

# *President's Message*

## *May / June 2006*



My first President's message is being written with a sense of loss and deep regret. On March 3, 2006, BHCA lost its' President, Thad Makowski. It was very much unexpected and we still do not know the exact cause of his death. I have served on the BHCA Board with Thad for almost 6 years. No one cared about the club more than he. He was a friend to many and will be missed. On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, a memorial service will be held in his honor. It will be from 1 PM to 4 PM at the historic Chautauqua Park in Boulder, Colorado, about 40 miles from the Denver airport.

Being President of BHCA is a privilege that I take very seriously. My philosophy is simple; what's good for the club must be good for the membership and it must be good for our breed.

One of the first tasks the Board needed to complete was the appointment of a 1<sup>st</sup> VP to fill the remainder of the term. The Board considered several very qualified individuals, including names that were submitted to us, from you, the membership. By a majority vote of the Board, Carol Makowski was elected. I am pleased to have Carol as 1<sup>st</sup> VP and her willingness and desire to serve on the Board at this time. She has served on the Board in the past as Corresponding Secretary.

Congratulations to BHCA member, David Keene, for being elected as a Director of the AKC.

The Spring Board Meeting was held February 24 – 26 in Baltimore. From Friday evening to Sunday mid-afternoon, the Board met for about 28 hours. By-law revision was at the top of the list. The By-Laws Committee submitted to the Board suggested changes which were taken into consideration as the revisions were made. The revised by-laws were sent to the AKC for review. Once their review is completed, and any requested changes addressed, the by-laws will be sent to you, the membership, for approval.

It's not too early to start your planning for the 2006 Nationals. We return to the Eisenhower Inn and All Star complex in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Ann O'Reilly and her committees are working hard to insure a great Nationals. The dates are October 3 through October 81, 2006. The 2007 Nationals will be in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and the 2008 Nationals will be in Fort Worth, Texas. We hope to see a bid for the 2009 Nationals from the West.

Technology is changing the way we live our lives. The Internet has provided a new way to communicate, a new way to pay our bills, a new way to shop, a new way to send and receive mail, a new way to enter dog shows, a new way to read the news, and a new way to find needed information. Most information from the AKC is provided via the Internet.

BHCA is changing as well. A special thank you to our webmaster, Mark Chryssanthis, for redesigning our website. The home page of the website now has rotating pictures of bassets that you, our members, have sent in. As Thad stated in a previous president's message, we have plans to use our website for providing information to you, the member, in a more timely, efficient and inexpensive manner. Our website is averaging nearly 800 visits per day. If you haven't visited our website in a while, go to [www.basset-bhca.org](http://www.basset-bhca.org).

You will see in this issue of the Tally-Ho that the Board is looking for two very important individuals. Carol Hunt, after eight years of being the Tally-Ho Editor, says it's time to pass the baton to another. The Tally-Ho has become a standout publication of parent club newsletters. Carol spends countless hours working in producing each and every Tally-Ho. From organization and layout to working with the members on their ads, Carol has created an excellent publication. The other position is that of Parliamentarian. It has been several years since the Board has actually appointed a person as Parliamentarian. Our By-laws state that "*Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the Club in all cases which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws and any other special Rules of Order the Club may adopt." Having a person available, when needed, will insure the Club's business and meetings are conducted in an appropriate and satisfactory manner.

Friendship ... Good Sportsmanship, win or lose ... Bassets ... that's BHCA.

## **Richard Nance**