



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***** A report is not required. Committee Chair to keep BCOA Board informed of activities as necessary.***

Annual Awards – Nancy Reimer **

The plaques arrived on time, copies of the photos were forwarded to Helen Lee for the BC and to Dick Blodgett for the archives, all photos were returned (including the 1999 photos which were used prior to my taking over), and the treasurer has been instructed to pay his bill.

Annual Versatility Awards & Versatility Hall of Fame– Karen Ackerman **

Copies of the 2005 AVA applications plus point computations are being mailed to the BCOA Board per their request.

Aristocrat –**

No report received

BCOA Website – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock **

No report received

Club Archives & Historian Dick Blodgett, Jr **

No report received

Club Inventory and Medals –

No report received.

Conformation Championship Medals– Chris Danker

I have a correction for the 2005 year end report. There were 139 medals sent to BCOA members, not 138 as previously reported. The AKC had a non BCOA member listed as first owner, but the AKC registration was sent to me and the BCOA owner is listed as first owner so is entitled to a Championship medal.

So far for 2006, up to and including the April AKC Gazette, there have been 18 Borzoi completing their Championships....13 were first-listed member owned BCOA members and medals were sent to them.

Constitution & By-Laws – Kathleen Kapaun

Nothing to report.

Futurity Event – Kathleen Kapaun **

Nothing to report.

2007 Futurity – Barbara O'Neill

The 2007 Futurity began November 23, 2006 and has 33 new Bitch nominations and 20 new Litter nominations to date. There are 15 litters and 69 puppies that are eligible to forward to 2007. The 2007 balance is currently \$1,335.00.

Gazette Columnist – Jon Steele **

The third column has been sent in for the AKC Gazette and I plan on using a guest columnist once a year if possible.

If any of the board members have ideas for topics they would like covered in the breed column I would appreciate hearing from them.

Health – Ginger Jones

A. 2007 Rhode Island Nationals status:

a. CLINICS & SEMINAR:

The contract for the seminar speaker was forwarded to Barbara O' for her signature and return to Dr. Bell. No additional updates for clinics at this time. All is progressing nicely and it looks like Colleen Thiboutot has all the specialists and the seminar speaker arranged all ready. With the recent establishment of the DNA repository with CHIC, I have contacted Eddie Dzuik and inquired about offering a DNA clinic to establish a borzoi database repository. This is different than the AKC DNA submission which is simply used for identification purposes and not health research. If they (OFA) are able to put together clinic packets for us for the swab submissions, I would like to offer this clinic for free. The normal charge for this is \$5 per dog (4 swab samples). This would help establish a borzoi repository for future health research grant projects. OFA accepts either blood samples (which offer a higher concentration of DNA) or swab samples, but the cost for the blood sample submission is \$20 and I'm not certain that the health committee funds could bear the burden of this cost all on its own.

B. Canine Health Foundation

RESEARCH:

☐ No new proposals received at this time

☐ Received the following info from CHF:

- The American Kennel Club and AKC Canine Health Foundation are co-sponsoring a Breeder's Symposium Saturday, August 19, and Sunday August 20, 2006 in Branson, Missouri.

Topics include:

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Carmen Battaglia

The Road to a Better Dog: Pedigrees, Nutrition and Management

Special Guest Speaker: Pat Hastings

Picking the Perfect Puppy

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Richard Ford

Canine Vaccines and Vaccination

Liz Hansen, Eddie Dziuk, Greg Keller

- The AKC Canine Health Foundation announces that researchers at the Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia are seeking Scottish Terriers to be part of a clinical research project. The purpose of this study is to identify distinguishing clinical and laboratory findings in adult Scottish Terriers with unexplained elevations of serum alkaline phosphatase. Hospital associated costs (examination, professional, lab fees, etc) are at no cost to the study participants (fees are covered by an AKC Canine Health Foundation ACORN Grant).

The ACORN program is designed to allow researchers to complete small, relatively short timeframe projects, test research hypotheses, and/or generate preliminary data for possible future grant proposals as larger scale or longer term studies. Total direct costs cannot exceed \$12,000 and indirect costs cannot exceed 8 percent.

- The AKC Canine Health Foundation is pleased to announce that a team of researchers headed by Dr. Richard E. Goldstein, DVM, has significantly narrowed the search for the gene that causes Primary Hyperparathyroidism (PHPT) in the Keeshond. Dr. Goldstein, an Assistant Professor of Small Animal Medicine at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, and collaborators Dr. Kerstin Lindblad-Toh and Dr. Claire Wade of the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, have recently completed a search of the entire canine genome for the locus or region of the affected gene. Using the recently discovered information, Dr Goldstein has developed a genetic test for the diseased locus that will be made available at Cornell within the next few months.
- Dr. Lindblad-Toh is requesting samples to further ongoing research in canine osteosarcoma. The AKC Canine Health Foundation-funded study "Mapping Genes Associated with osteosarcoma in Large Dog Breeds" has two main goals. The first is to generate a "SNP chip," a tool that can be used to profile the genome of a dog. The profiles of dogs affected with a disease and those that are healthy can then be compared to find genes that cause these diseases. The second goal was to find genetic risk factors for osteosarcoma in both Rottweilers and Greyhounds. A parallel study is ongoing in Greyhounds. To accomplish our goal, we need to enroll 120 Rottweilers affected with osteosarcoma and 120 healthy Rottweilers 8 years and older. (*Note: this is one of the grants BCOA has contributed*

financially to support. In addition to the above mentioned breeds, they also need control samples from affected borzoi.)

- May 23, 2006 – Received the first progress report from the CHF on research grant #632 MicroRNAs & Canine Lymphoma, principal Investigator: William Kisseberth, DVM, PhD
- OFA announced on July 31st, 2006 that the 1 millionth dog registered hip radiographic evaluations with the OFA database, a major milestone for the organization.

C. CORROSPONDENCE:

- Received the 2ndth quarter CHIC report from Eddie Dzuik. (see attachment#1)
- Received correspondence from Joy Windle that the "Being Borzoi" group has submitted a contribution to the CHF for our Donor Advised Fund. I sent her and the group a thank you from the BCOA HC for her group's efforts and contribution.

D. BORZOI DONOR ADVISED FUND:

No new updates regarding our research request at this time.

E. HEALTH COMMITTEE RECOGNITION GIFT - Bookmark

No further progress to date on the design or cost of the bookmark. An inquiry for printing and layout costs for approximately 500 bookmarks was sent to Media Solutions, a local Detroit graphics company owned by my sister-in-law. Please advise what the board feels is the maximum amount of expenditure for this project so I can see if this will be a viable thank-you gift.

Judges Education –Shen Smith, Patti Neale

No report received.

Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata & Phyllis Brettell **

No report received.

Membership Committee – Edna Ogata **

No report received.

National Show Committee and Guidelines - Barbara O'Neill **

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date.

2006 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

The 2006 National income and expense are still pending. Normally we can close out an April specialty with the August meeting. With a late May specialty I am unable to close out for another month or so. It looks like we will see a small profit. Shen will report on our club insurance and the extra penalties from the hotel.

According to Helen Lee, she had a terrible time getting winners and placement photos from the show photographers. I'm not sure what the problem was/is and which photos will be missing from the Aristocrat.

Our trophy chair has requested that in the future all trophies be in her hands before the catalog goes to the printer. All trophies not in the hands of the trophy chairman or unpaid trophy donor names will be pulled from the catalog before printing.

I would once again like to thank Janis Leikam and her crew, and all the committee chairs, for all the hard work they did in putting the 2006 National together. And, once again the National Standing Committee Chairs did their usual excellent job. Thank you Karen Mays, Barbara Yoon, Cindi Gredys, Kathleen Kapaun, and Carol Enz. It would be hard to do it without you.

2007 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Facility Coordinator, and her committees have been hard at work on the planning of the 2007 National in Warwick, Rhode Island. They have some exciting plans for this outdoor show. In addition to our usual events, there are plans for two all-breed agility trials on the Thursday and Friday, preceding the field events. The Borzoi entry at the agility trials will serve as a Borzoi Specialty event with rosettes and BCOA standardized trophies.

R. Lynn, BCOA Website Mistress, has been working on the 2007 National website and has the beginning information available.

We have lost our printer for the premium list packet. If we have any member who has the printing expertise and could donate their experience, please let me know. (Barbara O'Neill – 206-439-7543 – sheyash@earthlink.net)

2008 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

After many factors were taken into consideration, the 2008 National will have three days of conformation classes. Field event will be Sunday and Monday; Tuesday will be obedience, rally and futurity; Wednesday will be sweepstake classes; Thursday will be Dog classes, Friday will be Bitch classes; and Non-Regular, Junior showmanship and Best of Breed will be Saturday, April 19.

I did a site visit to the Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center and this is an excellent venue for a dog event. The show will be held outdoors with a "California Dreamin'" theme. I have received a contract from the hotel and will review and sign as soon as possible.

The following judge's names have been submitted:

Lure Coursing - Al Crume, Bruce Beetz, Yvette Alley, Mary Crume

Obedience - Michael Baviacqua, Michele Illes, Cathy Dutra

Junior Showmanship - Wyatt Delfino, Mary Ellen Gorske, Mary Childs

Rescue Committee – Lorrie Scott

No report received.

Standardized Trophies - Barbara O'Neill **

Immediately following the scare of a missing bronze, I asked Shen to contact our insurance carrier and make sure that our trophies are insured. Shen will report at this meeting.

Trophy Supported Entries – Jim Gibson

No report received.

BCOA Sales – Carol Enz **

No report received.

Statistical Committees

Statistics are published in the Aristocrat.

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Agility – Gale Snoddy **

No report received.

BVLAA 2006 – Karen Ackerman **

BISS Ch. Oronzova Virshina Play With Fire, JC, MX, AXJ, CD, CGC, FCh., NAC, OJC

Suzanne & Ron Deghi

DC Odyssey www. Of the Wild Hunt CD, SC, LCM, ORC, GRC

G. Ariel Duncan & Robert DiSanto

Ch. Jubilee Breath of Life CD, FCh

Cindi Gredys & Chris Swilley

Ch. Svora's Stonehenge SC, RN, FCh

Shirley McFadden

DC Avaon Jungle Fever SC, CD, LCM, RN, TT

Sandra & Paula Moore

Ch. Nikolai Bolshoi Windsong CD, FCh, JC, CGC

Bonnie E. Nichols and Suzanne Grant

Ch. Rabrega Lady Peach JC, CD, LCM, CGC

Susan Van De Water

DC Svershin Sergei CD, JC

Brenda Wendt, Terry Beamer, & Pat Hardy

Conformation – Christopher Neale **

No report received.

Junior Showmanship – Barbara Lord **

Nothing to report.

LGRA – Carol Enz **

No report received.

Lure Coursing – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock **

No report received.

NOTRA – Victor Whitlock **

No report received.

Obedience – Bonnie Nichols **

No report received.

Open Field – Karen Ackerman **

NOFCA Top Ten For 2005

1. Windor Live Hard Play Ruff, JC. Irene, M. Kurt/D. White/M. Child	159.5
2. Teine Katz Night Moves, Rover, A. Midgarden	107.5
3. Valeska Unbridled Sea, CC, CM, Brighty, L. Turner/Y. McGehee	85
4. DC Teine Phoenixx Fiery Fantasia, FCH, Foxxi, A. Midgarden	75
5. Barron's Admiral Perry, JC. GRC, Buddy, S. Barron	71.75
6. Tiene Uncontrolled Desire, JC, Phi, L. Turner	57.5
7. Aragorn's Sally Ride, Sally Ride, C. Gower	50.25
8. S.R. Stillwater Runs Deep, Mona, M. Kurt	41.25
9. Barron's Molly Pitcher JC GRC, Corrigan, S. Barron /A. Labedi	40
10. Barron's Stonewall Jackson, SC, GRC, FCH, Spot, M. Zobel/S. Barron	37

With regard to the top ten for open field coursing, these ratings only reflect those BCOA members participating in NOFCA hunts. Results are based on NOFCA website covering hunts held from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 inclusive. Submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

*OPEN FIELD COURSING**
NACA

Since the beginning of 2005, the North American Coursing Association had the following BCOA members and their hounds compete in open field coursing. All of the Borzoi listed below have accumulated points toward their open field titles.

Bookstor My Majenkir Vignette, NACC, NACM, Irina, W. and K. Ackerman
Borscana Wind of Change, Vilda, W. and K. Ackerman
Polongain Igryska, Nona, W. and K. Ackerman
Rainmaker's Henry Hornet, Trooper, W. and K. Ackerman
Barron's Admiral Perry, JC. GRC. Buddy, S. Barron
Barron's Stonewall Jackson, SC, GRC, FCh, Spot, M. Zobel/S.Barron
Ch. Tiene Fire & Brimstone, JC, Damien, T. Burks
Kirov Evry Little Thing She Does, Izzy, B. Ewing
Kirov Dance to the Music at Highpoint, Tripp, W. and A. Ford
Romashka's Aramis FCh, Aramis, G. T. Golcher/K.C. Thompson
Kirov Desperado at Aria, Jessie, R. Linch
Valeska Unbridled Sea, CC, CM, Brighty, L. Turner/Y. McGehee
Valeska We All Shine On, Vikhra, R. and Y. McGehee
Valeska Ring of Fire, Tildie, R. and Y. McGehee
Valeska U Can Leave Your Hat On, Ouslada, R. and Y. McGehee
Valeska Haunting Beauty, Krilatka, R. and Y. McGehee

FC Rassim's Dornroeschen at Tiene, NACM, NACC, Daru, A. Midgarden
Teine Unstable Force, Matrix, A. Midgarden
DC Avalon Kilimanjaro Del Sol SC, LCM, SGRC, Keelo, S. Moore
Inverness Keen, Keen, D. and M. Poole

Follyqtrs' Svetlana Zoyanova, Svetlana, M. Rice
Follyqtrs' Svistok Mydrey, Svistok, M. Rice
Folly Quarters' Dobro Romul, Romulus, M. Rice
Astara Zlatko of Follyqtrs' Zlatko, aka Bob, M. Rice
Ch. Phoenixx Earth Angel FCh, Angel, P. and J. Schreiber
Phoenixx Song of Solomon, JC, Solomon, S. and J. Woith

These points were earned at hunts held between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2005. These results were submitted to me by Tim Sanders, NACA Recorder. Please submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

- These points are indicative of BCOA member-owned borzoi only. They are not reflective of non-BCOA-member borzoi competing in open field coursing.

NEW TITLE HOLDER:

NACA COURSER OF MERIT:

FC Rassim's Dornroeschen at Tiene, NACM, Daru, A. Midgarden, TD: 11-12-05

NACA COURSING CHAMPION:

FC Rassim's Dornroeschen at Tiene, NACM, NACC, Daru, A. Midgarden TD: 11-13-05

The Top Open Field Coursing Borzoi for 2005 is Follyqtrs' Svetlana Zoyanova, Svetlana, owned and bred by Margaret Rice. During her first season of competition, which started this fall, she defeated 62 Borzoi. In addition, Svetlana was the overall winner of the Borzoi Fall Classic, which had an entry of 26 this year. The only Borzoi to earn her open field title during the year was FC Rassim's Dornroeschen at Tiene, NACM, NACC, Daru, owned by Anne Midgarden. She, too, started her coursing career in October and won the first three breed hunts she entered. Over fifty Borzoi competed in open field coursing this year. The majority of them were owned by BCOA members.

Please note these statistics and standings are not indicative of all Borzoi who open field course throughout the U.S.

Register of Merit – Barbara Ewing **

Applications have been received for the following dams who qualify with the designation shown:

DC Kirov Monoceros, RN, SC, LCM, SGRC, ROM
Ch. Majenkir Avalyn Kitana, JC, ROM-C
Russkimir Varinya ROM