



### **Region 1 – Maureen Bardwell**

Two proposals for 2007 National Specialty Sites were submitted at the April, 2005 Board Meeting. Thanks to Rebecca Peters-Campbell and Colleen Thiboutot for a site proposal for the Warwick, RI site and to Kevin & Karen Miller for the Fitchburg, MA proposal. I also would like to thank Roni & Jennifer Zucker for attending the Board Meeting in Mesquite, Texas to assist in the presentation of the Fitchburg site proposal. After considering the two proposals at length, the BCOA Board voted to accept the Warwick, RI site. BCOA President Barbara O'Neill recently made her on-site visit to Warwick, RI. The tentative dates for the 2007 specialty are Field Events beginning on April 21 & 22, obedience and regular classes continuing through the following week, and the conclusion of the specialty will be on Saturday, April 28, 2007. Anyone interested in volunteering with the work for the show should contact Rebecca Peters-Campbell, the On-Site Coordinator for 2007.

The four region one Borzoi Clubs have had a very busy season thus far, and have a very busy fall season planned. In brief, the BCGNY and BCDV held a very successful spring specialty weekend in May, 2005. In September, the BCCNJ will hold their second regional specialty and the BCNE will hold a TSE. The BCNE also has plans for their annual Fall Specialty weekend--this year they are planning to hold 2 Regional Specialties at the Thanksgiving Cluster in West Springfield, MA.

### **Region 2 – Jim Gibson**

We are having a BCOA TSE dedicated to Dick Reese in conjunction with the Atlanta KC in September. There are two BCOA TSE's in November.

### **Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock**

We are gearing up for things to become more active in Region 3 after a blazing hot summer.

RMBC will be hosting its Fall Specialty on Labor Day at Thompson Park in Longmont, CO. Regular classes to be judged by Kalen Dumke (Nonsuch) and Sweepstakes to be judged by Karen "Cricket" Murray (Kansai). I am looking forward to visiting with everyone in attendance - as always!

LSBC has been granted "accelerated status" by the AKC and have been granted permission to hold their first Sanctioned A-Match. The match will be held on September 10 at the Triple Crown Dog Academy in Hutto, TX and judged by Kanne Earl-Bowers (Kilkan). The premium list has been posted on their website at <http://www.borzoi.net/lsrc/> LSBC will also be holding an ASFA trial on Sunday, October 9, also at Triple Crown. LSBC Members will also be hosting a BCOA TSE on November 12 in conjunction with the Cypress Creek KC of Texas dog show.

HOTBC will be holding its first annual "Extravaganza" on August 6, to include a grooming seminar and a seminar on structure/conformation. HOTBC Members are also hosting a BCOA TSE in conjunction with the Fort Worth KC dog show on September 24.

### **Region 4 – Chris Bradley**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **Region 5 – Irina Terra**

We are all enjoying the beautiful summer in the Northwest. The annual PSBC sanctioned match was held in June. Both puppies and their owners had a lot of fun at the match. Also, there are two back-to-back PSBC club specialties and a PSBC trophy-supported entry this coming August. We are hoping for a large turn-out for the three days of majors and breeder-judges. There is also a BCOA and PSBC TSE shows being planned for June 3 and 4, 2006 in Yakima with sweeps both days and breeder judges. We are all looking forward to that event in the Eastern part of our region. At least two Borzoi kennels in our region report recent litters. Ken and Virginia Graff of Bucksilver Borzoi have two litters after a long break from breeding. Also, Davmoor kennels of Diane and Jordan Davis is happy to announce their first Borzoi litter.

We are so very sad to announce that Beverly Taylor, a BCOA member from our region, has passed away after a long and courageous fight with disease. She will be missed by all of us.

Many region 5 BCOA members were able to attend the National specialty in Dallas, TX. However, our thoughts are already on the next year's BCOA National which will be held in Olympia, WA. All BCOA Region 5 members are looking forward to hosting the specialty.

### **Region 6 – Cynthia Gredys**

Region 6 clubs had several successful events this past quarter.

The Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club held their specialty and TSE's the beginning of June. There was a nice entry and wonderful trophies. It was the first show I've ever attended where judging was done in bare feet but she might have put shoes on for the pictures. The win photos will make history with the owners in shorts or rolled up jeans and rubber shoes or bare feet. The weather was more suitable to ducks than dogs but all slogged through it and will have memories to share and laugh about for years to come!

The fledging club in Omaha, calling themselves the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha, held their 3<sup>rd</sup> TSE in July. This was a new date and show site that was fabulous. The borzoi entry was the second largest entry at the show! The new Qwest Center was spacious and very accommodating to exhibitors. There is lots of grass for the dogs, parking for RV's and day parking for box vans. The all breed club is very accommodating to the specialty clubs and provides grouped reserved grooming for exhibitors fairly close to the ring. Next year BCGO is hoping to have a fun match on Friday before the show and TSE's both days of the all breed show. There are also obedience, rally, and agility trials available. Mark your calendars now!

Congratulations to the BCGO members that brought home wins from the National Specialties! At a special 'strawberries & champagne' meeting, the club celebrated their borzoi and members that brought home these wins: best in futurity and veteran sweeps, 3<sup>rd</sup> in triathlon, annual versatility dog, 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice A, best bred by exhibitor, WD, WB, BOW, 2 AOM, and best junior handler.

Congratulations to the other region 6 residents that acquired National Specialty placements and awards in Novice B and high combined score in open and utility obedience, Best Veteran, and AOM.

We have some great borzoi in this region and celebrate all their accomplishments!

Midwest Borzoi Club is hosting their specialty and TSE's in just a few weeks in Racine, WI. I hope to share of their success next time.

Keep yourselves and your dogs cool this summer!