

## **Regional Governors Reports**

### **Region One Report – Ron Williams**

We're in the middle of several Specialties and TSE's, which accounts for all the club activities the past few months. The most significant activity is the preparation of the 2013 National proposal. A very capable Joy Windle has accepted the Facility Coordinator position. I'll continue to rally the troops to join me with supporting her efforts.

I am disappointed with the Borzoi no-show at the Meet the Breeds event in New York City. With all the local club activities and the involvement of their members, we couldn't find any volunteers. Next year we'll have to start earlier in asking for volunteers. I, for one, will be one of those volunteers!

I've been a little preoccupied the last few months and haven't been to any local club meetings. This will change. I have sent to the membership any AKC notices and announcements received.

### **Region 2 Report – Jane Schreiber**

The BCOA Board will be meeting in San Diego the weekend of November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. I will not be going to the meeting this time, I had too many conflicts but I do want to hear from members if there are any concerns or questions for the Board and they will be forwarded for the Board meeting. Please get in touch with me by the first week of November.

Region 2 will be hosting quite a few Borzoi Specialties and TSE events in October and November. I will make a quick listing here.

\*BCOGA- Oct. 23/24 a supported entry at the Atlanta Kennel Club.

\*BCOGA- Oct 30<sup>th</sup>-TSE entries with lunch on Sat and an educational seminar at 7 pm presented by Dr. Robert Hutchinson titled "Successful Whelping and Neonatal Survival".

\*PVBC-Oct 30/31<sup>st</sup> Specialty and TSE event. On Sat, after judging the Club will hold a buffet, silent auction and raffle baskets. I plan on hosting a Regional meeting after the lunch.

\*Huntsville Kennel Club, Alabama-Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, BCOA TSE.

BCOGA- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-an ASFA trial each day. A sanctioned B-match for Borzoi, a pot luck dinner and silent auction. I am hoping that I will be able to attend the field trial and have a Regional meeting while I am there.

I have been forwarding all the AKC notices that have been given to us by our AKC Delegate, Barbara O'Neil. Occasionally, we receive medical information that is important as well. Two members sent me a note, thanking me for sending all these updates-thank you-it is part of my job as your Regional Governor.

Because several shows will be completed at the end of the month, I will send an addendum to my report about those events.

You all should have received the information from the nominating committee and I want to assure you that I still live in Virginia!

### **Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock**

September was a busy month for the region! The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club hosted another lovely fall specialty show in Longmont, CO on Labor Day. They ordered the most perfect weather as well! The show was dedicated to Steve Gross, longtime RMBC member and Head Chef of the Borzoi Grill, producing the cuisine for the fall specialty crowd. Sweeps were presided over by Susan Mallonee and had an entry of 17 in Puppy Sweeps and 6 in Veteran Sweeps. The Regular Class judge was Dr. Jim Sillers and drew an entry of 70 competitors.

The Lone Star Borzoi Club specialty was held 2 weeks later at the former Purina facility in Hutto, TX. The Sweepstakes Classes were judged by Rick Brown with 17 puppies and 8 veterans entered. Prof. Doug Taylor was the Regular Class judge with an entry of 57. For the first time Junior Showmanship was included and there were 2 Juniors, also judged by Prof. Taylor.

LSBC will also be hosting the ASFA Region 4 Invitational the Saturday following the Thanksgiving holiday and the club will also have a trophy-supported entry at the Greater Collin Kennel Club show, part of the Lone Star Classic Cluster, on December 11.

RMBC has 2 Fun Runs scheduled for December, one of them following their NOTRA meet on the 11/12 (on that Saturday).

### **Region 4 Governor Report – Lorrie Scott**

I attended a very nice meeting that BCNC had ringside on September 18. They had a young lady from UC Davis give a presentation on what to have on hand and how to be prepared to evacuate with your dogs and animals. She brought up the numerous ways to put identification on your animals to make sure you can and are reunited if you get separated. The hand outs she provided contained lists of items she covered in her presentation. It was a great presentation. I spoke briefly about some of the happenings with both BCOA and AKC. The Grand Champion program was reviewed. There was some discussion about the Borzoi Connection changing and coming out only twice a year. Thoughts were discussed about having the Aristocrat come back.

BCOC also had a meeting scheduled in September but due to lack of quorum it was not held. For the few in attendance I did field questions and concerns about Borzoi Connection and how it will impact the club regarding its Bulletin as well as BCOA and the Aristocrat.

Chet Weston and Randi Carl are on top of the BCOA Meet the Breed booth for Eukanuba show in December. They are hoping to be able to have the lovely presentation that Joy Windle put together that shows the versatility of our breed up on a screen that would continue to display throughout the day. Currently it is a matter of getting AV equipment together.

Although it is not in my region I did have the opportunity to visit the proposed site for the 2013 specialty in Lancaster PA with Joy Windle. The corgi's were there having a specialty at the time. The building that houses the show area is huge. There is plenty of room for the ring, spectators, vendors, as well as an area for grooming. The grounds have a lot of room to walk the dogs and are very grassy. It is a very workable site.

May everyone have a great holiday season as it fasts approaches, have fun with friends and family and hug the pooches.

### **Region 5 – Robin Riel**

All is on track for the upcoming 2012 National Specialty in Region 5. All of the area members are excited about the chance to show off our beloved region.

### **Region 6 – Joyce Katona**

It has been a rough summer for my computer; I dealt with many issues including a total crash and loss of all emails and addresses! The brutal heat of the summer claimed some of our beloved borzoi veterans and several very special human members of our borzoi family. Please accept my sincere condolences to any of you who experienced a loss.

The Midwest Borzoi Club's specialty and the trophy supported entries in Michigan, Nebraska and Wisconsin are but a distant memory. All were successful events with people in the region winning majors and finishing Champions. Thank you for your support!

BCOA has several fund raising projects in the works and I will get details to you as they become finalized.

All of you should have gotten (or will be getting) your dues renewal notice in the mail. Remember they are due to our treasurer by January 1st, 2011 and MUST be postmarked by December 31st in order to avoid a \$10.00 late fee. With the holidays coming up, why not renew now so it doesn't slip your mind during the busy days ahead? Checks should be made out to BCOA and sent to KC Artley, BCOA Treasurer, 3706 W Jackson Rd., Springfield, OH 45502-8722. As you fill out the renewal notice, please remember to update your email addresses. Even the new list I got after my computer crashed, had some addresses that bounced.

Our next face-to-face Board meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2010. If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns for the BCOA Board, please let me know so that I can present them to the Board at that meeting. I will be attending the Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty in Columbus, OH on November 20th and will hold a brief meeting to update all BCOA members on the latest business completed at the Board meeting. Remember that BCOA minutes are available online at <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org> on the Secretary's page.

It is not too early to make your reservations for the 2011 National Specialty in Lawrence, Kansas in April. See the flyer that was sent along with your dues renewal notice for details.