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The Aristocrat

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ard to believe that it is almost time for us to close the books on calendar year 2004. As the year draws close to an end, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have provided the Health Committee with so much assistance and guidance throughout this past year. For truly making the health clinics happen at the Centennial Nationals, my sincere thanks to: Dr. Nash, Dr. Norelli, Dr. Burke, Dr. Midgarden, Mickey Nash and Kathy Norelli. While I garner discounts for equipment and registration fees, acquire information pamphlets, order microchips plan and schedule events, these are the people who really made the clinics happen with the donation of their time and medical expertise. My sincere thanks to all of you for so generously donating your services free of charge!

Behind the scenes are several people who assist me on a regular basis and their help is paramount to keeping the Health Committee functioning smoothly and providing information to our membership on a regular and timely basis. Thank you to RLynn Shell for creating, maintaining and beautifying our Health website and for your patience with my constant bombardment of requests for additions and updates to the site! Thank you to Karen and Asa Mays for your assistance and guidance with AKC/CHF health research proposal requests and helping me find the right contacts at these key organizations. Thank you to Lydia Pruett & Maureen Bardwell for making sure the Health Committee meets (well almost) all publications deadlines for board meetings and the Borzoi Connection.

Special thank you to Deb Vidaver-Cohen for your incredibly generous donations of your exquisite art work to raise money for the Health Committee projects; something we desperately needed in light of the limited contributions received for the 2004 calendar year! To Lydia Pruett, Valori Trantanella and Deb Vidaver-Cohen - thank you for spending your banquet evening selling raffle tickets for the Health Committee fund-raisers! Last, but certainly not least, thanks so much to Gary & Mickey Nash for always being there to provide me with your expert assistance in areas requiring sound veterinarian medical knowledge. To all of these people and any of you whose names I might have inadvertently left out, thank you for your genuine concern for borzoi health. Your help is most appreciated!

Latest Health Research Information:

At the August 2004 BCOA board meeting, the board approved the Health Committee request to support the following new Canine Health Foundation research project:

Pending Grant #305: Histocompatibility Alleles Conferring Susceptibility to Canine Diabetes, Immune-Mediated Thyroiditis and Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia; Dr. Wayne Potts, University of Utah.

For our borzoi breed this could be an incredibly important research study. This study proposes to identify the gene (alleles) carriers for thyroid disease as well as Diabetes and Hemolytic Anemia. The results of this study have the potential to provide breeders with the tools to test potential breeding stock for carriers of these diseases; allowing them

to make much better

informed decisions to

minimize or eliminate this disease from their

Nationals Health

For the Texas National

Health Clinics and

Seminar, the chair-

man is Texas resident

Nancy Hopkins. While at this time (October

1st) we are certainly far

from finalizing all the

arrangements for the

upcoming clinics and seminar, here are the

plans to date:

breeding programs.

2005 BCOA

Clinics and

Seminar:

Omitted from Summer 2004 issue:



PUPPY Sweeps Bitches, 12 months & under 15 FERN MEYTA EARTHLY DELIGHT. Breeder: Fern E. Johnson. By J.A.Y. JP Raiga at Meyta – Ch. Meyta

Fern's Gabrielle Grace. Owner: Laura Hyatt

BCOA Health Committee Report

Submitted by Ginger Jones, BCOA Health Committee Chairman

Clinics: Microchip – Tues. (Fri. TBD) - Dr. Krista Hunt – cost \$25 includes registration fee

Hunt – cost \$25 includes registration fee Eye CERF – Thurs. - Dr. Millichamp – cost tentatively \$30 includes registration fee Heart – Date TBD – examining Dr. TBD; cost tentatively \$30 includes registration fee DNA – Tues., Thurs. and Fri. afternoon/eve – cost \$30

Things You Must Bring With You To The Clinics:

(Put these on your list of things to pack for the Nationals!)

- 1. Registration numbers of the dog to be examined
- 2. Registration number of the sire and dam of the dog to be examined
- Micro chip and/or tattoo number of the dog to be examined
- 4. Complete name and address of the person who is to receive the OFA certificate
- 5. Your glasses if you need them to fill out the forms!
- 6. Patience it takes some time to fill out the forms!
- 7. A smile it makes everything go faster and you and your dog will be happier too!

Seminar:

The seminar this year will be held on Wednesday evening outside on the patio and will include a pizza party! At this time we are talking to two different speakers on two very different & VERY interesting topics – but do not have a confirmation yet on who will be available for our Wednesday evening get together. Make sure to lock in Wednesday evening to join our pizza party get together as there will be a big surprise included at this event!

Other Health Information:

If you haven't had an opportunity to read the September issue of the AKC Gazette where the featured breed of the month is our beloved borzoi, please take a moment to read through this issue. Besides the wonderful article about our breed, of great interest was an article on page 24, "Healthy Dog - Veterinary News and Notes". Specifically, there was a section on "Risk Factors for GDV in High-Risk Breeds" - where information from a 5 year study of 1634 dogs on gastric dilatation volvulus was presented. The article, though short, was well worth the read. Please note that next months "Healthy Dog" column will provide more information on the Dr. Larry T. Glickman/Purdue bloat study.

A safe and happy holiday season to you and your borzoi! – Ginger Jones



2004 Conformation Statistics By Patti Widick Neale

BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics - All-Breed points as of September 30, 2004

	BIS	Gp 1	Gp 2	Gp 3	Gp 4	Points
1. Ch. Soyara's Chantilly Lace JC, P Hlatky/G Hlatky	2	10	7	7	5	4709
2. Ch. Raynbo's Winter Rose, R Zucker/J Zucker	0	2	3	2	5	1687
3. Ch. Rising Star Wing of the Storm, Laurie Courtney	0	0	2	6	3	1582
4. Ch. Chihawk Tahoe Tomb Raider JC, T Marshal/P Marshall	0	2	3	4	5	1478
5. Ch. Rising Star's Liberty Belle, Nadine Johnson	0	2	2	1	2	1027
6. Ch. PoDusham Blackjack, Alice Reese & Lou Avant	0	0	2	1	1	762
Ch. Majenkir My Beau At Avalyn, K Miller/K Miller	0	0	1	2	2	729
8. Ch. Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta, M Mcgraw/G Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	693
9. DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC, F.Ch., Neale/Neale/Sillers	0	0	0	0	5	663
10. Ch. Adrienne Zooropa Super Sport, J Leikam/P Hull	0	0	0	0	3	565

BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics - Borzoi defeated through September 30, 2004

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1. Ch. Soyara's Chantilly Lace JC, P Hlatky/G Hlatky	564
2. Ch. Rising Star's Liberty Belle, Nadine Johnson	541
3. Ch. Ontime Red Sky At Night, R Casey/S Sills	505
4. Ch. Raynbo's Winter Rose, R Zucker/J Zucker	450
5. Ch. Rising Star Wing of the Storm, Laurie Courtney	373
6. Ch. Chihawk Tahoe Tomb Raider JC, T Marshall/P Marshall	320
7. Ch. Majenkir My Beau At Avalyn, K Miller/K Miller	290
8. DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC, F.Ch., Neale/Neale/Sillers	253
9. Ch. PoDusham Blackjack, Alice Reese & Lou Avant	240
10. Ch. Kelcorov's Bialar Crais JC 181 B Kelley	181

If you have questions or comments regarding these statistics, please contact Patti Widick Neale, 11122 NW CR 236, Alachua, FL 32615, *zoisrus@direcway.com§*



Please help make our trophy table a success!

Donate to the 2005 Texas National Trophy Fund

Check out available placements on the BCOA website at:

http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/National2005/docs/Trophies2005.htm

or contact Lydia Pruett at *Lydia@hvalahounds.com* or 763-572-1456 or by mail at 4537 Polk St NE, Columbia Heights MN 55421.

Please make your checks payable to BCOA 2005 Trophy Fund and send to Lydia at the above address. VISA and MC accepted with # and exp. date. Thank you!!

Open Field Statistics / Open Field Coursing

Submitted by Karen Ackerman

NOFCA Top Ten for 2004

1. Windor Live Hard Play Ruff, JC. Irene, M. Kurt/D. White/M. Child	130
2. DC Téine Phoenixx Fiery Fantastia, FCh, Foxxi , A. Midgarden	105
3. Kristull Ruthenium of Ryhka, Topaz , S. Barron/D. Darling	100
4. Valeska Unbridled Sea, CC, CM, Brighty, L. Turner/Y.McGehee	66.5
5. Mayberry's RAF Spitfire, JC, FCh, Spitfire, P. Mayberry	55.5
6. Mayberry's Gone with the Wind, Scarlett, P. Mayberry	43
7. Lithium's White Raichu of Ryhka, Raichu , D. Darling	37.5
8. Psovoi Anna Pawlowa, CC, CM, Anna, L. Turner/K. Henderson	25
9. Mayberry's Hawker Hurricane, Hurricane, P. Mayberry	19
10.Ch. Valeska Wilder Shores of Love, Falco, C. Enz	11.5

With regard to the top ten for open field coursing, these ratings only reflect those BCOA members participation in NOFCA hunts and are not reflective of all Borzoi involved in open field coursing through out the United States, Results are based on NOFCA News website covering hunts held from January 1, 2004 though September 30, 2004 inclusive. Submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

Open Field Coursing NACA

Since the beginning of 2004, the North American Coursing Association had the following BCOA members and their hounds compete in open field coursing. All of the Borzoi listed below have accumulated points toward their open field titles. This is also not indicative of all Borzoi involved in Open Field Coursing in the United States.

Valeska Bed of Stone, **Zvezdah**, R. and Y. McGehee Valeska We All Shine On, **Vikhra**, R. and Y. McGehee Valeska Indelible, **Zolton**, R. and Y McGehee Valeska U Can Leave Your Hat On, **Ouslada**, R. and Y. McGehee Ch. Valeska Afterglow, **Sorkha**, C. Enz Attaway-Kinobi Fargo Spring, **Dakota**, C. Enz Ch. Valeska Wilder Shores of Love, **Falco**, C. Enz AGC Paha Sapa Glider, **Pavel**, W. and K. Ackerman AGC Inyan Kara Glider, NACC, NACM, **Pushkin**, W. and K. Ackerman

Bookstor My Majenkir Vignette, **Irina**, W. and K. Ackerman Majenkir Imprabella, NACC, NACM, FCh, **Mira**, W. and K. Ackerman

Ksar Majenkir Gifted Dignity, **Alexi**, W. and K. Ackerman DC Téine Phoenixx Fiery Fantastia, FCh, **Foxxi**, A. Midgarden Lythium's White Raichu of Ryhka, **Chewy**, D. Darling Kristull Ruthenium of Ryhka, **Topaz**, S. Barron/D. Darling Barron's Stonewall Jackson, **Spot**, S. Barron Del Sol Black Talon, **Talon**, S. Van de Water

These points were earned at hunts held between January 1, 2004 and September 30, 2004. These results were submitted to me by Tim Sanders, NACA Recorder. Please submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

NACA COURSING CHAMPION: Bookstor My Majenkir Vignette, CC, **Irina**, W. and K. Ackerman Title Date: 2/22/04

ATTENTION ALL BCOA MEMBERS

Annual Versatility Award Deadline Date

For those applying for the AVA 2004 the application plus all the verification, needs to be to the AVA Record Keeper by January 15, 2005.

Borzoi Versatility Lifetime Achievement Award versus Annual Versatility Award

he purpose of this article is to explain the differences between the BCOA Borzoi Versatility Lifetime Achievement Award (BVLAA) previously known as the Versatility Hall of Fame (VHF) and the BCOA Annual Versatility Award (AVA). There seems to be much confusion surrounding these two awards with most people thinking the two awards are one in the same, when in actuality, they are not.

The main difference is the BVLAA is based on hound's *lifetime* achievements in a minimum of three unrelated areas. The AVA is based on a borzoi's *achievement* in the three unrelated areas *during a specific calendar year*. Secondly, the BVLAA is open to any borzoi who has received three titles in three unrelated areas whether it was owned by a BCOA member at the time of the accomplishment or not. In addition, the borzoi does not need to be alive to be eligible for the award. On the contrary, for the AVA the achievement in the three unrelated areas must occur *after the member* is a BCOA member and *during* a specific time span, the calendar year of the award.

Third, the BVLAA is for *any* borzoi who meets the minimum credit of three titles in three unrelated areas, meaning there will be no one winner. It is open to any borzoi who has someone applying in its behalf. The AVA will be awarded to the *one* dog that accumulates the most points in three unrelated area in one year.§

BCOA Agility Stats

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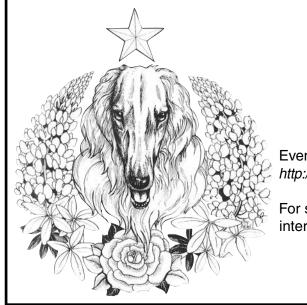
January 1 - June 30, 2004

as recorded in the AKC AWARDS

Submitted by Gale D. Snoddy (Reflects only those dogs owned by BCOA members.)

	Avg.Score	# of Qual.
Novice Standard	ingiscore	Scores
FC Maschas Call of the Wild, SC – W&A Ford & R. Jamison	100.0	1
Golightly LR Chalice of Caerlin, NA, NAJ- L. Harbertson	98.7	3
Kirov Multiphen of Highpoint, CD, NA, NAJ – A. Ford	92.0	3
Ch. Maschas Matrix of the Wild Hunt, JC - G. Duncan, R. Jamison	90.0	1
Téine Kiss the Drummer, CD, SC – T. Burks	88.0	1
Novice JWW		
Golightly LR Chalice of Caerlin, NA, NAJ - L. Harbertson	97.0	3
Fantasias Heart and Soul - T&S Moore & J. Dennis	86.0	1
Open Standard		
Ch. Téine Intrinsic, CD, JC, OA, OAJ – R&J Mintchell & A. Midgarden	100.0	2
Po Dusham Forget Me Not, NA, NAJ – L. Avant, DVM	97.5	2
Ch. Azuma Brave New World, JC, NA, NAJ – S. Johnson, D. Gordon	90.0	1
Open JWW		
Ch. Téine Intrinsic, SC, JC OA, OAJ – R&J Mintchell and A. Midgarden	96.0	3
Ch. Azuma Brave New World, JC ,NA, OAJ – S. Johnson, D. Gordon	89.0	3
Excellent Standard		
Caerlin Belle Kalakiryahowff, VCD2, SC, AX, AXJ – L. Harbertson	91.0	1
Excellent JWW		
Caerlin Belle Kalakiryahowff, VCD2, SC, AX, AXJ – L. Harbertson	100.0	1
Nov. Standard Preferred		
Ch. Sky Run Catera, CDX AX, AXJ, NAP, NJP – P&C Danker, B. Skinne	er 100.0	3
Nov. Jumpers Preferred		_
Ch. Sky Run Catera, CDX, AX, NAP, AXJ, NJP – P&C Danker, B. Skinn		3
Nickolai Ryndar Aziza Riju, NAP – R&J Mintchell	98.3	3
Tahoe's Bohemian Gypsy, SC, NAJ – KC Artley & S. Wagener	88.0	1
Open Standard Preferred	100.0	
Ch. Sky Run Catera, CDX, AX, NAP, AXJ, NJP – P&C Danker, B. Skinn	er 100.0	3
Open Jumpers Preferred	067	2
Ch. Sky Run Catera, CDX, AX, OAP, AXJ, OJP – P&C Danker, B. Skinn	er 96.7	3

I would like to thank all those who participated in the agility demonstration at the BCOA National. Dogs and handlers did an excellent job and really seemed to enjoy themselves, as did our audience. A brief practice session was held after the demo and we hope to see many new faces out in agility in the next few years!



To Our Borzoi Friends All Over the World

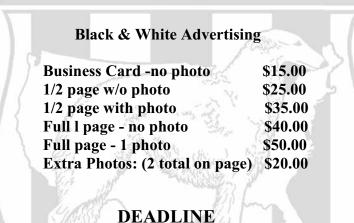
Come Celebrate With Us In 2005

Event information available on-line at: http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/National2005/index.htm

For special assistance with details unique to the international guest, contact:

International Visitors Committee Dee Jones, Chair – *lagniappehounds@att.net*

2005 BCOA National Catalog Advertising Rates



March 30,2005

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2005 BCOA Specialty Catalog Chairman Cynthia Gredys 10912 156th Street - Louisville, Nebraska 68037-3302

Thank you for your support!

COSTUME CLASS — 2005 BCOA National Specialty

The BCOA will again hold a costume class at the 2005 national specialty. This has proven to be a fun (and, usually, somewhat raucous) event where our special Borzoi show off their spectacular temperaments by dressing up in costume with their handlers.

Event Details include:

- (1) Costume Class Theme -- The International Borzoi (in honour of the Borzoi International Conference which will be held immediately following this year's specialty). Any traditional international costume can form the basis for an entry.
- (2) Any Borzoi (whether or not it is entered in other competitive classes at the specialty) can participate.
- (3) An entry can include multiple Borzoi and/or multiple handlers.
- (4) Four major prizes (Best in Class, Most Humorous, and two Honorable Mentions) will be awarded. EVERY participant will receive a participation prize.
- (5) No entry fee is charged and entries will be taken at the specialty.

STARY FREE' RAFFLE STARY FREE' RAFFLE A Mesquite, Texas - 2005 LEYS TRY THIS AGAIN!! Value over \$400 Ste (5) free nights lodging at the Hampton Inn & Suites! This one you have to attend to wint. It value of a standard double will be credited to your hotel invoice.) Steffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20, payable in U.S. funds, to BCOA. Visa & MC accepted with # & exp. date. Please bring them with you or send before April 20 to: Barbara O'Neill - P.O. Box 80644, Seattle, WA 98108. Barbara O'Neill - P.O. Box 80644, Seattle, WA 98108. Barbara O'Neill - P.O. Box 80644, Seattle, WA 98108. Barbara O'Neill - P.O. Box 80644, Seattle, WA 98108. Barbara O'Neill - P.O. Box 80644, Seattle, WA 98108. Barbara O'Neill - P.O. Box 80644, Seattle, WA 98108. Barbara O'Neill - P.O. Box 80644, Seattle, WA 98108.				
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2005 - Texas Specialty Sale Items

CREW NECK SWEAT SHIRTS

Sizes: S-XL: \$25; 2X-3X: \$28 Colors: Red, Natural, Lt. Pink, Sand, Birch

T-SHIRTS - S - XL: \$15; 2X - 3X: \$18 Colors: Sand, Birch, Lt. Pink, Lt. Blue, Yellow Haze, Serene Green

> SPECIALTY MUGS 11 oz. White Ceramic - Full Color Print \$10 each or Four (4) mugs - \$35



CLOISONNE SPECIALTY MEDALLION - \$10

Deadline: March 30, 2005

Not all colors and sizes will be available at the Specialty. To insure your choice , please order your favorites now. Items will be shipped in April from Texas. Visa/MC accepted with 5% handling fee. Shipping will be \$5.00 each item, U.S. Priority Mail. No charge for shipping Specialty Medallion if sent with another Specialty Sale item. Canadian and overseas shipping additional. Please contact for rate.

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Specialty Ceramic Mug	#	@ \$10 each	or four (4) for \$35		= \$
Cloisonne Specialty Medalli	Cloisonne Specialty Medallion # @ \$10				= \$
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Like to Create? Like to Collect?

If so, join us at the National Gallery and Art Auction 2005 BCOA National Specialty Mesquite, Texas • April 24-30

We are currently soliciting Borzoithemed artwork and crafts to be featured in the National Gallery and Art Auction. Works will be exhibited during the week of the National, culminating in a preview reception followed by a live auction. Artists or contributors may donate pieces on a 50/50 basis, or as a full donation. Your support is deeply appreciated by the Borzoi Club of America. Once again, we are asking for donations of artwork to be featured in this event. The National Gallery will showcase these works, allowing those deeply interested in Borzoi artwork to find that special item to add to their collection.

Please pass this information on to any artists you feel may have an interest in participating in this event.

For more information, please visit the BCOA website page at http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/National2005/special.htm or contact the Art Auction Chairman, R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock at bcoa2005@borzoi.cc or 972-562-2311

Thanks in advance for your support!

Attention Vendors!

Vendor Booth Spaces are 8' x 10' approximate, with one table 2½' x 8' and two chairs. There may be double spaces available following vendor deadline. There are no partial-week fees.

Fees are:

\$100 per space for BCOA members for the entire week.

\$150 per space for non-members.

\$ 50 per additional table

For more information contact the Vendor Chairman R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock *bcoa2005@borzoi.cc* or 972-562-2311

PARADE OF COMPANIONS - 2005 BCOA National Specialty

We will again be holding a Parade of Companion Borzoi at the 2005 BCOA National Specialty. Any Borzoi (champion or non-champion) not entered in conformation

class competition at the national specialty is eligible to enter.

In the past, entrants have included therapy dogs, dogs who participate in performance events (but not conformation events), retired show dogs, rescue dogs, and/or beloved pets.

Each parade participant will be introduced by a brief story and

will receive a flower wreath with a specialty medallion attached. There is no charge for entry in the Parade and entries for this event are taken at the Show.

