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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.

Judges Selection – Stage 3 WEIGHTED VOTING ON TOP 5 APPLICANTS AND TIES

The JSCP will contact the top 5 candidates (and ties) to request a biography from each candidate and request their interest in judging. If the candidate is not interested in judging at the national their name will be removed from the ballot. b) A list of the top 5 candidates (and ties)) along with the submitted bios will be provided to the membership for weighted voting.

We are expecting to have this US mailed Stage 3 Ballot out in July.

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 Legislative Liaison to AKC

Sandy McArthur senji_sandy@icloud.com

A brief follow-up after attending the **NAIA** (National Animal Interest Alliance) conference: I recently attended this year's NAIA conference, representing BCOA. It was well attended by animal enthusiasts from all walks of life (not just dogs and breeders, but cat, fish and reptile owners). While the conference covers all sorts of topics from dog breeding, veterinary medicine, genetics and conservations of fishes/reptiles/environment, it is always heavily geared towards legislative issues. This year was no exception. While going into detail is beyond the scope of this Bulletin submission, I am afraid to say we are desperately losing the battle to the AR side. Every one of us needs to ACT. We need to write letters, make phone calls and show up at hearings. The AR side has millions of dollars and has their "tentacles" into mega-corporations, big Pharma and a shocking amount of big name politicians. AKC is fighting hard, and while we win a battle here and there, we are losing more and more. PLEASE take the time to read the legislative alerts, and write to your local rep. If you need help, please reach out to me at senji_sandy@icloud.com and I will gladly help you. To put it into perspective, we are fighting a battle using a butter knife against a nuclear warhead. If you want to own dogs, breed dogs and have shows and events, YOU MUST ACT.

Where you can start:

- Write a letter NOW to your local rep. Introduce yourself and your dogs, and ask THEM what you can do to help them
- Subscribe to AKC legislative alerts to stay UTD on bills
- Share posts on social media and forward emails to those in areas with bad bills
- Attend City Council meetings and introduce yourself as their local expert on dog issues. Offer to help.
- Visit schools and educate children on dog sports and ethical breeding/husbandry

Please bookmark these links

AKC Legislative Alerts (and sign up for emails)

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/>

NAIA Legislative Resources (with links to finding your rep)

<https://naiaonline.org/resources/legal-and-legislative-resources/>

Respectfully yours,

Sandy McArthur

BCOA Legislative Liaison to AKC

The **Basenji Club of America's Versatile Basenji Program Honor Roll** is presented at the end of this newsletter. It can also be found on the website: <https://basenji.org/versatility/2021/index.html>

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.

Christine Morgan & Paul Gantt
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Occupation: IT
Kennel: Keen
Interests: Conf & Perf events
Caryn Jones, Karla Schreiber



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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Carol Wyatt - Svengali Basenjis - passed away on June 2, 2023

BCOA on FaceBook

Keep up with the latest information on Social Media at:

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

Visit the National FaceBook page:

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**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.

Important National Deadlines	Deadline	Date Sent
Catalog Ad Deadline	June 28, 2023	
Trophy Sponsorship (to be acknowledged in the catalog)	July 12, 2023	
Conformation	July 19, 2023	
Junior Showmanship	July 19, 2023	
Obedience	July 19, 2023	
Rally	July 19, 2023	
African Stock Exhibition	July 19, 2023	
Specialty Catalog Pre-Order	July 19, 2020	
RV Reservation	July 19, 2023	
Personal Setup Space Reservation (WWHA)	July 19, 2023	
Canopy Rental	July 19, 2023	
Stud Dog Gallery Entry	July 24, 2023	
Banquet RSVP	July 24, 2023	
Agility Jamboree	July 26, 2023	
AKC Lure Coursing Entry	July 26, 2023	
LGRA Racing Entry	July 26, 2023	
Racing/Lure Coursing Lunch RSVP	July 26, 2023	



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

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: Jeff Falkner

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

Chairs Sharron Schmigdal 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



At the Basenji National Specialty — An Agility Jamboree!



A Competitive Agility event to showcase the skills and relationship between Basenjis and their Owners.

There will be a single course design, **much like AKC FAST**, for all dogs to run. Owners will strategize how to accumulate the most points in 60 seconds based on their dog's individual skills and strengths.

Handlers can **choose any jump height**; measuring is not required.

There will be 3 Divisions, and awards for 1st-4th place in each based on total score. (there is no "qualifying or non-qualifying" requirement)

When: Monday Evening Aug 7th

Where: indoors on artificial turf

How to enter: Premium list with detailed rules coming soon! Entries will be taken electronically, \$25 each

Summer Intern Division: For Basenjis in training, but not yet competing. Handlers may gently assist the dog for safety reasons and may use food or toy rewards on course.

Retiree Division: For Basenjis retired from agility, but who want to play in the jamboree, at any jump height. At this level handlers may gently assist the dog if appropriate for safety reasons and may use food or toy rewards.

Career Division: The 1st place Basenji from this division will win the coveted Basenji National Specialty High in Trial. This level will be scored as if a real trial.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help make **OUR National** a success! Here are some examples of easy tasks, that will make the day better and brighter with more hands on deck:

- Dry off any wet tables or chairs in the morning
- Stock the drink cooler
- Update the results board
- Help the Trophy Chair with set up or clean up
- Check for mats left on the grass in set ups at the end of the day
- Empty garbage cans if needed; end of the day
- After the welcome picnic - move tables and chairs to Food Truck picnic area
- Assist with Agility Jamboree (setting jump bars, keeping time, jotting down scores, adding up scores)"
- Work on a "breaking in to groups" for best of breed
- Set up for the Banquet / meeting
- Help with taking attendance at General Meeting
- Break down banquet tables and chairs
- Break down the rings, canopies
- Stop on the way into show to buy "X"# bags of ice



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[2023 National Specialty](#)
[Website](#)



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Entries for the **2023 BCOA National** are OPEN! Enter online and access the **Premium List** at our super secretary:
<https://www.dogzibit.com/project/2023-bcoa-national/>. We can't wait to see you all there!

SPONSOR a Specialty Trophy!

Sponsor a class or give to the general trophy fund: <https://nationalspecialty.basenji.org/product-category/trophy-sponsorship/>

In order to be acknowledged in the specialty catalog, all trophy memorial and in honor donations must be received by July 12, 2023. Send details to Trophy Chair, Amanda Thomas at athomas2310@gmail.com.

To pay by check, make payable to: BCOA National Specialty.
Mail to: Jordan Reed, 19430 SE 384th St, Auburn, WA 98092

Time to get your 2023 National Specialty merch!!

kotisibuy.com/basenjiclubofamerica

We've worked hard to offer high quality items at a low price as we know traveling to the national can get pricey.

Ordering closes July 5th to have items arrive by the show (for most US addresses). We have the option to offer another round of ordering if there is interest. International shipping is available.

Upcoming Events

Date:	Club:	Specialty Type	Supported:	Location	Classes	Contact:
7/19/2023	WVBC	Independent AM		Cathlamet, WA	reg+sweeps	Jackie Jones
7/19/2023	WVBC	Independent PM		Cathlamet, WA	reg	Jackie Jones
7/23/2023	BCNNJ	Designated with Hudson River Valley Hound Association		Carmel, NY	reg+sweeps	Heather Cruzate
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7/20/2023	WVBC	Independent		Cathlamet, WA	reg+sweeps	Jackie Jones
7/28/2023	BCOSW	Independent		Ixonia, WI	reg + sweeps	Clay Bunyard
7/29/2023	BCOSW	Designated		Ixonia, WI	reg	Clay Bunyard
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 Basenjies 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/>

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>



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.

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

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



CANIS BASENJI

BY ROBERT VAVRA

A delightful book that deals with the comical reality of living with basenjis.

In the **Online Store** at basenji.org

\$18 for U.S. Addresses

\$23 for non-U.S. addresses



Check Out the Versatile Basenji Program Updates!

The Performance Events Committee has been busy updating the organizations and titles eligible for Versatile Basenji Program Award credit in a myriad of dog sports.

- We first immersed ourselves in the Scent Work Category in response to the many Basenji folk participating in that sport and the explosion of titles being offered.
- We also updated popular Obedience, Weight Pulling, and Agility organizations' offerings.
- Many Dog Scouts of America badges/titles have been added to appropriate Categories too (look for "DSA").
- Please note, that the Trick Dog Venues have been moved from the Community Outreach Category to the Miscellaneous Sports Category.

We've also created an interactive application form spreadsheet which is available online. Just download the spreadsheet, fill in the blanks, select the titles, and the form will calculate the level award that your dog will receive! Send the completed spreadsheet file along with your proof of titles to our Applications Secretary, Kristine Dougherty, and voila, you have a Versatile Basenji!!

Are you ready to get started with your Basenji?

Check out basenji.org and navigate About BCOA >> Programs >> Versatile Basenji Program



Versatile Basenji Program

This program seeks to create enthusiasm for training and working with Basenjis in all endeavors: conformation showing, athletes and pets as well as by recognizing outstanding achievements. In designing the Versatility program the Committee adopted the definition that Versatility is the ability of a dog and handler to accomplish a variety of things. BCOA, through this program recognizes lifetime accomplishments of a dog. Click the [Versatile Basenji Program](#) link to view this page.

<https://basenji.org/index.php/about-bcoa/programs>

The BCOA Performance Events Committee:

Suzanne La Croix, Chair
Kristine Dougherty, Applications Secretary
Brenda Phillips
Mary Ellen Chaffin
Kim McNeill
Kelli Harmon
Alyce Sumita

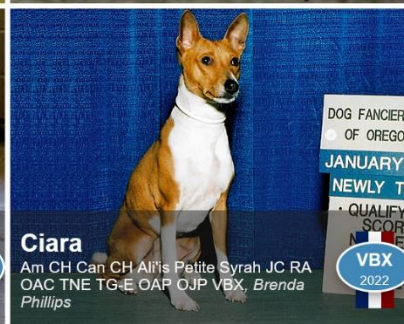


Congratulations!

The following Basenjis have met the requirements of the Versatile Basenji Program and have been entered into the Basenji Club of America's Versatile Basenji Program **Honor Roll**, which can be viewed by clicking on the Versatile Basenji Program icon at <https://basenji.org/index.php/about-bcoa/programs>.

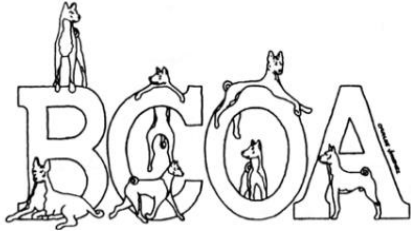
We thank you for inspiring us and wish you continued success and memorable moments with your Basenjis!

Class of 2022



Member's Name (Printed)

Member's E-mail Address (Printed)



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Waiver to Opt – In for electronic balloting,

I hereby agree to electronic balloting, as specified in the Basenji Club of America by-laws, in which the club's Secretary may utilize for club ballots. AKC approval for Electronic Balloting was granted on September 1, 2013, and is published at https://images.akc.org/pdf/clubs/club_policies/Electronic_Balloting.pdf, AKC publication includes details, and a FAQ

I agree to release the club from any liability should the ballot be received late or not received due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Members not providing written authorization will continue to receive all materials via USPS.

Member's Name (Signature)

Date

A Signed electronic copy of this document is accepted as original.

Ballots by USPS are subject to the same conditions of potential received late or not received due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Members are advised to contact the club's Secretary should they believe they have not received an issued ballot, whether by Electronic Balloting or USPS before the required due date. Notice of balloting of the membership is published in the official BCOA newsletter, and is often discussed in social media.

Send completed waiver by email or USPS to Janet Ketz, BCOA Secretary, 1912 Oakland Ave., Crest Hill, IL 60403, secretary@basenji.org Document must be on file with the BCOA Secretary for your Opt-In for electronic balloting.