that would have won points for 2nd, 3rd or 4th in their group (in 2019). 820 dogs represent less than one percent (1%) of the total number of dogs who competed in AKC dog shows in 2019. Staff researched further and took that actual pool of 820 dogs and marched them forward to today: 80% of those 820 dogs (#656) have finished their AKC CH and each and every one of those 656 dogs actually defeated other dogs in their own breed on their road to their championship.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or further interest in these topics (or others that I must edit due to time and space restrictions) please reach out to me personally as I welcome the opportunity to discuss any/all AKC concerns with you personally and confidentially.

It is my honor and privilege to serve *you* and the BCOA as your AKC Delegate.

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Our AKC Delegate, Katie Campbell, invites you to contact her by email at taji@krcampbell.com with any questions you have about the AKC, issues you have encountered, or praises that you'd like to sing. She is happy to have you reach out to her and looks forward to facilitating solutions.

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