

REGIONAL GOVERNORS REPORTS

Region 1 – Ron Williams

Not much to report. I continue to send out any insightful emails received. The main Region 1 focus of late will be on the planning of the 2013 National. I'm going to start attending local club meetings to talk up the need of committee volunteers.

The following is a copy of my January letter I sent to the region BCOA members:

I hope all of you enjoyed a peaceful yet exciting holiday season. I look forward to seeing you at the many shows in the upcoming year. I've been dealing with personal issues and now after taking a deep breath, I'm ready to move forward with a good head of steam with Regional Governor Responsibilities and dog show competitions!

I will once again reach out to our local clubs with intentions of attending a meeting or two in the up-coming months.

Meanwhile, I wanted to let you know we're moving forward with the planning of the 2013 National. As you may or may not know, Joy Windle is working with Barbara O'Neill getting things in place. The board has already approved the Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center in Lancaster, Pa to host the National. Joy has procured chairpersons for most of the needed committees. Joy would have the complete list; I believe chairpersons are still needed for the Auction(s) and Raffle Committees. We are still looking for volunteers! Please contact Joy if you would like to help us put on the show in any capacity. I did!!! You would still be able to show your Borzoi in any class. I will continue to forward to you any insightful emails that I receive for you reading. Also, please forward to me if you are aware of any email address changes. If there's anything you would like to discuss with me, don't hesitate to call or email me. Don't stop by the house without a week or two notice; for cleaning!!

Region 2 – Jane Schreiber

The BCOA National Specialty premium has been sent, so by now everyone should have received the information and events planned. Also check the BCOA website for more details. A few notes and highlights are:

Entries close for conformation, obedience and field events on March 9, 2011.

Specialty Sales items must be ordered by March 1st because of the time needed for embroidered items.

We strongly recommend that you pre-order your specialty items so that you will be able to get exactly what you want in style, size and color.

See you in Kansas on April 2nd to the 9th-don't forget your red shoes!!

2011 events in Region 2

We have two TSE's already scheduled.

BCOA TSE at Atlanta KC on April 16, 2011.

Sweeps judge: Tammy Lockhart Ream

Class judge: William Sahloff

BCOA TSE at Middleburg KC on Oct.30,2011

Sweeps judge: Elizabeth Szymanski

Class judge: TBD

Recap of activities in 2010

TSE entries

BCOGA Oct 30, 2010

Sweeps: 2

Regular classes: 9

PVBC.Oct 31, 2010

Sweeps: 11 entries

Regular classes : 34

TSE held in conjunction with the show in Huntsville, AL

Regular class: 21

The BCOGA held a weekend of ASFA lure coursing along with a sanctioned B-Match and an all sighthound fun match followed by a pot luck dinner and membership meeting. The club newsletter is full of useful information including a warning about Shredders and doggie recipes.

Following the PVBC Specialty on Oct 30,2010, I held a Regional meeting with the club after their hospitality luncheon for all Borzoi exhibitors. The club also holds a raffle for lovely goodie baskets and a silent auction.

Clubs may apply for a TSE for hosting lure coursing trials or for a Borzoi entry in a local trial or sponsor a Borzoi only trial hosted by BCOA.

The BCOA Board will be holding a meeting via phone conference on Feb 17th,2011, so if anyone has anything to ask or suggest, please contact me as soon as you can.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Kansas.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

Region 3 Report

The Lone Star Borzoi Club hosted the ASFA Region IV Regional Invitational on Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. We had an entry of 17 Borzoi, one of the largest there, and it included 6 veterans. It was wonderful to watch the old ones dash around the field.

LSBC also hosted a club trophy supported entry at the Greater Collin Kennel Club show in Dallas on December 11, presenting an entry of 25 Borzoi to judge Mary Ann Alston.

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club's winter specialty will take place this Saturday at the Plum Creek KC show in Denver. The judge is Betty Anne Stenmark and there is an entry of 10-15-6-5. Sweepstakes judge Cindy Scott will have an entry of 8 puppies and 2 veterans to officiate. Much to my dismay, circumstances prevent me from attending – but I will certainly be there in spirit and eagerly await the results from the event.

RMBC also has a fun run (straight racing practice and box training) scheduled for March 12 at the Zoiboyz Ranch in Falcon, CO.

Region 4 – Lorrie Scott

Our region has seen the New Year come in rather quietly. BCOC held its winter specialty Jan 7 for the first time in Indio, Ca just before the Palm Spring shows. The weather was great and the show was well attended.

BCNC will be having its specialty this March also at a new venue. It will held in Vallejo, Ca and be part of a 4 day show circuit.

Members from this region are in the planning stages of their trip out to Kansas to attend the national specialty.

Several members from our region participated in setting up and manning the BCOA Meet The Breed booth at Eukanuba National Dog Show held in Long Beach, Ca. in December. As he has in the past Chet Weston did a beautiful job planning and laying out the booth as well as bringing many lovely borzoi items to display. Joy Windle has done a wonderfully educational CD on borzoi and we were able to have it playing continuously on a screen throughout the weekend. Randi Carl, Kay Novotny, and Betty de la Rosa all brought their borzoi to share. Thank you to all who were there and participated.

Region 5 – Robin Riel

It has been fairly cold, gloomy and wet in most of Region 5. I have had communications with the BCOA members who have questions about the BC. I have explained that BCOA is looking at reviving the Aristocrat and that is being discussed. I will update them when I know more. Shows are continuing on in this region with some majors being found but they are harder to come by. With the economy comes smaller shows and entries. Most of the Borzoi fancy is having a hard time entering more than one dog at a time.

On the brighter side PSBC is working on their Specialty in August. Looks like there may be puppies for Sweepstakes.

Still room for help and volunteers for the 2012 Nationals which will be held in Richland, WA. In May of 2012. Please contact Robin Riel if you would like to help. We would appreciate any and all that we can get. Thanks,

Region 6 – Joyce Katona

In case you did not see the message from BCOA President, Lydia Pruett, here is the most recent information from our November Board meeting. Remember, you can always find the minutes of the board meetings on the Secretary's page of the BCOA website:
<http://www.borzoiclubofmerica.org>.

Highlights of the November board meeting:

- There were no petitions for Board positions so the nominating committee's slate was elected.
- The TSE guidelines and application have been revised; the new forms are posted to the BCOA website.
- BCOA Logo patches are now available for \$8.00 each. They are well done and will be available for sale at the National.
- A Top 10 GCH ranking will be added to the BCOA statistics.
- A noncompetitive list of qualifying scores in AKC Agility or Tracking will be added to the BCOA statistics. Members must submit their results to June Mintchell at rmintchell@yahoo.com with the date, class and score.
- The 2013 National will be held in Region One, in Lancaster, PA. The dates are May 12-18, 2013.

- As the Borzoi Connection will now be published twice a year, BCOA will publish the quarterly Statistics on the BCOA website.

If you haven't sent in your dues yet, you must add a \$10.00 late fee. Dues not paid by March 1, 2011 will result in termination of membership. If you prefer, you can pay your dues by Credit Card using the Shopping Cart on the Secretary's page. Don't forget our health, rescue and junior funds.

The Midwest Borzoi Club's Specialty and supported entry shows were a big success. Majors were had in both sexes several days and the weather cooperated too! The dinner set up by Amy Sikula was enjoyable as always, great food, good friends and borzoi talk, what's not to like? I conducted a brief Region 6 update on Saturday and the patches that were mentioned above were a hit. Be sure to look for them at the sales table in Kansas. If you are not planning to attend the National and would like a patch, please notify me and I will try to arrange to get one for you.

Speaking of the National, if you are planning to attend you should make you reservations soon, remember it is in April this year! When making reservations, be sure you let the hotel know it's for the BCOA Nationals in order to receive the group rate. Deadline for special rate is March 1, 2011! Holiday Inn & Conference Center 800-HOLIDAY or 785-841-7077 Hotel Website: www.holidayinn.com/lawrenceks

After some trials and tribulations, the BCOA Online Ads are now available! To place a Breeder, Litter, or Stud Dog add, go to <http://borzoi-online.com/rates.html> for instructions. The ads can be paid for using the Shopping Cart on the Secretary's page.

The following is a list of upcoming events in and around our region for 2011. Be sure to check the calendar from time to time as new TSE's are added periodically:

January 2011

January 22

Midwest Borzoi Club

- Oakland County Kennel Club
- Rock Financial Show Place, Novi, MI
- Show Super: MB-F
Regular Classes: Jon Steele
- Sweepstakes: Ron Mater
- Show Chair: Michelene Nash

April 2011

April 3-9

BCOA National Specialty (pending AKC approval)

- Lawrence, KS
Regular Classes: Amy Sorbie
- Sweepstakes: Lorrie Scott
- Junior Showmanship: Nancy Sedlacek
- Obedience/Rally: Rick Gavin

- Lure Coursing: Kim Bork and Michael Ferris

June 2011

June 10

Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club

- Scott County Fairgrounds
Jordan, MN
Regular Classes: Robin Riel
- Sweepstakes: Irina Terra
- Show Chairman: Lydia Pruett
- Show Superintendent: Onofrio

July 2011

July 15

Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha

- Qwest Center
Omaha, NE
Regular Classes: TBD
- Sweepstakes: TBD
- Show Chairman: Caryl Dumaine
- Show Superintendent: Onofrio

August 2011

August 12

BCOA TSE

- Cudahy Kennel Club
Regular Classes: TBD
- Sweepstakes: Cheryl Shallock Lundblad
- TSE Chairman: Pamela Jo Leichtnam

August 13

Midwest Borzoi Club

- Cudahy Kennel Club, Cudahy, WI
Regular Classes: Irving Bonios
- Sweepstakes: Terry Ann Doane
- Show Chairman: Pamela Leichtnam

- Show Superintendent: Roy Jones Dog Shows

October 2011

October 30

BCOA TSE

- Middleburg Kennel Club,
Leesburg, VA
Regular Classes: TBD
- Sweepstakes: Elizabeth Symanski
- TSE Chairman: Robin Casey
- Show Superintendent: MB-F

Happy New Year to all and I hope to see you somewhere along the Yellow Brick Road in April!