

## **Regional Governors' Reports**

### **August 2012**

#### Region 1 – Ron Williams

Some of my communication to the region included encouraging members and clubs to sign the Small Breeders Petition and looking for support of the October Meet the Breeds event in NYC. I haven't heard back from the person who designed our booth last year. I really would like him to repeat the booth he created.

I attended the BCNE meeting in West Springfield, MA on July 7<sup>th</sup>. My agenda included:

- The Meet the Breeds event in New York City on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Aside from their fall Specialty moving to the same October date, it would probably be too far for the folks in New England to support. However, I wanted to create some excitement in participating in any organized MTB event. There was some discussion on participating in next year's MTB event.
- Supporting the 2013 Region 1 National in Lancaster. Some of the committee chairmen are coming from this club.
- The Region 1 concern of not having a suitable venue for advertising since the Connection. They were asking whether anyone considered digitizing the Connection. I mention there's still a strong support of having it in magazine form. I also mention this year's national catalog had a significant increase in ads. This could have been a direct result of not having the Connection.
- Most of the members present were aware of the issue with the Small Breeders Petition. I encourage them to sign the petition on behalf of BCNE.

#### Region 2- Jane Schreiber

All AKC notices provided by the BCOA AKC Delegate, Barbara O'Neill have been forwarded to the Region 2 members as well as special announcements about legislation that needs action.

The Borzoi Club of Greater Atlanta recently held an auction on line of items donated from the estate of Shirri Peak, a wonderful friend to so Borzoi owners in the region. Sandra Moore coordinated the auction and will be auctioning additional pieces from the estate in the near future.

I will be hosting a Region 2 meeting in October at the PVBC Specialty held in conjunction with the Middleburg KC at Oatlands near Leesburg, Va. Their specialty weekend is Oct 27 and 28, 2012 with Jane Bishop judging on Saturday and Paul Willhauck on Sunday. Any BCOA member in attendance is welcome to attend the meeting after the specialty and luncheon held at the PVBC hospitality tent. Come with questions, comments and ideas!

A reminder once again to attend the BCOA TSE in Huntsville, Alabama on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> with Pattie Neale as the regular judge and Sheila Smith judging the sweeps. Help the Borzoi members there have a successful entry this year.

Chris Neale is the chairman for the BCOA Meet the Breed booth at Eukanuba in December this year. I hear that he has many exciting ideas for a spectacular presentation. If you are entering or attending the show, please consider giving BCOA some of your time to visit the booth with your Borzoi-they are what visitors want to see and meet.

Recently, I realized that there are members in this region who do not have computers to receive news and updates from the BCOA and with the BC no longer being published, these members are not being informed about Borzoi news and activities.

So, I will be mailing copies of the Aristocrat, which can be printed from the BCOA website to these members each time the Aristocrat is published.

As always, please feel free to be in touch with any questions or input for BCOA.

#### Region 4 – Lorrie Scott

BCNC had a lovely specialty March 24. It was held in Vallejo, Ca and was part of a 4 day show circuit. Entries were down as it seems they are pretty much in this region. I was unable to attend due to an injury to one of my dogs but look forward to attending their fall specialty. My understanding from their club officers is that next year they will not be having a specialty at this venue.

BCOC just had their specialty in conjunction with WSCS in Lompoc, Ca. Just like BCNC the entries were off by about 1/3 from last year. Hospitality was delicious as usual and the show was lovely. Ringside mentoring/education was done with three people who wanted to expand their knowledge of our breed. After judging and lunch exhibitors very kindly brought dogs for them to go over and discuss the strong points and not so strong points. It was very educational for all involved. Approximately 16 dogs were presented. Our guests were very impressed with the willingness and camaraderie of our exhibitors to bring forth their dogs. Thank you to all who participated and volunteered their dogs.

Many members from this region attended the national specialty in Richland Wa. Our region is looking forward to hosting the 2014 specialty to be held in Albuquerque, NM.

I've heard from many of my regional members regarding the lack of a breed magazine and/or a printed version of the Aristocrat. It seems that people still enjoy the print media and miss having it or at least a means to advertise our breed in a club venue.

#### Region 5- Robin Riel

Everything has returned to normal after the national. Members here are gearing up to the PSBC back to back specialties. Judges are Rita Walker for regular classes on Friday and Barbara Binder for Saturday.

#### Region 6- Joyce Katona

I sent an update to the region and congratulated all those who traveled to WA and came home with a win as well as the winners at the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club Specialty.

I mentioned the APHIS legislation and urged all the members to educate themselves about the regulations, write comments and sign the petition or call the USDA at (301)851-3735, office of Jerry Rushing, staff Vet for the Animal Care Dept. I included the links below:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-0001>

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=APHIS-2011-0003-0001>

[http://saova.org/APHIS\\_comments.html](http://saova.org/APHIS_comments.html)

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/join-with-the-akc-to-protect-responsible-small-breeders.html>

Being that we are in the midst of the hottest summer on record, I included some summer safety tip reminders, including a graph of temps in a closed car.

I added heatstroke symptoms to watch for and steps to lowering a dog's body temperature. I followed with possible yard hazards including cocoa mulch, foxtails and burrs and listed phone numbers to several poison control centers.

Finally, I listed the upcoming shows and specialties in the region.

As I have done for the past year or so, I attempted to forward AKC emails but for some reason they bounced back. Multiple attempts were made to send the following AKC Canine Health Foundation Genome Barks Podcasts: Atopic Dermatitis, Canine Sports Medicine, Canine Athlete Initiative as well as July e-Barks-the Canine Athlete, Canine Athlete Fund--Fit for Sport. Fit for Life, AKC's Taking Command-July 2012 and AKCommunicates! July 2012 edition. I welcome suggestions if anyone knows why this is no longer working.