



Regional Governor's Reports – August 2008

Region 1 – Rebecca Peters-Campbell

The Borzoi Club of Greater New York (BCGNY) and the Borzoi Club of the Delaware Valley (BCDV) specialties, held in NJ the first weekend in May, had large entries and were very successful events. As usual, there was lavish hospitality and an overflowing awards table at each show. On Sunday in conjunction with the BCDV show, BCOA members and friends supported an eye clinic, with 40+ dogs participating. The eye exams were performed by Dr. Greg Acland, who is researching borzoi retinopathy. I hope to be able to report on results of his study at a future date.

As in past years, BCGNY and the Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey (BCCNJ) will hold their fall specialties on the two days following the Central New Jersey Hound Assoc. show in early September in North Branch, New Jersey. BCGNY's show will be held in conjunction with the Tuxedo Park K.C. all-breed show on Friday, September 5th. Regular classes will be judged by Ms. Sharon Rhinelander, and sweepstakes will be judged by Mr. Garry Lewis. The BCCNJ specialty will be held the following day, Saturday the 6th, in conjunction with the Somerset Hills KC all-breed show. Ms. Nancy Bodine will judge the regular classes, and Ms. Elizabeth Treharne will judge sweepstakes. Entries close August 20. The superintendent is MB-F.

BCDV will be holding an ASFA field trial this fall. Ms. Leslie Carroll is coordinating this event, which will be dedicated to the memory of Ann E. Filetti. More information will be available soon.

The Borzoi Club of New England's (BCNE) specialty show will be held in conjunction with the Springfield Kennel Club's all-breed show on Sunday, November 23. Mr. Kenneth Miller will judge the regular classes, and Ms. Micki Nash will judge sweepstakes. Entries close on November 5; MB-F is the superintendent.

BCGNY has announced that Graham and Ann Hill (Dimland Borzoi) will travel from England to judge regular classes and sweepstakes at the club's independent Spring Specialty Show on Friday, May 1, 2009.

Region 2 – Jim Gibson

The Borzoi Club of Greater Atlanta recently held a reorganization meeting to define a plan to reactivate the club and layout a plan to achieve AKC Sanction. There were 12 attendees. New officers and a Board of Directors were selected. They are hosting the

BCOA Supported Entry at The Atlanta Kennel Club Show in September and have applied for a Plan B Match following the show.

Region 3 – R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock

RMBC's fall specialty is nearly upon us and I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

LSBC is gearing up for its specialty show at the end of October and I am hoping we get to see many of the CO attendees there as well.

Also in BCOA Region 3 we will be seeing the LGRA/NOTRA National Race Meet in Boswell, OK on November 1-2 as well as the 2009 ASFA International Invitational.

Region 4 – Laurie Kasowski

Laurie reported that Chris Baldwin, our bronze artist who has done our standardized trophies has unexpectedly passed away. The molds are in the possession of her husband and we can still use them. Laurie will pick up the molds – thanks to Laurie for handling this situation.

Region 5 – Jim Anderson

Below is a copy of the e-mail I sent to the Region 5 BCOA members that I have e-mail addresses for. Lydia reminded me that in keeping within the new “Borzoi Club of America Guidelines for Regional Governors” I had neglected to copy all members of the Board. There has been a change to the date for the face to face meeting mentioned in paragraph 5. It is now scheduled immediately following the PSBC meeting at the Western Washington Hound Association Show Sunday, August 2, 2008. Again I notified everyone on the e-mail list of this change:

I plan on holding a face to face meeting with BCOA Members at the conclusion of the PSBC Meeting at their Specialty this August.

Not a lot of news from Region 5 at this time. Everyone seems to have enjoyed our National Specialty Show in Sacramento. It was a great spot and well organized.

There will be a Region 5 Governor’s meeting Sunday August 3rd following the PSBC Meeting at the Western Washington Hound Association Show at Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA. I hope to have a good turn out.

The PSBC Specialty Show dates are August 22 and August 23 at Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA.

Addendum

There was a BCOA meeting held following the Puget Sound Borzoi Club meeting Aug 3rd in which members were encouraged to review the old vs the new versions of the Constitution.

Region 6 – Cindi Gredys

Congratulations to all the region 6 members who did a great job representing us at the National, there were some great wins; proving once again that the Borzoi in the Midwest are competitive among the best.

The show grounds were beautiful; unfortunately, I didn't get to enjoy much because of an accident on the way out to California that put me in the hospital for most of the show. The National Specialty is an event I plan for all year – it was doubly painful missing it after driving 30 hours with 13 dogs! Thanks to all the folks who helped my daughter out in my absence. Needless to say I missed the board meeting too. Thankfully, I still have my hand and all is back to normal. Dr. Todd Brandtman, nurse Toby and all the other health specialists were a real blessing and fountain of knowledge. Our little Borzoi community has some real gems!

June, July, and August are busy times in Region 6. GTCBC had a successful specialty and show weekend in June. The new show grounds in Jordon are very nice and they moved the rings to a different location this year which worked really well. A few of us got to experience a wonderful time at a Russian Restaurant on Saturday night. Hopefully, next year more will make the trek to St. Paul to try it as well.

In July, the Trophy Supported NKC shows with sweepstakes had a great entry with 4&5-point majors. It, once again, was one of the largest entries in the show. This year the borzoi folks were able to have our grooming all together which was really a draw for the meet the breed booth. BCGO had 2 TV's with the AKC breed tape, Animal Planet's Borzoi segment, and performance DVD's playing all weekend. Patti Neale came and presented a judging seminar. The dinner on Saturday evening in the Old Market was fun with a great turn out. Hopefully, in the near future, this club will gain AKC & BCOA approval.

August brings us to the MBC Specialty in WI this year. As I write this report the numbers have just been posted and there will be 4 & 5 point majors for the 4 days of shows. Three of the four judges are Borzoi breeder judges which makes it a wonderful line up to observe as I'm sure some of the best of the breed will be in attendance. What a wonderful educational opportunity to see the dogs and talk to some of the folks who've been in the breed for so long!

Some upcoming events in the region are MBC's coursing events, October 25 & 26, November 8 & 9. Please see their website for information on all MBC events.
<http://www.midwestborzoiclub.org/>

The 2009 National Specialty in Frankenmuth, Michigan will be held outdoors at the beautiful Bavarian Inn Lodge. You can go to <http://www.bavarianinn.com/> and take a virtual tour of the hotel & guest rooms. This is a show all borzoi lovers should make plans to attend. There is nothing like a National Specialty show to teach you about the breed. The sheer number of dogs you see as well as the knowledgeable breeders, judges,

and owners there, can't be duplicated in any other way. Geographically, this show location should make it easier for more people all across the country to get to so start saving your pennies now!

It takes a lot of manpower and talent to put on a National Specialty so if you have something to offer contact Lynn Bennett: lynne@avalynborzoi.com or Jon & Jenni Steele: auroral@tm.net

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