

## OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT SWATARA BC

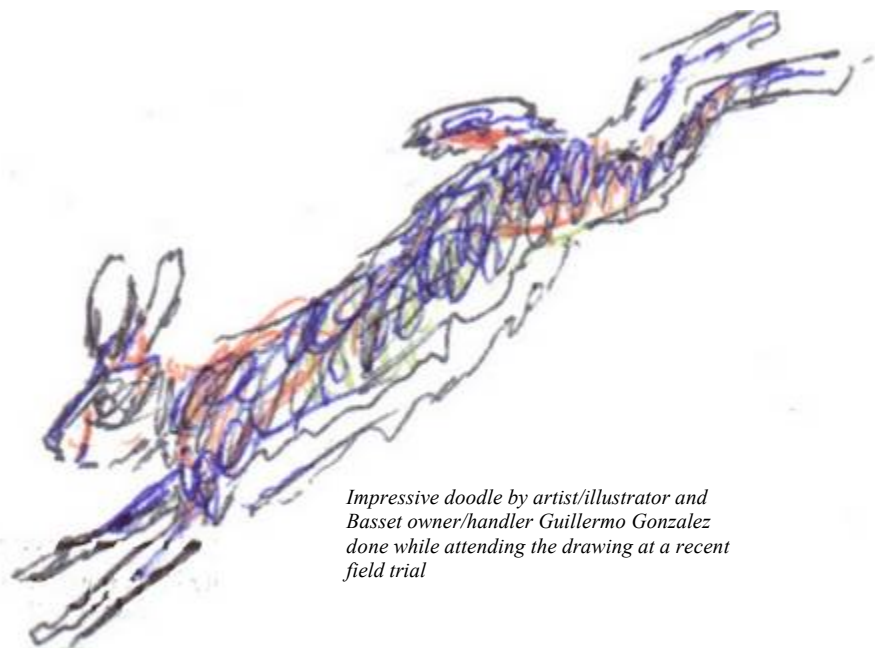
Overnight camping in Trailers/RVs will be available for competitors:  
RV/Motor Homes - \$30.00/night, Campers/Trailers - \$20.00/night,  
Tents/Cars/Trucks - \$10.00/night

## VETERINARIAN

(later)

## MEALS

Breakfast will be available for \$5  
Lunch will be available for \$7



*Impressive doodle by artist/illustrator and  
Basset owner/handler Guillermo Gonzalez  
done while attending the drawing at a recent  
field trial*



The American Kennel Club Board of Directors will be voting in August 2017 to recognize the Hunting Performance Test as a performance event that has AKC acceptance of titles earned under the BHCA rules. Although this has not yet happened at the time of the preparation of this Premium List, it is expected to have happened by the time of the event.

## Premium List

### BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

#### 2017 BHCA NATIONALS HUNTING PERFORMANCE TEST

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN SANCTIONS BY THE BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA AND IS OPEN TO BASSET HOUNDS REGISTERED WITH THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB (INCLUDING ILP AND PAL). SPAYED AND NEUTERED HOUNDS MAY ENTER HOUNDS WILL BE JUDGED BY THE RULES USED BY THE BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA.

**Monday, October 2, 2017**

SWATARA BEAGLE CLUB.  
1364 ELM ROAD  
ELIZABETHTOWN, PA 17045



MAILED ENTRIES CLOSE 8 PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2017  
OR WHEN ALL 15 STAKES AND 5 ALTERNATES ARE FILLED  
ALTERNATE STAKES WILL BE RUN TIME PERMITTING  
ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN ON TEST DAY, SPACE PERMITTING  
TEST HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
DRAWING FOR ALL STAKES WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7:45 AM

**Test Secretary: Bill Forrest**  
**10 Pine Street, Peterborough, NH 03458-1513**  
**Phone: 603-924-5965**  
**Email: [forrestbill@comcast.net](mailto:forrestbill@comcast.net)**

**ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 PER HOUND**  
**GAME: COTTONTAIL RABBITS**

Make checks payable to: *Basset Hound Club of America (BHCA) Nationals*

Faxed, telephoned or unsigned entries cannot be accepted

Note: By printing pages 1 & 3, and 2 & 4 back-to-back the Premium List forms a booklet

## JUDGES (2 or 3 per stake)

Fred Atwater, 713 Marsha Drive, Neptune, NJ 07753

Ken Engle, 201 Fishing Rod Road, Liverpool, PA 17045

Jo Ann Hilliker, 7457 SW 81st Way, Gainesville, FL 32608

Cheryl Long, 1072 S Diamond Mill Rd, New Lebanon, OH 45345

John Meahl, 714 Hillandale Lane, Garner, NC 27529

(Additional judges may be added if needed)

**RAFFLE:** A raffle is being planned. Please consider offering and item or two.

### Judging shall commence at 8:00 AM

In a BHCA sanctioned hunting performance test, a Hunting Hound (HH), Senior Hunting Hound (SHH), and Master Hunting Hound (MHH) or Master Hunting Hound Excellent (MHE) title may be earned. Each entry must specify "Q" or "NQ" indicating whether or not that hound is intended to qualify for a leg for a title. Only one "Q" entry may be submitted for each hound at a test. A hound qualifying three times in either solo, brace, or 2-couple pack can earn HH. Once having the HH, the hound must compete in one of the other remaining stakes and qualify three times for SHH, and then in the remaining stake qualifying three times to earn an MHH or MHE.

**Awards:** Ribbons with BHCA logo will be awarded to all qualifying legs and a rosette for a title. In addition a certificate from the BHCA with the hounds name, owner's name(s), title earned and date will be prepared and delivered to the owner.

Hounds will be judged in the following categories of hunting ability on a scale of one to ten:

1. Ability to find game
2. Use of voice
3. Line ability
4. Adaptability
5. Determination

Gun shyness will be judged on a pass/fail basis. **A pass is a minimum of 5 in each category and an average of at least 6.**

A current copy of the rules can be found on the BHCA website and a summary is included in this Premium List.

Bitches in season shall not be eligible for any Hunting Test and shall not be allowed on the grounds. Entry fees paid for a bitch withdrawn because of this shall be refunded. Once the entry fee has been paid and the slot reserved, the handler may substitute hounds with the permission of the Test Chairman.

- It shall be the duty of one Marshal to assist the judges and to carry out their instructions; including regulating and controlling the gallery and seeing to it that the gallery is kept separate from and behind the judges and that no one in the gallery talks to the Judges while the hounds are down.
- No person shall make any remarks nor give any information which might affect the actions of the persons handling the hounds or the running of the hounds
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- Hounds in the Gallery must be kept quiet when hounds are being judged.
- When hounds are cast, a handler may speak or whistle to his hound or work it any way he may deem proper,
- Hounds in a brace or two-coupled pack must be marked in a way the judges can easily identify each hound.
- Collar bells are permitted. Locator devices are allowed.
- Handlers must keep themselves informed as to the running order and progress of the judging and must be ready within hailing distance when their hounds are called by the Marshal on instructions from the Judges.
- In order to receive a "Qualifying Score", a hound must have an "Official Score" of 5 or above in each category. In addition, the average of all categories must be at least 6.
- The Control Sheet shall be available for public inspection.
- In evaluating a hound's hunting abilities in a Test, the Judge must assign a numerical score from 0 to 10 that reflects his estimation of each hunting ability.
- Decision not to award a Qualifying score must be the consensus of the judges.
- Time Requirements. Each entry will be allowed thirty minutes to produce game, if no game is produced the hounds shall be ordered up and the next stake put down. Hounds shall be cast to search for game. If a hound has not produced game in approximately 10 minutes, the handler may ask the judges for the assistance of the gallery in producing game.
- The handler may pick up the hounds before the 30 minutes time limit if he/she so desires.
- The judges of a stake must score the hound on the basis of the following categories of hunting ability: (1) Ability to Find. (2) Use of Voice. (3) Line Ability. (4) Adaptability. (5) Determination. (6) Gun Shyness.
- To qualify as a brace, both hounds must hark to the rabbit and pass the gun shyness test. To qualify as a pack, all hounds must hark to a rabbit and pass the gun shyness test. However each hound is scored independently.

**SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS FOR BHCA HUNTING PERFORMANCE TEST  
FOR SCENT HOUNDS**

- A premium list must be provided for Hunting Performance Tests
- If more than one handler, one must be designated as handler in charge, so the Judges know who is in control of the Brace or Pack.
- A hound may be entered in more than one stake per Hunting Test. Only the score for the stake indicated with a "Q" on the entry form will be considered for title qualifying. A multiple entered hound can test for one qualifying score at each Hunting Test. The "Q" "NQ" designation may be changed up until the time of the draw.
- No person acting in the capacity of Hunting Test Secretary may judge at the event for which that person is acting as Hunting Test Secretary.
- All Stakes must be judged by at least two judges but not more than three judges
- The five (5) categories of ability in Solo, Brace and Two-coupled Pack must be graded on a scale of 0 to 10. To receive a Qualifying score in Solo, Brace or Two-coupled Pack, a hound must acquire a minimum of not less than 5 on each of the categories of abilities listed on the Score Card, with an overall average score of not less than 6.
- BHCA Hunting Test Titles are not yet recognized by AKC. They can be used in advertising but not on AKC entry forms.
- Hunting Hound Title (HH). In order to be recorded as a Hunting Hound a hound must have a record of having earned three Qualifying scores in any Stake (Solo, Brace or Two-coupled Pack) at a Hunting Performance Test.
- Upon completion of the requirements a BHCA Hunting Hound (HH) certificate will be issued to the owner and the hound shall be recorded as a Hunting Hound in BHCA database record by the suffix title HH.
- In order to be recorded as a Master Hunting Hound (MHH), a hound must have a record of having earned three Qualifying scores in a Stake other than that for which he was awarded the Hunting Hound or Senior Hunting Hound titles. In other words a Master Hunting Hound will have received a Qualifying score in each of the three stakes Solo, Brace and Two-coupled Pack.
- Master Hunter Excellent (MHE). In order to be recorded as a Master Hunter Excellent (MHE) a hound must have a record of having earned three Qualifying scores as a Master Hunting Hound, and that hound must also be pointed at an AKC licensed conformation show.
- A High in Test Award may be presented if the same team of judges had judged all the entries. The Hunting Test Committee would determine if they wish to provide this award.
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