



Standing Committee Reports May 2013

Judges Education

Patti Widick Neale, Co---ordinator

2013 will be a full year for Judges Educational events. For better or for worse, *all* three national judges associations are requesting Borzoi presentations at their Group events this year. That means that student Borzoi judges need to get their acts in gear this year, for 2014 will be much more spare.

On Saturday night, March 16 in Louisville, Kentucky, I presented Borzoi in a seminar format as part of the American Canine Education Foundation Hound Institute, the educational arm of Senior Conformation Judges Association. It was quite well attended, with more than 20 students, including several repeat attendees, and some long---time Hound judges. This was a two hour event, but did not include a hands---on workshop, due to the format for the week.

We have 8 or 9 judges planning to attend the Judges Study Group at the National in Lancaster. IF they all show up, it will be a record for recent years. We will have the usual format of Friday night seminar and workshop, Friday and Saturday ringside mentoring on May 17 and 18.

In July, DJAA, Dog Judges Association of America will hold Hound Group workshops in Houston, in conjunction with the Reliant World Series of dog shows. The date for the Borzoi presentation is Saturday, July 20. I will be calling on local Borzoi folks to provide dogs for the workshop component.

In August, ADSJ, American Dog Show Judges Association will feature sighthounds, as it does every other year in a collegial setting at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Dates are August 18 through 23. Borzoi have always been well represented there, thanks to the efforts of numerous breeders and exhibitors in the Northeast and eastern Mid---west.

As always, the success of these event depends on the good folks of the area bringing their best dogs for the student judges to practice judging and critiquing in the workshops.

Keep In Touch

Edna Ogata

New member added: Dr. and Mrs. Charles Shoaf (referred by Joy Windle)

Activities:

January 2013

Birthday cards to D. Duncan, E. Forry

February, 2013

Valentine cards

March, 2013

Birthday cards to M. Endicott, L. Bond, D.

Constant

April, 2013

Birthday card to K. Kostishack

Legislative Liaison

Rita Rice

As of April 26, 2013, there are over 100 bills in legislation across the country dealing with animal husbandry, sales, or animal rights issues. The AKC's Government relations department tracks them individually, and keeps a list available here:

<http://www.cqstatetrack.com/texis/viewrpt/main.html?event=49bfaef9bd>

Below are a few of the bills being considered at the US Government level:

The PUPS Bill (Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act -- HR 847 and also S 395) is of great concern, since it is a US government bill that may affect all of us, if passed.

AKC's specific concerns with PUPS include the following:

- Defines "high volume retail breeder" as someone with "an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs". This definition is overly broad and does not take into account co- and joint ownerships common among dog owners, dog show participants, hunting club members, sporting dog trainers and other hobbyists. This would hurt many small hobby breeders who keep or breed only a few dogs in their homes by subjecting them to commercial standards of regulation as a result of agreements they maintain with other small breeders.
- Defines "high volume retail breeder" as someone with "an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs". Because the threshold for regulation is based on the number of dogs bred and sold, any reference to the number of dogs owned or in custody is unnecessary and potentially misleading.
- Defines "breeding female" as an intact female dog aged 4 months or older. This is misleading and implies that a female dog may be bred at 4 months. Female dogs are not sufficiently mature at 4 months of age to be bred and should not be deemed "breeding females".
- Exercise language should be clarified with respect to the terms "solitary and goal oriented" to ensure that the daily exercise requirements do not preclude training that involves other types of wholesome activity that could fall under this definition (e.g., playing fetch, field training for hunting dogs, or the responsible use of treadmills for keeping canine athletes in top physical condition).
- PUPS would exponentially expand the pool of breeders regulated and inspected by the Animal Care Division of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS). *However, a May 2010 audit of this program by the USDA's own Inspector General demonstrated that the existing inspections program is insufficient to carry out current responsibilities.* AKC believes these issues and full funding for the current program and enforcement of current laws should be addressed before attempting to exponentially expand the program's responsibilities and workload.

US HR 847 was referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development and Credit as of 3/14/13.

US S 395 was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry as of 2/27/13.

The Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act (US HR 183) directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a pilot program for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of addressing post--deployment mental health and post--traumatic stress disorder symptoms through a therapeutic medium of training service dogs for veterans with disabilities.

This may be of interest to some BCOA members as it potentially pertains to "Operation Wolfhound" and other organizations relating to PTSD service dogs.

US HR 183 was referred to the Subcommittee on Health on 1/22/13.

US HR 63 – Expressing support for designation of the first Saturday in October as `National Animal Rescue Day/Winslow’s Day’ to create awareness, educate humans of the importance of adoption, and create a humane environment for any pet, including the importance of spaying and neutering of animals, and the encouragement of animal adoptions throughout the United States.

US HR 63 was referred to the House Committee of Oversight and Government Reform on 2/12/13.

Due to the number of commitments I have had on my plate this season, I’ve only had time to monitor bulletins and make a quick report of bills that may be of national concern. In the future, I will endeavor to catch these matters as they occur, and send them to the Board along with pertinent facts and recommendations for action (if any). Please let me know if the Board has any recommendations for this position.

Lure Coursing Committee

Tom Golcher

ASFA

The most recent ASFA Communiques can be found at: www.asfa.org

2013 ACoD Report

Following a really delightful hospitality event organized by the Colorado Lure Coursing Association held on Friday night, the ACOD convened at 9 am on Saturday, 23 Mar 13. An early spring snowstorm delayed the arrival of some delegates, but there were about 44 people in attendance at final count. The delegates approved the minutes from the previous ACOD with a few minor corrections. All regional directors (RDs) were there or had representatives arranged to report on their respective regions, including Region 7’s RD. The President, 1st and 2nd vice presidents, and the various formal committee leads reported on their activities since the previous ACOD. One common theme throughout was appreciation for Ping Pirrung’s strong organization skills, as most committees had established goals, job descriptions, and milestones for their work under her leadership. Interested BCOA members may read the report at this website:

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9L0GRpGAgZCSUotNkJLQmEwWUk/edit?usp=sharing>

It is a huge file (at least 32 mB) so select download and then save.

Some items of interest, in no particular order, follow. These items are based upon my notes from the meeting and are accurate to the best of my knowledge. That said, they are not an official record from the ACOD and represent only what I heard and thought would be of interest to the BCOA membership. If there are questions, please let me know and I’ll attempt to clarify.

1. If any Club has information to be included in the Communique, please get the submission into Ping Pirrung or Bill Bowlus---Root before the 20th of each month.
2. ASFA has not received proposals for 2014 or 2015 ASFA International Invitational yet.
3. Most entries in 2012 were relatively flat with the exception of Silken entries, which showed a rising trend. Interestingly, quite a few of the RDs are now Silken owners.
4. When making premiums for a Club’s ASFA competition, list the judges in breed alpha order and not running order. Clubs wishing their premiums posted on the ASFA website, should submit the premium as a single PDF file instead of multiple files and formats.
5. Major changes are coming in ASFA’s information technology, with eventual integration of the ASFA website and ASFA records.
6. The ASFA website has a page for each Regional Invitational.
7. There is a call for full sets of old issues of the FAN. The goal will be to digitize the magazines and to post them into a history section on the ASFA website. These will not be returned.
8. The ACOD approved the Public Relations committee’s proposal for a 90 day test for an official ASFA Facebook page.
9. The Forms committee has made changes to the forms, such as a “best in event” block. If you want preprinted forms for your trial, order ahead of time from Marilyn Sanderford. ASFA can print the forms more cheaply than an individual, but time must be allowed for mailing, etc.

10. ACOD agreed that in the future the Hall of Fame biographies be limited to 250 words. BII NFC DC Chartwell Silver Run Valevue SGRC, ORC, LCM6, VC (Rory), a Scottish Deerhound, was voted in. The other two were Gala, a whippet, and Kelly, an Irish wolfhound.
11. Of the 8 rule changes proposed, only change 3 failed. The authors had proposed rule change 3 to save the winners of multiple stakes the extra runs against each other. ACOD concerns focused on the fact the rule change hadn't addressed issues such as bowen points.
12. ACOD site selection for next year is Dallas. Important note for potential attendees: As usual, ASFA will block a number of rooms at a special lower rate for ACOD attendees. The special rate is lower than the posted hotel rate and includes a reduced cost for the meeting rooms and set up (tables, chairs, plus whatever else the hotel is willing to include). The reduced meeting room rate reduces the conference registration fee for all attendees. By blocking the rooms, ASFA guarantees the rooms will be filled at that rate. If ASFA cannot fill the blocked rooms, ASFA must pay for them itself. As it is possible to undercut the blocked room rate through Expedia or other 3rd party vendor (rate can be lower as it doesn't include the meeting room costs), henceforward ASFA's conference fee for folks who purchased a room at the conference hotel through a third party will be the same as for those planning to stay outside the conference hotel (e.g., a friends place, home, or a different hotel). In other words, folks who end up at the conference hotel without filling one of the rooms the hotel has blocked for them at ASFA's request, will help pay for the conference rooms directly through their registration fee, just as those who are staying elsewhere do.
13. The Gary Forrester Achievement Award went to Janet Lutz.
14. "Lockjaw" committee gave a handshake to their selection of lure op of the year, Sean McMichael.
15. There were three motions. One to address replacing vacancies in adhoc committees (passed); one to direct the BOD to organize a task force to examine AKC acceptance of ASFA titles (failed). The third motion was to update the rules policies, and constitution to remove reference to publication in FAN (passed)
16. The ACOD completed its business on Saturday. Although there were some disagreements, none of the issues were so contentious that discussion consumed inordinate amount of time.
17. The RDs elected Josie Haumont to be the RD lead.

On Sunday, the ACOD reconvened in a less formal fashion – no Robert's Rules, not a part of the ACOD, just plain discussion. Ping Pirrung led the group (about 20 attendees there), focusing on three areas in general: public relations; field trial improvements, and long range planning. The discussions were freewheeling and covered a good amount of ground. Below is a capture of some salient points among the many that were flowing.

1. Public relations discussion included concepts that addressed marketing, advertising, promoting the ASFA brand, strategic communications, crisis preparations and mitigation strategies, and the need for a single spokesperson who can help develop and promote a single voice for ASFA to the press and the outside world.
2. Field trial improvement committee ideas ranged broadly as well. Some of the ideas included pre-drawing prelims and finals at the same time, clipping the open end of judge's sheets to the clip board to make it easier to pull out one at a time, letting folks know when the trial will begin following roll call (transparency—if it will take 90 minutes before the field trial is ready to start, let folks know), run long distance travelers hounds first, inspect singles first and start running them while inspecting the regular entries, go through the hunt master spiel during the handler's meeting, have a late rollcall on Saturdays, enabling folks within several hours driving distance to avoid a Friday night hotel or a wee hour start on Saturday to make an early roll call, identify a Club member to greet newcomers and help them figure out what and how to course their hound.
3. Long range planning ideas were many and included a CAT-like initiative perhaps with a corporate sponsor (e.g., PETCO World of Lure Coursing that would culminate in the top representatives of non-sighthounds competing for a prize at the II) or an American Idol-style CAT-like trial; development of a training program using U-tube videos to help newcomers learn how to manage

the release collars, how to put on a coursing blanket, learning the hunt master skill set, etc; development of program to bring in new blood into the organization; collecting best practices and sharing them among other Clubs. The long range planning committee will decide among the many, which to concentrate on.

Any errors of fact are mine. The ASFA Recording Secretary will publish the actual minutes, which are unofficial until they are approved by the 2014 ACoD.

Top ASFA/BCOA Member Borzois for Jan 1 2013 thru April 12, 2013 *

* Be advised that the statistician does not have the 2013 membership list. Some names may be omitted.

When the new membership list is received I will provide any corrections noted.

ASFA	BCOA	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Points
1	1	Weston	FCC'LestialWild&WonderfulOf Ryhka,LCM3,LCX,SORC	D. Darling / L. Green	27
2	2	Kiss	C'LestialWhiteChocolateOfRyhka,FCh,SC,ORC	D. Darling / L. Green	18
3	3	Bocelli	Aria's Bocelli At Zoiboyz,FCh	KC Thompson / T. Golcher	16
3	3	Onyxx	C'Lestial StarlightExpress@Ryhka,FCh,SC,ORC	D. Darling / L. Green	16
5	5	Cameo	FCC'LestialTecFirecrackerOfRyhka,SC,ORC	D. Darling / L. Green	15
6	6	CJ	DC Avalon Wns Rising Sun,FCh,SC,ORC,GRC	S. Moore	13
6	6	Legs	Del Sol Endless Endeavor WNS,FCh	S. Van de Water	13
6	6	Vision	Windsheer K---C Red Light Special,FCh,SC	K. Parks	13
9	6	Rowan	Avalon Riverrun Rowan Tree Oxota	S. Moore	12
10	10	InSanity	Uch Del Sol End of Reason WNS,FCh,GRC	S. Van de Water	11

AKC**Top AKC/BCOA member Borzois Jan 1 2013 thru April 27, 2013**

AKC	BCOA	Name		Points
1	1	DC Chihawk Maschas Dream Of The Wildhunt SC	R Jamison & G Ariel Duncan	13
3	2	CH Svershin Savladai Cool Operator MC	Terry Doane	12
3	2	Avalon RiverRun Rowan Tree Oxota SC	Sandra Moore	12
5	4	CH Petya Svershin Troubadour SC	Terry Doane	11
8	5	Oxota Avalon Switchblade	Leo Abordo	10
8	5	C'Lestial Rose Of Jericho SC	Liz Green	10
8	5	Silkenswift New Year's Red Dawn SC	T. Golcher / KC Thompson	10
12	8	Wild Hunt Creme De La Creme At Scheremetjew SC	Karin Johnson	9
12	9	Jubilee Millionairess At Val---Thor SC	Betty de la Rosa Cindi Gredys	9
12	10	FC Tovaritch's Evarest SC		9

BCOA Register of Merit**Barb Ewing ROM Statistician**

Applications have been received for the following Borzoi, who qualify for the ROM with the designation shown:

SIRES:

Ch Blackmoor Dust In The Wind

ROM---C

Ch Zabava Mercury, JC

ROM---C

DC Silkenswift Blaze's Dark Fire LCM7, SC, GRC

ROM

DAMS:

Avalon Tigress in the Dark

ROM

Avalon Polychromatic

ROM

Rescue

May10, 2013

Dee Jones

Thank You. I'd like to use this forum to thank all the people who assist rescue, either with donations or by fostering, transporting, providing vet care, or any other help to those of our breed who find themselves in need.

Janis Lockler Bequest. Janis Lockler, a life-long California educator, loved borzois, and owned several with her late daughter Kate Moureaux. Kate passed away in 2004, and Janis passed away in 2009 at the age of 94. She left a generous gift to borzoi in her will.

In addition to her smaller bequests, Ms Lockler divided the bulk of the funds of her estate between the Oregon Humane Society and "National Borzoi Rescue." Michael Slominski, the attorney who drew up the will, stated Ms Lockler wanted her funds to be dispersed throughout the United States, among various borzoi rescue groups. He also stated she was unaware of any specific borzoi rescue group, and that she had decided to leave determination of the specific beneficiary to the executor of her will.

The executor of the will has determined that Ms Lockler's intent would be best served by distributing the bequest for borzoi rescue to the BCOA Rescue Fund. At this point, the bequest is approximately \$17,000.00. The executor deems the BCOA Rescue Fund best able to disperse the funds as needed to any rescue group who is rescuing borzois.

Unfortunately, the directors on the board of NBRF (Carol Backers, Liz Duncan, Mary Childs) are claiming NBRF is entitled to the entire bequest. They have hired an attorney from Portland Oregon to assert this claim.

The BCOA Rescue Chair regrets that Ms Lockler's generous gift to needy borzois may be spent instead in litigation with NBRF. Their motivation is hard to understand, as the BCOA Rescue Fund has always financially supported NBRF as able. Further, it is important to note that NBRF has not turned to the BCOA Rescue Fund in the past several years. This is because the Beverly Taylor Fund has generously supported NBRF in the past several years.

The executor is still exploring options that will preserve the monies for the benefit of the hounds. I remain hopeful that neither Ms. Lockler's bequest nor monies donated to NBRF to assist Borzoi in serious trouble will be spent in attorney fees. Sadly, BCOA's efforts to dissuade NBRF from continuing legal action have failed.

Borzoi Rescue – North California, Nancy Joeckel

Dogs in Rescue

All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm/lyme tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done.

Tepla 2013 — Tepla was 11 years old and given up because of her owner's health. She had been much loved and very well care for throughout her life. Tepla's breeder was out of the area and agreed to having Tepla placed through BR-NC adoption since we had a truly ideal senior home for Tepla. This enabled us to place Tepla quickly and with a minimum of stress and transportation. She now lives with a current BR-NC adopter who has a Borzoi girl of the same age.

Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program

BR-NC's Referral Program gives owners/breeders access to excellent homes while they retain full control over all aspects of placing their dogs. In return, BR-NC receives a \$100 donation to help cover the expenses of the dogs we take into rescue.

Adina Rose 2013 — Adina Rose was a 2-1/2 year-old loved and cared for young Borzoi who needed more to do and more room to run than her owner's health allowed. We are still in the process of locating a good forever home for Adina.

Townes 2013 — 2.5 year-old Townes was placed in our Referral Program because his home situation

required Townes be crated most of the day. This highly socialized, sweet boy was placed with one of our Potential Adopters who was able to more than meet his needs. Townes now has a Borzoi sister and his owner has many years of Borzoi experience.

Other Dogs Assisted

Two current BR-NC dogs, placed in 2010, needed assistance when their owner had to move for work. We were able to locate a current BR-NC adopter who offered to foster the dogs while the owner moved and found appropriate housing. These dogs both had serious tick-borne diseases when taken into Rescue, so they require on-going medical supervision and care. We are very grateful to the couple who has taken in these girls while their owner relocates.

NBRF – Liz Duncan-Burge

The National Borzoi Rescue Foundation (NBRF) is dedicated to the rescue and permanent placement of all displaced borzoi across the United States. All borzoi are spayed/neutered and fully vetted prior to placement. Adoption applications, references checked and home visits are required prior to placement with emphasis placed on the quality of life, and special needs, of each individual borzoi.

Officer Changes - The NBRF Board has gone through some recent changes. Effective April 13, 2013, Mary Childs is now Vice-Director and Liz Duncan-Burge is the Secretary/Treasurer. Carol Backers remains as Director.

To date for 2013, NBRF has taken in a total of 8 borzoi with only two remaining in foster care and they have a home together waiting for them pending an in home visit.

Also, Tala, the last of our Pickle Hill Rescues, has made it to her forever home in Atlanta, Georgia and is thriving in her new environment.

The Arizona senior lady, Sascha, after healing from having multiple tumors removed, has found a permanent home with her foster family in Sedona, Arizona.

From January 1st, 2013 to April 30, 2013 our total veterinary expenses have been \$3,556.25. Note that this does include any discounts given by the providing veterinarian to a 501c3 Rescue.

We would like to thank the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund Committee for continuing to ensure that Ms. Taylor's wishes and dreams are being carried out and for the \$11,250.00 for the operating year 2013.

NBRF encourages ALL breeders to permanently identify their borzoi and puppies with microchips or tattoos. Without such identification, we are unable to contact YOU if your dog should ever end up in rescue.

Follow us on Facebook at: <<https://www.facebook.com/nationalborzoirecuefoundation> or visit our website at www.nbrf.org >

Always hug your hounds!

National Specialty Updates

Barbara O'Neill

Futuriy

The 2014 Futurity, which began November 15, 2012 has ten new bitch nominations and six new litter nominations. The 2013 Futurity account closes at \$3,495 and the 2014 account stands at \$365.

National Specialty Guidelines

Guidelines are up-to-date.

2013 National Specialty – Lancaster, PA

The 2013 National Specialty planning is coming to an end and Joy and her committee have plenty of surprises for everyone attending, making for a very special specialty. Judging program is up on the website and catalog is at the printers.

2014 National Specialty**Albuquerque, NM**

Plans for 2014 are coming along with Carol Enz as Facility/Specialty Coordinator. Specialty logo design, by our very own Elaine Kilmer, is nearing completion. Carol will be making a presentation to the membership at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Club Inventory & Medals

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date.