



## **Regional Governor Reports May 2013**

### **Region 3 February 2013 Prudence G. Hlatky**

Last year in my first regional governor's report I presented a list from the membership of Region III of issues of issues they wanted the Board of Directors to address. The Board has been very responsive to such input. I've listed the items and their current status plus some new ones from the membership.

- *Adding Borzoi Photos / videos to the BCOA Website – The BCOA and the website should first and foremost be the site the general public goes for information and photos of Borzoi.*

Our web mistress RLynn Shell has almost completed an upgrade and formatting change to the website which appears to address this need.

- *Rescue - Information and Links to the rescue groups should be on the front (1<sup>st</sup>) Page of the website.* Again this will be changed in the new web-design by RLynn Shell. On the subject of rescue, if you know of Borzoi in need and of a potential rescue situation please let your regional governor or a board member know. There have been several rescues recently when the regional governors for the areas had no knowledge of the rescue taking place. We have resources and people available to assist, and we are happy to partner with the rescue groups, but we can't do so if we don't know about the rescue. Do not assume the rescue groups are informing the board.

- *Communications Coordinator / Committee – Coordinate and act as a liaison with the members. Create a membership publication, both hard copy and electronic. Membership wants a BCOA Borzoi Breed Magazine again.*

The board has created a BCOA Member Only Yahoo group. Members are slowly starting to use it. Please use it as it is a forum to discuss BCOA issues with other member as well as bringing your concerns and issues before the board.

But more exciting is that the Aristocrat is coming back in a paper magazine format. It is a trial run and will only continue if there is true member support. A budget has been established and the magazine will continue as long as there are funds in the budget or until the membership makes it a self-sustaining entity. So advertise!

- *Put Teeth into Ethics – We need to create guidelines for the care and welfare of our Borzoi, then do a better job of enforcing those guidelines.*

This has been a hard one to get a handle on and unfortunately the BCOA board can do little to enforce the ethics of individuals unless charges are brought or a rescue situation develops.

- ROM Versatility Award – *It appears the Obedience titles have more weight than the other Performance titles. Is this true?*

Both the ROM Versatility Award and the ROM are being revised to take into consideration the new performance degrees and Grand Championship titles. Barbara Ewing and her committee are expected to report their recommendations at the next board meeting.

- Regional and Back-to-Back Specialties – *The idea for multiple events and a Regional BCOA specialty was well received, as some areas can go years without a BCOA Specialty event.*

Unfortunately the board elected not to entertain the idea of Regional specialties. It felt regional clubs should be sponsoring these specialties. It also voted to limit BCOA TSEs to regions or events where there is no regional club. Said regional club is responsible for the accompanying supported event. I voted against this motion believing that members, in all regions, want to be able to attend BCOA TSE or other events. But most importantly a BCOA TSE promotes the BCOA as the national Borzoi club, gives back to current members as well as attracting new members.

If the membership feels strongly about local TSE events and BCOA regional specialties the issue can be address from the floor at the annual meeting.

- AKC Group Split – *Against, as we would be left with two very small groups with very low entries. These would not be viable groups.*

It didn't occur thanks to the AKC listening to the fancy's response and re-evaluating their proposal. The board in a close vote had approved the idea. Based on regional member feedback I had voted against the proposal.

- 2012 Futurity Judging Process – *Clarification requested, how can there be "not be a clear winner?" Want the selection process to be more transparent. If not a clear winner, there should have been run-off between top vote getters.*

The issue was a lack of voting by eligible members on the final ballot. There was a three-way tie. (If my memory is correct there were only 2 or 3 votes for each of them.) Given the time and budget constraints in doing another tie breaking ballot the futurity committee selected the finalist judge closest to the specialty. With as many members as there are entering the futurity competition it was surprising to hear there was a three-way tie based on a candidate receiving only 2 or 3 votes. If you feel strongly about a judge make sure you vote.

#### **New Agenda Items for the next board meetings:**

- **Separate Conformation and Performance Specialties.** Consider holding the performance events separate from the confirmation specialty. Members are limited in the dogs they can bring when the events are combined. Only so many dogs fit in a vehicle and only so many dogs are allowed in a room. It is too expensive when all the events are together and agility can't be held due to lack of room and time.
- **Volunteer Involvement** - Work on more involvement in committees and chairmanship by the members at large – draw more from those who are willing to volunteer and less dependence on existing board and chairmanships. Members have expressed the feelings that they are unable to obtain committee assignments as they are most often given to existing chairs, who often chair multiple events.

#### **Other News and Upcoming Events**

Although these wins have already been posted on several other sites, congratulations are in order to:

**ASFA** – Susan Vanderwater for the top ASFA Borzoi Uch Del Sol End of Reason WNS, FCh,GRC and the #7 Borzoi - Del Sol Phoebe, LCM2

T. Golcher and KC Thompson:

Zoiboyz Eclipse of The Heart, FCh #8  
Rose Hill Swann At Zoiboyz TT,SC - #10  
FCZoiboyz Encore, SC - #14

Leslie Walenta and Krista Hunt - Ch Jedawn's Show Them No Mercy, FCh,SC #18 and for her agility success

**Breed Competition:**

Gregory Hlatky - GCH CH Soyara's The Flying Dutchman - #3  
Elizabeth Tolley and David Nutting - GCH CH Wildwood Fiery Run Out Of My Dreams - #7  
Laurie and Steve Courtney - GCH CH Wolfblitz Crimson Seraphim - #11  
Deb and Roger Rogstad - GCH CH Velos Moondance - #14  
Rita and Brian Rice - GCH CH Aria Zorya Dark Shadows - #19  
Margaret Lucia - GCH CH Radharc Royal St. Kitts - #20  
Special congratulations to Margaret Lucia for being the breeder of the top producing UK (United Kingdom) dam based on CC won by her get.

Please forgive me if I missed you and let me know so I can acknowledge your accomplishment in my next report. At the time of this report I did not have the AKC coursing stats. I'll congratulate the winners in my next report.

Although not in my region, a special thank you to Lisa Durand for donating a large box of Borzoi archives to the BCOA Historical Archives.

**Upcoming Events:**

BCOA TSE – Houston Kennel Club – July 19, 2013 Pat Trotter breed and Dawn Hall Sweeps  
Lone Star Borzoi Club – two specialties –

July 6, 2013 with the Texas Kennel Club - Dallas - Joan Goldstein breed, seeps TBD

September 14, Hutto, TX – Judges TBA

The folks in Louisiana are looking for a date and a site, as plans progress I'll pass the information along. If anybody else wants to hold a TSE please let me know and I'll be happy to assist you with it. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

**April 2013**

My last report was just a couple of months ago and since then there has been little news from Region III. There have been no major events, just a few smaller shows, coursing and performance events. But we do have some nice events planned for this summer and we invite all to come down to the heat of Texas to enjoy them.

**Additional Events:**

September 14, Hutto, TX – Judges Pat Murphy – breed, sweeps TBD

If anybody in Region III would like to hold a TSE please let me know and I'll be happy to assist you with it. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns about the events of our region or my votes on the board.

## **Region 4**

### **Lorrie Scott**

In March I attended a very nice meeting that BCNC held at a show in Vallejo, Ca that was well attended. Suzanne Deghi gave a presentation on simple ways to train your dogs especially pups to come, sit, stay or just have manners. It was all done quietly, calmly and with food. It was great to watch her work and extremely informative. I gave the members an update of BCOA's activities and what we've been discussing at our last meeting. We discussed the 2014 specialty to be held in our region. The club's members are starting to gear up for their winter specialty to be held in October in Pleasanton. Always a very nice show. I also attended BCOC's meeting in March. It was held at the Canine Cryobank. Carol Bardwick gave a presentation on semen analysis and what is involved in maintaining a healthy sperm count. I updated the membership on BCOA's activities as well. The club is gearing up for their summer specialty to be in Lompoc at the end of July. BCOC would like to have a BCOA TSE in October at the Black Mountain Show on Saturday and then BCOC would trophy support the Sunday show.

Both clubs are having ongoing dialogue about holding back-to-back specialties some where in the middle of the state.

I believe this region will be well represented at the nationals. May all who attend have a great time and safe travels.

## **Region 5**

### **Robin Riel**

PSBC is working on their summer specialties. Regular judges are Robyn Casey and Monica Canestrini, sweeps judges are Katie McCormick, and Ray Brinlee.

## **Region 6**

### **Koyce Katona**

I received and forwarded to the Board on March 22, a nomination for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award.

I wrote to the presidents of the three regional clubs in region 6 encouraging them to work with their club to create a basket for the "Regional Goodie Basket Auction" at the upcoming National.

I also asked each regional club president to look at the regional club page on the BCOA website to determine if the information is correct and if not, to send me any needed corrections. I received none.

Plans are being worked on for the 2015 National in Ohio. A proposal will be made at the Board meeting on May 13.

MBC is interested in holding their Specialty at the same location the Sunday following the 2015 National.