



Region 1 – Maureen Bardwell

No report received.

Region 2 – Jim Gibson

The BCOA Supported Entry held at the Greater Ocala (FL) Dog Club on November 19, 2005. Roy Silguero judged 13 Sweepstakes entries and Ron Spritzer had 36 Regular Class entries.

I responded to one Regional Member inquiry concerning the Junior Showmanship award.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

The Houston BCOA TSE went very well. There was an entry of 10 puppies present for our Sweepstakes judge Laura Hyatt and 25 for judging under Donna Wojan, with the eventual breed winner going on to take a Group 4.

In late October at the ASFA Region IV Invitational lure trial, the Weinkein Perpetual Memorial trophy was awarded for the very first time. This trophy was an undertaking by the Lone Star Borzoi Club in memory of Susan Weinkein (Ravenwolf), one of the club's members tragically lost too soon, who was also the first woman to hold the office of ASFA's President. The trophy is awarded to the highest-scoring bench champion at the regional event and the artwork, a stunning bronze, was created by LSBC member Lynn Wall.

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club February specialty is almost upon me as I write. Once again I plan on attending and seeing the fine folk in the northwestern part of Region 3! The scheduled judges are Roni Zucker and Pat Ellis-Ulloa.

Another AKC sanctioned A-Match is "in the works" for the LSBC, as well as a full weekend of ASFA trials, their first time to schedule away from the generous arm of the Alamo Area Whippet Club who has been of wonderful assistance.

Region 4 – Chris Bradley

No report received.

Region 5 – Irina Terra

After a late fall break, Region 5 BCOA members began in January to sharpen their dogs, and their own, show skills at the rings of the Washington and Oregon show grounds. We all need these "rehearsals", and all of our members are very excited about participating at the BCOA National Specialty, which this year comes to our beautiful Northwest. Region 5 members are looking forward to hosting this great event, and a big crowd is expected.

The weekend following the Nationals, on June 3, 2006, we will have BCOA TSE in Yakima. The Sweepstakes Judge is Kevin Shimmel and the Regular Judge is Nitsa Trayler. PSBC TSE is on the next day, where the Sweepstakes Judge is Michelle Rowton and the Regular Judge is Steven Kass. People are driving out for the National might find it to be a good time to sight-see and pick up some majors on the way home.

Our member, Yvonne McGehee (Valeska) brought home two puppies from Moscow, but that was not the only purpose of her trip there. Yvonne also attended two hunting competitions, including a very large All-Russia hunt in Tambov, where she had a chance to learn a lot about hunting with borzois in Russia. She also visited kennels in Siberia and Kazakhstan, where they hunted every day hare, fox and deer called "kazhule". Back home at Valeska, some existing breeding plans on the roll, and a litter of puppies is due in March. Robin Riel (Aashtoria) also reported a coming litter, due by the end of January. Irina and Kristina Terra (Zabava) have a litter of puppies born just before Christmas. It looks like our Sweepstakes judge will be pretty busy at the PSBC Specialties in August, 2006. Michael and Vicki Savage (Irish Brook) reported that their special finished the year on a very nice third spot Breed and All Breed Systems.

Region 6 – Cynthia Gredys

No report received.