



Regional Governor's Reports

Region 1- Maureen Bardwell

Region 1 continues with a very active show schedule. The BCNE held a very successful TSE in Goshen, Connecticut in September and the BCGNY held its fall specialty on Saturday, October 12. Although a very rainy day, it was universally agreed that the BCGNY continued its tradition of hosting some of the friendliest and most prestigious Borzoi events in the country.

Plans are currently being made for the BCNE Specialty weekend at the Thanksgiving Cluster in W Springfield, MA in November. This cluster of shows usually offers majors at each event, and also includes the Club's awards banquet and special lecture. This year's lecture is going to be given by Audrey Mulligan, Birchwood Kennels, and it will include a book signing for her new book "Pile Of Puppies"--a day by day journal about the growth and development of her last litter of Borzoi puppies.

The BCDV held its 25th anniversary specialty this past spring, and special plans are now being made for a Christmas party which will culminate the events of their 25th anniversary year. Details of the plans for the event are included in the BCDV column written by Joy Windle in the October Borzoi Connection.

Future plans for all the clubs include continuing support of research which promote Borzoi Health and diversification of some of the clubs' activities. The BCDV and the BCCNJ have sponsored coursing/racing events; the BCNE is making plans to co-host a coursing match for Memorial Day weekend, 2003.

There have been several Borzoi who have needed assistance in being rehomed in the region 1 area over the last few months. I am happy to report that any number of our members have pitched in and helped with these efforts, and all of the dogs involved have been successfully placed. This region continues to respond as a community for those in need. Finally, I am happy to report that our Region 1 members Rich & Roberta Kelly who lost their home in a lightening fire this past summer are now just back into a newly built home on their old property. The Kelly family and their dogs are

all grateful to be safely back home.

Region 2 – Kathryn Wright

Region 2 members were sent an update in mid-September highlighting pertinent dates and issues from our August BCOA Board meeting. I also requested member input regarding BCOA TSE's. I received 4 helpful e-mail responses and will take these to the Board. I also reminded members to take the time to nominate judges for the 2005-06 Nationals and to send in their BCOA dues in a timely fashion.

The BCOA Rescue Committee, led by Chairman Maureen Bardwell, held a September on-line auction of Borzoi related items for the benefit of the Potomac Valley Borzoi Club (PVBC) Rescue. This raised \$1238 for this new regional rescue. Thank you, Maureen.

There are 4 BCOA Trophy Supported Entries scheduled for the last quarter of 2002. October 19 and 20 there are back-to-back TSE's in Cumberland, Maryland. October 25 there is a BCOA TSE in conjunction with the Middleburg KC in Leesburg, VA. This is between the Potomac Hound Show and the PVBC Fall Specialty. The last TSE is on November 17 in conjunction with the Gr. Gainesville Dog Fanciers Assoc. in Gainesville, Florida.

There is a Region 2 Meeting scheduled to be held on October 19 (Cumberland, MD), 30 minutes after the Borzoi judging.

Region 3 – Valori Trantanella

No report received.

Region 4 – Christine Bradley

All seems quiet on the Western front. Our fall weather is taking it's time chilling our evenings, and I'm sure that soon we'll have our fair share of "three-dog-nights."

BCOA members from around the country are working very hard on the 2003 National Specialty, to be held in Reno at the Atlantis Hotel and Casino. Please contact Todd Brandtman or Barbara O'Neill if you're interested in helping out. The committees are planning several festivities for your pleasure. For hotel information, please refer to the BCOA website.

In July, The Borzoi Club of California put on a wonderful Specialty, with the Western Sighthound Combined Specialties. There were many lovely entries, and hopefully the judges enjoyed their assignments. A group of

clever members cajoled Edd Abblett (Aristoff Borzoi) into Ring Stewarding, so we could surprise him with a retirement party afterwards! Edd enjoyed about sixty guests, and entertained us with stories of the "dogs of old", and "trips from hell". The dog event of the afternoon was a Borzoi named "Nick", singing in perfect harmony, a camping song, in honor of Edd. A great time was had by all.

The BCOC also had their annual match in October, which reportedly was full of fun and festivities, with special classes and costumes!

The Borzoi Club of Northern California will hold its 61st Specialty in October, and the BCNC is offering, for the first time, Veteran Sweepstakes, and a TSE on the following day. In early November, the BCOC will have their Winter Specialty, at a site in Irwindale that is reportedly quite lovely.

Our Borzoi community is sad to report the loss of two long-time Borzoi enthusiasts, Jean Lau and Buzz Huber. Our condolences go out to their families and loved ones.

Enjoy the holidays, my Borzoi friends, and don't forget to tell those close to you how you feel. Hugs to the doggies!

Region 5 – Kathleen Kapaun

In September I sent an email mailing poling the members, as requested, on the BCOA Trophy Supported Entries (TSE). There were eleven responses returned.

Jerry White has offered to spearhead a TSE in the Spokane area. I thank her and will see she has the updated TSE Guidelines sent to her.

Region 6 – Prudence Hlatky

This summer has been a very active one in Region VI. BCOA trophy supported events were held in conjunction with the Twin Cities Borzoi Club, and the Midwest Borzoi Club summer specialties, and with the Canfield Ohio kennel clubs. Working in conjunction with these club helped draw very large entries, giving several Borzoi nice majors to finish and numerous specials huge jumps in the national rankings. All of these events had social activities, where the camaraderie between the fanciers was gratifying to see. The BCOA and Midwest Borzoi club will be collaborating on two more TSE supported events, Ft. Wayne, Indiana this November and Cleveland, Ohio in December. My thanks to all the hard working chairpersons and to all the exhibitors who entered dogs, brought food, auction items or drove for miles to make these events special.

As I have done in the past I'll also be holding a brief Region VI Governor's meeting at each Saturday TSE show. This helps me keep in touch and to receive input on issues concerning the members in Region VI. If a member / group wishes to host a BCOA trophy supported show, AKC trail, or Obedience event etc., please let me know and I'll be happy to assist you in setting it up and will hold a Governor's meeting in conduction with your event.

As most of you already know the really great news in Region VI is the awarding of the 2004 BCOA Centennial Specialty to Cincinnati. Plans are being made and committees formed. The whole site is just waiting to be turned into a Borzoi / Russian wonderland. Don't be shy, step forward and volunteer your time and talents. There are dinners, receptions, parties which need crafty artistic helpers creating themed venues. Those among us with green thumbs are welcome to help create floral decorations for the entire site. Exhibitor packets need to be made up, plastic for the floors needs to be cut. An endless list of activities will need dedicated volunteers. So if you are interested in helping with this prestigious event please contact me so I can put you in contact with the appropriate committee chairpersons. This invitation is also extended to all BCOA Members from all regions of the country.

As my second year as Region VI Governor draws to a close, I look back with thanks for the support and friendship extended to me by the members of Region VI. I hope to continue to serve Region VI in the future. Please do call, e-mail or talk to me at show if you have any needs or concerns