



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**\*\* A report is not required. Committee Chair to keep BCOA Board informed of activities as necessary.**

**Annual Awards – Nancy Reimer \*\***

The awards are in the process of being made. Mr. Jilek assures me that they will be finished and received by Joe Rogers one week before the specialty. I am sorry that I won't be able to attend the specialty and give out the awards. I hope that you all have a wonderful time and that the award winners enjoy their awards.

The photos have been sent to Helen Lee for publication in the BC. When the originals are returned to me, I will forward them to the club historian.

**Annual Versatility Awards & Versatility Hall of Fame– Karen Ackerman \*\***

No report received.

**Aristocrat – Maureen Bardwell \*\***

No report received.

**BCOA Website – Jennifer Beach-Buda \*\***

No report received.

**Club Archives & Historian Dick Blodgett, Jr \*\***

No report received.

**Club Inventory and Medals – Chris Bradley**

We are in the process of getting medals and supplies transferred from Tom Carroll to Chris Bradley. To date, Chris has received Board-approved TSE applications for four events, and is awaiting medals and other materials.

**Conformation Championship Medals– Chris Danker**

For events from Jan 1st 2004 to December 31st 2004, a total of 172 Borzoi completed their Championships as recorded in the AKC Gazette. 134 Championship medals were sent out to BCOA member owned dogs.

**Constitution & By-Laws – Kathleen Kapaun**

We have finished revisions on the BCOA Constitution and By-Laws using input from Kathy Wright, Barbara O'Neill and the committee members. The revisions will be mailed to the Board before the April 13 Conference Call.

**Futurity Event – Kathleen Kapaun \*\***

This year the Futurity will be held on April 26 at the BCOA National Specialty in Mesquite, Texas. The Judge is Mrs. Karen Ackerman. Rhanda Glenn has purchased throws and pillows for the trophies. Barbara Yoon will be the ring steward.

**2006 Futurity**

The 2006 Futurity began October 27, 2004 and will end November 22, 2005. There are currently 18 new bitch nominations and 11 new litter nominations for the 2006 Futurity with 25 litters eligible to forward from the 2005 Futurity. Account balance at close of 2005 is \$4355 and the 2006 balance is \$425 to date.

**Gazette Columnist – Jennifer Beach-Buda \*\***

No report received.

### **Health Committee – Virginia Jones**

#### *CHIC & OFA UPDATE:*

1st quarter CHIC reports were received for borzoi meeting the criteria from Jan 1 thru March 31 from the OFA.

The OFA just recently sent an inquiry if our club would be receptive to them offering a \$100 donation to the Best of Breed recipient at our National show if the dog had a CHIC number. At this time they are polling the breed clubs to see if there is an interest in this proposal. I indicated that the health committee was supportive and request the boards concurrence.

#### *2005 NATIONAL'S CLINICS AND SEMINAR:*

Total counts for each of the clinics and participation in the seminar to be provided upon completion of all of our events and announced at the General Membership meeting.

#### *2006 NATIONAL'S CLINICS AND SEMINAR:*

Barbara Binder is moving forward with arrangements for specialists for heart, eye, micro chip and DNA clinic and seminar guest speaker, topic TBD. At this time I would propose that a dinner/seminar format would be the best avenue to allow maximum participation as gauged by the increase in response/reservation in one stop shopping for the 2005 pizza party. This schedule appears to be more accommodating to the membership in an extremely busy week's schedule of events.

#### *FUNDRAISERS:*

A group of individuals have decided to create a book about borzoi that consists of stories submitted by borzoi owners. They would like to sell the book and donate the proceeds to the BCOA Borzoi Donor Advised Fund established with the CHF. To help support the expense of having this book printed, they have designed and printed borzoi notecards and intend to sell them at the Nationals and by advertising them on the various news lists. I received a late request in early April for financial contributions from the health committee fund to pay for advertising of their items in the catalogue. Since this was not a fundraiser submitted by the health committee to the board for their approval, I informed them that I was not at liberty to approve funding for their advertising. At this point I would ask the board for their direction on this project. While it certainly sounds very interesting and I am most appreciative of those who wish to support the borzoi health cause, I'm not certain that this project will prove to be financially fiscal.

#### *SURVEY PROJECT:*

After much consideration and deliberation, I have decided to withdraw the request for help from Susan McGorray with the health survey and complete the project myself. Susan has been extremely taxed for time and has not been able to meet any of the time requirements for the project over the course of the last 2 years. It is important that we proceed with the survey, provide the statistics to the CHF and begin the process to petition them for our own research project based on the outcome of the survey. The survey form and questions have been modified slightly from the original draft and I believe that they will provide us with the correct information and a sufficient amount of respondent's data to provide a clear overall picture of the recent health concerns of our breed. At this time, I would request approval for the expenditure of a post office box for return mailing of the hard copy forms from May 1st, 2005 through March 1, 2006. Updated survey form is attached to this report.

### **Judges Education –Shen Smith, Patti Neale**

No report received.

### **Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata & Phyllis Brettell \*\***

No report received.

### **Membership Committee – Edna Ogata \*\***

No report received.

### **National Show Committee and Guidelines - Barbara O'Neill \*\***

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date. Guidelines have been sent to Kevin Miller and Rebecca Peters-Campbell for the Region 1, 2007 National Specialty.

### **2005 National Specialty - Barbara O'Neill**

The 2005 Specialty closed March 30, 2005, with 315 dogs entered with 829 total entries. The Show Committee has been working on the final details and it promises to be a great Specialty.

### **2006 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill**

The following judges have accepted the assignment for 2006 National Specialty. Obedience - James Thompson; Rally – Chris Cornell; Junior Showmanship – Sandra Frei; and Lure Coursing – K.C. Artley and Holly Hamilton. A regional logo contest was held and six designs were submitted. The winning design was selected by three people outside the region. Jan Leikam, Facility/Specialty Coordinator, has been busy with Specialty plans and preparing a brochure to distribute the Texas Annual Awards Banquet.

### **2007 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill**

Tentatively, two separate proposals will be presented to the Board this meeting for Region 1 National. Kevin Miller on Fitchburg, MA and Rebecca Peters-Campbell on Warwick, RI.

### **Rescue Committee – Dr Maureen Bardwell**

I am pleased to report that Lorrie Scott has agreed to co-chair the BCOA Rescue Committee with me. Having co-chairs both on the east & west coast will help guarantee that someone from the Committee will be in attendance at the national specialties. Lorrie & I plan to have a long face-to-face meeting in Texas.

Janice Butkowsky, the webmaster for the BCOA Rescue website, has made updates to the site. These include listing Lorrie Scott's name on the site, updating personal information for BCOA regional rescue contacts, and eliminating any mention of a "rescue umbrella" from the site.

The Rescue Committee has completed plans for participation in the national specialty festivities in Texas. There appears to be a fair number of dogs (25-30) whose owners have expressed interest in participating in the Companion Parade. We plan to have a "yellow rose" silk flower wreath with a specialty medallion attached for each participant. We are also planning a raffle as a fundraiser.

### **Standardized Trophies - Barbara O'Neill \*\***

Criteria for challenge trophy donations is on the agenda for this meeting

### **Ways & Means – Carol Enz \*\***

No report received.

### **2005 Yearbook**

The 2005 Yearbook has 492 total pages with 470 pedigrees. We have ordered 300 copies and the printer is shipping 150 books to Texas. The remaining will be stored in Michigan and shipped as needed to Carol Enz, BCOA Shop Chairman. We have made CDs of the yearbook for sale.

### **Statistical Committees**

Statistics are published in the Aristocrat.

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### **Agility – Gale Snoddy \*\***

No report received.

### **Conformation – Christopher Neale \*\***

No report received.

### **Junior Showmanship – Barbara Lord \*\***

In 2004 on our BCOA Junior Spotlight page, junior handler, Lisa Brauner was featured. More junior handler interviews will follow in 2005. Our top junior handler for 2004 is Stuart McGraw.

Below, please find a listing of youngsters handling Borzoi in AKC Junior Showmanship competition throughout the country. The juniors with stars behind their names are children of BCOA members and/or are junior members of our club themselves:

Stuart Anthony McGraw \*\*\*  
Amelia Gredys \*\*\*  
Hannah Gredys \*\*\*  
Jordan Davis \*\*\*  
Rhiannon Miller \*\*\*  
Kadence Bodard \*\*\*  
Naomi Denning \*\*\*  
Chloe Denning \*\*\*  
Natalie Kubiak-Zamora \*\*\*  
Matthew Koenig \*\*\*  
Jeffrey Hall  
Mavis Mary Inez Greenhill  
Brigitte Lutsch  
Jennifer Batson  
Cassandra Cedeno  
Aubrey Dorsey  
**Lauren Caldwell**  
Rachel Hunt  
Denis Michael Gongre  
Jordan Harwood  
Tiffany Baggaley  
Camille Baird  
Sterling Baird  
Ellie Allen  
Allysa Bader  
Shannon Myers  
Erin McCarter

At last count, there were 27 youngsters competing in juniors handling Borzoi, 10 of these kids are members of our club. If any of our membership knows these non-member youngsters and/or their parents, perhaps they might take a moment to encourage them to join the BCOA! Or, if they prefer, email me at my address listed below with the parents and child's name as well as their mailing address and/or email address and I would be happy to invite them to join our club as junior or family members.

Please feel free to contact me with any corrections and/or additions.

**LGRA – Carol Enz \*\***

No report received.

**Lure Coursing – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock \*\***

No report received.

**NOTRA – Victor Whitlock \*\***

No report received.

**Obedience – Bonnie Nichols \*\***

BCOA FINAL 2004 OBEDIENCE STATISTICS

Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2004, AKC AWARDS (aken from AWARDS, March 2004 - February 2005 issues)

For final records for BCOA obedience 2004, requires a minimum of 3 scores for the year. There were more BCOA obedience competitors in 2004 than 2003, with more than 10 in Novice. For clarity, I have listed the dogs ranked, separated by class. In Open I have listed ALL Borzoi that qualified in Open for the year 2004, because there are less than 10 competing in the advanced classes, and I want to recognize all of them, and perhaps encourage them to join BCOA or to compete further and get more scores for each year. There were more Borzoi in all the classes, especially the advanced classes and only one competitor in Open is not a BCOA member. Congratulations to All. If there are any errors to be reported, please contact Bonnie Nichols, at [iozrob49@alltel.net](mailto:iozrob49@alltel.net)

High Scoring BCOA owned Borzoi for 2004 (happens to be the same dog/owner team as for 2003): Ch Teine Intrinsic CD, NA, NAJ, OAJ - R & J Mintchell & A Midgarden (5 scores - 3 in Novice, 2 in Open) average - 195.5

Final Obedience Ranking by Class:

Rank - Dog - owner - score average - # of scores total

*Novice*

1. Ch Teine Intrinsic CD, NA, NAJ, OAJ - R&J Mintchell&A Midgarden -195.7 (3)
2. Ch Bookstor My Majenkir Gem CD - K & Janek - 194.2 (9)
3. Nickolai Sovas Prekhote CDX - K Haberkorn - 193.1 (5)
4. Ch Belarus The Rapture CD, SC - C Cordtz - 192.5 (3)
5. Secret Garden Chariots of Fire CD - C Thiboutot & M Moran - 190.7 (3)
6. Vera's My Sterling Treasure CD - J & L Brauner & L Cole - 189.3 (4)
7. DC Wind'N Satin Beretta SC, CD - MChilds - 187 (3)
8. Ch Jubilee Breath Of Life CD - C Gredys & C Swilley - 186.8 (3)
9. Nickolai Blu Velvet Clairidge CDX - B Nichols - 184.1 (5)
10. Zanoza Mambo Tzigan CD - L Duncan - 184 (3)

*Open*

1. Ch Teine Intrinsic CD, JC, NA, NAJ, OAJ - R&J Mintchell&A Midgarden - 195.3 (2)
2. Teine Lyrical Magic Of Riju UD,JC, OA, OAJ - R & J Mintchell - 195 (2)
3. Nickolai Sovas Prekhote CDX - K Haberkorn - 192.4 (6)
4. Nickolai Atmen Javelin CD - S Hilbert - 188.3 (2)
5. Kajai's Lightning CDX - G & R Wilson - 187.7 (3)
6. Blackmoor Just Visualize CDX, SC - S Kroeger - 187.3 (3)
7. Ch Sky Run Catera CDX, NAP, AX, AXJ, NJP - P & C Danker & B Skinner-185.5 (1)
8. Nickolai Blu Velvet Clairidge CDX - B Nichols - 184.5 (3)

*Utility*

1. Nickolai Chara Zedoary UDX, JC - S Hilbert - 194 (2)
2. Teine Lyrical Magic Of Riju UD, JC, OA, OAJ - R&J Mintchell - 191.9 (4)

**Open Field – Karen Ackerman \*\***

No report received.

**Register of Merit – Barbara Ewing \*\***

Applications have been received for the following dogs, who qualify for the ROM:

*Sires:*

Ch Majenkir Dignitary at Tiarra ROM-C  
Ch Chataquas Valimir of Kyrov, SC ROMX-C  
Ch Zcerlov's Just A Buck ROM-C

*Dams:*

DC Odyssey www. Of the Wild Hunt, CD, NA, NAJ, SC, LCM, GRC, ORC  
ROM  
Baymar's Light Fantastic, CC, CM, FCh ROM-P

- [?] A question was raised subsequent to one of these applications being processed. One dog qualified for the ROMX-C, however his owner wanted a ROMX, even though his point calculation, based on the published rules, clearly classified him as ROMX-C. The ensuing discussion revealed a loophole in the system whereby an applicant could manipulate the point total by submitting incomplete records of the dog's offspring. In this case, by not submitting a few of the breed championship titles, the dog would be classified how the owner prefers (a combination of conformation and performance), but not accurately as based on his entire produce record (slanted toward conformation). The committee never anticipated that anyone would try to manipulate the system for a perceived personal gain, but I believe that it is now necessary to close this loophole.

I think a simple but effective solution would be to add the following paragraph to the signature section of the application:

"I certify that the information submitted with this application represents, to the best of my knowledge, all ROM recognized titles earned by this dog's offspring. I further agree that in the

future, should enough additional titles be earned to change the ROM title of this dog, I will submit, in a timely manner, a supplemental application in order to have the dog classified correctly."

I would like the Board to approve this change so it can be added to the ROM application immediately.

- ❓ Another question was raised about those dogs (very few) who qualify for more than one ROM title. There are a few ROM title holders who have earned enough points to individually qualify for a ROM-C and ROM-P title. An owner asked if it would be possible to apply for these titles separately, so the dog would carry more than one title. I have mixed feelings on this; although it would be nice to recognize the individual achievements of these dogs as producers, the intent of the ROM program was to classify the dogs based on their entire produce record. I would like the Board to make a decision on this.
- ❓ A member wrote to me and commented that the point awards for the Rally Obedience titles are too high. She felt that Rally titles were much easier to earn than regular obedience titles. To date I have not received any applications that included Rally titles, but it would probably be a good idea to revisit the Rally point awards at some point in the near future.