



**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 \*\***

All photos for awards were received on time and the information was sent to Mr. Jilek. I proofed all the awards and due to the large number of errors, I faxed the proof sheet back to Mr. Jilek. A copy of this years winners photo was sent to Helen Lee and another to Richard Blodgett, the historian. The finished awards are going to be sent to Barbara O'Neill with a due date of one week prior to the start of the specialty.

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

Nothing to report at this time.

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

No report received

**BCOA Website – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock \*\***

No report received

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

Your Historian has now acquired a DVD burner so that historical Borzoi articles and photographs can be archived on discs. Articles from old Borzoi scrapbooks continue to be submitted to the BC for publication.

**Club Inventory and Medals – Chris Bradley**

No report received.

**Conformation Championship Medals– Chris Danker**

For events from January 1st 2005 to December 31st 2005, a total of 195 Borzoi completed their Championships as recorded in the AKC Awards. 138 Championship medals were sent to BCOA member owned dogs.

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

No report received.

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

No report received.

**2006 & 2007 Futurity – Barbara O'Neill**

The 2006 final has 26 litters that are entered. The 2006 balance is \$3,835. The 2007 Futurity began November 23, 2006 and has 19 Bitch nominations and 11 Litter nominations to date. The 2007 balance is \$665.

**Gazette Columnist – Jon Steele \*\***

My first borzoi column will be in the May issue. There are several people that contacted me who would like to write an occasional guest column and I plan to use someone for coursing issues and another for health issues in the future. I have received the guidelines from the AKC Columnist editor and they are specific on what they want and the ideas that are beneficial to their readers. It is interesting to see what the average profile of the Gazette Subscriber is: Average age 52, Gender 83% Female, Male 17%. Average number of dogs is 4.8 and an average of 24 years of experience in dogs. Participation in 6 AKC events a year and importantly 48% read most or all of the breed columns not just their. Keeping this in mind I plan

to cover Borzoi related topics that can interest not just Borzoi owners but other people who may not have any experience with our breed.

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

#### **A. 2006 Olympia Nationals status:**

##### **a. CLINICS & SEMINAR:**

***All arrangements are completed for the seminar and clinics. Microchip scanner will be mailed to Barbara Binder in mid May to scan dogs attending the clinics to confirm permanent identification numbers. Barbara will then mail the scanner back to me after the Nationals. The following items are still required:***

- *Mail one stop shopping info to Barbara Binder once it's complete and available so that Barbara B. can confirm prepaid participants – Barbara O'Neill*
- *Mail file of current OFA registrations to Barbara Binder for reference (required as there is no charge for OFA re-certification and Barbara will need this to determine what the total cost for OFA registration will be) – Ginger Jones*
- **Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Conference – Fall of 2005**

The biannual conference was held in St. Louis at the lovely Adams Mark Hotel the weekend of October 21 through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. As a member of the Presidents council, Kay Henderson has generously offered to present an overview of the conference at the Nationals in Olympia.

**❓ Have we arranged a time slot for the presentation of these materials and has Kay confirmed she will present??**

#### **❓ BCOA ANNUAL HEALTH AWARD:**

To be awarded for the first time at the 2006 Washington Nationals if the winners meet the criteria noted below. I would like to make this first time award in memory of Dr. Asa Mays, well known for his support for health initiatives through the AKC/CHF & BCOA organizations. Can someone from the board **please** make sure that this memorial award is listed in the catalog?

\$100 cash award to the Best in Futurity Puppy if both the sire and dam have a current CHIC number. \$50 cash prize to both the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite sex winner each if they have a current CHIC number.

The above info was submitted for the last board meeting in November. The follow up required:

- **Ginger to provide Barbara O'Neill (?) with a complete list of CHIC dogs listed in our database by May 15<sup>th</sup> - please advise if this will work or if there is someone else that can handle this assignment and let me know where to send the file.**

**❓ Regarding the books "Being Borzoi" - After a discussion with Barbara O'Neill, we agreed that if they wanted to donate the books to BCOA for us to sell, we would sell them at the Specialty Sales Items table and forward the funds to our CHF Borzoi Donor Advised Fund, however we would not purchase the books from them. I provided this information to Joy, but as of this writing I have not heard back as to whether someone will be bringing the books to the Nationals or if they intend to ship them or if they did not want to accept our counter offer.**

#### **❓ OFA CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTH AWARD**

The criteria used for this award, offered by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, was to provide a list of our CHIC borzoi and submit the list to Karen Ackerman who manages the annual and lifetime versatility awards. She narrowed the field to only 3 dogs that met the criteria and provided the name of the dog with the highest achievement points. I contacted the owner of the dog and requested a complete list of all accomplishments for all areas of accreditation and then submitted the application to OFA for the award with the dogs list of accomplishments. It is up to OFA to determine the noteworthiness of the applicant. If they deem that the dog is worthy of the recognition, they will provide a memorial plaque or medallion to the recipient to be awarded at our Nationals awards banquet. At the time of preparing this board report, I have yet to hear back from the OFA if they have accepted our candidate.

## **B. Canine Health Foundation**

I received notification from the CHF that Karen Mays has been elected to the board of directors of the Canine Health Foundation and would like the board to give her a big round of applause, congratulations and well wishes on her new assignment!! We are incredibly fortunate to have someone from our borzoi fancy to continue to preside on the board of directors of such an outstanding organization so dedicated to the betterment of the pure bred dog! Way to go, Karen!

### **RESEARCH:**

I received status reports from the CHF on the following research project we are currently helping to support financially.

Grant #373 Mapping Genes associated with Osteosarcoma in Large Dog Breeds. **For this particular study, there has been a shortage of available samples from affected dogs and non-affected. Although the two primary breeds for the study are Rottweilers for the large boned group, and Greyhounds for the long limbed group, they are also collecting samples from several other comparative breeds including Borzoi and would like 20 affected and 20 unaffected for control samples. I would like to request that our Regional Governors please circulate the following information to their regional members:**

- i. Blood samples are requested from unaffected Borzoi 8 years old or older and also from affected Borzoi of any age. Drs. Lindblad-Toh and Comstock are heading the study. Please contact Kenine Comstock at the following email address to obtain sample collection kits: [keninec@med.umich.edu](mailto:keninec@med.umich.edu)**

## **C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**?** Received the 4th quarter CHIC report from Eddie Dzuik. (see attachment#1)

**?** I received information from Jeff Sossamon, CHF, that the DNA repository pilot with Golden Retrievers is now completed and that the repository is open to all CHIC participating breeds. See attachment #2 for more information about the program. I will include a detailed report for the next publication of the BC. The announcement came after the most recent April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**?** Received correspondence from Joy Windle regarding the purchase of the books, "Being Borzoi".

**?** Received updated information from Colleen Thiboutot regarding the clinics and seminar for 2007 Nationals – report included under item "F".

## **D. BORZOI DONOR ADVISED FUND:**

Contacted Ronna Dornfife to request CHF to contact heart research specialists and inquire as to their interest in either a Borzoi heart research or large sighthound heart research. Ronna will also follow up with the health liaisons of the other parent clubs of large breed sighthounds to inquire about their interest in a joint research project. No further updates at this time. I think that the deadline for all candidate research project submissions is the end of May, so I'm hoping to hear back from Ronna sometime during the summer months regarding our inquiry.

## **E. HEALTH COMMITTEE RECOGNITION GIFT**

In the first quarter of this year, I discussed with Barbara O'Neill a thank-you gift that can be sent to those who donate \$50 or more to Borzoi Health. I recommended a bookmark that had a borzoi motif. This should be relatively inexpensive to produce and will fit nicely into an envelope with a thank you card. I'm currently investigating designs for the bookmark and prices for producing it.

## **F. 2007 NATIONALS CLINICS AND SEMINAR**

I received the following information from Colleen Thiboutot regarding her preparations for the Rhode Island Nationals:

- Dr. Bell will give a 2 hr. genetic health seminar on Wed night. His fee is \$475 plus mileage from Ct. (he lives with in an hr from host hotel) The club will host Dr. Bell's dinner. He will provide

computer & video projector, the club will provide projection screen & stand, podium, microphone & extension cord. We will be videoing Dr. Bells seminar to sell as a fund raiser for health. *(I think the board needs to review this last proposal and see if it has merit. We would need to confirm that Dr. Bell would permit this. I do believe that opening the seminar is a good idea. If we do this, we may possibly get funding up to \$500 to pay for this – I'll investigate further.)*

- Eye Clinic is \$35 per dog @ a # 30 dog min. The ophthalmologist has his own gals to help him *(This price is for the cost charged by the ophthalmologist. We would either have to increase our charge for this OR subsidize this clinic from health committee funds to make it a more reasonable fee for participants)*
- Heart Clinic is \$30 aus--\$170 Echo--no more than 30 echo or 70 aus.( if we open to all breeds), no min @ this time or price as we have had alot of interest in others attending the clinic, but he said the price will probably stay the same *(Since there is no minimum dog number required, there is some opportunity here to either charge less for borzoi and more for other breeds of dogs – I would like consider this one more before I make a proposal)*
- Micro chip we have a vet that will do borzoi @ N/C, we hope to open to all breeds to be able to pay something to the vet. Will send an e mail to Bill Norelli today as well *(No issue here – we (I) always provide a thank-you gift to the attending veterinarians who donate their time)*

#### **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.

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

Plans are being finalized for the Specialty. We have exceeded our contracted room nights by over 200 room nights. I do not have the final numbers yet but it appears that gas prices have affected entries. A number of people will be attending without dogs and it will be great to have a relaxing National.

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

The committee has been busy making plans for April 2007. Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Facility Coordinator, will be giving a report to the members at the annual meeting.

#### **2008 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill**

Michael McLain with Lorrie Scott will be attending the face-to-face with a presentation for the Board to consider for the 2008 National Specialty.

#### **Rescue Committee – Lorrie Scott**

For rescue this is what I have: There are a few in rescue through out the country. Two in Northern California, two in Texas, and also have two with specials needs that are part of the Texas 22. For the most part it has been a quite quarter and nothing that Carol and NBRF could not deal with. NBRF will not be having a companion parade or a booth at the Nationals this year for several reasons. Next year in Rhode Island they plan to do both.

As for the bequest money from Beverly Taylor and what should be done etc, I've not be contacted by Karen Staudt-Cartabona yet but I will attempt to contact her this week. I believe I read in the last minutes that she was to contact me so we could start some work on guidelines and such.

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

Nothing to report at this time.

#### **Trophy Supported Entries – Jim Gibson**

The board has recently unofficially debated the TSE Application deadline and approval process. Our current six month (26 wk) deadline must stand but should, as was suggested, allow some

flexibility on a case by case basis. The AKC deadline for applications, show or sweeps, is 24 weeks prior to the event. The deadline for submittal of judging panels and premium list information is 18 weeks prior to the event.

BCOA must have the TSE application early enough to meet the Sweepstakes Application date. Two weeks to turn the e-mail approval and sweeps application to AKC is marginal at best. 28 weeks might be better. The host club is usually still waffling over the panel at that point, so the Borzoi judges may or may not be cast in concrete at that point. On the other hand, many clubs like to have their info in early to get their panel locked in at AKC.

The Board should stress to the TSE coordinators, the importance of close planning coordination with the host clubs and their Regional Governor.

The initial application deadline must be met. If the judges are pending, a written explanation of the proposed judges planning and circumstances should accompany the application. It has been suggested that a statement of approval for the TSE from the host club should be included. Preliminary Board approval of the TSE plan, with judges pending, would allow the coordinator to start getting trophy commitments in order to meet the host club's PL deadline which, more than likely, is substantially earlier than the 18 week AKC/Supt. deadline. Input is solicited, particularly from TSE coordinators, for recommendations related to BCOA TSE policies.

**BCOA Sales – Carol Enz \*\***

No report received.

**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 \*\***

Listed below are the juniors exhibiting Borzoi in the showman competition throughout the United States. Note that I have listed those who are junior members or whose families are members of the Borzoi Club of America:

Baird, Camille  
Baird, Sterling  
Batson, Jennifer  
Bodard, Kadence (member)  
Cedeno, Cassandra  
Davis, Jordan (member)  
Denning, Chloe (member)  
Denning, Mimi (member)  
Gredys, Amelia (member)  
Gredys, Hannah (member)  
Hungerford, Alexia  
Hunt, Rachel  
Hyatt, Clinton  
Inez Greenhill, Mavis Mary  
Koenig Matthew (member)  
Kroese, Hannah  
Kubiak-Zamora, Natalie (member)

Lutsch, Brigitte  
McCarter, Erin  
McGraw, Stuart (member)  
MecDaniel, Ashley  
Meyers, Shannon (member)  
Miller, Rhiannon (member)  
Miller, Zachary Thomas  
Pomasl, Danielle  
Shaw, Sarah  
Zagula, Tiffany

I suggest that we make an effort to contact each of the non members and invite them to join the BCOA as junior members. This membership would allow them to compete for the annual top Junior Showman award. While doing this, I feel it is important that we make sure we hold them to the same standard we do any other person applying for membership with our club. We need to remember that the individual who eventually wins the top junior award will be representing the BCOA when out in the 'dog world'.

As in the past, I am offering to contact each of the non-member juniors handling Borzoi after having obtained their names and addresses. I would appreciate it if the BCOA would please provide me with at least a dozen junior applications and, if possible, some stationary in order to make the letter we send out as professional as possible. Please advise which BCOA board member should be contacted for approval prior to my mailing these individuals.

**LGRA – Carol Enz \*\***

No report received.

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

See attached.

**NOTRA – Victor Whitlock \*\***

No report received.

**Obedience – Bonnie Nichols \*\***

Top Obedience Borzoi for 2005:

Nickolai Ryndar Aziza Riju CD, JC, NJP, RN - owned by June & Rich Mintchell. Average Score: 196.8 (Novice class) 5 scores

**Utility**

1. Teine Lyrical Magic Of Riju UD, RN,OA, OAJ, JC - R & J Mintchell, 193.3 (5)
2. Ch Nickolai Sovas Prekhote UD - K Haberkorn, 188 (5)

**Open**

1. Teine Lyrical Magic Of Riju UD, RN, OA, OAJ, JC - R & J Mintchell, 195.4 (10)
2. Ch Teine Intrinsic JC, CDX - R & J Mintchell & A Midgarden, 195.3 (3)
3. Ch Nickolai Sovas Prekhote UD - K Haberkorn, 194.3 (2)
4. Nickolai Chara Zedoary UD, JC - S Hilbert, 192.5 (2)
5. Ch Bookstor My Majenkir Gem CDX - K&J Janek, 188.3 (5)
6. Nickolai Blu Velvet Clairidge CDX - B Nichols, 183.5 (2)
7. Nickolai Atmen Javelin CDX - S Hilbert, 182.3 (2)

**Novice**

1. Nickolai Ryndar Aziza Riju CD, JC, NJP, RN - R & J Mintchell, 196.8 (5)
2. Ch Belarus Platinum Blonde JC - C Cordtz, 196.3 (2)
3. Ch Avalon Jungle Fever SC, CD - S&P Moore, 196 (1)
4. Ch Wildwood Vanna White JC - K Henderson & W Delfino, 191.5 (1)
5. Ch Yegorov Sea Of Change CD - D & G McDonald, 185.3 (3)
6. Ch Jubilee's Heavenly Creation SC - D & J Hall & C Gredys, 187 (1)
7. Golightly LR Chance Of Caerlin NA, NAJ - L Harbertson (1)
8. Ch Rainmaker Forever More CD, SC - R&J Katona, 184 (2)
9. Carousels Sword Dancer CD - M Conran, 183 (2)
10. Ch Jubilee Breath Of Life CD - C Gredys. 182.5 (1)

There seem to have been fewer Borzois in the Novice classes for 2005, but more in the advanced classes. In order to qualify for the Top Award, the dog must have received at least 3 scores for the year. I have listed the rankings of all other dogs, by score, regardless of the number of scores.

Congratulations to the Borzoi and their owners/handlers in obedience for 2005 and keep up the good work for 2006.

**Open Field – Karen Ackerman \*\***

Nothing to report at this time.

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

Applications have been received for the following dogs who qualify with the ROM designations shown.

**DAMS:**

Ch. Babotjka's Fantaziya, SC ROMX-C  
Ch. v'Indra's Odessa of Sunburst ROM-C  
Ch. Wind'nSatin'n Red Sonja ROMX-C

**SIRES:**

Ch. Falkenar Forbidden Tresor ROM-C  
Ch. Knapovich's Diavolo of JEM ROMX  
Ch. Windn Satin Black Legacy, CD, LCM ROMX

I have received a few e-mails regarding the point awards for Rally Obedience titles. Some members are of the opinion that Rally titles are easier to earn than regular obedience, therefore should not be worth the same number of points. My personal experience with both sports confirms this; Rally is quite a bit easier. Additionally, a member asked the question as to whether Rally titles are counted in addition to regular obedience titles, or does only the higher title count (as is the case with ASFA vs. AKC lure coursing). While, unlike lure coursing, the exercises in Rally are different enough that I don't consider it the same as regular obedience, the fact that the novice routine is entirely on lead and that there are no sits and downs, a much higher percentage of dogs qualify in Rally than in regular obedience. My personal opinion is that Rally points should be half of what is earned in regular obedience, but that both point awards count if the dog has both a regular obedience and a rally title.