



BULLETIN BOARD

August 2023

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BCOA Announcement

Electronic Balloting

BCOA will again try to move forward with our electronic balloting option. We are asking all members willing to Opt-In for electronic ballots to please fill out the Opt-In Form. Each member will require an individual email address, including household members.

We do have some forms on file, if you want to check on your status contact secretary@basenji.org.

If you do not want to participate in electronic balloting please let the secretary know, with a message saying no electronic balloting at this time. Those with no email will not need to respond, they will receive paper ballots.

See form at the end of this Newsletter.

Members may email their completed form to secretary@basenji.org or US mail: to Janet Ketz, 1912 Oakland Ave, Crest Hill, IL 60403. Janet will also be collecting forms at the BCOA National.

Judges Selection – Stage 3 WEIGHTED VOTING ON TOP 5 APPLICANTS

2025 Conformation - Arizona

Susan Coe, Jeffrey Gillespie, Maryanne Klinkowski, Ron Spritzer, Patricia Trotter

2024 Sweepstakes - Missouri

Eugene Biller
Veronica Nagy
Brad Phifer
Erin Roberts
Tiina Taavitsainen

The **Stage 3 Judge Selection ballots** have been mailed to all voting members in early August. The Deadline for returning ballots will be Sat, **Sept 9, 2023**. Any problems contact **Secretary@basenji.org**

In this Final stage you **must indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for your ballot to be counted**. This allows us to have a clear top candidate and runner up should our first preference be unavailable. Follow the directions included with the Ballots.

News From the Secretary



Janet Ketz, secretary@basenji.org

Eastern time, 815-325-5908

BCOA President Pat Marshall and the entire BCOA Board would like to thank the show committee for a spectacular national specialty. Also, thank you to Stacy LeBlanc who made the trophies for the National.

Since August is such a busy time, we would like to include your memories of the 2023 BCOA National in the next few editions of the BCOA Bulletin Board. **Please send your pictures and notes to be included to newsletter@basenji.org,** I think I heard there is a story about who created this great picture frame and would love to share it here. Please send me the story.

To BCOA Committees: Please send your reports to newsletter@basenji.org for inclusion in the BB. Let the whole club know about the fantastic work you are doing!

BCOA National 2026 - Central Region

Per Procedure, this host bid is due in 2023. **The board will consider any bids submitted from any region.** If your affiliate club or 8 BCOA members in good standing are interested, please let the NSAC know ASAP.



Remember the **deadline for judges selection Ballots is September 9**. Voters, please follow directions for voting choices of 1,2 and 3rd choice. If marked incorrectly they will not be counted.

AKC Canine Health Foundation Honors Dr. Gary Johnson with 2023 Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award

[Read the Article HERE](#)



New Member Applications

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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Kennel Name: Jambo
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Positions held: Board Member
Puppy, Adult & Stud
Michael Feldman, Susan Howard

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Specific Interests: Conformation
Puppy & Stud
Katie Campbell, Jon Curby

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Specific Interests: Won RWD at 2023 Nat Spec...We want to learn more!
Katie Campbell, Pat Marshall

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Occupation: CPA/Facility Manager
Specific Interests: Love basenjis. Our 3rd boy won BOB at local specialty. We want to learn more and give back to the basenji community.

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:

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AKC Meet the Breeds Events for 2023

AKC is offering **2 MTB** this year:

Chicago, IL is **August, 26 & 27** at McCormick Place.

Columbus, OH is **October 14** at Greater Columbus Convention Center. Becky Blansett has volunteered for the Ohio Event.

BCOA Coordinator for both events is Liz McCargo, bellator-basenji@usa.net Contact her if you can help. Volunteer expenses are reimbursed by BCOA with receipts.

BCOA on FaceBook

Keep up with the latest information on Social Media at:

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

Visit the National FaceBook page:

[Basenji Club of America National Specialty | Facebook](#)

[like](#) and follow the National page to receive updates

Nominating committee for 2024 Officers

Sharron Schmidgall (chair)
Jeff Gillespie
Sandi McArthur
Andrew Sawler
Sally Wuornos

Thank you for your work on the slate for the 2024 Officers and Board.

2024 Slate from Nom Comm;

President – Pat Marshall TX
Vice President - Julie Hartigan VA
Treasurer – Laura Hesse WI
Secretary- Janet Ketz IL

Board of Directors (7)

Jon Curby MO
Michelle Hogan MI
Julie Jones CA
Veronica Nagy PA
Stella Sapios CA
Natalie Scherwin WA
Michael Work TX

Information for submitting an Additional Nomination for the 2024 Officers and Board of Directors:

Some deadline dates were adjusted by BCOA Board of Directors due to the National Specialty in August and the secretary's schedule during the month of August 2023.

See Article IV - Section 5 Nominations

(a) On or before July 1, the Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club one candidate for each office and for each other position on the Board of Directors and shall procure their verbal or written acceptance. The Committee shall also obtain a resume of not more than 250 words of each nominee so chosen. The Committee shall consider geographic representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates and their resumes to be received by the Secretary not later than July 8.

The list, including the full name and state of residence of each candidate, shall be published in the BCOA Bulletin Board Newsletter so that additional nominations may be made by members if they so desire.

(b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and postmarked to his or her regular address *prior to Sunday, September 10, 2023*. The Secretary must receive petitions *not later than Saturday, September 16, 2023*, even if it is not a mail delivery day.

The petitions must be signed by five members in good standing and accompanied by both the written acceptance of each additional nominee signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate and a resume of not more than 250 words of each additional nominee. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

(c) If no valid additional nominations are received in accordance with Section 5b above, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected on October 1 and no balloting will be required. The elected nominees' resumes shall be published in the November issue of the Club's Bulletin Board newsletter.

(d) If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the *Secretary on or before Saturday, September 16, 2023* the Secretary shall, *on or before Saturday, September 30, 2023*, send to each member in good standing, a ballot as per Article IV, Section 3, listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, including their states of residence and with the nominees' resumes attached. The Inspectors of Election shall check the return ballots against the list provided by the Secretary of members whose dues are paid for the current year and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting. The inspector shall notify the Secretary of all election results before November 15. The Secretary shall notify the membership of all election results in the November issue of the Club Bulletin Board newsletter or by mail not later than November 20.

(e) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.



[Follow on FaceBook](#)

Check this 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>

Basenji Club of America

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Beverly Bland, AZ
Damara Bolté, VA
Jon Curby, MO
Susan Coe, Australia
Dr Steve Gonto, GA
Dr Gary Johnson, MO
Sally Wallis, England
Robert Vavra, Spain
Michael Work, TX

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.

2024 October 7-12, Purina Farm, Gray Summit, MO

Chairs Sharron Schmigdall and Barbara Reisinger

Judges: Conformation **Edna Martin**,
Sweeps *pending*

2025 November, Tucson AZ

National Specialty will be hosted by the Copper State Basenji Club in Tucson, AZ

2026 Central

Per Procedure, this host bid is due in 2023.

The board will consider any bids submitted from any region. If your affiliate club or 8 BCOA members in good standing are interested, please let the NSAC know ASAP.

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



[Basenji Club of America](#) [2023 National Specialty](#) [Website](#)

Photographer (Candid) **Kaitlyn Price**

<https://www.kaitlynpricephotography.com/>

Photographer (Win Photos) **Anthony "Toni" Leitão**

<https://sirius6photo.com/>

Event Secretary **DogZibit, Lorraine Yu** at www.DogZibit.com

Marked Catalog with Results

[www.basenji.org/BulletinBoardNewsletters/2023/2023 BCOA NATL Show Results.pdf](http://www.basenji.org/BulletinBoardNewsletters/2023/2023%20BCOA%20NATL%20Show%20Results.pdf)

The Basenji National on AKC-TV

<https://akc.tv/event?id=9961>





AGILITY



AGILITY JAMBOREE		
Retirees	TIME	Score
Kiri 12"		24
SUMMER Interns		
Reuben 4"		118
Scooby 8"		118
SKY 12"		100
PO 12"		22
Opal 12"		26
Griffon 8"		31
Zuri 12"		31
Tej 12"		57
Phaser 12"		114
CAREER - High In Trial		
Zippie! 12"		15
Chief 16"		39



AGILITY



Showcasing Basenjis in their best light in non-traditional sports

- why the Agility Jamboree at the 2023 National instead of an AKC trial

Since I have been FB tagged by many happy Agility Jamboree exhibitors, an event I championed at the national last week, I want to elaborate to BCOA members what it was, and why I think we should collectively brainstorm more unconventional ways to showcase our dogs' talents at national specialties.

We could have offered the traditional AKC agility trial at the National in Auburn WA last week, but it's a significant expense (renting the facility, equipment, AKC fees, judges fees, trophies and ribbons) and a huge chunk of time (Three + hours alone of changing and walking courses regardless of the size of the entry) for what in our region would have likely been a very small Basenji entry. Or if we had done an all-breed trial, the Basenji-ness would have been lost in the crowd. Additionally, I find that people will enter dogs who are not-quite-ready for competition to support a National, but then the failure rate is high which doesn't represent how much work these teams **have** done and the skills they **do** have, and leads to people wondering why we spend the time and money on the event.

Thinking of the AKC FAST game, where all dogs regardless of level compete on the same course set up and accumulate points by performing obstacles (think of a pinball game where the different targets have different point values), I created some rules for an event that would be Competitive for seasoned teams but also Accessible to newer teams. To win, you and your dog need to have lots of skills and speed, but if you don't have all the skills yet you can still play by avoiding the obstacles that you're not ready for. Prizes and Ribbons can be awarded just like a trial - the down side is that even a great performance doesn't get you a Qualifying Score towards any titles. In that way I suppose it's like winning a Puppy Sweepstakes - fabulous win but no championship points awarded.

We had different Divisions so that if you are not yet ready to run without treats in your pocket you can still compete, but with treats you're not eligible for High in Trial. (interestingly, I don't think I saw anyone actually give their dog treats on course, but knowing they were an option was a helpful safety net - and we had a high point penalty for dropping treats to avoid distracting the next dog). This was more competitive than a "fun match" and was not open to anyone who just wanted to give it a whirl - this was for Basenjis in Agility to showcase their skills and teamwork. It's possible we lost some agility entries because the event was non-titling, but I don't think so. More likely we would have more entries if we had been able to advertise it months in advance.

We didn't have the downtime of (nor need the volunteers for) a bunch of course changes - which I think is CRITICAL when the national specialty schedule is crowded and volunteers in short supply, as it always is. We had 12 Basenjis participate and the whole event took 90 min, including the set up, exhibitor briefing and walk through - and we had a lot of supportive spectators, which I also think is GREAT for a national specialty! Because we were not an AKC sanctioned event, we didn't necessarily need to have all AKC regulation equipment or ring size either.

As a person who does more performance stuff than conformation myself, I would like to see more performance events mixed in with our national specialties, but without the requirement to do them in any particular way. I would like to see host groups have the support and freedom to offer what makes the most sense for their region, venue, schedule, and those likely to attend. With creative thinking, even a non-sanctioned, non-titling event might be a good solution to showcase more of what our Basenjis and their talented owners can do!

Brenda Phillips
2023 National Specialty Committee Member
BCOA Performance Committee Member
Eternal Optimist



Basenji Club of America 2023 National Specialty Agility Jamboree Catalog Insert

Jump Height	Dog	Registered Name	Handler	Breeder	Division	Score	Placement
16	Chief	NFC DC Taj's Hattigan, Chief RN SC OA OAJ OF CA ACT1 TKN	Katie Campbell	Katie Campbell	Career	39	1 st - High In Trial
12	Zippie!	UKC CH AKC FC Makindu Sez You! RATN SC RN TKI ORC SGRC NF SWA MVB	Brenda Phillips	Brenda Phillips	Career	15	2nd
12	T'ej	GCHS SunDiala Tezeta's T'ej BCAT	Heather Kilmer Cruzate	Heather Kilmer Cruzate & Chris Mayka	Summer Intern	57	1st
12	Phaser	CH Saorsa FoPaw's Set to Stun SC BCAT TKA	Andrea Stone	Andrea Stone, K Allen, T & K Leimback	Summer Intern	44	2 nd
12	Zuri	No Ka Oi's Liberty	Janice Duran	Rita Webb	Summer Intern	31	3 rd (faster time)
8	Griffyn	Saorsa All the Magic Words CA TKN GRC BCAT	Christina Bunn	Andrea Stone and Kip Allen	Summer Intern	31	4th
12	Pop	CH Alster's All for One BCAT NW1	Mary Ellen Chaffin	Mary Ellen Chaffin	Summer Intern	22	
12	Opal	CH Bonanza Zindika's What A Treasure	Bridgette Lesar	Bridgette Lesar, Cecily Rappe	Summer Intern	26	
12	Sky	No Ka Oi's New Year Sky Rocket Skyler	Ruben Duran	Rita Webb	Summer Intern	10	
12	Kiri	Avongara Kin SC	James Johannes	unknown	Retiree	24	1st
8	Scooby	Ch Tailwind's Interstellar Overdrive SC	Amanda Thomas	Julie Leicht	Summer Intern		Exhibition Only
4	Reuben	GCH DC Dark Moon's Supernatural JC SC	Sandy McArthur	Veronica Nagy, Jon Pradale, Michael Work	Summer Intern		Exhibition Only





1/4 Adult Class
Judge Jennifer Power



Mike Work
Bryan Gregory
Jon Curby

African Stock Exhibition



Native Stock
Avongara Naziki SC, RATN
Nov 2, 2010
Katie Campbell



Native Stock
Avongara Kiri SC
Dec 18, 2014
James Johannes



Marcia Woodard has been the
Basenji Club of America's
contributor to the **AKC Gazette**
since 2001.



I announced at BCOA 2023 National Annual Meeting that I am so happy and grateful to have won my second **Maxwell award** from **the Dog Writers Association of America** #Dwaa

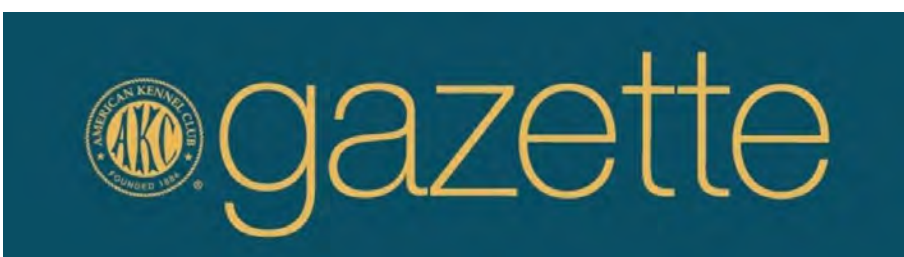
Two of my recent columns were finalists in the humor category. The finalists were "basenjis in my dating profile," and "how to have a successful real estate open house with 3 Basenjis in residence." The latter column won.

I am providing links to both of the columns in case you haven't had a chance to read them.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to these columns and to my editor Arliss Paddock.

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/20b158a3#/20b158a3/26>

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/8db19c6a#/8db19c6a/22>



Sweepstakes



Puppy

Judge Sally Wuornos



Veteran

Junior Showmanship



Judge Shelby Russell





Judge MIA LÖWBEER



Judge SALLY WUORNOS



Please send your pictures and notes to be included in the next edition of the BB to newsletter@basenji.org

I still have brace, racing, and lure photos to post. Laurie G, editor





Winners Dog



Winners Bitch



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 BulletinBoardNewsletters/2023/2023
 BCOA NATL Show Results.pdf](http://www.basenji.org/BulletinBoardNewsletters/2023/2023BCOA%20NATL%20Show%20Results.pdf)

Best of Breed



Upcoming Events

Date:	Club:	Specialty Type	Supported:	Location	Classes	Contact:
8/26/2023	SCBF	Designated SBKC		Santa Barbara, CA	reg + sweeps	Holly Lumanauw
8/27/2023	SCBF	Designated SBKC		Santa Barbara, CA	reg	Holly Lumanauw
9/9/2023	MABCMD	Designated with Somerset Hills KC		Bridgewater, NJ	reg	LeeBeth Cranmer
9/10/2023	BCNNJ	Designated with Westchester Kennel Club		Bridgewater, NJ	reg+sweeps	Veronica Nagy
10/6/2023	5 members	BCOA Regional		Macunige, PA	reg + sweeps	Kim Brown
10/14/2023	5 members	BCOA Regional		Lebanon, TN	reg + sweeps	Thomas Wright
10/15/2023	5 members		BCOA Supported	Lebanon, TN	reg + sweeps	Thomas Wright



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 ongoing 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/>



Our **AKC Delegate, Katie Campbell**, invites you to contact her by email at **taji@kccampbell.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.

The AKC Rally® Virtual Program has been made a permanent sport feature with AKC.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry/>



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