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NOTRA as of September 27, 2007

Rank Number	Call Name	Name	Owner	YTD Points
1	BZ-394	Monti	Aragorn's Barron GL Fremont	Darling 33.00
2	BZ-488	Saphira	Windro Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon	McDonald 24.00
3	BZ-440	Electra	FC C'Lestial High Voltage GRC SC FCh	Green 19.00
4	BZ-443	Sophia	FC C'Lestial High Society SC FCh	Green 7.50
5	BZ-416	Flareon-D	Lithium's White Flareon of Rykha	Darling 5.00
6	BZ-375	Magik	Ch Chataqua Gryffyn's LaMagie Continue SC ORC	Whittington/Rowe 4.50
7	BZ-435	Elladan	Borchis Elladan Numenesse	Thibeaux 4.00
8	BZ-444	Fortune	FC C'Lestial Wheel of Fortune SC FCh	Green 3.25
9	BZ-361	Jack-H	Del Sol Full Metal Jacket JC	Henrickson 2.00
9	BZ-433	Solo	Ch. Gryffyn'ss It's All About Me, SC FCh	Shell/Whitlock 2.00

Submitted by Victor Whitlock.

ASFA Top 10 BCOA-Member-Owned Borzoi (as of August 31, 2007)

Rank - Call Name - Full Name	Owner	Points	BOB
1 - Raven - FC Gladkii Veter Matter of Taste SC	R. Silguero/C. Judd	82	8
2 - Vger - Avalon Dark Voyager of Ryhka	S. Moore	75	12
2 - Kaya - Velikaya Knyazhna Iz Kitez Grada	E. Duncan-Burge	63	7
4 - Saphira - FC Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon LCM, MC, LCX, CD	D. & G. McDonald/Childs	55	6
5 - Halee - Davidoff Velvt Lady Hawk Pndragh	P. Moore	51	1
6 - Phenanthrene - FC Niteshades Phenanthrene Of Ryhka LCM4, VLCM2, CanFCh, GRC, MC	Darling/Anuta	41	1
7 - Bug - DC Vento Danza Austri FCh, SC, MC, LCX	R. Silguero/C. Judd	39	1
8 - Katya - Jedawn-Jubicee Katya's Heaven, FCh.	L. & V. Littleton	37	2
9 - Casino - FC C'Lestial Casino Royale FCh, SC, GRC, JOR	L. Green	31	1
10 - Tarzan - DC Avalon Jungle Fever LCM, MC, CD, TT, RA	S. Moore/P. Moore	27	1

AKC Top 10 BCOA-Member-Owned Borzoi As of September 22, 2007

Rank - Name	Points
1 - DC Gladkii Veter Matter of Taste, SC	69
2 - DC Avalon Jungle Fever, LCM, MC, CDX, TT, RAB	63
3 - FC Windor Liquid Diamonds v Eidolon, CD MC LCX2 - D. & G. McDonald and M. Childs	58
4 - Davidoff Velvt Lady Hawk Pendragon, SC -	42
5 - FC itshades Phenanthrene Of Ryhka, LCM4, VLCM2, CanFCh, GRC, MC	41
5 - Mufasa's Stormy Monday, SC	41
7 - FC Windsatin's Amberle Of Ryhka, MC, LCX6	38
8 - DC Vento Danza Austri, MC LCX -	33
9 - SilkenSwift Sailon Silvirgirl, SC	24
10 - DC Gladkii Veter Josephine, MC -	23

Submitted by R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock



Rally Obedience Statistics - January 1, 2007 – July 31, 2007

Name	Owner	Avg. Score	# of Trials
Novice			
CH Teine Intrinsic, UD, JC, OA, OAJ	R. & J. Mitchell & A. Midgarden	99.0	1
CH Hemlock Hollow Sky Rider	C. & P. Danker	98.0	1
CH Woodacres' Rozana of Kansai, CDX	R. Smith	98.0	1
CH Sky Run Catera, CDX, AX, AXJ, AXP, OJP	C. & P. Danker & B. Skinner	97.5	2
CH Top Flight Midnight Dream, RN	S. Newson & M. Koenig	96.7	3
Aruzia Blew By You	D. & R. Carl	95.0	1
DC Avalon Kilimanjaro DelSol, RN, SC	S. Moore	93.7	3
CH Khanzade's Kira of Timatuck, RN	S. Newson & K. Averill	93.2	5
CH Nickolai Rydnar River Aziza, CD, RN, JC	M. Kivela & C. Mayer	92.0	3
Teine Zeta Eridani, RN	M. Kivela & C Mayer	91.7	3
FC Windor Liquid Diamonds V Eidolon, CD, MC, LCX 2	D. & G. McDonald, M. Childs	91.7	3
CH Hemlock Hollow Sky-Diver, RN	C. & P. Danker	90.8	3
Ashtoria Irishbrook Wldhnt Orleans, JC	J. Berardi-Malloy & G. Duncan	87.3	3
Rising Star DiPaul's Tzeitel, RN, JC	J. Browne	85.0	3
Bucksilver's Magic Dancer, RN	V. & K. Graff, K. Kapaun & M. Luckey	84.7	3
LeiCro's Russian Ztargirl, JC, RN	G. Snoddy	84.3	3
Rising Star Yashka	J. Browne	83.0	1
CH Ashtoria Irishbrook Wldhnt Lemans, JC	G. Duncan	81.0	2
Secret Garden Holy Night, CDX, RN	C. Thiboutot & M. Moran	79.0	1
CH Nickolai Ryndar Phoenix, JC	C. Thiboutot	78.0	1
Advanced			
CH Sky Run Catera, CDX, AX, AXJ, AXP, OJP	C. & P. Danker & B. Skinner	97.7	3
Teine Lyrical Magic of Riju, UDX, RA, JC, OA, OAJ	R. & J. Mitchell	97.0	1
CH Nickolai Sovas Prekhote, UDX, RAE	K. Haberkorn	96.4	18
Laureate Adr'n Mystique's Tribute, RAE	A. & R. Finkelstein	94.2	10
DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, RAE, SC	S. & P. Moore	92.7	6
CH Karlyn Masquerade, RA	L. Deprizio	91.0	1
CH Windsatin Secretive Caller, CD, RA	R. Smith	90.7	3
CH Melockoff's The Milkman Did It, RE	G. Snoddy	89.7	3
Kirov Dance To Music at HP, RE, JC	A. & W. Ford	86.7	3
Aruzia Blew Thunder, RN, JC	D. Carl & L. Scott	86.0	1
CH Karlyn Stardust Melody, RE	C. Stuart & L. Deprizio	85.9	9
DC Mascha's Call of the Wild Hunt, RE, SC	W. & A. Ford & R. Jamison	85.5	2
Shady Luck Follow Your Heart, RA	S. Holley	70.0	1
Excellent			
Teine Lyrical Magic of Riju, UDX, RA, JC, OA, OAJ	R. & J. Mitchell	96.9	4
CH Nickolai Sovas Prekhote, UDX, RAE	K. Haberkorn	96.2	19
CH Melockoff's The Milkman Did It, RE	G. Snoddy	94.0	6
Laureate Adr'n Mystique's Tribute, RAE	A. & R. Finkelstein	93.5	11
CH Sky Run Catera, CDX, AX, AXJ, AXP, OJP	C. & P. Danker & B. Skinner	91.0	3
DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, RAE, SC	S. & P. Moore	90.0	5
Kirov Dance To Music at HP, RE, JC	A. & W. Ford	83.3	3
Jubilee's Dunamai Sozo, CD, RA	C. Gredys	83.0	1
CH Karlyn Stardust Melody, RE	C. Stuart & L. Deprizio	82.7	9
DC Mascha's Call of the Wild Hunt, RE, SC	W. & A. Ford, R. Jamison	80.0	4
CH Windsatin Secretive Caller, CD, RA	R. Smith	76.0	1
CH. Mascha's Matrix of the Wild Hunt, RA, SC	G. Duncan, R. Jamison	70.0	1

Respectfully Submitted by Gale D. Snoddy



OPEN FIELD COURSING NOFCA Top Ten For 2007

Rank - Name -	Owner -	Points
1. Téine Uncontrolled Desire, JC, Phi,	L. Turner	129.5
2. Aragorn's Sally Ride, Sally Ride,	C. Gower	124.5
3. Zvjzodnij Barhat, Barhat,	C.Enz	34
4. Ranchito's Sid of Star Canyon, Sidney,	S. Barron/S. Weinstern	31.75
5. Kachina-Valeska Rainbow Dancer, Lady Hawke,	C. Enz	28
6. Ch Valeska Unbridled Sea, CC, CM, Brighty,	L. Turner/Y. McGehee	24
7. Phoenixx Necklace of Gold, Lacey,	L. Turner	22
8. Avalon Tigress In The Dark, Tigress,	S. Van de Water	20.5
9. Kachina-Valeska Dream Dancer, Cheyenne,	C. Enz	18
10. Barron's Admiral Perry, JC, GRC,Buddy,	S. Barron	5

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, 2007 through February 28, 2007 inclusive. Submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

OPEN FIELD COURSING NACA

Since the beginning of 2007, 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.

Kachina-Valeska Dream Dancer, Cheyenne,	C. Enz
Kachina-Valeska Rainbow Dancer, Lady Hawke,	C. Enz
Kachina-Valesha Wind Dancer, Mariah,	C. Enz
Zvjzodnij Barhat, Barhat,	C. Enz
Laureate Bella Luna Fly Me To The Moon, Buzz,	E. Moon
Follyqtrs' Svetlana Zoyanova, Svetlana,	M.Rice
Follyqtrs' Svistok Mydney, Svistok,	M.Rice
Phoenixx Tuexedo of Gold, Tuxx,	P & J. Schreiber
Aria's Texas Terror SC, Terri,	R. Terry/Linck
Ch Valeska Unbridled Sea, CC, CM, Brighty,	L. Turner
Phoenixx Necklace of Gold, Lacey,	L. Turner
Avalon Tigress In The Dark, Tigress,	S. Van de Water
Polongain Igryska, Nona,	K. Ackerman

These points were earned at hunts held between January 1, 2007 and April 30, 2007. These results were submitted to by Tim Sanders, NACA Recorder. Please submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

NEW TITLE HOLDER:

NOFCA COURSER OF MERIT: Kachina-Valeska Rainbow Dancer, CM, Lady Hawke, C. Enz, Title Date 02/04/2007



LGRA – NEW GRC TITLES FOR 2007

Call Name	Name	Owner
Amelia	Azuma Ntrepdi Adventuress, GRC	Johnson/Gordon
Gossip	Mielikki Windhaven't Petty Gossip, GRC	McCartin
Cal	Renaissance Sword in the Stone, GRC	Swilley
Sterling	Teine Firebird Flightmaster, FCh, JC, GCG, RN, GRC	Miller
Mercedes	Mechta's LX at Mustang, GRC	Butler
Chant	Rosehill Secret Melody, GRC	Neill
Py	Avalon Victorian Pyre, GRC	Abordo

As submitted by Carol Enz, LGRA Delegate

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Schedule of Events*

Sunday, April 13

- ASFA Lure Coursing Trial (Off Site)
- AKC Junior Courser Tests (Off Site)

Monday, April 14

- LGRA Race Meet (Off Site)

Tuesday, April 15

- Obedience Trial
- Rally Trial
- Futurity

Wednesday, April 16

- Puppy Sweepstakes
- Veteran Sweepstakes
- Health Clinics
- Health Dinner Seminar

Thursday, April 17

- Triathlon Conformation Judging
- Regular Class Judging - Dogs
- Health Clinics
- Costume Contest
- Auction

Friday, April 18

- Regular Class Judging - Bitches
- Annual Membership Meeting /Luncheon

Saturday, April 19

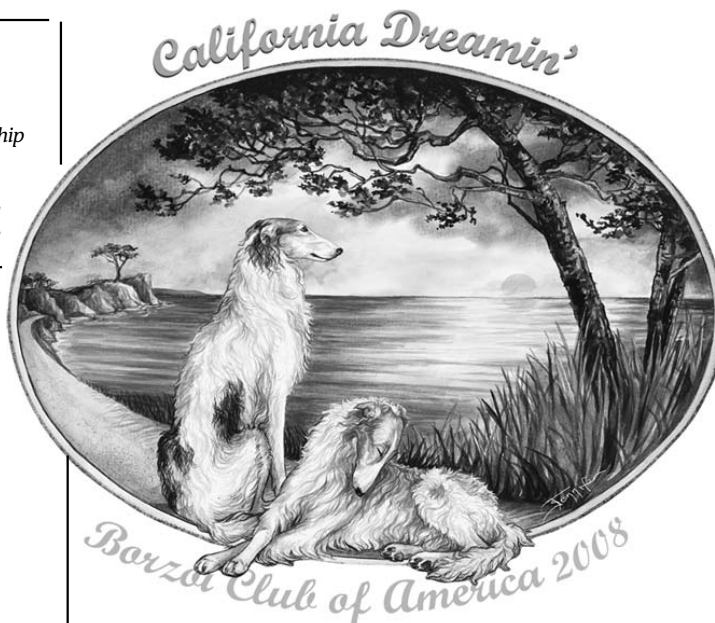
- Non-Regular Classes
- Junior Showmanship Classes
- Best of Breed
- Awards Dinner

Sunday, April 20

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Design by
Bonnie Dalzell

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All designs are full front, full color transfers

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Ringer T-Shirts (with contrasting neck & sleeve band)

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Color: White with Carolina Blue

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Hunting with Sighthounds in Russia and America: A Comparison

by Anastasia Mayberry and Natalia Kozerskaia

Introduction

I prefer to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with my family in Ohio. However, the Thanksgiving of 2005 was destined to be different. My mom and I decided to attend The North American Coursing Association (NACA) hunts in Wyoming that took place on November 25- 26, 2005. This was our first hunting experience in America, and we can now compare hunting with sight hounds in Russia and in America. My mother, Natalia Kozerskaia, was a borzoi breeder in Russia for over 25 years. I fell in love with the breed as a child and had always dreamed of owning a borzoi in the U.S. My dream came true in 2004 after sixteen years of waiting, when I got a puppy from the Majenkir kennel. When Lulu turned one and a half years old we drove to Wyoming to show her what she was bred to do.

Conditions for Hunting in Russia

In Russia sight hounds compete in hunting events from September 15 to February 15. They usually hunt rabbits and foxes. Wolf hunts, although popular in tsarist Russia, are almost nonexistent today. Hunts are usually cancelled if there is too much snow or mud in the fields. In addition, hunts are cancelled if the outside temperature is more than +20° C or if there is a profound fog. Hunting near big cities such as Moscow and St. Petersburg is limited, because there are not many rabbits and foxes left. In 2005 a hunting competition in Tambov was cancelled due to the lack of rabbits. Nowadays sight hound owners have to travel farther and farther away from big cities to allow their hounds to compete.

General Rules for Hunting with Sighthounds in Russia

Each competition is judged by three judges. It is better if they are on horseback. Nowadays, however, judges often drive in a car nearby, if conditions permit. The head judge should be qualified in open-field competition by the Department of Hunting Affairs of the Russian Federation.

In Russia the gallery is organized differently from the American gallery. The gallery usually is straight and consists of courses positioned 20 meters from each other.

Hunters are allowed to release the hounds in a course only if a rabbit starts running straight ahead of them. The distance to the rabbit should be no less than 25 meters. There is no huntsmaster present, so it is up to the owners to decide when to release their dogs. When hounds are released the gallery stands still and watches the competition. Only one course can be released at once. After a course is judged, the hounds and their owners may leave the field with the permission of the judge.

Sight hounds in Russia can compete as a single, a brace or as a trio. It should be pointed out that in Russia hounds that belong to one owner can make up the same course only if they are of different sexes. In practice, however, this rule is largely ignored and hounds of the same sex belonging to the same owner often compete together. The situation is different in the U.S. because, according to NACA rule 6.9, "no owner may have his hounds competing against each other in preliminary courses."

In Russia a hound is disqualified under the following conditions:

1. If a hound refuses to chase her prey
2. If a hound does not follow the commands of her owner
3. If a hound chases farm animals
4. Owner fails to release the hound in sight of a rabbit running at 100 meters or closer

Scoring

In Russia hounds are judged based on only one course. Each course is equal. There is no preliminary and final competition. This is largely because there are not so many rabbits present in the fields. It takes hunters the entire day to be able to find a rabbit just for one course. In tsarist Russia, hunters used bloodhounds to flush rabbits and foxes out of the forest so that borzoi could catch them in the open fields.

Based on the results of just one course, the hounds may be awarded diplomas of three degrees: I, II, and III, with I being the highest. In Russia each dog in the course gets an individual score. In addition, the whole brace or trio also gets a separate score. The maximum amount of points that can be awarded is one hundred. Here is the chart showing the maximum points awarded for each category:

Agility	25
Vision (attention) and scent	15
Persistence	10
Endurance	10
Skill in the take	15
Behavior while on the leash	5
Behavior in the field	10
Treatment of the catch	10

In order to receive a third degree diploma, a hound must receive no fewer than 60 points (no fewer than 16 points should be awarded for agility and no fewer than 5 points for treatment of the catch). In order to receive a second degree diploma, a hound must score no lower than 70 points (no less than 18 for agility and 6 for treatment of the catch). In order to receive a first degree diploma, a hound must score no less than 80 points (no less than 20 for agility and 8 for treatment of the catch).

When scoring, the judges follow certain rules. For example, when judging agility, a hound is awarded the highest score if she catches the rabbit or makes a turn within a distance that is smaller than the distance she started chasing the rabbit from. According to NACA rules the judges do not give a separate mark for vision. In Russia, however, a hound gets points for vision (attention) if she is observing the fields attentively and spots a rabbit by herself without the owner showing it to her. If a hound is not carefully watching the field, up to five points can be deducted from her total score. If a hound notices a rabbit only after the owner shows it to her, up to seven points can be deducted.

The highest number of points for persistence is awarded to a dog that is most energetic and unyielding during a chase. If a hound stops chasing a rabbit or starts searching for another rabbit during her course, up to five points can be deducted from her total persistence score. If a hound stops chasing a rabbit and comes back to the owner, up to seven points can be deducted.

The highest endurance score is awarded to a dog that fearlessly chases a rabbit in any conditions (mud, ice, snow, etc.) or in any weather and does not become exhausted. If a hound after a first chase needs extensive rest and is not ready to hunt again within reasonable time allowed for rest, up to four points are deducted from her endurance score. If



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a hound refuses to hunt again after her first chase, up to six points can be deducted from her endurance score.

The highest number of points for skill in the take is awarded to the hound that catches a rabbit after no more than three turns. If a rabbit is caught after four or five turns, four points are deducted from her score. If a rabbit is caught after six turns, five points are deducted from her score. If a rabbit escapes after more than six turns, seven to ten points can be deducted from the hound's score for skill in the take.

The highest score for behavior on the leash is awarded to the hound that does not act up or bother her owner while on the leash (up to three points can be deducted for bad behavior on the leash).

The highest score for behavior in the field is awarded to the hound who comes back to her owner when called, pays no attention to farm animals in the fields, and reacts to the command "no." If a hound does not follow her owner's command, up to two points can be deducted from her final score. If a hound does not listen to the command "no," up to four points can be deducted. If a hound does not return to her owner after being called, four points are deducted from her total behavior score. If a hound is aggressive

towards farm animals, up to eight points are deducted from her total score. The scoring category arises from the specifics of Russian hunting conditions, because most hunts take place on farms where farm animals are present nearby. It is essential for Russian sight hounds to ignore farm animals.

Another important difference in scoring in Russia is the category "Treatment of the Catch." In America there is no similar category. The highest score in this category is awarded to a hound that is careful with the fur of the catch, brings a rabbit back to her owner, or waits for her owner near the catch. If a hound, after catching a rabbit, does not wait for her owner and starts searching for another rabbit or comes back to the owner after leaving her catch unattended, five points are deducted from her score. If a hound tears the fur of her catch, up to six points are deducted from her score. If the latter happens a hound cannot receive a diploma during this course.

Conclusion

As seen in this article, there are many similarities and differences in open-field competition rules in the U.S. and Russia. The major similarities are the important scoring categories, such as agility, endurance, and skill in the take. The main difference is

that in Russia there are additional scoring categories; such as vision (attention), persistence, behavior on the leash, behavior in the field, and treatment of the catch. Another major difference is the fact that a Russian hunting diploma can be awarded to a hound after only one course based on a single performance. This is important, because many sight hounds live in major cities and their owners do not have the luxury of participating in open-field competitions all the time. In Russia, all hunting dogs are required to show their hunting abilities before they can become breed champions. This means that all sight hounds must earn at least a third degree diploma before they may be bred. According to Galina V. Zotova, a distinguished Russian judge, the dog's hunting abilities should reflect the way she looks. In other words, the dog's confirmation should be connected with her hunting abilities. In my opinion, this is an important requirement for sight hounds and should be considered by the American Kennel Club.

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