



The February regular meeting is via zoom this time and instructions for getting into the meeting will be sent out sometime later in the week. The date is Sunday, **February 26 at 3 pm MST**. Hope you can join us. So you can plan ahead, March is the annual meeting and election and that meeting will be held in person on Sunday, March 19th at Red Lobster Restaurant, Northglenn Shopping Center.

Our tracking test is March 6, 2023 at Chatfield State Park. Thanks to all who have already agreed to help but we could still use a bit more help. Please contact Mishka – [minxdesign@yahoo.com](mailto:minxdesign@yahoo.com) – if you can help for an hour or 2 either March 4, Saturday plotting day or March 5 Sunday test day. To date, we have 11 entries – 7 TD and 4 TDX. Closing is February 22<sup>nd</sup> this week. Thank you.

Officers and Board member nominations for the coming year:

President;	Mishka Killgore
Vioe-Pres:	Jeanne Dietrich
Secretary:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Carol Makowski

Board members through 2025:  
 Jan Kano  
 Cindy Underhill

Board members remaining through 2024:  
 Marilee Epperson  
 Malina Dorchak

Petitions are open through March 10. Voting will take place at annual meeting March 19.



## JUDGE NOMINATIONS

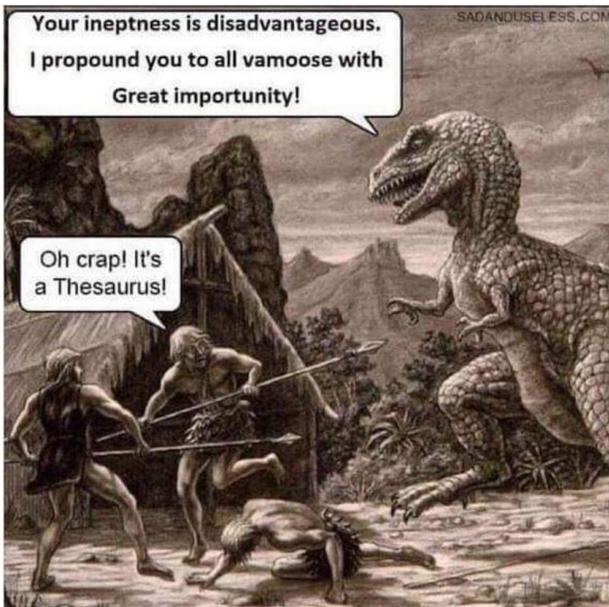
It's once again time to submit your judge nominations for the 2024 specialty in Greeley, first weekend in September - regular classes for both shows, and sweepstakes for one show. **Please send suggestions with a brief summary of judge's qualifications prior to the annual meeting. Voting will take place in May.**

## DUES

Dues notices are going out this week. \$17.50 for single membership, \$20 for family and \$15.00 for associate. You should receive by email. If anyone is interested in joining Timberline, please check the website – [basset-tbhc.org](http://basset-tbhc.org) – for a copy of the membership application. New members are always welcome.

### Future Events and Activities

January 27 TBHC Regular meeting – zoom – 1 pm  
Feb 17-18-19 Colorado Kennel Club shows, National Western Hall of Education  
Feb 27 TBHC February regular meeting – zoom, 3 pm  
March 4-5 TBHC Combined TD/TDX Tracking Test at Chatfield State Park  
March 19 TBHC Annual meeting, Red Lobster, Northfield Shopping Center, Denver, 1 pm  
TBD TBHC April meeting  
May 19-20-21 TBHC All Breed Obedience and Rally trials, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont

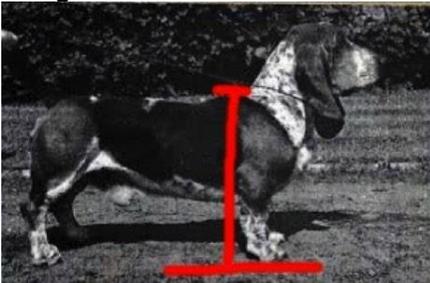


The Basset Hound breed type was recognized well enough by the end of the 16th century to inspire Shakespeare's description in [A Midsummer Night's Dream](#):

*My hounds are bred out of the Spartan kind,  
So flew'd, so sanded, and their heads are hung  
With ears that sweep away the morning dew;  
Crook-knee'd, and dew-lapp'd like Thessalian bulls;  
Slow in pursuit, but match'd in mouth like bells,  
Each under each. A cry more tuneable  
Was never holla'd to, nor cheer'd with horn.*

### Three Disqualifications in the Basset Hound

Height over 15 inches at withers



Knuckling Over



Distinctly Long Coat



## HOW TO BATHE A BASSET HOUND



**Fill bathtub.** Use three times as much water as you think you need. Basset Hounds have large porous feet which soak up water at an alarming rate. If you use only as much water as looks appropriate, you will discover that when you finally get the dog into the tub, the liquid will barely cover its toenails.

**Catch dog.** This bit is not as easy as it sounds. A Basset Hound who is determined not to have a bath has amazing metamorphic abilities. It can transform itself into a long, slender creature which can slither into the tiniest crack of a closet door. Once in the closet, the dog will promptly burrow its way under last year's Christmas trimmings, crushing \$40 worth of hand blown ornaments in the process.

**Coax dog into bathroom.** Basset Hounds may not be Einsteins, but they have long memories. In essence, the best plan is teamwork. One person pulls the dog from the front; the other pushes from behind, the toenail gouges which the dog has left in the floor can be smoothed out at a later time.

**Prepare to place dog in tub.** Remember all the weight-lifting techniques you ever learned. Take a deep breath before hoisting dog from floor. Bassets tend to quadruple their weight when airborne. Finding yourself unexpectedly supporting 160 pounds of dog leads to double hernias and slipped discs. Even if you don't slip a disc, you can count on walking funny for the next three days.

**Second effort.** Your problems are only half over once you have gotten the dog off the floor. You still have to get it into the tub. It is a proven fact that at any given time barely three-fourths of the dog will be in contact with the water. The right rear paw will retain a death grip on the shower door track. Therefore, (a) Gently remove right rear paw from shower track. The dog will now have managed to hook its left rear paw on the shower track. (b) Remove left rear paw. Repeat steps (a) and (b) several times. Distract the dog's attention by making funny faces and quickly snatch it into the tub with a classic clean and jerk lift. Inevitably, the dog will be facing the wrong way. You will discover that there is nothing more sullen than the back end of a rebellious Basset.

**Wet the dog's coat.** Just as you begin to lather in the shampoo, the telephone will ring. You get brownie points if you refrain from swearing at the nice lady from your local home remodeling company who is trying to sell you aluminum siding and storm windows.

**Return to the bathroom.** You will find that the dog who never in this world could have gotten into the tub on its own has managed to get out of same unaided. Dog is now wedged between the sofa and your new flopped wallpaper, leaving huge, wet splotches on both. Dislocate your remaining seven intact vertebrae by hauling sofa away from wall in order to capture dog.

