



Region 1 – Rebecca Peters-Campbell

September finds Region One with most of the year's specialty shows and supported entries successfully completed. Earlier this month BCGNY sponsored a supported entry at the Central New Jersey Hound Association Show, then held their fall specialty the next day, in conjunction with the Tuxedo Park KC show. BCCNJ rounded out this special weekend with their specialty on Saturday, in conjunction with Somerset Hills KC. There has been a lot of positive feedback for holding all these shows as a cluster. The only negative is that many dogs' theme song was "I'm Too Sexy for My Coat."

BCCNJ also reported that several of the club's members will be participating in the AKC educational match to be held on September 29 in New Jersey.

BCNE will hold their specialty in November at the Thanksgiving cluster of shows in West Springfield, MA. The specialty will be held in Sunday, November 25, in conjunction with Springfield KC, with Ms. Joy Brewster judging the regular classes and Mr. Ralph Jamison judging puppy and veteran sweepstakes.

Next spring, BCGNY will hold their independent spring specialty on Friday, May 2, and BCDV will hold their spring specialty in conjunction with the Trenton KC show on Sunday, May 4. Like last year, both specialties will be held on the same show site in West Windsor, NJ.

Region One held a successful meeting & potluck after the hound show on Thursday, September 6, in North Branch, NJ. 26 members and friends were present. People contributed ideas that they would like to have presented to the BCOA Board of Directors. These included

- 1) A request that our Delegate would present to AKC the notion that titles on imported dogs that are accepted into the AKC stud book should be reflected on their AKC pedigrees – for instance, Fr Ch, Eng Ch. etc.
- 2) A request that BCOA would be pro-active in organizing and implementing studies for genetic markers for health issues that affect our breed. The recent successful research sponsored by a group of IW breeders was given as an example.

There was considerable discussion of health-related topics; everybody agreed that this is an area of great concern to owners and breeders alike. Linda Deutsch, who attended the meeting as a guest, is a member of the CHF President's Council. Linda graciously offered to be a source of additional ideas and information on this subject.

Region 2 – Jim Gibson

No known Region 2 activity to report.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club hosted its 13th annual Fall Specialty Show in Longmont, Colorado on September 3. This specialty was dedicated to the memory of David Green, who sadly was lost to us last year. Barbara Curtis judged Sweepstakes, drawing an entry of 15 puppies and 5 veterans. Regular classes were presided over by Jon Titus Steele and had a total entry of 71 in the regular classes (21 dogs/25 bitches/3 veteran dogs/1 veteran bitch/21 specials), 3 stud dogs and 1 brace. Also, for the first year, RMBC offered Junior Showmanship and had 3 entries which were judged by Rebecca Noe. During the lunch break, Jon updated those interested members on some AKC Delegate issues, such as the nature of the delegate's position and how to find out and fight anti-dog/pet legislation. Once again, RMBC provided fabulous hospitality and put on a well-organized event. I look forward to seeing them again in February.

Members of the Lone Star Borzoi Club are gearing up for hosting a BCOA Trophy Supported Entry at the Cypress Creek Kennel Club show in November. LSBC will also be hosting an all-breed ASFA lure trial the day before our Region's Invitational in Decatur, Texas. They are also finalizing the paperwork to apply for AKC recognition and are hoping for hosting their first specialty event in late 2008.

Region 4 – Laurie Kasowski

I must start my report by saying how proud I am of the valiant fight that our Borzoi community fought against the anti-dog legislation AB 1634 here in California. We know that we won the first battle and with the Borzoi community so dedicated, I know we will be ready to fight the next battle.

At the risk of forgetting someone’s name, I would like to mention some of the Borzoi people that took time out of their busy lives to stop this misguided law.

First and foremost, may I say how lucky we are to have Bill Hemby, BCOA Legislation Liaison, heading this valiant effort. I personally don’t believe we would have had the victory we did, without the expertise and dedication of Bill.

The following are just some of the Borzoi people who helped (in alphabetical order)

Sally Barron, Ed & Linda Bourne, Laurie Bradshaw, Todd and Toby Brandtman, Ken & Patti Burton, Lisa Cole, Wyatt Delfino, Cyndi Dell, Barb Ewing, Kay Henderson, Ruth Herrmann, Nadine Johnson, Tom & Laurie Kasowski, Bunny Kelley, Marilyn Laudenslauger, Lisa Malsom-Duerwald, Corrine Miller, Dave & Gwen Mills, Amanda Murphy, Monika Stachon, Robyn Stachon, Garnett Thompson, Linda Turner, Marcella Zobel, Karen Zydner, BCNC, BCOC, BCOA

My apologies to anyone left off this list, we thank you one and all.

There will be a BCOA Trophy Supported Entry in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dennis Williams, Chair reports the following: It will be held at the Fiesta Cluster: Scottsdale Dog Fanciers and Superstition Kennel Club. Jack Bradshaw is the superintendent. Location: Westworld, Scottsdale, AZ. Judges: Fri., Feb. 29--Edna Martin, Sat., Mar. 1--(Supported Entry Day)--Jon Steele, Classes & BOB; Lynda Gallaspey, Puppy and Veterans Sweeps, Sun., Mar. 2--Everett Dean, Mon., Mar. 3--John Wade

The winners, BOS, and BOB trophies will be Borzoi etchings on glass with stained glass borders. Scottsdale Dog Fanciers will be awarding rosettes to the winners. The Sweeps trophies will be hand painted tiles, by Char Reynolds. In addition, there will be gifts for each entering person and doggie gifts for each entering Borzoi. There will be refreshments after the BOB judging. We will also be going to Arriba's Mexican restaurant, about five minutes from the show site, for a great Mexican luncheon, on Saturday. Jon Steele our BCOA AKC delegate, will update us on important legislation/happenings inside the AKC. Great show grounds, lots of fun and good food, and hopefully...four days of five point majors.

The Borzoi Club of Northern California’s (BCNC) held their Spring Specialty on April 14, 2007 in Elk Grove, California. The rain didn’t dampen the spirits of the hardy exhibitors and spectators. All stayed afterwards to attend a lovely celebration in memory of Chris Bradley. As Chris would have wanted it, her family and friends toasted her and remembered our wonderful friend.

BCNC’s Fall Specialty will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 in Pleasanton California. This is a special year for BCNC as it commemorates their 50th year. Judges will be Amy Sorbie for the regular classes and Rebecca Peters-Campbell for Sweepstakes.

At the same site, there will be a BCOA TSE on 10-21-07, Regular judge – Mrs. Edith Tichenor Hanson and Sweepstakes Judge is Lucie Langlois. On 10-22-07 there will be a BCNC TSE judged by Mrs. Helen Winski Stein.

The Borzoi Club of California’s (BCOC) held their summer Specialty on July 27, 2007 in Lompoc, California in conjunction with the Western Sighthound Combined Specialties. It was a perfect Lompoc cool day and all enjoyed BCOC’s wonderful ringside hospitality.

BCOC is planning their annual match on Sunday, October 7 at Wildwood Park in Yucaipa, California. There will be conformation and obedience classes, Rally Obedience, a Borzoi costume class, Lushenka class, Obstacle course, Rescue raffle and potluck luncheon. Conformation, Junior Showmanship & Costume class judge is Ken Burton, Kifka Borzoi and Obedience Rally judge is Pamela Reagan.

BCOC’s Fall Specialty will be held on Saturday November 3, 2007 in Irwindale, California. Regular Classes to be judged by Kathy Forbes and the Sweepstakes judge will be Michelle Lucky-Rowton. The

site is lakeside and BCOA invites all attending to their complimentary ringside lunch

We in Region Four are looking forward to hosting next year's National Specialty.

Michael McLain and Lorrie Scott continue to plan for this exciting event to be held in Sacramento, California, April 12-19, 2008 at the Lions Gate Hotel.

To make room reservations contact the Lions Gate at their toll-free number (866) 866-7100 – mention group code: Borzoi 08

The Regular classes will be judged by Lena Tamboer and Puppy and Veteran Sweeps judged by Bonnie Dalzell. If you would like to volunteer and be a part of the team that puts on this very important event, please contact Michael or Lorrie.

For all details check the BCOA website at <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/2008/>

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Lorrie Scott chairs the So. California Borzoi Rescue. A Nevada breeder died and left 15 Borzoi that needed rescuing. Two were left with family members, two were taken by a co-owner and Lorrie with the help of Kris Taylor, Randy Carl and many others rescued the 11 remaining Borzoi. Within a matter of weeks, Lorrie had them spayed, neutered and placed all 11 in responsible homes. Bravo to Lorrie and those who helped these Borzoi.

Jacqueline Gregory is Director of Borzoi Rescue-Northern California (BR-NC). Nancy Joeckel, treasurer of BR-NC.

They continue to help any Borzoi in need in the Northern California area.

Their 2007 Calendar of events:

BR-NC Race Weekends

Saturday & Sunday, October 6 & 7, 2007, Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4, 2007

Fabulous Fall Raffles

Sunday, November 4, 2007, at close of race weekend

Region 5 – Irina Terra

As usual, there has been a lot of activity with Borzoi in our region in the summer. First and foremost, the Puget Sound Borzoi Club had two consecutive specialties in the end of August. The entries for the specialties have been growing every year since the club has put them back to back, and everyone is very pleased with this. There was a PSBC TSE show at the Sammamish Kennel Club, also drawing majors. Thanks to our Chairman Nolan Rundquist who was doing such a fabulous job with the specialty and the delicious dinner, Robin Riel, Melissa Rundquist and Tamara Carey who did trophies, Patricia Wiseman and Robin Riel in charge of hospitality, and Doreen Carlstadt working on the auction, the specialties were a complete success. The summer season is perfect to show off those Borzois at the outdoor shows and lure coursing meets in our region. Several champions have finished their titles in the U.S. and Canada, including some Alaskan dogs, who do not enjoy the number of shows we all do...There are several very special litters on the ground, including two "frozen" litters at Agust and Northwoods. Currently, there is an owner-breeder-handler who is campaigning her dog, and achieving some great results in the Top Ten List. Also, our region's junior handler Jordan Davis is in search of the last win for the Eukanuba qualification--we all wish her all the best of luck!

Region 6 – Cynthia Gredys

The BCOA TSE held in Omaha at the Nebraska Kennel Club had a great entry with majors in both sexes both days. Borzoi again had one of the highest entries in the show. The borzoi club as well as the NKC provided some awesome trophies and prizes to the winners of the TSE's.

Make sure to put this show on your calendar next year as Purina is picking it up as a sponsor. On Friday, there are many activities like judging and junior seminars, an all breed sweepstakes, possibly a borzoi match, agility and obedience trials, and lots of great prize money to win. There are plans to have a block of reserved grooming for borzoi folks at ringside, a ringside lunch, and a bigger ring. Of course the dinner

Saturday night at Vivace's is a tradition and something you don't want to miss! The Qwest Center is a wonderful show site – don't miss coming the 3rd weekend in July 2008.

MBC had a nice turn out for their TSE in Milwaukee and Racine in August. The Milwaukee sight is especially nice – lots of grass, trees, and lake breeze. There were majors 3 of the 4 days I believe so well worth the trip.

The MBC board and members are making plans for the National in 2009 in Frankenmuth, MI. It will be a great show at a wonderful location. Hope you are making plans to attend. If you are interested in helping please contact Jon Steele or Lynn Bennett.

MBC will be holding trophy supported entries November 15, 16, with the all-breed shows there at the same indoor site.

November 17, Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty

Lima Kennel Club, Columbus, OH

Show Super: MBF

Regular Classes: Janis Leikam, Sweepstakes: Bonnie Nichols

November 18, BCOA TSE

Central Ohio Kennel Club, Gahanna, OH

Regular Classes: Donnelle Richards, Sweepstakes: Rick Vaughn

More details are on the MBC website www.midwestborzoiclub.org

Looking ahead, Lydia Pruett reports GTCBC is still trying to resolve the show site issue for their independent specialty. The conditions of the rings were not good at the new location, but negotiations to move the specialty to a different weekend are not working out. Hopefully, by the next report they'll have settled on a site. Stay tuned.