



Region 1 – Maureen Bardwell

Region One is pleased to report that the BCCNJ has received approval to hold its first specialty. Particulars of this event are as follows:

The specialty will be held on September 4, 2004 at North Branch Park, North Branch, N.J. in partnership with the Somerset Hills Kennel Club. The Sweepstakes Judge will be Barbara Todd, Zcerlov Borzoi, of Nipomo, California and the regular classes will be judged by all breed authority, Jane Forsyth. This event will be part of a prestigious 4 day circuit of shows.

The BCGNY and the BCDV will be holding their spring specialties again this year. The BCGNY independent specialty will be held on Friday, April 30 and the BCDV specialty will again be held in conjunction with the Trenton KC show on Sunday, May 2. The BCNE is again holding a BCNE TSE in conjunction with the Yankee Classic Cluster in July of this year. They are again also planning for their club specialty in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Cluster of shows in November.

Personally, I would like to thank the many members of Region One who have recently sent me cards. It was a large disappointment to me to cancel my plans to travel to the BCOA Centennial Show in Cincinnati. However, I do hope to see everyone at local shows in the coming months.

Region 2 – Kathryn Wright

At this writing, there is a BCOA TSE being held in conjunction with the Newnan Kennel Club (Georgia) on Saturday, March 27, 2004. The judge is scheduled to be Jane Bishop and the sweeps will be judged by Jon Steele. The TSE chairperson is Susan Pennington.

Back to back BCOA TSE's have been approved for October 16 and 17, 2004 held in conjunction with the Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club of Cumberland, MD. Saturday's regular judge is Charles Tyson with sweeps judge being Ken Burton. Sunday's regular judge is Pat Ellis and the sweeps judge is Kay Henderson. The TSE chairperson is Donna Maharan.

Continuing on for a big Borzoi week, the Potomac Hound Club show will be held at Morvan Park, Leesburg, VA, on Thursday, October 21, 2004 (judges unknown). Friday, October 22, there is a BCOA TSE held in conjunction with Middleburg Kennel Club just a few miles away at Oatlands Plantation with the regular judge being Michelle Billings and the sweeps judge being Mary Anne Clark. TSE Chairperson is Jane Schreiber. Saturday, October 23rd brings the Potomac Valley Borzoi Club's (PVBC) Specialty Show with Pat Murphy judging the regular classes and Kathy Wright judging the sweepstakes.

PVBC has also reported that they will be hosting a coffee table with another Borzoi club during the week of the National in Cincinnati.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell

Lone Star Borzoi Club will be hosting a BCOA Trophy Supported Entry in conjunction with the Cypress Creek Kennel Club dog show on November 6, 2004. Regular classes will be judged by Barbara Binder (Del Viento Borzoi), and Sweepstakes will be judged by Katie Averill (Khanzade Borzoi).

The LSBC is also working on funding for a perpetual trophy for Susan Weinkein. This trophy would be awarded to the highest scoring conformation champion Borzoi at the ASFA Region 4 regional coursing event, as Susan had high regards for dual titled Borzoi. The LSBC should have more details in the near future.

There is much planning afoot for the 2005 BCOA Specialty as well! The logo has been chosen and we hope to have some preview information available at the upcoming nationals in Ohio.

Region 4 – Chris Bradley

Greetings from Region Four!

Spring has arrived early in most Western States; and has thoroughly confused the flora. The fauna seem to accommodate to any conditions! Locally, we've had temperatures in the high-80s. Sonoma and Napa County winegrowers are in a state of near panic, as the vines are beginning to bloom, and a cold snap could ruin this year's crop.

Borzoi pups are beginning to bloom, too, and quite a few are planning to attend the Centennial in Ohio! By the time this goes to print, the Centennial will be a fond memory in the minds of the many who attend. I wish safe travels and show successes to all!

Borzoi Club of California has plans in the works for the following:

Friday, July 23, 2004: BCOC Specialty with Western Sighthound Combined Specialties

Sweepstakes: Ron Williams, Ridgeside Borzoi

Regular Judge: Dr. Fred Edlin, Ridgeside Borzoi

Junior Showmanship: Ms. I. Stoffers

Obedience: L. Libeu

Saturday, July 24, 2004: Lompoc Valley Kennel Club

Judge: F. McEvoy

Sunday, July 25, 2004: Lompoc Valley Kennel Club

Judge: Mr. Frank T. Sabella

Saturday, October 30, 2004, BCOC Winter Specialty with San Gabriel K.C. @ Irwindale

Sweepstakes: Mr. Steve Artley "Tahoe Borzoi"

Regular Judge: Mrs. Thomas Powers

Borzoi Club of Northern California is planning:

Saturday, October 16, 2004: BCNC Fall Specialty with Del Valle DFA of Livermore

Sweepstakes: Valori Trantanella, "Vitrina Borzoi"

Regular Judge: JoAn Anselm

Sunday, October 17, 2004: Del Valle DFA of Livermore

Judge: Pauline Hewitt (pending AKC approval)

Monday, October 18, 2004: Del Valle DFA of Livermore

Judge: Mrs. James Edward Clark

We hope you'll join us for as many of these events as you can. Dog shows are FUN!!
And you deserve fun!

Region 5 – Irina Terra

As far as the BCOA activities in Region 5, a trophy supported entry is in the works for the next year's January Rose City Classic show in Portland. Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon is going to provide rosettes for regular classes and puppy sweepstakes. Jan Leikam is working hard on the 2006 BCOA National proposal. Region 5 will be the host for the 2006 National. As far as other Borzoi activities in the region, the Puget Sound Borzoi Club Winter Specialty was held at the Seattle Kennel Club show for the first time. It was a successful event, a very nice chance to see many friends, and the trophies were gorgeous. BCOA members in the region are actively participating in conformation and performance events. Mike and Vicky Savage, BCOA members from Eastern Washington, report that Eastern Washington Coursing Club, a new ASFA coursing club is being set up. They have just finished their ASFA qualifications and are now in the process of getting the AKC qualifications in order. Everyone is looking forward to the Centennial and many members from the region are going to travel the long road to Cincinnati.

Region 6 – Prudence Hlatky

State of the Region

As I make this annual report I believe that Region VI is in very good shape. With that in mind, after four years as your representative it is time to hand the Region over to a new regional governor. This year I will not be running for reelection to any position within the BCOA governing board. I am a strong believer in term limits, be it as a board member or a committee chair. It is time for a new governor to bring fresh ideas and new energy to this position and to the Board of Directors. As the past should mentor the future, and should the new governor wish it, I'll be a willing resource and mentor to whomever the membership elects.

It's been a great pleasure serving as Governor these past four years. I would like to believe my tenure as Governor was positive for the region and the BCOA. Believing that every state within the region has the right to a BCOA sponsored event, I have diligently worked to promote TSE events throughout Region VI. The collaboration between BCOA members within a state and with the regional Borzoi club has created some very successful events. They have provided the opportunity for large entries, obtaining those

elusive majors, social gatherings, and fund raising activities to benefit both BCOA health and rescue. Unknown to most people, these events have also given numerous just approved Borzoi breeder-judges the opportunity to meet their AKC provisional assignments.

Region VI is hosting the most exciting event in Borzoi history at Kings Island Resort in April. The BCOA Centennial Specialty will be one for the history books. The entry is tremendous, the level of excitement electric, all promising a once in a lifetime event. I hope you will be joining us and that you will stop by to introduce yourself. But most import, have fun and enjoy the beauty of our wonderful breed and the fellowship of fellow Borzoi lovers. Region VI is honored to be able to put on this prestigious and historic event. Volunteers are doing everything they can to make this a memorable showcase, not so much a competition as a celebration of our beloved Borzoi.