



### **Region 1 – Maureen Bardwell**

The four regional Borzoi Clubs housed within Region One continue with a very active schedule for their members.

Of particular note, the Borzoi Club Of Central New Jersey (BCCNJ) has now received AKC approval to hold their own Supported Entries and Specialties. To achieve this status the club members put in a great deal of work, and the Borzoi Community offers BCCNJ its congratulations.

The BCNE held a very successful TSE in September in connection with the NWKC dog show in Goshen, Connecticut. The BCGNY continued its tradition of holding wonderful events by having its fall specialty in October. The BCNE will be holding its fall specialty weekend in a few weeks in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Cluster of shows in WSpringfield, MA

Our regional clubs continue to branch out into activities beyond the sponsorship of conformation shows. The Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley (BCDV) continues to hold practices for its Drill team in anticipation of coming performances. The BCNE held a very successful JC test this past September.

Region One continues to be a wonderful resource area for Borzoi owners and their dogs.

### **Region 2 – Kathryn Wright**

Region 2 had back to back TSE's including Sweeps the weekend of October 18-19, 2003 held in conjunction with Upper Potomac Valley KC in Cumberland, MD (TSE Chair - Donna Maharan). This is the 3rd year for this set of TSE's and for some reason the entries were off. Judges for the Saturday TSE were Jane Bishop with an entry of 8-5 (3-1). Susan Sills judged the sweeps with an entry of (2-1). Sunday commenced with Karen Dumke judging the regular classes with an entry of 10-10 (3-2) and sweeps judge Robin Casey had an entry of (3-1). Next year this set of shows is moving to a new fairground show site.

As I am sure some of you are aware, Potomac Valley Borzoi Club opted out of holding their Fall Specialty this October due to a dispute with the Middleburg Kennel Club regarding the method of selecting Borzoi judges for their shows. I am happy to report from club president, Priscilla White-Linekar, that there has been a negotiated understanding and next year PVBC is again on track to resume their traditional Specialty with Middleburg KC held at the Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg, Virginia. The judges for 2004 are Patricia Murphy for the regular classes and Kathryn Wright doing the sweepstakes. PVBC did support the entry for the Potomac Hound Show held on Thursday, October 23 and this was coupled with a Friday, October 24 BCOA TSE and Sweeps (TSE Chair/Co-Chair: Jane Schreiber/Cynthia Lastauckas). The regular judge was Jay Cunningham with the sweeps judge being Rebecca Peters-Campbell. The entry held up very nicely at 20 dogs/13 bitches/11 specials and 14 in sweeps.

Upcoming Region 2 BCOA Trophy Supported Entries:

November 15, 2003 in conjunction with Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers Assoc. in Gainesville, FL (TSE Chair/Co-Chair: Tammy Smith/Shea Kelley). Regular judge is Karen Dumke and sweeps judge is Caroline Coile. Show Supt: MB-F.

March 27, 2004 in conjunction with Newnan Kennel Club in Newnan, GA (TSE Chair/Co-Chair: Susan Pennington/Michael Koss). Regular judge is Jane Bishop and sweeps judge is Jon Steele. Show Supt: Onofrio. The Borzoi Club of Greater Atlanta will be supporting the entry (no sweeps) at the March 28 Douglasville KC of Georgia show. The BCGA will also be having a potluck get together on Saturday after the BCOA TSE. All Borzoi owners are invited.

### **Region 3 – Valori Trantabella**

No report received.

### **Region 4 – Chris Bradley**

No report received

### **Region 5 – Kathleen Kapaun**

Region V has had no BCOA activities.

### **Region 6 – Prudence Hlatky**

#### **State of the Region**

The summer heat is now behind us and the members within Region VI are looking forward to an active fall show and coursing season. A successful BCOA supported entry (TSE) was held in conjunction with the Midwest Borzoi Club Fall Specialty in Wisconsin. Unfortunately my RV decided it needed a new alternator so I didn't make it to the show, but I heard a good, if wet, time was had by all. This year in addition to the specialty show there was a match and two days of supported entries. This proved to be a successful combination offering both large entries and the opportunity for other social gatherings. Congratulations to all the winners of both the MBC specialty and the BCOA/MBC supported events.

A very soggy supported entry was held in July with the Canfield, Ohio shows. These shows are normally on the hot dry side, but this year we experience inches of rain. Several Borzoi showed their beautiful gazelle leaping ability while trying to avoid the hock deep water in the ring. The BCOA and MBC members in northern Ohio work hard to set up a hospitality area close to the ring. This year they enjoyed four days of social events, which ended with a very profitable raffle for Rescue.

Two more supported entries are planned before the end of the year. The BCOA and the Midwest Borzoi Club will join together to offer two days of supported entries in conjunction with the Halloween cluster at Ft. Wayne, Indiana and the year ending Christmas cluster in Cleveland, Ohio. Both of these are four day clusters where we expect large entries and we will have several social events planned.

The new Borzoi club in Nebraska is working hard to get established. Members of this club who are also members of the BCOA will be holding a BCOA TSE Saturday November 22nd at the Nebraska KC show in Omaha. If you'd like more information please contact Terry Ann Doane of SVershin Borzoi ([borzoi@mchsi.com](mailto:borzoi@mchsi.com)).

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all who worked on making these events so successful. It is wonderful to see so many working to promote Borzoi and fellowship between exhibitors and the different clubs within the region.

#### **2004 BCOA Centennial Specialty**

And last but not least the work on the **2004 BCOA Centennial Specialty** is moving forward smoothly. Before too much longer you will be receiving your premium list, then a short time later we hope you will be joining us in Cincinnati for a spectacular Borzoi specialty. This isn't just Region VI's national but the whole Borzoi community's, with room for everybody to participate. Again, Region VI extends a warm welcome to all to come and join the fun. Please visit the BCOA web site ([www.borzoiclubofamerica.org](http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org)) for more details and please contact either me or an event chairperson if you wish to volunteer to help.

#### **Rescue**

Thankfully once again I can report, that to the best of my knowledge, there have been no rescues within Region VI. Hopefully this trend will continue. Although we have been fortunate with no rescues, our Borzoi family within Region VI has stepped forward again to assist Borzoi in need. Thanks to all those who give their time, effort and love to our wonderful breed.

When working on this report I noticed there was no news about performance events. With my time currently dedicated to conformation events I'm unable to partake in other venues. If you have news or upcoming events to share please pass it on. I am always available if you have questions, comments or suggestions.