

## Standing Committees Winter 2019

### Archives (KC Artley)

Over the past several months, I have scanned old BCOA specialty show catalogs, photos and pedigrees. The files are transmitted to Helen Lee.

Helen is spending a lot of her time, designing new web pages so the club's historical data can be viewed by all, on the BCOA website. Helen has software and the skills to take the 1970s and older photos, and make the digital photo sharper and clearer than the original. We still have a lot more historical material, so this will be an on-going project for the next year or two.

### Aristocrat (Helen W. Lee, Editor)

I've had a couple of suggestions for content over the past couple of months. Jon Steele suggested a series of articles on what happened over the years to national winners such as WD, WB or any others. Jamie Bobrowski volunteered to track down the information but so far her requests seem to have fallen on deaf ears. I think that sounds like an interesting column so hopefully she can get some people to reply in time for the upcoming deadline.

Then there is the artists suggestion from Deb Vidaver-Cohen. There was a lot of contention about it, but once she finally gave an example of what she was talking about, I think it would make an interesting column, so would like Board approval to tell her to go ahead with it. In case someone missed her example:

*For example: Pat Hardy won first place at the North Carolina Needlepoint guild for her piece entitled 'Roses' (PHOTO), Melissa Pearce created an amazing running Borzoi serving platter as a Christmas gift for Zoiboyz ranch (PHOTO). Deb Vidaver-Cohen completed a miniature relief-sculpture portrait for Lynda Cattoni-Shafer in memory of her heart dog "Fane" (PHOTO) and is beginning a trophy for Central Florida Association of Saluki Hounds 2019 Specialty. Look for these artists' work at the BCOA Art Auction at the National in May!"*

Advertising seems to have picked up a bit. Joy's posts to the BCOA Facebook page help a lot in that regard. Any encouragement the Regional Governors could provide would also help. :>)

### BTRC (Barbara O'Neill)

A meeting has been called for January 28 for distribution discussion and updating several policies and BTRC Standing Rules. BTRC minutes will be sent for approval to Recording Secretary before the February 4 Board meeting.

Accept Minute JL/JW

Committee: BOD Joyce Katona, Ron Williams, Karen Ackerman + Chair: BJO, Shen Smith + Dee Jones (Advisor) \$\$ Karen Denning & Kelly Brunarski

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### BCOA Breed Welfare (Dee Jones)

**Microchip Clinic:** The Committee will once again sponsor a microchipping clinic for members at the National Specialty. It will take place on Thursday following dog judging. Limit 2 dogs per member at no charge. For more information, please contact me or Barbara O'Neill.

**Recommendation to Board:** The money available for distribution from the Bev Taylor Fund is significantly less than last year due to the volatility of the markets during the last quarter. At the same time, NBRF has had some rescues that encompass quite a few dogs. The Welfare Fund, originally Rescue Fund, was established after the West VA rescue, to ensure that should another large rescue occur, BCOA would have money available to assist the rescue group with expenses. I recommend that BCOA give \$5000 from the BCOA

Welfare Fund to NBRF to assist them with costs of the large 2018 rescues. This will augment the amount that the Bev Taylor Committee has been able to recommend as the 2019 distribution.

**NBRF:** Submitted by Liz Duncan-Burge

#### **Year End Report for 2018**

Total Borzoi taken into Rescue (NOT including International dogs) = 60 Borzoi

Total of above number that were BCOA members owner = 17 Borzoi

(7 Maryann Conran, 10 Sara Whittington)

A little over 28% of the borzoi that came in to rescue in 2018 were BCOA member dogs. This was due to the fact that neither BCOA member made physical or financial plans and/or arrangements for the care of their dogs when they were no longer able to care for them.

Our veterinarian expenses were \$38,831.58 for the year, with over 61% of that being the medical care of the Conran and Whittington dogs. We still have vet bills coming in on the Whittington dogs and those expenses are carrying over into 2019.

We have also had two rescue situations with multiple dogs, with each dog in each rescue effort needing more socialization, medical care, love and attention and hands on time from our fosters than is usually required. NBRF could not do all that we do without such an outstanding group of repeat volunteers and fosters.

Additional expenditures for the year, which include but is not limited to our toll free number, internet/website, postage, fuel reimbursement for transports, insurance, PayPal fees on donations received, and rescue supplies that include collars, leads, tags, microchips, totaled \$11,820.11.

We received \$16,084.77 from the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund in June and are appreciative of the continued dedication by the BTTF Board. We also received \$480.00 from wine sales at Benefit Wines, \$634.36 from Amazon Smile, \$2,023.59 from Network for Good, and \$444.08 from various fundraisers.

**Carol Backers Retirement.** Carol Backers is in the process of retiring from the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation as Director. And it is a process! Carol has been at the helm since 1995 and we can't thank her enough for the dedication, love, help, and hope she has given to so many borzoi over the decades. Carol has dedicated so much of her daily time to NBRF that it is taking a crew to do what she has done. We have welcomed Elizabeth "Liz Too" Hardwick as our Placement Coordinator, June Shienkaruk as our Foster Care/Transport Coordinator, and Meghann Lord-Fenn as our Administrative Coordinator. As these wonderful ladies step into such big shoes, Carol will soon be stepping back and working a lot fewer hours for Rescue as Advising Counsel.

#### **International 2018 Year End Summary:**

Total number of borzoi assisted by NBRF-International = 29 with 27 of the 29 actually coming to the USA, as one remained in an adoptive home in Russia after medical needs were met by NBRF-I, and one died in China after being purchased as hanging weight at a meat market. Medical expenses, transport, and airfare is very costly for our International efforts; however only funds specifically donated by individuals FOR International Rescue are ever used on International dogs with fundraisers also being done on [www.GoFundMe.com](http://www.GoFundMe.com).

#### **Club Medallions & Medals (Barbara O'Neill)**

All medallions, Double Eagle and regional specialty medallions have been ordered. Regional Governors have been reminded of the specialty dates in their region.

#### **Futurity (Barbara O'Neill)**

The 2020 Futurity will close October 7, 2019. The 2019 account currently has \$2,110 and

there is a total of 29 Litter nominations for 2019. The 2019 Futurity will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the first year that all entries must have a microchip.

### Health (Nancy Hopkins)

The 2019 National Specialty health clinic will include a heart and eye clinic. Echocardiograms will be provided by Dr. Anna Gelzer PhD, Dr. med.vet, DECVIM-CA(C), DACVIM(C) professor of Cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania and co-researcher for the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project. Cost for Borzoi will be \$150 which includes OFA registration fee. A 6-lead ECG will also be available for \$25 (for Borzoi) or free to Borzoi Arrhythmia Project (Holter sharing) participants. Eye exams will be offered by Dr. Robert Feiffer DVM, PhD, DACVO of the Saint Francis Veterinary Center for \$15 (for Borzoi) which includes OFA registration.

I would also like to make sure the membership is aware of a new link available on the BCOA Health website's main page (Health Overview). This new link is the AVMA Animal Health Studies Website which gives owners and vets the ability to search for clinical trials/research studies that are active for specific health issues. If you have a dog suffering from a health issue and you wish to include your dog in a study you can now search for research that may fit your situation.

Research:

Attached is the AKC Canine Health Foundation summary of the research grant "Evaluating the Complex Genetic Basis of Bloat," being conducted by Elizabeth Rozanski at Tufts University.

Ginger has been hard at work compiling the data from the Sudden Death Survey. This is taking longer than anticipated due to the high level of response. I would personally like to thank everyone for supporting this effort. Studies cannot happen without your willingness to participate. I must say, you all show your dedication to Borzoi through your overwhelming participation!

Below is Ginger's note and data overview for the Sudden Death Survey:

"These are the overview statistics from the survey. I'm still compiling the data on ages, but this is the primary data:"

#### SURVEY STATISTICS FOR SUDDEN DEATH SURVEY 9/1/2018 TO 12/31/2018

Surveys returned by postal mail ----	41
Surveys returned by on line survey--	81
Surveys returned by email-----	6
Total number of respondents-----	128

#### Question 1

Have you ever had a borzoi who experienced sudden death in the past 10 years? If so, how many of your dogs experienced this?

Yes-----	63	No-----	65	# of dogs -	103
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### Keeping In Touch (Edna Ogata)

Activities:

October 11, 2018	Get well - R. Zucker
October 11, 2018	Sympathy card - D. Carsillo
October 13, 2018	Birthday card - R. Brumlow
October 29, 2018	Get well - Carole Corminski
October 29, 2018	Get well - Ralph Jamison
October 29, 2018	Get well - Guy Tarsitaro
October 29, 2018	Get well - Walt Ford
November 10, 2018	Birthday card - G. Pinette
November 13, 2018	Birthday card - B. Todd

### **ASFA Delegate (Sandra Moore-Doby)**

See ASFA Experimental All-Breed Lure Chasing Instinct Program PDF sent separately. Please share with BCOA members.

### **Meet the Breeds/NYC (Ron Williams)**

This year's Meet & Compete in New York City will take place Saturday February 9, once again, at the Pier in conjunction with the National Agility competition.

We will display the photo backdrop again, along with table, framed photos, Introduction to the Borzoi documents, BCOA magnets and Borzoi coloring book / crayons.

My human team consist of:

- Lorene Connolly
- Melissa Kucmierczyk
- Malory Ferguson
- Elisabeth Szymanski
- Gretchen Thiele (1<sup>st</sup> timer)
- Anna Guinee (1<sup>st</sup> timer)

My borzoi team consist of:

- Sunni
- Porter
- Puffin
- Patka

I've been searching for an MTB/NYC replacement chairman for the last year. The only volunteer has accepted the challenge. Elisabeth Szymanski will coordinate the 2020 event. I will remain on the team.

### **National Owner-Handled Standings (Deb Vidaver-Cohen)**

1) 2018 NOHS rankings were submitted to the last *Aristocrat* and all invitees to Orlando this year were BCOA members. Only one was able to attend, but hopefully we'll have better turnout next year.

2) In reviewing the most recent NOHS rankings in preparation for the next *Aristocrat*, it came to my attention that the "first owner of record" on a dog being shown in NOHS by a junior co-owner, is a paid handler who is ineligible for NOHS competition per AKC rules. As BCOA has been very strict about awards being based on club membership of the "first owner," what should be our policy when the "first owner", although a BCOA member, is not eligible for NOHS even when other member co-owners who actually handle the dog are fully eligible?

Logically it seems to me that if first owner is ineligible to compete per AKC, even if he/she is a BCOA member, the dog shouldn't be ranked. If the board agrees with that, I'd like to see our Awards policy amended to state that "only AKC Eligible first owners can earn NOHS awards for their dogs" (or something like that -- I defer to Joy for editing the language). But regardless of whether you all agree with this or want to make the policy something different, hopefully a decision can be made at this meeting so I'll know who should be ranked for the 2/15 *Aristocrat*.

### **National Borzoi Rescue Foundation (Carol Backers)**

Hello Ron and Rebecca,

I am addressing this email to you both as Ron, you are the current President of BCOA, and Rebecca, you are on the board of the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund and are the past President of BCOA.

NBRF wanted to ensure you were aware of our expenditures in 2018 for two BCOA Lifetime Members.

First as you both know MaryAnn Conran passed away and NBRF covered the Veterinary expenses for her Borzoi as well as some transportation expenses. Our outlay of expenses was \$5,300.00.

Next, Sara Whittington was committed to a nursing home situation and is no longer able to care for herself or her Borzoi. We are told by persons directly involved with her case that she will never return to her home, nor ever be able to care for her dogs again. There were ten (10) Borzoi still living with her as well as an American Bulldog and a Chihuahua. Jackie Coesette took on the financial responsibility for Bulldog and Chihuahua. The Bulldog was pregnant and delivered a litter of puppies. Jackie covered the cost of that out of her own pocket which she really could not afford.

Sara's ten (10) Borzoi were moved to a veterinary clinic for initial staging. They received vaccinations, wormings, bathings, heartworm/4DX testing, quarantine until they could be moved to a boarding facility, dentals with multiple extractions, and two were heartworm positive. NBRF paid \$13,600.19 to the veterinary clinic and that was with a discount! The dogs were then moved to a boarding facility where they stayed for anywhere from several weeks to a month, at absolutely no expense to NBRF or Sara's estate, until individual foster homes could be found for each. All ten (10) of these dogs still need spaying/neutering and we are awaiting a court order releasing all liability to us before doing so. Unfortunately, all of the other vetting we have done for these dogs was necessary and humane for us to even be able to place in foster situations.

The total for these two situations exceeds the amount NBRF received from the Beverly Taylor Trust in 2018.

We are coming to BCOA because, honestly, we believe it is time for BCOA to step up for their Members. We understand there has been a substantial amount of money set aside from the final disbursement of the Bev Taylor trust settlement that went to BCOA. We understand that BCOA can't legally use that money because they are not a 501(c)3. NBRF is suggesting, and requesting, that those funds sitting in limbo be set aside in a separate account to be designated for the veterinarian care and expenses of BCOA Members' dogs when such members are no longer able to care for their dogs due to death, illness, or natural disaster.

When a situation arises with a BCOA Member's Borzoi and NBRF is tasked with the care, placement and expense of those Borzoi, BCOA may then reimburse NBRF out of those funds. BCOA should encourage Members to donate to this specific fund to ensure there are monies in the account in future for the aging population of BCOA Members who have not made arrangements or advance directives for the care and welfare of their borzoi. NBRF is not asking for money in advance. We are asking to be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses involved in the veterinary care, transport and placement of BCOA Members' Borzoi when the Member is unable to fund such expense.

Please take a look around at our Borzoi Nationals, or any other dog show for that matter, and look at the average age of the participants. Rescues like the Conran Dogs and The Whittington Dogs are, sadly, going to continue to happen. NBRF will always be there for any Borzoi in need, BCOA Members or otherwise, however we believe it's time for BCOA to acknowledge the need and figure out a way to utilize the funds they have and put them to good use for BCOA Member's dogs. Further, we believe if done properly, it may also encourage members to contribute more to the fund if they knew it is set up for BCOA Members Borzoi only.

It is time for BCOA to step up and be there for their members. Family and friends can not be counted on to carry out many people's final wishes when it comes to the care and placement of their dogs.

We look forward to hearing from you, and working together, to make this happen for the dogs because honestly, it is about The Dogs.

Thank you,  
Carol Backers  
Barbara Lord  
Liz Duncan-Burge

### **National Specialty Guidelines (Barbara O'Neill)**

Guidelines are in the process of being brought up-to-date and any changes will be distributed to website and current specialty committee members.

### **Registry of Merit (KC Artley)**

Sire:

CH Kachina Valeska Dream Dancer SC - ROM

DC Teine Twist of Fate SC FCH - ROM

Dam:

GCH Kirov Pulsatilla ROM-C

CH Scheremetjew Lyra's Vega SC ROM-C

### **Top Five Awards (Deb Vidaver-Cohen)**

1) The Top Five Awards for 2018 will soon be tabulated. I've asked Phyllis to remind the other stats chairs to submit their rankings soon and once I have the lists, I'll send the order in for processing to Centaur Awards.

2) Now that I'm back to showing Borzoi I'm glad to continue chairing the Top Five Committee. However, I'd like to share the job with a Western Regions co-chair who'd be able to manage Award distribution at Nationals out West that I'm not likely to attend. Carol Enz did the job last year but on top of all her other duties I'm sure she doesn't need to take this on full time. So I propose making the Top Five Awards a co-chaired committee with rotating responsibilities for all Top 5 Award tasks, depending on the locations of our Nationals. At one point, I recall Leonore Abordo expressing an interest so hopefully she'd still like to take this on.

### **Versatility (Kay Novotny)**

Reporting year: 2018

I am happy to report that BCOA had 6 dogs submitted for consideration for the Annual Versatility Award.

The overall winner for 2018 was:

GCH Hemlock Hollow Aruzia Journey to Tahoe, BN CGC, RN, SC, FCh call name Joe. HP 48679408, for the second year in a row! Congratulations, K. C. and Joe!

Joe achieved a total score of 55.5 points! Hearty congratulations to owners Steven and K. C. Artley, breeders Christine Danker and Lorrie Scott!

The other applicants and their scores in order:

2. Score 53.4125: CH Avalon WW Dazzle In The Dark, SC, RN, RI, BN, CGC, FCh, HP 44574107, owned by Sunny Grant and Sandra Moore, bred by Sandra Moore, Susan Vandewater, Diane Embry and Shelby Bergsttesser.
3. Score 46.5: CH Wildhunt Quantuum Singularity of Ryhka, RN, HP 51414701, owned and bred by G. Ariel Duncan and Diana Darling.
4. Score 39.05: CH Islehaven Sentinel, RN, CGCA, CGCU, TKP, TT, JSR, RATN HP 51081903, Owner Linda Beisswenger, breeder Phyllis Potter.
5. Score 36.5: FCH Kirov Windrift Fly Above Tahoe, SC, RN, CGCA, CGCU, HP 49909003, owned by K. C. Artley, bred by Barbara Ewing and Nancy Reimer
6. Score 32: Kirov Windrift Flying Ace O' Tahoe, SC, RN, CGCA, CGCU, FCh, HP 49909005, owners Steven and K. C. Artley, bred by Barbara Ewing and Nancy Reimer

Congratulations to all these wonderful dogs for having a great 2018!

Also, I would like to report that 5 dogs have been submitted for a Life-Time Achievement Versatility Award. Those dogs are:

- DC, FC Gladki Vetr N'Vision Snowstag, LCX, CD; owned by Stephanie Parker and Roy Silguero, bred by Mary Childs, Roy Silguero, Curtis Judd, and Dora McDonald.
- DC Wild Hunt Savoir-Faire, MC, LCX, FCH, RA, BN, TKN, CGCA, CGAU; bred and owned by G. Ariel Duncan
- CH, CT Romanoc Gerhard's Gaze Of Coburn, GRC, CDX, BN, GN, VER, RAE, JC, RATO, CGCA, CGCU, TKP, TDI, TT, owner Linda Beisswenger, bred by Kris Woodall
- DC RiverRun Avalon Whiskey In The Jar Oxota, RN, SC; owned by Kristen Suhrenbrock and Karla Smith, DVM, bred by Karla Smith, Lenore Abordo, and Sandra Moore.
- DC Wildhunt Joie De Vivre At Highpoint, RN, MC; owned by Anne and Walter Ford, bred by G. Ariel Duncan

Congratulations to this dog and her owners for their lifetime achievements in many disciplines!

**Webmaster (Helen W. Lee)**

First of all I'd like to thank the Board for liking and approving the design I came up with for the website and also for appointing me as webmaster. It's been a massive project but I've loved every minute of it and have learned a lot. Website technology changes so quickly that it's always on a learning curve.

Also a HUGE thank you to Joy Windle and KC Artley, without whom this project would have taken a LOT longer. Joy spent endless hours helping me spot problems with the pages and KC did the same, gathering up historical materials for me to include. Also involved were Barbara O'Neill and Ron Williams, who were also a big help as I worked my way through everything.

Nancy Hopkins also helped immeasurably with putting together the Health section and also sending updates for the various pages as needed.

The only problem I've encountered is with Ready Borzoi, which you'll notice is not represented on the site at all. That is because, as I was building the pages for that section, I discovered that a LOT of the links were broken - including to government pages, which I found odd. Veni Harlan was unavailable to work on those pages in December so the decision was made to "hide" the Ready Borzoi pages until it is updated. Veni started going through the pages on January 19; hopefully they will be updated soon

I am continuing to tweak the pages as people ask questions. The most recent change was to the *Aristocrat* page. Thanks to a question from someone, who couldn't figure out where the national results are now, plus someone who was having trouble figuring out where the *Aristocrats* themselves were, I've re-jigged that page. I've moved the year "buttons" to the top and also included a line about where the "supplements" are. In the process I realized that the colour of the headings and the colour of the links are too similar, so I've made the headings darker so there is more contrast. I hope you all approve!