



Region 1 Report: Dr. Maureen A Bardwell, Governor

BCGNY, BCDV, and the BCNE all had successful fall 2001 regional Borzoi Specialty Shows. Plans are now being made for the 2002 dog show season. The BCGNY has plans in place for their specialty the first weekend in May. BCDV will also hold their specialty that same weekend in conjunction with the Trenton KC show. This is the 25th anniversary specialty for BCDV. The BCNE has a few TSE's planned, and this Club will continue to have a fall specialty at the Thanksgiving Cluster in late November. The BCCNJ continues to move forward in the approval process with the AKC and they are hoping to have approval to hold a BCCNJ specialty shortly.

Service continues to be an important focus in each regional group. Sandy Cambreleng (as well as several other members of BCGNY) continue to be available as rescue contacts in their area. Heidi Hutchinson, Michael Kurt & David White, and Betsy Denning volunteer their services for rescue in the New England area. Rita Linck assists both BCCNJ and BCDV with rescue needs. Candy Lindsay and Gretchen Thiele and Charles Greene are also active supporters of rescue for BCCNJ. Joy Windle and Angela SanPaolo also assist with Rescue for BCDV. Canine Health is also a focus for the Regional Clubs. BCGNY has a very active Canine Health Fundraising program and Dr William Norelli from the BCNE assists locally and is a volunteer serving on the BCOA health Committee.

Another strong focus in the New England Regional Groups is promoting the "all- round" Borzoi. There is a continued growth in coursing, racing, obedience, and agility activities in the northeast. Each Regional Club is encouraging participation by holding matches, clinics, and/or practice runs.

A final interest is participating in plans for the Centennial BCOA National Specialty. Three possible projects under consideration are the rejuvenation of the BCDV Drill team, the planning of some commissioned artwork for donation to the AKC Dog Museum in honor of the Centennial, and the production of a historical CD which contains interviews and documents of the early Borzoi breeders from the US.

Region 1 is clearly a very busy area for the Borzoi fancy, and we hope to continue to make a contribution to the Borzoi world through the activities described.

REGION 2 REPORT: Kathryn Wright, Governor

The first quarter of 2002 has been speeding by as Region 2 – particularly those in the Atlanta area – have been preparing for the 2002 BCOA National Specialty Show. I will assume we are all in sunny Atlanta sitting down to the Board Meeting, the coursing and straight racing has already taken place – and we are gearing up for the Obedience and Futurity! Still lots of fun and excitement to come and I'm sure this year's National will be a great success – for BCOA, Region 2, the exhibitors and our Borzoi.

Though the National has the spotlight for the moment, the three Borzoi clubs in Region 2 have been continuing to plan ahead with enthusiasm and all have exciting events coming up throughout 2002. *The Heart of Florida Borzoi Club* held their January 12th BCOA TSE in Brookville, FL. Even with this being their first year moving to the January circuit and a judge change, they managed to draw 40+ Borzoi and had good solid majors for this TSE. HOFBC is planning their Spring Fun Match on May

12 in the Tampa area and this year will be expanding to include the hound group/all breed obedience/and Jr. Showmanship. This club has applied for incorporation and with finalizing their bylaws; hope to continue on the road to AKC recognition.

The Borzoi Club of Greater Atlanta has their BCOA and BCGA Trophy Supported Entries scheduled for May 4 and 5 in conjunction with the Classic City Kennel Club in Athens, GA with Shen Smith and Pat Murphy judging.

April 20th will bring *The Potomac Valley Borzoi Club's* supported show and sweepstakes in conjunction with the Old Dominion KC at Morven Park in Leesburg, VA . PVBC has a big October planned with 3 days of Borzoi excitement in Leesburg, VA – beginning with support of the Borzoi entry at the Potomac Hound Show (Morven Park) on Thursday, Oct. 24; the next day is a BCOA TSE at the Middleburg KC (Oatlands Plantation), followed by the PVBC Fall Specialty (also at Oatlands Plantation). These show sites are only a few miles apart from each other.

Making this 3rd week in October a real Borzoi circuit, the preceding weekend offers 2 very nice BCOA TSE's in conjunction with the Cumberland, Maryland KC. It is an easy and delightful drive between Cumberland, MD and Leesburg, VA and it is worthwhile to schedule this whole week for showing Borzoi, visiting with friends and gawking at the fabulous fall foliage.

REGION 4 REPORT: Chris Bradley, Governor

In January, I attended, for the first time, the Hound Classic in Indio (near Palm Springs). The weather was perfect; the grounds gorgeous, with plenty of tenting to shade the dogs, and majors all three days. If any of you are thinking of a winter getaway for next year, I highly recommend the Indio show!

I had the pleasure of attending a BCOC meeting at the lovely home of Pat and Ray Ellis. At that meeting, Carl Rinehart was elected as BCOC's new President. Tom Kasowski was presented with a plaque for his years of excellent service to the Club; and Lorrie Scott was awarded as "Member of the Year" for her dedication to Rescue Borzoi. She also mentioned that for the first time in several years, there are NO Borzoi in rescue. Congratulations to Carl, Tom, and Lorrie!

Robin Corell is spearheading an attempt to initiate a Northern California Sighthound Classic, in conjunction with the Del Valle Shows (Pleasanton).

Todd Brandtman and Barbara O'Neill are working hard to put on a really "special" National in Reno in 2003. The tentative dates are April 6th through 12th, with a *Borzoi Club of Northern California Specialty* on Sunday, April 13th. If you're interested in working on a committee, please contact Todd or Barbara.

The 2002 National Special in Atlanta was SUPER!!! The hotel and grounds were great! And the Show Committee couldn't have been better! Many Region 4 members attended, and it's always fun to see people we know and care about at the National! Congratulations to our many Region 4 members who garnered ribbons and awards! I have not, as Region 4 Governor, recognized individual dogs and their owners. I have always hesitated to mention a specific dog, lest I forget any dog who has made remarkable achievements, but I feel we must acknowledge "Cody." He was BISS CH Oronzova Virshina Play With Fire, CD,CGC, JC,MX, AXJ, FCh, who received the BCOA Annual Versatility Award at the 2002 National Specialty in Atlanta. He and Suzanne (Cody's best friend) were the first Borzoi team in the history of the breed, WORLD-WIDE, to achieve the Agility MX title. An MX is TEN perfect scores in the Open Agility Class by AKC. Our hearts are heavy with the devastation that "Cody" is now gone. He died suddenly, and unexpectedly in April. We Region 4 members, and Borzoi enthusiasts World-Wide, who knew "Cody," send Suzanne, Ron, and Russell, our collective condolences. "Cody" will be truly missed.

On a lighter note, I had the ultimate privilege (of my 30 years in Borzoi) of judging Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes at the Atlanta National. I had a terrific time; and was treated like Royalty. I will submit a detailed report for the next BC; and it will be positive, as the pups and vets I examined were phenomenal!

Upcoming Shows:

- June 28 - The Hound Classic in San Juan Capistrano with Ms. Sackson doing Regular Classes and Lou Guerrero doing Sweeps.
- June 29 - Shoreline KC, with Elaine Rigden doing Borzoi
- June 30 - Long Beach KC, with Carol Spritzer judging Borzoi
- July 26 - BCOC Specialty, Lompoc, CA, with Jim Gibson doing Regular Classes and Melanie Richards judging Sweeps.
- Oct 6 - BCOC Meeting and Match, Tustin, California (way fun!!!!!!... it would be worth the trip just to see the Costume Class!!!!!!!!!!!!!!).
- Oct 19 - BCNC Specialty, Pleasanton, CA, with Patti Neale doing Regular Classes and Chris Bradley (that would be me... YAHOO!!!) judging Sweeps.
- Nov 2 - BCOC Specialty, Irwindale, CA

See you at the shows, and hug those doggies!

REGION 6 REPORT: Prudence Hlatky, Governor

2001 was a year replete with honors for our Borzoi and tragedy and determination for our nation. I've now had the honor of serving as your Regional Governor for one year and I look forward to an exciting second year. Please consider this annual governor's report as a "state of the state" for Region VI.

Within our region, 2001-2002 have been a busy couple of years. BCOA members in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin held TSE shows. In addition, TSE shows are currently planned during 2002 in Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio. Past events have been well attended and many Borzoi were able to finish due to the major entries at these shows. In the national rankings race, these breed wins were worth 30-60 dogs defeated. A nice boost in the rankings came if one was fortunate enough to win.

In addition to these BCOA TSE, within our region the Midwest Borzoi Club held spring and winter specialties and the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club held a June specialty. Indeed this is an active area of the country. By also holding Region VI Governor's meetings in conjunction with these TSE I've had the opportunity to meet with many of you and take your concerns back to the BCOA Board of Directors.

And The Winners Are*:

Region VI members can be proud of their accomplishments during the past year in conformation and performance events. Within the conformation arena the following member Borzoi were in the top-twenty breed and all-breed:

- DC Téine Windmaster of Foxwood SC (K. Brunarski - C. Moyer - A. Midgarden)
- CH Soyara's Chantilly Lace JC (P. & G. Hlatky)
- CH Téine Child Prodigy (K. Brunarski - C. Moyer - A. Midgarden)
- CH Shefaro Alejandro's Mariska (G. Gomori)
- CH Blackmoor Kallisto (C. Shepherd - K. Wilkin - M. Mazur)

Performance Events – AKC only
Tahoe's Bianca SC (Artley)

FC Windsatin Ty Kaa SC (Childs)
FC Windsatin Ty Akela SC (Childs)
FC Windsatin Ty Baba Louie SC (Childs)
Melockoff's Shot In The Dark (Snoddy)
FC Windrift Obsession SC (Reimer)
FC Tamarzi Tahoe Fallon MC (Artley)

*At the time of this writing the final year-end results were not available for Obedience or ASFA. I eagerly await the opportunity to report these results in my next governor's report. My apologies for any incorrect ownerships, but the information wasn't published.

Region VI New Members

Our region's membership continues to grow. Please welcome these new members

Patrick Roach - MI

George and Nancy Snook - IN

Carolyn Meyer - IL

Tonja Osborn - IA

Issues from the BCOA Board

Top Award Ownership

Top Awards - Breed vs. All-breed points / which venues to recognize

Redistricting - Should Region VI lose states

Rescue

Good news on the rescue I previously reported: all 10 of the Borzoi rescued and fostered by members from Region VI have found loving homes. The puppies which weighed 23 lbs. at 8 months, are now up to a healthy 60 lbs. Thanks go out to Edna Hanley, Sheryl Gresser, Prudence and Greg Hlatky and NBRF through Mary Childs and Carol Backers for fostering, rehabilitating and placing these unfortunate Borzoi.

Unfortunately, we know of at least three Borzoi in a puppy mill in Illinois. Despite repeated attempts by their breeders and other concerned members we have been unable to rescue them. Please consider using the advantages offered by modern technology (World Wide Web, newslists, etc.) when selling or placing your Borzoi to check out potential homes.

Upcoming Events:

June 7, 2002: Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club Specialty - Minneapolis, MN. Regular Classes - Nadine Johnson, (Rising Star), Sweeps - Cindy Dell (Morgandell). BCOA Region VI Governor's Meeting
Contact - Lydia Pruett

June 9, 2002: Minneapolis, MN, BCOA TSE. Regular Classes - Shen Smith (Bokhara), Sweeps - Patricia Lineham (Ajjarda).

August 3 & 4, 2002: MBC TSE, Canfield OH, Regular Classes - Douglas Wilson, Sweeps - Lee Pryor.
Contact - Edna Hanley

August 9, 2002: Midwest Borzoi Club Fall Specialty with Racine Kennel Club, Racine WI. Regular Classes - Henri Goldner, Sweeps - Jenni Steele. Contact - Penny Keiffer

August 11, 2002: BCOA TSE, Racine WI. Regular Classes - Carol Esterkin, Sweeps - Carol Starr
BCOA Region VI Governor's Meeting. Contact Penny Keiffer

October 26-27, 2002: MBC Supported ASFA Trials Crown Point IN, Contact – Nancy Reimer

November 2002: Tentative – Ft. Wayne Indiana. BCOA & MBC TSE's.
BCOA Supported Sweeps – Katie Averill

December 2002: BCOA and MBC TSE's, Cleveland, OH. Regular Classes (BCOA) – J. J. Lyons
Regular Classes (MBC) – Dyane Roth, Sweeps (MBC) – Skip Hodges.

I'm hoping that a member from Illinois and Iowa will hold a BCOA Supported event in their state. Any volunteers??