



Region 1 – Rebecca Peters-Campbell

BCOA Region One held a meeting and potluck supper on Friday, September 8, 2006, in North Branch, NJ. There were 47 people in attendance – 36 BCOA members and 11 guests. The meeting had two main purposes: to answer questions members had posed concerning the office of BCOA regional governor, and to present information about the up-coming national specialty, which will be held in Warwick, RI, in April 2007. I am extremely grateful for all the hard work done by borzoi lovers of Region One, who spread the word of our gathering, encouraged friends to attend, and provided food for the potluck. I really appreciate the effort made by each person who was present, and value the productive feed-back that was offered, too. A warm thank you goes out to everyone who participated.

The biggest event on the Region One horizon is, of course, the 2007 BCOA National Specialty. Participation is definitely *not* limited to people who live in Region One, though I'm happy to report that many people in this region are helping with the show. Anybody who would like to get involved in any aspect of the specialty is encouraged to contact me (kinobi@comcast.net / 413-575-4663) or Colleen Thiboutot (luckypets@comcast.net).

Most news about the specialty will be presented in the committee report, but I want to share news concerning a fund-raising project. Fred and Carol Vogel and Barbara Yoon combined their resources to create a lovely borzoi calendar for 2007. It is illustrated with 13 color prints (cover and each month) taken from borzoi-themed magazine covers and advertisements of yesteryear. A calendar will be given as a "thank you" gift for each \$20 donation to the national specialty. These beautiful calendars will make lovely gifts and stocking stuffers and are just in time for the holiday season. We hope to have calendars available in many areas at shows and other events, and they can also be mailed (please include \$2 to cover postage).

In addition to the national, regional borzoi clubs will be hosting events (some were mentioned in my last report, so are not repeated here). BCDV is supporting the entry at the Kennel Club of Philadelphia on November 18, with the Drill Team performing at the Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers show on November 17. In January 2007, BCDV will hold their annual meeting and Holiday Party. On January 14, club member Kathleen Kelly will be hosting the University of Pennsylvania Bloodmobile. In February the club will enjoy their Annual Winter Fun Match. In keeping with tradition, on the first Sunday in May they will hold their Spring Specialty in conjunction with the Trenton Kennel Club. (Jim Rau supt.) The Drill Team will perform at the specialty.

BCGNY will hold their traditional Spring Specialty on Friday, May 4, and the location will be moved to Mercer County Park, NJ, the site of the Trenton KC show. Pending AKC approval, John Steele will judge the regular classes, with Pat Hardy judging sweepstakes and Pat Scully judging obedience and rally.

For anybody who will be "On the Rhode Again" for the National Specialty, why not make your trip even more rewarding by relaxing & playing tourist in the beautiful, historic Northeast after the show, then finishing up your voyage at these two specialties the following weekend? Both clubs provide lavish hospitality and offer gorgeous trophies. The site is excellent with the best of both worlds – the close-in, reserved parking, private tent, and spacious ring of an independent specialty *and* the vendors and amenities of a large all-breed show.

Region 2 – Jim Gibson

A message has been sent to all Region 2 Members requesting expressions of interest in preparing proposals for the 2009 National Specialty in the region. Several responses have been received and replies sent.

TSE ACTIVITY REPORT

Atlanta KC 9/23/06. Sweepstakes Judge - Shirley Rehberg, 3 entries. Regular Classes Judge – Rachel Rehberg Gongre, 21 entries

Decatur, AL; Huntsville, AL 11/9,10,11,12/06. Entries are closed; Thursday; total entry 16; major in dogs Friday; total entry 24; majors in both sexes Saturday; total entry 26; majors in both sexes Sunday; total entry 24; majors in both sexes.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

This past quarter has been quite busy for Region 3!

On August 19, the Lone Star Borzoi Club held its second AKC Sanctioned A-Match at Rose Creek Kennels in Red Oak, Texas. The match judge was Veni Harlan of Baton Rouge and we had a total entry of 12 (5-7). LSBC received a report that this match qualified under AKC requirements! Some By-Laws items are to be voted on in late November, and then LSBC will be making formal presentation to the AKC to become a sanctioned club.

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club held yet another well-run and enjoyable specialty show on September 4 in Longmont, CO. Sweepstakes classes were judged by Pam Leichtnam and Regular classes by Nitsa Traylor. The weather was lovely and the folks were as well. I never fail to be impressed by the people here and I look forward to it every year!

A BCOA TSE was held on September 24 in conjunction with the Fort Worth Kennel Club show. Sweepstakes classes were judged by Margaret Lucia (5-3 Puppy; 2-2 Veteran) and the Regular classes by Dr. Harry Smith with a total entry of 25. Lovely trophies crafted by Shirley McFadden included hand-painted frosted ornaments, Borzoi figural wine stoppers and decorated wine boxes.

Another BCOA TSE was held on November 11 in conjunction with the Cypress Creek Kennel Club of Texas dog show in Houston, TX. Ernie Cheely judged Sweepstakes (1-6 Puppy; 2 Veteran) and Regular classes (total entry: 33) were judged by South African judge Tracy Cox. The trophy table featured lovely creations by Elissa Mitchell (the artist who drew the 2005 national specialty logo) and included acid-etched glasses and mugs, hand cut and painted wooden magnets, etched mirrors, painted shaker boxes, hand cut and painted leash holders, a metal windchime and wooden country-style welcome sign in the shape of a sitting Borzoi. A good time was had by all and we look forward to the next as we have a standing invite to participate with this show cluster once again!

Region 4 – Laurie Kasowski

The Borzoi Club of Northern California (BCNC) held their Fall Specialty on October 21, 2006, followed by a BCNC supported entry and a BCOA supported entry. The Specialty was held on a beautiful sunny day and the gorgeous Sycamore trees surrounding the ring were raining down their golden Fall leaves. There was even a fly over by a huge flock of wintering geese. This Specialty is held in Pleasanton which really does live up to its name. BCNC members couldn't have been more hospitable to the many out of town exhibitors who enjoyed the day.

Their next Specialty will be held on April 14, 2007 in Elk Grove, California. Regular class judge is Dorothy MacDonald and Sweepstakes judge is Ms. Mickey Cinollo.

The Borzoi Club of California (BCOC) held their annual Fall Match on October 8, 2006, at Wildwood Park in Yucaipa. Everyone had a wonderful time and over a \$1,000 was raised for So. California Borzoi Rescue.

BCOC held their Fall specialty on November 4 in conjunction with the San Gabriel Kennel club and held a BCOC supported entry the following day at the Antelope Valley Kennel club. The weather was perfect, the setting relaxed and the luncheon was delicious.

Their next Specialty will be held on July 27, 2007 in Lompoc, California in conjunction with the Western Sighthound Combined Specialties. Regular Class judge will be Michael Dougherty and Sweepstakes judge will be Lorrie Scott. The AKC Eukanuba National Championship dog show will be held in Region 4 this year. Borzoi and the Hound group will be on December 2, 2006 and the Meet the Breed booths will be there for both December 2 and December 3. Michael McLain has kindly volunteered to be in charge of the Borzoi booth. If you are available to help with the booth, please contact Michael at 818-399-0055 or veloce818@gmail.com. This is a National TV event and who knows....you just may see yourself on TV.

Michael McLain and Lorrie Scott continue to plan for the National Specialty to be held in our Region in Sacramento April 12-19, 2008 at the Lions Gate Hotel. The Regular classes will be judged by Lena Tamboer and Puppy and Veteran Sweeps judged by Bonnie Dalzell. If you would like to volunteer and be a part of the team that puts on this very important event, please contact Michael or Lorrie.

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Region four is very fortunate to have two Borzoi Rescue groups. Lorrie Scott chairs the So. California Borzoi Rescue, and reports that she has recently placed the mature female Borzoi whose owner at died and has no other dogs at this time to place.

Jacqueline Gregory is Director of Borzoi Rescue-Northern California (BR-NC). Nancy Joeckel, treasurer of BR-NC. They report they have one year-old male Borzoi to place. Nikolas, has a fabulous temperament but does have confinement anxiety and needs a home that will work with him. They also know of several Borzoi crosses that need homes. However, their charter prohibits them from taking them into rescue, but would still like people to know these Borzoi crosses need homes as well. Thank you to all who help Borzoi who are in need.

Region 5 – Irina Terra

Region 5 BCOA members had a wonderful summer and fall with shows almost every weekend. Some members traveled even to our neighbor Region 4-California to attend South and North California Specialties and BCOA TSE.

Our Puget Sound Borzoi Specialties, at the end of August, was a great success. With the TSE of the Sammamish Kennel Club on Sunday we had three days with majors. Judges were Dr. James Sillers and Dyane Roth for regular classes, and Sandra Frei and Cherie Hunchak for the Sweepstakes. Melissa Rundquist and Tamara Carey-Kots did a great job putting together a beautiful trophy table. The hospitality was truly excellent. Morning coffee with home made pastries (Trish Wiseman) was delicious, fresh and cold fruit from Yakima Valley (Robin Riel) - was such a treat in that hot weather. Nolan's grilled salmon for the Saturday dinner was superb. The fund raising Auction organized by Doreen Carlstad was a lot of fun as always. We were glad to see large number of guests- members of BCOA from Florida, Massachusetts, California and Canada at our Specialties.

At the end of fall, things are generally getting quieter here at the Northwest. However, not for some: a few of our members are going to have new litters on the ground. Great luck with them!

The next big event planned for our region is the PSBC TSE in Yakima, June 2nd and 3rd, 2007 with the breeder judges Jon Steele and Helen Lee (pending approval).

Region 6 – Cynthia Gredys

Our region has lots of opportunities for specialty and TSE wins! Mark your 2007 calendars.

MBC specialty show with sweepstakes, obedience & rally is Friday March 2, 2007 indoors at a dog-training center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Fred Dewsbury of Canada will judge regular classes and I will be judging sweepstakes. Fall specialty show & sweepstakes will be indoors at the all-breed show, November 17, 2007 with trophy supported entries the other 3 days at the same location in Columbus, Ohio.

The GTCBC after much consideration has opted to keep their specialty with the same combined specialty shows for this coming year. The date will be Friday 6/8/07, location Jordan, MN. Tentative regular classes judge Barbara O'Neill and sweepstakes Meghann Lord (pending BCOA & AKC approval).

The Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha will have 2 TSE's (pending approval) at the Nebraska Kennel Club Show July 21 & 22, 2007 at the Qwest Center in Omaha.

Saturday class judge is Chris Neale and Dora McDonald for sweepstakes; Sunday class judge is Patti Neale and Chris Swilley for sweepstakes.

2010 will be the year for Region 6 to sponsor the National. There has been some talks and investigation into possible sites. More to come.....