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# **BCOA Health Committee Report**

Submitted by Ginger Jones, BCOA Health Committee Chairman

irst and foremost, I would like to say "thank you" VERY much to Barbara Binder and Robin Riel for coordinating the health clinics and seminars at the Nationals in Olympia, Washington. And special thank you to all of those who helped Barbara and Robin out with this assignment. The attendance at the dinner seminar was outstanding, and I do hope you all enjoyed the speaker. I'm sorry that I didn't get the opportunity to join you all this year as I had so looked forward to seeing this spectacularly beautiful part of the country. Unfortunately, my father's illness prevented me from traveling this year.

So, Barb, Robin and all your helpers - Thank You for taking on this big responsibility and doing such a wonderful job!!

#### WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHF **HOMEFRONT:**

#### New Elections to the CHF Board of Directors

I am very excited to congratulate Dr. Howard Spey on his recent election to the Canine Health Foundation board of directors. Dr. Spey is an anesthesiologist and received his M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine serving since 1968 as the Attending Anesthesiologist at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, N.J. He also served in the U.S. Air Force as a Captain and Chief of Anesthesia at Sheppard AFB. He has a strong background as a breeder and exhibitor of several breeds, most recently with Pointers and Borzois having bred twenty-two and seven Champions respectively. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey and as the Director of the Pointer Club of Central New Jersey.

Howard and his wife, Karen, are the proud parents of three children and are also blessed with three grand children. They have been supporters of the Foundation for many years with Howard being a member of the Grants Committee for the past year.

We, as a borzoi community, are so very fortunate to have Howard on the board of directors of the Canine Health Foundation and wish Howard the best of luck on his new position!

# **Genes, Dogs & Cancer IV International Canine Cancer Conference**

RALEIGH, NC - September 17 - The AKC

Canine Health Foundation held the Genes, Dogs & Cancer: Canine Cancer Conference September 14 – 17, 2006, in Chicago, Illinois. The conference brought together renowned experts working on diverse aspects of biology, prevention, and treatment of cancer in dogs, with an emphasis on genetics and molecular biology. The meeting of the minds had a truly international flair with attendees coming in from Canada, France, Italy and the Netherlands. The conference provided a forum for discussion, innovation and collaboration advancing research to reduce suffering and mortality caused by cancer in dogs, humans and other animals.

Cancer is the leading cause of disease related death in dogs and, in recent years, has become a major focus of research in both humans and canines. The AKC Canine Health Foundation alone has allocated nearly \$4 million to support fifty canine cancer research projects and conferences since its inception in 1995.

Dr. Michelle Le Beau of the University of Chicago was this year's keynote speaker and gave a presentation on the "Molecular genetics of recurring chromosomal abnormalities in leukemia and lymphoma."

The meeting had five distinct sessions emphasizing genomics, susceptibility mapping, identification of target genes for diagnosis and treatment, tumor profiling, and clinical discovery. As in past years, the goal is to integrate and bridge these areas to maximize the impact of the research on canine and human health.

Dr. Elaine Ostrander of the National Human Genome Research Institute stated, "This year's Canine Cancer Meeting really took things to a new level. We heard about significant advances in genetics, clinical and translational science. It is clear this is a strong and cohesive community that just gets better with time. I very much look forward to the next meeting to see what all the early studies talked this week reveal over time."

Organizers of the scientific program included Jaime F. Modiano, VMD, PhD, Elaine A. Ostrander, PhD, Kevin Hahn, DVM, PhD, Chand Khanna, DVM, PhD and Timothy M. Fan, DVM.

## 2007 NATIONAL HEALTH CLINICS AND SEMINAR:

Colleen Thiboutot, the clinics & seminar

chairman for 2007, has been working at a feverish pace pulling together specialists and a seminar speaker for the upcoming show and doing an incredible job at it. The dinner seminar guest speaker this year will be Dr. Jerold S. Bell. His topic is "GENETIC HEALTH - The Ins and Outs of Pedigree Analysis & Getting What You Want From Your Breeding Program". Dr. Bell is the director of the Clinical Veterinary Genetics Course for Tufts University of Medicine and a national project administrator for numerous genetic disease control in dogs. Dr. Bell performs genetic counseling through Veterinary Genetic Counseling & Veterinary Medicine in CT. He and his wife breed Gordon Setters.

We will be offering a micro chip clinic, eye CERF clinic, heart clinic with an optional Doppler exam available to prepaid participants and, new this year, is a DNA clinic to kick off our repository for borzoi with the CHIC database. This is not to be confused with the AKC DNA registration program. Here are the details of the DNA repository program:

The CHIC DNA Repository, co-sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF), collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding pedigree and health history information to facilitate future research and testing aimed at reducing the incidence of inherited disease in dogs. The program objectives are:

- Facilitate more rapid research progress by expediting the sample collection process
- Provide researchers with optimized family groups needed for research
- Allow breeders to take advantage of future DNA based disease tests as they become available
- · Foster a team environment between breeders/owners and the research community improving the likelihood of genetic discovery

More detailed information about the repository can be found at: www.caninehealthinfo. org/dnabankfaq.html

In an effort to establish our borzoi DNA repository, the health committee will be offering this clinic for FREE to all borzoi participants. We will utilize the swab collection method for this clinic. Participants are required to bring with them a 3 to 5 generation pedigree and fill out a brief health history form on the dog whose sample is being submitted. Both the pedigree and the health history form will be submitted to the





# **2007 NATIONAL HEALTH CLINICS & SEMINARS** SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



# **HEALTH SEMINAR & Dinner** Wednesday - April 25th \$30 PREPAID ONLY

"Genetic Health - The Ins & Outs Of Pedigree Analysis & Getting What You Want From Your Breeding Program" by Dr. Jerold S. Bell



# **HEALTH CLINICS**

- THURSDAY APRIL 26th
  - OFA HEART \$40 includes OFA Registration for Borzoi (Note: \$175 for Doppler exam - prepaid only)
- FRIDAY APRIL 27th
  - EYE CERF \$35 includes CERF Registration for Borzoi
- DATE TBD
  - · MICROCHIP \$25 includes registration with AKC
  - CHIC DNA REPOSITORY FREE!!!!!!!!!!!

OFA along with the corresponding swab samples. Health History forms are available on the CHIC website and can be filled out in advance and brought with you to the clinic. Your participation in this inaugural clinic for borzoi is greatly encouraged!

#### DR. ASA MAYS ANNUAL HEALTH AWARD

The health committee is offering the following health awards in memory and honor of Dr. Asa Mays:

- \$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.

As we draw close to the end of 2006 and welcome in a new and exciting year for 2007, I wish all of you and your beautiful borzoi a happy health year to look forward to. §



# Performance Results from the 2006 National



# **AKC Lure Coursing**

## Open A 13 entries, 11 starters

1st: Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon, McDonald & Childs 2nd:Teine Firebird Flight Master, Corrine Miller 3rd: Kharkov's Butterfly of Jihad, Huyber/Bond 4th: Ch Jubilee Flaming Sword O'Eden, Gredys/Hyatt 5th: Go Lightly RH Double Delight, Zobel

# Open stake B, 13 entries, 12 starters

1st: Kharkov's BAB of Jihad, Huyber/Bond 2nd: Kansai'Z Calling All Angels, Agun 3rd: Chabibi's Kiev, Thompson/Golcher 4th: Gryffyn's It's All About Me, Whitlock/Whitlock 5th (after 3-way run-off): Ch Chataqua Gryffyn's La Magie Continues,

#### Veteron's 3 entered

1st: Ch Majenkir Imprabella, Ackerman 2nd: DC Brolin's Golightly Hurricane, Brolin/Zobel

## Specials 4 entries, 3 starters

1st: FC Gladkii Veter Josephine, McDonald 2nd: DC Golightly Glacis LaReau, Zobel 3rd: DC Avalon Jungle Fever, Moore

# BOB from open A: Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon

# **LGRA** Results

# High Score in Race Meet, High Score Lure Coursing Champion & High Score Racing Champion

Kazan - Chabibi's Korona Kazan FCH GRC - Owner: Golcher/ Thompson

## 2nd Place

Kiev - Chabibi's Kiev FCH GRC - Owner: Golcher/Thompson

# 3rd Place & Best of Opposite

Dinah - Jubilee-Katushka Ebel - Owner: Gredys

#### 4th Place

Saphira - Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon FCH - Owner: McDonald

#### 5th Place

JoJo - FC Gladkii Veter Josephine SC - Owner: McDonald/Silguero/ Judd

# 6th Place

Solo - Gryffyn's It's All About Me SC FCH - Owner: Shell-Whitlock 7th Place

Zlatko - Astara Zlatko of Folly Otrs' JC - Owner: Rice

# 8th Place & High Score First Time Entered

Tory - Avalon Victoria Cross JC FCH - Owner: Moore 9th Place

#### Portia - Jubilee Dunamai Sozo SGRC - Owner: Gredys 10th Place & High Score Conformation Champion

Mitchell - CH Jubilee Flaming Sword O'Eden GRC - Owner: Gredys/

#### Hyatt 11th Place

Vila - Vila Yurovna of Sunburst - Owner: Thompson

# 12th Place, High Score Veteran & High Score OFC Champion

Mira - CH Majenkir Imprabella NACC NACM FCH - Owner: Ackerman

#### 13th Place & High Score Oval Champion

Magik - CH Chataqua Gryffyn's La Magie Continue SC JOR GRC FCH - Owner: Whittington/Rowe

# 14th Place & High Score Obedience Degree

Todd - CH Aspenglo Plache Tumbleweed FCH CD - Owner: Plache 15th Place

# Lancer - CH Valeska Sailaway - Owner: Freshwater

# 16th Place

Orbit - CH Lunacharsky Morgandell SC - Owner: Dell/Hemby

#### 17th Place

Andrei - FC Andrei SC - Owner: McLain

#### 18th Place & Turtle Award

Svetlana - Folly Qtrs' Svetlana Zoyanovna JC - Owner: Rice

## 19th Place

Obie - Plache O.B. One - Owner: Plache

# 20th Place

Mariah - Mufasa's Sweet Home Chicago - Owner: McCartin 21st Place

Lancer - Sir Lancelot of Paradise Valley JC - Owner: Brandtman 22nd Place

Indy - Kachina Valeska Shalako Dancer JC - Owner: Mills/Enz 23rd Place

## Venus - WindNSatin Venus - Owner: Wall/Childs

# **ASFA** Results

# Open Stake

- 1: Mitchell (Gredys/Hyatt)
- 2: Belle (Clarkson)
- 3: Romi (Rice)
- 4: Indy (Mills) NBQ: Buzz (Moon)

### 1/BOB: Saphira (McDonald) 2 (run-off 2/3 tie): Scarlett (Mayberry) 3: Magik (Whittington/Rowe)

4 (forfeit 4/N tie): Tory NBQ: Solo (Whitlock)

Field Champion Stake

# Veteran Stake:

- 1: Mira (Ackerman) 2: Lena (Brandtman)
- 3: Whitney (Davis)



# Performance Results from the 2006 National

# POWER PAWS

1st - Saphira - Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eldolon FCH Owners: Dora & Gene McDonald & Mary Childs

2nd - Mitch - Ch Jubilee Flaming Sword O'Eden JC GRC

Owner: Cindi Gredys & Laura Hyatt

3rd - Mira - Ch Majenkir Imprabella NACC NACM FCH

Owner: Karen & Bill Ackerman

4th - Solo - Gryffyn's It's All About Me

Owners: R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock & Victor Whitlock

5th - JoJo - FC Gladkii Veter Josephine SC

Owners: Dora McDonald, R. Silguero & C. Judd

6th - Magik - Ch Chataqua Gryffyn's La Magik SC FCH

Owners: Sara Whittington & Wayne Rowe 7th - Tory - Avalon Victoria Cross JC FCH

Owner: Sandra Moore

8th - Indy - Kachina Valeska Shalako Dancer Owners: David & Gwen Mills & Carol Enz 9th - Romi - Folly Quarters' Dobaro Romul JC

Owner: Maggie Rice

10th - Zlatko - Astara Zlatko of Folly Qtrs' JC

Owner: Maggie Rice

11th - Vila - Vila Yurovna of Sunburst

Owner: Garnett Thompson

12th - Svetlana - Folly Otrs' Svetlana Zoyanovna

Owner: Maggie Rice

13th - Lancer - Sir Lancelot of Paradise Valley

Owners: Todd & Toby Brandtman

# Borzoi National, 2005, Olympia, Washington May 20-27 An Overview by Adrianne Marcus

t is already fall here in California, and that means Borzoi are racing almost every weekend, up at Sally Barron's, in Sloughhouse, near Sacramento, or in Elk Grove, Wheatland, or Hollister, and of course down south. Anywhere there are races, you can find a contingent of Borzoi raring to go, and it's possible to go to akc. lure coursing.com or check out Asfa.org to find more races. But the most exciting I think, happened this past May, when there were literally battalions of Borzoi racing at the Borzoi National. We missed the first day, since my Borzoi, LacyLu, was getting over airplane fright, but there we were on the second day.

Even though I did miss yesterday's Large Gazehound Racing Association's straight racing, 200 yards up a straight track, later followed by the American Sighthound Field Association lure coursing trials, 900 or so yards with curves and double-backs. Today is also lure coursing as well, except under the auspices of the AKC. A little competition is a good thing.

Some fifty or so miles from the host hotel in Olympia, Washington, where in the ballroom, a ring is set up, and events take place, yes, like Crufts or Westminster, the racing venue takes place in a verdant valley, huge open meadow surrounded by towering fir trees appropriately called Green Valley. Actually, aside from this perfect field at Argus Ranch, there are two other reasons to come out here: Mosby's produce, loaded with the first fresh fruits of the season, unbelievable white peaches, local jam and honey, and all the

peppers a pepper fanatic might want. Just beyond Mosby's is the Green Valley Meat market and barbecue heaven, with fresh smoked hot links, elk pepperoni, and even dog treats: salmon and chicken smoked sticks for pups. We have already indulged in the elk pepperoni sticks.

Then onto the races! My Borzoi, LacyLu is trying for the last legs of her Senior Courser title. She has to run twice with two other dogs and have a minimum score of 100 to qualify. I only have one Borzoi here; others have seven and eight dogs with them. I feel slightly bereft.

The sky goes from clear to cloudy; the wind comes up. It gets chilly. We seem to be changing seasons by the hour. Only the dogs are unaffected - they are fixed on the sound of the lure motor, on the sight of the plastic bags skimming along the grass on the drag lure, and the normally placid, sweet companion dog is a pulling demon, a fierce fiend bound for one thing: the lure.

At the sound of Tallyho, leashes are slipped, the dogs released into the afternoon air and a blur of Borzoi run over the field, and in what seems like seconds, are back to the starting point, owners retrieving their dogs, collars slipped back on and panting smiling Borzoi led back off the field while the next three dogs line up to race.

By mid afternoon, the trials are over. LacyLu, despite her penchant for trying to see if people on the sidelines might have food she could con them out of, has qualified. Only

two incidents have marred this afternoon. One of the dogs, owned by a man who doesn't seem to have trained his dog properly, has gone after another dog in the first race, and repeated this again in the second race. He should have been disqualified, but the judges did not see it happen, although most of the dog owners did. There is great muttering in the crowd. The owner seems oblivious to both the dog's behavior and the difficulties this particular Borzoi has caused, not only in this race but others. Somehow, at some future time, retribution will take place. However, for the most part, the huge entry of some 30 or so Borzoi ran well, happily, with the major points going to the fleet and magnificent Saphira.

Part of the fun of any dog show are the people. At the Borzoi National everyone sports a Borzoi motif, earrings, jewelry, tee shirts, hats, all feature the graven image: one needle nosed dog after another, and the sleek silhouette of the Borzoi is emblazoned on lovely shirts and heavy sweaters. Which translates out to the fact it is Monday and at 8 a.m. the vendors have opened their doors, and we can indulge in all things Borzoi, from statues to pins to elegant collars, stitched on command.

The official start of the National is happening downstairs in the ballroom, beginning with obedience and rally competitions. A bevy of Borzoi are doing amazing things like instantly obeying commands: heel, sit, stay, down. And as I look around at the vast array of Borzoi I think this is a lot like going to a museum. My criteria for Borzoi



is about the same as for paintings. Which of all these gathered, would I steal if it weren't illegal, and immoral? The best painting, the best Borzoi for my taste --that elegant long neck, that sweep of fur, that prancing delight. And of course, the puppies, those adorable puppies, one and all. I fall in love over and over again; too much beauty, I tell myself. Six dogs at home is enough. But there is still the longing, as one by one they parade by.

By Tuesday, I've seen the new crop of Borzoi. Sweet puppies, impressive sires, elegant dams. Every color from midnight black to a color that is almost midnight blue, as well as the traditional fawn and white, black and white. Throw in some tri color Borzoi. black tan and white as well.

The names of the kennels have become familiar as I check the catalog to ascertain whose dog or bitch I see. Rising Star, Majenkir, Golightly, Taugo, Tovarich, Firebird, Avalon, Jubilee, Belarus, Renaissance, Chrysalis, Zabava, Vera, Virshina, Mariza only begin the listing; there are many, many more.

The two events, Futurity and Sweepstakes for the younger Borzoi are similar except to enter the futurity you must nominate the litter before it is born and pay an entry fee. You must renominate them every three months by paying another small fee.

Here come the pups. Gangly, thrust into the throes of growing up, some approaching adolescence, they gather by age groups to be judged. Their handlers sometimes have more than one hand full, as the pups usually think

play, not obey. But they march around the ring, and one, two, three, four are chosen out of each group. Sometimes you can even see what they might be when they are full grown: the wedge of head, the lift of topline, the deep beginnings of a chest leading back to a tuck up, and you think, "that one. That one is going to be a beauty, a racer, an exquisite show stopper."

The judging goes on now for days. Each day, different groups. By Wednesday night, everyone is beginning to look tired: those endless runs around the ring, the waiting, the stress of wondering will my dog make the cut? And then there are those like Corrine Miller of Firebird Borzoi who simply don't worry about such things, but brings her dogs to let them have this experience and to be shown. She and her co-breeder, Julie Hislop and their friend, Melissa Egbert all have Firebird dogs and all are being shown, even the oldest, JR, who is almost 12. And yes, he makes it around the ring in the Veteran's Class. "We don't have many places to show them in Idaho, "Miller laughs and offers her own opinion, "I'm not convinced that Borzoi need the tremendous angle set on and width in the front like what you might see in sporting breeds. Our standard calls for a somewhat narrow front. What concerns me about this breed is their running ability. I am seeing way too many narrow loins and steep croups. A good running dog has good hindquarters. That's where the power comes from." She continues to groom her next dog to come up for a ringside performance. Hair brushed, combed, top line brushed backwards, each dog is prepared to put his best paw forward.

There are, of course, the admired elders here: those who have been breeding these dogs and know every pedigree, every intricate turn of sire and dam, and who are breeding toward what they still consider their personal vision of the perfect Borzoi. Others are breeding for a range of effects, whether it

be show or coursing, or sometimes, both. There is the elegant English look, the tall willowy Borzoi with the typical long nose, and the more Russian type, perhaps a bit stockier, seemingly a bit more suited to the steppes of Russia or the fields of America. equally desirable. These easy divisions have been superseded in the past twenty years by a huge diversity of breeding, all still within the standards decreed by the Borzoi people and AKC.

Yes, there have been

changes and not all of them desirable ones, according to such long time breeders as Lena Tamboer of Tamboer Kennels, who got her first Borzoi in the 50s and has been actively showing her dogs since then. "There is



no such thing as the perfect Borzoi. But what you breed for is temperament, soundness and health. After that, conformation and performance. The narrow fronts that we are seeing in some dogs are a bad idea. It is soundness we are looking for. A good wide front."

Nadine Johnson, also a long time breeder, agrees with her. Producing a very nice dog is a lot of thought, she says, and "The narrow fronts are not a good idea, and it's difficult to get rid of once you have it in your kennel. The front should be the width of a good hand underneath. If it is two fingers underneath it is way too narrow. I like a narrow head with very little stop, a clean expression, and the eyes have to be lively and full with even a bit of naughtiness in them. When the dog is happy, it shows."

The dogs here are happy, and it shows in the way they move around the ring, heads held at the proper angle, legs moving in exquisite gait, the sidelong glance up toward their owner or handler and the firm stack as they judge goes over them examining teeth, shoulders, entire body, taking in all parts and then letting them move up and back on a diagonal to see how they move. Judging is entirely subjective. This judge, Espen Engh, brought here from Norway, does not go for only one specific color or style; he seems able to judge to the best of the standard as each group of dogs are paraded in front of him. Judges are paid expenses and a dollar per dog. It isn't the stipend that is important; importance lies in honor of being asked to judge a breed National event.

Thursday and the ring is filled with the veteran dogs. Then later in the afternoon, stud dog class, brood bitch class, brace class, Borzoi team class, and best of breed.

Outside, the clouds continue to gather. It has rained every day we have been here; from gentle sprinkles to torrential downpours, and if we look out at Capitol Lake there are two giant rainbows bridging the sky, right down to the shores of the lake. "I've never seen one that close," a woman says, awestruck by the brilliance of the arch.

By Friday I begin to know the names of the dogs, if not their owners or handlers. Through endless circles of the ballroom, they parade by, and the judge knows them even better, as he runs his hands over each and every one, feeling the structure of each dog, the angulation of legs, the musculature of the loins, the intricacies of conformation.



# Best Junior Dog (6 mos and under 9 mos) ZOOROPA LAUREATE HIGH BANKS OF BRISTOL

Breeders: Patty Hull and Monica Barry. By Ch. Zooropa's Singular Sensation – Ch. Laureate Adrienne Taking Flight. Owner: Patty Hull





# Jan 1 to July 31, 2006, AKC AWARDS as submitted by Gale Snoddy

Novice	Avg. Score	# of Trials
Nickolai Ryndar Aziza Riju, CD, RN, JC, NJP - R&J Mintchell	100.0	1
Téine Lunar Exlipse – A Midgarden/T. Banks	100.0	1
DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, RA, SC – S&P Moore	96.3	3
CH Nickolai Sovas Prekhote, UD, RA – K Haberkorn	95.3	3
Shady Luck Follow Your Heart, RN – S Holley	93.7	3
CH Melockoff's The Milkman Did It – G Snoddy	93.0	2
Secret Garden Holy Night, CDX - C Thiboutot/M Moran	92.0	2
Vera's Legend In The Making, RN – J. Brauner	87.0	3
Carousel's Sword Dancer, CD, RN – M Conran	87.0	1
Jubilee's Dunamai Sozo, RN – C. Gredys	86.7	3
Tahoe's Hot Streak, SC, RN – K & S Artley	86.0	3
DC Maschas Call of the Wild Hunt, RA, SC – W&A Ford/R. Jamison	86.0	1
Vera 'N Sterlings Flying Eagle, RN – J&L Brauner/ L Cole	85.0	3
CH. Aruzia Joyous Nitefire Dance, RN, JC – S&K Artley	84.0	2
CH Royale Shalimar of Kyrov CD, JC – T&T Brandtman	82.9	1
CH Fairie Fire Light, RN, SC – E Tolley & D Nutting	79.0	2
CH Shadyluck's Close At Heart, RN – S Holley	78.3	3
Kirov Evry Little Thing She Does, RN – B Ewing	75.0	1
Laureate Bella Luna Fly Me To The Moon – E Moon	71.5	2
Advanced		
Laureate Adr'n Mystique's Tribute, RA – A&R Finkelstein	94.7	3
DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, RA, SC – S&P Moore	93.3	4
CH Vera's Lo & Behold, CD, RA – J&L Brauner	90.0	1
Kirov Dance To Music at HP, RA, JC – A&W Ford	89.0	1
Kirov Multiphein Of Highpoint, CD, RA, NA, NAJ – A Ford	83.7	3
Vera's My Sterling Treasure, CD, RA – J&L Brauner & L. Cole	83.0	1
CH Karlyn Mazquerade, RN – L. Deprizio	81.0	1
Excellent		
DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, RE, SC – S&P Moore	94.7	3
Vera's My Sterling Treasure, CD, RE – J&L Brauner/L Cole	94.7	3
Vera's Magic Happens At Sterling, RA – J&L Brauner, G. Schmid, & L Cole	91.0	1
CH Vera's Lil' Bit O' Faith, CD, RE – J&L Brauner	81.3	3
Kirov Dance To Music at HP, RA, JC – A&W Ford	81.0	2 3
CH Karlyn Stardust Melody, RA – C Stuart/L Deprizio	80.7	3

He picks the top four from each group.

On Saturday evening, at the banquet that ends Borzoi National, he gives what some consider a brutally honest critique of each class and sometimes of individual dogs. He praises the good rib spring of the dogs, noting there were no barrel chested ones, and he remarks on the many fine heads. He is, however, critical of the narrow loins, narrow fronts and jaws, and the lack of good movement he feels he saw in many of them. Missing teeth are also mentioned, as full dentition is desired. He talks about what breeders should be wary of and what they should be breeding toward. Small murmurs of discontent ripple across some tables, but at others, for those breeders who are truly listening and want to make sure each generation improves on the one before, heads are nodding in agreement.

We have been treated to Debbie Cernak's performance Borzoi, who dance with their owner and carry American flags firmly gripped in their teeth. And of course we have seen the ultimate Best in Specialty winner, Ch. Soyara's Chantilly Lace, handled by her owner, Prudence Hlatky. Other dogs such as Ch Sylvan Seabury Virago and Ch Truhaven's Midas Run are impossible to forget, as are Ch Irishbrook Lovely Lady, Ch Jubilee Mists of Eden, or DC Golightly Glacis Lereau, SC. And the judge had special praise for Best Puppy: Golightly Yannik Brolin.

As Marcella Zobel of Golightly points out, "No Borzoi is perfect; you breed toward a personal vision of what you think a Borzoi should look like according to the Standard. In each generation, improving a little on the head, conformation, temperament and movement, while respecting the origins of this Russian breed. "Her bitch Biscotti, handled by Kris Brolin, has those qualities and more: not only an Award of Merit, but an invitation to Crufts Dog Show in England.

In another sense every dog or bitch here is a winner, brought to the show by a owner or a handler that has invested time and energy into the art of conformation, lure coursing or obedience training.

And so what if my beloved LacyLu is not a show dog with her Roman head? She can run, and she gained her Senior Courser title as well as the Canine Good Citizen Award. What more could I have asked of her? Floating on air, just like the perfect Borzoi, all the owners go home with their dreams and their dogs. §





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# 2006 Conformation Statistics Submitted by Patti Widick Neale

# BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics - All-Breed points as of September 30, 2006

	BIS	<b>Gp</b> 1	Gp 2	2 Gp 3	Gp 4	<b>Points</b>
1. Ch. Irishbrook Kalarney, M Savage/V Savage	5	16	15	7	7	9528
2. Ch. Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta, M McGraw/G Thompson	1	4	8	5	2	4191
3. Ch. Raynbo's Winter Rose, R Zucker/J Zucker	0	7	3	6	4	2962
4. Ch. Bookstor Majenkir Hemmingway, K Spey/H Spey	0	1	1	6	6	2081
5. DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC, F.Ch., Neale/Neale/Sillers	0	4	2	4	5	2054
6. Ch. Auroral's Across Time Sirius, J Steele/J Steele	0	3	6	2	4	1774
7. Ch. Ksar Majenkir My Fair Lady, Pennington/Roe/R&J Zucker	0	3	3	3	3	1402
8. Ch. Majenkir My Beau At Avalyn, K Miller/K Miller	0	2	2	1	0	654
9. Ch. Phantom Lk Tamazar Lightning, C Barnett/S Kass	0	2	0	1	1	463
10. Ch. Gryffyns Aeyrie Alegria SC, JOR, LCM, R Shell	0	1	0	1	0	414

# BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics - Borzoi defeated through September 30, 2006

1. Ch. Raynbo's Winter Rose, R Zucker/J Zucker	779
2. Ch. Sunburst Huntsman At Mechta, M McGraw/G Thompson	640
3. Ch. Irishbrook Kalarney, M Savage/V Savage	555
4. Ch. Bookstor Majenkir Hemmingway, K Spey/H Spey	429
5. Ch. Auroral's Across Time Sirius, J Steele/J Steele	375
6. DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC, FCh., Neale/Neale/Sillers	372
7. Ch. Ksar Majenkir My Fair Lady, S Pennington/J Roe/R Zucker/J Zucker	280
8. Ch. Soyara's Chantilly Lace JC, P Hlatky/G Hlatky	241
9. Ch. Gryffyns Aeyrie Alegria SC, JOR, LCM, R Shell	238
10.Ch. Majenkir My Beau At Avalyn, K Miller/K Miller	235

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

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Owner
1	FC Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon CD SC	В	120	McDonald/Childs
1	FC Butterfly's Elrond Half-Elv'N O'Ryhka SC	D	120	Darling
3	FC Avalon Victoria Cross SC	В	43	Moore
4	FC Windnsatin Amberle of Ryhka MC LCX5	В	41	Darling
5	Avalon Right Temptation SC	В	40	Childs/DeChaby
6	DC Gladkii Veter Josephine SC	В	39	McDonald/Silguero/Judd
7	DC Avalon Jungle Fever CDX RE MC	D	35	Moore/Moore
8	Windnsatin Wickedly Winsome SC	D	33	Childs/Rowlett
9	Entwood Mistral SC	В	25	Carroll
9	DC Del Sol Lord of the Dance SC	D	25	Van de Water
9	FC Barron's Sergeant York SC	D	25	Barron

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1	Scarlett	FC Mayberry's Gone With the Wind LCM9 SGRC	223	Mayberry
2	Saphira	FC Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon FCh	173	McDonald/Childs
3	Arwen	FC Phenanthren's Arwen Tsarytsin Ryhka LCM4 SC	88	Blackstock
4	Tory	Avalon Victoria Cross FCh	75	Moore
5	Elrond	FC Butterfly's Elrond Half-Elv'N O'Ryhka SC	69	Darling/Anuta
6	Sofia	FC C'Lestial High Society FCh SC GRC	67	Green
7	Phenanthrene	FC Niteshade's Phenanthrene of Ryhka LCM4 VLCM Can. FCh GRC	54	Darling/Anuta
8	Amberle	FC Wind'N Satin Au Amberle of Ryhka LCM LCX5 MC JOR	43	Darling/Anuta
9	Neechee	FC Silkenswift Camus Dark Realm LCM2 VFCh SC SGRC2	41	Moore/Dalzell
10	Kazan	Chabibi's Korona-Kazan FCh GRC	38	Golcher/Thompson

# **NOTRA Points**

# As of 10/12/06, Submitted by Victor Whitlock

Rank	Number	Call Name	Name	OwnerYTD Points
1	BZ-440	Electra	FC C'Lestial High Voltage GRC SC FCh	Green
2	BZ-446	Arwen	Phenanthren's Arwen Tsarytsin Ryhka	Blackstock 6.00
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5	BZ-433	Solo	Gryffyn's It's All About Me	Shell/Whitlock 5.00
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7	BZ-417	Lucky	Coburn's Survivor	Shaw 3.00
9	BZ-445	Elrond	Butterflys Elrond Half-Elvn Ryhka JC	Darling 2.58
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# **Open Field Coursing**

Submitted by Karen Ackerman

# **NOFCA Top Ten for 2006**

1. Ranchito's Sid of Star Canyon SC, FCH Sidney, S. Barron/S. Weinstern	106.66
2. Barron's Stonewall Jackson, SC, GRC, FCh, Spot, M. Zobel/S. Barron	
3. Aragorn's Sally Ride, Sally Ride, C. Gower	
3. Golightly RH Double Delight JC Dee Dee, M. Zobel	
5. Valeska Unbridled Sea, CC, CM, Brighty, L. Turner/Y. McGehee	40
6. Astara Zlatko of Follyqtrs' Zlatko, aka Bob, M. Rice	38
7. Téine Uncontrolled Desire, JC, Phi, L. Turner	30
8. Kachina Valeska Rainbow Dancer, Lady Hawke, C. Enz	24
9. Kachina Valeska Dream Dancer, Cheyenne, C. Enz	16
10. Ch. Lunacharsky Morgandell SC, Orbit, C. Dell/B. Hemby	10

With regard to the top ten for open field cursing, these ratings only reflect those BCOA members participation in NOFCA hunts. Results are based on NOFCA News website covering hunts held from January 1, 2006 through January 28, 2006 inclusive. Submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

# Open Field Coursing NACA

Since the beginning of 2006, 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.

Ch. Ksar Majenkir Gifted Dignity, Alexi, W. and K. Ackerman Bookstor My Majenkir Vignette, NACC, NACM, Irina, W. and K. Ackerman Rainmaker's Henry Hornet, **Trooper**, W. and K. Ackerman Borscana Wind of Change, Vilda, W. and K. Ackerman Kachina Valeska Dream Dancer, Cheyenne, C. Enz Kachina Valeska Rainbow Dancer, Lady Hawke, C. Enz

Kachina Valeska Wind Dancer, Mariah, C. Enz Chabibi's Kiev, F.Ch, Kiev, T. Golcher/KC. Thompson FC Kirov Desperado at Aria, RN, SC, LC, Jesse, R. Linck Follyqtrs' Svetlana Zoyanova, Svetlana, M.Rice Follyqtrs' Svistok Mydney, Svistok, M.Rice

These points were earned at hunts held between January 1, 2006 and February 26, 2006. These results were submitted to by Tim Sanders, NACA Recorder. Please submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.