



Region 1 – Maureen Bardwell

Region 1 is completing its 2004 activities. Since the last report, the BCCNJ held its first specialty and the BCGNY held its fall specialty. The BCNE will be holding its annual specialty in November at the Thanksgiving Cluster in W Springfield, Massachusetts.

The greatest concern reported by the Region One membership is the timing of the BCOA national specialty each year. Quite routinely, the national specialty falls within days of the first weekend in May--- the traditional weekend which is used by the BCDV and the BCGNY for their spring specialties. Via e-mail, members of region 1 have expressed continued concern about this timing. They do understand that the BCOA membership has voted to avoid the flight embargo months for pets imposed by the airlines. However, many members do question the actual number of people flying their pets to the national specialty. Because of these issues, several members of Region 1 have asked the BCOA Board to again review the policy on timing of the specialty.

Region 2 – Kathryn Wright

Nothing to report.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club has once again hosted a wonderful specialty show! This is also their 10th anniversary year of their Specialty show - may they have many more to come! Judge Henri Goldner had 77 entries (28 dogs - 49 bitches) to choose from. Unfortunately, Sweeps judge Chris Swilley was unable to make it, but Bruce Clark ably filled in to judge an entry of many promising youngsters and noble veterans in attendance. Once again the Borzoi Grill was serving yummy delights and there were some commemorative sweatshirts available as well. Thanks guys for another delightful event! Future plans for RMBC include a supported entry with sweepstakes on February 18th, including puppy groups at the show, and an embedded Specialty on the 19th of February with Bred-By-Exhibitor groups at the show.

Lone Star Borzoi Club recently hosted its third ASFA lure trial event, running a total of 44 dogs, including 12 Borzoi - one more trial and they receive voting status in ASFA! LSBC members hosted another BCOA Trophy Supported Entry in conjunction with the Cypress Creek Kennel Club dog shows in Houston on November 6. There was a total of 48 entries in the Regular classes, which were judged by Barbara Binder, and 18 entries in Sweeps under judge Katie Averill).

BCCUS had their 2nd annual fun match on October 16 at the Gredys home. There were 17 dogs entered and judged by Scott Hurlbert, a Whippet owner/breeder and ASFA judge from Olathe, KS. After the match there was CGC testing and a wonderful spaghetti dinner and desserts. BCCUS members are also the work force behind an upcoming Trophy Supported Entry and Sweepstakes to be held at the Nebraska Kennel Club dog shows on November 20-21. On Saturday, Joe Rogers will judge Sweepstakes and Pat Murphy will judge the Regular Classes. Jon Cole is judging the classes on Sunday. BCCUS members are also hoping to offer Sweeps and a TSE in July when NKC moves their show cluster to a brand new location. So stay tuned for more information as it becomes available!

The excitement is mounting in Region 3 as we are gearing up to host the 2005 National Specialty in Mesquite, Texas! We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Region 4 – Chris Bradley

The Fall and Winter Specialties in Region Four are now a pleasant memory. Borzoi Club of Northern California held their Fall Specialty in Pleasanton, with Del Valle Kennel Club; and we held a successful TSE the following day. And a BCNC supported entry on the third day made for a lovely, though long weekend, with 3 sets of majors.

The Borzoi Club of California also put on a wonderful Winter Specialty, with a very cordial meeting afterwards, and a lovely catered luncheon. Again, several happy people garnering majors!

By all reports, the BCOC Fun Day in the park was indeed fun for both Borzoi and the people they own! The costume classes are always fun, as are the various classes, and the camaraderie.

For upcoming shows, please refer to the Borzoi Club of California website; and to the Borzoi Club of Northern California website. See y'all in Dallas!! Hug your pooches!

Region 5 – Irina Terra

Region 5 BCOA members have been very busy over the past summer participating with their Borzoi in many conformation, lure-coursing, agility, and obedience events. Also, we have had several litters born this year in the region, so the next generation of locally bred Borzoi is growing up. We know that there also some exciting plans for new litters including those in the Eastern part of our region. There are also some imports from Eastern Europe coming our way. Speaking about other countries, a few members from the region have been taking advantage of our proximity to many Canadian shows, and showing their dogs north of the border. Currently, a locally bred and owned dog is ranked #1 Borzoi in Canada.

As usual, the Puget Sound Borzoi Club specialty, which drew a very large entry, was the highlight of the summer for Borzoi aficionados. Pat Murphy did the honors of judging the regular classes, with Marilyn Polsfus doing sweeps. The specialty was a success. Melissa Rundquist put together yet another

gorgeous trophy table with amber-themed prizes. Chis Meyers did a tremendous job on the auction. This time, the Seattle weather showed its real face as it rained cats and dogs the weekend of the specialty, so the next-day supported entry show was unfortunately cancelled.

We are actively preparing for the upcoming BCOA trophy-supported entry in January at the Rose City Classic cluster in Portland, OR. We have picked very (literally) sweet prizes for that one. So, we expect many puppies to show up for the sweeps, and their owners should know that there will be gourmet chocolates involved!

Another good news out of our region is that the 2006 National Specialty location has been confirmed. The 2006 BCOA National will be held in the capital of Washington state, Olympia. Most of the 2006 Specialty committees have been assigned, we have very dedicated people working but are still recruiting more volunteers. We are very excited about hosting the BCOA 2006 National specialty in our region.

Region 6 – Prudence Hlatky

Passing the Torch

For the past four years I've had the honor of serving as Region VI's governor on the BCOA Board of Directors. Now it is time for another to represent this diverse region. To whoever is elected I offer my full support as they transition into the position.

A few of the more memorial events during my tenure were:

Working with others in Region VI to win the BCOA Centennial Specialty for Region VI. It was a Specialty for the record books, and one which will be hard to top.

Opposing and preventing the redistricting of Region VI into a smaller area.

One goal which I came very close to reaching was the holding of TSE in every state within the Region, only North & South Dakota missed having a supported entry. To me the TSE's were an opportunity for the BCOA to give back to the membership. Many Borzoi obtained their championship from the majors provided at these shows. All TSE's had social activities ranging from pot-lucks to raffles for rescue. But most important it gave the membership the opportunity to socialize and talk Borzoi. At the vast majority I held Regional Governor's meetings to hear from the membership on the issues of the day.

There will be TSEs at the Cleveland Crown Classic shows in December. And I will be holding a final Regional Governor's meeting. Please come and join us; as normally all four days are majors. Coordinator for the MBC TSE is Henri Goldner and Joyce Katona for the BCOA TSE. Please contact them or me if you have any questions.

Coming up March 18 – 20th are the MBC Independent Spring Specialty on Friday, judge Dr. John Reeve-Newson. Then in conjunction with the Detroit KC, the MBC supported entry on Saturday, judge Amy Sorbie and BCOA TSE on Sunday, judge Helen Winski-Stein. I know a weekend full of activities is planned. Please contact Jennifer Steele for details.

When reporting the Region VI National winners in my last report by accident I missed one very important win. I apologize to Cindi Gredys for omitting the 2004 National LGRA BOB which was won by BIF CH. Jubilee's Heavenly Creation, SC, FCH, GRC owned by Cindi Gredys and Dawn & Jeff Hall.

As I close this report I again thank the membership for trusting me to represent them over the past four years.