

THE MIDWEST BORZOI CLUB BULLETIN

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MBC TSEs with puppy & veteran sweeps November 13 - 16, 2014

4 shows Mid-Ohio cluster, at Ohio Exposition Center, Fairgrounds, I-71 & 17th Ave, Columbus Ohio. MB-F superintendent, P O Box 22107, Greensboro NC 27420. **Closes Oct. 29.**

November 13, Sandusky kennel club, judge Mike Sosne.

November 14. Dayton kennel club, judge Bettyann Hale. MBC TSE. TROPHIES *.

November 15, Lima kennel club, judge June Penta.

November 16, Central Ohio kennel club. MBC TSE. TROPHIES **.

Breed judge Jim Sillers, Puppy & Veteran sweeps judge Judy Lowther (lure coursing judge, whippet breeder-judge). \$29 entry fee. \$24 puppy & Bred-By classes. \$15 Entry Fee Sweeps (Sunday only). (Veteran sweeps dogs can be neutered and do not have to be entered in regular class).

* Friday trophies

Best of Breed. The book "The Wolfhound" by Kristine Franklin.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. The Midwest Borzoi Club Cookbook.

Puppy, 6 & under 9 months, Dog and Bitches, First, Dog Toy.

Puppy, 9 & under 12 months, Dog and Bitches, First, Dog Toy.

12 months & under 18 months, Dog and Bitches, First, Dog Toy.

Bred By Exhibitor, Dog and Bitches, First, Borzoi Key Chain.

Open, Dog and Bitches, First, Grooming Bag.

** Sunday Trophies

Best of Breed. MBC Medallion mounted on Engraved Plague.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Borzoi Coffee Cup by Mike McCartney.

Select Dog & Bitch. Set of Borzoi Note Cards with envelopes.

Winners Dog & Bitch. Set of Borzoi Note Cards with envelopes.

Reserve Winners Dog & Bitch. Set of Borzoi Note Cards with envelopes.

First Place in each regular class. Dog Raincoat Borzoi size.

Second Place in each regular class. Borzoi Bookmark by Mike McCartney Third Place in each regular class. Borzoi Magnet. Fourth Place in each regular class. Microfiber Dog Towel.

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes. Wood basket with three Borzoi hand painted on the lid. Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Puppy Sweepstakes. The book "A Puppy's Journey" by Chris Danker. All Sweepstakes Entrants will receive a Toy.

Best Veteran in Sweepstakes. Borzoi Notepad. Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran. Borzoi Notepad. All Veteran Sweepstakes Entrants will receive a 6 foot lead.

MBC Specialties planned for 2015 - pending AKC approval

Sunday, May 17, 2015, MBC Independent Specialty, indoors, at Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron Ohio (on the shores of Lake Erie). To be held the day after the Borzoi Club of America's National Specialty (same site). Borzoi judge: Lisa Warren. Sweepstakes judge: Jon Reimer (Windrift). Show Secretary: KC Artley.

Saturday August 8, 2015, MBC concurrent Specialty show at the Cudahy all-breed show, Grant park, South Milwaukee Wisconsin. Borzoi judge Laura Hyatt (Meyta Borzoi), sweeps judge TBD. Roy Jones superintendent. (Borzoi can show twice that day: at the specialty and at the all-breed show).

AKC Coursing Trials, 1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014

(41 dogs owned by MBC member competing. Dogs with 10 or more points listed. Dog gets 1 point for itself and 1 point for each dog defeated).

- 1. FC Jubilee Drop of Golden Sun SC Cindi Gredys, 62 points.
- 2. CH Riju Enjoy The Ride SC RN June Minchell & Anne Midgarden, 55 points.
- 3. FC Teine Swan Song SC FCH Anne Midgarden, 48 points.
- 4. Highgarden Teine Septimus Severus SC FCH Marilyn Kivela, 46 points.
- 5. (tie) FC C'Lestial Wild & Wonderful Of Ryhka MC LCX LCM2 Diana Darling & L. Green, 24 points.
 - (tie) FC Teine Art Deco SC Anne Midgarden, 24 points.
- 7. FC Technetium's Ancient Chaya Sar O'Ryhka MC LCM Diana Darling, 20 points.
- 8. Highgarden Teine Llyfr Taliesin JC, Amy Sikula & Anne Midgarden, 19 points.
- 9. Starswift American Dream JC Jaime Bobrowski, 18 points.
- 10. (tie) CH Konstantin's Summer Solstice JC SC Karen Haberkorn, 17 points.
 - (tie) FC Windrift Tahoe Comic Relief JC SC FCH Jon & Nancy Reimer, 17 points.
- 12. (tie) FC C'Lestial Starlight Express @ Ryhka SC FCH ORC Diana Darling & Liz Green, 16 points.
 - (tie) FC Konstantin's Summer Breeze JC SC Karen Kaberkorn, 16 points.
- 14. Konstantin's Lylee of the Valleys SC Mariellen Spiros, 15 points.
- 15. DC Clestial Southern Xenon Lights of Ryhka MC ORC FCH VFCH Diana Darling, 14 points
- 16. CH Svershin Twin Elms Anton JC Suzan Breaz, 13 points.
- 17. (tie) CH Windrift Tahoe Celebration JC SC FCH Jon & Nancy Reimer, 11 points.
 - (tie) GCH & DC La Verite Texas Hold 'Em SC Pat Hardy, 11 points.

AKC News

For anybody who competes in obedience, or who belongs to a club that offers obedience trials, I strongly recommend that you go to the AKC website and review the 2 plus pages of major changes. The AKC Obedience Advisory Committee is planning on <u>drastically changing requirements for titles.</u> You have until October 22, to provide feedback, which is fairly easy to do on the AKC online form. Here is the link http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/obedience_advisory_committee.cfm

AKC National Owner Handler Series (NOHS) Program Changes, effective October 9, 2014:

- 1. The limitation that dogs co-owned by a professional handler are not eligible to be exhibited in the NOHS is removed. Professional handlers would still be prohibited from handling the dog in the NOHS. 2. Definition of professional handler is: Professional Handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rated cards, or otherwise advertised or presented themselves as handling dog for pay within the last five years. 3. Entries into the Amateur-Owner-Handler class are automatically entered into the AKC NOHS.
- 4-6 Month Puppy Update: Based on a request from the Board, Event Operations determined how many 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy exhibitors are truly new to conformation. It was determined that 26% of 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy exhibitors are new to conformation. 65% of these new exhibitors continue on to show dogs in regular classes. Therefore, of all the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy exhibitors, 17% are new exhibitors that continue to show beyond the 4-6 month class. Staff was directed to emphasize to clubs that the 4-6 Month Puppy competition is a special event and not a special attraction. Thus, a club holding a 4-6 Month Puppy Competition would not be required to have a NOHS.

Registered Kennel Name Fee: The Board VOTED to increase the fee for registering a kennel name with AKC from \$100 for five years to \$150 for five years, effective January 1, 2015

Modification of the Clusters and Back-to-Back Policy: The Board VOTED to modify the current policy pertaining to the length of clusters to exclude National Specialties and associated events and to clarify that this applies to conformation shows. The revised portion "Approval of more than four days of unique AKC conformation events is contingent upon exceptional site capabilities, Executive Field Staff recommendation, and subsequent site approval by Event Plans. There is a checklist for site inspection. Clusters of more than five days of unique AKC conformation events will not be approved except in the case of National Specialties and associated events hosted by the Parent clubs or specialty clubs of the same breed.

MEMBER NEWS

Cindy & Mike Michalak // Bon-Ton

Bon-Ton Borzoi came up from Tennessee to the shores of Lake Michigan for the MBC Specialty weekend in August for the debut of our newest family member Lagniappe Cajun Zydeco Bon-ton. Being the typical 6 months old pup, he had other ideas in the ring than to behave, i.e. grabbing the leash, grabbing mama's side. The typical spoiled brat syndrome. Nothing good to report from that journey; however, upon our return to the shows in our neck of the woods, Zydeco managed to behave at 2 shows. He picked up his first point in Atlanta and a couple of weeks later managed to win BOW in Franklin, TN for 2 more points. His attitude comes and goes; one day he will gait around the ring nicely and the next day he has the total spoiled brat syndrome and would rather put on a show for the crowd. At a show in Murfreesboro, TN, he behaved day one and took a Reserve followed by the next day leaping thru the air and being totally obnoxious. He was so naughty that even the judge couldn't refrain from laughing. She (Betty Anne Stenmark) told me that he was just so cute! I have my hands full with him but he is just so much fun. Maverick is a vision of loveliness but needs to fill out that very tall body of his. If he'd stop racing thru the 4 acres yard long enough to put on some weight, he'd be in contention.

My girl Zenda has her ups and downs in the ring. She sometimes has this fear of judges and will back away from them. She is the vision of loveliness but also needs time to mature. She's like a fine wine; she'll mature with age. Other than that, we have a couple of more shows before the year is up and then its the usual nothingness for a few months.

At Bon-Ton Borzoi, the happiness of our dogs comes before anything else. They're only with us a short time and we want them to have the happiest life on earth that is possible. I think we're doing pretty well at accomplishing that!

Steve & KC Artley // Tahoe

CH Windrift Tahoe Catch A Star, RN, earned 2 legs towards her BN title. CH Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe, CGC RN BN JC SC, won a first placement and points towards his ASFA FCH. Clint also won a major in AKC coursing.

Roger and Joyce Katona // Anotak

This spring gave us time to practice coursing. Cherish earned her JC title and so far has interest in the lure. We are looking forward to finally having another dog interested in playing the lure coursing game!

We headed to several of the regional Specialties this summer and had some fun with our special. Polar and our young girls, Promise and Cherish. In June, at the MBC Specialty in Kalamazoo, MI, Anotak Promise You My Heart went Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps under judge Dr. Gary Nash. It was Promise's first time in the ring! Breeder judge. Shirley McFadden placed Promise 3rd in Bred-By and awarded Polar, CH Anotak Polar Icecap an Award of Merit. August found us in Cudahy, WI for the MBC Specialty. We took both puppy girls and Cherish made her ring debut. This time, Promise was the Best in Sweepstakes winner out of an entry of 15 under judge, Veni Harlan. Her sister, Cherish was second in the class. The girls were in the ribbons but no points until Sunday. Under judge Nancy Bodine, Cherish, Anotak To Love and To Cherish, took winners bitch for a 4 point major and Polar went Best of Breed and on to an Owner Handled Group 4. The end of August brought us back home to the local Summer Classic shows where Snow Wonder went to her first show in three years. She has been staying home to mature. The last time she was in the ring was when she won her sweepstakes class at the 2011 BCOA National. Wonder took the bitch major and went on to win BOW. BOS. Bred-Bv BOB and a Bred-By Exhibitor Group 2! Her littermate, Polar came to the ring on Sunday and took Best of Breed for 5 GCH points and an Owner-Handled Group 2! He is 5 points away from his Grand Champion Title. Not to be outdone, at the same time in Elgin, IL a third littermate, CH Anotak Arctic Frost BN RD CGC, "Skyler" went BOB for a 5 point major towards his Grand Championship. The next day, Skyler again took BOB and Group 3 for another 5 points! This was his second Hound Group 3, shown exclusively by his owner, Robin Clancy. Along the way, he also got 2 legs toward his Advanced Rally Title! These three pups are from our Snow Storm Litter, CH Majenkir Nearctic x CH Anotak Essence of a Dream.

In other news, I have been working diligently on the plans for the 2015 National. We are planning for a fun week including a first time ever Beach Party!

NEWS FLASH this past weekend, Oct. 4 & 5, Robin and Skyler were on fire! At the Stone City KC in IL, Skyler as awarded a Group 3 on Saturday and on Sunday he took Hound Group 1!! He now needs only 1 point to earn his Grand Champion title. We are very proud of him and are thrilled for Robin as he is her first borzoi!

June Mintchelli // Riju

Borzoi "Rider" who won WD at the National this year shown by his co owner Anne Midgarden, also won WD and BOW at the MBC specialty to finish. He is now CH Riju Enjoy The Ride SC, BN, RN. His littermate "Games" finished his Championship from Bred By the very next day. Games also finished his CD in 3 trials with three first place wins and an average score of 198. He is CH Riju Fun & Games JC, CD, RN, NJP. My OTCH Pomeranian "JJ" finished his MACH in July. He is the first of his breed to have both the obedience and master agility championship titles.

Cindi Gredys // Jubilee

This summer Inken ~ MBIF DC Jubilee Drop of Golden Sun, SC finished at the RMBC Fall Specialty with her second specialty major. In June Landon became Grand Ch. Jubilee Glacier Ozlandia, SC. Our newest addition, Katushka's Roman Holiday for Jubilee ~ Roman, made his debut at the MBC specialty. He's a natural as trips to WI and CO this summer were handled like a pro, Exciting times ahead with this handsome boy bred by Joyce Law. Sadly, Blaise's (GCh Jubilee Renaissance Visions, SC, GRC) show career came to an end with a terrible bladder infection that had spread and required neutering. This sweet funny fellow will miss the ring time. We are looking for just right home so keep him in mind if you know of someone looking to add a smart, handsome, fast hound to their life.

Jon & Nancy Reimer // Windrift

We finished our eighth champion this year, Ch Windrift Tahoe Celebration JC, SC, FCH at the August specialty weekend. The next day Windrift Need You Tonight (Bella) started her show career with a 5 point major Winners Bitch at the MBC Specialty from the 6-9 month puppy class. WOW! Was that exciting! In September Chance (GRC DC Windrift Tahoe Chances Are JC, SC) and Gala (Ch Windrift Tahoe Celebration JC, SC) each finished their ASFA field championships. Another littermate Hope (FC Windrift Tahoe Comic Relief JC, SC, FCH) ran in 5 ASFA trials and has 4 firsts towards her LCM. Entries at coursing events seem to be quite low right now so that LCM title may take a while to complete.

Ameera & Kevin Hoffman & Raphael Finkelstein // Mystique

On the weekend of May 3-4th, I took Spirit to his first UKC shows with the MAPBT Club in Belleville, MI. I was very proud of him, as he was awarded 4 Group 1's and 2 RBIS's, and at the end of both days he was awarded Reserve Best of the Best under 3 judges. I was so proud of our young boy to finish his UKC championship. His name is now UKC Ch. Ubiquitous Spirit Majove Bohemia, and is co-owned by Jamie Lynn Bobrowski and myself. I showed Echelon at the Monroe shows July 5-7. We had a great weekend. At the Hound Show 7/4 under judge William Shelton, we were awarded BOS and 4GCH pts., 7/5 under Jamie Hubbard we received Select and 3 GCH pts., and on 7/6 under judge June Penta, BOS for 2 GCH pts. On July 11th, Battle Creek KC, under Judge Ms. Kalen Dumke won BOB and our very first AKC Group placement ever for a Group 4, and also OHGroup 2. We couldn't be more proud of Echelon. He has matured into a very handsome boy. We have plans to take both Echelon and Spirit to upcoming shows in Michigan and Ohio to finish out the year. Here's hoping for some big wins and great experiences in the ring and out.

Barbara & Doc Lord // Warwind Meghann Lord-Fenn // Warwind

A big moment in our family's life took place this fall, and while not really dog related, it is something that has woven into it our involvement with the dogs, and an experience we are pleased to share with folks who know our family, especially those who through the years, have come to know our three kids, Meghann, Joseph and Kendra.

On September 6th, Our oldest daughter, Meghann, got married to the love of her life, Miles, under the beautiful sky of Colorado. Our extended family was in attendance for this big day, as were friends, including many of those we have come to know and love through our years of involvement in the world of purebred dogs, including Nadine Johnson of Rising Star, Ruth Nesbit of Borianna, Kathryn and James Wright of Kajai, and from Sweden, Stefan and Susanna Soderberg of Jelistaz Borzoi. How wonderful to have them, in addition to other friends and family, join with us to celebrate this happy event. It was a great weekend, full of fun, love and laughter! A moment in time we are going to remember for a lifetime.



Editor's note: Meghann was the MBC top Junior Handler for many years, and handled the Warwind dogs to several Specialty wins. MBC member Meghann Lord-Fern is now an AKC conformation judge for borzoi.

New AKC titles (dogs owned by MBC members, or bred by MBC members)

AKC Conformation Champion (CH).

CH Chihawk Incredible Dreamboat (D) HP40623501, 25-Mar-2011, by GCH Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 Your I's Only RA ROM-C x CH Chihawk Stealing Home JC, br/ow: Tami Marshall & Peggy Marshall.

CH Konstantin's Summertime (B) HP40693907, 22-Jun-2011, by CH Paradise Spirit Me N' Bobby Mcgee UD RAE x CH Calaron Charley's Angel UDX BN RE SC. br/ow: Karen Haberkorn.

CH Riju Enjoy The Ride RN SC (D) HP41189103, 14-Jul-2011 by CH Riju Teine Fun & Games CDX RA JC x

CH Teine Lunar Eclipse CD RN, br: June Mintchell & Sandra Hilbert, ow: June Mintchell & Anne Midgarden.

CH Riju Fun & Games RN JC NJP (D) HP41189102, 14-Jul-2011 by CH Riju Teine Fun & Games CDX RA JC x CH Teine Lunar Eclipse CD RN, br: June Mintchell & Sandra Hilbert, ow: June & Richard Mintchell.

CH Starswift Lightning Flash At Zoiboyz SC (D) HP41803101, 9-Nov-2011, by FC Silkenswift Black Lightning MC CGC LCM SGRC3 SORC x Teine Geneva, br: Jamie Bobrowski, ow: Tom Golcher & K C Thompson.

CH Svershin Twin Elms Anton JC (D) HP42490005, 12-Feb-2012, by CH Petya Svershin Time For A Kiss SC x CH Twin Elms Svershin Ariel SC, br/ow: Terry Doane & Suzan Breaz.

CH Windrift Tahoe Celebration JC SC FCH (B) HP34110707, 21-Apr-2009 by DC Tahoe's High Bidder SC FCH VFCH x DC Kirov Windrift Fire & Rain MC FCH, br: Jonathan Reimer & Nancy Reimer & Steven Artley & Kay Carol Artley, ow: Jonathan & Nancy Reimer.

Grand Champion (GCH).

GCH Aruzia Moonstone Of Rivervue (D) HP38370803, 13-Aug-2010 by GCH CH Aruzia Priority One JC CGC ROM-C x CH Borscana Coyote Latrans JC ROM-C, br: Lorrie & John Scott, ow: Virginia Jones.

GCH Avalyn's Serenity (B) HP44700901, 12-Feb-2013, by CH Majenkir Bookstor Fyodor Fine Art x CH Avalyn Everything My Heart Desires, br/ow: Lynne Bennett & Rachel Bennett.

GCH C'Lestial Tec Fire & Ice Of Ryhka (D) HP37440109, 6-Apr-2010, by FC C'Lestial Casino Royale SC FCH GRC x GCH DC Audruid Bremn's Technetium Of Ryhka MC LCX FCH SOR, br: Liz Green & Diana Darling, ow: Michael & Diane Bilak.

GCH Chrysalis Endless Night (B) HP34477506, 15-Jun-2009 by CH Manitias Brilliant In Black x GCH CH Chrysalis Winter Gold, br: Pamela Leichtnam & Janis Mcferrin, ow: Pamela Leichtnam.

GCH Jubilee Glacier Ozlandia SC (D) HP35289901 26-Apr-2009 by GCH CH Jubilee Tadbit O'Brindle Mist x CH Jubilee's Dunamai Sozo CD RE, br: Cynthia Gredys & Amelia Gredys & Lisa Durand, ow: Cynthia Gredys & Emma Gauthier.

GCH Nonsuch Chrysalis Sun Never Sets (D) HP24816605 5-Feb-07 by CH Nonsuch Marching Orders x CH Nonsuch Wind Chill, br: Kalen & Karen Dumke, ow: Pamela Leichtnam. GCH Windrift Katlyn Of Pineoaks (B) 24-Jun-2005 by CH Windrift Hungry Eyes SC FCH x DC Windrift Bound For Glory SC ROM-C, br/ow: Jon & Nancy Reimer.

Canine Good Citizen(CGC).

CH Windrift Tahoe Crown Royal CGC (D) HP39853710, 21-Apr-2009 by DC Tahoe's High Bidder SC FCH V-FCH x DC Kirov Windrift Fire & Rain MC FCH, br: Jon & Nancy Reimer and Steven & KC Artley, ow: Susan Stanley.

Rally Novice (RN).

CH Riju Enjoy The Ride RN SC (D) HP41189103, 14-Jul-2011 by CH Riju Teine Fun & Games CDX RA JC x CH Teine Lunar Eclipse CD RN, br: June Mintchell & Sandra Hilbert, ow: June Mintchell & Anne Midgarden.

CH Riju Fun & Games RN JC NJP (D) HP41189102, 14-Jul-2011 by CH Riju Teine Fun & Games CDX RA JC x CH Teine Lunar Eclipse CD RN, br: June Mintchell & Sandra Hilbert, ow: June & Richard Mintchell.

Rally Advanced (RA)

Highgarden-Teine Sophie Of Woodacres CD BN RA CGCA (B) HP42162803, 18-Dec-2011 by GCH DC K-C Windsheer Stayin' Alive CD RN SC FCH CGC TDI x DC Baruschka's Krassiwaja SC, br: Amy Sikula & Anne Midgarden, ow: Rebecca Smith.

Rally Excellent (RE).

Highgarden-Teine Sophie Of Woodacres CD BN RE CGCA (B) HP42162803, 18-Dec-2011 by GCH DC K-C Windsheer Stayin' Alive CD RN SC FCH CGC TDI x DC Baruschka's Krassiwaja SC, br: Amy Sikula & Anne Midgarden, ow: Rebecca Smith.

Junior Courser (JC).

Majenkir Intrepid JC (D) HP43679501, 3-Jul-2012, by CH Majenkir Front And Center x CH Majenkir My Vixen Aliy, br: Karen Staudt-Cartabona, ow: Aleta Krick.

Starswift Let Freedom Ring JC CGC (D) HP44209802, 11-Nov-2012, by DC Teine Twist Of Fate SC FCH x GCH DC Avalon Victoria Cross BN RN SC LCM VFCH, br: Jamie Bobrowski, ow: Martine & Stewart Burton.

Starswift Justice For All CGC JC (B) HP44209801, 11-Nov-2012, by DC Teine Twist Of Fate SC FCH x GCH DC Avalon Victoria Cross BN RN SC LCM VFCH, br: Jamie Bobrowski, ow: Kathleen Lucy

MBC SPECIALTY – August 9, 2014 - Written by judge Patricia A. Murphy, Oaklara Borzoi

Although I wasn't asked ahead of time to write this, I took the liberty of doing so because I am often asked for my critique several days after a show and of course I don't remember then.

First off, it was an honor to be asked to judge this specialty and I thank the club members for their support and the beautiful gift with the head study of my Espresso. It is absolutely beautiful.

Puppy Dogs – As with all puppies, they go into sweeps and the ones that move well there act up when they get into the regular classes. And the ones who acted up in the Sweeps classes treated those classes as "practice runs" and behave and move beautifully in the regular classes. All a judge can do is judge them as they are at that moment. In the 6 - 9 class the dog Jantar Myst at Rivervue jumped around and had himself a jolly good time until the last go around when he settled down and really showed just what he could do and he did it smoothly and well, which put him in the lst place. The 2nd place dog, Katushka's Roman Holidy for Jubilee was a close runner up for first. As a matter of fact he was in 1st place until the last go around. Anybody would be proud to own either of these puppies.

12 – 18 Echovesna's Knight in Shining Armour. He was a nice youngster –very pretty, and you knew he was an Echovesna dog just by his looks.

Bred by Class- Though small (only 4 dogs), it was highly competitive. A great class and if I had thrown the ribbons in the air and grabbed one, it could not have been wrong; they were that close. They each could have won but for different reasons. The winner of this class was Vitrina Fiero, a red dog with nice substance and bone and good movement. He was only 17 mos. old.

American Bred Dog class had only one entry.

Open Dogs – Winner was Riju Enjoy the Ride. This dog was pretty, substantial without being coarse, looked great in a stack with the length and return of upper arm that is so missing in our breed and yet so important, and he moved extremely well. This was a hard class to judge because there were several nice dogs in it. As it turns out he was my choice for Winners Dog. When pictures were being taken, his owner told me he had been WD at this year's national as well. RWD was Chihawk Incredible Dreamboat; while a nice dog, he was not quite as good on the down and back as the winner.

BITCHES

6-9 Puppy was in her class alone.

12-18 bitch class was comprised of two sisters bred by Pam Leichtnam. Chrysalis Jan Eyre was No. 1 because she had a little more to her and moved a little better.

Bred by Bitches – First in the class was Avalyn Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken – A very nice moving bitch coming, going, and from the side. And the clear winner of this class.

American Bred Bitches – had 2 bitches and I'm sorry to say that my memory bank is empty here because I can't recall a single thing.

Open Bitch. The winner of this class was Nickolai Khurik Mystral Wind at Highgarden, and a close 2nd to her was Katz La Tosca Rose at Teine. Again this was a highly competitive class and these 2 were standouts.

Winners Bitch went to the Puppy Bitch, Windrift Need You Tonight. Anyone who saw her could tell what a nice youngster this was, even though she did not move fast. Speed is not always the answer in the ring and some people use it to try to cover up things, which only works half the time. She had a very pleasing outline which showed her balanced angulation. This young miss had a beautiful head, a very nicely filled- in body (not coarse by any means but definitely more substantial than is the norm that I see regularly) and when she went around the ring she moved easily and I do mean E-A-S-I-L-Y. One could see that she was tuckered out, but that easy reach and drive could be seen at all times, including the short spurts when her handler did get her to move out. The things I just mentioned were the things that won her Winners Bitch.

Best of Breed class was wonderful. The BOB dog was GCh Auroral's Artemus who really showed himself off with his lovely sidegait and outline both stacked and moving. Best Opposite Sex was GCh Chihawk Echovesna I Luv You and she was indeed easy to LUV. She was typey, a nice size (not overly large but not small either). Refined but just enough to make her very pretty and typey and not weedy. Besides her looks she moved out and gave the breed dog a real run for top honors.

Select dog was Ch. Vitrina Constellation and Select bitch was Ch. Avalyn's Serenity—a dog in her summer underwear which allowed one to take a good look at her. I hope you did because she is only 17 mos. old with has so many nice things that you could see about her---things that allow or cause her to move as well as she did.

Awards of Merit went to GCh Avalyn's Magnum Force, a dog built like a little powerhouse, and Ch Mielikki HiNote Secret Agent Man a beautiful dog with a lot of presence in the ring. He was a dog who held his head high because he was proud to be in the ring, as well he should have been. The two girls were not to be outdone. An Award of Merit went to Ch. Chrysalis Endless Night and GCh C'Lestial Orient Express, again both good moving and good representatives of the Borzoi breed.

I felt the males were OUTSTANDING and highly competitive----actually there were some darned nice bitches there, too, which I think you can tell by how the ribbons were juggled around at the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday shows. Different strokes for different folks (judges), as I always say.

We each tolerate different things but recognized the quality in these different dogs. And for a change, I felt that the dog classes were stronger than the bitch classes. Maybe this is a good time to search out a good stud for your bitches, breeders. It's nice to linebreed, but sometimes one just needs to "go out".

Thank you again for the honor and pleasure of judging your dogs.

Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty, August 9, 2014, judge Patricia A. Murphy

15 class males, 16 class bitches, 15 male specials, 6 bitch specials, shown

BOB: GCH Auroral's Artemus. HP32925001. 12-18-2008. Breeders, Jon & Jennifer Steele. By GCH Auroral's Ajax & GCH Aurorals Rising Star Iroquois. Dog. Jon & Jennifer Steele.

BOS: GCH Chihawk Echovesna I Luv You.

HP37769102. 04-11-2010. Breeders, Tami Marshall & Harriet Goldner & Peggy Marshall. By Echovesna Koral Good Vibrations & CH Echovesna Chihawk First Luv. Bitch. Tami & Peggy Marshall. Agent Robin Novack

Select Bitch: CH Avalyn's Serenity.

HP44700901. 02-12-2013. Breeders, Lynne & Rachel Bennett. By CH Majenkir Bookstor Fydor Fine Art & CH Avalyn Everything My Heart Desires. Bitch. Lynne & Mike Bennett.

Select Dog: Vitrina Constellation.

HP42008003. 06-23-2011. Breeders, Valori Vig Trantanella. By CH Vitrina Rocky Road To Justice & GCH Vitrina Heart Of Gold Hvala Trillion. Dog. Valori Vig Trantanella

Award of Merit: GCH Avalyn's Magnum Force. HP28346305. 10-24-2007. Breeders, Lynne & Mike Bennett. By CH Majenkir Regal By Design & CH Avalyn All About Eve. Dog. Lynne Bennett & Barbaranne Benjamin.

Award of Merit: CH Mielikki HiNote Secret Agent Man. HP44827401. 10-04-2012. Breeders, Renee McCartin & Margaret Strother. By Avalon Time's Dark Traveler JC & Mielikki Windhaven's Whispered Secret. Dog. Renee McCartin. Agent Kari Mccloskey

Award of Merit: CH Chrysalis Endless Night. HP34477506. 06-15-2009. Breeders, Pamela Jo Leichtnam & Janis McFerrin. By CH Manitias Brilliant In Black & GCH Chrysalis Winter Gold. Bitch. Pamela Jo Leichtnam. Award of Merit: GCH C'Lestial Orient Express. HP34198702. 05-12-2009. Breeders, Liz Green & Karen Murray. By Kansai'z Diario JC & FC C'Lestial High Society SC. Bitch. Michael C. Bilak & Diane Bilak.

6-9 MOS. PUPPY Dogs

- 1 Jantar Myst At Rivervue. BA551076 CAN. 01-27-2014. Breeders, Rita S. Walker. By CH Majenkir Regalus & CH Majenkir Jantar Through The Myst. Virginia E. Jones.
- 2 Katushka's Roman Holiday For Jubilee. HP46734703. 02-01-2014. Breeders, Joyce Law. By Katushka's Gauguin & Jubilee Solatido At Katushka. Cindi L. Gredys.
- 3 Starswift Teine FV Western Viking. HP46526301. 12-08-2013. Breeders, Jamie Lynn Bobrowski. By FC Silkenswift Black Lightning MC & Lothlorien Made To Order Zharkov. Sussie S. Nilsson & Anne Midgarden.
- 4 Lagniappe Cajun Zydeco BonTon. HP46935701. 02-03-2014. Breeders, Dedra R. Jones & Gregory T. Jones. By GCH Jubilee Tadbit O'Brindle Mist & GCH Golightly Beau Soleil Lagniappe JC. Cynthia L. & Michael J. Michalak.

12-18 MOS. Dogs

1 Echovesna's Knight In Shining Armour. HP45572902. 07-15-2013. Breeders, Harriet Goldner. By CH Echovesna's Haute Couture & CH Echovesna Chihawk In The Mood. Harriet J. Goldner.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR Dogs

- 1 Vitrina Fiero. HP45972402. 03-28-2013. Breeders, Valori Vig Trantanella. By CH Vitrina Constellation & GCH Vitrina Sylvan One From The Heart. Valori Vig Trantanella.
- 2 Twin Elms Trace Of Smoke V Dana Dan. HP41446502. 03-05-2011. Breeders, Suzan Breaz & Tammy & Tony Forbes. By GCH Dana Dan Silversmoke & CH Twin Elms Barinya SC. Suzan Breaz & Ms. Dana R. Thompson.
- 3 Riju Fun & Games JC NJP. HP41189102. 07-14-2011. Breeders, June Mintchell & Sandra Hilbert. By CH Riju Teine Fun & Games JC CDX RA & CH Teine Lunar Eclipse CD RN. Rich & June Mintchell.

4 Starswift FV Fierce Allegiance. HP46526307. 12-08-2013. Breeders, Jamie Lynn Bobrowski. By FC Silkenswift Black Lightening MC & Lothlorien Made To Order Zharkov. Jamie Lynn Bobrowski.

AMERICAN BRED Dogs

1 Windrift Urban Cowboy BonTon. HP42688701. 02-28-2012. Breeders, Jonathan & Nancy Reimer. By DC Windrift Tahoe Chances Are & CH Windrift Karibbean Queen. Cynthia & Michael Michalak.

OPEN Dogs

1/WD/BW: Riju Enjoy The Ride JC.

HP41189103. 07-14-2011. Breeders, June Mintchell & Sandra Hilbert. By CH Riju Teine Fun & Games JC CDX & CH Teine Lunar Eclipse CD. June C. Mintchell & Anne Midgarden.

2/RWD: Chihawk Incredible Dreamboat. HP40623501. 03-25-2011. Breeders, owners. By GCH Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 Your I's Only & CH Chihawk Stealing Home JC. Tami & Peggy Marshall. Agent Robin Novack

- 3 Russian Windridge Always In Style. HP39733601. 10-23-2010. Breeders, K. Wessinger & L. Spiers & J. Feuerhake & C. Judson. By GCH Greyhaven This Rough Magic SC & Russian Color Of The Wind. Sarah A. & William L. Krouse & J. Feuerhake.
- 4 Teine In A New York Minute JC. HP33954008. 03-12-2009. Breeders, Anne Midgarden. By CH Mayberry's Hawker Hurricane & CH Teine Devil May Care SC. Lee M. Warden & Alan Williams.

6-9 MOS. PUPPY Bitches

1/WB: Windrift Need You Tonight.

HP46609603. 11-25-2013. Breeders, Jon & Nancy Reimer. By GCH Windrift Inherit The Wind & GCH Windrift Katlyn At Pinoaks. Jon D. & Nancy S. Reimer.

12-18 MOS. Bitches

1 Chrysalis Jane Eyre. HP44761404. 02-16-2013. Breeders, Pamela Jo Leichtnam & Janis McFerrin. By Firequest Beowulf & CH Chrysalis Endless Night. Pamela Jo Leichtnam.

2 Chrysalis Great Expectations. HP44761405. 02-16-2013. Breeders, Pamela Jo Leichtnam & Janis McFerrin M. By Firequust Beowulf & CH Chrysalis Endless Night. Michael C. Bilak & Diane Bilak & Pamela Leichtnam.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR Bitches

1/RWB: Avalyn Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken. HP37217501. 04-05-2010. Breeders, Lynne Bennett & Barbara Danieli. By CH Avalyn's Dragan Prince & CH Avalyn's All About Eve. Lynne Bennett & Barbara Danieli.

- 2 FC Jubilee Drop of Golden Sun SC. HP42178205. 11-20-2011. Breeders, Cynthia Gredsy. By CH Zabava Mars & GCH Jubilee Katushka Ebel. Cindi L. Gredys.
- 3 Anotak To Love And To Cherish. HP45015702. 02-12-2013. Breeders, Joyce C. Katona & Roger F. Katona. By CH Majenkir Regal By Design & GCH Anotak Mandalay Bay SC. Joyce Katona.
- 4 Nonsuch Susan Blanchard. HP44333501. 11-20-2012. Breeders, Karen A. Dumke & Kalen M. Dumke. By CH Borscana Contraband & CH Nonsuch Black Eyed Susan. Kalen & Karen Dumke.

AMERICAN BRED Bitches

- 1 Katz Lonicera Starswift. HP43010308. 05-01-2012. Breeders, Kitty G. Sawyer & James Sawyer. By DC Teine Katz Sun Glacier SC & CH Katz Fifth Avenue Fashion JC. Jamie Lynn Bobrowski & Matthew Rife
- 2 Edenrock Calaron Zenda BonTon. HP42503708. 02-17-2012. Breeders, Delores Swan & Penny Keiffer. By CH Edenrock Black Ice Of Calaron & CH Edenrock Calaron Bethany. Cynthia L. & Michael J. Michalak.

OPEN Bitches

- 1 Nickolai Khurik Mystral Wind At Highgarden. HP41000104. 06-17-2011. Breeders, Bonnie Nichols. By DC Teine Nicolaus Copernicus SC & CH Nickolai Olovo Alyss CD. Amy H. Sikula.
- 2 Katz LaTosca Rose At Teine. HP43010305. 05-01-2012. Breeders, Kitty & Jimmy Sawyer. By DC Teine-Katz Sun Glacier & CH Katz Fifth Avenue Fashion. Anne Midgarden.

- 3 FC Mielikki Dir Shepard At Silkenswift SC CGC BN. HP35179107. 03-03-2009. Breeders, Renee McCartin. By FC Silkenswift Rider Of The Storm SC & Mielikki Prophet's Song. Bonnie Dalzell & Renee McCartin. Agent Kari McCloskey
- 4 RiverRun Oxota Fire In The Glen Avalon JC. HP41718706. 10-04-2011. Breeders, Karla Smith & Leonore Abordo & Sandra Moore. By DC Avalon Victorian Pyre RE SC & DC FC Valinor's Circuit De Monaco At Riverrun SC RN. Tina Wismer & Tim Williams & Karla Smith.Agent Kristen Suhrenbrock

BORZOIS SWEEPSTAKES,

Judge - Ms. Veni Harlan, 7 males, 7 bitches shown.

6-9 MOS SWEEPS PUPPY Dogs

- 1 Starswift FV Fierce Allegiance. HP46526307. 12-08-2013. Breeders, Jamie Lynn Bobrowski. By FC Silkenswift Black Lightening MC & Lothlorien Made To Order Zharkov. Jamie Lynn Bobrowski.
- 2 Katushka's Roman Holiday For Jubilee. HP46734703. 02-01-2014. Breeders, Joyce Law. By Katushka's Gauguin & Jubilee Solatido At Katushka. Cindi L. Gredys.
- 3 Jantar Myst At Rivervue. BA551076 CAN. 01-27-2014. Breeders, Rita S. Walker. By CH Majenkir Regalus & CH Majenkir Jantar Through The Myst. Virginia E. Jones.
- 4 Starswift Teine FV Western Viking. HP46526301. 12-08-2013. Breeders, Jamie Lynn Bobrowski. By FC Silkenswift Black Lightning MC & Lothlorien Made To Order Zharkov. Sussie S. Nilsson & Anne Midgarden.

12-15 MOS SWEEPS Dogs

1 Echovesna's Knight In Shining Armour. HP45572902. 07-15-2013. Breeders, Harriet Goldner. By CH Echovesna's Haute Couture & CH Echovesna Chihawk In The Mood. Harriet J. Goldner.

15-18 MOS SWEEPS Dogs

1/BOSS: Vitrina Fiero. HP45972402. 03-28-2013. Breeders, Valori Vig Trantanella. By CH Vitrina Constellation & GCH Vitrina Sylvan One From The Heart. Valori Vig Trantanella.

6-9 MOS SWEEPS PUPPY Bitches

1 Windrift Need You Tonight. HP46609603. 11-25-2013. Breeders, Jon & Nancy Reimer. By GCH Windrift Inherit The Wind & CH Windrift Katlyn At Pinoaks. Jon D. & Nancy S. Reimer.

BORZOIS 15-18 MOS SWEEPS Bitches

1/BSS: Anotak Promise You My Heart. HP45015701. 02-12-2013. Breeders, Joyce C. Katona & Roger F. Katona. By CH Majenkir Regal

Ratona & Roger F. Katona. By CH Majenkir Regal By Design & GCH Anotak Mandalay Bay SC. Joyce Katona.

- 2 Anotak To Love And To Cherish. HP45015702. 02-12-2013. Breeders, Joyce C. Katona & Roger F. Katona. By CH Majenkir Regal By Design & GCH Anotak Mandalay Bay SC. Joyce Katona.
- 3 CH Avalyn's Serenity. HP44700901. 02-12-2013. Breeders, Lynne & Rachel Bennett. By CH Majenkir Bookstor Fydor Fine Art & CH Avalyn Everything My Heart Desires. Lynne & Mike Bennett.
- 4 Chrysalis Jane Eyre. HP44761404. 02-16-2013. Breeders, Pamela Jo Leichtnam & Janis McFerrin. By Firequest Beowulf & CH Chrysalis Endless Night. Pamela Jo Leichtnam.

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES, JUDGE - Ms. Veni Harlan, 2 bitches shown

7 YRS & UNDER 9 YRS VET SWPS Bitches

1/BVS GCH Chrysalis Winter Gold.

HP20418101. 02-04-2006. Breeders, Pamela Jo Leichtnam. By Starborough Smoke Chant & CH Starborough Pavlovna. Pamela Jo Leichtnam.