

REGIONAL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Meeting Date: 11/18/2023

REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey

I want to thank the membership and the past and current board members for having me as a regional governor. I hope to continue to contribute in other ways to the BCOA in the future. The new regional governor for Region 1 will be Fred Vogel. I wish him well serving the region.

On September 9th, the Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey held their specialty with the Somerset Hills KC.

Borzoi Club of Delaware is supporting the entry at the Delaware Valley Hound Association show in December 9th, as well as supporting the entry at the Valley Forge KC shows on December 9th and 10th. The location is Oaks PA.

I received correspondence from BCDV and BCGNY, concerned about the change of dates for the 2024 National to be held in WA. Even though the shows are on the opposite coasts, these two clubs are very concerned about how if the national were to be held close to or overlapping their shows, that could impact their numbers. These two clubs are some of our smallest regional clubs and have held their shows over the same first weekend of May for as long as I have been involved in the breed. The first specialty I went to was BCGNY held in Ringwood NJ. Having the national held over Westminster KC will impact entries. When clubs force exhibitors to choose, both clubs lose out. More and more exhibitors are choosing to travel further to regional club events. I saw this with my own PVBC where we had an exhibitor from Alabama attend our specialty in VA and we had an owner from Connecticut come down to Maryland for our echo clinic. I am hoping a resolution is made, to not result in a decrease of entry at any of these shows.

REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley

AKC/BCOA Purebred Preservation Bank Committee—In September I notified BCOA Region 2 members about this committee and that Amy Sorbie, BCOA Region 3 Governor, was looking for volunteers for this committee from the BCOA membership.

Health Committee—In September I notified BCOA Region 2 members that Ginger Jones, Recording Secretary and Chair of the Health Committee was looking for additional volunteers for the Health Committee.

- BCOA Ready Borzoi Committee—In September I notified BCOA Region 2 members that Ron Williams BCOA President was looking for a volunteer to serve as Chair of this standing committee.

- Performance & Companion subcommittee of the Championship Medals Committee—In September I notified BCOA Region 2 members that Ron Williams BCOA President was looking for a volunteer to serve as Chair of this subcommittee of the Championship Medals standing committee.
- In November, I reminded BCOA Region 2 members about the need to renew their memberships or complete the contact form (life members) before December 31, 2023, in order to be included in the 2024 Membership Booklet.
- In addition, I reminded members that they could make end-of-year donations to BCOA's various funds.
- I suggested that they look at the Memorials page located under the History section of the BCOA website. Helen Lee, Webmaster, has done an outstanding job of creating this page to memorialize those who have left us.

REGION 3 – Amy Sorbie

- 9/4/2023- RMBC Independent Specialty- Great show!
- 9/7/2023- Sent out September Newsletter:
- BCOA Business Minute meeting to be out soon,
 AKC Corner-Breeders beware of puppy scams, Government relations dept. Texas Anti-breeder Legislation,
 Club Happenings- RNBC Independent Specialty photos, Breeder Member Education- Tick talk, New Champions-3, Upcoming events- BCGO, TTBC, LSBC Specialty information.
- 10/12/2023-Sent October Newsletter:
 BCOA Business, List of nominees and directions for voting for 2025 National Judges, Proposed Officer and board open position slate for 2024.
 AKC Corner- AKC Fashionable Dogs exhibit featuring Borzoi, AKC Message to exhibitors about Canine Respiratory Infectious disease.
 Club Happenings: Info for LSBC January Specialty submitted by LSBC.
 Member Education- Unofficial Borzoi Dictionary.
 New Champions-1
 Upcoming Events: TTBC, LSBC.
- 11/7/2023- Sent November newsletter:
 BCOA Business- Call for lifetime achievement awards
 AKC Corner- Turkey Trot

Member Education- Fertility problems

New Ch.-1

Coming events-LSBC Specialty Jan

REGION 4 –Kay Novotny

1. Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club News:
 - TTBC had 2 independent specialties in November, 2023. The first was on November 4, 2023, judge Dr James D Sillers, conformation and Anne Quinn, sweeps. There were 12 puppies entered in sweeps and 7 veterans entered in sweeps. There were 11 class dogs entered. There were 16 class bitches, 6 in veteran classes, 15 specials, and 1 brood bitch entered.
 - On the second day, November 5, 2023, it was judge Robert Place for conformation and Gwen Little for sweepstakes. There were 14 puppies entered in sweeps, and 8 veterans entered in sweeps. There were 13 class dogs entered. There were 18 class bitches, 7 in veteran classes, 15 specials, and 2 brood bitches and 1 brace entered.
 - I do not yet know what the club plans are for spring specialties.
2. Borzoi Club of California News:
 - Planning is progressing for the specialty next year at the Western Hound Show grounds. Tentative judges slate is Show #1: Ron Lukins, regular classes, Patricia Wiseman, sweeps. Show #2: Linda Scanlon regular classes and Monica Barry sweeps.
3. Borzoi Club of Northern CA News:
 - BCNC held two designated specialties in October 2023 with the Del Valle cluster. The first, Friday, Oct 18, 2023, was with judges Eric Liebes regular classes, and Vicky Cook, sweeps. There were 7 puppies entered in sweeps and 3 veterans entered in sweeps. There were 15 class dogs entered, 15 class bitches entered, 3 veterans entered, 13 specials entered and one brace. The second show, Saturday, Oct 19, 2023, was with judges Edward McKenzie (Scotland) regular classes and Corrine Miller, sweeps. There were 7 puppies entered in sweeps and 4 veterans entered in sweeps. There were 14 class dogs entered, 15 class bitches entered, 2 veterans entered, 13 specials entered and one brace.
 - The club had a catered dinner on Saturday at the house of David and Ellen Robinson. It was nice to see our judge from Scotland in his highland regalia. The food was excellent, and good conversation.
4. Region 4 general news –
 - People in region 4 are watching closely to see what happens with the 2024 National.

BCOA NOHS Final Statistics for 2023**

** Note – AKC NOHS Statistics for 2023 encompass the qualifying period from September 21, 2022 through September 20, 2023. The list contains the top 10 finishers, with ties, where the first listed owner's name is a BCOA member.

Rank	Dog Name	Owner Name	Sex
No. 1	GCHB CH Prairie View Eiswein Von Drachenwald JC DCAT ATT	Jill Ann Zamowski	Dog
No. 2	GCH CH Kelcorov's On The Rocks SC BCAT	Carly Ryan/Phil Ryan	Bitch
No. 3	GCH CH Wolfblitz Running Down A Dream	Laurie Courtney/Steve Courtney	Dog
No. 4	GCHB CH Ksar Makara At Raynbo	Jennifer Zucker/Susan Pennington	Bitch
No. 5	CH Chrysalis Jubilee Amaro JC	Pamela J Leichtnam	Dog
	GCHB CH Dunroving Arlo Guthrie	Ms. Corissa Anne Fanning	Dog
No. 7	GCH CH Morozova Rey's Blair Athol	Erica Wolf/Jimena Paz	Bitch
	GCH CH Russian Sapphyre Rhyme Or Reason JC DCAT	Karen Haberkorn/Helen Korbut/Lois Hough	Dog
No. 9	GCH CH Avalon Perlova Mhd She Loves Me JC TKI VHMA	Adrienne Montgomery	Dog
No. 10	GCHS CH Kyrov's Sword Dance	Ms. Amy Sorbie/Richard Fundom	Dog

Here is the raw data from the AKC website, before I removed the non-BCOA members.

Rank	Dog Name	Owner Name	Sex
No. 1	GCHB CH Prairie View Eiswein Von Drachenwald JC DCAT ATT	Jill Ann Zamowski	Dog
No. 2	GCHB CH Elance Konza No Distance Left JC	Elizabeth Mayer/Kay Cassella/Thomas Mayer/Valerie Lagalo	Dog
No. 3	GCH CH Majenkir Bookstor Straight From The Heart BCAT	Carol Gomori/Dr. Gregory Gomori	Bitch
No. 4	GCH CH Kelcorov's On The Rocks SC BCAT	Carly Ryan/Phil Ryan	Bitch
No. 5	GCH CH Wolfblitz Running Down A Dream	Laurie Courtney/Steve Courtney	Dog
No. 6	GCH CH Russian Konstantin Moscato	Lois Hough/Sophia Chestnut	Bitch
No. 7	GCHB CH Lunnaja Raduga Raskudryavaya Berezka CA BCAT	Olga Hislop/Alan Hislop/Nicholas Scroggins	Bitch
No. 8	GCHB CH Ksar Makara At Raynbo	Jennifer Zucker/Susan Pennington	Bitch
No. 9	CH Chrysalis Jubilee Amaro JC	Pamela J Leichtnam	Dog

	GCHB CH Dunroving Arlo Guthrie	Ms. Corissa Anne Fanning	Dog
No. 11	Rudolf Valentino Du Grand Fresnoy	Karen Fasciano/Cody Longworth	Dog
No. 12	GCH CH Morozova Rey's Blair Athol	Erica Wolf/Jimena Paz	Bitch
	GCH CH Russian Sapphyre Rhyme Or Reason JC DCAT	Karen Haberkorn/Helen Korbut/Lois Hough	Dog
No. 14	GCH CH Avalon Perlova Mhd She Loves Me JC TKI VHMA	Adrienne Montgomery	Dog
No. 15	GCH CH Atilla's Royal Snowleopard @ Maringa	Joy Sargis/Scott Muske/David Hardin	Dog
	GCHS CH Kyrov's Sword Dance	Ms. Amy Sorbie/Richard Fundom	Dog

REGION 5 – Kristina Terra

In preparation for the 2024 BCOA Specialty, I have worked closely with our Embroidery person, who has developed embroidered renditions of our two logos, we chose the merchandise that will be available with our logo, etc. I have had a couple of conversations with Gary Gideon that has done a fantastic job with the bonfire merchandise sales. Melissa Steck Hundley designed a new PNW-inspired Borzoi wind spinner that will be used as centerpieces for the Membership dinner and will be available for auction. The multi-talented Rhonda Robbins created 12 individual one-of-a-kind renditions of the logo in faux stained-glass that will be used as centerpieces for the awards dinner. I had been in what seemed like constant contact with the Olympia Hotel manager, the vendor & Publicity chair Heather Lukashin, our webmaster Helen Lee, our RV parking manager Michelle Rowton, and our obedience chairs Sally Dalzell and Marie Agun, Marie Yoesel who is doing the field events, and many others. Heather Lukashin sourced at least three donors for our welcome bag and after my contact with Knopf Publishing, there is a strong possibility that they will sponsor our event, too. Unfortunately, many of the committee's efforts and time went to waste when, on November 3rd, we learned that we had lost our location. For the past week and a half, more than a dozen venues had been contacted, we had bids from 8 of them with possibly two more coming. Three site visits had been conducted, one by me and two by Hillary Tregillus in the Olympia, WA area. The membership might want to know that in the past, the club had been getting the meeting space for free (sometimes with substantial set-up and clean-up fees) because hotels used to give meeting spaces for groups that had a certain number of hotel nights (if that hotel night minimum is not met, then the club had to pay, as in Texas). The present-day reality is that it is nearly impossible to find a hotel with sufficiently large meeting space that would comp that space. We need a ballroom of 7800 square feet minimum, plus banquet room, seminar room, set-up room, auction room, grooming area, etc. Some of the quotes I had gotten for expo space (and we looked far and wide in both hotels, fairgrounds, covered arenas, expo centers, convention centers, etc.) ranged from \$1,200 to \$20,000 per DAY for the meeting space. I am cautiously optimistic that we found a space that will work for our needs but the contract is still in the works as is securing a local coursing field.

On the regional level, the Puget Sound Borzoi Club had its back-to-back specialties in September that were a great success – beautiful prizes, large ring, huge tent, and a salmon dinner.

Please contact me for volunteering opportunities for the National at k.terra@mac.com—we need more people so that each one ends up with a doable smaller task, not a monumental job!

REGION 6 –Kim Horn Janek

Since my last report dated 08/07/2023:

- I participated in all four portions of the Summer, 2023 BCOA Board meetings.
- I communicated with my region requesting Liaisons for the AKC Meet the Breeds Event in Chicago and Columbus, OH. Tina Wismer volunteered to head up the Chicago event in conjunction with the International Kennel Club Shows on August 26th and 27th. She and Kristen Suhrenbrock, along with their volunteers, spent two days presenting our beloved Borzoi to the general public. Gale Snoddy and her volunteers headed up the AKC event in Columbus, OH on October 14th. A sincere thank you to all the individuals that took place in these very worthwhile events.
- I have sent several email messages to my Region 6 members, one of which celebrated Region 6 members and their successes at the 2023 National Specialty. I received a correction notice from one member regarding the sole ownership of her AOM recipient. I contacted Helen Lee, BCOA Web Mistress, and she made the correction on the BCOA Specialty portion of the website.
- I updated the Region 6 Address Book. I found some errors, some omissions, changed email addresses per request and deleted those that were no longer members. Several email addresses were blocked due to “spam content” and I contacted them via other methods to notify them of the issue.
- I attended the AKC CHI Lure Coursing Trial in Des Moines, IA on October 27th -28th. I introduced myself to Borzoi participants and encouraged them to consider joining BCOA.
- I received an email expressing concern regarding the proposed slate.
- I have been working with Joyce Law and Samantha Isaacs to complete the Top 5 Awards distribution. J. Law placed a rosette order with Hodges and S. Isaacs, at last notice, was working on certificates and mailings. I strongly believe we, as a board, need to evaluate this program. Lyn Hoflin Snyder can speak to us on the total cost which I believe will be upwards of \$850. We may need to seek out donations if we choose to continue this practice.
- I closed out the 2023 National Reconciliation and sent the report to the membership via the Members io group. Updates to the 2024 National Specialty will be highlighted in my Committee Report.
- I received a telephone call from Region 6 Member, Barbara Tyler Lord, expressing her thanks to the BCOA Board for approving the placement of the Memorials on the BCOA website.