



## **Committee Reports, April 8, 2008**

### **Standardized trophies: Barbara O'Neill**

All trophy award plaques have been ordered for the National but once again the cost has gone up due to the cost of tin, which is 96% of pewter. They were \$130 in 2007 and now have gone to \$140. We will research other options for our major specialty awards.

### **Futurity – Barbara O'Neill**

The 2008 Futurity has 165 puppies entered and a total of \$3215. Lynne Bennett is delighted to be the 2008 Futurity Judge. The 2009 Futurity has 18 2008 litters eligible to move forward to 2009, with 17 new Bitch nominations and 12 new Litter nominations and \$680 in the 2009 Futurity account.

### **National Show Committee and Guideline – Barbara O'Neill**

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date.

### **2008 National Specialty – Sacramento, CA - April 13-19, 2008 – Barbara O'Neill**

The 2008 National drew a great entry with 331 dogs and a total entry of 770. The hotel claims they are sold out so they are very happy. Everything seems to be in order for another great National Specialty.

### **2009 National Specialty – Frankenmuth, MI – May 17-23, 2009 – Barbara O'Neill**

Jon and Jenni Steele, Lynne Bennett and Mickey Nash are busy making plans for 2009. All judging contracts have been returned. The Specialty information will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. Hotel reservation forms will be distributed as well as flyers for a fund raising project that Jenni Steele has put together.

### **Rescue Committee – Dee Jones**

Since becoming Rescue Chair on March 5, I have been able to arrange for a Companion Parade at Nationals. Thanks to Jacqueline Gregory (Borzoi Rescue of N. CA) for convincing me we could still do it and to Barbara O'Neill for accommodating it in the schedule.

I also sent thank you notes to all 2007 donors to the BCOA Rescue Fund. There were donations from 63 members, plus a donation from Pedigree in the amount of \$2000. As of Feb. 14, 2008, the rescue fund stood at \$5,469.71. A huge thank you to all who contributed.

I have been thinking of ideas for fund raisers and will be exploring their practicality before presenting them to the Board of Directors for approval. Some of the thoughts I have had include offering BCOA Rescue tee shirts, bookmarks, Borzoi dolls, collars and leashes. Some of these items could be for sale, auction, or offered as gifts for donations to the Rescue Fund.

I would also like to establish and publish on the BCOA Rescue Website a list of volunteers who are willing to do in-home inspections prior to someone placing a puppy or at least compile a list and offer the services of Rescue in providing names and contact information. Helping ensure that a proposed home is right for a Borzoi can go a long way toward making sure that dog does not end up in Rescue. This list should be of help to breeders who may not know another Borzoi owner/breeder in an area where a prospective home is located.

Another program I would like to start is a published list of those who are willing to act as mentors to new Borzoi owners. Again, an alternative method would be to compile a list and offer the services of Rescue in providing names and contact information. Having someone geographically near to contact with questions or to introduce new owners to activities they can do with their Borzoi could also keep a dog from ending up in Rescue and could eventually bring new owners into BCOA.

Janice Butkowsky of Ozsome Borzoi has offered her web skills to assist in any web work needed with reference to the Rescue Committee. Janice has done web design for the BCOA Rescue Committee since 2001.

I understand that when Rescue is able to access funds from the Beverly Taylor Donation, the duties of this position will be changing with less emphasis on fund raising. I am looking forward to having some in-put in moving in new directions. I think that education about the breed, especially of new owners, is one avenue where Rescue should take the lead. I also hope that this chair will be in a position to be fully informed regarding the Beverly Taylor fund, so that the Rescue Chair can correctly and factually answer any questions.

### **Individual Borzoi Rescue Groups:**

**NBRF:** *Carol Backers* reports: We currently have 4 Borzoi in rescue. We hope to have them in new homes shortly. The last being a 4 to 6 year old female found as a stray in IL. We will hold on to her for two weeks to give an owner or breeder time to claim her.

We will be having a Quilt Raffle at the Nationals, as well as a fund raiser and hope to do well with that.

To this point we have had no news on the progress on the Bev Taylor Trust Fund and have no idea where the committee stands or if there has been any progress. It would be nice to hear something.

**Borzoi Rescue N CA:** *Jacqueline Gregory* reports: The last few months have been a shocker for BR-NC with several Rescues requiring extraordinary care. We did have three with the ordinary expenses, nothing unusual - then we took Deana, abandoned on the streets of McKinleyville CA (a very small town where no vet or A.C. knew of any resident Borzoi). Dentals, tumor removal, pyometra/spay; tumor on her tail had become gangrenous and three surgeries to incrementally remove tail sections until gangrene was stopped.... \$3,971.00. Deana is in her forever loving home.

One of our Rescue owners developed ALS and we took Boris back, but he had a “spot” on his eye, tumor removal \$547.00. Boris is now with a loving family.

Two boys, brothers, from the Central Valley, dentals, neuter...all normal expenses. But one had stepped on broken glass in Bay Area foster home and Bay Area emergency vet charged \$637.00 for anesthesia and three sutures...total for the two boys \$2,732.00. The boys are together in a wonderful new home, where they live happily with two pet goats!

All, of course, were chipped, heartworm/lyme tested and properly vaccinated.

That's what happens with rescue...for months everything goes along "normal" and the unexpected slams the bank account, which makes it difficult to figure the 'average' expense for each Rescue. . Just be glad we are not Golden Retrievers who currently have about 150 in Sacramento area in Rescue.

**Borzoi Rescue S CA:** *Lorrie Scott* reports all is quiet at the moment in the Southwest.

**Junior Showmanship committee: Barbara Lord**

Listed below are the names of the 20 juniors exhibiting Borzoi in AKC junior showman competition throughout the United States during the 2007 calendar year, along with the points they earned. I have made note of the 8 juniors who are currently members of the Borzoi Club of America:

Bear, Keagan (member) – no points  
Blomquist, Candace (member) – no points  
Cedeno, Cassandra – 19  
Davis, Jordan (member) – 123  
Dooms, Lea – 10  
Fien, Hannah -2  
Gredys, Amelia (member) – 137  
Hall, Jacob – 6  
Hunt, Charlotte – 1  
Hunt, Rachel - 3  
Inez Greenhill, Mavis Mary (member) – 91  
Lutsch, Brigitte (member) - 40  
Miller, Natalya -12  
Myers, Shannon (member) – 22  
Pearce, Brittany – no points  
Pomasi, Danielle – no points  
Rose, Emma – 1  
Spiers, Justine - 2  
Stachton, Robin (member) - 45  
Viellieux, Casey – 3

I am pleased to announce that our 2007 BCOA Top Junior Showman is Amelia Gredys.  
Congratulations, Amelia, and best of luck to you in the future!

(If you have any comments, questions or corrections regarding these statistics OR if you know of any juniors who might be interested in joining our club as junior members, please contact me privately at: [warwind@tds.net](mailto:warwind@tds.net) PO Box 90 Forest Junction, WI 54123).

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BCOA Junior Scholarship/Fund for Continuing Education Update: I have put together a first draft for this project. As in the past, I ask that any suggestions or input the board and/or club members may have on this scholarship/fund be submitted to me at: [warwind@tds.net](mailto:warwind@tds.net). Any positive input would be greatly appreciated!

I continue to make every effort to contact each of the non member juniors handling Borzoi in AKC conformation competition and invite them to join the BCOA. We need to remember that many of the individuals involved in our breed as junior handlers today, will very likely be part of the future of our breed.

Gathering information and points for junior handlers showing Borzoi can sometimes prove to be a difficult adventure for a variety of reasons. I would appreciate the BCOA Board of Directors considering the following:

1. Revise the BCOA membership application AND renewal form to include a spot where individuals can list ALL family members, first & last names. Additionally, there should be an area on the form where people can indicate whether their child is currently participating OR interested in participating in junior showmanship competition. This addition would allow me the tool necessary to recognize members children when reviewing the monthly AKC Show Awards discs (as these days, many children's surnames can be different than those of their parents).

Upon receipt of new member applications or membership renewals, both Edna and the person who handles membership renewals will have the necessary information to forward on to me. This will enable me the means to personally contact new junior handlers and invite them to participate, as well as welcome those who are already handling in AKC junior show events. I will then be able to advise them of the yearly BCOA Best Junior competition, and the opportunity to work towards the goal of Best Junior Handler as BCOA junior/family members.

2. As BCOA Junior Show Chair, I strongly urge, and would appreciate the board considering instituting the 'end of the year' Top 5 Borzoi Club of America Junior Handler Awards. These top 5 BCOA Junior Handlers deserve to have the opportunity to be honored by fellow club members, and given these awards at the Awards Banquet following each National Specialty. I believe this would be a positive way to acknowledge these fine young people and their hard work. Most especially, it would give

all members of the BCOA the opportunity to pay kudos to these kids and the results of their hard work!

**JEC – Patti Neale**

The BCOA Borzoi program was held Greenville, South Carolina on February 17<sup>th</sup> under the auspices of Carolinas' Dog Judges Study Group. This was open to anyone who paid the \$20.00 fee for any or all seminars. Owners of several Borzoi from the major entry at the show provided their dogs for a hands-on experience for the prospective judges.

The BCOA Borzoi program was given again in Louisville on March 15th, as part of Senior Conformation Judges Association Hound Institute. This event was restricted to judges and one had to enroll in the whole 4 day institute to attend. Due to the new format dictated by AKC for seminars/workshops/institutes, etc., which require a 90 minute seminar, there was no “workshop-hands on” segment to this event so no live Borzoi were used to go over.

The Judge' Study Group at the National was held on Friday evening, April 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by Ringside mentoring on Saturday during Best of Breed. A few judges came for ringside mentoring during the week as well..

Once again it was Sighthound year at American Dog Show Judges Association Institute in Indiana, Pennsylvania in August. Roy Silguero was the contact person for dogs for the afternoon workshop and we had a good class of dogs for the event.