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BCOA Announcement

Electronic Balloting

Have YOU SUBMITTED YOUR FORM YET?

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.



News From the Secretary



Janet Ketz, secretary@basenji.org

Eastern time, 815-325-5908

Updating your information with BCOA.

Note that all members can update their own information on the BCOA website. Sign in as a member and then go to Members > Member Links > Member Profile. You can also still contact the club at secretary.org.

National Specialty Bid Request for East Region in 2027

Bids are now being taken for the 2027 National Specialty. It would be held in the eastern region. Any affiliate clubs or 8 members in good standing are encouraged to ask any questions regarding submitting a proposal. All proposals will be considered. Proposal form is available from Secretary@basenji.org or online at <https://www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/NationalSpecialtyAppendixD.pdf>

AKC Ramp for Conformation Judging

The use of the ramp for judging basenjis in AKC conformation was approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Minutes can be found in this [Bulletin Board Newsletter](#).

A member petition, per the BCOA ByLaws, was received in September requesting that approval of the ramp be balloted and voted on by the entire membership prior to BCOA moving forward with updating our judging procedures.

The BCOA board is looking into our bylaws, all rules/regulations and the process with AKC along with the laws of the State of Texas (our state of incorporation). We are investigating the ramifications of, and options to, including the ramp as a judging alternative. The board will use all of this information to put together a complete report on our findings and future plans. More info following the November BCOA Board meeting.



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.

No new member applications this month.



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>

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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2023 BCOA Sweeps

First of all, I'd like to thank the membership for offering me this opportunity to judge the sweepstakes at this year's national.

I was very pleased with this year's puppies and veterans. Temperments were excellent with only 1 that was not happy on the table, I even got puppy kisses from a few. Overall size was just what our standard calls for. Heads varied from dry (needing more wrinkles) to excellent. I was pleased to see most of the entry had the moderate angles, both fronts and rears, that make for a balanced dog. Coats were all good. Toplines were generally good.

In movement, I say a lot of fronts that seemed "tied" to the chest. That needs to be addressed in a lot of the dogs. Most were acceptable coming and going. There were some big movers (on the side) that really were pleasing to watch go around the ring.

We did have some puppies showing their hunting abilities. They so wanted to chase that bird that just didn't want to leave the ring. That was the unexpected addition to the classes, and got a lot of laughs from all the humans!

My best in sweepstakes had just what I looked for, balanced with excellent movement! BOS gave him a round for his money, as she was also my kind of basenji!

The veterans seemed to be happy to be back in the ring and showed like the true showman that they were!

Congrat, again, to all the winners, and thanks for all the entries.

Sally Wuornos



BCOA National 2023

Mia Löwbeer

First I want to say thank you to BCOA for inviting me to judge the National. I was overwhelmed and it is such an honour.

Thank you to all who voted for me, not only once, but twice, a pandemic in between.

It was a challenge to complete the tests, as a non English speaking person I realised there are a lot of words I had to get help to understand fully and especially when to use them.

Thank you all who made this happen!

A surprise awaited me in the morning! Jeffrey Gillespie started to sing the National Anthem and to my surprise it was the Swedish one. Thank you very very much. It moved me to tears.

Puppies are always so lovely and interesting to see. The new generation and where is the breed going! They didn't disappoint me! Both BOW and WB and RWB came from puppy class. That is what we all strive for, the next generation should be better than the parents.

Best of breed class is always the icing of the cake and to be able to see so many and to feel so many lovely Basenjis is a dream. I wish every breeder to be able to judge a specialty once. You see so many things when you are inside the ring, instead of having opinions outside the ring.

The dogs didn't disappoint me. It was so lovely to see them trot around the ring. The winners stood out but there were so many lovely dogs, so hard to decide on the AOMs.

I was very pleased to see that ears were not as big as suspected. I have a feeling I see so many in my part of the world, both big/huge, wrong set and the wrong shape and lacking the hooded look. Keep up the good work. But, they can be smaller!

Also the amount of white was, in my opinion, too much on only three exhibits.

A few things are a concern, and I don't think you will be surprised of what.

Heads: were lacking in expression, eye shape and cussions. Underjaws should be stronger. Feel the bitches heads were better than the dogs.

Toplines: we want the steady trot with a straight back and no exaggerations in the movement. Proud head carriage with a level topline is candy for your eyes.

I feel a lot is in the unbalance of the front and the hindquarters. Too little angulation in the front and a little too much in the hindquarters, gives the dog too little space for the hindlegs, so up goes the back end, we are loosing the level topline, or the dog starts to trot with the hindlegs outside the front legs.

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Movement: here again the unbalance in the body, too much angulation behind compared to the front. Also the front upper arm can't move forward, so the dogs are digging themselves forward, like a minpin instead of the legs are pending "like the pendant of an old clock".

Feet: I think a lot of you wondered what I was doing when lifting and feeling the paws. I was feeling for pads! The Basenji should have thick pads on a foot with well arched toes. The pads help the foot to flex and to dampen the impact on different surfaces on the long hunt running at full speed.

I believe a lot is genetic but also acquired. If the puppy from early on just runs on grass, concrete or gravel there is no way the foot and toes can develop muscles to actually be able to run on "wild" surfaces. They need to use their toes on rocks, roots, going up, going down, grip... It is amazing to see how they use their foot and toes when running. You wonder why they don't kill themselves when running at full speed over rocks and trees.

My BIS stood out from the time he entered the ring, lovely brindle coat with a lot of confidence and carriage. He just did it! Everything so natural, no exaggerations, all things in its right place. Congratulations! Look forward to follow his career and progeny!

When one is out judging a question often asked is, "Which one of the dogs would you like to take home?" Of course we often think the BIS. But, I need a new bitch at home so my pick is my best bitch. She really has everything I could wish for, size, conformation with good shoulders, topline, good width of the thighs, moderate angulation, good feet, markings... She caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. I really look forward to follow her career.

Thank you all for making me feel welcome and for showing all your lovely senjis to me. I would have loved to be able to sit down and talk to you, but that is the disadvantage of being the judge, you are not allowed to mingle. I remember Debbie Hauri commenting after she had judged the sweepstakes at one National "Now I can be normal again!"

Thank you to the board of BCOA, the National committee, my ring steward Jamie Eggleston who kept me on track and all of you who supplied me with coffee and "important" things during the day and a special thank you to Sally and Sonny Wournos, my house mates in the judges' house during my stay.

Thank you very much for the lovely gift I recieved after my judging! It is lovely and will remember me of many friends, some already gone. I will treasure it!



This was an experience I will never forget and I will keep it in my heart!
Thank You!

Mia Löwbeer



To Committee Chairs: Please submit your written reports to let the club members know about all the wonderful work you have done this year!

newsletter@basenji.org

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>



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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 **Erin Roberts**

2025 November, Tucson AZ

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

Judges: Conformation **Jeff Gillespie**
Sweeps *Pending*

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.

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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

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.

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