

Regional Governor Reports

August 2015

Region 1 (Ron Williams) Nothing to Report

Region 2 (Kasey Parks) Nothing to Report

Region 3 (Prudence Hlatky)

The summer heat has slowed our region's activities down, except of a few large air-conditioned events. With the promise of cooler weather, Region III has a number of fall and winter events scheduled and hopefully you can join us.

Upcoming events:

September 7, 2015 - - Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club – Judges Barbara O'Neill regular classes and Roy Silguero sweeps

September 19, 2015 – Lone Star Borzoi Club – Judges Chris Neale regular classes and Sandra Moore sweeps

January 2016 – TSE with the Alexandria, LA Kennel Club, judges and details TBD

Kansas 2016 – TSE details to follow

2016 BCOA National, Lawrence Kansas April 2016

The 2016 BCOA National will be held in Lawrence, Kansas April 9, 2016 – April 16, 2016. It's the same site as the 2011 BCOA National. Kay Cassella is coordinator of Facility and Event logistics. She still has committee openings to fill. Please don't be shy, as she and her team would love to have you volunteer for as much or as little as you can. It is a wonderful way to become involved in the workings of the BCOA National and a great way to meet other Borzoi lovers. We welcome members from other regions to join our team.

Successful BCOA Region III events:

BCOA TSE and Houston July 2015 – This was a very successful weekend of shows. Several new championships were earned, as there was four days of majors, also a lot of breed points were won. BCOA Borzoi ambassadors participated in the Houston KC Meet the Breed, where they were well received. BCOA members also participated by donating, working and purchasing tickets for the Rachel Hunt Memorial Scholarship Fund raffle. Several thousand dollars were raised to help fund the scholarship into the future.

By the time this is published the Rocky Mountain and Lone Star entries will have closed. Hopefully you can join us at one of the Region's future events. Our major shows usually have majors every day and there are always large numbers of breed points for those who are in the chase.

Other Items

Region III tabled items from past BOD meetings: The BCOA BOD is working on a couple of suggestions from Region 3 and hopefully some of them will be implemented soon. I look forward to reporting back on 1) changes to the BCOA Membership application to make it more Rescue and single dog owner friendly; 2) requested changes to the ROM requirements to recognize higher level achievements; 3) trophy supported performance events, (Trophy Supported Performance Event *TSPE*). If we can offer a TSE for conformation, why can't we offer the same for performance events?

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns. 281-840-2753 or Soyara@aol.com

Region 4 (Marcella Zobel): Report unavailable at this time.

Region 5 (Robin Casey)

The Puget Sound Borzoi Club is ready for their two specialty shows, August 2, with Fred Dewsberry and Tami Marshall judging regular and sweepstakes. The next day, Shirley McFadden and Amelia Gredys-Gottsch shall preside.

Region 5 members have been advised that the members directory is available upon request. As well as the recent board minutes to be found on the BCOA site.

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

I sent the following summary of the week of the National to the region for anyone who was unable to attend.

The Borzoi Club of America's National Specialty came to Region 6 this year and was held at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio on the shores of Lake Erie. This is a beautiful venue on 235 acres along the lakeshore. Golfing, Boating, jet skis, tennis, swimming, hiking; you name it this place has it.

The event started on Sunday, May 10 with LGRA straight racing on the immaculately groomed driving range right on the resort grounds.

Monday was AKC Lure Coursing at Osborn Metropark just 2.5 miles away on their Soccer fields. Sixty Borzoi were entered for the 850-yard course. That was the largest entry at a lure trial for our National in 15 years with judges Roger F. Katona and Dr. Dan O'Neill. It was a beautiful day and a nicely run event. Monday evening offered a "Practice and Pointers" workshop for Obedience and Rally.

Tuesday morning Rally classes began with judge Jeffery B. Showman and the Obedience Trial followed in to the afternoon. We also had CGC and CGCA testing with evaluator Teresa West-Holmes.

Late Tuesday afternoon was the Futurity event with Judge Rhanda Glenn. This classy event showcases the future of our breed. The borzoi were presented to the fancy, many of whom were dressed to the nines for this Black Tie Affair. A halftime break allowed for the very nice traditional Specialty Opening Reception with food and drinks for all.

Wednesday was Sweepstakes day with Judge Barbara Skinner. We saw Puppy and Veteran Sweeps. The Health Clinic was going on throughout the day offering OFA Heart and OFA Thyroid testing with DVM, MS, DACVM, Cardiology, Kristin Broddy. TDI testing was also offered this afternoon with evaluator Vilma O'Neill.

The first ever Borzoi Beach Party held at a National was Wednesday at 6 PM with dinner in the meadow near the beach after which all retired to the beach to enjoy socializing and cooking s'mores by a roaring bonfire. The lake was calm and the evening was pleasurable. It was a terrific mid-week break for attendees to relax and recharge for the rest of the busy week ahead.

Thursday began with Triathlon judging and Altered Class, followed by Regular Dog classes with Dr. Anne Midgarden. Dual Champion Stakes with surprise judge Lydia Pruett ended the judging for the day. Member education was in the evening presented by Patti Widick Neale. "BCOA Judges Education" was the program.

Friday morning the regular classes continued with Bitches. At noon we had the Annual Luncheon with the Annual Membership Meeting followed by the remainder of the bitch classes.

One of the most entertaining and very popular events at the BCOA National is the Costume Contest. This year's theme of "Rock and Roll" provided many options for costumes. We began the evening with entries of the Village People, Kiss, the Blues Brothers, Sonny & Cher, Janis Joplin and many more. Everyone had a great time laughing and enjoying our very patient borzoi dressed in costume. Three exhibitors judged the event and the group Kiss won but in reality, all entries were winners! The Parade of Companions followed. This is for people to bring their most adored champions of their hearts, rescue borzoi and/or former show competitors sidelined due to illness or injury, to strut their stuff in the show ring.

Friday evening we had a Silent Auction of borzoi collectables followed by the always-popular live Art Auction with auctioneer Cricket Murray.

This year we had a special memorial presented by the daughter of lifetime BCOA member Nadine Johnson, whom we lost just weeks prior to the National. Marianne read the eulogy for her mom followed by a touching rendition of "You Are So Beautiful" sung by Ron Williams, there were no dry eyes in the house. Everyone enjoyed food and beverage while toasting to Nadine.

Saturday started with non-regular classes – Veterans. Other events included Junior Showmanship judged by Corrine Miller and the AKC Owner-Handler Series Competition. Best of Breed competition completed the judging for the week.

Cocktails preceded the Annual Awards Banquet where BCOA presented 2 pet oxygen mask kits to the local fire department. The show was closed and a presentation was made for the BCOA 2016 National Specialty which will be at the Holidome in Lawrence, Kansas, April 9—16, 2016

I would very much like to again thank, my committee chairs, many of whom are Region 6 members: Diana Scott-Cool—Grounds, Caryl Dumaine & Kay Cassella—Hospitality, Amy Sikula--Reserved Grooming and Seating, June Mintchell—Obedience and Rally, Renee McCartin—LGRA, Dawn Gibas—Lure Coursing, Shirley McFadden—Art Auctions, Cricket Murray--Auctioneer and Lynne Bennett—Vendors.

It goes without saying that Barbara O'Neill is a treasure to our club, without her guidance, this event would not have happened, thanks again, Barbara!

The comments I heard following the event were overwhelmingly positive and I feel I can safely say that the 2015 BCOA National was a huge success!

I told the region about the 2015 Specialties both past and upcoming, informing them of dates and judges. I congratulated Region 6 life member Barbara Lord who is the new Vice Director for NBRF, replacing Barbara Michalick.

I reminded the membership to sign and return the BCOA Code of Ethics to Recording Secretary Joy Windle. Lastly, I reminded the members that the BCOA Board approved the option for them to have the membership directory as an excel file. I asked them to contact me if they were interested in that option and I will send them the file.