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Unique Zoitiques

By Cindy Michalak

Thank goodness the elections are finally over, as well as the holidays. Time for some back to basic living with your Borzoi! Children everywhere are probably still playing with their spiffy new toys. I'm sure you guessed that is my lead-in for this issue of the *Aristocrat's* Unique Zoitiques: Borzoi toys, or at least objects to be played with.



These little plastic Borzoi have small bases so they could easily stand up and a child could pretend to have them lined up for a dog show. They date back to around the 1960s, before warnings were given that a child may swallow it due to it being so small. My husband and I are bick-

ering about where they originated. I believe they were available from gumball machines where the "prize" was encompassed within the plastic domes where the bottom could be opened. Mike thinks they came as a prize within a box of Cracker Jack, also back when the prize was more than a crummy tattoo, etc. Measuring only 3/4" tall, I found these at an antique show many years ago and paid around \$1 each. Once I found one, my search was on to find all that I could and, as you can see, I found several in a plethora of colors. Today they're probably worth \$5/each, but very difficult to find.

Here is a Borzoi doll, all dressed in her pretty pinafore. While she is on the homely side, her body is made of stuffing with cloth clothing, and her head, arms and legs are made of clay then painted. This is the only doll I have come across since I purchased it about 8 years ago. She stands 12" tall and I actually use her as part of



a Christmas display where she sits under the tree. I believe I only paid about \$15, and it may not have been worth it for the maker to produce another one. However, I wouldn't part with it for even \$50!

If you're an old-timer in Borzoi, you may recall this next toy appearing in an old issue of *Borzoi International*. What better squeak toy than a Borzoi apparently doing the Kozachok, which is a dance usually performed by

Russian Cossacks. He measures 6" tall and I remember purchasing him in the early 1990s. At the time I had purchased several but over the years gave most of them away to other friends with Borzoi. When I bought them, they were around \$6.50 each. With them no longer in production, they are valued around \$15 each, if you can find any.

This next item can be considered a toy, although it is basically a large decal placed on the side of a semi-truck. I bought this from Germany a few years ago and thought it was a clever idea. So clever that I even thought about making some of my own. However, my ambitions always run rampant in my mind until it's time to actually do it. That being said, I never did pursue creating



my own. I believe I paid around \$25 with shipping. A great idea, especially since our neighbor is a truck driver.

Here is a darling wooden Borzoi that is jointed at the legs. You can place him in a running, standing, prancing or reclining position with great ease. I've had to put this high up on a curio cabinet because, as you all know, Borzoi love to chew wood! It has a wonderful black coat of paint, giving it the appearance of a silhouette. I've had this for several years as well and believe I purchased it on auction but cannot fully remember. Unlike a common breed where you can find all sorts of this type of toy, the Borzoi is difficult to find anything novel, so I value it at around \$50.



Borzoi on wheels! This is an adorable 12"x14" pull toy that I'm quite certain I bought at one of the Borzoi specialty auctions. It may have been in Houston in 1992 but I can't guarantee it. When you have as many Borzoi things as I do, you tend to forget where they all came from over the years and buying it at a Borzoi auction, I know I paid a lot for it. Sometimes it's best to forget how much you pay for something. This is a thick cut of wood in the shape of a Borzoi that was placed on a wooden



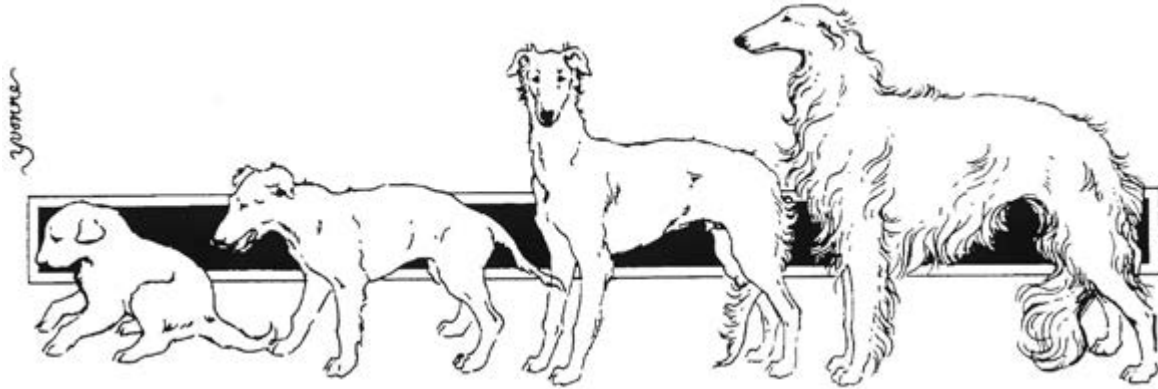
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Karen Staudt-Cartabona**

Notes on the online version of *The Aristocrat*

The Aristocrat will be published online on a quarterly basis. It will be posted on the BCOA website as a PDF so that you can print it if you like.

We will not be doing ads as part of the *Aristocrat* as we have the BCOA online ad feature already. The issues will include all the content that was previously included in the *Aristocrat* section of the Borzoi Connection (new title holders, statistics, articles from committee chairs and of course, annual awards and specialty results).

If you want to include BCOA TSE results and photos, contact Helen W. Lee at savladai@borzoi.net for information on how to submit the best quality photos.

The quarterly deadlines are: Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15. There will be a separate specialty issue each year.

If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact Helen.



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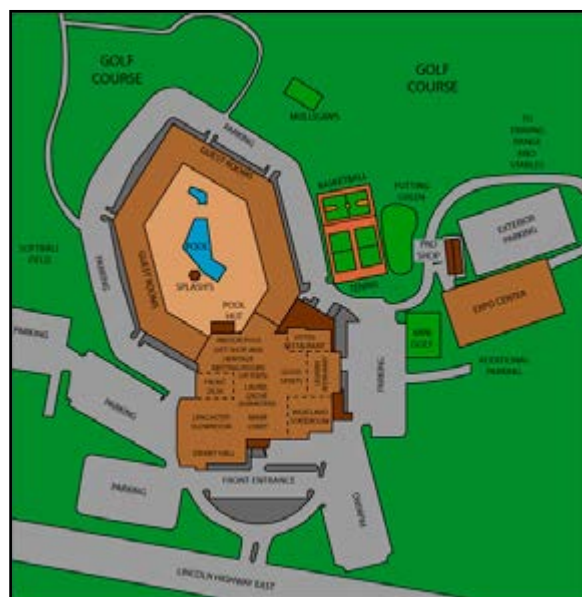
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New Title Holders

earned in August & September 2012 *Submitted by K.C. Artley*

Conformation Champion (CH)

CH Aashtoria's Iced Mocha (D)
HP39793003, 26-Nov-2010 by CH
Zabava Mercury JC x CH Svora's
Secret Rendezvous JC ROM, br: Robin
Riel & G Ariel Duncan & Victoria
Newbill, ow: Marilyn McGraw &
William McGraw & Robin Riel

CH Aashtoria Svora Taiga Ice Queen (B)
HP39793008, 26-Nov-2010 by CH
Zabava Mercury JC x CH Svora's
Secret Rendezvous JC ROM, br: Robin
Riel & G Ariel Duncan & Victoria
Newbill, ow: Shirley McFadden

CH Aashtoria's Fantasy On Ice (B)
HP39793002, 26-Nov-2010 by CH
Zabava Mercury JC x CH Svora's
Secret Rendezvous JC ROM, br: Robin
Riel & G Ariel Duncan & Victoria
Newbill, ow: Stuart McGraw & Robin
Riel & Justine Spiers

CH Aruzia Moonstone Of Rivervue (D)
HP38370803, 13-Aug-2010 by GCH
CH Aruzia Priority One JC x CH
Borscana Coyote Latrans JC, br: Lorrie
& John Scott, ow: Virginia Jones

DC Avalon Wns Rising Sun SC FCH (D)
HP21967003, 10-Jul-2006 by DC
Windnsatin Ty Slezi Of Zemny SC FCH
SGRC x FC Avalon Rumor Of Angels
SC FCH GRC, br: Sandra Moore &
Mary Childs & Dora McDonald, ow:
Sandra Moore & Shelby Bergstresser

CH Avalon Oxota Katana Swift And Silent
(D) HP40594906, 20-May-2011 by
DC Avalon Victorian Pyre RN RA RE
SC CGC FCH VFCH GRC x Avalon
Tigress In The Dark JC SC FCH VFCH
GRC CC CM, br: Leonore Abordo
& Sandra Moore & Joan Garth, ow:
Marylee Jenko & Sandra Moore

CH Belisarius Jp M-P Fate (D)
HP42857001, 05-May-2009 by
Belisarius Jp S-K Love Potion x
Belisarius Jp White Army, br: Kyoko
Ozeki, ow: Mai Ozeki

CH Bibikov's Darling Nickie (B)
HP17782901, 08-Sep-2005 by CH
Majenkir My Beau At Avalyn x
Rothesby Snowfinch, br/ow: Frances
Wright

CH Chrysalis Endless Night (B)
HP34477506, 15-Jun-2009 by CH
Manitias Brilliant In Black x GCH
CH Chrysalis Winter Gold, br: Pamela
Leichtnam & Janis McFerrin, ow:
Pamela Leichtnam

CH Coburn Meyta Noir D'Cocoa (D)
HP30297523, 01-Apr-2008 by Meyta
Marché Du Monde x CH Fusilier Fan
Danzer At' Coburn, br: Pat Shaw &
Laura Hyatt, ow: Laura Hyatt

CH Dipauls Butch Cassidy (D)
HP28368701, 27-Nov-2007 by CH
Rising Star Dipauls Brigadoon x CH
Risingstar Ont Wings Ofa Dove, br/ow:
Paul & Diane Spohn

CH Edenrock Ice Maiden At Calaron (B)
HP26435701, 29-May-2007 by CH
Shelmar Carjo Icing On T'Cake x CH
Calaron's Dreamsicle, br/ow: Delores
Swan & Penny Keiffer

CH Folly Quarters' Zosia JC (B)
HP29957901, 18-Apr-2008 by Astara's
Bring It On x CH Folly Qtrs' Svetlana
Zoyanovna, br/ow: Maggie Rice

CH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Revelation (D)
HP33690206, 14-Nov-2008 by CH
Kyrov Ever And Always Oaklara x
CH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Anduril JC, br:
R Lynn Shell & Victor Whitlock, ow:
Rebecca Neal

CH Joshua's Evening Star Of Truhaven
(B) HP34487803, 12-Apr-2009 by CH
Virshina Joshua Man'O Morozova x
CH Virshina Neston Of Joshua JC, br:
Cynthia Tellefsen & Beverly Peck, ow:
Nicole Russ & Beverly Peck & Cynthia
Tellefsen

CH Kc Windsheer'Nvorel Boogie Fever
(B) HP26858901, 04-Jul-2007 by
Mandolin-Mielikki Aloha x CH K-C's
Echo Of The Wild West SC, br: Kasey
Parks & Leah Thorp & Lynne Gillespie
& Pat Hardy, ow: Kasey Parks & Lynne
Gillespie

CH Korsakov's Talk Of The Town (B)
HP36471806, 02-Nov-2009 by CH
Borscana Stratocaster x CH Korsakov's
Once Upon A Time, br: Jame Bishop
& Morgan Bishop, ow: Marie White &
Jane Bishop

CH Ksar Ice Storm (D) HP24640607,
04-Dec-2006 by CH Tiarra's Majenkir
Masterpiece x CH Ksar Majenkir Darla,
br: Susan Pennington & Marshall
Pennington, ow: Susan Pennington &
Johnnie Roe

CH La Verite Texas Hold 'Em SC (D)
HP39714006, 11-Jan-2011 by GCH
CH Aria's Ain'T No Angel x La Verite
Nacogdoches SC, br: Richard Terry,
ow: Pat Hardy

CH Majenkir Bookstor Vintage Glamour
(B) HP37176004, 05-Feb-2010 by CH
Majenkir Navron Mambrino x GCH
Majenkir Bookstor Glamour Girl, br:
Karen Staudt-Cartabona & Karen Spey,
ow: Karen Staudt-Cartabona

CH Ostrov Zabava Casanova (D)
HP34843404, 03-May-2009 by CH
Zabava Bering Strait x CH Zabava
Monoceros, br: Patricia Wiseman

Adventures in Paradise

Pack your muu-muu, Hawaiian shirt, grass skirts, & sarongs!
Sorry, we can't locate Gardner McKay! Friday evening at the
national takes you away to a tropical paradise with the Borzoi
Costume Contest, BINGO, and two auctions, silent and art, all
in the Paradise Room. To encourage everyone to don their best
tropical duds for the festivities, we will award prizes for the
best outfits of the evening. Expect tropical drinks.



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& Kristina Terra & Irina Terra, ow: Patricia Wiseman
 CH Ostrov Zabava Swarovski (D) HP31507701, 18-Apr-2008 by CH Zabava Winter Palace x CH Zabava Monoceros, br: Patricia Wiseman & Kristina Terra & Irina Terra, ow: Patricia Wiseman

CH Oxota Avalon Lady Beretta (B) HP40594905, 20-May-2011 by DC Avalon Victorian Pyre RN RA RE SC CGC FCH GRC x Avalon Tigress In The Dark JC SC FCH VFCH GRC CC CM, br: Leonore Abordo & Sandra Moore & Joan Garth, ow: Robin Riel

CH Raynbo's Charmed I'M Sure (B) HP33701302, 04-Dec-2008 by CH Majenkir Metallic Colt x CH Raynbo Majenkir Swan Princess, br: Roni Zucker & Jennifer Zucker & Karen Staudt-Cartabona, ow: Roni Zucker & Jennifer Zucker

CH Regius In The Footsteps Of Dawn (B) HP29802404, 23-Jan-2008 by CH Regius Test For Echo x CH Regius Stars Will Align, br/ow: Doreen Carlstad

DC Swanmanor Kismet O'Kinovar MC LCX FCH (B) HP09102303, 13-Feb-2004, by DC Téine Windmaster Of Foxwood SC ROMX x CH Swanmanor Harmony Huntress JC ROM, br/ow: Torrea Leborn

CH Sylvan Carbon Steel (D) HP37438803, 11-Apr-2010 by CH Steppelands Final Mikhail Of Abidjan x CH Sylvan Vitrina Finian's Rainbow JC FCH, br: Patti & Christopher Neale, ow: Sabrina Magee & Christopher & Patti Neale

ART AUCTION

More important works of art, antique, photograph or collectible work should be submitted for the live Art Auction. The committee, headed by Torrea Leborn is pulling out all the stops to encourage artists to donate work. Cricket Murray will wield the gavel and keep things moving. As with items for the Silent Auction, donate outright or share 50/50 with BCOA. Again, please complete a separate donor form for each item. Contact Torrea Leborn swanmanorborzoi@comcast.net

CH Velos Into The Mystic (D) HP30581404, 16-May-2008 by DC Del Sol Lord Of The Dance CD SC LCM GRC x GCH CH Aria's Billie Holiday ROM-C, br/ow: Deborah & Rogstad & Richard Rogstad & Richard Terry

CH Wildwood Desertwinds Mr High Society (D) HP32300208, 15-Jun-2008 by CH Sunburst Huntsman At Mehta ROMX-C x CH Wildwood Whatever Lola Wants JC, br: Kay Henderson & Wyatt Delfino, ow: Wendy & Tom Merendini

CH Zalesni Iz Belaja Svora (D) HP36713604, 09-Sep-2009 by Sengle De Clair L'Isle x Konek Gorbunok, br: Irina Carroll, ow: Eric Woodcock

CH Zharkov Téine Black Jade JC (B) HP31177402, 08-May-2008 by DC SilkenSwift Blaze's Darkfire SC LCM7 GRC x DC Rassim's Dornroeschen At Téine SC LCM, br: Shirri Peak & Anne Midgarden, ow: Anne Midgarden

Grand Champion (GCH)

GCH C'Lestial Orient Express (B) HP34198702, 12-May-2009 by Kansai'Z Diario SC x FC C'Lestial High Society SC SGRC ORC LCM, br: Liz Green & Karen Murray, ow: Michael & Diane Bilak

GCH Chihawk Echovesna I Luv You (B) HP37769102, 11-Apr-2010 by Echovesna's Koral Good Vibrations x CH Echovesna Chihawk First Luv, br: Tami Marshall & Peggy Marshall & Harriet Goldner, ow: Tami Marshall & Peggy Marshall
 GCH Dana Dan Deja Vu (D) HP26794303 19-May-2007 by CH Dana Dan Phalcon x CH Fern Meyta Earthly Delight, br/ow: Dana Thompson & Ardietta

Thompson
 GCH Eclipse Mild-Mannered Reporter (D) HP38596401, 05-Jul-2010 by DC Téine Windmaster Of Foxwood SC ROMX x CH Katz Capricious Charm JC, br/ow: Christopher Moyer & Kelly Brunarski

GCH DC Horse And Hound Bretagne At Scheremetjew SC (B) HP38399803, 03-Jul-2010, by CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda JC SGRC x CH Kansai'Z Ride Of The Valkyrie, br: Pam Buffington, ow: Karin Johnson & Julia Johnson

GCH Karanoff Pikovaya Dama (B) HP38446301, 31-Aug-2010 by GCH CH Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 Your I's Only RN x CH Karanoff Kikimora JC, br/ow: Karen Klein

GCH Majenkir Jersey Girl Tolstoy Raynbo (B) HP30611305, 12-Apr-2008 by CH Majenkir Regal By Design x CH Raynbo's Winter Rose, br/ow: Roni Zucker & Jennifer Zucker

GCH Maringa's Brand New Day (D) HP33493601, 7-Mar-09 by Maringa's Good N Plenty x Svershin's Koroleva JC, br: Stephanie Moss & David Hardin, ow: Stephanie Moss

GCH Maskova's Zilver Strand Mystere (B) HP37296108, 17-Apr-2010 by CH Veronda's Maximus Of Majenkir



Between the Borzoi in Paradise Costume Contest and the Art Auction while the bidding in the Silent Auction gets underway, spend a happy hour playing BINGO with prizes donated by our vendors. \$20 donation gets you 10 cards/ \$30 for 20 cards.

x CH Bibikov's Jackie Blue, br: Frances Wright, James & Elisabeth Szymanski, ow: Theresa Euser, Jos Euser, Elisabeth Szymanski & Jim Szymanski

GCH Oronzova Party Girl In Paradise (B) HP27751406, 15-Oct-07 by CH Sunburst

Huntsman At Mechta ROMX-C x CH Virshina Oronzova RN JC NAP NJP OAP OJP, br: Suzanne Deghi, ow: Toby & Todd Brandtman

GCH Phaedra Rakitka Ex Libris JC (D) HP38986702, 08-Jul-2010 by CH Phaedra Leonidas x CH Phaedra Inari, br: Carol Kubiak-Zamora & Kevin Shimel, ow: Gretchen Thiele & Charles Greene

GCH Phaedra Maksimka Ex Libris JC SC (D) HP32867202, 27-Nov-2008 by CH Majenkir Krasivi Volshebnik x CH Leicros Russian Ztarshine ROMX-C, br: Carol Kubiak-Zamora & Kevin Shimel, ow: Gretchen Thiele & Charles Greene

GCH Promises Crown Jewel Natalia (B) HP37412705, 28-Mar-2010 by Promises Amighty Fortress x Promises

TREASURE HUNTERS WANTED

Throughout the week as you walk dogs, be on the lookout for special eggs, which can be redeemed for prizes. The ultimate, of course, will be the Golden Egg.

Hawaiian Sunrise, br: Jackie Corsette, ow: Jean Durdin

GCH Svora Sonoma Night Of The Swallow (B) HP33701503, 02-Apr-2009 by CH Aashtoria Irishbrook Revel x DC Svoras Scandalous ROMX SC FCH, br: Loretta Binder-Wheeler & Shirley McFadden, ow: Shirley McFadden

GCH Téine Avalanche Glacier SC (B) HP34883501, 17-Jul-2009 by DC Téine Windmaster Of Foxwood SC ROMX x DC Annwn Edessa SC LCM, br/ow: Anne Midgarden

GCH Virshina Picadilly JC (B) HP13901402 10-Feb-2005 by Stonebar Triple Time x CH Virshina Viletta Of Truhaven, br/ow: Chris Bradley & Sherry Neigum

GCH Zabava Bering Strait (D) 21-Dec-2005 by CH Zabava Winter Palace x CH Zabava Mira, br: Irina Terra & Kristina Terra, ow: Patricia Wiseman & Irina Terra & Kristina Terra GCH Zabava Ostrov Casablanca (B) HP34843402 03-May-2009 by CH Zabava Bering Strait x CH Zabava

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GCH Zabava Tabasco JC (D) HP22128201, 21-Apr-2006 by CH Zabava Mercury JC x CH Zabava Winter Berry ROMX-C JC, br: Irina Terra & Kristina Terra & John Lee, ow: Irina Terra & Kristina Terra

Open Agility (OA)

CH Oronzova Fireworks Festival JC SC NA NAJ OAJ OA (D) HP27751402, 15-Oct-2007 by CH Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta x CH Virshina Oronzova Sweet Sizzle RN JC OAP OJP, br/ow: Suzanne Deghi



COSTUME CONTEST



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Regional Goodie Basket Auction

Regional Borzoi Clubs are invited to join the celebration of our special breed at the 2013 BCOA national specialty in Lancaster, Pennsylvania 12-18 May 2013. Support the national while raising money for your club.

The method is simple: Create a 'gift basket' filled with all manner of items native to your area. Items may be food, Borzoi-specific, dog goods or even goodies from your club sale table. Bring or send your club's basket to the host hotel, where it will be displayed during the week with the basket auction at the Awards Banquet Saturday evening. Split the proceeds 50/50 between your club and BCOA 2013 Specialty.

To participate, contact Chair Angela San Paolo (609) 883-4743



Christa Olson & Marcella Zobel, ow:
Janet Epperson

Rally Advanced (RA)

L'Zhar Sparks Fly RN RA (D)
PAL255242, 19-Dec-2003 by
unknown x unknown, br: unknown,
ow: Janet Epperson
CH Virshina Oronzova Sweet
Sizzle RN RA JC OAP OJP (B)
HP04846102, 28-Jan-2003 by CH
Oronzova Virshina Play With Fire
CD JC MX AXJ x CH Virshina
Sweet Pea CD JC FCH, br: Suzanne
Deghi & Chris Bradley, ow: Suzanne
Deghi

Rally Excellent (RE)

CH Windrift Elizabeth At Tahoe
BN RN RA RE JC SC CGC (B)
HP31312605, 07-Jul-2008 by DC
Ashtoria Irshbrook Wldhnt Lemans
RN RA SC GRC FCH x DC Windrift
Chihawk Nymphet MC LCX FCH, br:
Jon & Nancy Reimer, ow: Steven & K
Carol Artley

Companion Dog (CD)

Bucksilver Shon'Ai Kel Duncan CD BN
RN (D) HP26993706, 15-May-2007 by
CH Bucksilvers Windweaver CDX x
Bucksilver Painted Lady, br: Virginia
Graff & Nancy Thurston, ow: Diana
Robinson

29-Jun-2006 by CH Borchis Amras
Numenesse x CH Téine Faerie Fire
Light RN SC, br/ow: Elizabeth Tolley
& David Nutting

CH Kansai'Z Calling All Angels SC RN
(B) HP12956104, 12-OCT-2004, by CH
Osdow Av Fjascho JC x CH Kansai'z
Call To My Heart JC, br: Karen Murray,
ow: Marie Agun

Beginner Novice (BN)

GCH Bucksilvers Golden Saber CD RN
RA RE RAE (D) HP11853002, 09-Sep-
2004 by CH Kenai Wind Sheer At
Qamyo x Bucksilvers Champagne On
Ice, br: Virginia & Kenneth Graff, ow:
Diana Robinson

CH Calaron Charley's Angel UDX RN
SC BN (B) HP12536301, 04-Oct-2004
by Calaron's Popsicle x Rising Star
Keepsake, br: Penny Keiffer, ow: Karen
Haberborn

Fiery Run Uslada BN JC (B) HP21819401,

Rally Novice (RN)

Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe CGC JC
SC RN (D) HP38370806, 13-Aug-2010
by GCH CH Aruzia Priority One JC x
CH Borscana Coyote Latrans JC, br:
John & Lorrie Scott, ow: Steven & K
Carol Artley

Golightly A'Castilleja RN JC (B)
HP24182403, 31-Oct-2006 by
Golightly Rh Mirror Image JC x
Golightly Rh Double Delight SC, br:

Junior Courser (JC)

CH Agga of the Gobi Desert (D)
HP28584603, 21-Mar-2007 by Maxx
Attack From The Steppes x Panorama
Grotius, br: Christopher Holland, ow:
Christine Phillips
Bon Ami Perfect Alibi Howff Carbonel JC
(B) HP38429505, 27-Jul-2010, by GCH
CH Zharkov Téine Jansen x Nickolai
Olovo Kalseru, br: Kelly Patti, ow:
Leigh & Vickie Littleton
C'Lestial Madonna Lily JC (B)
HP40426310, 14-May-2011, by
C'Lestial Pure Perfection SC x FC
C'Lestial Wheel Of Fortune SC FCH

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LCM GRC JOR, br: Liz Green, ow:
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Morozova Rey's Tequila Sunrise JC (D)
HP41154902, 03-Aug-2011 by CH
Morozova's Rockwell JC x GCH CH
Morozova Sierra Sunrise At Rey JC, br:
Kathleen Novotny & Janet Adams, ow:
Kathleen & Gary Novotny

Senior Courser (SC)

Adams' Maestro Sandman SC (D)
HP37364002, 08-May-2010 by
Lynhara's The Zan Man x Adams-
Wintersnow Flurry-Misty, br: Deborah
Adams, ow: Thomas Curtis
Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe CGC JC
SC RN (D) HP38370806, 13-Aug-2010
by GCH CH Aruzia Priority One JC x
CH Borscana Coyote Latrans JC, br:
John & Lorrie Scott, ow: Steven & K
Carol Artley
Imagine Chryseis Of Troy RN JC SC
(B) HP33366804, 23-Oct-2008 by
CH Aldemoor's Citation SC x CH
Krestovskaja Anastacia RN RA SC, br/
ow: William & Peri Neill
Marisksha Singed Cedar SC (B)
HP41306301, 13-Jul-2011 by My Silver
Zar x My Sweet Yanna, br: Sam Smith,
ow: Wendy & Frank Erdman
Mielikki Liason Officer Ziva David SC
(B) HP35179101, 03-Mar-2009 by FC
Silkenswift Rider Of The Storm SC
FCH GRC x Mielikki Prophet's Song,
br/ow: Renee McCartin
Mielikki-Mandolin Silent Night SC
(B) HP37130602, 27-Dec-2009 by

Silkenswift Blue Kolya x Mielikki-
Mandolin Wikiwiki Makani, br: Pat
Hardy & Renee McCartin, ow: Wendy
& Frank Erdman

Rose Hill Davy Jones Of Runyan SC (D)
HP37055506, 30-Jan-2010 by CH
Afanasij Od Podhorniho Vrchu JC x FC
Rose Hill Bodacious V Zoiboyz SC, br:
Sherita Tabner, ow: Gary Runyan

Master Courser (MC)

FC Greyhaven Summer Magic MC (B)
HP31540906, 28-Jun-2008 by CH
Greyhaven Sorcerer's Apprentice x CH
Greyhaven Dark Side Of The Moon,
br: Marilyn Polsfuss, ow: Ron & Ruth
Mandsager
FC Silkenswift Black Lightning CGC
MC FCH LCM SGRC3 SORC
(D) HP24838408, 25-Aug-2006
by Silkenswift Midnite Taly SC x
FC Silkenswift Burning Bright SC
FCH, br: Bonnie Dalzell, ow: Jamie
Bobrowski
FC Windrift Edge Of Night MC LCX (B)
HP31312601, 07-Jul-2008, by GCH
DC Ashtoria Irshbrook Wldhnt Lemans
RN RA SC GRC FCH x DC Windrift
Chihawk Nymphet MC LCX FCH,
br: Jonathan & Nancy Reimer, ow:
Jonathan Reimer & Melissa Reimer

Field Champion (FC)

FC Avalon Oxota Cinquedeas SC (B)
HP40594901, 20-May-2011 by DC
Avalon Victorian Pyre RN RA RE
SC CGC FCH VFCH GRC x Avalon

Tigress In The Dark JC SC FCH VFCH
GRC CC CM, br: Leonore Abordo
& Sandra Moore & Joan Garth, ow:
Sandra Moore

GCH DC Horse And Hound Bretagne At
Scheremetjew SC (B) HP38399803,
03-Jul-2010 by CH Sylvan Scotch And
Soda JC SGRC x CH Kansai'Z Ride
Of The Valkyrie, br: Pamela Buffington,
ow: Karin Johnson & Julia Johnson
DC Oxota Avalon Tanforan O Starswift JC
SC (D) HP37104202, 08-Mar-2010, by
DC Avalon Victorian Pyre RN RA
RE SC CGC FCH GRC x FC Avalon
Rumor Of Angels MC FCH GRC, br:
Leonore Abordo & Sandra Moore &
Mary Childs & Joan Garth, ow: Jamie
Bobrowski & Leonore Abordo
DC Téine Katz Sun Glacier JC SC (D)
HP34883504, 17-Jul-2009 by DC Téine
Windmaster Of Foxwood SC ROMX x
DC Annwn Edessa SC LCM, br: Anne
Midgarden, ow: Kitty & Jimmy Sawyer
FC Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart SC FCH
(D) HP37997003, 10-May-2010 by
Romashka's Aramis JC x FC Zoiboyz
Tornado V Rosehill SC, br/ow: Tom
Golcher & KC Thompson-Golcher
FC Zoiboyz Enchanted Isle SC (B)
HP37997003, 10-May-2010 by
Romashka's Aramis JC x FC Zoiboyz
Tornado V Rosehill SC, br: Tom
Golcher & KC Thompson-Golcher,
ow: Melissa Pearre & Rebecca Peters-
Campbell

Lure Courser Of Merit (LCX)

FC Windrift Edge Of Night MC LCX
(B) HP31312601, 07-Jul-2008, by
GCH DC Ashtoria Irshbrook Wldhnt
Lemans RA SC GRC FCH x DC
Windrift Chihawk Nymphet MC LCX,
br: Jonathan & Nancy Reimer, ow:
Jonathan Reimer & Melissa Reimer

Therapy Dog (THD)

Coburn Meyta Kessiah THD (B)
HP30297520, 01-Apr-2008 by Meyta
Marché Du Monde x CH Fusilier Fan
Danzer At' Coburn, br: Pat Shaw &
Laura Hyatt, ow: Joan & Alan Hackel.

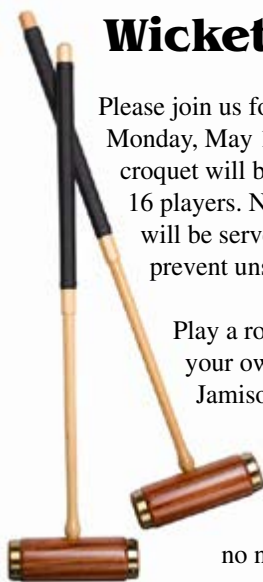
Wickets, White Linens & Borzoi

Please join us for the inaugural BCOA Croquet and Golf Tournaments. On Monday, May 13 as the LGRA racing comes to a close, a genteel round of croquet will brighten the late afternoon back at the Host. Entries limited to 16 players. No entry fee but you must register to play. Light refreshments will be served. A copy of the "Rules of Croquet" will be available to prevent unseemly disputes.

Play a round of golf on the Lancaster Host Resort course on your own time and submit your verified score card to Ralph Jamison or Jane Berardi-Molloy by 6PM Friday, 17 May.

The winner of the \$50 gas card will be announced Saturday evening. The pro shop will be happy to rent you clubs;

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World

information that had been reported in the past was incorrect. One reason was the difficulty in getting accurate translation from Russian. It was not until 2008, at our 10th conference in St. Petersburg, Russia, that the Russian breeders were first able to attend. Their input has greatly added to understanding the ancient history of the Borzoi.

Whenever the word "Borzoi" appeared in Russian texts, the assumption was that it referred to the breed as we know it today. However, *borzaya* means the more general "Sighthound." *Psovaya Borzaya*, which means "long-haired Sighthound," is the Russian name for the Borzoi we recognize today. Many of the translations were actually about Greyhounds or other Sighthounds. Also, many of the Russian terms used prior to the Russian revolution no longer exist, making it almost impossible to find someone who can translate accurately. If the translator is not familiar with canine terminology, the translation is often confusing or completely wrong.

During the next 20 years, the writing of an international Borzoi standard kept the discussion at the conferences very intense at times. Some of the major breeders wanted the description to fit the dogs from their kennels. But over time, the breeders who kept attending the conferences started to think in terms

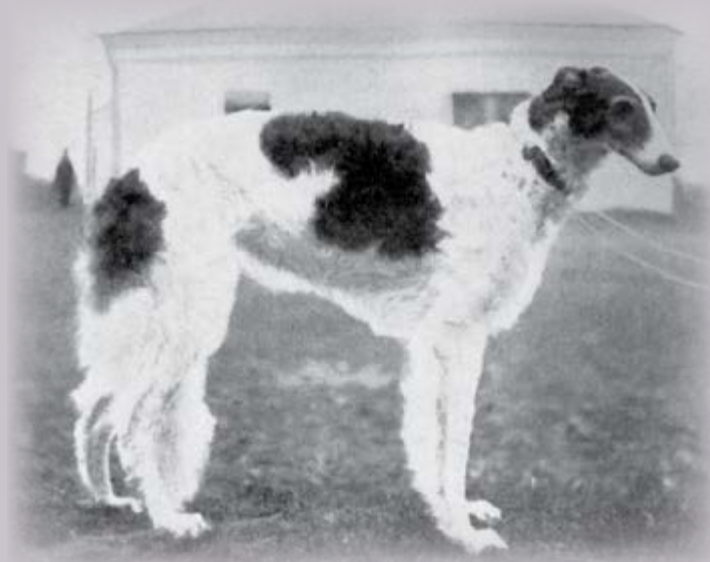


An international Borzoi organization was the dream of Arvid Andersen of Murugi Kennels in Sweden. In 1981, he organized the first meeting of what became the International Borzoi Council. Held just outside of Jönköping in southern Sweden, it was attended by 65 Borzoi breeders from six countries (Sweden, England, the U.S., Finland, Germany, Norway and Australia).

The International Borzoi Council has met every three years, moving around the globe: Sweden (1981 and 2002); the U.K. (1984 and 1993); the U.S. (1987 and 2005); France (1990); Canada (1996); Australia (1999); Russia (2008) and Switzerland (2011). The conference is scheduled to return to the U.S. in 2014.

Three goals were established at that first conference that would become the driving force of the meetings over the next several decades. The first was to establish the International Borzoi Council. The second was to record and study the history of the Borzoi. The third was to study the standards from the major kennel clubs of the world and to hopefully write one international Borzoi standard that would be recognized worldwide. At the conclusion of the first conference, it was decided that the group should continue to meet every three years, and during each conference a Borzoi specialty would be held.

Attendees found the historical aspect of the conference very educational, because little historical information on the breed in its native land was available unless one could read Russian. Breeders learned that some of the historical



Top left: French artist Louis Icart delighted in the Borzoi's flowing lines. But breeders should never allow the breed's elegance to compromise its functionality. Above: Perchino Blijestka. "I believe this bitch could be specialty winner in any country," writes the author. "The only thing I don't like about her is that I do not own her."

Piece

CRAFTING THE INTERNATIONAL BORZOI STANDARD WAS A GLOBAL EFFORT



"Lesta," gray-black bitch, born 1910 at Perchino, 1912 golden medal at the jubilee show of the Imperial Hunting Society in Moscow. "A bitch that has good underjaw, length of neck, front legs set under her body, excellent feet, pasterns and length of leg. She appears to me weaker in her rear, with her rear feet pointing outward, and she stands with her rear too far under her body. She lacks muscling in her thighs. Hocks that stand parallel would enhance her topline." — Sillers

of promoting the breed instead of just their individual dogs. Studying the history of the Borzoi over the last several centuries, we have learned that to be historically correct, the Borzoi must be a functional breed. In writing one international Borzoi standard, those members representing the different major Borzoi standards that existed at the time needed to compromise to preserve the functional Borzoi.

"At the first conference, people said that if you put the British and the Americans in a room together to discuss the topline, there would be blood on the walls!" remembers Jean Clare of Ryazan Borzoi in England, who has attended all of the International Borzoi Conferences. "In fact, it was all quite amicable. In my group, we passed around various photos, and finally found a bitch with a topline we all liked. This was Eng. Ch. Shelbor Red Velvet. Karen Staudt-Cartabona was in the group, and she drew some sketches of acceptable toplines. Later, all of the delegates met together, and it was agreed to change the word 'arch' to the softer 'curve' with reference to the topline."



Black-brown marked bitch named "Podruga," of the type of Boldareff, another famous Borzoi breeder/kennel in Russia at the end of the 1800s. "This bitch has a long, lean head with good underjaw. Her neck is of good length and she stands with good return of upper arm. Her body is substantial. Lower hocks would make her look more pleasing. If shown in the U.S., she would be groomed to give her a more pleasing shape, and therefore a different look." — Sillers

Clare notes that the various standards have their strengths and weaknesses. "The American standard gives a brief description of the breed, but is very short on detail, although the General Appearance clause is excellent," she explains. "In the American standard there is no clause describing temperament, the description of the back is poor as it does not identify the position of the highest point of the curve, and there is no mention of the desired front angulation other than that the shoulders should be sloping. The English standard is written on the same lines and contains rather more detail."

The most detailed of all is the FCI standard, she continues, "and the Important Proportions clause at the beginning is excellent. But the FCI standard can be rather difficult to read and places an unnecessary emphasis on faults. A well-written standard should concentrate on the desired attributes of the breed, and so make the listing of faults unnecessary."

By incorporating all the strengths of the various standards, the International



"Raketa," black-brown bitch, born in Perchino, bred by crossing Chodlik, Serdetschny and Tscharodjei. "Raketa is a bitch with good substance and muscling. She has good length to her neck and balanced angulation. I like her feet, pasterns and depth of chest. She appears to be snikey and lacks underjaw. Stands slightly longer than tall." — Sillers



"Rogdai," black male, born in Perchino in 1909, type of Perchino dogs of dark color. "Rogdai has good underjaw and length of neck. He stands balanced, but is balanced with lack of front and rear angulation. Has nice length of leg and good feet and pasterns. His head is long and lean, but downfaced. The curve to his topline starts too far forward. Has depth of chest but stands square." — Sillers

Borzoi standard is the best of all, Clare concludes, "which is hardly surprising, as a number of enthusiasts have done a great deal of work on it. They have attempted to incorporate much of the detail of the FCI standard into the more easily assimilated format of the American and English standards."

In the early to mid-1900s, Borzoi were used in the art of Louis Icart, who owned Borzoi and was a Borzoi fancier. Much of his artwork depicted beautiful women with Borzoi and was not drawn in a realist style. To enhance the dogs' beauty, he exaggerated their elegance, movement and flowing lines. Many breeders today like this Art Deco expression of our Borzoi. However, if this exaggeration is carried too far in a breeding program, the Borzoi usually are very elegant, but no longer have a flexible topline to remain functional.

Indeed, the topic the present council is most concerned about is the Borzoi topline. We are concerned that many judges evaluate an entry and make their placing solely on the topline instead of evaluating the entire dog. They tell us that the Borzoi topline is the hallmark of the breed, and that the more curve is always better – without regard to the location of the curve on the topline or if the dog's topline is flexible (meaning functional).

Understanding the history of the breed leads to an appreciation of how a given standard has evolved. I always wondered why the English standard prior to 1986 described the curve of the back starting as close to the shoulders as possible. Kristina Terra of Zabava Borzoi in Washington State gave a lecture at our most recent conference in Switzerland this July that described the development of the Borzoi

starting in the 13th Century. From that I learned that during the early 1800s, as Borzoi were crossed with other Sighthounds, one strain produced dogs in which the rise of the topline began closer to the shoulders in males, whereas the bitches had flatter backs.

This does not explain why the English standard written prior to 1972 describes the curve of the topline starting at the withers. Those that I have asked about this so far have not been able to answer this question. I just find it interesting that all of the other Borzoi standards during this period described the curve as being further back on the topline. Why was the English standard different? At least from Kristina Terra's presentation I have an explanation on how it was genetically possible to select for it in our gene pool.

Historically, Borzoi have always varied in type. Their owners were only concerned about their hunting ability, so at times bred them to other Sighthounds. Early on, Scenthounds were used to chase the game into small clearings where the Borzoi were waiting. They needed instant speed to capture their prey before it escaped back into the woods. As the hunting terrain changed, so did the structure of the Borzoi, so they would be able to catch game over a greater distance.

"Over time there was a difference in the terrain where Borzoi were used for hunting. As the country was gradually de-forested the Borzoi structure also gradually changed," Kristina Terra writes. "Most Borzoi (or *Psovaya*) were bred in the central part of Russia. In the beginning, the dogs were used on meadows and small clearings, and so what was required of the dogs was a burst of speed (*brosok*, or in some literature the word used is *brassok*) on short distances. As the country was deforested, the hunting style changed to match – bigger fields required dogs with more stamina. Different Sighthound breeds were added to make the original Borzoi have more strength on long distances. So, the differences in Borzoi types were not really geographical; they were more ... chronological ... Some kennels kept Borzoi with more influences of the older lines, whereas others had more of the new blood in them. Central Russia is enormous in size. When you consider how difficult travel was during this time, you can understand when the Borzoi were crossed with neighboring Sighthounds; the results were a variety of types in the breed, and this variety still remains today."



"Kaissack (1892) is more compact in structure and carries a heavier body coat. This coat gives the appearance of a short neck and makes it more difficult to appreciate his flowing lines. He does have a shorter length of neck when compared to the other Borzoi photos. If he had more rear angulation, not so steep a croup and lower hocks, he would stand more balanced. He stands high in rear." — Sillers

In 1861, Russia's serfs were emancipated, which resulted in a decline in the number of Borzoi. Without serfs, the large estate owners could

International Borzoi Standard

This standard, while accepted by the International Borzoi Council and intended as an aid for judges and breed fanciers, is not recognized by the various national kennel clubs, and does not replace the AKC, FCI and KC standards.

Adopted 2001, internationalborzoiconference.org.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Well balanced, graceful, aristocratic, dignified and elegant flowing lines.

CHARACTERISTICS

A coursing hound which must be courageous, powerful and of great speed.

TEMPERAMENT

Alert, self assured with quiet dignity.

HEAD AND SKULL

Head long, lean and in proportion to dog's size and substance. In females, finer than in males. Well filled in below the eyes. Measurement from inner corner of eye to tip of nose equal to or very slightly greater than measurement from inner corner of eye to occiput. Skull very slightly domed and narrow, stop barely perceptible. Head fine so that direction of bones and principal veins can be clearly seen. Jaws long, deep and powerful. Nose large, black and slightly overreaching. From end of nasal bone, nasal cartilage slopes slightly down to nostrils. Lips black rimmed, thin well stretched along the jawbone. Viewed from above skull would look somewhat narrow and somewhat oval shaped, converging very gradually to tip of nose. Occipital process accentuated.

MOUTH

Jaws strong with perfect, regular and complete scissors bite. Eg: Upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to jaw. Full strong dentition desirable.

EYES

Relatively large, dark and expressive. Set obliquely and placed well back, not too wide apart. Eyelids black and forming an almond shaped opening. Eyes not bulbous, staring or sunken.

EARS

Small, pointed and delicate, set high. When in

repose, folded back along the neck with the tips nearly touching the occiput. Should be active and responsive, may be erect when alert, tips sometimes falling over.

NECK

Slightly arched; reasonably long and well muscled widening gradually to shoulders. Free from throatiness, flattened laterally, set at an angle of 50-60 degrees to the longitudinal axis of body. Length of neck should be approximately equal to length of head.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders muscular but not loaded. Shoulder angle of 110-120 degrees. Fine at withers and not accentuated. Forelegs clean and straight. Seen from front, narrow like blades; from side wider at elbow narrowing down to pastern joint. Elbows in vertical line to withers and directly backwards, neither turning in or out. Pasterns slightly sloping, strong and flexible. The distance from withers to elbow is almost half the total height.

BODY

Chest, rib cage relatively long, of narrow oval cut, great depth of brisket reaching to elbows, giving great heart and lung room, especially in mature dogs. Breastbone slightly pronounced with adequate width between elbows and abdomen, very tucked up. Back rather bony, muscular and free from any cavity, rising in a graceful curve prolonged by a well balanced fallaway. Highest point of curve is situated over the last rib. Curve is more pronounced in dogs than in bitches. Loins broad and very powerful with plenty of muscular development. Fallaway long, broad and well muscled, widening over hip joints. Width between pelvic prominences at least 9 centimeters.

HINDQUARTERS

Quarters wider than shoulders, ensuring stability of stance. Thighs long, well developed with good second thighs; hind legs long and muscular; stifles and hocks well angulated, hocks broad, clean and low. Posterior line of hock vertical. Seen from side, legs slightly set back, where a line can be dropped from the end of the pelvis through the knuckles of foot. Legs straight and parallel viewed from the rear.

FEET

Hare foot, neither turning in nor out, hind feet

longer. Toes close together and well arched over strong thick pads. Removal of dew claws optional.

TAIL

Long, rather low set, tailbone reaching well below hock joint, or measured between thighs reaches top of nearest hip bone. Well feathered, carried low in a graceful curve. From level of hocks may be saber or slightly sickle shaped but not ringed. In action, not rising above level of the back.

GAIT

Front, straight with long reach, pasterns springy. Hind, straight with powerful driving hocks. When trotting legs converge towards the centre line. Viewed from the side appearance in action should be that of effortless power with noticeable drive and ground covering stride. A flexible back is desirable.

COAT

Silky in texture. Can be flat wavy, or rather curly. Short and smooth on head, ears and front of legs; much longer on body with heavy feathering on backs of legs and hindquarters, tail and chest. Neck carries a large curly frill. More profuse in dogs than in bitches. Undercoat dense, soft, subject to seasonal and climate changes.

COLOR

Any color of pattern acceptable.

SIZE

Desirable height at withers: dogs 32 inches (81 cm), bitches 28.5 inches (75 cm). Dogs and bitches which diverge from this ideal size are not to be penalized as long as balance and efficiency are maintained. Height at withers equals height at hips or withers slightly higher. Length index is about 105 for males and 107 for bitches.

FAULTS

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree of functional significance.

NOTE

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

Comments on Borzoi, Then and Now

In June 1937, the seventh rotational show of the Pure bred Dog Fanciers Association of the Leningrad area took place in Leningrad, Russia (now St. Petersburg). The Borzoi expert Mr. A.A. Mesenzhev judged the Borzoi. I have included photos of some of the Borzoi that he judged to show the variation in topline in the entry plus I have included the comments he made about the topline in his critique. My comments follow. — *Sillers*



NOJAN

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Mesenzhev: "Nojan is an excellent, exceptional dog. Excellent topline. The back is correct, starting from the shoulder blades, the protruding lumbar muscles merge seamlessly into a long, straight small of the back. Wider in the rear than in front. The chest lacks depth, still needing the width of three fingers to reach the elbow joint. 2nd Gold Metal."

Sillers: "Nojan is a dog that stands balanced, has a pleasing head and length of neck, his front is set under his body, has good length of tail, and strong pasterns. He has flowing lines over his topline as well as his underline. I can see power in his rear, which might be why his croup looks too steep. His topline appears to be flexible. He appears tense and I think when he relaxes his topline would not look so steep in croup. I would wait to evaluate his topline until he is moving."

KAPRISA-DIVENSKAYA

Mesenzhev: "Kaprisa is an exceptional bitch. Neck long, horse-like. Excellent construction. The curve of the back starts at the shoulder blades with no sign of a sunken area. Strong lumbar muscles merging into a broad small of the back. 1st Gold medal and Champion title."

Sillers: "She looks very 'houndy' and gives the impression that she can run like the wind. Excellent underjaw, lean head, balanced neck,



KAPRISA-DIVENSKAYA



KRASOTKA

long tail and low hocks. Beautiful flowing lines. The curve of her topline is a little too far forward for my interpretation of the standard."

KRASOTKA

Mesenzhev: "Back curving into a good top line. First Silver metal."

Sillers: "A photo of a bitch of a different type. She stands balanced and has a moderate topline. The standard at the time mentioned that the topline in bitches can be flat. She needs more depth of chest and underjaw. The front legs are positioned too far forward on her chest. Compare the thickness between the top of her skull and her throat to the other photos. It is too thick for my liking. Her tail length is short in length. Ears are attached more to the side of the skull."



TIRANKA II

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Mesenzhev: "Ears set too low and slightly too big. Excellent neck, chest and ribs; a typey and sound bitch. Presented in wonderful condition. 2nd Gold Medal."

Sillers: "Obviously, this bitch is out of coat. I include her in this article to show the extremes in topline in Borzoi at this show and how the judged still ranked them. She stands balanced. Has a rose ear but it is set low and to the side of her neck. The Borzoi standard describes the ears in repose as folded back along the neck with the tips nearly touching behind the occiput. She has length to her rib cage and a good tuck up."

no longer care for the large number of Borzoi in their kennels. (Some kept around 400.) Many owners just left their estates and moved back to the larger inhabited communities. Then the number of Borzoi diminished even more when it became fashionable to hunt on horseback with guns.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Grand Duke Nicolai Nicolaiovitch, the uncle of the Tsar, wanted to hunt with Borzoi in the fashion and grandeur of the past. He sent his men all over Russia to bring back good examples of Psovaya Borzaya. These dogs were the foundation stock of his famous Perchino kennel. [See also *Sighthound Review*, April 2011 issue, pages 72-81.]

The first description of the Borzoi in print was written in 1888 by Nikolai Petrovich Ermolov. The Ermolov family had bred Borzoi for more than 200 years, and Ermolov was considered an authority on the breed at that time. The

description of the Borzoi that he wrote was approved by the Imperial Hunting Society. In it, he said, "We have to keep in mind that at the time, all Sighthounds were first and foremost functional animals that hunted and were selected on their ability in the field."

Ermolov also wrote in the introduction to the standard: "There no longer are any purebred Borzoi, as all modern Psovaya Borzaya had been crossbred with either shorthaired Sighthounds or mountain Sighthounds. Chart Polskis were brought from the West (Poland); but the near-eastern Sighthounds were added to the breed in the Volga region earlier, most likely in the 1700s. During the fourteen Imperial Hunting Society exhibitions, not a single purebred Borzoi was shown. Since it is clear that we do not have the breed in its original and pure form, now we should only be preserving and improving the breed through correct selection, as well as treat shorter dogs (26.25 inches / 67 cm for bitches

and 28 inches / 71 cm for dogs) with great width and lean muscles the same as tall dogs with flat muscles and ribs, as long as such dogs do not have narrow chests and narrow rears."

In the late 1800s as today, Borzoi breeders did not always agree on the correct description of the Borzoi topline. At future International Borzoi Council Conferences, this topic will be researched, and we hope to eventually develop educational material that will be available to all Borzoi judges from around the world. The curve of the Borzoi's topline adds to its elegance, but if it becomes exaggerated, or if the curve is positioned too far forward on the topline, the Borzoi is no longer functional and its movement is not effortless.

Accompanying this article are early photographs of Borzoi, many taken at the Perchino Kennel in Russia. I choose them to demonstrate the difference in Borzoi type that existed in the late 1800s and early 1900s so one can appreciate why we have such variation in Borzoi type today. The history presented at



"Tuman was born in 1897 in Germany. He is a Borzoi with curves. He has flowing lines, balanced angulation, good length of leg. I would want to evaluate his outline moving, as standing it appears the curve of his topline starts too far forward" – Sillers.

the International Borzoi Conference has given me a greater appreciation for these Borzoi, which at first glance do not look as pleasing to the modern eye. I have judged Borzoi specialties in nine countries, and I see Borzoi today with similar structure and type as those in these photographs. The short critique on each dog is my personal opinion.

Unfortunately, many Borzoi breeders around the world are not interested in our international conferences. When the topic is mentioned, their response is "What has the International Borzoi Council done for me?" If you just stand at ringside waiting for the International Borzoi Council to do something for you, it will never happen. What you learn from the International Borzoi Council is directly related to your input into the organization. The knowledge I have gotten from talking to breeders from around the world, plus the Borzoi history that has been presented at our conference, is priceless.

The International Borzoi Council is trying to establish a list of e-mail addresses of interested individuals from around the world so we can keep them informed of our endeavors. You can be added to the list by contacting Wendy Finlayson at mayvaleborzoi@xtra.co.nz

Please visit our website at internationalborzoiconference.org.

Reconciling the Standards

The four major Borzoi standards in 1981 were the Russian, FCI, British (KC) and American (AKC). Arguably the biggest conflict among them was in describing the topline. I am sure it is because of the International Borzoi Conference that the English changed their standard's description of the Borzoi topline in 1983, bringing it more in line with the other three standards.

Here are the various standards, and the progression of the British document:

KC Standard (1972)

Back rising in a graceful arch from as near the shoulders as possible with a well balanced fall away. The arch more marked in males than females.

KC Standard (today)

Back ... rising in a graceful curve with well balanced fallaway. Highest point of curve is situated over last rib. Curve is more pronounced in dogs than bitches. Loins broad and very powerful with plenty of muscular development. Fallaway long and well muscled. Width between the hip bones at least 8 cm.

The International Borzoi Standard (adopted 2001)

BODY: Chest, rib cage relatively long, of narrow oval cut, great depth of brisket reaching to elbows, giving great heart and lung room, especially in mature dogs. Breastbone slightly pronounced with adequate width between elbows and abdomen, very tucked up. Back rather bony, muscular and free from any cavity, rising in a graceful curve prolonged by a well balanced fallaway. Highest point of curve is situated over the last rib. Curve is more pronounced in dogs than in bitches. Loins broad and very powerful with plenty of muscular development. Fallaway long, broad and well muscled, widening over hip joints. Width between pelvic prominences at least 9 centimeters.

FCI / Russian

Back: Broad, muscled, elastic, forming with the loin and croup a curve which is more pronounced in the males. The highest point of this curve is situated ahead of the middle of the loin or in the region of the 1st or 2nd lumbar vertebra.

Loin: Long, prominent, muscled, moderately broad.

Croup: Long, broad, slightly sloping. The width of the croup measured between the two hip bones (iliac crest) must not be less than 8cm.)

American (AKC)

Back: Rising a little at the loins in a graceful curve.

Nikolai Petrovich Ermolov's Borzoi standard (written in 1888, as translated from then Russian by Kristina Terra):

"Back and topline: The back should be wide. Males should have more of an arch to their topline, whereas bitches should have a level topline with the top of the rise situated somewhere over the position of the kidneys. The hips should be wide, allowing a palm of one's hand to fit between the hipbones. It is desirable for a dog not to have a protruding sturgeon-like backbone, but, instead, to have a groove running the entire length of the backbone. However, we cannot be strict in requiring this of all the dogs, just like we cannot ask that all males have an arch to their backs and all females have level backs. A bitch with a prominent topline, as long as it's not too steep and as long as her back and hips are wide, can be very well put together. Also, a dog that has a level topline, as long as he is not long proportionally but rather is compact and taut as a bow, can indeed be a good producer." — Sillers

The Veteran Dog

by Terry Russo, Lookout Kerry Blues

In the short time since the following occurred, I can hardly believe the outpouring of comments and feelings that it has evoked. It all began 6 months ago and came to a head when I attended yesterday's meeting of our local breed club. I wasn't even going to attend the meeting until I noticed when checking the entries on-line that there was a certain lone entry listed. I knew then that I must attend and I must finally speak my mind ... and my heart.

I sat down at my computer and carefully composed my thoughts. Tears came to my eyes as I wrote it and I feared that I could not read it aloud to the membership. And that was the case. As the President called out a request for "meeting adjourned", I stood up and said "I have one more thing" and handed the copy to a member who was

seated next to me. "I'm afraid I won't be able to read this to you all, but if Lynda would, I'd appreciate it."

The following is what I wrote:

"I see that the *Smiths* have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered. Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class.

Not one person applauded.

Not one person came up and said anything.

Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat.

Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again - back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days". He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions:

"It was nice to see him out there".

Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy".



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Thyroid clinic – Prices \$TBD pending confirmation with Michigan State University Labs

Massage therapy – Cindy Gingrich Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 – 4pm and Thursday (just till noon). Appointments required. Cost is \$30 for the first dog and \$20 for additional dogs at the same visit. Visits 30 to 45 minutes depending on how the dog enjoys it.

Wednesday evening dinner Seminar – Topic TBD Price \$25 includes South of the Border Buffet



Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him.

Those aren't exactly compliments but they will please his owner and make her glad that she brought him. I don't think that's asking too much. One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do. Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had

the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun - their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring.

My old dog is a fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. I have thought about this for 6 months now and wasn't going to say anything but on his behalf, and that of any other veteran, I hope that something like this never occurs

again. As a club of fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make his day. You may never get the chance again.

Thank you."

Addendum: Hundreds and hundreds have responded to this article from all over the world...owners, breeders, handlers, and judges. But among all the kind, heart-warming and sometimes heartbreaking responses, one has stood out and touched me more than any other...

It was from a lady who told me that she always stayed for the Veteran Dog Class and applauded and congratulated the entries – and she had a favor to ask of me. Would I mind just giving her my boy's call name ... so she could always think of him and include him?

Maybe those of you reading this might do the same...in his honor.

He'd like that.

His name is Ajax.

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Rhonda Robins is a BCOA member from Pensacola, FL. She is pictured here on Christmas Eve 2011 with Skyler Tryst's Tribute To Khanzade, CGC, TD (Trystn), her second year manning the kettle and Trystn's first. Trystn exceeded expectations in handling the crowds who wanted to know what he is. The couple to the left has a toy poodle, Mia. Can you spot her all dressed up in her Christmas attire? They were a perfect "Mutt and Jeff" team,

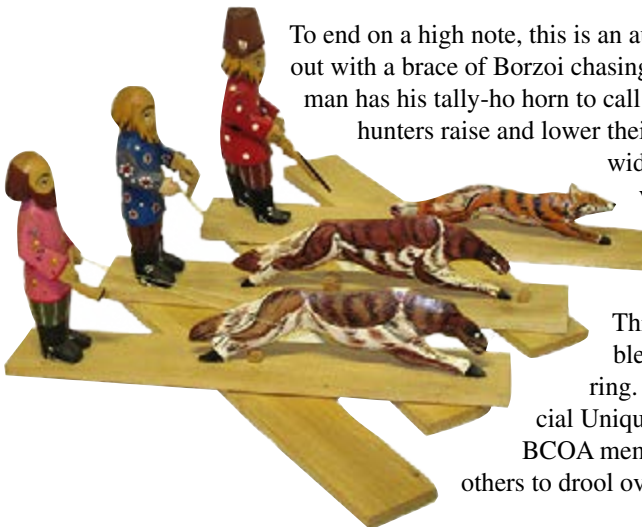
Silent Auction

Bored with so much of your inanimate borzoi collection? Would you love to add a special piece but have no idea where you'd put it? Not to mention where to find the money. We have the solution. Pack up a few of those tchotchkes and bring them to the annual BCOA Silent Auction. While we'd be most grateful for outright donations, we will happily share with you 50/50 on the proceeds from the sale of your pieces. Then you can use your profits to pay for your new treasures, or designate your share to go to Health or Rescue or AKC's Legislative Fund, your call. Complete one donor form for each item. Contact Kathy Kelly Kelcom@comcast.net



UNIQUE ZOITQUES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

base with wheels. It has a cute piece of twine that allows you to drag it around the yard or house. Since it's made of wood, this is also on top of a curio cabinet hidden away from my darling puppies.



To end on a high note, this is an authentic toy made in Russia, as marked on the underside. The Hunters are out with a brace of Borzoi chasing down the fox. One hunter has a rifle, another has a handgun and the last man has his tally-ho horn to call the hunt. When you move the accordion-type base opened and closed, the hunters raise and lower their guns and horn. It measures 5" tall x 5" wide closed position, or up to 12" wide when opened. I purchased this probably 15 years ago at an antique from a vendor selling Russian items. It is the only one I have ever seen. My original price tag is still attached showing \$58. I currently value this rare hand-made toy at \$200.

This past year has brought happiness and sorrow to many folks. I've been blessed being able to get two new puppies, enabling me to get back in the show ring. However, it doesn't put a hindrance on my thirst for finding that next special Unique Zoitique. How about you? Haven't you found something to share with the BCOA membership? If so, drop me a line and we can work on getting it out there for others to drool over. Until then, peace, love and prosperity to all.

BCOA 2011 Conformation Statistics

January 1 to October, 2012

Submitted by Greg Hlatky

All-breed Standings

Rank	Name	S	Owner(s)	BIS	G1	G2	G3	G4	BOB	Points
1	Aashtoria Wildhunt Hidden Agenda	D	R Riel - C Riel - S McGraw	1	5	6	2	4	31	5553
2	Greyhaven This Rough Magic SC	D	F Vogel - M Hough - L Spiers	1	9	15	12	7	75	3820
3	Raynbos Run For The Roses	D	J Zucker - R Zucker	0	9	6	9	5	84	3217
4	Aruzia Priority One JC	D	L Scott - J Scott	0	3	0	1	2	15	1318
5	Soyara's The Flying Dutchman	D	P Hlatky - G Hlatky	0	2	2	4	2	25	1158
6	Golightly's Big Day	B	M Zobel - R Stachon	0	0	1	3	2	31	726
7	Wildwood Fiery Run Out Of My Dreams	B	E Tolley - D Nutting	0	0	1	3	2	38	703
8	Majenkir Bookstor Glamour Girl	B	K Staudt-Cartabona - K Spey	0	2	0	0	1	14	476
9	Eclipse Mild-Mannered Reporter	D	C Moyer - K Brunarski	0	0	2	0	1	19	440
10	Avalyn's Magnum Force	D	L Bennett - B Benjamin	0	1	1	0	0	9	415
11	Jubilee Tadbit O'Brindle Mist	D	A Gredys - C Gredys	0	0	3	1	1	13	344
12	Blackmoor Tempo Del Sol	B	T Rickford - K Wilkin - D Rickford - C Hart	0	0	0	0	1	5	322
13	Horse And Hound Dreamin' O' Dublin	D	T Rickford - D Rickford	0	0	0	0	1	7	296
14	Radharc Royal St. Kitts	D	M Lucia	0	1	2	1	0	23	294
15	Paradise Spirit Torch Song Enchante	D	M Marcyn	0	0	3	0	2	12	293
16	Velos Moondance	D	D Rogstad - R Rogstad	0	0	0	1	2	8	282
17	Aria Zorya Dark Shadows	D	R Rice - B Rice	0	0	1	2	0	25	261
18	Auroral's Lightning Strikes	D	C Olson	0	0	1	0	0	2	216
19	Majenkir Bookstor Vintage Glamour	B	K Staudt-Cartabona	0	0	1	0	0	4	188
20	Kenai's Flight Of Fantasy	B	M Rowton - J Russell	0	0	1	0	0	1	182

Breed Standings

Ran	Name	S	Owner(s)	BOB	Points
1	Aashtoria Wildhunt Hidden Agenda	D	R Riel - C Riel - S McGraw	31	807
2	Raynbos Run For The Roses	D	J Zucker - R Zucker	84	625
3	Aruzia Priority One JC	D	L Scott - J Scott	15	277
4	Soyara's The Flying Dutchman	D	P Hlatky - G Hlatky	25	244
5	Greyhaven This Rough Magic SC	D	F Vogel - M Hough - L Spiers	75	225
6	Golightly's Big Day	B	M Zobel - R Stachon	31	191
7	Wildwood Fiery Run Out Of My Dreams	B	E Tolley - D Nutting	38	154
8	Eclipse Mild-Mannered Reporter	D	C Moyer - K Brunarski	19	137
9	Jubilee Tadbit O'Brindle Mist	D	A Gredys - C Gredys	13	123
10	Krasivi Merlin Volschebnivitch	D	S Vaughan - S Vaughan	16	108
11	Wolfblitz Crimson Seraphim	D	L Courtney - S Courtney	13	104
12	Horse And Hound Dreamin' O' Dublin	D	T Rickford - D Rickford	7	102
13	Velos Moondance	D	D Rogstad - R Rogstad	8	97
14	Dana Dan Deja Vu	B	A Thompson - D Thompson	9	94
15	Teine Avalanche Glacier SC	B	A Midgarden	7	84
16	Avalyn's Magnum Force	D	L Bennett - B Benjamin	9	82
17	Aria Zorya Dark Shadows	D	R Rice - B Rice	25	79
18	Gladkii Veter Sapphire	B	H Van Vlfet - R Silguero	4	78
19	Blackmoor Tempo Del Sol	B	T Rickford - K Wilkin - D Rickford - C Hart	5	62
20	Vitrina Heart Of Gold Hvala Trillion JC	B	V Trantanella	4	58

BCOA 2012 Obedience Rankings

for BCOA member-owned Borzoi

January 1 to September, 2012

Corrections to June Mintchell, 260-723-4633, rmintchell@yahoo.com

NOVICE	Av score	#QS
1. Paradise Spirit Me N' Bobby McGee CD, RE K Haberkorn	195	1
2. Wildwood Misty Blues At Rey BN, RN, OA, OAJ K & G Novotny	192.25	2
3. CH Rising Star Yashka CD, BN, RAE2 J Browne	188	1
4. DC Gladkii Veter Matter Of Taste MC, LCX2 R Silguero & C Judd	182	1
(TIE) CH Laureate Bella Luna Fly Me To The Moon CD, RN, JC E Moon	182	1
5. Majenkir Centennial Liberty SC L Schultz & K Staudt-Cartabona	171.75	2
OPEN		
1. CH Riju Téine Fun & Games CDX, RA, JC R & J Mintchell	193.5	1
2. CH Riju Téine Catch Me If You Can CDX, RA, JC J Mintchell & A Midgarden	192	1
3. Paradise Spirit Me N' Bobby McGee CD, RE K Haberkorn	191.5	2
BEGINNER NOVICE		
1. DC Téine Avada Kedavra SC, CDX, BN, RA A Midgarden & J Mintchell	198	2
2. CH Calaron Charley's Angel UDX, RE, SC K Haberkorn	197.33	3
3. Romanac Gerhard's Gaze Of Coburn CDX, RAE, JC L Beisswenger	194	2
4. Morozova's Shades Of Tennessee J Adams & J White	193.5	1
5. Wildwood Misty Blues At Rey BN, RN, OA, OAJ K & G Novotny	192.83	3
6. DC Carousel's High Five SC, BN M Conran	192.67	3
7. CH Rising Star Yashka CD, BN, RAE2 J Browne	189.75	4
8. CH Rising Star DiPauls Tzeitel BN, RAE2, JC J Browne	189.38	4
9. Fiery Run Uslada JC, BN E Tolley & D Nutting	178	3
AGILITY QUALIFYING SCORES (not ranked)		
Novice Std		
PoDusham Patata Lacerata Ow L Avant DVM		
CH Raven Quantum Leap Ow L Avant DVM		

BCOA 2012 Rally Rankings

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RALLY NOVICE

1. Kirov Mujer Bonita At Highpoint RN W & A Ford	96.67	3
2. Kirov Agave At Highpoint JC, RN A & W Ford	96.25	4
3. Wildwood Misty Blues At Rey BN, RN, OA, OAJ K & G Novotny	94.67	3
4. Veras Organized Chaos RN J Brauner	81.67	3
5. Windrift Itzaparty At The Wild Hunt JC J Berardi-Malloy & G Duncan & R Jamison	81	2
6. CH Laureate Bella Luna Fly Me To The Moon CD, RN, JC E Moon	81	1
(TIE) Konstantin's Summer Solstice K Haberkorn	81	1
7. Majenkir Sparkling Design By Regal Mi Lovna K & W Ackerman	72	1

RALLY ADVANCED

1. CH RijuTéine Catch Me If You Can JC, CDX, RA J Mintchell & A Midgarden	99.33	3
2. CH Riju Téine Fun & Games JC, CDX, RA R & J Mintchell	98.67	3
3. Paradise Spirit Me N' Bobby McGee CD, RE K Haberkorn	98	1
4. CH Virshina Oronzova Sweet Sizzle RA, JC, OAP, OJP S Deghi	92.33	3
5. CH Rising Star DiPauls Tzeitel RAE2, JC J Browne	91.67	3
6. CH Windrift Elizabeth At Tahoe BN, RA, SC S & K Artley	78.33	3

RALLY EXCELLENT

1. Paradise Sprirt Me N' Bobby McGee K Haberkorn	96	1
2. Téine Firebird Flight Of Fancy CD, RA, JC N & C Miller	90	1
3. GCH, DC Aria's Aramon At Tahoe CD, BN, RE, SC S & K Artley	89	3
4. CH Rising Star DiPauls Tzeitel RAE2, BN, JC J Browne	85.5	2
5. CH Windrift Elizabeth At Tahoe BN, RA, SC S & K Artley	84	1
6. Kelcorov's Harvest Moon RA, JC B Kelley	72.5	2

Open Field Coursing 2012

BCOA member-owned Borzoi

NOFCA Top Ten

1. FC Kirov Embrujada CC,CM, Emmy , B. Ewing	97
2. Kirov Pulsatilla, Puzzle , B. Ewing	73
3. Del Sol Endless Endeavor WNS, Legs , S. Van De Water.....	54
3. Kachina Valeska Shalako Dancer, CM, Indy , D. & G. Mills/C. Enz	33
5. Rio Brava of Star Canyon, Flame , S. Barron/C. Cordtz.....	20
6. Belarus Valley Heat JC, Val , S. Barron/C. Cordtz	10
6. Del Sol Dance of Faith, Faith , JC, FCh, GRC, S. Van de Water	10
8. Ch. Kachina- Valeska Dream Dancer, Cheyenne , C. Enz	7.5
9. Ch. Kirov All Aflame JC, Allie , B. Ewing	5
10. Kachina-Valeska Rainbow Dance, Lady Hawke , C. Enz.....	3

With regard to the top ten for open field coursing, these ratings only reflect those BCOA members participating in NOFCA hunts. Results are based on NOFCA News website covering hunts held from January 1, 2012 through January 31, 2012 inclusive. Submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

OPEN FIELD COURSING NACA

Since the beginning of 2012, the North American Coursing Association had the following BCOA members and their hounds compete in open field coursing. All of the Borzoi listed below have accumulated points toward their open field titles.

Ch. Sunburst Die Fledermaus Rosalinde, **Rosie**, R. and B. Rice

Téine Calligraphy, **Lucida**, A. Midgarden

Téine Bat Out of Hell, **Bella**, A. Midgarden

Zharkov Téine Black Jade, **Jade**, A. Midgarden

Téine Swan Song, **Cygnnet**, A. Midgarden

Astara's Steel & Glass, **Andrei**, W. and K. Ackerman

Majenkir Sparkling Design by Regal Milovona, **Sparkler**, W. and K. Ackerman

Majenkir Electra Mayhem at Varykino, **Hawkeye**, W. & K. Ackerman/K. Staudt-Cartabona

My Majenkir Regal Vixen of Varykino, **Wild Fire**, W. & K. Ackerman /K. Staudt-Cartabona

Ch Kachina-Valeska Dream Dancer, **Cheyenne**, C. Enz

Zvjozgnij Barhat, **Barhat**, C. Enz

FC Kirov Embrujada, CC,CM, **Emmy**, B. Ewing

Ch. Kirov All Aflame, JC, **Allie**, B. Ewing

The points were earned at hunts held between January 1, 2012 and October 31, 2012.

These results were submitted by Linda Sanders, NACA Recorder. Please submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730. These lists are only indicative of BCOA member owned Borzoi and are not reflective of all open field coursing Borzoi.

ASFA Lure Coursing Rankings

Submitted by Tom Golcher

BCOA member-owned Borzoi as of January 1 to September 13, 2012

ASFA Rank	BCOA Rank			Points
1	1	FC C'LestialTecFirecracker Of Ryhka, SC,ORC	Diana Darling & Liz Green	44
2	2	Del Sol End of Reason WNS	Susan Van de Water	35
4	3	FC Zoiboyz Encore, SC	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson	27
5	4	Del Sol Phoebe, LCM2	Susan Van de Water	23
6	5	FC Jedawn's Show Girl, SC,SGRC	Dawn & Jeff Hall	22
7	6	FC C'LestialWild&Wonderful Of Ryhka, LCM2,LCX,SORC	Diana Darling & Liz Green	21
7	6	Rose Hill Swann At Zoiboyz, TT,SC	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson	21
9	8	Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart, FCh	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson	20
11	9	DC Téine Zharkov Bramble Road To Faerie, FCh,GRC,SC	Dawn Ferris	19
12	10	Ch Avalon Afanasii Belozor Arcane, FCh,SC	Rebecca Neal & Sandra Moore	18
12	10	Avalon Oxota Ruidoso	Deb Meyer, Sandra Moore, & Josie Haumont	18
14	12	DC Gladkii Veter Secret Asset, FCh,SC	Roy Silguero	17
15	13	Tsarytsin Der Zorn Aus Khanrath, LCM	Ronnie Blackstock	16
15	13	DC Windsatin Phast On The Take, LCM,SC,GRC	Susan Van de Water	16
17	15	DC Windrift Tahoe Chances Are, SC	Jon & Nancy Reimer	15
17	15	Zoiboyz Durango, FCh	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson	15
19	17	Mielikki-Mandolin Silent Night, FCh,GRC	Renee McCartin	14
19	17	FC C'LestialSouthernXenonLightsRyh, FCh,ORC,SC	Diana Darling	14

AKC Lure Coursing Rankings (Bowen System)

Submitted by Tom Golcher

BCOA member-owned Borzoi January 1 to October 5, 2012

AKC Rank	BCOA Rank			Points
2	1	DC Oxota Avalon Tanforan O Starswift SC	Jamie Bobrowski & Leo Abordo	36
3	2	FC C'Lestial Starlight Express @ Ryhka SC	Diana Darling & Liz Green	26
4	3	FC Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart SC	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson	25
5	4	FC C'Lestial Wild & Wonderful Of Ryhka MC LCX	Diana Darling & Liz Green	23
6	5	DC Téine - Katz Sun Glacier SC	Kitty & Jimmy Sawyer	22
7	6	FC Rose Hill Swann At Zoiboyz SC	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson	21
8	7	FC C'Lestial Tec Firecracker Of Ryhka SC	Diana Darling & Liz Green	21
9	8	GCH DC Jedawn's Princess Aurora SC NA	Charlotte Hunt	29
10	9	FC Avalon Oxota Cinquedeas SC	Sandra Moore	20
11	10	FC Gryffyn's Aeyrie Here For You SC	R Lynn Shell & V Whitlock	19
11	10	FC Zoiboyz Encore SC	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson	19
13	12	FC Zoiboyz Enchanted Isle SC	Melissa Pearce & Rebecca Peters-Campbell	18
14	13	GCH DC Horse And Hound Bretagne At Scheremetjew SC	Karin Johnson	17
15	14	Jubilee Millionairess At Val-Thor SC	Betty de La Rosa & Cindi Gredys	16
16	15	CH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Incendio SC	R Lynn Shell & V Whitlock	15
16	15	Tovaritch's Evarest SC	Marcella Zobel	15
18	17	Jubilee Oil Baron At Val-Thor SC	Betty de la Rosa & Cindi Gredys	14
18	18	DC Téine Rainbow Glacier SC	Anne Midgarden & Sherri Peak	13
20	18	Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe SC	Steve & KC Artley	12

2012 LGRA Top 20 BCOA member-owned Borzoi Through to October 19, 2012

Submitted by Carol Enz

1	Jenny-M	FC Mielikki Dir Shepard at SilkenSwift FCH SGRC2	McCartin
2	Lucy	FC Jedawn's Show Girl SC SGRC	Hall/Myers
3	Ziva	Mielikki Liaison Officer Ziva David SGRC	McCartin
4/5	Bounce-M	SilkenSwift Bounce Into First Dawn GRC	McCartin/Dalzell
4/5	Eclipse	Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart GRC	Thompson/Golcher
6	Bristol	Del Sol Bristol Speedway GRC	Van de Water
7	Insanity	Del Sol End Of Reason WNS GRC	Van de Water
8	Troubador	Petya Svershin Troubador	Berry/Doane
9	Socks	FC WindnSatin Phast On The Take SC FCh SGRC	Van de Water/Childs
10/11	Encore	Zoiboyz Encore	Thompson/Golcher
10/11	Lump	Gryffyn's Aeyrie Here For You	Shell-Whitlock

NOTRA TOP 10

Submitted by Victor Whitlock

BCOA member-owned Borzoi as of November 9, 2012

Rank	Number	Call Name	Name	Owner	YTD Points
1	BZ-527	Zirconium	FC AuDruid Bremen's Zirconium of Ryhka SC FC	Darling	32.00
2	BZ-592	Weston	C'Lestial Wild & Wonderful of Ryhka FCh SC SORC	Darling	15.00
3	BZ-630	Atlas	Avalon Selenium Vger's Atlas @ Ryhka FC FCh SC CA	Bergsdresser	13.00
4	BZ-588	Chaya	FC Technetium's "Ancient" Chaya Sar Ryhka SC FCh SOR OR	Darling	11.50
5	BZ-649	Cameo	C'lestial TEC Firecracker of Ryhka ORC	Green	10.50
6	BZ-641	Eclipse	ZoiBoyz Eclipse of the Heart	Golcher-Thompson	5.50
7	BZ-667	Cin	Avalon Oxota Cinquedeia Cerfo	Moore	4.00
8	BZ-632	CJ	FC Avalon WNS Rising Sun SC FCh ORC JOR	Moore	3.00
8	BZ-627	Onyxx	C'Lestial Starlight Express at Ryhka JC ORC	Darling	3.00
10	BZ-642	Encore	ZoiBoyz Encore	Golcher-Thompson	2.50

BCOA Junior Showmanship AKC Statistics January 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012

Submitted by Barbara Tyler Lord, BCOA Junior Showman Chairman, warwind@tds.net

Robin Stachon	119
Charlotte Hunt	8
Mackenzie L. Kelley	6
Emma Gauthier	3
Mason G Bennett	3
Lauren Alberty	1
Casie Brettell	1
Madison Butts	1

PLEASE NOTE: Now that the AKC has eliminated the Show Awards format, it has become more difficult to locate and keep track of points for our member and non-member junior showman. With that in mind, if you have any comments, questions or corrections regarding these statistics or if you know any young people who might be interested in joining the BCOA as Junior members, please feel free to contact me by e-mail or write me at PO Box 90 Forest Junction, WI 54123

BCOA Lure Coursing Chair Report

November, 2012

Submitted by Tom Golcher

2012 AKC National Lure Coursing Championship

September 8-9, 2012 – Romulus, NY

The event was held at Sampson State Park in the beautiful Finger Lakes region near Romulus, New York. For the two-day event there were 220 dogs entered. Included in this number were: 35 Field Champions, 10 conformation champions, 28 Dual Champions (conformation and field champions) and 9 Grand Champions.

Saturday Top BCOA Borzoi

Open Stake

- 1st - ATLAS – AVALON SELENIUM VGER'S ATLAS @ RYHKA SC co-owner Sandra Moore
- 2nd - LOTUS – VALINORS CIRCUIT DE MONACO AT RIVER RUN SC owner Karla Smith DVM
- 3rd - DANIKA - CH JEDAWN'S PRINCESS AURORA SC FCH CGC co-owner Charlotte Hunt

Specials Stake

- 3rd - LUCY – FC JEDAWN'S SHOW GIRL SC GRC co-owner Dawn Hall
- 4th - CJ – FC AVALON WNS RISING SUN SC. Co-owner Sandra Moore

Sunday Top BCOA Borzoi

Open Stake

- 1st - ATLAS – AVALON SELENIUM VGER'S ATLAS @ RYHKA SC co-owner Sandra Moore

Specials Stake

- 1st - LUCY – FC JEDAWN'S SHOW GIRL SC GRC co-owner Dawn Hall
- 4th - CJ – FC AVALON WNS RISING SUN SC. Co-owner Sandra Moore

Borzoi Best of the Best - LUCY – FC JEDAWN'S SHOW GIRL SC GRC co-owner Dawn Hall

2012 NLCC Winner Pharaoh Hound Iko.

ASFA: 2012 Grand National

September 14, 15, & 16, 2012 – Falcon, CO

The 38th Annual Grand National was held in Falcon, Colorado hosted by the Colorado Lure Coursing association (CLCA).

Saturday Top BCOA Borzoi

Open Stake

- 1st - SilkenSwift New Year's Red Dawn - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson

Field Champion Stake

- 1st – FC Zoiboyz Eclipse of the Heart, SC, FCh, GRC - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson
- 2nd – Rosehill Swann at Zoiboyz, SC, FCh, TT - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson

Sunday Top BCOA Borzoi

Open Stake

- 1st - SilkenSwift New Year's Red Dawn - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson

Field Champion Stake

- 1st – FC Zoiboyz Eclipse of the Heart, SC, FCh, GRC - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson
- 2nd – Rosehill Swann at Zoiboyz, SC, FCh, TT - owners Tom Golcher & KC Thompson

2013 International Invitational

LKC, MGA, and TSSC are working hard on the 2013 II to be held April 13 and 14 in Muncie, Indiana (just a little north of Indianapolis). So be sure to mark your calendars and schedule vacation time as it is fast approaching. There will be additional information posted on the ASFA web site shortly. A Facebook page – 2013 ASFA II – has been set up to post information. The fields are very large with little to no sight lines. There will be electrical hookups for campers and many more amenities.

2013 ACoD

Mark your calendars! It's not too early to be thinking of the 2013 ACoD. It will be held in Denver, Colorado on March 23 and 24°. Tom Golcher, BCOA ASFA Delegate will plan to attend.

No further action by AKC or the ASFA affecting the sport of lure coursing has been noted.

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The Aristocrat is the official publication of the Borzoi Club of America and is published quarterly in order to inform, educate and entertain the members by providing historical and current information on the Breed and issues affecting the well-being of our Borzoi.

Statement of Intent:

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- Serve as a record of BCOA and its activities
- To provide a convenient forum for the reporting of statistics on the accomplishments of the members in conformation and performance events.

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 - LGRA
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 - Top Junior Showman
 - Photos of the Specialty Conformation and Performance Winners
 - Judge's critique of Conformation classes
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 - Candid photos as available

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