



Region 1 – Rebecca Peters-Campbell

The biggest focus this winter & spring in Region 1 is the upcoming 2007 BCOA National Specialty, which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI, beginning with 2 all-breed agility trials on Thursday & Friday, April 19 & 20, and continuing through to Best of Breed judging on Saturday, April 28. We are thrilled that many BCOA members and borzoi lovers from Region 1, including members from each of the four regional clubs, are working to make this show truly special.

Region 1 has many members who enjoy pursuing multiple titles on their borzois. We are proud that our National Specialty is going to offer opportunities for borzois to strut their stuff in Agility, LGRA, Lure Coursing, Obedience, Rally, CGC, and Conformation. Everybody is encouraged to come out to watch these exciting events, cheer on your friends, and learn more about our elegant, versatile hounds.

In addition to competitive events, there will be CERF & Cardiac Health Clinics and two highly anticipated evening presentations. 1) Dr. Jerold Bell will talk about "The Ins and Outs of Pedigree Analysis." Dr. Bell is a respected researcher in the field of canine genetics, with expertise in genetic diversity and genetic disease control. 2) Dr. Anne Midgarden will present her research analyzing borzoi structure and speed. Many of us were intrigued by Dr. Midgarden's initial findings, which she reported at the Centennial National in Ohio. This new study, drawn from additional data on 200 borzoi in the US and Great Britain, will be valuable to all who are trying to breed fast, athletic running hounds. "For fun" events at the national include a Costume Contest, a Parade of Companions, and a borzoi-themed auction.

The show committee has worked hard on fund-raising, with excellent success. The "Borzoi Thru the Year" calendar project raised a significant amount of money for hospitality. Also, Royal Canin was secured as a sponsor; they are donating bags, armbands, and several trophies, as well as a generous cash gift. Fund-raising efforts have been led by Fred & Carol Vogel, Brodny Borzoi, assisted by Barbara Yoon, who also has worked diligently to collect trophy & auction donations.

Information about the 2007 BCOA National Specialty can be found on the BCOA website www.borzoiclubofamerica.org For additional information, contact Rebecca Peters-Campbell, kinobi@comcast.net, or Colleen Thiboutot, luckypets@comcast.net.

Colleen Thiboutot, who has worked tirelessly for the National Specialty, found time to organize trophies to support the borzoi entry for conformation, obedience, and rally at the South County KC show in Warwick, RI, on Sunday, April 29 – the day after BOB judging at our national. We are grateful to friends from several regions who donated to this project, and have high hopes for majors in both sexes at the show. MB-F is the superintendent. Entries close Wed., April 11.

In keeping with tradition, the first weekend in May will showcase two wonderful regional specialties, which will both be held at Mercer County Park, West Windsor Township, NJ. Jim Rau will be the superintendent for both shows. Entries close on Wed., April 18.

On Friday, May 4, 2007, the Borzoi Club of Greater New York will hold its Annual Independent Spring Specialty. Regular classes will be judged by Mr. Jon Steele, and Sweepstakes by Mrs. Robert (Pat) Hardy. The Obedience judge will be Ms. Patricia Scully. On Sunday, May 6, 2007, Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley will hold its Annual Specialty Show in conjunction with the Trenton KC all-breed show. This is a "best of both worlds" specialty, as the club has ringside parking with a large ring and tent, much like an independent specialty, and also the best of breed winner goes on to participate in the Hound Group at the Trenton KC show. Regular classes will be judged by Mr. Dana Cline, and Sweepstakes by Ms. Veni Harlan (?).

Several Region 1 borzoi clubs are making plans to support the borzoi entry at the Hudson River Hound Assoc. show in late July. Last year this was a successful event with a large entry, as well as complementary refreshments and lovely trophies. More information will be available later in the spring.

Lure coursing, LGRA, and NOTRA are alive and well in Region 1. People seeking information about running events can consult the Garden State Sighthound Assoc.'s "2007 Events Calendar."
<http://www.gardenstatesighthounds.org/2007EventsCalendar.htm>

Region 2 – Jim Gibson

In November 2006, I transmitted e-mails to the Region 2 members soliciting expressions of interest for working on 2009 Region 2 Specialty Site Proposals which are due to be presented at the April board meeting in Rhode Island.

Several positive responses were received. These are as follows:

(1) Sandra Moore proposed a resort site at Fontana Village, NC. This location is being used by the Scottish Deerhound National in June of this year. Sandra was provided with the BCOA Guidelines for the specialty site selection. In our last correspondence on 30 January, Sandra agreed to make contact with the resort. I haven't received any other response to date.

(2) Cricket Murray is proposing locations around Charlotte, NC. She has provided information on a Sheraton near the airport that appears promising. In my last correspondence with Cricket on February 19th she said she is investigating other possibilities in the Charlotte area.

(3) Sally MacDowell, of the PVBC, has located a potential site in Frederick, MD which is being used for the Labrador National this year. They have provided a financial proposal.

(4) I have been working with our local (Cobb County, GA) Convention and Visitors Bureau to locate a potential site in the Atlanta vicinity. Apparently she has found sites that will accept the dogs but lack the required indoor ballroom facilities.

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

No report received

Region 4 – Laurie Kasowski

I am very sad to report that the Borzoi world lost two of its biggest supporters this month.

Chris Bradley of Cotati, California, past BCOA Board member who bred Borzoi under the Virshina kennel name. Chris was involved in all aspects of competition as well as an active member of the Regional and National club.

Nat Reese, of Beverly Hills, California, although no longer active in the Borzoi world, owned many top Borzoi with his wife Gloria and could always be found during Lompoc weekend enjoying the Borzoi.

My sympathies go out to their families and friends, they will be missed.

The Borzoi Club of Northern California's (BCNC) next Specialty will be held on April 14, 2007 in Elk Grove, California. Regular class judge is Dorothy MacDonald and Sweepstakes judge is Ms. Mickey Cinollo.

A celebration in memory of Chris Bradley will be held after the specialty. Please contact Suzanne Deghi at 707-829-0911 or at oronzova@comcast.net for details.

BCNC's Fall Specialty will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 in Pleasanton California. Judges will be Amy Sorbie for the regular classes and Rebecca Peters-Campbell for Sweepstakes

The Borzoi Club of California's (BCOC) next Specialty will be held on July 27, 2007 in Lompoc, California in conjunction with the Western Sighthound Combined Specialties. Regular Class judge will be Michael Dougherty and Sweepstakes judge will be Lorrie Scott.

BCOC's Fall Specialty will be held on Saturday November 3, 2007 in Irwindale, California. Regular Classes to be judged by Kathy Forbes and the Sweepstakes judge will be Michelle Lucky-Rowton.

The AKC Eukanuba National Championship dog show was held in Region 4 on December 2 & 3, 2006. Michael McLain chaired the Meet the Breed booth and it was a huge success and a wonderful and rewarding experience for everyone.

Here is a portion of Michael's report:

The numbers of visitors was nothing short of phenomenal -- many, many thousands of people each day, coming by to see the dogs and find out about them. On each of the days, the dogs accepted literally thousands of pats and touches from thousands of strangers -- and we could not have been more proud of their patience and welcoming nature.

I'd like to mention the people (BCOA members all) and the wonderful Borzoi who made this such a memorable experience for so many members of the public. On Saturday, December 2, the booth was staffed by Gwen Little and her wonderful girl "Dover" (Virshina Cliffs of Dover), Chet Weston, and myself with my boy "Sky" (North Woods Silver Sky, SC). Laurie Kasowski also did a great service on Saturday by spending a great deal of time interacting with the public and answering their questions. On Sunday, December 3, Kay Novotny and her great guy "Zap" (Morozova's Moonstruck, CD) and adorable 6-month old puppy bitch "Misty" (Wildwood Misty Blues at Rey) did the honors (along with Chet Weston and yours truly again). And on both Saturday and Sunday, Todd and Toby Brandtman were present with their wonderful gentleman "Chance" (Ch. Bokhara Starship to Paradise, JC) for lengthy periods to provide break-time for the other Borzoi and humans -- a very generous gesture of support and an enormous help.

Michael McLain and Lorrie Scott continue to plan for the National Specialty to be held in our Region in Sacramento April 12-19, 2008 at the Lions Gate Hotel. The Regular classes will be judged by Lena Tamboer and Puppy and Veteran Sweeps judged by Bonnie Dalzell. If you would like to volunteer and be a part of the team that puts on this very important event, please contact Michael or Lorrie.

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Lorrie Scott chairs the So. California Borzoi Rescue. She reports that the raffle that was held in conjunction with BCO's October match was a huge success THANKS to Janice Little and Carol Ness. They raised over \$1100.00 for rescue. Southern California borzoi Rescue is blessed to have such a dedicated ladies to put on the raffle each year and to all the participants who come and bid on the items. The baskets and goodies are wonderful as is the art work.

Last year was a quite year for us. We were able to handle all the dogs we received. We were also able to assist other rescue groups with referrals for potential adoptive parents. Currently we have no borzoi in need.

Jacqueline Gregory is Director of Borzoi Rescue-Northern California (BR-NC). Nancy Joeckel, treasurer of BR-NC. Nancy reports the following:

- We had 7 dogs in 2006 - 5 were BR-NC rescues, 2 were placed through our Referral Program.
- We assisted with another dozen or so dogs by helping find owners of dogs who had strayed, doing home checks for breeders, helping NBRF with NW rescues, coaching owners about how to resolve medical and behavioral problems without giving up their Borzoi, etc.
- We are in the midst of a complete BR-NC Web site revision. You should see the launch announcements by the time of the Board meeting. Dave Mills is doing an extraordinary pro bono job for us. Our goal is to have the BR-NC site be much stronger aid to us in our rescue mission.
- Due to the change in CA charity laws, we've registered with the Dept. of Justice to conduct raffles at our events, since it is one of our important sources of funds.
- Our 2007 Calendar of events:

BR-NC Race Weekends

Saturday & Sunday, April 8 & 9, 2007, Saturday & Sunday, October 6 & 7, 2007, Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4, 2007

Our Fabulous Spring & Fall Raffles

Sunday, April 9, 2007, at close of race weekend, Sunday, November 4, 2007, at close of race weekend

- Available Dogs: With the site launch, we will be announcing 1-3 dogs available through our Referral Program ... breeders are making final decisions now.
- As of today, 44 people on our Potential Adopters List. Most have been in contact with us within the last two months.

Region 5 – Irina Terra

We had light activity over late fall and winter. This is not unusual, but this year extreme cold weather conditions probably slowed things even more. In January, as always, members of our Region began to show their dogs to prepare for an active spring and summer season.

I would like to mention that a borzoi from our Region, Mike and Vicki Savage's boy, Ch. Irishbrook Kalarney, finished 2006 #1 All Breed Systems, #3 Breed System, and a very prestigious #12 All Hound.

Region 6 – Cynthia Gredys

Scheduled specialties and TSE's are as follows:

Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club

Friday June 8, 2007, at Scott County Fairgrounds, in Jordan, MN (note: NEW LOCATION)

Specialty Show Judge Barbara O'Neill, Puppy and veteran sweepstakes Judge Meghann Lord

On Saturday & Sunday at the same location there are all-breed shows for Lake Minnetonka KC, and Sunday is the BCOA TSE. Judge is Dr. Robert A. Indeglia, and puppy & veteran sweepstakes judge is Dr. Kevin Shimel.

Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha

July 21 & 22 BCOA TSE in conjunction with the Nebraska Kennel Club

Saturday – Sweepstakes judge is Dora McDonald and Class judge is Chris Neale

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Please make hotel reservations early!!

Region 6 is slated to hold the 2010 National Specialty. If anyone in the region is interested please contact Barbara O'Neill or me for information.