



Region 1 – Rebecca Peters-Campbell

I became the Region I Governor after the resignation of the duly elected governor, Maureen Bardwell, PhD, due to her relocation to an area outside this region. On behalf of BCOA members in Region I, I'd like to thank Maureen for her many years of faithful service and wish her all the best in her new home.

The 4 borzoi clubs in Region I have lots of plans for 2006. Anybody who is interested in any of these activities is welcome to contact me for full particulars.

On Friday, May 5, the Borzoi Club of Greater New York (BCGNY) will hold their Spring Specialty in *Ringwood, NJ*. The show has an entry of 107 Borzois, with a total entry of 153, including 2 Obedience entries and 11 Rally entries. Sweepstakes will be judged by Mrs. Mary Moran-Richter, and the regular classes will be judged by Mr. Frederick Dewsbury (Canada). Mr. George Mallow will judge obedience, and Mrs. Elizabeth Elvidge will judge rally.

Two days later, on Sunday May 7, the Borzoi Club of the Delaware Valley (BCDV) is holding their Spring Specialty in conjunction with the Trenton KC all-breed show. They also have an excellent entry – 115 borzois (sweepstakes and obedience entries are not yet available). Regular classes will be judged by Mr. Thomas Kirstein, and Sweepstakes will be judged by Ms. Karen Murray. The Potomac Valley Drill Team will delight spectators with a performance during the show. Additionally, BCDV will host a summer picnic – time & place to be announced later.

The Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey (BCCNJ) is holding a fun match on Sunday June 25, at the home of Roni & Jennifer Zucker in *Moscow PA*.

On Sunday, July 23, BCCNJ will be supporting the borzoi entry at the Hudson River Valley Hound Show in Chatham NY. Judge information is not yet available for these events. On the days before the HRV Hound Show, the Putnam KC will hold shows in nearby Stormville, NY. On Friday borzois and the Hound group will be judged by Ms. Carol Reisman, and on Saturday borzois and the Hound group will be judged by Mrs. Sari Brewster Tietjen.

September is going to be an incredibly busy month in the Northeast. The first series of shows will be held in *North Branch, NJ*.

On Thursday, Sept. 7, the Central New Jersey Hound Association will hold their show, with Mr. Kent Delaney judging breed, and Mrs. Nadine Johnson judging the Hound group. The sweepstakes judge has not yet been confirmed.

On Friday, Sept. 8, BCGNY will hold a specialty show in conjunction with the Tuxedo Park KC all-breed show, with Mr. Louis Auslander judging the regular classes and Ms. Eileen Flanagan judging sweepstakes. The Hound Group will be judge by Mr. Lester Mapes.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, BCCNJ will hold a specialty show in conjunction with the Somerset Hills KC all-breed show, with Mrs. Gayle Bontecou judging breed and Mr. Kent Delaney judging the Hound Group. The sweepstakes judge is pending.

The next weekend, borzoi events move to the 4-day show circuit in *Falmouth, MA*.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, the Borzoi Club of New England (BCNE) will support the entry at the South Shore KC all-breed show, with Mr. Raymond Filburn, Jr., judging the regular classes and Mr. Terry Clements judging Sweepstakes. Mr. Charles Olvis will judge the Hound group.

On Sunday, Sept. 17, BCNE will host a specialty show in conjunction with the Cape Cod KC all-breed show, with Ms. Carol Reisman judging the regular classes & the Hound Group, and Mr. Michael Work judging sweepstakes.

For anybody interested in attending all 4 days of shows, at the Cape Cod KC show on Thursday, borzoi will be judged by Mr. Merlin J Van De Kinder (Canada) and Mr. Filburn will judge the Hound group. On Friday at the South Shore KC show, Mr Olvis will judge borzoi and Mr. Douglas Windsor will judge the Hound group.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, BCNE will support the entry at Northwestern CT KC's all-breed show in Goshen, CT. The regular class judge is not yet posted; Eileen Ketcham will judge sweepstakes.

BCNE also intends to host a specialty show during the Thanksgiving circuit in W. Springfield, MA. Linda Deutsch is scheduled to judge sweepstakes.

In addition to all these plans by clubs, BCOA members and other borzoi lovers in Region I will be working to prepare for the 2007 National Specialty Show, to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Warwick, RI. The tentative schedule calls for running events on the weekend of April 21 & 22, and BOB judging on Saturday, April 28. Pending AKC approval, we hope to host an all-breed agility trial on Thursday & Friday, April 19 & 20, right before the national.

Anybody who is interested in working on the specialty is cordially invited to contact Rebecca Peters-Campbell (kinobi@comcast.net) or Colleen Thiboutot (luckypets@comcast.net) for more information. Since the 10 days of events will include agility, conformation, lure coursing, rally, and racing, plus educational events and lots of great food and fun, there will be something for everyone. The Show Committee welcomes everybody's participation in any area of interest.

In preparation for hosting an agility trial in conjunction with our national specialty, pending approval we will be holding an Agility B Match on Friday, October 20, 2006, in conjunction with Cape Cod KC's 3-day agility trial in *Falmouth, MA*. This event will be a fund-raiser for the national, as well as a chance to practice hosting agility. For info, contact Rebecca or Colleen.

Also of interest to performance-minded borzoi owners, the Garden State Sighthound Assoc. (GSSA) will host the 2006 LGRA National on Saturday, October 21, 2006 and the NOTRA OB National on Sunday, October 22, 2006, at the Tuckerton Sports Complex, *Marlton, NJ*.

Meeting of Clubs in Region I

BCCNJ meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

BCGNY meets next on the 3rd Tuesday in June.

BCDV meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month

BCNE meetings are generally held in conjunction with shows; contact a club officer for dates.

Region 2 – Jim Gibson

No BCOA activities in Region 2 to report.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

In the coming months there will be several Borzoi events in Region 3. A weekend of back-to-back BCOA TSEs will occur in September in Fort Worth, TX and then another BCOA TSE in Houston in November. The Lone Star Borzoi Club is also in the planning stages for hosting its second AKC Sanctioned A-Match sometime during the month of August at a location in Red Oak, TX (near Dallas). HOTBC recently hosted a Sighthound Fun Match in Fort Worth, with judge Victor Whitlock garnering an entry of 18.

Region 4 – Laurie Kasowski

This is my first report since my appointment at the February 3 Board meeting. As most of you all ready know, Chris Bradley made the difficult decision to resign to focus all of her energy and time on her own health issues. I know you will all join me in thanking Chris for the wonderful job she did as Regional Governor and wishing her all the best.

The Borzoi Club of California (BCOC) will be having their summer specialty on July 28 in conjunction with the Western Sighthound Combined Specialties in Lompoc, California. Judges will be Kalen Dumke for regular classes and Barbara Todd for Sweepstakes. BCOC will also be putting on a Borzoi only AKC Trial and test that weekend in Lompoc. Saturday and Sunday will be BCOC trophy supported entries (TSE). Judges for the TSEs will be John Lewington and Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark.

The Borzoi Club of Northern California (BCNC) held their Spring Specialty on April 15. The regular classes were judged by Dan Dowling and Sweepstakes were judged by Sara Whittington Rowe.

BCNC will be offering a TSE at the Del Monte Kennel Club show on Saturday, July 15 held at Seaside , CA.

BCNC has a new domain - www.borzoiclubofnortherncalifornia.org Their website is now updated and rolling. They will be adding photos from the Specialty and member photos soon.

Region four is very fortunate to have two Borzoi Rescue groups. Lorrie Scott chairs the So. California Borzoi Rescue and reports that she has no Borzoi to place at this time.

Jacqueline Gregory is Director of Borzoi Rescue-Northern California (BR-NC). Nancy Joeckel, treasurer of Borzoi Rescue - Northern California (BR-NC) sent the following information:

BR-NC is pleased that only one Borzoi was in BR-NC rescue in 2005! Quite a few other dogs, however, were placed through our Breeder/Owner Referral Program.

BR-NC's LGRA & Other Breed Straight-Track Races have become popular fund-raising events. In addition to bolstering their treasury, the races give non-AKC-registered rescues and their owners a fun way to compete and socialize. They had a record turn-out at their April races, and they look forward to two large race weekends in the fall.

Finally, the large group of Borzoi that BR-NC had been prepared to rescue, have now been reported to have moved out of the State of California and out of Region 4.

Bravo to Lorrie, Jacqueline, Nancy and all of those who help take care of Borzoi in need.

The BCOA National Specialty is scheduled to be held in Region Four in 2008. Michael McLain and Lorrie Scott will be making their proposal to the Board at the Board meeting held at the 2006 National in Olympia, Washington.

Region 5 – Irina Terra

Winter was pretty cold and quiet, but a few members reported some warm and sweet news. At least five litters were reported to me by the region's members with more coming soon. Yakima Valley Kennel Club will hold a Puget Sound Borzoi Club TSE on June 3 and 4th. The judges are N.A. Traylor and S. Kass for regular classes and K. Shimel and M. Luckey-Rowton for sweeps. The PSBC club will host its traditional fun match on June 17, a great opportunity to get those new puppies out. The biggest news in our Region is that the National Specialty will be in our territory. All of the members are extremely excited to host the Specialty. Everyone is making plans and getting their dogs ready. All 2006 Specialty committees are working full speed, with the time coming closer, applying huge effort to make this Specialty successful.

We all want to welcome you to our Pacific Northwest.

Region 6 – Cynthia Gredys

The Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty in March is over and was a success. Congratulations to all the winners! There was a nice entry for obedience and watching borzoi do utility work was a real treat. Thanks to all the workers who put on a nice specialty!

The next shows in region 6 will be in Minnesota. Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club will have a specialty, sweepstakes, and TSE in conjunction with the Waconia KC shows June 9,10,11. Onofrio superintendent.

In July the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha will be having a BCOA TSE's with sweepstakes at the Nebraska Kennel Club Shows July 22,23. This show is held at a great site, lots of room, parking, air conditioning and vendors. Both days have theme trophies and I know one day is all sterling silver jewelry or jewelry boxes. Last year there were 5 point majors so make plans now! Go to Onofrio for entry information.

Penny Keiffer sends this news from Wisconsin: We've got 5 shows, 5 sets of BIG majors, all within a 4 day weekend. Friday is an all breed show with our Sweeps classes, and then after BIS is the independent specialty. Saturday is MBC supported, Sunday is BCOA supported (both with sweeps) and

Monday is another all breed. Friday night is a pig roast, Saturday is the MBC picnic and meeting, and this is our last year of having the specialty here so we're planning on a blow out. Specialty prizes are CASH, \$100 Best of Breed, and etc. If you're going to shows looking to conserve gas and travel this will be the one to come to. Plus we've got 5 hound judges lined up. Five sets of points are available if you go to the MBC Specialty and TSE in August. Roy Jones is the superintendent for these shows held in Racine and Milwaukee on August 11,12,13,14.

Good luck to all going to the National; it should be a wonderful experience.