



Region 1 – Maureen Bardwell

Region One concluded 2004 with the BCGNY and BCNE Fall specialties as well as with Club Christmas parties for BCGNY, BCCNJ, and BCDV. The 4 Region One Clubs are making active plans for the 2005 activities.

Following the November Board Meeting, a letter was received expressing concerns of some of the members of the BCGNY. These concerns included BCOA membership renewal policies, the scheduling of the BCOA national specialty, the BCOA support of rescue, health, and judges education, and the relationship of the BCOA Board to the Borzoi Connection. This letter was forwarded to all members of the Board. Explanation of BCOA activities in these areas was sent to the region one members after the explanations were reviewed by Barbara O'Neill (these explanations were also sent to the Board but no comments were received). Once the explanation letter was sent out, I received two letters from Kevin Miller, President of the BCNE, stating that the BCNE shared the concerns of the BCGNY. I also received 7 letters from other members of Region One thanking me for the explanation letter. These letters are available for review by Board Members upon request.

Although I previously reported this to the Board, I did want to make formal inclusion of the following in this report. Kevin Miller from the BCNE has volunteered to submit a proposal for holding the 2007 BCOA national specialty within region one. Kevin has already submitted a proposal for one site, and is still looking at other options. As always, the final vote for a specialty site proposal will take place at the Spring Board Meeting.

Region 2 – Jim Gibson

Since I just took office the first of this month, I have no report on activities from last year. However, we do have four Trophy Supported entries planned for the region thus far. These are as follows:

April 2, 2005

Newnan Kennel Club
Newnan, Georgia
Judge – Amy Sorbie
Sweeps – Karen Murray
Onofrio

September 24, 2005 *

Atlanta Kennel Club
Atlanta Georgia
Judge – Barbara Binder
Sweeps – Marilyn Polsfuss
Onofrio

October 29, 2005

Middleburg Kennel Club
Leesburg, Virginia
Judge – Barbara Alderman
Sweeps – Laura Hyatt
Moss-Bow

November 12, 2005

Decatur Alabama Kennel Club
Priceville, Alabama
Judge – Loraine Boutwell
Sweeps – Shirley McFadden
Onofrio

* We are tentatively planning a Region meeting in conjunction with the Atlanta Kennel Club show on September 24, 2005.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

It's been busy busy as Region 3 heads into the homestretch of hosting the National Specialty in Mesquite, TX.

The Lone Star Borzoi Club held its 4th ASFA lure trial in January. If all goes well, this should fulfill the clubs requirements to become a voting ASFA member club. LSBC members also hope to host another BCOA TSE in November in conjunction with the Cypress Creek Kennel Club of Texas show in Houston, Texas. The recent TSE at this clubs show this past November was a great success.

The Heart of Texas Borzoi Club has plans to host a BCOA TSE in September 2005 at the Fort Worth show.

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club is gearing up for its February specialty and TSE to be held at the Denver shows in mid-February. I look forward to experiencing the hospitality of the RMBC folk yet again at their February event.

Texas Borzoi fanciers came together to assist 22 Borzoi that the SPCA confiscated from a home in Dayton. The SPCA has allowed NBRF to take all of the dogs, and waived their fees. Donations from Borzoi fanciers are still being received at this time, and one of the SPCA workers has stated that they are amazed at the high level of concern, as well as donations, that they have seen from the Borzoi community. NBRF and its volunteers, as well as the Borzoi community, has made a lasting and favorable impression upon this shelter. The Lone Star Borzoi Club will be holding an online auction in order to raise funds to send to the SPCA to help with their expenses in handling this rescue.

Region 4 – Chris Bradley

Greetings, BCOA members!

The States comprising Region Four have seen a most unusual and aggressive winter. To my knowledge, most Borzoi and their people are quite wet, but without harm. We hope our Borzoi friends throughout the country are above water, and not snow-bound.

Please mark your calendars for the following:

Borzoi Club of Northern California Spring Specialty – Saturday, April 16th - Elk Grove, CA

LGRA Racing by BCNC – Sunday, April 17th, Sloughhouse, CA

Borzoi Club of California Summer Specialty – Friday, July 29th - Lompoc, CA

Borzoi Club of Northern California Fall Specialty – Saturday, October 22nd - Pleasanton, CA

Borzoi Club of California Fall Match – to be announced

Borzoi Club of California Winter Specialty – Saturday, November 5th - Irwindale, CA

We look forward to seeing you at the various Borzoi events!! Hug those doggies!

Region 5 – Irina Terra

The long-awaited "Sweet Russian" BCOA Trophy-Supported Entry Show took place on January 22, 2005 at the Rose City Classic shows in Portland, Oregon. Our judges were Ms. Marianne Klinkowski for the sweeps and Mr. Richard Bauer for regular classes. The turn-out was tremendous with fifteen puppy sweeps entries and 47 regular class entries. The wonderful chocolate trophies were made possible by the generosity of the following donors: Puget Sound Borzoi Club, International Canine Semen Bank, Marianne Klinkowski, Robin Riel, Patricia Wiseman, Irina & Kristina Terra, Barbara Binder, Sally Stephens, Phyllis Potter, Patricia & Jim Hillyard, and Tamara Carey. All entries received Russian gingerbread cookies and homemade Borzoi-shaped dog treats. Class winners received Russian chocolate bars and winners were presented with beautiful boxes of Russian chocolates. The TSE co-chairs Barbara Binder and Irina Terra dedicated a lot of time and effort into putting the trophies together and with invaluable help from Helen Lee and Robin Riel, the trophies were impeccably organized and beautifully presented. As far as other Borzoi activities over the past three months, we have had many litters in the region, and those puppies have already started hitting the shows. A local dog was owner-breeder handled by Region 5 BCOA member to the #1 Borzoi spot in Canada in 2004. Another local dog was the #1 brood bitch in the United States for 2004. We have had good turn-outs at dog shows and lure coursing events, with some people getting involved in agility and obedience. Next year, the National Specialty is to be held in Olympia, WA and the people of our region are excited about hosting the event. We hope that many people will show off their Borzois in the beautiful Pacific Northwest in 2006!

Region 6 – Cynthia Gredys

First, let me say I look forward to working with the board and representing the states of region 6. I would like all members in the region to know that I am always available to listen to ideas, suggestions, or concerns.

The activities available in our region in the next few months are the Midwest Borzoi Club's Independent Specialty. This will be held on March 18, 2005 along with obedience, puppy and veteran sweepstakes. The judges are John Reeve-Newsom / conformation, Meghann Lord / sweeps, Charles Bush / Obedience. On Saturday, March 19th, Jennifer Steele arranged for a special seminar featuring a "Dog Whisperer" that will be available to all attending the Detroit Kennel Club shows. The judges for Saturday are Amy Sorbie and Kim Horn-Janek (sweeps); Sunday will be Helen Stein and Laura Hyatt (sweeps).

There are several other specialties, TSE's, and some coursing planned in region 6 this year and I will provide that information at they approach.