

## REPORT OF THE 2006 REGION 1 INVITATIONAL

The 2006 Region 1 Invitational held on Sunday, May 14, was hosted by the Evergreen Basenji Club. The site at Meadowbrook Farm in North Bend, WA, is a slightly rolling natural farm field, rough enough to present a real challenge for the hounds. The weather was unseasonably beautiful for the Pacific Northwest, a sunny and cool morning followed by a very warm but breezy afternoon.

The 40 high-spirited entries represented 10 breeds including, for the first time in Region 1, a Sloughi and a Cerneco dell'Etna. EBC's experienced field committee ran a smooth trial, with lots of willing help from several newcomers and fellow coursers. The usual good fellowship and friendly sportsmanship found here in Region 1 made for an enjoyable day of excellent coursing for hound and human alike.

### Bests of Breed

Basenji – Topaz, owned by Deborah and Larry Nelson and Mary K. Quinnett  
Greyhound – Cody Lambert, owned by Stephanie Wiseman  
Ibizan Hound – Fiona, owned by Susan Fegan  
Pharaoh Hound – Luna, owned by Cynthia Guinn, Emily Kerridge, and William Martin  
Rhodesian Ridgeback – Evita, owned by Gudren Utz and Gary Larsen  
Scottish Deerhound – Seer, owned by Jan and Mike Pritchard  
Sloughi – Tyger, owned by Ann Chamberlain and Dom de Caprone  
Whippet – Roger, owned by Carol S. Chittum

### Other Participating Breeds

Cerneco – Brutus, owned by Cheryl Neuman McDermott, DVM (Limited Stake not eligible for BOB)  
Italian Greyhound – Ducatti, owned by Laila Holmes (did not get a qualifying score)

### Breeder Stake

Joell Coltrane, with Lacey and Beck  
Kevin and Therese Leimback, with Sober and Panda

### Kennel Stake

Belaya Whippets (Carol S. Chittum), with TJ and Roger

### Best in Field

The Basenji, Topaz, running in only her third trial! Since she is also half way to her conformation championship, she is truly an all-around hound.

Trophies were outstanding. In addition to the ASFA Rosettes and Medallions for Best of Breed, EBC offered 5" x 7" framed glass hanging plaques, hand-painted by Debbie Nelson, featuring an original coursing design by Bryan and Laurie Gregory. The Best in Regional Invitational trophy was a 9" x 12" version of the same design. So Topaz and her folks won their own trophy!

Participants shared a potluck lunch each day. At the Sunday luncheon, EBC honored the Region 1's 2005 ASFA All Stars with a specially decorated cake. Since Region 1 does not have a trophy and awards fund, EBC's Bryan Gregory created parchment award certificates featuring his same original coursing design to honor the top-ranked hound of each breed from 2005.

Other highlights of the weekend: In conjunction with their ASFA trial on Saturday, EBC sponsored a Microchip and Tattoo clinic available to all breeds. EBC member Sherri Home designed a lively commemorative T-shirt depicting all sighthound breeds coursing around the shirt, front and back. Shirts were available for sale to the fancy. Notable Ibizan Hound breeder and artist, Susan Fegan of Gryphon Ibizan Hounds, displayed her hand-crafted and painted tiles featuring various sighthound breeds. Thanks you to Susan, who was also our photographer, providing the photos of our winners.

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Region 1 Director