

Regional Governor's Reports

Region 1-Maureen Bardwell

The Borzoi Clubs in Region 1 have recently completed a very successful season of supported entries and specialties. The BCGNY and BCDV held their spring specialties in early May. For the BCDV, this year was of particular note as it was a celebration of their 25th anniversary. The BCCNJ held a sanctioned match at the end of June--this moves them one step closer in the AKC process of approval to hold their own specialty shows. The BCNE held a supported entry in the Yankee Classic Cluster over the 4th of July week. All clubs are clearly trying to provide an active showing schedule for their members.

Current plans for fall shows include the BCGNY specialty in October as well as the BCNE specialty at the end of November. Plans for both specialties are well underway. The 4 clubs are also active in some other Borzoi related activities.

The BCCNJ has included LGRA and coursing in some of its recent activities. The BCNE is now also considering the addition of coursing to its schedule--Michael Kurt of the BCNE has done his homework and is now putting together a proposal for a coursing match which will be followed later by an AKC JC test trial. The BCGNY continues its support of Borzoi Health by collecting for its Health Fund; they also have an active rescue program and were recently active participants in and beneficiaries of a BCOA Rescue Committee raffle. The BCDV is continuing its plans to rejuvenate its drill team in time for the BCOA Centennial show in 2004.

A number of members of the Region 1 clubs have expressed interest in gathering historical information from the region as a great deal of US Borzoi history is housed in this area. Tentative plans are for interviews to be conducted with a number of the long-time Borzoi breeders from this area. The results of these interviews and some scanned photos will ultimately be burned onto a CD and made available to the Borzoi public. The project sounds very hopeful, and should be a useful tool for many Borzoi breeders in the future. A first "face-to-face" meeting of this "historical committee" is tentatively planned following the BCGNY specialty in October.

Region 2 – Kathryn Wright

No report received.

Region 3 – Valori Trantanella

No report received.

Region 4 – Christine Bradley

We're enjoying an especially warm summer in our Region 4 States. So far our Region members are avoiding wildfires, and the worst happening is that our Borzoi are giving up their coats for the summer.

There's a record entry for the Lompoc Shows at the end of July; and it promises to be fun. The BCOC members always put on a class act, and the camaraderie is truly enjoyable.

The Reno National is rapidly becoming a reality. Todd Brandtman and Barbara O'Neill are working very hard to put the Specialty together; and to make 2003 a really "special" Show. There are a couple of committee vacancies; so if you're interested in helping, or would like to get your "feet wet" please contact Todd or Barbara. In addition to the National show itself, a number of us have sampled the buffets, and the gambling! Both are great fun! Please plan to attend the Reno National, from April 6th through 12th of next year. And the Borzoi Club of Northern California is having their Regional Specialty at the same site on Sunday, April 13, 2003. Two opportunities for points; and for Borzoi enthusiasts to see your dogs!

Keep cool, and have a good summer, my Borzoi friends.

Region 5 – Kathleen Kapaun

Kathleen indicated that there was no BCOA activity in Region 5 to report.

Region 6 – Prudence Hlatky

No report received.