



Region 1 – Maureen Bardwell

Region 1 continues to hold many activities. The BCDV held a very successful specialty in conjunction with the Trenton KC show in May. A number of their members are practicing in the BCDV Drill Team with their dogs. Several performances of the Drill Team are scheduled in the fall and winter of 2003 and the Drill Team will be featured performers at the BCOA Centennial Show next spring. The BCCNJ held a fun match in June with Audrey Mulligan (Birchwood Borzoi) judging. This club continues to be active in rescue and member education related activities.

The BCGNY held a very successful independent specialty in May, and plans are now in place for their fall specialty which will be held on Saturday, October 11, in conjunction with the Palisades KC show. Puppy and veteran sweeps will be judged by Barbara Lord and regular classes will be judged by Roberta Campbell.

The BCNE held a well attended TSE in July and again is holding a TSE on Sunday, September 21, at the NW Connecticut Dog Club in Goshen, Connecticut. The BCNE Specialty weekend will begin Friday, November 21, with a match, continue on Saturday, November 22, with the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner, and conclude on Sunday, November 23, with its specialty held in conjunction with the Springfield KC show.

Personally, I am very proud of the activities of the Borzoi Community in this area, and have been pleased to support the activities of Region One. The assistance I have received from so many members of this community during my current illness has been overwhelming--there is no way for me to adequately thank everyone. Nonetheless, with thanks, this is respectfully submitted by Dr Maureen Bardwell.

Region 2 – Kathryn Wright REGION 2 REPORT - July 31, 2003

Past quarter BCOA TSE's:

05/03/03 - In conjunction with Classic City Kennel Club (Athens, GA)
Regular Judge - Jim Sillers (entries minus absentees - 39)
Sweeps Judge - Dora McDonald (entries minus absentees - 13)

Upcoming BCOA TSE's:

10-18-03 - In conjunction with Upper Potomac Kennel Club (Cumberland, MD)
Regular Judge - Jane Bishop
Sweeps Judge - Susan Sills

10-19-03 - In conjunction with Upper Potomac Kennel Club (Cumberland, MD)
Regular Judge - Karen Dumke
Sweeps Judge - Robin Casey

10-25-03 - In conjunction with Middleburg Kennel Club (Leesburg, VA)
Regular Judge - Jay Cunningham
Sweeps Judge - Rebecca Peters Campbell

11-15-03 - In conjunction with Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers Assoc. (Gainesville, FL)
Regular Judge - Karen Dumke
Sweeps Judge - Caroline Coile

Region 3 – Valori Trantanella

No report received.

Region 4 – Chris Bradley

Greetings to Region Four and BCOA Members,

We're in the midst of a summer with uncharacteristic weather for the Western States. I hope you and your dogs are all keeping cool, dry and happy.

For those who attended the National in Reno, I hope you all had a good time. I would like to publicly thank those who worked so VERY hard to make the show a success. Barbara O'Neill and Todd Brandtman put on a lovely Specialty, and the few problems disappeared with ease and skill. A National Specialty requires countless hours of hard work and effort, and Todd, Barbara, and everyone who worked on the committees, or who were available to help with last-minute arrangements, are to be congratulated and thanked. From all reports, the Atlantis Hotel and Casino were pleased with their Borzoi guests, and would welcome us back! The Borzoi were on their best behavior, and non-doggy visitors to the Hotel were charmed and delighted by our dogs. We truly do have an incredible Breed, don't we?

The Borzoi Club of California Specialty in Lompoc is now a pleasant memory; and as always, the BCOC put on a "class act". The trophy table was lovely; and the Club provided, after judging, a get-together with delicious hors d'oeuvres and camaraderie. Later, after the Specialty, about sixty Borzoi exhibitors and friends attended the now-famous dinner at A.J.Spurs, carefully coordinated by Laurie and Tom Kasowski. The BCOC has a group of very hard-working and enthusiastic members, and visitors from outside the Southern California area frequently remark on the quality and friendliness of BCOC shows.

On December 3, 2003, the Third Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational Championship comes to Long Beach, California! It will be held at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, and, as in previous years, the BCOA has been invited to host an "AKC Meet the Breeds" booth. The intent of the booth is to provide the opportunity for BCOA to greet the public, while educating them about the special characteristics of our beloved Breed. Michael McLain has graciously offered to spearhead this event, and has presented a very impressive plan for our Breed Booth. It is certain to be a memorable display, with Russian costumes, a "Hollywood Set", a video or power-point presentation, and, of course, Borzoi to greet the public! We're very excited that this Invitational is coming to the West Coast, and know we'll put on an impressive exhibit. If you're thinking of coming, here's a bonus ... there are four days of all-breed shows immediately following the Invitational! At the same site!

I regret to report that there is a possible rescue situation in Northern California, involving many Borzoi. If you, or anyone you know is interested in adopting a Borzoi, please contact Maureen Bardwell, BCOA's Rescue Chairman.

The Borzoi Club of Northern California is presently planning for their upcoming Fall Specialty, to be held on Saturday, October 18, in conjunction with the Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore. Marcella Zobel has once again volunteered to Chair the show. For Specialty information, she can be reached at golightlyborzoi@cruzers.com. The judges are Barbara O'Neill for Regular/Non-Regular Classes, and Susan Mallonee for Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes.

Region Four encompasses two Borzoi Clubs: The Borzoi Club of California, and the Borzoi Club of Northern California. Please use their websites for up-to-date activities and meetings. Their web addresses are:

Borzoi Club of California: www.borzoiclubofcalifornia.org

Borzoi Club of Northern California: www.borzoi.net/BCNC

Upcoming events to which we can look forward:

Oct. 5, 2003 BCOC Fun Match, potluck, Borzoi Costume Class, and more! Santa Ana, CA

Oct. 18, 2003 BCNC Fall Specialty, Pleasanton, CA, Judge: Barbara O'Neill Sweeps: Susan Mallonee

Oct. 19, 2003 BCOA Trophy Supported Entry, Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore Pleasanton, CA
Judge: Barbara Binder Sweeps: TBA
Nov. 1, 2003 BCOC Winter Specialty, with San Gabriel Valley K.C., Irwindale, CA
Judge: John Shelton Sweeps: Roy Silguero
Dec. 3, 2003 AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational Championship
Long Beach, California

I look forward to seeing our BCOA members at shows, courses, matches, and meetings!
Please feel free to contact me with any BCOA issues of concern.

Region 5 – Kathleen Kapaun

At this time two locations are being looked into for the 2006 National Specialty. One location is Seattle and the other is Portland. There has been no other BCOA activity.

Region 6 – Prudence Hlatky

State of the Region

Region VI has experienced a very exciting and successful past several months. And, with Region VI hosting the 2004 Centennial Specialty, the future looks to be even more exciting. There are dedicated groups, both within Region VI and throughout the country, busy working on creating one of the most spectacular nationals ever. This isn't just Region VI's national but the whole Borzoi community's, with room for everybody to participate. Therefore Region VI extends a warm welcome to all to come and join the fun. We will enjoy hosting you if you are just coming to watch. We will welcome you with open arms if you are showing one of your beautiful Borzoi. We will jump with joy if you are also willing to volunteer your time and services. Kings Island Resort sits on 22 wooded acres, is extremely Borzoi friendly and our plans are to turn Kings Island Resort into a Borzoi wonderland. Please visit the BCOA web site for more details and please contact either me or an event chairperson if you can volunteer to help.

New Clubs and Upcoming Events

The Midwest Borzoi Club and the Twin Cities Borzoi Club both hosted well attended specialties this spring, with the BCOA hosting (TSE) Trophy Supported shows in conjunction with these specialties. As the results are listed elsewhere I won't list the winners, but congratulations to all. These joint events have been well received, as aside from the multiple majors available, we also host several social events and normally have excellent grooming and parking space close to the large Borzoi rings. Plans are in the works for several more BCOA TSE this summer and fall. Tentatively they are Canfield in August, Ft. Wayne in November and Cleveland in December. The MBC will hold its Fall Specialty in Manitowoc, WI this September and the BCOA will offer a TSE in conjunction with this shows. Contact Karen and Kalen Dumke for more information.

Now the most exciting news, a new Borzoi club has formed in the Nebraska area. Additionally three other clubs are in the formation stage in this region. Although the Lake Winnabego Borzoi club has been inactive for many years, they are making a reappearance by holding a match the day before the MBC Fall specialty. Two other clubs are in the formation stage in Ohio. One, as of yet unnamed, is forming in northeast Ohio. They have held a couple of social events and are now working on their first match. Contact Bonnie Nichols or Edna Hanley for details. The other is forming in southwest Ohio. Although this group has offered trophies at local shows I'm not certain if they plan be a stand alone Borzoi club or part of a Hound Group Club that is forming in this area.

Rescue

Good news, to the best of my knowledge there have been no rescue activities in this region for many months. Hopefully this trend will continue. Recently we saw two puppies that members from this region had rescued almost two years ago. It was heartwarming to see these two youngsters who at eight months had weighed 28 lbs. now strong, healthy, well adjusted and loving youngsters

I've enjoyed serving Region VI for the last 2½ years and I look forward to the remaining 1½ years of my term. I am always available if you have questions, comments or suggestions.