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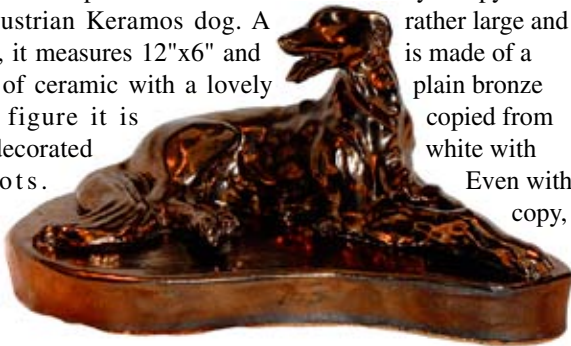
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Unique Zoitiques

By Cindy Michalak

Congratulations to the winners and welcome home to all the lucky people and their Borzoi returning from the 2013 BCOA National. Now its time to lie down and kick your shoes off so you can recuperate from your vacations! And of course, that means I found a theme with which to work from; lying Borzoi, although one isn't quite in the lying position.

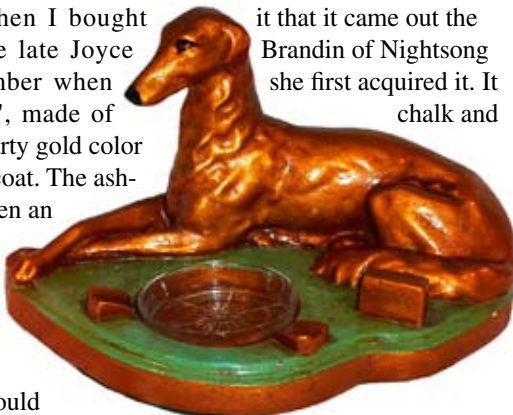
We begin with a figurine that was more than likely produced for one of the Borzoi specialties as it is definitely a copy of the reclining Austrian Keramos dog. A rather large and bulky piece, it measures 12"x6" and is made of a heavy type of ceramic with a lovely plain bronze wash. The figure it is copied from is usually decorated with white with black spots. Even with this being a copy, it is still a valuable piece and could fetch up to \$65.



This is a recent find of mine from an antique show in Atlanta, Georgia. The Borzoi attached to the napkin ring holder is also a copy, but from Japan rather than Austria. This particular Borzoi can often be found in single form, or attached to a pipe holder or bookend to name a few. It measures 4"x2½". While it appears to be silver, I believe it is simply some sort of chrome overlay. I paid \$35 for it and thought the price was reasonable.



While I know most of you may not recognize this I knew in an instant when I bought it that it came out the collection of the late Joyce Brandin of Nightsong Borzoi. I remember when she first acquired it. It measures 11"x6", made of chalk and was painted a hearty gold color with a clear overcoat. The ash-tray base was given an antique look to it when Joyce repainted it. She also gave the eyes a little character as well. I would



have loved to own more of Joyce's items when her husband Henry put them on the market but I am already overloaded with things and money is limited. I would put a value of \$60 on this uncommon piece.

Perhaps one of the most common German figures is this reclining Sitzendorf. It was an attractive piece and an American ceramics company, Holland Molds, copied it and was able to produce at a more reasonable price. The original German figure measures 10"x4" and is a little more refined, which can be expected. To make a mold of an item, you would cover the original with the casting material and end up with two halves. This would add to the outer dimension, thus making it slightly larger. The actual Sitzendorf sells for around \$75 while the Holland Mold copy is valued at about \$15-\$25.

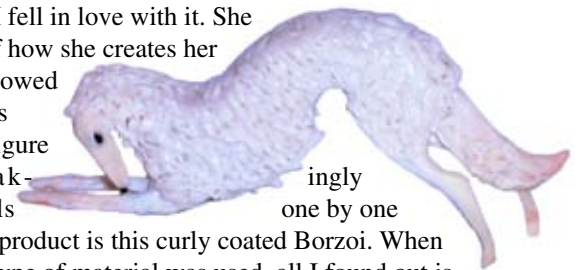


Although not the prettiest one in the bunch, this German Borzoi with puppies is still on the cute side. Normally the reclining "mama" comes as a single piece and didn't seem to interest me enough to buy; however, when I saw it with two babies attached, I decided it was a must-have. The overall piece measures 5"x2".



While the decorating (paint) is rather grotesque, it's always fun to own puppies; even if they are only ceramic! The usual single piece sells for around \$20 – add the puppies to it and the value can increase up to \$35.

One of my Facebook friends, Екатерина Нефёлова, had this on her page and I fell in love with it. She had a video of how she creates her work and it showed that she begins with a blank figure and painstakingly adds the curls one by one until the final product is this curly coated Borzoi. When I asked what type of material was used, all I found out is she calls it a "new material." It feels like some type of rubber/plastic combination. I was so enthralled with it that I bought it without asking the size and paid \$167 for it including ship-



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New Title Holders

earned January, February and March, 2013 Submitted by K.C. Artley

Special mention to these two dogs who have earned titles rarely earned by any breed, let alone a Borzoi: GCH Oronzova Fireworks Festival SC AX AXJ, breeder & owner Suzanne Deghi, who earned the Excellent level Standard and Excellent level Jumpers agility titles and CH Romanoc Gerhard's Gaze Of Coburn CDX BN RAE TD JC who earned the Tracking title, breeder Kris Woddail and owner Linda Beisswenger.

Conformation Champion (CH)

- DC Aria Ex Libris Agardi JC SC (D)
HP40804401, 25-May-2011 by DC
Aria Svora Serrano Ex Libris MC
LCX2 FCH x CH Jedawn's Dazzler
JC, br: Rita Rice, Bryan Rice, Gretchen
Thiele & Brooke Ayala, ow: Gretchen
Thiele & Charles Greene & Casie
Brettell
- CH Brinson Vondi Lunar Legend (D)
HP39853708, 20-Dec-2010 by DC
Sylvan Seabury Virago SC FCH
ROMC-X x CH Dibar's Kiss Of
Death SC, br: Y Diane Jacobs &
Winnie Kelly & Joseph Lineberry,
ow: Naida Parker & Winnie Kelly &
Patricia Johnson
- CH Chihawk Echovesna I Luv Ur Kisses
(B) HP37769101, 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
- CH Coquetel Celtic Twilight (B)
HP42681304, 07-Jun-2011, by CH
Blackmoor Kallisto JC x CH Coquetel
Ode To Belskaya, br/ow: John & Julia
Munro
- CH Crown Jewel Peter The Great (D)
HP41946401, 14-Sep-2011 by GCH
Promises Crown Jewel Nicholas x GCH
Promises Crown Jewel Natalia, br/ow:
Jean Durdin
- CH Dana Dan Cameo (B) HP26794302,
19-May-2007 by CH Dana Dan Falcon
x CH Fern Meyta Earthly Delight,
br/ow: Dana Thompson & Ardietta
Thompson
- CH Elance Beyond The Blue (D)
HP37995002, 15-Jan-2010 by CH
Windnsatin Ty Slezi Of Veter x Elance
Mystic Cequilla, br: Cherie Hunchak &
Mary Childs, ow: Cherie Hunchak
- CH Elance Sitting Pretty (B) HP29006301,
7-Aug-2007, by Eidolon Swordbearer
Of Elance x Elance Mystic Cequilla, br:
- Cherie Hunchak, ow: Anne Quinn &
Cherie Hunchak
- CH Ferlinka's Winter Heart (D)
HP25673215, 14-Feb-2007 by CH
Abidjan's Q Ladavaz Ferlinka SC x CH
Quiero Ferlinka Myka, br: Debra West,
ow: Linda Barad & Debra West
- CH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Boudicca (B)
HP36769901, 11-Sep-2009, by CH
Téine Unstable Force SC x CH
Gryffyns Aeyrie Alegria SC LCM, br/
ow: R Lynn Shell & Victor Whitlock
- CH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Hellraiser (D)
HP33690203, 14-Nov-2008 by CH
Kyrov Ever And Always Oaklara x CH
Gryffyn's Aeyrie Anduril JC, br/ow: R
Lynn Shell & Victor Whitlock
- CH Imagine Homer's Tales RN SC
(D) HP33366803, 23-Oct-2008 by
CH Aldemoor's Citation SC x CH
Krestovskaja Anastacia RA SC FCH,
br: William & Peri Neill, ow: Scott
Wood & Peri Neill & Erica Gardner
- CH Jubilee Mystic Hillside Mists (B)
HP24246406, 23-Nov-06 by GCH
Katushka Jubilee Movado x CH Jubilee
Mists Of Eden, br: Cynthia Gredys &
Amelia Gredys & Kay Cassella, ow:
Laura Van Diest & Linda Nagel
- CH Kadlec's Stealth Fighter (B)
HP27723202, 30-Jun-2007 by CH
Kadlec's Captain Jack x April Flowers,
br/ow: Mamie & Doug Powell
- CH Kansai'Z Windsheer K-C Xbox
(D) HP39539202, 27-Nov-2010 by
Windsheer K-C Shadow Dancing x CH
Kansai'z In The Stars JC, br/ow: Karen
Murray & Leah Thorp & Kasey Parks
- CH Kyrov's Colour Me Tobiano Valkyrie
(D) HP38831604, 24-Jul-2010, by CH
Kyrov Bijoux Worth Waiting For x
Promise Star Glow Of Kyrov, br: Amy
Sorbie, ow: Gillian Cookenboo
- CH La Verite Belote (B) HP39714003,
11-Jan-2011 by GCH Aria's Ain'T No
Angel x CH La Verite Nacogdoches SC,
br/ow: Richard Terry
- CH La Verite Tarot (B) HP39714010,
11-Jan-2011 by GCH Aria's Ain'T No
Angel x CH La Verite Nacogdoches SC,
br/ow: Richard Terry
- CH Maskova's Silver Bells (B)
HP39382604, 25-Dec-2010 by CH
Maskova's Matinee JC x CH Majenkir
Silver Filigree, br/ow: Elisabeth &
James Szymanski
- CH Oronzova Spellbound (D)
HP36346601, 03-Dec-2009, Am/
Can CH Auroral's Across Time Sirius
ROM-C x CH Virshina Oronzova
Sweet Sizzle RA JC OAP OJP, br:
Suzanne Deghi, ow: Jann Heumann &
Suzanne Deghi
- CH Phaedra Lilith (B) HP32543907,
10-Nov-2008, by CH Rajalinjan Halis
SC ROM x CH Phaedra Fina N' Kara
JC, br: Carol Kubiak-Zamora & Kevin
Shimel, ow: Terry Swope
- CH Plache' Belle Of The Yukon JC (B)
HP32324705, 08-Oct-2008, by CH
Kyrov's Confection x DC Aria's
Haunted Gold SC FCH, br: Kim Plache
& Rita Rice, ow: Kim Plache
- CH Sedona Aleksandrovich (D)
HP35806801, 06-Oct-2009 by GCH
Sedona Cloud Dancer x CH Phaedra
Inari, br/ow: Tamara Carey
- CH Skyler Tryst's Tribute To Khanzade
(D) HP33884402, 21-Apr-2009 by CH
Cazimir's Tvarisch x CH Khanzade
Skyler V Timatuck, br: Melissa
Hundley & Katrina Averill, ow: Rhonda
Robins & Melissa Hundley
- CH Sunburst-Mechta Top Of The Marque
(D), HP36877502, 12-Sep-2009, by
CH Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta
ROMX-C x Vila Yurievna Of Sunburst
SC, br: Garnett Thompson & Marilyn
McGraw, ow: Garnett Thompson &
Mavis Miner
- CH Tamarzi They Call The Wind Mariah
(B) HP29471409, 03-Feb-2008 by
CH Tamarzi Viva Las Vegas x CH
Stillwater Charlies Angel, br/ow:

NADINE JOHNSON ... CONGRATULATIONS !!

Since 1997 at Nadine's home when 6-month-old Cody ran across the room, leapt into the air, spun around and landed in my lap, Nadine has been our very dear friend and mentor.



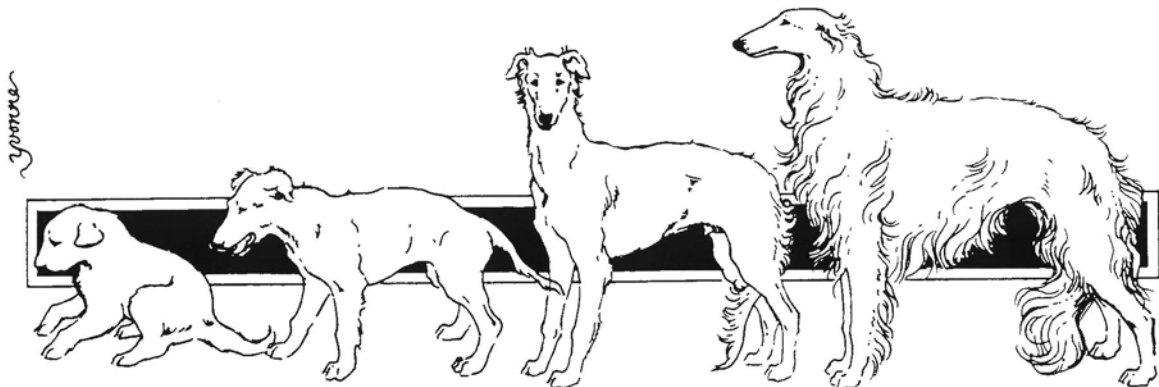
Another "Best In Show" of sorts occurred at the Annual BCOA National Banquet as Nadine was awarded the "AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award" in the form of a lovely gold medal. Nadine has not only given us her trust and mentorship but most of all her friendship which she has also given to many others far too numerous to count. In fact only a couple of hours before the dinner, during best of breed judging, she could be found mentoring other judges, or future judges, on Borzoi. It was a fun end-of-the show evening made even more so by being able to share in Nadine's surprise (pictured left). Diane Walters Spohn and I say "Huge Congratulations" to Nadine! (submitted by Paul Spohn)



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Marilynn Lockhart & Tammy Ream
CH Téine Pavo At Happy Hobbits SC
(D) HP20698608, 19-Mar-2006 by
Silkswift Stardust SC x DC Rassim's
Dornroeschen At Téine SC LCM
ROMX, br: Anne Midgarden, ow:
Sandra Gillen

CH Timeless Midnight Flyer (D)
HP40366903, 21-Mar-2011 by Jubilee
Glacier Tinman x CH Renaissance
Stones Of Iron, br: Chris Swilley &
Robin Casey & Cynthia Gredys, ow:
Lori Miller

CH Twin Elms Svershin Ariel SC (B)
HP35853805, 24-Jul-2009 by CH
Avalyn Nakai The Magic Flute JC x CH
Twin Elms Barinya SC FCH, br: Suzan
Breaz & Tony Forbes & Tammy Forbes,
ow: Terry Doane & Suzan Breaz

CH Windlords Zcyclon (D) HP34241508,
05-Mar-2009 by CH Fusilier Eudromos
x Windlords Yashma, br/ow: Martha
Richards & Fini Heynen

CH Windrift Tahoe Chase The Dream BN
RN JC CGC (D) HP34110709, 21-Apr-
2009 by DC Tahoe's High Bidder SC
FCH VFCH x DC Kirov Windrift
Fire & Rain MC FCH, br: Jonathan &
Nancy Reimer and Steven & K Carol
Artley, ow: Steven & K Carol Artley

CH Wyvern's Spellbinding Mystery RN
(D) HP28471204, 26-Oct-2007 by
CH Promises Zion Of Wyvern x CH
Aldemoor's Wyvern Catera ROM-C, br:
Margaret Lucia, ow: Nicole Mitchell

CH Zharkov Téine Jacqueline Du Pre (B)
HP31177401, 08-May-2008 by DC
Silkswift Blaze's Darkfire SC LCM7
GRC x DC Rassim's Dornroeschen
At Téine SC LCM ROMX, br: Shirri
Peak & Anne Midgarden, ow: Leigh &
Vickie Littleton

DC Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart SC FCH
(D) HP37997003, 10-May-2010 by
Romashka's Aramis JC x FC Zoiboyz
Tornado V Rosehill SC FCH, br/ow:
Tom Golcher & KC Thompson-Golcher

DC Zoiboyz Encore SC FCH (D)
HP37997001 10-MAY-2010 by
Romashka's Aramis JC x FC Zoiboyz
Tornado V Rosehill FCH SC, br/ow:
Tom Golcher & KC Thompson-Golcher

Grand Champion (GCH)

GCH Arktis Scharlesta Jp's Benetnash
(B) HP42398001, 03-Jun-2011, by CH

Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta ROM-C
x GCH Borzowski's C'Est La Vie, br:
Yoko Umeki, ow: Yoko Umeki & Keiko
Shimizu

GCH Auroral's Distant Thunder (D)
17-Sep-2006 by Am/Can CH Auroral's
Across Time Sirius ROM-C x Auroral's
Alyeska ROM-C, br: Jon & Jennifer
Steele, ow: Mary Fogerty

GCH Auroral's Jasmine Oronzova (B)
HP36346602, 03-Dec-2009 by Am/
Can CH Auroral's Across Time Sirius
ROM-C x CH Virshina Oronzova
Sweet Sizzle RN JC OAP OJP, br:
Suzanne Deghi, ow: Jon & Jennifer
Steele

GCH Avalon Oxota Katana Swift And
Silent (D) HP40594906, 20-May-2011
by DC Avalon Victorian Pyre 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

GCH Blackmoor The Name Of The Game
(D) HP36750501, 18-Nov-2009 by
CH Blackmoor Ralph Lauren x CH
Blackmoor Wyndham Aranel, br: Karen
Wilkin & Christina Hart, ow: Kim Sime

GCH 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

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

GCH Plaché Belle Of The Yukon JC
(B) HP32324705, 08-Oct-2008, by
CH Kyrov's Confection x DC Aria's
Haunted Gold SC FCH, br: Kim Plache
& Rita Rice, ow: Kim Plache

GCH Roscommon Piper's Fortune
(D) HP24011801, 11-Dec-2006 by
Korsakov Pipedream Roscommon x
Staraja Russa Dasha Roscommon, br/
ow: Colleen Boyle & Pauline Coe

GCH Vento Danza Versachi Of The Wild
Hunt (D) HP40869101, 23-Jun-2011
by GCH Aastoria Wildhunt 4 Your
I's Only RN x GCH Vento Danza
Independence Day, br: Dee Burkholder
& Cassey Cedeno, ow: Dee Burkholder

& Barbara Waldkirch & Cassey Cedeno.

Companion Dog (CD)

Majenkir Centennial Liberty CD SC (B)
HP31469209, 04-Jul-2008 by CH
Majenkir Regal By Design ROMX-C
X CH Majenkir Milovna, br: Karen
Staudt-Cartabona, ow: Lois Schultz &
Karen Staudt-Cartabona

Wildwood Misty Blues At Rey CD BN
RN OA OAJ (B) HP21534814, 01-Jun-
2006 by CH Asha-Wildwood From
Russia W Love x CH Wildwood
Sparkle Plenty JC, br: Kay Henderson
& Wyatt Delfino, ow: Kathleen & Gary
Novotny

Beginner Novice (BN)

CH Romanoc Gerhard's Gaze Of Coburn
CDX RAE JC BN TD (D) HP21482004,
20-Apr-2006 by CH Coburn's Survivor
JC x CH Fusilier Dancrz Image A
Romanoc, br: Kris Woddail, ow: Linda
Beisswenger

Agility Excellent (AX)

GCH Oronzova Fireworks Festival SC AX
AXJ (D) HP27751402, 15-Oct-2007
by CH Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta
ROM-C x CH Virshina Oronzova
Sweet Sizzle RA JC OAP OJP, br/ow:
Suzanne Deghi

Novice Agility (NA)

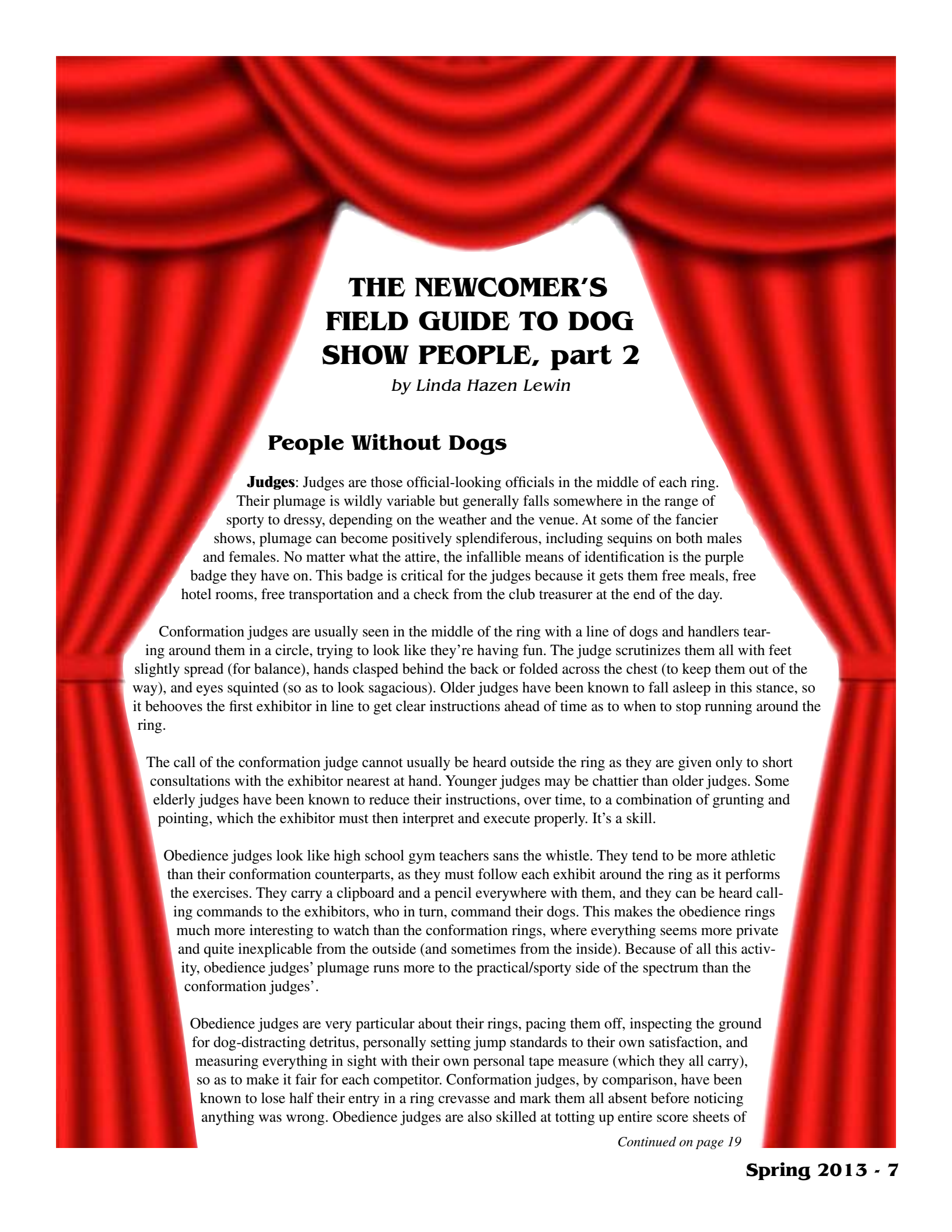
Po Dusham Patata Lacerata NA NAJ (B)
HP37313902, 12-Mar-2010, by CH
Stoppelands Final Mikhail Of Abidjan
x CH Po Dusham Casablanca SC NA
NAJ, br/ow: Lou Avant & Alice Reese
Renaissance My Summer Love NA NAJ
NAP NJP NFP (B) HP37548501,
31-Mar-2010 by CH Katz Classic
Cadillac JC x CH Katz Dharma At
Renaissance, br: Chris Swilley, ow:
Linda Peacock

Excellent Agility Jumper (AXJ)

GCH Oronzova Fireworks Festival SC AX
AXJ (D) HP27751402, 15-Oct-2007
by CH Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta
ROM-C x CH Virshina Oronzova
Sweet Sizzle RA JC OAP OJP, br/ow:
Suzanne Deghi

Novice Agility Jumper (NAJ)

Po Dusham Patata Lacerata NA NAJ 



THE NEWCOMER'S FIELD GUIDE TO DOG SHOW PEOPLE, part 2

by Linda Hazen Lewin

People Without Dogs

Judges: Judges are those official-looking officials in the middle of each ring. Their plumage is wildly variable but generally falls somewhere in the range of sporty to dressy, depending on the weather and the venue. At some of the fancier shows, plumage can become positively splendid, including sequins on both males and females. No matter what the attire, the infallible means of identification is the purple badge they have on. This badge is critical for the judges because it gets them free meals, free hotel rooms, free transportation and a check from the club treasurer at the end of the day.

Conformation judges are usually seen in the middle of the ring with a line of dogs and handlers tearing around them in a circle, trying to look like they're having fun. The judge scrutinizes them all with feet slightly spread (for balance), hands clasped behind the back or folded across the chest (to keep them out of the way), and eyes squinted (so as to look sagacious). Older judges have been known to fall asleep in this stance, so it behooves the first exhibitor in line to get clear instructions ahead of time as to when to stop running around the ring.

The call of the conformation judge cannot usually be heard outside the ring as they are given only to short consultations with the exhibitor nearest at hand. Younger judges may be chattier than older judges. Some elderly judges have been known to reduce their instructions, over time, to a combination of grunting and pointing, which the exhibitor must then interpret and execute properly. It's a skill.

Obedience judges look like high school gym teachers sans the whistle. They tend to be more athletic than their conformation counterparts, as they must follow each exhibit around the ring as it performs the exercises. They carry a clipboard and a pencil everywhere with them, and they can be heard calling commands to the exhibitors, who in turn, command their dogs. This makes the obedience rings much more interesting to watch than the conformation rings, where everything seems more private and quite inexplicable from the outside (and sometimes from the inside). Because of all this activity, obedience judges' plumage runs more to the practical/sporty side of the spectrum than the conformation judges'.

Obedience judges are very particular about their rings, pacing them off, inspecting the ground for dog-distracting detritus, personally setting jump standards to their own satisfaction, and measuring everything in sight with their own personal tape measure (which they all carry), so as to make it fair for each competitor. Conformation judges, by comparison, have been known to lose half their entry in a ring crevasse and mark them all absent before noticing anything was wrong. Obedience judges are also skilled at totting up entire score sheets of

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(B) HP37313902, 12-Mar-2010, by CH Steppelands Final Mikhail Of Abidjan x CH Po Dusham Casablanca SC NA NAJ, br/ow: Lou Avant & Alice Reese
Renaissance My Summer Love NA NAJ NAP NJP NFP (B) HP37548501, 31-Mar-2010 by CH Katz Classic Cadillac JC x CH Katz Dharma At Renaissance, br: Chris Swilley, ow: Linda Peacock

Rally Novice (RN)

CH Zabava Ostrov Calypso RN (B) HP34843401, 03-May-2009 by GCH Zabava Bering Strait x CH Zabava Monoceros, br: Patricia Wiseman & Kristina Terra & Irina Terra, ow: Gordon & Carol Walter

Rally Advanced (RA)

GCH Wolfblitz Chudodei CD BN RA THD CGC (D) HP33026005, 23-Dec-2008 by CH Wolfblitz St Nick Of Chataqua x CH Wolfblitz Rising Star Maheala, br: Laurie & Steve Courtney, ow: Janet Browne

Tracking Dog (TD)

CH Romanoc Gerhard's Gaze Of Coburn CDX BN RAE TD JC (D) HP21482004, 20-Apr-2006, by CH Coburn's Survivor JC x CH Fusilier Dancr Image A Romanoc, br: Kris Woddail, ow: Linda Beisswenger

Therapy Dog (THD)

CH Rising Star Dipauls Tzeitel BN RAE2 JC THD CGC (B) HP09454902, 20-Feb-2004 by CH Rising Star Conquistador x CH Octavia De Nikolaiev, br: Paul & Diane Spohn & Nadine Johnson, ow: Janet Browne
GCH Wolfblitz Chudodei CD BN RN THD CGC (D) HP33026005, 23-Dec-2008 by CH Wolfblitz St Nick Of Chataqua x CH Wolfblitz Rising Star Maheala, br: Laurie & Steve Courtney, ow: Janet Browne

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Wild Hunt Savoir-Faire CGC (B) HP42278207, 24-Jan-2012, by GCH DC Ashtoria Irishbrook Wildhnt LeMans RA SC FCH GRC x DC Ashtoria Wildhunt Mystery Unveiled RN SC FCH SGRC, br/ow: G Ariel Duncan
CH Windrift E-Type Of The Wild Hunt SC

8 BCOA Aristocrat

CGC (B) HP31312604, 07-Jul-2008 by DC Ashtoria Irishbrook Wildhnt LeMans RA SC GRC FCH x DC Windrift Chihawk Nymphet MC LCX FCH ROM, br: Jon & Nancy Reimer, ow: G Ariel Duncan

Junior Courser (JC)

Oxota Riverrun Gypsy Rover Avalon JC (D) HP41718708, 04-Oct-2011 by DC Avalon Victorian Pyre RE SC FCH VFCH GRC x DC Valinor's Circuit De Monaco At Riverrun RN SC FCH, br: Karla Smith & Leonore Abordo & Sandra Moore, ow: Leonore Abordo & Sandra Moore & Joan Garth
Riju Enjoy The Ride JC (D) HP41189103, 14-Jul-2011, by CH Riju Téine Fun & Games CDX RA JC x CH Téine Lunar Eclipse CD RN, br: June Mintchell & Sandra Hilbert, ow: June & Richard Mintchell
Riju Fun & Games JC (D) HP41189102, 14-Jul-2011, by CH Riju Téine Fun & Games CDX RA JC x CH Téine Lunar Eclipse CD RN, br: June Mintchell & Sandra Hilbert, ow: June & Richard Mintchell

Tosch Jubilee Oberon JC (D) HP41783715, 27-Oct-2011 by GCH Jubilee Tadbit O'Brindle Mist x GCH DC Aria Svora Sweet Purple SC, br: Raymond & Codi Craft & Cindi Gredys.

Senior Courser (SC)

CH Aashtoria's Toffee Temptation SC (D) HP40345801, 14-Mar-2011 by GCH Aruzia Priority One JC x CH Aashtoria Irishbrook La Rochelle JC, br: Robin & Charles Riel, ow: Ken Porter & Robin Riel
CH Attaway- Kinobi Running To Paradise SC (B) HP36134803, 9-Aug-2009 by CH Rajalinjan Halis SC ROM x CH Kinobi Starlet JC, br: Rebecca Peters-Campbell & Christine Meyers & Melissa Pearce, ow: Rebecca Peters-Campbell
C'Lestial Velvet Underground At Anotak JC SC (B) HP38287803, 14-Aug-2010 by C'Lestial Pure Perfection SC FCH x FC C'Lestial High Society SC SGRC ORC LCM, br: Liz Green, ow: Roger & Joyce Katona

Horse And Hound Rais Tip SC (D) HP38399306, 29-Jun-2010 by GCH

Horse And Hound Ballymaloo x Horse And Hound Tipperary, br: Pam Buffington, ow: Sandra Foushee
Regius Let Me Take You There SC (D) HP29802402, 23-Jan-2008, by CH Regius Test For Echo x CH Regius Stars Will Align, br: Doreen Carlstad, ow: Kenneth Porter
Shefaro's With Style And Grace SC (B) PAL258848, 1-Feb-2011, by unknown x unknown, br: unknown, ow: Kelly Mattiuz
Téine Dark Crystal SC (D) HP29543901, 23-Feb-2008, by DC Téine Nicolaus Copernicus SC x CH Téine Total Eclipse At Mayberry, br: Anne Midgarden, ow: Lori Miller
Wild Hunt Creme De La Creme At Scheremetjew SC (B) HP42278206, 24-Jan-2012, by GCH DC Ashtoria Irishbrook Wildhnt LeMans RA SC FCH GRC x DC Ashtoria Wildhunt Mystery Unveiled RN SC FCH SGRC, br: G Ariel Duncan, ow: Karin Johnson & Julia Johnson MD

Master Courser (MC)

GCH DC Jedawn's Princess Aurora SC NA FCH (B) HP32341803, 14-Nov-2008 by CH Sylvan Scotch And Soda JC SGRC x CH Jedawn-Jubilee Heavens To Betsy JC, br: Dawn & Jeff Hall & Shannon Myers, ow: Leslie Walenta & Charlotte Hunt & Dawn Hall

Field Champion (FC)

FC Tovaritch's Evarest JC SC (D) HP37378301, 09-Sep-2009 by Count Rimski Of Mayvale x Tovaritch Afrosenia, br: Greg & Alexandria Hancock, ow: Marcella Zobel & Jeanne Summers & Shauna Summers & Gregory Hancock & Alexandria Hancock.

**GCh. Sylvan Autumn Rain, CGC, JC
"Zoe"**



Ch. Sky Run Winter Nova
Ch. Seabury's Celtic Warrior
Am. Can. Ch. Vernor View Christy
Sire: DCh. Sylvan Seabury Virago, SC, Fch, ROMX-C
Am Can. Jpn. Ch. Seabury's Charisma ROMX-C
Am. Can. Ch. J.A.Y. Seabury JP Affectionately
Am. Can. Jpn. Ch. Seabury's Laurelei

Ch. Cordova Mishkova
Ch. Sylvan Philosopher's Stone
Ch. Sylvan Zibeline, JC
Dam: Sylvan Amunet, SC

Ch. Sky Run Winter Nova
Ch. Seabury's Celtic Moonbeam
Am. Can. Ch. Vernor View Christy

Breeders:
Christopher and Patti Neale

Owners:
Donald and Randi Carl

Handler: Tiffany Saxton
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BCOA 2013 Conformation Statistics

First Quarter

Submitted by Greg Hlatky

All-breed Standings

1	GCh. Majenkir Bookstor Vintage Glamour	B	K Staudt-Cartabona	1	0	3	0	1	0	14	1757
2	GCh. Greyhaven This Rough Magic SC	D	F Vogel - M Hough - L Spiers	0	0	3	3	1	2	15	837
3	GCh. Majenkir Bookstor Glamour Girl	B	K Staudt-Cartabona - K Spey	0	0	0	1	2	1	18	412
4	GCh. Raynbos Run For The Roses	D	J Zucker - R Zucker	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	198
5	GCh. Blackmoor Tempo Del Sol	B	T Rickford - K Wilkin - D Rickford - C Hart	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	174
6	GCh. Aruzia Priority One JC	D	L Scott - J Scott	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	131
7	Ch. Kansai'Z Windsheer K-C Xbox	D	K Murray - K Parks - L Thorp	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	130
8	GCh. Auroral's Jasmine Oronzova	B	J Steele - J Steele	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	120
9	GCh. Vento Danza Versachi Of The Wild Hunt	D	D Burkholder - C Cedeno - B Waldkirch	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	118
10	GCh. Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 Your I's Only RN	D	G Duncan - R Jamison	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	117
11	DC Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart SC	D	T Golcher - K Thompson	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	107
12	Ch. Skyler Tryst's Tribute To Khanzade	D	R Robins - M Hundley	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	103
13	GCh. Kankan Stepowy Goniec	D	E Misko	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	102
14	Ch. La Verite Belote	B	R Terry	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	99
15	GCh. Jubilee Tadbite O'Brindle Mist	D	A Gredys - C Gredys	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	68
16	Ch. Twin Elms Svershin Ariel SC	B	T Doane - S Breaz	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	66
17	Ch. Sylvan Pewter Gazelle	B	C Neale - P Neale	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50
18	GCh. Morozova Sierra Sunrise At Rey JC	B	K Novotny - G Novotny - S Cordova	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48
19	Jubilee Glacier Good Witch Of The North	B	Z Hawkins	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	43
20	GCh. Promises Crown Jewel Nicholas	D	J Durdin	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	42

Breed Standings

1	GCh. Aruzia Priority One JC	D	L Scott - J Scott	5	131
2	GCh. Majenkir Bookstor Vintage Glamour	B	K Staudt-Cartabona	14	104
3	GCh. Greyhaven This Rough Magic SC	D	F Vogel - M Hough - L Spiers	15	100
4	GCh. Majenkir Bookstor Glamour Girl	B	K Staudt-Cartabona - K Spey	18	77
5	GCh. Jubilee Tadbite O'Brindle Mist	D	A Gredys - C Gredys	6	68
6	GCh. Raynbos Run For The Roses	D	J Zucker - R Zucker	8	68
7	GCh. Vento Danza Versachi Of The Wild Hunt	D	D Burkholder - C Cedeno - B Waldkirch	10	59
8	Ch. La Verite Belote	B	R Terry	3	52
9	Ch. Sylvan Pewter Gazelle	B	C Neale - P Neale	1	50
10	GCh. Morozova Sierra Sunrise At Rey JC	B	K Novotny - G Novotny - S Cordova	2	48
11	GCh. Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 Your I's Only RN	D	G Duncan - R Jamison	4	43
12	GCh. Promises Crown Jewel Nicholas	D	J Durdin	5	42
13	GCh. Aashtoria Wildhunt Hidden Agenda	D	R Riel - C Riel - S McGraw	2	41
13	GCh. Aria Zorya Dark Shadows	D	R Rice - B Rice	4	41
14	GCh. Velos Moondance	D	D Rogstad - R Rogstad	3	35
15	GCh. Plache' Belle Of The Yukon JC	D	K Plache	5	33
16	Ch. Coquetel Ode To Belskaya	B	J Munro - J Munro	4	31
17	GCh. Edenrock Ice Maiden At Calaron	B	D Swan - P Keiffer	6	30
18	Ch. Oronzova Spellbound	D	J Heumann - S Deghi	2	28
19	Ch. Kansai'Z Windsheer K-C Xbox	D	K Murray - K Parks - L Thorp	3	26
20	Ch. Radharc Royal St. Kitts	D	M Lucia	3	25



BCOA 2014 National Specialty

110th Anniversary of the Borzoi Club of America!

25th Anniversary of the BCOA Futurity!

April 5-12, 2014

Our Judges:

Regular & Junior Showmanship – Mr. Jon Steele, Auroral
 Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes – Ms. Cherie Hunchak, Elance
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Tentative Schedule of Events:

Saturday, April 5 – LGRA Race Meet
 Sunday, April 6 – ASFA Lure Trial
 Monday, April 7 – AKC Lure Trial & J.C. Tests (2)
 Tuesday, April 8 – Obedience/Rally Trial; Futurity
 Wednesday – April 9 - Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes; Health Clinics
 Thursday – April 10 – Dog Classes; Membership Education Seminar
 Friday – April 11 – Bitch Classes; Membership Meeting; Costume Contest; Auction
 Saturday, April 12 – Non-Regular Classes; Best of Breed; Junior Showmanship; Annual Awards Banquet

Your Specialty Committee:

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BCOA 2013 Obedience & Rally Rankings

for BCOA member-owned Borzoi, January 1 to March 31, 2013

Corrections to June Mintchell, PO Box 31, N Manchester, IN 46961, rmintchell@yahoo.com

Dogs must be owned by a BCOA member to be included. To be ranked #1 overall at year's end, a dog must have at least 3 QS from the regular classes and all QS from the regular classes will be averaged for that dog. To be ranked #1 in any particular class at year's end only 1 score is needed.

NOVICE	Av score	#QS
1. Kirov Agave At Highpoint RN, JC..... A & W Ford	193	1
2. Wildwood Misty Blues At Rey BN, RN, OA, OAJ..... K & G Novotny	189	1
3. Majenkir Centennial Liberty SC..... L Schultz & K Staudt-Cartabona	184.5	2
4. GCH, DC Aria's Aramon At Tahoe CD, BN, RE, SC..... S & K Artley	180	1

BEGINNER NOVICE

1. CH Romanoc Gerhard's Gaze Of Coburn CDX, RAE, JC..... L Beisswenger	191	1
2. CH Windrift E-Type Of The Wildhunt SC, CGC..... G Duncan	188	1
3. Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe RN, SC..... S & K Artley	178.25	2

RALLY NOVICE

1. Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe RN, SC..... S & K Artley	82	2
2. CH Windrift E-Type Of The Wilhunt SC, CGC..... G Duncan	82	1

RALLY ADVANCED

1. CH Paradise Spirit Me N' Bobby Mcgee CDX, RE..... K Haberkorn	97	1
2. Kirov Agave At Highpoint RN, JC..... A & W Ford	95	1
3. GCH Wolfblitz Chudodei CD, BN, RA, THD, CGC..... J Browne	81.67	3

RALLY EXCELLENT

1. CH Paradise Spirit Me N' Bobby McGee CDX, RE..... K Haberkorn	98	1
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AGILITY QUALIFYING SCORES (not ranked)

BCOA is still looking for someone who would like to do agility rankings. In the meantime, if you have any Qs please submit them to the obed/rally statistician.

DOG EAT DOG?

by Lee Connor

In my column 'Crossing the headlines' in this week's *Dog World* (22nd May 2013), I look into what's really in our dogs' food...

My Nan always used to say 'you are what you eat' and, like most old adages, there is more than a grain of truth contained within those few words.

I'm sure we've all been horrified by the recent revelations concerning what is actually in some of our meat products and it was while reading yet another of these frightening exposes I got to wondering, what exactly could be lurking in our dog foods?

Now, I'm a 'Dachshund man'. My family have owned the breed for over 50 years and all our dogs have been fed on the 'natural' or 'raw' diet. My wise, old Nan loathed processed dog food and we have simply followed her lead.

Despite owning Dachshunds (bred from show lines and in all coats and sizes) we have never (touch wood) experienced 'back problems' and all our dogs have reached their teens with very few visits being paid to our local vet.

Some would say I've just been extremely lucky, although I'm not usually a lucky kind of fella having only got three numbers on the lottery twice in the past ten years, but I would prefer to put their long life and health down to their feeding regime combined with liberal exercise.

State of health

Now, before the 'anti-pedigree' brigade start leaping up and down with their accusations of using food as a 'smokescreen' and a 'distraction', let me make it perfectly clear that I am well aware (as are the majority in the pedigree dog world) of those diseases with a 'genetic origin'. I am in no way making excuses for them but, I have always been baffled by the state of health of a number of crossbreeds – the 'real crossbreeds' as Jilly Cooper memorably described them. While working in a boarding kennel over the summer holidays

as a kid it was a common occurrence to meet such dogs suffering from skin complaints, allergies, painful joints, growths and cancers. The owner of the kennel, who was no lover of the pedigree, and preferred the company of her 'working terriers' put their poor health down to, 'the muck they're fed'.

I've always believed a state of health to be quite an easy thing to achieve in our pets so it came as quite a shock to me when I began to investigate what was happening to dogs. Figures being bandied about such as 'up to 44 per cent of dogs being obese,' '68 per cent of dogs over the age of three suffering from tooth decay' and, the scariest of all, 'the number one killer of dogs (and the second in cats) being cancer'.

It brought to mind that infamous line; 'pedigree dogs are falling apart' with just one small amendment – it seems dogs, in general, are falling apart. But, what could lie behind such shocking statistics?

I believe the root cause to a number of these problems can be traced back to feeding. How many of us can trust what actually goes into our dogs' food when we can't totally trust that a beef burger is 100 per cent beef?

A shocking Daily Mail article (March 7) stated that Spanish authorities were investigating whether stray and abandoned dogs had ended up in pet and animal feed. Last year, it continued, 'police discovered a warehouse filled with 15 tonnes of dead stray dogs which were about to be processed into animal feed'.

It appears criminal gangs in Spain were responsible for taking the bodies of dogs, bound for incineration, and processing them into protein and fats to be sold on.

The pressure group, Viva, wrote to UK supermarkets asking them to test pet foods for the presence of dog. However, the Food Standards Agency said their priority was 'testing beef products for the presence of horse meat'.

During my research for this article I could

find no evidence that anyone was testing the meat destined for our pet foods or the decidedly murky origins of the 'protein' listed. The term 'animal derivative' is a commonly used generic term used on many processed pet foods which avoids having to specify EXACTLY where the meat came from.

Additives

Aside from the 'meat' content, the other added extras also raise concern. While vigorous campaigning has over the years alerted us to the use of artificial additives, preservatives and colourings that were commonplace in our foods, until recently it seems a number of our pet foods are still pumped full of similar chemicals. Carmoisine and 'sunset yellow' are regular additives and both have been linked to hyperactivity in humans. I would imagine they would have a similar effect upon a dog.

Butylated Hydroxyanisole (BHA-E320) is also widely used as an antioxidant. Its primary function is to prevent fats in foods becoming rancid although it also features in petroleum products and embalming fluid!

There have been worries that it could be linked to allergies, endocrine disruption and cancer in humans, but testing by the European Food Agency (2011) declared it safe because, although it caused papillomas and carcinomas in laboratory rats and mice, these species have a forestomach which makes them particularly susceptible to such conditions. Humans and dogs, however, do not possess a forestomach. Well, that's reassuring – isn't it?

Wheat and soya are other additions widely used as a 'bulking agent'. Wheat, however, is not a natural part of the canine diet and dogs actually lack the essential amino acid to properly digest soya protein. Could these additions be accelerating the numbers of dogs suffering itchy coat, skin and bloating problems (for which, of course, there are a wealth of specially tailored feeds)?

It's certainly difficult not to see a link

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BCOA Lure Coursing Committee Report

May 2013

Submitted by Tom Golcher

ASFA

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

2013 ACoD Report

Following a really delightful hospitality event organized by the Colorado Lure Coursing Association held on Friday night, the ACoD convened at 9AM on Saturday, 23 Mar/13. An early spring snowstorm delayed the arrival of some delegates but there were about 44 people in attendance at final count. The delegates approved the minutes from the previous ACoD with a few minor corrections. All regional directors (RDs) were there or had representatives arranged to report on their respective regions, including Region 7's RD. The President, 1st and 2nd vice presidents, and the various formal committee leads reported on their activities since the previous ACoD. One common theme throughout was appreciation for Ping Pirrung's strong organization skills, as most committees had established goals, job descriptions, and milestones for their work under her leadership. Interested BCOA members may read the report at this website: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9L0GRpGAgZCSUotNkJLQmEwWUk/edit?usp=sharing> It is a huge file (at least 32 MB) so select download and then save.

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


- If any Club has information to be included in the Communique, please get the submission into Ping Pirrung or Bill Bowlus-Root before the 20th of each month. ASFA has not received proposals for 2014 or 2015 ASFA International Invitational yet.
- Most entries in 2012 were relatively flat with the exception of Silken entries,

which showed a rising trend. Interestingly, quite a few of the RDs are now Silken owners.

- When making premiums for a Club's ASFA competition, list the judges in breed alpha order and not running order. Clubs wishing their premiums posted on the ASFA website, should submit the premium as a single PDF file instead of multiple files and formats.
- Major changes are coming in ASFA's information technology, with eventual integration of the ASFA website and ASFA records.
- The ASFA website has a page for each Regional Invitational.
- There is a call for full sets of old issues of the FAN. The goal will be to digitize the magazines and to post them into a history section on the ASFA website. These will not be returned.
- The ACoD approved the Public Relations committee's proposal for a 90 day test for an official ASFA Facebook page.
- The Forms committee has made changes to the forms, such as a "best in event" block. If you want preprinted forms for your trial, order ahead of time from Marilyn Sanderford. ASFA can print the forms more cheaply than an individual, but time must be allowed for mailing, etc.
- ACoD agreed that in the future the Hall of Fame biographies be limited to 250 words. BII NFC DC Chartwell Silver Run Valevue SGRC, ORC, LCM6, VC (Rory), a Scottish Deerhound, was voted in. The other two were Gala, a whippet, and Kelly, an Irish wolfhound.
- Of the 8 rule changes proposed, only change 3 failed. The authors had proposed rule change 3 to save the winners of multiple stakes the extra runs against each other. ACoD concerns focused on the fact the rule change hadn't addressed issues such as bowen points.
- ACoD site selection for next year is Dallas. Important note for potential attendees: As usual, ASFA will block a number of rooms at a special lower rate for ACoD attendees. The special rate is lower than the posted hotel rate and includes a reduced cost for the meeting rooms and set up (tables, chairs, plus

whatever else the hotel is willing to include). The reduced meeting room rate reduces the conference registration fee for all attendees. By blocking the rooms, ASFA guarantees the rooms will be filled at that rate. If ASFA cannot fill the blocked rooms, ASFA must pay for them itself. As it is possible to undercut the blocked room rate through Expedia or other 3rd party vendor (rate can be lower as it doesn't include the meeting room costs), henceforward ASFA's conference fee for folks who purchased a room at the conference hotel through a third party will be the same as for those planning to stay outside the conference hotel (e.g., a friends place, home, or a different hotel). In other words, folks who end up at the conference hotel without filling one of the rooms the hotel has blocked for them at ASFA's request, will help pay for the conference rooms directly through their registration fee, just as those who are staying elsewhere do.

- The Gary Forrester Achievement Award went to Janet Lutz.
- "Lockjaw" committee gave a handshake to their selection of lure op of the year, Sean McMichael.
- There were three motions. One to address replacing vacancies in adhoc committees (passed); one to direct the BOD to organize a task force to examine AKC acceptance of ASFA titles (failed). The third motion was to update the rules policies, and constitution to remove reference to publication in FAN (passed)
- The ACoD completed its business on Saturday. Although there were some disagreements, none of the issues were so contentious that discussion consumed inordinate amount of time.
- The RDs elected Josie Haumont to be the RD lead.

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

NEW TITLE HOLDER

TRACKING DOG



CH Romanoc Gerhard's Gaze of Coburn JC, BN, RAE, CDX, TD, GRC

Breeder Kris Woddail

DOB 4/20/06

Owner Linda Beisswenger

What a thrill it was to have Gaze pull me through 12 inches of snow to find the glove. Gaze is an excellent working dog and a fun companion. It has been a joy to have him in my life. Thanks Kris for breeding a great 'G' litter.

*Ch Attaway Shooting Star Cresset
BISS Ch Attaway Kyrov Star Kissed, JC
Ch Rising Star's Ivana, ROMX-C
Ch Coburn's Survivor, FCh, JC, JOR -
Justyl's Glory Days
Ch Coburn's Sweet Justice
Ch Coburn's Amazing Grace*

*Ch Oaklara Shadow of the Moon
Ch Oaklara Shadow Dancer
Ch Oaklara's Joslyn
Ch Fusilier Dancrz Image at Romanoc
Ch Romanoc's Romanz D'Roc of Coburn
Ch Fusilier Cirrus
Fusilier-Korsakov Bolka*

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Below is a capture of some salient points among the many that were flowing.

- Public relations discussion included concepts that addressed marketing, advertising, promoting the ASFA brand, strategic communications, crisis preparations and mitigation strategies, and the need for a single spokesperson who can help develop and promote a single voice for ASFA to the press and the outside world.
- Field trial improvement committee ideas ranged broadly as well. Some of the ideas included pre-drawing prelims and finals at the same time, clipping the open end of judge's sheets to the clip board to make it easier to pull out one at a time, letting folks know when the trial will begin following roll call (transparency—if it will

take 90 minutes before the field trial is ready to start, let folks know), run long distance travelers hounds first, inspect singles first and start running them while inspecting the regular entries, go through the hunt master spiel during the handler's meeting, have a late rollcall on Saturdays, enabling folks within several hours driving distance to avoid a Friday night hotel or a wee hour start on Saturday to make an early roll call, identify a Club member to greet newcomers and help them figure out what and how to course their hound.

- Long range planning ideas were many and included a CAT-like initiative perhaps with a corporate sponsor (e.g., PETCO World of Lure Coursing that would culminate in the top representatives of non-

sighthounds competing for a prize at the II) or an American Idol –style CAT-like trial; development of a training program using U-tube videos to help newcomers learn how to manage the release collars, how to put on a coursing blanket, learning the hunt master skill set, etc; development of program to bring in new blood into the organization; collecting best practices and sharing them among other Clubs. The long range planning committee will decide among the many, which to concentrate on.

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

2012 AKC National Lure Coursing Championship (corrected report) September 8-9, 2012 – Romulus, NY

The AKC held the National Lure Coursing Championship on September 8-9-2012. 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.

BCOA member hounds listed on the AKC website as competing:

1st and BoB both days	FC SilkenSwift Shimmer In The Night SC	owners F Erdman/W Erdman
2nd	FC C'Lestial Wild & Wonderful Of Ryhka MC LCX	owners D Darling/L Green
3rd	FC C'Lestial Starlight Express @ Ryhka SC	owners D Darling/L Green
4th	FC Zoiboyz Encore SC	owners T Golcher/K Thompson
5th	FC C'Lestial Tec Firecracker Of Ryhka SC	owners D Darling/L Green
	FC Technetium's "Ancient" Chaya Sar O'Ryhka MC	owner D Darling

2012 BEST in NLCC Pharaoh Hound "KAI" – NLCC Ch Farao Snubis Ikaro

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

* Be advised that the statistician does not have the 2013 membership list. Some names may be omitted. When the new membership list is received I will provide any corrections noted.

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

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

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

BCOA Junior Showmanship AKC Statistics January 1 to February 28, 2013

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

Robin Stachon 27
Charlotte Hunt 8

Note to Junior Handlers and their families:

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 juniors. With that in mind, if you have any comments, questions or corrections regarding these statistics please feel free to contact me at: warwind@tds.net or PO Box 90 Forest Junction, WI 54123.

Note to Membership:

If you know any young people handling Borzoi who might be interested in joining the BCOA as Junior members, please have them contact me. Thank you!

Notes on the online version of *The Aristocrat*

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

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: February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 plus a separate specialty issue each year.

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

2013 LGRA Top 20 BCOA member-owned Borzoi First Quarter 2013

Submitted by Dawn Hall

B-1387	Insanity	0.00	Del Sol End Of Reason WNS SGRC	Van de Water	21.50
B-1409	Bounce-M	0.00	Silkenswift Bounce Into First Dawn GRC	McCartin/Dalzell	11.00
B-1475	Davy	0.00	Rose Hill Davey Jones of Runyan	Runyan	5.50
B-1313	Ziva	0.00	Mielikki Liaison Officer Ziva David SGRC	McCartin	5.50
B-1337	Lump	0.00	Gryffyn's Aeyrie Here For You GRC	Shell-Whitlock	5.00
B-1461	Chrys	0.00	Imagine Chryseis Of Troy RN SC	Neill/Neill	4.50
B-1324	Lucy	0.00	FC Jedawn's Show Girl SC FCh SGRC	Hall/Myers	4.00
B-1467	Traveller	0.00	Del Sol Endless Traveler WNS	Van de Water	3.50
B-1221	Bristol	0.00	Del Sol Bristol Speedway GRC	Van de Water	2.00
B-1374	Harvey	0.00	Kelcorov's Harvest Moon	Kelley	2.00
B-1476	Alvida	0.00	Highgarden Teine K-C Viking Voyage	Parks/Parks/Thorp	1.75
B-1271	Tulane	0.00	Teine Firebird Tulane Blacktop	Miller	1.50
B-1389	Dilly Pickle	0.00	Firebird Juls Jump In The Fire	Miller/Hislop	1.00
B-1501	Geronimo	22.00	Ch Teine Geronimo From Gryffyns Aeyrie JC	Burks	1.00
B-1460	Homer	0.00	Imagine Homer's Tales RN SC	Neill/Wood/Gardner	1.00
B-1493	Ryder-H	22.00	E lance Black Swan	Hunchak/Quinn	1.00
B-1403	Simone	0.00	Horse and Hound Limoges GRC	Hall	1.00
B-1483	Sparkle	0.00	Starswift Lightning Blitz of Shiloh	Jordan	1.00
B-1379	Tilly	0.00	Petya Svershin Temptress	Berry/Doane	1.00
B-1442	Tosca	0.00	Aria Jedawn Tosca	Hall	1.00
B-1497	Cinquedeia	0.00	DC Avalon Oxota Cinquedeia SC	Littleton	0.75
B-1491	Halo-M	19.00	Ch Kansai'z Windsheer K-C Xbox	Murray/Parks/Thorp	0.75
B-1447	Batman	0.00	Del Sol Joker's Gamble	Van de Water	0.50
B-1410	Jansen	0.00	CH Zharkov Teine Jansen	Littleton	0.50
B-1376	River-K	0.00	CH Kelcorov's Walks on Water	Kelley	0.50
B-1480	Storm-M	0.00	Gavril Stormy Weather	Mewborn	0.50
B-1378	Troubador	0.00	Petya Svershin Troubador GRC	Berry/Doane	0.50
B-1415	Brandy	0.00	Silkenswift Brandywine at Kalabria	McCloskey/Dalzell	0.25

NOTRA TOP 10

Submitted by Victor Whitlock

BCOA member-owned Borzoi as of April 24, 2013

Rank	Number	Call Name	Name	Owner	YTD Points
1	BZ-649	Cameo	C'lestial TEC Firecracker of Ryhka FCh ORC	Darling/Green	19.00
2	BZ-592	Weston	C'Lestial Wild & Wonderful of Ryhka FCh SC SORC	Darling	9.75
3	BZ-627	Onyxx	C'Lestial Starlight Express at Ryhka ORC	Darling	6.75
4	BZ-657	Kiss	C'Lestial White Chocolate of Ryhka SC ORC	Darling/Green	6.25
5	BZ-588	Chaya	Technetium's "Ancient" Chaya Sar Rhyka SOR SORC	Darling	5.00
6	BZ-527	Zirconium	AuDruid Bremen's Zirconium of Ryhka SORC4	Darling	3.00
7	BZ-653	Sahadow	C'Lestial Flareon's White Shadow of Ryhka JOR	Darling	1.75
8	BZ-665	Jenny	Meilikki Dir Shepard at Silkenswift	McCartin/Dalzell	1.00
9	BZ-510	Capsia	Aria Svora Black Capsicum of Ryhka ORC	Darling/Rice	0.50
9	BZ-617	Focus	Silkenswift Bright Focus JOR	McCartin	0.50

two-digit numbers in five seconds or less.

Stewards: The steward is the person sitting at the table by the ring gate who isn't the judge and isn't an exhibitor. As is the case in most walks of life, this most unobtrusive person, with the dullest plumage, is actually the one doing most of the work. The conformation ring steward hands out armbands to the exhibitors, lines up the exhibitors for the classes, arranges the ribbons and trophies on the table for the judge, and calls for clean-up and for the photographer as needed. The obedience ring stewards perform all of the above and also stand as "posts" for the Figure-8 exercise, diddle about with gloves and dumbbells for various retrieving exercises, adjust jumps, and generally see to it that the judge stays on time and the ring runs smoothly.

Stewards dress strictly for practicality, as they have to work at the show all day. Indeed, on a rainy or cold day the stewards may be the only people who seemed to have had common sense enough to wear boots or a proper coat, since everyone else is concerned with looking elegant. They generally carry a largish sort of bag with them, and this bag has every possible emergency item in it, from weights for holding down ribbons on a windy day, to an extra pair of socks, to a fully-equipped first aid kit. The steward's job is to be prepared for any eventuality which might befall them, their judge, or their exhibitors, and the good ones are so prepared.

Stewards have a distinctive call, and one of the most highly valued assets in a good steward is a loud voice. In the conformation rings, it consists of the announcement of a breed name and class, such as "Dalmatians! Puppy Dogs!" used to summon the entrants into the ring for judging. In obedience, they quietly call out the armband number. (They call quietly because obedience exhibitors are usually at ringside when it's their turn, ready to go in. Conformation types are more likely to be carrying on some incredibly important conversation with someone and not paying attention to what class is in the ring). If an armband remains unclaimed, the steward will wave it over their head while shout-

ing the number out. If an errant exhibitor has picked up their armband but has not reported to the ring for their class, the steward will shout out that number as well. Then he or she will fall silent, turn to the judge, and shrug.

Official Photographers: The Official Photographer (OP) looks like someone on safari, but without the attending gunbearers. Typical under-plumage is slacks, all-terrain shoes and a shirt with a many-pocketed vest over top of it. Over-plumage consists of a large camera, a flash unit and a battery pack, with lots of black cording attaching everything to everything else. OPs also carry a set of plastic signs around in one hand, and sometimes a tripod. Despite these hindrances, they are notably agile and can leap tall ring fences in a single bound. When summoned, they can calculate the light angle, plunk the sign rack on the ground, fix the signs in the frame to indicate the win, position the judge, handler and dog to best advantage, drop to their knees, focus the camera, center the picture, throw a toy, snap the shutter, record the

exhibitor's armband number in a notebook, wind the film, and be up and gone to the next ring in thirty seconds or less. It is breathtaking.

OP behavior is noticeable for periods of frenetic activity interspersed with periods of total quiescence, during which time they actually remove their over-plumage and sit next to it on a grooming table. OPs tend to develop crow's feet due to weekends of peering into a viewfinder at the shows, alternating with weekdays of squinting at their airbrush work in the darkroom. The distinctive calls can vary in content but tend to be delivered in punchy, staccato bursts, such as: "Rear foot! Your side! Back an inch!"

Breeder-Spectators: BSs (forgive the acronym) are experienced dog people who, for whatever reason, are not showing that day but came to the show to watch. They are usually in casual (non-show) plumage and are clumped at ringside, outside the tent. Like EOHs, they are often seen in small groups, huddled around the



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ping from Russia. Measuring 7"x3", I was a little dismayed at how small it was when it arrived. Taking into consideration the time and effort put into creating this, I believe it is worth it. However, I'm one of those "bigger is better" type of people and probably wouldn't have paid that much had I seen it in person.



Here is one of the rarer Rosenthals of a lovely reclining Borzoi. It has the typical superb quality and detail Rosenthal is known for. Measuring 8"x4" on a plinth, this piece is engraved with the sculptor's signature – "H. Meisel." More often than not, the Rosenthal Borzoi are usually decorated in

black and white. I think this one is more colorful in brown tones. If you have or remember the playing pair I showed several issues ago (perhaps it was in the *Borzoi Connection*), the head on this resembles those dogs. The

value on this would be \$200 or more, due to the rarity.

That wraps up another fun column. I came back to figurines this time to keep your interest up, but it is difficult for me to do if I don't know what you want to see. Perhaps you can think of something that would look great with a Borzoi attached to it and I may already have it in my collection to show you. Drop me a line at borzoi@mc.net if you have any collectible questions. I may be able to answer or direct you to someone who can. Have a great summer!

between the increased sales in processed dog food (up by 85 per cent in the past decade in an industry worth £2.14bn) and the rise of the many chronic conditions dogs are suffering from – just as we have witnessed the rise of cancers and heart disease in humans alongside the rise of 'junk food' consumption.

In an age obsessed with research and monitoring, isn't it time some worthy organisation funded research into what is really going into our dog food and the possible effect such food is having on our pet population?

Who knows, it may discover that it isn't 'breeding' that's causing our dogs to "fall apart" – the fault could well lie in their feeding.

See more at news and opinion on *Dog World's* website: <http://www.dogworld.co.uk/product.php/93438#sthash.yWXh-7krf.dpuf>

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one catalog somebody bought or borrowed from a nearby NOH. However, the distinctive mark of an armband is lacking from BSs, and they are dogless. Most easily distinguished in the field by their demeanor and call, timing your identification is critical: BSs tend to exhibit distinguishing behavior only as the judge is pointing to his or her selections. At that point they roll their eyes like agitated horses and shriek "You've got to be kidding!" (Alternate call: "Oh my GAWD!")

Non-Breeder Spectators (i.e., the General Public): Identical to NOHs in general appearance and number of accouterments, except without a dog in tow. They fill this void in their lives by asking exhibitors if their child can pet their dog. This request is inevitably made right after said child has finished eating a hot dog and is covered with mustard, and the

exhibitor is going in to show a Maltese which he just spent six hours grooming. NBSs are more likely to be seen wandering vaguely from ring to ring, or around the concession stands, rather than planted at ringside. When they do choose a ring to watch, they and their clan tend to stand annoyingly right in the ring gate, thereby preventing the exhibitors from entering. Adult NBSs are often observed making erroneous instructional comments to their fledglings, such as, "Look, dear, see all the lovely Poodles!" (when pointing at a ring of Portuguese Water Dogs). A day in the company of a flock of NBSs can be very confusing for all concerned.

AKC Field Representative: If ever the federal government wanted to fund a Stealth Dog Show Attendee, the AKC Field Representative, known as "the Rep", would be it. Very difficult to spot in the field due

to the fact that only one attends any given show, they tend to appear like phantasms and then just as suddenly melt back into the crowd and disappear. The really skilled ones can disappear from view at ju-u-ust that precise moment when one's eyes become focused on them, making one think one didn't really see them at all.

Because they are supposed to attend the show as the ambassador from the AKC to observe judges, answer questions, mediate disputes and calm the hysterical, they are rarely around when you need one. However, the Rep can most often be pinned down at the Superintendent's tent or in the vicinity of whatever club facility houses the public address system. When on stealth duty, they sit decorously at ringside, pretending to chat discreetly with a friend while actually observing the judge. After said judge notices that the Rep is watch-

ing, and has passed at least one quart of nervous perspiration, the Rep jots a few notes, smiles mysteriously, picks up his or her chair, and silently moves on to a new quarry.

AKC Reps look like adult JHs -- impeccably dressed, shod and coiffed, but sometimes with the additional 'je ne sais quoi' of a hat. Hatted male Reps seem to go for the tweedy-Englishcountry- gentleman look, while female Reps often favor swoopy, broad-brimmed confections which may involve feathers. Both male and female Reps have that certain uppercrust-y aloofness which surrounds all those who wield a lot of power. This above-it-all aura acts as a natural repellent to dirt, dog hair and most people, and allows the Reps to attend multiple dog shows in their best attire, in all kinds of weather, without getting so much as a micron of dust or a whisper of calumny on themselves.

Superintendent's Staff: The superintendent's staff falls into two categories -- those in fancy plumage who attend to the administrative work of the show, and those in

working attire who do the roustabouts' job of driving the big trucks in with the supplies and setting up the rings and tents.

The roustabout types show up the previous evening to set up. This is usually a crew of six or so burly men who only need to know where you want everything placed to have it up and done in a twinkling. It's a fascinating process to watch -- just like Barnum and Bailey, but without the inconvenience of elephants. Canny grounds chairmen know that any special favors they may wish can be effectively accomplished through the liberal application of beer. At the end of the show, the crew has the rings and tents down, folded and loaded in no time, and the truck is often rolling off the grounds before the Best in Show winner is back in its crate.

The administrative superintendent's staff is found in the superintendent's tent. They sit there, behind a high counter-like structure, writing things (no one is sure what) and looking annoyed if someone interrupts them with a request. Periodically, they make dashes to the rings to collect judges'

books. Then they return to their counter and write some more.

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There are other people at the dog shows, but you're not as likely to see them around the rings because they're too busy working on show day. These people include the show chairman, the hospitality staff, the officers of the club, the catalog chairman and the parking people (you saw them when you came in). All these people have important jobs to do before, during, and/or after the show. Any exhausted-looking person in casual (maybe even dirty and sweaty) clothes, stumbling about, mumbling under his or her breath, is undoubtedly one of these and should not be arrested as a vagrant. They deserve a smile and a thank-you, because they, as well as those mentioned above, make it all happen every year for their club, and the exhibitors and spectators who attend their show.

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