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The Aristocrat

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Submitted by R. Lynn Shell

- 1 – Iris – Tsarytsin Wild Iris Starrunner, LCM2 – M. and E. Obregon – 119
- 2 – Sagan – Teine Galaxy Rambler, FCh – A. Midgarden – 97
- 3 – Novel – Mufasa's Stormy Monday, FCh GRC – V. Johnson – 55
- 4 – Chaya – TechnetiumsAncientChayaSarO'Ryh, ORC – D. Darling – 36
- 5 – Zircon – Mayberry's Sparkling Zircon, FCh – P. Mayberry – 34
- 5 – Xenon – C'LestialSouthernXenonLightsRyh, ORC – D. Darling – 34
- 7 – Scarlett – FC Mayberry's Gone With the Wind, LCM11 SGRC – 33
- 7 – Maverick – Ch. Aria's Aramon at Tahoe, FCh SC – S. & KC Artley - 33
- 8 – Gus – Del Sol Pegasus WNS, FCh – S. Van De Water – 31
- 9 – Saphira – FC Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon, LCM MC LCX2 CD – D&G McDonald/M Childs/R Silguero - 30
- 10 – ET – DC Windrift Chihawk Nymphet, FCh SC – J. & N. Reimer - 25

AKC LURE COURSING Rankings as of October 2, 2009

Submitted by R. Lynn Shell

- 1 - TechnetiumsAncientChayaSarO'Ryh, ORC SC – D. Darling – 75
- 2 - C'Lestial Southern Xenon Lights of Ryhka, SC – D. Darling – 63
- 3 – Technetium's "Ancient" Oma Desala O'Ryhka – D. Darling – 58
- 4 - CH Teine Twist of Fate, SC – A. Midgarden – 42
- 5 – Timeless Rag Doll at Collisto – J. & C. Cole – 37
- 6 – FC Tsarytsin Wild Iris Starrunner, SC – M. & E. Obregon – 35
- 7 - FC Romal Caprice, SC – L. Green – 31
- 8 - DC Gryffyn's Aeyrie Bringin' Sexy Back, SC – R. Shell/V. Whitlock – 29
- 9 - FC Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon, LCM MC LCX2 CD – D. & G. McDonald/M. Childs/R. Silguero – 25
- 9 - Ashtoria Wildhunt Mystery Unveiled RN SC – G. Duncan – 25

NOTRA as of 09/03, 2009 for BCOA Members

Submitted by Victor Whitlock

Rank	Number	Call Name	Name	Owner	YTD Points
1	BZ-527	Zirconium	FC AuDruid Bremen's Zirconium of Ryhka	Darling	20.50
2	BZ-394	Monti	FC Aragorn's Barron GL Fremont SC	Darling/Anuta	14.50
3	BZ-445	Elrond	FC Butterfly's Elrond Half-Elven of Ryhka	Darling/Anuta	8.50
4	BZ-533	Sammie	Celeritas Byron at Teine	Schemel	6.00
5	BZ-542	Shamus	Windsatin Ka Riu Del Sol JOR	Griffith/Childs	3.00
5	BZ-551	Xenon	C'lestial Southern Xeonon Lights of Ryhka	Darling	3.00
7	BZ-509	Caprice	Romal Caprice	Green	2.91
8	BZ-502	Charger	ZoiBoyz Charger SC FCh GRC	Golcher-Thompson	2.75
9	BZ-510	Capsia	Aria Svora Black Capsicum of Ryhka	Darling/Rice	2.50
10	BZ-555	Pumpkin	Gryffyn's Aeyrie Incendio	Shell-Whitlock	1.50
11	BZ-395	Arapahoe	Kristull Red Arapahoe of Ryhka SC FCh	Darling/Anuta	1.00
11	BZ-568	Challenger	MBIF FC Zoiboyz Challenger SC FCh	Golcher-Thompson	1.00
11	BZ-375	Magik	DC Chataqua Gryffyn's LaMagieContinue	Whittington	1.00
14	BZ-557	Py	FC Avalon Victorian Pyre CGC SC RA	Abordo	.75
15	BZ-554	Aurora	C'Lestials Northern Lights of Ryhka JC	Green	0.66
16	BZ-486	Lara	Avalon Solara	Green	0.50
16	BZ-521	Sage	New Moon Black Watch of Ryhka JC	Darling/Lastauc	0.50



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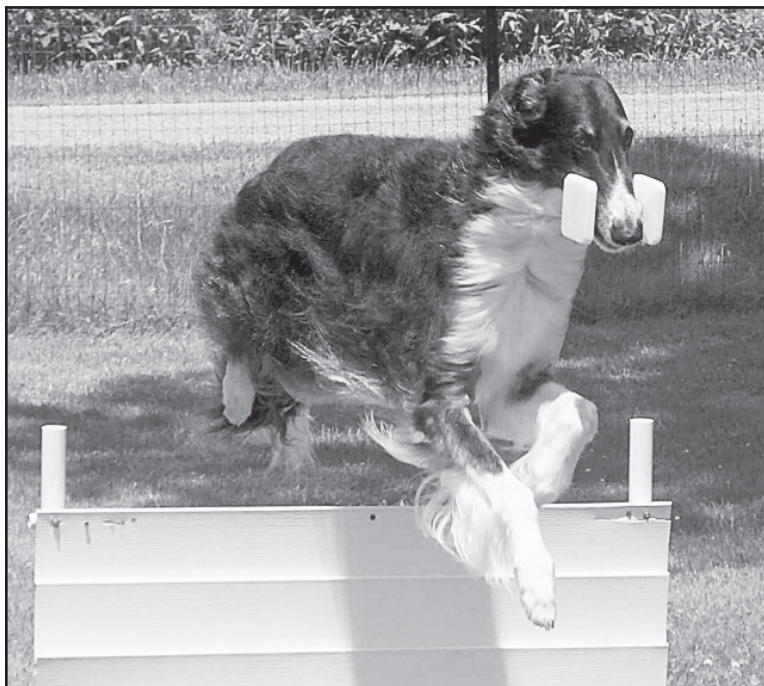
2010 Costume Contest

My Old Kentucky Home



Let your imagination shine bright on Kentucky's traditions - KY Whiskey, Early Pioneers (e.g., Daniel Boone, Coonakin Caps, KY Long Rifles), Blue Grass, Horse Racing. Dress up your Borzoi in celebration of Kentucky and come have a good time at the Costume Contest.

For more information, contact Dee Jones - lagniappehounds@att.net



Obedience Workshop

Monday, May 17

(Tentatively scheduled for late afternoon)

Obedience run-throughs. Questions answered about rules & regulations. Training tips and advice if requested.

Everyone entered in the trial or rally trial is welcome.



Borzoi Club of America National Juried Art Show

🏆 Competitions 🎨 Art 📷 Photography 📺 Multiple Categories

Cash Awards 📅 Pre-event Promotion 📈 Sales 🖨️ Online Gallery

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Use of specialty theme "Run for the Roses" is encouraged but not required.

All work must include BORZOI, be original, framed, and for sale.

A detailed prospectus, including deadlines 📄 entry form, may be found on the website.

(Note: There will also be a silent auction of Borzoi miscellany.)



Questions? Contact Vani Haslan at 225-381-8364 or borzois@mac.com

www.borzoiclubofamerica.org



BCOA 2010 National Specialty

May 16 -22, 2010

The Drawbridge Inn - Fort Mitchell, Kentucky



Join us for the *"Run for the Roses"*

Our Judges:

Regular Classes: Christopher T. Neale, Sylvan Borzoi
Sweepstakes: Karen "Cricket" Murray, Kansai Borzoi
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Reservations must be made by April 17, 2010

Limit of 4 dogs per room

RV Parking - \$40 per night

No hookups available



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(Dates & judging panel pending AKC approval)

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Design is embroidered or silkscreened



Ladies Scoop Neck (Embroidered Left Chest)

Sizes: S-XL: \$25; 2X-3X: \$28

Colors: Turquoise, Raspberry, Lavender



Pique Golf/Polo Shirt (Embroidered Left Chest)

Sizes: S-XL: \$35; 2X-3X: \$38

Colors: Steel Grey, Mint Green, Maui Blue



T-Shirts (Silkscreen Full Front)

Sizes: S-XL: \$17; 2X-3X: \$20

Colors: Pistachio, Sapphire, Navy
3X in Navy only

Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Embroidered Left Chest)

Sizes: S-XL: \$35; 2X-3X: \$38

Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Silkscreen Full Front)

Sizes: S-XL: \$25; 2X-3X: \$28

Colors: Violet, Irish Green, Sport Gray
3X in Sport Gray only



SPECIALTY MUGS

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Pink, Teal, Red & Grey

Four (4) mugs - \$40

SPECIALTY CLOISONNE MEDALLION - \$10

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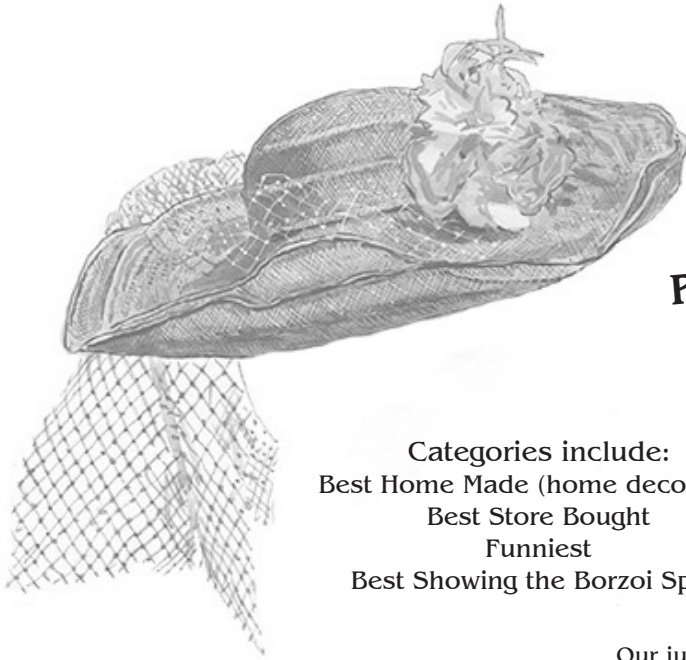
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Carol Enz, Specialty Sales Chairman - 505-783-4743 - kachinaborzoi@wildblue.net

2010 National Derby Hat Contest

In the tradition of the Kentucky Derby, we will be having a Hat Contest. Ladies, get ready to strut your stuff.



Prizes!!



Categories include:
Best Home Made (home decorated)
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Funniest
Best Showing the Borzoi Spirit

Our judge, Ronn Rucker, has owned Borzoi for decades. He is a certified Miss America Judge and judges pageants throughout the US.

The Borzoi Club Of America Presents

The 2010 National Specialty

Dates: Sunday May 16—Saturday May 22, 2010

Location: Drawbridge Inn
Ft Mitchell, Kentucky



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Please visit the BCOA website today
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Cynthia Gredys ~ 2009 BCOA Catalog Chairman, 10912 156th Street - Louisville, Nebraska 68037-3302

Meet the Breeds

by Colleen Boyle

Driving in circles. That's what I do; I miss my exit or miss the entrance which results in driving in circles. It's my MO. It was no different for Meet the Breeds. I was on the cell phone with Deb West who was instructing me on how to get to the Javits Center, "I'm here. I'm waiting for you. Now take a right. I see you. Now I see you driving by." I missed the right turn, of course.

When I did make it to the Javits, I was amazed with the size of the building, the number of animals and stuff going into it. We were no exception, 2 dollies packed with equipment, decorations and goodies and 4 dogs. Where were they going to put us all?

I should've known, on the second floor. How do we get up there? No, you can't use the freight elevator. See that tiny elevator over there? That's the one to use or you could take the escalator. We did get on the elevator and found our booth. The dogs learned quickly to maneuver themselves through the crowds and onto the scary escalator. They walked up and down

several times over the two days we were there, being very brave as the glass walls allowed them to see all the way down to the lobby floor. Parking the car was next and was another challenge but it always is in New York City.

Now we are at our booth. We decorated it just in time for all the people to come in. Deb had the vision and her creative juices were flowing. It looked great, red and gold, very elegant. We decided on a theme of simple elegance, decorating in a manner

collar with his name on it and we are pretty sure he knew he was a celebrity. He was so cool. Our dogs looked just as gorgeous with their bling collars on too.

I can't describe the numbers, throngs, jam-packed crowd of people that came through on those days. We both talked so much and answered so many questions our voices were hoarse by the end of each day. We had lots of hand-outs, pamphlets, *Borzoi Connection* magazines and candy. The crowds loved the dogs and the dogs loved

them, especially the children. My puppy Jag could not get over how good the kids smelled and tasted. Deb's dogs, Kotov and Goguy, performed for the people, showing how tall they can be when they are on their hind legs. My girl, Sonja, laid down and let everyone pet her belly.



befitting our royal dogs. We were right across from the famous Rufus, the bull terrier that won the Westminster Kennel Club dog show. Rufus had a big rhinestone



BCOA 2009 Conformation Statistics

January 1 – September 30, 2009

Submitted by Greg Hlatky

Name	Sex	Owner(s)	BIS	BISS	G1	G2	G3	G4	BOB	Points
1 CH Jubilee-Katushka Ebel	B	C Gredys			4	4	5	2	30	2498
2 CH Majenkir Bookstor Glamour Girl	B	K Staudt-Cartabona - K Spey			1	2	3	5	37	1190
3 CH Po Dusham Royalist	D	A Edlin - R Williams			1	2	4		23	964
4 CH Auroral's Ajax	D	J Steele	1		4	1	2	1	22	910
5 CH Aashtoria Wildhunt Hidden Agenda	D	R Riel - C Riel		1	1	1	1	2	45	904
6 DC Gryffyn's It's All About Me SC	D	R Shell-Whitlock - V Whitlock				1	1	1	27	563
7 CH Raynbo's Triumphal Fire	D	R Zucker - J Zucker				1			30	465
8 CH Aria's The Quiet Man	D	R Rice - B Rice				2		1	33	424
9 CH Sedona Cloud Dancer	D	T Carey			1		1	1	22	412
10 CH Greyhaven Wizard's Crystal	D	F Vogel - M Polsfuss - C Vogel				1		2	37	288
11 CH Jags-Swanmanor Julie's Joss	D	L Kranitz - J Hagen - A Hagen - V Leborn				1			31	286
12 CH Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta	D	G Thompson - M McGraw - S McGraw	1						1	264
13 CH Phaedra Dmetrii Ex Libris JC	D	G Thiele - C Greene				1		1	26	250
14 CH Dibar's Kiss Of Death JC	B	Y Jacobs - J Lineberry				1	1		14	227
15 DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC	D	P Neale - J Sillers - C Neale						2	6	222
16 CH Irishbrook Kalamay	D	M Savage - V Savage				2	1		4	221
17 CH Korsakov's Quantum Leap	B	J Bishop				1	1		10	172
18 CH Kenai's Last Of The Dogmen	D	G Ozeki - Y Aminaka	1					1	4	172
19 CH Vento Danza Independence Day	B	G Thiele - C Greene - C Ceden						1	19	162
20 CH Aruzia Priority One JC	D	L Scott - J Scott							6	152

Breed

Name	Sex	Owner(s)	BOB	Points
1 CH Aashtoria Wildhunt Hidden Agenda	D	R Riel - C Riel	45	417
2 CH Jubilee-Katushka Ebel	B	C Gredys	30	285
3 DC Gryffyn's It's All About Me SC	D	R Shell-Whitlock - V Whitlock	27	275
4 CH Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta	D	G Thompson - M McGraw - S McGraw	1	264
5 CH Aria's The Quiet Man	D	R Rice - B Rice	33	246
6 CH Majenkir Bookstor Glamour Girl	B	K Staudt-Cartabona - K Spey	37	235
7 CH Jags-Swanmanor Julie's Joss	D	L Kranitz - J Hagen - A Hagen - V Leborn	31	220
8 CH Sedona Cloud Dancer	D	T Carey	22	194
9 CH Greyhaven Wizard's Crystal	D	F Vogel - M Polsfuss - C Vogel	37	156
10 CH Raynbo's Triumphal Fire	D	R Zucker - J Zucker	30	155
11 CH Phaedra Dmetrii Ex Libris JC	D	G Thiele - C Greene	26	155
12 CH Aruzia Priority One JC	D	L Scott - J Scott	6	152
13 CH Po Dusham Royalist	D	A Edlin - R Williams	23	149
14 CH Auroral's Ajax	D	J Steele	22	144
15 CH Vento Danza Independence Day	B	G Thiele - C Greene - C Ceden	19	129
16 CH Scheremetjew Porsche Targa SC	D	K Johnson - J Johnson	17	129
17 CH Cordova Mishkova Nonsuchfeather	B	K Dumke - K Dumke	1	119
18 CH Raynbo's Winter Rose	B	R Zucker - J Zucker	2	93
19 CH Svoras Stonehenge RN SC	D	S Mcfadden	8	91
20 CH Korsakov's Quantum Leap	B	J Bishop	10	89

MEET THE BREEDS CONTINUED

Over 36,000 people attended the American Kennel Club and Cat Fancier's Association first time ever event. With the participation of nearly 200 dog clubs and cat councils and the support of over 100 vendors and 16 sponsors, the event was an unqualified success, featuring more than 115,000 square feet of dog and cat festivities. Meet the Breeds showcased the joys of pet ownership to an audience of dog and cat lovers who were eager to learn about the diversity of breeds and responsible pet ownership in a welcoming and positive setting. This family-friendly event also educated children of

all ages—including local Girl, Boy and Cub Scout troops—and helped them create lasting memories with dogs and cats.

The vendor booths offered every imaginable product for pets and their owners, five ongoing demonstration rings, featuring law enforcement K9s, grooming, agility, obedience and an interactive 'Cat Idol' showcase and more, entertained attendees all day long and complemented the main attraction: nearly 200 individually decorated breed booths where the public interacted with dogs, cats, puppies and kittens and learned

about their history and unique attributes directly from the experts.

The Meet the Breeds event is something I will never forget. We did have our mishaps of driving in circles, puppy peeing on the bed, an overflowing washing machine and toilet at the hotel, crazy parking attendant and even crazier union loading dock workers – those stories I'll save for another time – but we had a great experience and met a lot of great people. Borzois are the best and our dogs represented the breed beautifully and perfectly. §