

Roy Fair



I have agreed to serve another term as a board member of BHCA. I thank the committee for considering me for their nomination.

My wife and I have been BHCA members since 1972, being encouraged to join by the breeder of our second basset.

We acquired our first Basset, Misty in early 1971 while living in Virginia. She was not a show dog, just a nice pet, although of good lineage. Our second, however, was purchased for show just before we returned to Oregon in late 1971. These two taught us much about the dog sports world.

Misty was our first title holder earning her CD in obedience in 1973.

Many more Bassets have followed over the years as well as five Newfoundlands, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, a Borzoi, a retired racing Greyhound, a Doberman and a Rottweiler. There has also been a mutt or two and many cats who often don't realize they are not supposed to like dogs.

Our bassets have earned titles in the show ring as well as in field trials, tracking, obedience, rally, agility, coursing ability, hunt test, NACSW K9 Nosework and AKC Scent Work. Many of our Bassets have earned Dual championships and Grand Field Championships as well as BHCA Hunt Test, ROM and Versatility titles. When we have not been on the end of the lead, we have been lucky to have owners of our breeding who have bought into our desire for our dogs to do and be all that they can. This philosophy has carried over to our Newfoundland's that have earned titles in obedience, rally, tracking and now scent work. Our current Newf is working at Excellent level scent work. The Doberman has a TD title and legs toward NACSW element titles and is working at the Excellent/Master levels in AKC Scent Work. Ruby the Rottweiler has started obedience, earned her TD last fall and has now completed her novice level in scent work. Our one Basset earned her novice level scent work title and her TD at the 2022 Nationals. She will be moving on to Advanced scent work and maybe an appearance in the show ring. All of our dogs have been given the opportunity to just be dogs, occupy and maybe sharing the couch or bed.

I have judged the BHCA National tracking test, the Nationals Field Trial as well as several Hunt Tests and Nationals Scent Work trials.

I was honored to judge the 2011 AKC Tracking Invitational. Judging all levels of tracking (AKC and ASCA) Field Trials (Basset and Dachshund) and Scent Work Trials keeps my calendar pretty full, but I enjoy the travel and all that goes into putting on shows, tests and trials. I have even judged the occasional sweepstakes but have no desire to become a conformation judge.

I had been the BHCA Field Trial Advisory Chairman since 2009, turning the job over to Jan Allison in 2022. I have attended most Nationals since 1975. I have also served on the ballot counting committee a few times, was Trophy Co-chair in 1980 and have served as an alternate on the nominating committee as well as several other Nationals committees in various capacities over the years.

In addition to BHCA, I belong to Timberline BHC, BHC Portland, Emerald Empire Basset Hound Fanciers, Emerald Dog Obedience Club and Newfoundland Club of America. I have served in one or more positions: chief cook, committee person or chair and officer for all of these clubs. If you belong to a club, it is your responsibility to serve the club not just be a member. It is my way of giving back to the sport. I would be honored to continue serving as a BHCA board member.