



Region 1 – Maureen Bardwell

Region One has had a large amount of activity over the last few months. The BCNE held a BCNE TSE in September in Goshen, Connecticut. They will follow this by two Regional Specialties held at the Thanksgiving Cluster of Shows in W Springfield, MA. The BCCNJ held their regional specialty in September and the BCGNY held their fall regional specialty on Columbus Day weekend. As a result, the members of the Borzoi Fancy in the northeast had a large opportunity to attend shows which had a large entry.

Rebecca Peters-Campbell sent out a memo to members of Region One giving them an update of her plans for the 2007 BCOA National Specialty. Rebecca and Colleen Thiboutot have already put in a great deal of time and effort in their plans for the show. Please contact Rebecca if you wish to assist with the plans for this specialty. The site is a wonderful outdoor venue, and it should be a marvelous place to showcase the breed.

I recently returned from St Louis where I attended the Canine Health Foundation Conference. The BCOA Health Committee Chair, Ginger Jones, and BCOA member Kay Henderson were also in attendance. Information from this Conference will be shared with the BCOA members as it becomes available.

Region 2 – Jim Gibson

The BCOA Supported Entry held at the Atlanta KC show, on September 24th, had an entry of 6 in Sweeps and 18 in the regular classes. Following the breed judging, Jim Gibson held a Region 2 meeting attended by 12 members and 3 guests. We had an hour's discussion of some of the issues from the last Board Teleconference: PAWS, 2007 Specialty site, Katrina relief and specialty lure coursing.

Supported Entries were held at the Upper Potomac Valley KC shows (22-23 Oct) with Sweeps entries of 17 and 14. Regular class entries were 39 and 34.

The BCOA Supported Entry at Middleburg (VA) KC drew 19 sweeps and 42 regular class entries.

Entries have closed for the three BCOA Supported Entries in Priceville Alabama on November 11th, 12th, and 13th. There are majors in both sexes for all three days. We will be having another regional meeting on Saturday evening before the social event hosted by the TSE committee.

The final Region 2 Supported Entry of the year is coming up at the Greater Ocala Dod Club show on November 19th.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

Things are getting busier in Region 3 after a long hot summer with the running season starting up full blast, as well as a busy show schedule.

LSBC held its first AKC sanctioned A-Match on September 10 at the lovely Triple Crown Dog Academy Event Center in Hutto, Texas. An entry of 18 dogs was present and judged by Kanne Earl-Bowers of Kilkan Borzoi. The AKC has approved the club's work and LSBC is one step closer in its bid to become an AKC club.

The September BCOA TSE in Fort Worth was attended by many fine dogs, despite difficulties arising from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the impending Hurricane Rita. There were 10 entries present for Sweepstakes judging under Debs Herold and 31 present for the Regular Classes, judged by Ed Wild. There was a myriad of lovely trophies, including handpainted clocks, handmade windchimes, some lovely ceramic dog dishes and whimsical hot sauce bottles.

Preparations are now underway for the BCOA TSE event to be held in Houston, Texas in conjunction with the Cypress Creek Kennel Club of Texas on November 12. Sweepstakes Judge is Laura Hyatt (Meyta Borzoi) and Regular Class Judge is Donna Wojan (Donto Borzoi). Wishing everyone a joyful holiday

season!

Region 4 – Chris Bradley

By all reports, summer and fall have been successful for the Borzoi and their owners in Region 4! Specialty Shows have been well-attended by Borzoi enthusiasts from all over the US; and recently, entries have been quite high!

I continue to be impressed by the camaraderie shared by Borzoi folks on the West Coast... Both the Southern California Club and the Northern attend each others' Specialties; luncheons and "fireside barbecues" are open to all and thanks to potluck contributions, we NEVER run out of delicacies!

There's a very hard-working group of members searching for a west coast site for the 2008 BCOA National. Please think about what contribution you may be able to make... We will need help from members nationwide, as well as local. 2008 may seem a long time away, but it'll be upon us before we know!

Region 5 – Irina Terra

Region 5 BCOA members have been very busy over the summer and fall months. They participated in many conformation, lure-coursing, agility, and obedience events. In August we had two back-to-back PSBC Specialties and a trophy-supported entry show. All three days drew major entries. We had three breeder judges: Irving Bonios, Amy Sorbie, and Sandra Simmons with Ann Midgarden and Susan Deghi doing sweeps. Melissa Rundquist once again did a beautiful job with the amazing crystal trophies. The auction, which was organized by Doreen Carlstad with Nolan Rundquist doing the auctioneering, was a complete success, beating all records in terms of money raised. The Borzoi people in the region hope that the two-day specialty will become a tradition as everyone had a lot of fun.

Our member Jackie Browning from Alaska report that her special has been doing super well, gaining several group placements; there are exciting plans to breed him to her new beautiful Swedish import. Our members Mike and Vicky Savage from Eastern Washington have a homebred special has been very successful in his campaign this year, and his accomplishments include a BIS. Patty Hull, Zooropa, had a long-awaited litter. Our long-time BCOA member, Louis Cooper (Chulista Borzoi) reports that after five long years, she will have a litter in November, they are...smooth fox terriers.

The region is hosting the next BCOA National Specialty in Olympia, WA. We would like you all to come and see our beautiful Northwest.

Region 6 – Cynthia Gredys

We've been enjoying Indian summer here in eastern Nebraska and the fall colors are beautiful. Yes, besides corn and soybeans we do have trees! The borzoi anxiously await the coming winter, as the chilly mornings are harbingers of things to come!

Here are some reminders of borzoi activities to come in Region 6 in 2006, so mark your calendars now!

GTCBC

Friday June 9, 2006 – Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club Specialty, outdoors at the Waconia, MN fairgrounds. Regular Classes, Charles Tyson, Sweepstakes Classes, Cherie Hunchak. (pending AKC approval)

MBC

March 17, 2006 - Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty, indoors at the Southfield Holiday Inn, Southfield MI. Judge, Barbara Binder, Sweeps, Prudence Hlatky, Obedience, Daniel J. Hudson. Contact Lindsay Strutt; show secretary, MBCDET2006@aol.com.

March 18, 2006 - Midwest Borzoi Club Trophy Supported Entry indoors at the Detroit kennel club Benched all-breed show at Cobo Hall, Detroit MI. Judge, John P. Wade. Sweeps, Dr William Norelli. Superintendent MB-F www.infodog.com

BCGO

July 22, 2006 – Nebraska Kennel Club/BCOA Trophy Supported Entry (pending approval) indoors at the Qwest Center, Omaha, NE. Regular Classes, Roy Holloway - Sweeps, Valori Trantanella. Superintendent Onofrio Dog Shows.

July 23, 2006 - Nebraska Kennel Club/BCOA Trophy Supported Entry (pending approval) indoors at the Qwest Center, Omaha, NE. Regular Classes, Helen Lee James - Sweeps, TBA. Superintendent Onofrio Dog Shows.

Think good thoughts for junior handler Amelia Gredys as she will be competing at the AKC/Eukanuba Classic in January and at Westminster in February. She has met the qualifications for these invitational while showing her Pembroke Welsh Corgi and Borzoi. There has been a lot of interest in the local community as she's been in several newspapers and local television news. She has dreamed of going to these shows since she started showing in AKC shows about 5 years ago at the age of 10. Good luck Amelia!