

Combined Standing Committees Winter 2020

Annual Awards (Nancy Katsarelas)

As the continuing Chair of the Awards committee, I have prepared a list along with my report for your review and your consideration.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to prepare awards for another year.

I have attached a list of top awards I will be preparing. I would like to know if there are any changes to the list of TOP Borzoi for 2019. I will order these number of plaques if there are no additions or deletions. I hope to have the same type of wood plaques, (the same I have been preparing for the last ten years) by the end of the month so that our Specialty deadline can be met.

As a reminder: I get too many notifications or not enough. Not only do I wish the correct registered name with titles recognized by AKC, but also the names of the owner with an email address. It helps me very much to be able to contact the owners of top winners so that they might also review names and titles, and also help get me with pictures for those the award plaque.

Again: Does the President and/or the board have any comments regarding the current list and ideas about the plaques I am obtaining? I would appreciate any ideas or thoughts regarding a picture included on those plaques to perhaps cut down on cost a little.

2019 BCOA Top Conformation Borzoi
MBOSS MBOSS GCHG Mielikki HiNote Secret Agent,
Man RN, SGRC
Owners Renee McCartin and Janice Tyler
(photo rc)

2019 BCOA Top Best of Opposite Sex Borzoi
2019 BCOA Breeder of the Top Conformation Borzoi
2019 BCOA Top Breeder-Owner-Handled Borzoi
2019 BCOA Top AKC NOHS Borzoi
2019 BCOA Top AKC Lure Courser
2019 BCOA Top ASFA Lure Courser
2019 BCOA Top LGRA Racer
2019 BCOA Top NOTRA Racer
2019 BCOA Top Open Field Courser
2019 BCOA Top Obedience Borzoi
2019 BCOA Top Versatility Borzoi
2019 BCOA Top High-Scoring Rally Borzoi
2019 BCOA Top Junior Handler

[JW Note: Did we decide to add Agility since there is a growing number competing at high level?](#)

Archives (KC Artley)

I have received the *AKC Gazette/Awards* magazines from 1971-1974 plus a couple of issues from the 1960s which we were missing. Thanks to Lena Tamboer for the donation. Also thanks to Ron Williams for picking up the magazines from Lena's house and transporting them to Ohio, where I could get them. I will be scanning the borzoi information and eventually the information will be uploaded on the BCOA website.

BTRC (Barbara O'Neill)

The distribution meeting will be scheduled for March. The committee members will stay in place until the Annual Meeting.

Canine Ambassadors (Susanne Cecere)

I continue to contact people to join the Ambassador Program. A group of local Borzoi people, Randi Jackson with 3 Borzoi, Claire Greene with 1 and myself with 4, participated in the Ridgeway Christmas parade. Some photos attached.

Champion Medallions (Chris Danker)

A total of 135 Borzoi completed their AKC conformation championships in 2019. 102 of these are owned by first-listed BCOA members and are eligible for a medal.

Club Medallions (Barbara O'Neill)

All Double Eagle medallions and regional specialty medallions are in stock.

Regional Specialty Medallions

13 Clubs:

February - Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club – 2020 **sent** (P. Buffington)
March - Lone Star Borzoi Club – 2020 **ordered** (L. Walenta)
March – Borzoi Club of California – 2020 **ordered** (J. Rigtrup)
May - Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley – 2020 **ordered** (M. McDonald)
May - Borzoi Club of Greater New York – 2020 **ordered** (E. Szymanski)
August - Puget Sound Borzoi Club x 2 – 2020 **ordered** (J. Leikam)
September - Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club – 2020 **ordered** (R. Fundom)
October - Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha x 2 – 2020 **ordered** (C. Dumaine)
July - Borzoi Club of New England – 2019 (K. Miller)
August - Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club x2 – 2019 (M. Polsfuss)
September - Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey – 2019 (L. Connally)
September - Lone Star Borzoi Club – 2019 (M. Lucia)
October - Potomac Valley Borzoi Club – 2019 (R. McCartin)
October - Borzoi Club of Northern California x 2 – 2019 (M. Stachon)
November - Midwest Borzoi Club – 2019 (A. Sikula)

Futurity (Barbara O'Neill)

The 2021 Futurity opened on October 8, 2019 and has 8 Bitch nominations and 8 Litter nominations with \$445,00. The 2020 Futurity account currently has \$2,020.00 and there are 23 Bitch nominations with 21 Litter nominations. The judge for the event is Kay Cassella.

Note to ALL BCOA Club Members: Please reach out to me privately with any contact information you may have for any of the above listed Junior handlers currently not listed as BCOA club members. I will use this information to reach out to non-club member juniors handling Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition, and invite them as well their families to join the Borzoi Club of America.

Health (Nancy Hopkins)

2020 National Specialty Clinics

We are offering a Thyroid clinic with the addition of blood draws for the DNA Repository.

We are also offering a Cardiac clinic. By the time of this report, the cardiac clinic was completely full.

Leo Abordo has been and will be handling the clinics this year as I will be unable to attend the National.

Status of the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project

It is important to remember that we initiated the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project with several goals in mind. One goal was to develop guidelines or norms for Holter test results in Borzoi. If we are going to be able to optimally use Holter tests as a screening tool for breeding we need to know what constitutes pathological arrhythmias in our breed. We know there is a problem with Sudden Death, but we have never had any tools to help us “see” which dogs were at risk. How can we breed away from something if there is no way to find it unless an animal dies? However, no tool is useful to breeders if it causes them to remove healthy dogs from their breeding programs, in fact, such an instrument would be dangerous for the long-term health of our breed.

At this time, until we have enough data to establish norms for Borzoi, we have been using guidelines developed for large breed dogs to provide guidance to people who need to know if the results of their dog’s Holter test warrants consultation with a cardiologist. These are the same guidelines used for Dobermans. Why would we need to determine the norms for a Holter report in Borzoi? Because, while the Large-Breed Guidelines use 50 Ventricular Premature Complexes (VPCs) as the cut-off between normal and abnormal, a study conducted by Dr. Meurs, Spier, Wright, and Hamlin in 2001 found that when Boxers were excluded, healthy adult dogs had a median of 2 VPCs in a 24 hour period. 2 VPC’s is a long way from 50. Do normal health Borzoi have an average of 2 VPC’s or is the less than 50 count more accurate? Further, in Boxers, under 100 VPCs is considered normal, 100-300 equivocal, and greater than 300 abnormal.

So what is the norm in our breed? If you Holter your Borzoi and find 45 VPCs on the report, is your dog normal or abnormal? Should you breed your dog or not? Right now, we are using the 50 VPC cut-off, but as we gain more information this guideline may be altered either up or down.

Because we do not know what is normal for Borzoi, we are not recommending that any Borzoi be removed from breeding based on Holter test results alone. Should you receive results that are concerning we recommend that one consult with a cardiologist. If participants of the Holter Rental Program are unsure whether they should consult with a cardiologist or not, Dr. Danielle Steenkamp has kindly offered to confer with the BCOA member.

Where do Borzoi fall within this very long continuum? We must find out before the Holter test can become an ideal screening tool for breeders.

So what do we have so far?

27 individuals have submitted dogs to the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project with a total of 112 separate dogs. Some of these dogs have had multiple Holter tests bringing the total up to 146 separate Holter submissions. Two Borzoi with Holter tests have been diagnosed with Dilated Cardiomyopathy (Documentation of several deceased dogs with DCM have been submitted to the study but no Holter results are available from these dogs).

From this subset of dogs with Holter reports how many VPCs have been found over a 24 hour period?

Number of Ventricular Ectopic Beats	0-4	5-9	10-24	25-50	Over 50
Number of Dogs	51	19	22	6	9

The highest number of ventricular ectopic beats in 24 hours has been 2535.

Ventricular ectopic beats can include single PVCs as well as pairs, triplets, and runs (these are close groupings of PVC’s with pairs being two close PVC’s, Triplets being a trio of PVC’s close together, and runs are multiple closely timed PVCs). ALBA Medical includes triplets as a short run. Pairs, Triplets, and runs are forms of more serious arrhythmias.

Pairs	Number of dogs	Runs	Number of dogs
One Pair	19	One Run	9
Two Pairs	4	Two Runs	1
Three Pairs	7	Twelve Runs	1
Four Pairs	1		
Seven Pairs	1		

Fewer Borzoi were found to have arrhythmias originating in their atria. Arrhythmias that come from the atria are often called supraventricular. This is the term used by ALBA, the company that processes our Holter tests to provide a preliminary report.

25 Borzoi had Supraventricular ectopy. These dogs had between 1 to 1690 supraventricular ectopic beats in 24 hours. One borzoi had a supraventricular pair and two borzoi had supraventricular runs.

During the time we have been sending Holter results to Dr. Meurs and Dr. Gelzer we have had a total of 4 dogs die. Two of those died of cancer (hemangiosarcoma and lymphoma). However, one of those dogs had been diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy prior to dying due to cancer. The dog had an echo and Holter test just a few months before death and the cardiomyopathy was stable at that time. The other two dogs died from Sudden Death (to be referred to as Dog 1 and Dog 2).

Dog 1 had 7 single PVCs at the time of the Holter test. Dog 1 was one month short of 2 years old at the time fo the Holter test.

The owner of Dog 2 had sent in a total of 3 Holter reports for the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project.

Dog 2	Holter 1 (3 yrs old)	Holter 2 (4 yrs old)	Holter 3 (5 yrs old)
Number of VPCs	11	15	3
Number of Pairs	1	4	0
Number of Runs	1 (with 3 beats)	1 (with 4 beats)	0
Number of Supraventricular ectopy	21	62	0

Dog 2 died at 6 years of age.

Dog 2's Holter record is important for understanding why a dog with a Holter report like Dog 1 might die of sudden death. One Holter test may not give the complete picture of the number and quality of the ectopic beats that are occurring. Had Dog 2 only had one Holter at 5 years of age, we would wonder why such a normal dog would die of an arrhythmia. But because we have two other Holter tests on Dog 2 we can see that at least at 3 and 4 years, while this Borzoi did not have many VPCs, Dog 2 not only had ventricular pairs and runs, but also supraventricular ectopics.

Because of these two sudden deaths, Dr. Muers and Dr. Gelzer have requested that we obtain Holter test results from Borzoi puppies. The reason for this is that in some breeds with deadly arrhythmias, the number of arrhythmias peak at a young age and then as the dog ages, the arrhythmias decrease or are no longer found. The questions is, do Borzoi have an age range during which the number of arrhythmias peak?

Another interesting series of Holter tests were done on Dog 3.

Dog 3	Holter 1 (7 months old)	Holter 2 (1 yr 8 m old)	Holter 3 (1 yr 10 m old) (2 mo. after start of Sotalol to control arrhythmias)	Holter 4 (2 yr 8 m) (11 mo. after start of Sotalol to control arrhythmias)
Number of VPCs	0	21	8	0
Number of Pairs	0	1	0	0
Number of Runs	0	2	0	0
Number of SVC's	0	0	0	0

Dog 3 was our first puppy tested and had a perfect Holter test at 7 months. However, when tested again at a year and 8 months Dog 3 had 21 Ventricular ectopics. While still under the 50 VPC cut-off for large-breed dogs, this dog had not only a pair, but two very troublesome runs, one run had 11 beats and the rate of that run was 250 beats per minute. This dog was at risk for sudden death. Dog 3 was put on Sotalol to control the arrhythmias and as you can see, treatment has been successful.

Dog 3 adds more data to the possibility that arrhythmias in Borzoi may have an age range during which arrhythmias peak in frequency. However, this is only two dogs and may just be a coincidence. More information is needed.

At this time, we have had one intrepid person who Holtered an entire litter of Borzoi puppies. Another stalwart individual is in the process of getting Holter tests done on a different litter. The efforts of these two individuals will be invaluable. I encourage participation by anyone interested in seeing this investigation advanced.

We are gaining information, but it will take more time and dogs to really know what is happening with our dog's heart rhythms. The more Holter data we are able to collect for Dr. Meurs and Dr. Gelzer, the sooner we will have real answers.

We are all deeply indebted to each of those people who have done Holter tests on their Borzoi and submitted the results to the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project.

Borzoi Echo Project

Thanks to efforts made by Danielle Steenkamp, cardiologists at Texas A&M University Vet School are interested in evaluating Borzoi hearts. They are interested in establishing echocardiogram norms for Borzoi and possibly studying mitral valve regurgitation in our breed. At this time, the cardiologists are focused on learning about the spectrum of cardiac disease found in our breed to better decide where they would like to focus their research. While they are doing that, they will be doing echoes on as many Borzoi hearts as they can. To assist them toward this goal, these cardiologists will be providing our OFA Echo Clinics at three Nationals—the current plan is for 2021 and 2022 in addition to this year's national.

Sonya Wesselowski DVM, MS, DACVIM/Cardiology and Ashley B Saunders, DVM, MS, DACVIM/Cardiology will be providing our echo clinic at this year's National. Please thank them for their interest in our breed!

BCOA Research Impact

The CHF has published a document showing the impact BCOA Health monies have made on research over the years. These research sponsorships were made possible by the generous donations of BCOA Members, thank you! The BCOA CHF Research Impact for 2019 is attached.

In addition, we received a copy of the Research Progress Report Summary for Grant 01937-B: Evaluating the Complex Genetic Basis of Bloat. Many members submitted samples to this study and

helped this research progress. Thank you to each of you who were able to support this study with samples. Research cannot be conducted without participation from the dog fancy and we definitely want them to be able to include Borzoi! The Research Progress Report Summary is attached.

Junior Showmen (Barbara Tyler Lord)

Listed below please find the list of BCOA junior members and non-members exhibiting Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition throughout the United States in the 2019 calendar year.

(January 1, 2019 up to and including December 31, 2019 per the Canine Chronicle):

Molly Forsyth – 151 points (member)
Raina McCloskey – 118 points (member)
Logan Yankowski - 32 points
Elise Patti – 32 points (member)
Samantha Kadinger – 12 points
Emma Lloyd – 8 points
Kendall Parker – 7 points (member)
Sophia Linck – 7 points
Amanda Toler – 5 points

Congratulations to BCOA Junior member Molly Forsyth, the Borzoi Club of America's 2019 BCOA Top Junior Showman. On behalf of the BCOA membership, best wishes for continued success in life, Molly! I would also like to congratulate the following juniors who are the recipients of our 2019 BCOA Top Five Junior Showman Certificates:

1. Molly Forsyth
2. Raina McCloskey
3. Logan Yankowski (need mailing address)
4. Elise Patti
5. Samantha Kadinger (need mailing address)

AKC News: The AKC Performance Events Department is excited to announce a new AKC Performance Events Scholarship Program. The Performance Events Scholarship Program is meant to assist those young people who have demonstrated an interest in AKC Performance sports and who seek to achieve higher education whether it be through vocational school or a two- or four-year college.

AKC is now accepting applications for the Performance Events Scholarship Program for those students who will be attending school for the 2020-2021 academic year. The deadline to apply for the AKC Performance for those students who will be attending school for the 2020-2021 academic year. The deadline to apply for the AKC Performance Events Scholarship Program is Friday, March 6, 2020.

To learn more about this new AKC Performance Scholarship Program and how to apply please visit: www.akc.org/performance-scholarship.

BCOA Junior Scholarship Opportunities: Junior members, family and friends, remember that the Borzoi Club of America Junior Showman Scholarship is available to our junior members who meet the qualifications, as stated on the junior showmanship page, <https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/programs/programs-juniors.php> scholarship applies to the junior members who qualify for either Westminster or the National Championship show while handling a Borzoi. If a junior meets the requirements, this scholarship will help towards reimbursement of expenses incurred during their attendance at either or both events. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions you may have.

I would appreciate club members sharing with me privately any contact information for the above listed youngsters currently not members of our club (either via family or junior membership). Please also share with me the names of any junior showman handling a Borzoi that you might meet at an AKC

conformation event. I just ask that you provide me their names and contact information. In addition, when speaking with them please encourage the junior handler to visit our BCOA website. This contact information would allow me to reach out to these young people as well as their parents/guardians to invite them to become junior and/or family members of the Borzoi Club of America.

Special appreciation to those BCOA members who at the 2019 BCOA General Membership meeting in Gettysburg, PA overwhelmingly supported and voted to immediately change the rules pertaining to the Junior Application and Membership process.

In closing, thanks to those who over the past year have taken the time to get to know and support our junior member handlers. I believe it is imperative that we provide these youngsters with the encouragement and the tools to be good citizens as well as valued guardians of our breed. After all, the future of our breed rests with the young people involved with our breed today!

Keeping In Touch (Edna Ogata)

Activities:

October 5, 2019	Get well cards – K. and K. Dumke
October 5, 2019	Get well card – J. Windle
October 7, 2019	Sympathy card – K. and K. Dumke
November 8, 2019	Birthday card – B. Todd

Legislative Liaison (Lyn Snyder Hoflin)

Updates sent from October through December 2019:

- October 13, 2019 - Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) sought public comment on proposed animal welfare regulations.
- October 26, 2019 - **Nationwide notice of** proposal before the United States Senate that could require the USDA to publish privately identifiable breeder information.
October 29 - The Michigan Senate Agriculture Committee taking testimony on a bill regulating rescues and foster homes operating in Michigan.
- November 2 - New Cumberland (Pennsylvania) Borough Council considering a proposal that would limit the number of animals that may be kept or maintained on any property. If passed, no one in the Borough would be able to keep or maintain on a property more than four dogs or four cats over six months of age, or six animals total.
- November 13 - A proposed ordinance to ban the sale of animals in any retail pet store or commercial establishment in Smithfield, Rhode Island scheduled for public hearing.
- December 5 - Iowa Department of Agriculture has finalized updates to the state's animal welfare regulations.
- December 5 - Nationwide - An amendment to a US Senate Appropriation Bill that modeled a U.S. House proposal removing certain privacy protections for USDA licensed pet breeders failed in the Senate version of the bill. The wording concerning privacy protections remains in the House bill.
- December 6 - Florida Senate Bill 522 is set to voted on in committee on Tuesday, 12/10/19. If the bill were to be approved by the committee and be voted into law by the legislature, would become a criminal offense to allow a dog to be outside and unattended when the temperature is below 32 degrees or during a severe weather advisory/warning, even if the dog is not at risk or suffers no harm and regardless if the animal has access to an outside shelter.

Meet the Breeds (Ron Williams)

The 2020 Meet the Breeds was held January 25 & 26 in New York City. It relocated after 5 years from the Pier uptown and in conjunction with Westminster to an event on its own at the Jacob Javits Center, where it was held prior to the Pier.

It came extremely close to Borzoi not having representation at the event. No one from my usual

team was able to commit this year. After several attempts to obtain new participants from the region failed, I informed the board I wasn't going to register this year. They took action and went to social media and emails started to come in from volunteers and mostly non-BCOA members. I was able to gain the required number of people and dogs to register for the event the night before the deadline.

I have to thank the Board for stepping up and getting the word out. People literally came from near and far! Aside from myself only two were BCOA members. Two volunteers drove up from Maryland, Steve and Corissa Fanning with Arlo and Addie. Two volunteers drove up from Florida, Jay and Vickie Brown with Barnaby. The others were Melissa Kucmierczyk, Susan Skwira with Gabriel, Mary McDonald and Aaron Waltz with Jamie, Ed Zobel with Sasha and Cathy Rong with Nova. I was there with Sunni. As always, the event was well-attended by many AKC breeds, Cats from The International Cat Association and thousands of onlookers asking questions, taking photos and hugging the dogs. Our booth was over-run with smiling faces waiting for their chance to get close to see borzoi and our hairy representatives did not disappoint.

The booth setup was basically the same as other years. With the Borzoi photo backdrop as the centerpiece, I included 8x10 framed photos on the table depicting different colors of coat, a litter of puppies, lure chasing, dock diving, and each participating dog. We gave out coloring books, the remaining crayons, Borzoi buttons, BCOA magnets (25 remaining) and Borzoi cards supplied by AKC. They finally used the updated "An Introduction to the Borzoi" we supplied. We once again had a listing in the Meet the Breeds AKC Family Dog program approved by the board.

As always it was a heartwarming experience greeting the public. It was also a pleasure for me meeting several of my volunteers for the first time. A special thanks goes out to them for their time and expense to attend the event. I will be mailing them a tiny monetary thank you from AKC. The Board needs to consider approving a budget for future MTBs in NYC. It's becoming too expensive to attend and we will continue to have difficulty getting volunteers. As my extreme example. I drove in 3 consecutive days, spending \$16 toll for the Lincoln Tunnel each day, parking at the same lot \$45, \$70 and \$85. AKC supplied a free lunch and a stipend of \$300 which was split up 15 times. I'll mail \$20 to each volunteer for each day. **For future MTBs, I would like the Board to consider, \$25 per day for each volunteer to offset their costs.**

National Specialty (Barbara O'Neill)

The 2021 National is moving forward with a revised contract signed. Anne Midgarden has done a great job of organizing the various aspects and keeping me informed. The following judges will need Board approval at the February Board meeting. They are listed in order of preference. A contract will be sent upon Board Approval.

Obedience:

Shirley Spall
William Parrill
Suzanne Mayborne

AKC Lure Course:

Kirby Overcash
Katie Kaltenborn
Robert Marciszewski

The theme for 2021 is 'Roaring 20's Borzoi Promenade.' The trophy donation binder is ready to take to Albuquerque and Anne is preparing a presentation for the Annual Banquet. We will have more to report for the April Board meeting.

2020 Pedigree Book (Barbara O'Neill)

There are currently 138 ads sent in. My thanks to Helen for taking care of informing the public and, of course, setting up the website. Deadline is February 1.

Performance AVA and BVLA Revision Committee (Karen Ackerman, KC Artley, Ariel Duncan, Veni Harlan, & Kay Novotny) have reviewed most of the AVA program. We still have to finish reviewing the AVA

and we have to review the BVLAA. We request that the Board approve the following changes to the Annual Versatility Award. If approved, the changes would be effective for the 2021 award year. (See accompanying proposal) PDF)

Registry of Merit (KC Artley)

dams:

CH Staraja Russa Bianca Korsakov ROM-C.
CH Korsakov Vanilla Creme ROM-C.
Lead Vogue Sky Run JP Carry ROM-C.
GCHB Katz Fashion Finesse At Konza ROM-C.
GCHS Sylvan Silver Springbok ROM-C.
GCH Raynbos Butterscotch Perfection ROM-C.
Mielikki Windhaven Whispered Secret, GRC, ROM.

sire:

GCHB DC Zoiboyz Eclipse of the Heart SC CGC TKN ROM-C.
GCHG Konza Plum Creek Bugatti At Elance ROMX-C.
GCHP Raynbos Run For The Roses ROMX-C.
FC SilkenSwift Rider of the Storm, SC, FCH, GRC, ORC, ROM-P.

Top five (Deb Vidaver -Cohen)

After working hard to design and implement the BCOA Top Five Achievement Awards program since 2015, I've decided it's time to pass the torch to another Chair, beginning with distribution of awards at the 2020 National. Leonore Abordo has agreed to accept the position and I've sent her all information necessary to continue the program going forward. Any future board and member communications about the program should be directed to her.

With this final report I attach the scanned award pickup list from the 2019 National to correct misinformation being disseminated in BOD meeting minutes and on social media that I and Jane Malloy left awards "abandoned" on the awards table after the show's end and that BOD members themselves had to "mail unclaimed awards". As the documentation clearly demonstrates, we insured all awards were accounted for by end of judging. If any awards were found after the show they had been left behind by individual recipients, not by us. This scanned document should be included in my report to correct the record.

To summarize:

- (a) Four awards were mailed by Jane Malloy (one to Cindy Michalak, one to Janet Browne, two to Karen Haberkorn).
- (b) Five Juniors awards were picked up by Barbara Lord to be sent to the Junior recipients.
- (c) Eight awards (those undated on the pickup list) I either hand-delivered to recipients ringside or, in June Mitchell's case at her request, gave to Carol Enz to "repurpose" for future Nationals.
- (d) 36 awards were signed out by recipients or representatives by 5/16/2019 (Only 3 NOTRA awards were earned in 2019).
- (e) One award (Versatility IV) was picked up without signing out. Phyllis Potter contacted the recipient to confirm it had been claimed.

With regard to future Award distribution -- Some BOD members who disliked the "pickup-signout" system advocated distributing awards at the Saturday Banquet, with those unable to attend making advance arrangements with BCOA president or Trophy Chair to claim awards beforehand. However, when this idea was presented to the BCOA MembersOnly list for feedback, most recipients

appeared to prefer the convenience of keeping the system as it stands -- with awards available to collect throughout the week of the National Specialty. There seemed to be general consensus, however, that it would also be appropriate to recognize award recipients at the National in some more formal way than in the past. A notice in the National Specialty Catalog listing each year's recipients could be particularly meaningful. To conclude, I'd like to thank Jane Malloy, KC Thompson, Carol Enz, Rebecca Peters-Campbell and Karen Klein for their help with the program to date. As we enter our fifth year, we have now recognized hundreds of members' achievements with the Top Five Awards program and I'm gratified to have had the opportunity to develop a way to formally honor our members' commitment to Excellence in our Breed.

Versatility Award (Kay Novotny)

I am happy to report that BCOA had 6 dogs submitted for consideration for the Annual Versatility Award. The overall winner for 2019 was:

CH Hemlock Hollow Aruzia Enjoy The Journey BN RE NA NAJ NJP OJP JC, call name Joy. HP 48679401

Congratulations, owners Chris and Paul Danker and Joy!

Joy achieved a total score of 100 points! Hearty congratulations to owners Chris and Paul Danker, breeders Christine Danker and Lorrie Scott!

The other applicants and their scores in order:

2. Score 53.8164: GCH DCH Wildhunt Quantum Singularity Of Ryhka BN RN FDC SC SWN SBA DEA DNA CGCA CGCU TKP, HP 51414701, owned by Ariel Duncan and Diana Darling, bred by Ariel Duncan and Diana Darling.
3. Score 46.3332: DC Kirov Windrift Fly Above Tahoe JC SC RN RI BN CGCA CGCU FCH, HP 49909003, owned by K C Artley, bred by Barbara Ewing and Nancy Reimer.
4. Score 40.3375: GCHG Mielikki HiNote Secret Agent Man SGRC RN, HP 44827401, owned by Renee McCartin and Jan Tyler and bred by Renee McCartin and Margaret Strother.
5. Score 26.7166: GCH DC Hemlock Hollow Aruzia Jopurney to Tahoe JC SC RN RI BN CGC FCH, HP 48679408, Owners Steven Artley and K C Artley, breeder Christine Danker and Lorrie Scott.
6. Score 25.05: HnrCH-S AKC UKC INT CH Islehaven Sentinel BN RI FDC SCN SIN SBN SHDN CGCA CGCU TKE SSR RATN WDS TT SPOT-ON, HP 51081903, owned by Linda Beisswenger, bred by Phyllis Potter

Congratulations to all these wonderful dogs for having a great 2019!

Also, I would like to report that 3 dogs have been submitted for a life-time achievement versatility award.

Those dogs are:

1. SBIS GCHG Mielikki HiNote Secret Agent Man SGRC RN, HP 44827401, owned by Renee McCartin and Jan Tyler and bred by Renee McCartin and Margaret S Trother.
2. GCH DCH Wildhunt Quantum Singularity Of Ryhka BN RN FDC SC SWN SBA DEA DNA CGCA CGCU TKP, HP 51414701, owned by Ariel Duncan and Diana Darling, bred by Ariel Duncan and Diana Darling.
3. C.I.B., AKC CH, PanAm CH, PR GR CH, LatAm CH Avalon Dark Knight Willowind Del Sol FCH, SC, RN, BN, THD, CGC, CGCU, JOR, BCAT, TT, NOFCA ptd, FDC, TKN, CGCA AKC Fit Dog B.A.R.K. Ranger (Natchez Trace Parkway) HP44574103, owners Kirbie Allen & Stephanie Allen, breeders Sandra Moore-Doby, Diana Embry, Shelby Bergstresser, Susan Van de Water

Congratulations to these dogs and their owners for their lifetime achievements in many disciplines!

There is one more lifetime achievement award winner that I am waiting on final documentation for, but that one can go into the next quarter report.