

## **Regional Governor Reports**

### **Region 1 – Rebecca Peters-Campbell**

No report received

### **Region 2 – Jim Gibson**

No report received

### **Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock**

It's been a busy quarter for Region 3 this time around!

RMBC's Specialty Show on Labor Day was another great event. Anne Midgarden, DVM had 12 puppies and 2 veterans to judge in the Sweepstakes classes and in the Regular classes there were 48 dogs present for judging under Jan Leikam. The weather was quite cooperative despite the possibility of an afternoon storm, and it was wonderful to see everyone again, although it never seems as if I have enough time to visit with the friends I get to see there every year!

The Lone Star Borzoi Club's debut specialty show on October 25 was wonderful to be a part of. LSBC's 10th anniversary will be October 28 - and the club has accomplished much in those years. I am very proud of the folks who have worked so hard to help this club succeed. I was informed this past weekend that this is actually the first Borzoi club to become AKC-licensed in Texas! The specialty was held in conjunction with an all-breed show and the host club had set aside a nice-sized space (with the pillars from the 2005 BCOA National serving as markers) in the grooming area for the attending Borzoi exhibitors. Lynn and Doyle Wall brought breakfast goodies for everyone, much welcomed by attendees due to the early ring time. Margaret Lucia (Show Chair) and Sara Whittington (Trophy Chair) did a fabulous job getting this event off the ground and culminating in a lovely "coming out" for the LSBC and its members. The trophies featured original artworks created by Redbird Adams (Royale Russian) and included painted trinket boxes, framed prints from her new series, original paintings, and a beautiful painted trunk. Past LSBC President Ernie Cheely had an entry of 11 puppies and 5 veterans in the sweepstakes classes and the regular class entry of 41 was judged by Jon Cole. Congratulations to LSBC and its members!

### **Region 4 – Laurie Kasowski**

2008 was a busy year for Region 4. Two Regional Specialties held by Borzoi Club of California and two Regional Specialties held by Borzoi Club of Northern California. BCOA Trophy Supported Entries were held in Northern California and Arizona.

The highpoint of the year was the BCOA National held in Sacramento, California. The best venue I have ever seen for a National. I was so impressed and proud of the committee chaired by Michael McLain and Lorrie Scott. I thought it was as close to perfection as a National can get.

Region 4 continues to be blessed by two 501C Borzoi Rescue groups. Bravo to the amazing people that are in charge of Borzoi Rescue Northern California and So. California Borzoi Rescue.

Due to the finances, member burn-out and the venue club no longer able to offer what they have before, BCOC has voted to have only one Specialty a year instead of two. Their Specialty will be in Lompoc the last Friday of July.

This will be my last report as Regional Governor. Due to the many changes in my life, I can no longer give the attention to being your Regional Governor that you deserve. It has been a joy and privilege to be a member of the Borzoi Club of America Board.

Although I am leaving the Board, I am definitely not leaving Borzoi. As long as I am able, I will have Borzoi in my life. Borzoi and those who love them have become my family. I have devoted most of my life to my dogs and the breed and I plan to continue doing so.

Please keep in touch with me and I will be happy to hear how everyone is doing. My email address is [lauriek@wgn.net](mailto:lauriek@wgn.net) and due to a recent computer crash, I have lost everyone's contact information. So please drop me a email so that I can have your contact information again.

Thank you for your friendship and your support. It means the world to me.

Laurie Burns Kasowski

#### **Region 5 - Jim Anderson**

The Region 5 Governor's meeting was held Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> following the PSBC Meeting at the Western Washington Hound Association Show at Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA. The main topic was discussion about the BCOA Constitution revisions. Several attendees were concerned about the cessation of the "Life Membership". I suggested they contact other members to vote against it.

#### **Region 6 - Cindi Gredys**

Please contact Lynn Bennett or Jon & Jenni Steele if you would like to volunteer help for the National this year. See BCOA website for information on the location, dates and contact numbers.

Congratulations to Joyce Katona our new region 6 governor! She will do a fine job and I encourage everyone to support her and communicate with her as your representative on the board.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the time I've had to serve on the BCOA board. It's been very educational, and I appreciate the support I did get from most of the region 6 members and other BCOA members. It takes an incredible amount of time, energy, and some personal funds to be a board member of BCOA. I encourage anyone that is interested to start volunteering on committees to get your feet wet and make your intentions known if you want to participate beyond that level. It's my opinion that it is good to have new blood infused on a regular basis – it brings new ideas, renewed energy, and helps to eliminate assumptions and negativity.

Remember, it's YOUR club – I encourage you to read minutes including the regional reports, look at the website, read the BCOA section of the BC thoroughly. The board does it's best to communicate with you – it's *your* responsibility to communicate with the board or your regional governor if you have questions, ideas, suggestions, or complaints.

Wishing you the best in the ring and field with your beautiful borzoi!  
See you at ringside –

Cindi Gredys  
Jubilee Hounds