

Regional Governor's Reports

Region 1 – Ron Williams

I first have to say how honored I am to have the trust of the BCOA members to become the next Region 1 Governor. I hope to continue the integrity of the out-going governor, Rebecca Peters-Campbell.

In the short time since becoming Governor, I've reached out to the local clubs and will have a more complete report in the future. I also intend on attending a meeting or two of each local club. However, at this time there are a few items I would like to report.

1/30: BCDV will have a booth at the K-9 Learning Experience in Allentown, PA.

2/21: BCDV, the Sunday after Westminster, will hold a sanctioned match in South Jersey. The event will also have a handling and filming class.

5/7: BCGNY Specialty in West Windsor, NJ

5/9: BCDV Specialty with TKC in West Windsor, NJ

I've just received the Region 1 members email and mailing addresses and can begin communication.

Region 2 – Jane Schreiber

Nothing to report

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

The first independent specialty hosted by the Lone Star Borzoi Club on August 22 in Hutto, TX was a wonderful success. Members worked hard in this endeavor and it showed, from the ring setup featuring the iron gateway created for the 2005 National, to the fresh luncheon. The trophies were created by the same artist whose work was featured at one of the BCOA TSEs hosted by some LSBC members in the distant past. The offerings featured a custom wooden Borzoi pull toy, miniature "rocking horse" Borzoi, handmade dreamcatchers with a Borzoi painting in the center, etched glass items, and some beautiful prints in addition to several other works. The Specialty Judge was Sandra Simmons (Aldemoor) with Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes judged by Mary Childs (Wind n Satin). The entry was 23 (11-12) in Puppy Sweeps, 6 (3-3) in Veteran Sweeps and 62 (19-22-7-8 [3-3]) for the Regular Classes. LSBC members also hosted a BCOA Trophy Supported Entry in conjunction with the Nolan River Kennel Club in Glen Rose, TX. Sweepstakes were judged by Frances "Cookie" Roush and the Regular Classes judged by Harold Bierman. The entry was 6-1 in Puppy Sweeps, 2-1 in Veteran Sweeps, and 19-9-5-2 [2-1] in the Regular Classes.

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club once again drew a lovely entry. Kristina Terra, Zabava, presided over 23 Sweeps entries (9-10 in Puppy and 1-3 in Veteran) and Robin Riel, Aashtoria, had to choose between 57 Borzoi (21-18-7-8-[1-2]) presented to her. Last minute circumstances prevented my attendance and I missed getting to see everyone this time around. Unfortunately I will also miss their upcoming Winter Specialty show in Denver, but I hope I get to come back up for Fall 2010 and once again experience the hospitality of RMBC.

LSBC is making plans for some ASFA trials, sharing weekends with the newly formed North Texas Saluki Club. RMBC has an oval track fun run coming up in late February with an ASFA trial the weekend after. Their performance events program is really growing!

Region 4 – Lorrie Scott

BCOA members of region 4 as well as members from other parts were extremely successful in presenting a lovely booth at Meet The Breeds during the weekend at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship show in December. Although we did not win a booth group placement this year it was lovely. A huge THANK YOU to all who assisted in the adventure, rain and all. Plans are

already being made for next year, as Eukanuba will be in California one more year being moving onto Florida in 2012.

BCNC is getting ready for its spring specialty in Elk Grove to be held April 17, 2010. BCOC held a TSE in Palm Springs Jan 8, 2010 the weather could not have been more perfect.

I've already heard from several regional members who are looking forward to AKC's new Grand Champion title program.

Region 5 – Robin Riel

Nothing to report

Region 6 – Joyce Katona

Currently, the BCOA Board decides on who to nominate for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards after receiving the request from AKC. It was decided to have the Regional Governors ask for suggestions from their area members. Therefore, if any of you have someone you would like to nominate for this award, send me their name along with a letter of recommendation detailing why that person should be considered for this honor. I must forward your recommendations to the Recording Secretary by March 1st so I need all letters by February 28. The three areas of nomination are Conformation, Obedience and Performance (field). All nominees must be BCOA members in good standing.

As I have stated in the past, besides the minutes being sent to all members by email or USPS, the BCOA website contains the minutes of all meetings and is very helpful in answering most of your questions. To read the Board meeting minutes online, go to <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/> once there, click on "About BCOA" and in the drop-down menu, choose "Secretary's Page", from there choose what you want to read.