

**August 10, 2011**

**Governors Reports**

**Region 1 – Ron Williams**

Our local clubs had successful specialties, most with major entries this summer. I'm hoping that the current summer heat wave doesn't affect the coats for the late summer and early autumn entries.

The 2013 National Committee is in full swing. I'm proud to say, we've seen participation from members throughout the Region. We're currently working on the logo. Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley is looking to hold their specialty in Lancaster on the Sunday after the show.

I continue to forward any communication from AKC I've received from Barbara O. I receive good feedback from members regarding the AKC emails.

I will start working on the 2012 NYC Meet the Breeds. I'm hoping by my next report, I can report on the committee that will be putting it together

**Region 2 – Jane Schreiber**

This information was sent in July. I have been forwarding the AKC information provided by Barbara O'Neill to all members.

It is only a few months until cooler weather when we will be seeing Borzoi Specialties and BCOA TSE supported entries. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Potomac Valley Borzoi Club holds its Specialty in conjunction with the Middleburg KC shows, while on the 30<sup>th</sup> there is a BCOA TSE scheduled at the same show.

On November 12th, there will be a BCOA TSE at the show held by the Decatur KC, in Decatur,AL. For further information, please check Events on the BCOA website.

The Eukanuba AKC show is now on the East Coast for 5 years and is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, FL. This event should be very exciting for those of us in Region 2, not only because it will be much easier access for those Borzoi owners who are invited but also for anyone in the area who would like to attend the show.

Each year at the Eukanuba show the AKC parent clubs are encouraged to sponsor a "Meet the Breed" booth for their breed. BCOA has decided to continue sponsoring a booth, as has been done in the past at the show in California. I suggest that you look on the BCOA website and see what was created at last years Eukanuba show because it is a very beautiful presentation.

I will be coordinating the planning of our booth this year and will need help from those of you in the area, and also from anyone who might be planning on going to show. During the day, on both Sat and Sun from 10 to 4 we will need at least 4 Borzoi owners and Borzoi if possible to man the booth for whatever time can be volunteered. There are a few perks with the job-we will receive up to 10 complimentary admission tickets per day for booth volunteers and 4 boxed lunches.

In addition, I could certainly use some helpers on Friday to set up the booth area, which will be 10" by 20"-we get a double wide area because we are a large breed. Of course, on Sun we will break down the exhibit and might need some help with that too. My husband will be along to help, as well and the plan for our area is not too complicated, so should be fairly easy to do-Famous last words!

So, if you can possibly attend and help, let me know. I'm alerting you all now so that you can keep this in mind when making your plans. I will be in touch again as we get closer to the time.

If you know Borzoi owners who are not BCOA members and who might like to participate, please forward this information to them.

### **Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell**

There was a BCOA Trophy Supported Entry held in conjunction with the Houston Kennel Club dog show in Houston, TX. This is part of one of the largest show clusters in the state, the Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows. The Sweeps Judge was Cyndi Gredys who had an entry of 2 dogs and

1 bitch in Puppy Sweepstakes as well as 1 Veteran male. The breed judge was Ron Spritzer who was presented with 3 dogs and 5 bitches in the classes and 6 dog/3 bitch specials.

September is fast approaching and Region 3 will be busy with 2 specialty shows. Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club's annual Labor Day event in the beautiful Thompson Park in Longmont, CO will have Veni Harlan judging the Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes and Helen Lee judging the breed classes. On the 17th of September, the Lone Star Borzoi Club will be hosting its specialty show in Hutto, TX. Judges are Garnett Thompson (sweeps), Mike Loller (Jr Showmanship) and Amy Sorbie (conformation).

### **Region 4 – Lorrie Scott**

BCOC had a lovely summer specialty in July in conjunction with WSCS. It was dedicated to long time BCOC/ BCOA member Laurie Kasowski who passed away earlier this year. The weather could not have been better and the borzoi people enjoyed the hospitality that was provided ringside. Most sat ringside for hours sharing stories and memories including the judges Jane Bishop and Lynda Cattoni-Shafer. It was a great ending to the day. I gave me a chance to chat with the BCOA members present and answer questions and concerns most still concerning the BCOA newsletter being online and balloting.

BCNC will be having its fall specialty in October at the Alameda Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, Ca and it is part of a 5 day show circuit. I'm planning on attending the specialty and will be available to meet with the BCOA members.

Our region will be hosting the BCOA National Specialty in 2014 and so far only a very few have expressed interest in looking for hosting sites. I am hopeful that maybe a few more will come forward.

### **Region 6 – Joyce Katona**

Wow, it sure has been a busy summer! The excitement began in June when I was in extreme pain and couldn't sleep. That was found to be stones in both of my kidneys. I had lithotripsy surgery and endured the discomfort of stents on both sides for another 2 weeks. Three days after the stents were removed, Roger and I left for The International Borzoi Conference in Fribourg, Switzerland followed by the World Dog Show in Paris, France. The trip was wonderful and the conference and dog shows were interesting and educational. Attendance was low and even though we were in Europe, very few Europeans attended. In the hope to boost interest and attendance in the IBC, it was voted to hold the next conference in California in conjunction with the Lompoc Sighthound Specialties. This will take place in the summer of 2014. The IBC would like to begin a newsletter to send to any and all interested in the Borzoi breed. If you are interested in receiving these newsletters, please reply to this email, give me your permission and I will add your email to the list.

Several Specialties were held in the Region this summer where many of our BCOA regional members did very well. Sorry for the dogs whose call names I don't know and PLEASE NOTE, I am only listing regional members wins!

Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club on June 10<sup>th</sup>

Under Jon Reimer as Sweeps judge, Melanie Richards took Best in Sweeps and Dawn Hall took Best Opp. in Sweeps and Dawn and Shannon took Best Opp. Veteran in Sweeps with Tamar.

Judging the regular classes, Robin Riel awarded the following to region 6 folks:

Winners dog and Award of Merit to Jim Sillers

Reserve dog, Kalen and Karen Dumke and also an Award of Merit dog

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners went to Valori Trantanella

Reserve bitch was Pam Leichtnam's girl

Best of Breed went to Cindi Gredys' Dinah and Select dog was Cindi and Amelia's Tad

Best of Opp. Sex went to Marilyn Polsfuss' dog

Select bitch is owned by Valori Trantanella

Two days later, June 12<sup>th</sup> Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club with Sweeps judge, Tim Robinson the results were:

Best in Sweeps went to Jon and Nancy Reimer's puppy dog

Best Opp. in Sweeps was Melanie Richards' girl

Best Opp. Veteran bitch is owned by Sara Ose and Renee McCartin

Class judge Fred Vogel awarded the following:

Winner's Dog and Best of Opp. Sex was Jon & Nancy Reimer's 12—18 month puppy

Reserve dog was Jim Sillers' boy

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners was Cindi Gredys' Dorothy

Reserve bitch went to Pam Leichtnam

Best of Breed is owned by Cheyenne and Rita Tretter

Select dog was Cindi and Amelia's Tad

Select bitch is owned by Valori Trantanella

One month later, on July 15<sup>th</sup>, just as my body was getting back on Ohio time, the FIRST SPECIALTY of the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha was held! Kudos to all involved in making this club and specialty a reality, it took years of dedication for this to happen and I'm sorry we weren't able to attend the inaugural show. Congrats on a job well done!

Sweeps judge Lydia Pruet awarded region 6 members Elizabeth Bucholz's dog Best in Sweeps and Caryl Dumaine's bitch Best Opp. Sex in Sweeps

Dawn Hall and Shannon Meyers' Tamar took Best Veteran in Sweeps

Fred Vogel was once again the judge for regular classes, results were:

Winner's Dog was Elizabeth Bucholz's 12-18 puppy dog

Reserve dog is owned by Terry Doane and Sue Breaz

Winner's Bitch, Best of Winners and Best Bred-By was Cindi's girl, Dorothy

Reserve bitch is owned by Terry Doane and Sue Breaz

Joyce Law and Amelia & Cindi Gredys took Awards of Merit

Select dog was Cindi and Amelia's Tad

Select bitch was Dawn Hall and Shannon Meyers', Tamar

Entries just closed for the BCOA Supported entry in Wisconsin on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> Sweeps judge Cheryl Schallock Lundblad, class judge Jon Cole and The Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> is with Sweeps judge Terry Doane and class judge Irving Bonios.

In between all these shows, while we were suffering a heat wave with record-breaking high temps and crazy humidity, one of our 18-month-old pups ate a rock and had to have emergency surgery which resulted in the removal of 4 feet of his intestines. The very next day Roger had surgery to repair a ruptured eardrum! Never a dull moment over here!

Don't forget!

BCOA National Specialty will be held in Richland, WA, May 20-26. Be sure to check the 'Hotel' page on the BCOA website for important information regarding making reservations! The theme for this event is Washington Wine Country, come join us and raise your glass!!