

BCOA Region III Governors Report May 2012

Region III covers a huge swath within the center of the country, from Texas up through Oklahoma to Colorado, across to Kansas then following the Mississippi river through Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and finally back to Texas. Roughly, it takes a full day to drive across Texas. The distance from Houston to Denver is equal to that of Ohio to Denver. It took the better part of two days for me to drive to the Kansas National from Houston.

Why the geography lesson? It's to give the membership an idea of the size, distance, travel times and area involved within Region III. This is an active region with many members involved in many different venues within our sport. If it looks like we are holding lots of events please remember the distances and drive times. Members in the southeast or northwest parts of the region should be able to receive the same benefits of membership. They are both within Region III, they are just two, three or more days drive apart.

NW Region III – Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club – held their very successful February specialty and supported entry TSE shows, with the Denver KC show cluster. As usual they were well attended and a good time was had by all. For the second year hand surgery prevented me from attending this specialty. Hopefully I can attend next year. Congratulations to all the winners – especially those who took away the lion's share of the wins.

Plans are in the works for their September 3, Labor Day specialty. This is at a beautiful outdoor venue and if you have the opportunity you really should go. Judges are Fred Drewsbury, regular classes and Terry Ann Doane for sweepstakes.

SE Region III – I reported on the Alexander TSE in my last report. I know the Louisiana / Mississippi folks are working on another TSE for next year. Location, judges and details will follow.

South TX – A BCOA TSE is scheduled Friday July 20 in conjunction with the Houston KC. Judges are Barbara Alderman for regular classes and Chris Moyer doing sweepstakes. Krista Hunt has put together a wonderful trophy list. In addition all entries in sweeps will receive a stuffed toy and all exhibitors will receive a Borzoi print. A dinner is planned at a local Cajun restaurant that evening. If you want more information please contact me.

Central TX – Lone Star Borzoi Club - Their fall specialty is scheduled for September 13 with Jon Steele judging regular classes, Kitty Sawyer sweeps and Krista Hunt Junior Showmanship. This is a stand-alone specialty at a dog training club, making it a very dog friendly venue. The LSBC always provides outstanding trophies. I haven't heard for sure but hopefully as in the past master chefs Lynn and Doyle Wall will be catering lunch. For more information please contact R. Lynn Shell.

Several other groups within Texas are discussing having TSE events along with their shows, so it looks to be an eventful time next year. I'll pass the information along as it develops.

I'm still hoping that the folks in Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas will work on holding some events.

I've held short Governor's meetings in conjunction at several Lone Star Borzoi Club meetings and held informal discussions with members at other shows within the region. Few new items have been brought forth, but mainly the members are still interested in having these previously listed items brought before the board.

- Adding Borzoi Photos / videos to the BCOA Website – The BCOA and the website should be loaded with photos of Borzoi in all their glory and craziness. Currently none are on the BCOA homepage.
- Rescue - Information and Links to the rescue groups should be on the front (1st) Page of the website and not require a hunt to find.

- Communications Coordinator / Committee – Coordinate and act as a liaison with the members. Create a membership publication, both hard copy and electronic. Membership wants a BCOA Borzoi Breed Magazine again.
- Put Teeth into Ethics – We need to create guidelines for the care and welfare of our Borzoi, then do a better job of enforcing those guidelines.
- ROM Versatility Award – It appears the Obedience titles have more weight than the other Performance titles. AKC is adding and changing titles in our ROM program keeping pace.
- Regional and Back-to-Back Specialties – The idea for multiple events and Regional BCOA specialties.

If you see me at a show please come up (after judging) and introduce yourself. I'd love to hear your ideas.

Respectfully,

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