



Region 1 – Maureen Bardwell

Before reporting on local events, I want to thank all members of the Borzoi fancy who contributed to the purchase of a set of videotapes for me of the 2004 Centennial Specialty. I just received the tapes last week, and I know I will have a number of hours of enjoyment watching the many beautiful dogs that were shown. It was a very thoughtful gesture and I certainly hope I can be back with everyone next year at the 2005 specialty.

Region One is slowly moving forward in making plans for hosting the 2007 BCOA National Specialty. I have heard from 3 different people about three possible show sites. I am hopeful that one of these sites will be found suitable for our needs as there appears to be a great deal of enthusiasm about bringing the show back to the northeast.

The traditional spring and summer TSE's and specialties from the BCDV, the BCGNY, and the BCNE have been held in the last few months. From all reports, each event was a resounding success. All exhibitors within the region are looking forward to the new BCCNJ Specialty which will be held in early September.

I hope to see each and every one at one of the coming Borzoi events in the fall of 2004.

Region 2 – Kathryn Wright

Nothing to report.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell

At the time of this writing we are just a month away from the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty to be held in Longmont, CO on Labor Day. In what has become something of a yearly tradition for myself, I look forward to seeing again the friendly people of RMBC while partaking of their fabulous hospitality. RMBC's February Specialty and TSE are currently well into their planning stages.

On November 6, the Lone Star Borzoi Club will be hosting a BCOA Trophy Supported Entry in conjunction with the Cypress Creek Kennel Club dog show in Houston, TX. Barbara Binder of Del Viento Borzoi is slated to judge the regular classes and Katie Averill (Khanzade) to judge Sweepstakes. LSBC will also be hosting their third ASFA lure trial in October.

With the cooler weather coming soon to Region 3, the running season will be starting again, beginning with LGRA in the Dallas area the last weekend in September, and AKC lure coursing in Louisiana. The NOTRA and LGRA Nationals will be held in Boswell, OK on Halloween weekend. Considering the many high-caliber Borzoi I had the pleasure of seeing at the recent BCOA National, I hope to see them again at the end of October!

Region 3 members are really delving into the planning of the upcoming BCOA national. So many exciting ideas! We are looking forward to hosting the Borzoi fancy in Mesquite, TX!

Region 4 – Chris Bradley

The West Coast weather eased in like a lamb, and in the past two weeks has transpired into quite the lion. Fires abound in Carson City (near Reno), and again in Southern California. To my best knowledge, our Borzoi friends are safe, though certainly wary.

As with many potential disasters, it's heartwarming that people you don't know well, people who seem distant and indifferent, extend themselves by offering to drive dogs to safety, to care for them until danger passes, and they share a glimpse of their true humanity. We are indeed fortunate to have such a caring group of Borzoi-lovers.

Lompoc, and the Western Sighthound Combined Specialties, has become another lovely memory. As usual, the Borzoi Club of California put on a super Specialty (chaired by Randi Boysen-Carl, and assisted by Nancy Nichols). Chet Weston presented a beautiful trophy table, using a "Diana the Huntress" theme, painted on slabs of natural stone, or leather.

Ron Williams had a large entry of 32 Sweepstakes pups, and worked with precision and ease. Fred Edlin presided over an entry of 117, and though the day was long, he didn't miss a step! We had visitors from all over the West Coast, and even from the East! Our esteemed Ring Stewards were Angela San Paolo and Joy Windle!

Hospitality was wonderfully coordinated by Laurie Kasowski. After judging, tables and trays of delicious finger foods magically appeared, to the delight of newcomers and oldsters alike! Laurie and Tom also coordinated dinner at AJ Spurs, a tradition following the Specialty.

At the WSCS, Pat Ellis coordinates a wonderful event called the "Breeders' Cup"; wherein a Sighthound breeder enters any three dogs that he/she has bred; and they are judged against trios of all the Sighthound breeds eligible. This year's entry was a new record high, with 23 trios entered; five Borzoi entries!

On Saturday, quite a group who still had energy sat 'round the campfire at the Borzoi motorhomes for a BBQ. I'm fairly certain that all had a good time. Some folks who didn't make it to the campfire get-together were too dang tired! The Borzoi Club put on the Lure Course; and it didn't finish until 8:40 PM!!

Sunday 'morn came awfully early, with Frank Sabella judging Borzoi. After judging, many Borzoi zoomed over to the Lure Coursing Field, where many young dogs successfully ran JC tests.

Coming soon:

October 10, 2004 BCOC Match (Southern California)

October 16, 2004 BCNC Fall Specialty (Northern California)

October 17, 2004 BCOA TSE (Northern California)

October 30, 2004 BCOC Winter Specialty (Southern California)

Be well, everyone, and hug those dogs!

Region 5 – Irina Terra

It has been a very nice summer with many dog events for Region 5. There are at least six big litters on the ground this spring and summer in our area bred or co-bred by BCOA members. Everyone is very excited about the upcoming BCOA trophy supported entry with puppy sweepstakes in January at the Rose City Classic cluster in Portland, OR. That event is promising a big entry, especially for puppy sweepstakes. We will have great trophies for that event. The Puget Sound Borzoi Club is quite active preparing for its upcoming summer specialty in August. It should be a nice turnout of dogs. Also, the PSBC held its annual sanctioned puppy match in June.

We are very excited to host the 2006 National specialty in our region. A lot is being done to ensure a very nice show.

Region 6 – Prudence Hlatky

State of the Region

National Specialty: The biggest news from Region VI, of course, was our hosting the 2004 BCOA Centennial National Specialty in Kings Island, Ohio. Marred only by almost a week of solid rain – about which the organizers could do nothing – the 2004 Specialty, was the biggest celebration of Borzoi ever held. What a spectacular event it was, with a total entry of nearly 1,400 Borzoi, with over 650 dogs in conformation alone, and over 3,300 attendees passing through the hotel during the course of the weeklong show.

Many, many thanks to the Region VI volunteers, the national chairpersons, the folks who just pitched in to help when they saw a need and to the whole fancy for being such perfect guests.

And The Winners **Are:** Region VI members went away with their share of the laurels in conformation and performance events. The winners have already been published, but a special round of congratulations is due to all the fortunate Region VI breeders, owners and handlers. I do apologize if I left anybody out. Greg and I saw very little of the actual judging and my catalog didn't have all the placements marked.

Best in Field – Pam Mayberry
High in Trial – June Mintchell
Winners Dog and Best of Winners – Laura Hyatt
Best Puppy & Reserve Winners Dog – Jim Sillers (breeder)
Winners Bitch – Joel & Camelle Chaney
Awards of Merit:

Chris Moyer, Kelly Brunarski, Anne Midgarden
Lynne Bennett
LaVonne Novakofski
Prudence & Dr. Gregory Hlatky

Best in Sweeps – Laura Hyatt and Christina Hart
Best Veteran – Chris Moyer, Kelly Brunarski, Anne Midgarden
Best of Opposite Sex, Veterans Sweeps – Lynne Bennett
Best Jr. Handler – Amelia Gredys
Best Brace – Mary Childs

TSE's: This summer saw two trophy-supported entries, Canfield, OH in conjunction with the largest outdoor show in the country, and Racine, WI shows in conjunction with the Midwest Borzoi Club summer Specialty. Again the value of the TSE is seen in excellent entries, and most important the opportunity for the Borzoi fancy to spend time together socializing and talking Borzoi. Two more TSE's are planned in Region VI later this year, Indianapolis in September and Cleveland in December. Come and join us, we are a very friendly group and you could get some nice wins.

Rescue: After a mercifully long stretch without incident, there were a couple of Borzoi in the area needing assistance. Thank you to those who helped rehome these unfortunates. I believe all are now back with their breeders.