

THE NEW MBC BULLETIN

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**YOU'RE ABOUT TO
READ THE FIRST
EDITION OF THE
REIMAGINED
MIDWEST BORZOI
CLUB BULLETIN.**



THIS PUBLICATION HAS
BEEN AROUND SINCE THE
1950'S, ACCORDING TO KC
ARTLEY.

HERE'S THE GOAL:

LET'S FOSTER THE LONGEVITY OF THE BORZOI BREED & COMMUNITY THROUGH SHARING OUR IMPORTANT MOMENTS, PHOTOS, AND MEMORIES.

HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:

ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, THE MBC BULLETIN WILL HAVE A DEDICATED THEME, WITH THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. EACH BULLETIN WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CLUB, ACTIVE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, AND SUBMISSIONS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP.

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING NEXT:

OUR NEW YEAR BULLETIN TO COME IN JANUARY WILL BE FOCUSED ON NEW MEMBERS, NEW CHAMPIONS, NEW ADDITIONS, AS WELL AS MEMBER NEWS, AND OTHER EXCITING CLUB HAPPENINGS!

MBC NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



With MBC hosting 3 independent specialties, as well as several TSEs in 2024, the trophy fund is looking a little sparse. I have organized this fundraiser with proceeds going towards the 2024 trophy fund.

PRICE:

\$30 EACH OR 2 FOR \$50

**THESE PRICES ARE FOR PICK UP AT AN EVENT
JAMIE BOBROWSKI IS ATTENDING.**

\$35 each includes shipping to US only.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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Venmo: @Jamie-Bobrowski

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Please help support our club and enjoy your next hot or cold beverage in one of our MBC tumblers! Hope to see everyone at our events next year!



MBC TROPHY SUPPORTED ENTRY, SCHAUMBURG, IL

WHEN: JANUARY 20, 2024 (SATURDAY)

WHERE: THE RENAISSANCE SCHAUMBURG CONVENTION CENTER.

PUPPY AND VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES WILL BE OFFERED.

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: ERIKA WYATT

REGULAR CLASS JUDGE: CHARLES OLVIS

CHAIRPERSON: PAM LEICHTNAM



2023 MIDWEST BORZOI CLUB HALL OF FAME AWARD



MBC 2023 HALL OF FAME BREEDER AWARD: PAM LEICHTNAM CHRYSALIS BORZOI

The infatuation with the Borzoi breed began on a winter day in January, 1986. Bill, his mom, and I attended our first dog show, in Milwaukee, hosted by the Wisconsin Kennel Club. When we entered the building I saw this majestic breed across the ring and Bill knew that it was a borzoi. We walked closer to the ring and watched the judging. I was so curious that after judging I began a conversation with an exhibitor, Darlene Porter, Lignite Borzoi. She suggested I contact Kalen and Karen Dumke (Nonsuch) who had their first borzoi litter, and that was the beginning of our journey in borzoi that is now in its 37th year. Over the years we acquired seven borzoi from Nonsuch. Our first, Nonsuch Nordic Glacier CD, FCH (Tasha) introduced us to the sport of lure coursing. She ran to the title of LCMIII, was the number one borzoi in ASFA in 1987 and was in the top 5 for several years and along the way had 2 Best in Field runs.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MBC HALL OF FAME BREEDER AWARD:

- Member of the Midwest Borzoi Club, in good standing with MBC, affiliate clubs and the American Kennel Club for a minimum of fifteen years.
- Must have bred and registered with the AKC a minimum of five Borzoi litters.
- Must have bred at least ten individually titled Borzoi. This area covers all AKC titles and ASFA lure coursing titles.
- Must have adhered to the Midwest Borzoi Club Ethics and Guidelines.

When Bill and I decided that Tasha needed a companion, my next interest was to show in conformation. When Nonsuch Taytiana (Ana) and Nonsuch Standing Ovation (Zoya) were available, we decided to buy both puppies so that they could play together. Not only was Tasha relieved that a pesky puppy would no longer be biting her tail, but, to my delight, Ana and Zoya finished their championships. Zoya was Winner Bitch at the MBC specialty in Chicago at Donnelly Hall under esteemed judge Nadine Johnson, Rising Star Borzoi, and I showed them both as a brace to fifteen Best Brace in Show.

All but one borzoi from Nonsuch were owner handled to their championships, two achieving a FC title and two acquiring a CD. Our first Chrysalis litter was our "C" litter born in 1994, sired by Ch Nonsuch Grozny and by Ch Nonsuch Vedma At Chrysalis JC. Three finished their championships. Our second was our black and white litter born in 1998, sired by Ch Nonsuch Grozny and by Cordova Mishkova Shiloh; three finished from this litter.



Dove pictured with the "Heart" Litter

Our third litter was our singleton puppy sired by Starborough Smoke Chant and by Am Ch Starborough Pavlovna. Chrysalis Winter Gold (Savona) was born in February 2006 during the winter Olympics in Italy. Savona was named after a town in Italy. She was shown to her grand championship and bred in 2009 to Am Ch Manifias Brilliant in Black. Our fourth litter, British Novels Litter Chapter I, was born June 15, 2009, co-bred with Janis McFerrin.

This litter in type was exquisite. Three champions emerged including the dam of our fifth litter, GCH Chrysalis Endless Night, sired by Firequest Beowolf, co-breeder Janis McFerrin, and we continued our theme, the British Novels Litter Chapter II.

Our Fifth litter produced three champions, including my heart dog, precious Dove, GCH Chrysalis The Call Of Wings BN CD. Our sixth litter is our Heart Litter, sired by Am Gch Estet Classic Yarolik at Chrysalis (ROM-C) and by GCH Chrysalis The Call Of Wings BN CD. I am most proud of this litter (**pictured above**).

Five of six acquired their championships. Dove earned her Register of Merit title in conformation, and the sixth borzoi is living a wonderful life near Milan, Italy with Roberto Ferri. Dove could not have achieved this title without the support of the borzoi owners who showed themselves or allowed me to show to their championship title. Darcy Ferrentino, Patty Naulty, and Colin Kennedy, a simple thank you seems inadequate. The gratitude I have and the friendships that I have made go well beyond showing.

I am very grateful to my mentors. I want it all, as do most! I have tried to stay with a vision: English type. We all want beautiful structure and lovely movement. I also want detail that in my mind screams borzoi. I like to see high set ears, dark eyes, a beautiful head with veining and depth of underjaw, low broad hocks and an outline that just flows from neck to tail.

My mentors Kalen and Karen Dumke (Nonsuch) and Janis McFerrin (Firequest) have been very supportive of my vision in type, as well as friends Barb and Doc Lord (Warwind Farm), Dana Thompson (Dana Dan), and Veni Harlan (Far Field) encouraging me to continue with this vision. I also must include the breeders that entrusted me with their puppies that I imported from the UK and Estonia, Lorraine Marchant (Starborough) Dan Foran (Donskoi) and Olga Gorbatsjova (Estet Classic). Each of these breeders were and still are an integral part of the Chrysalis pedigree.

Health is very important to me. I have tried over the years to be transparent with our dogs and the dogs that are in our pedigree with the knowledge that I have acquired from others. It is imperative that we share as much knowledge as possible to produce healthy happy borzoi.

Finally I may be the face of Chrysalis but I could not breed, exhibit, or travel without my husband Bill, who has supported this adventure from day one. There is no doubt that he is the backbone of the Chrysalis name. He has never wanted to show and he can only attend local shows. His joy is watching our dogs do well and mine knowing that our small hobby kennel can make a difference and contribute to the borzoi lines in the United States as well as abroad. We are so proud of our 18 champions in 6 litters. When AKC introduced the bred by medallion, all that resided at Chrysalis were shown from the bred by class.

On behalf of the Midwest Borzoi Club, Congratulations Pam for this honor!



IN MEMORIAM

June Mintchell

I lost 3 dogs this year which was very difficult for me. I lost Games first and a few months later lost littermate Rider at almost 12 yrs old. A nice age for a male Borzoi but still difficult. Then I suddenly lost my BC to inflammatory thyroid carcinoma. He was only 10 1/2.

I (June) have mostly been spending my weekends judging AKC Scent Work. However, I have been able to show in it some as well. I still am the only person with 4 Detective titled dogs in the country (3 of them Borzoi). My boy Keeper has a record 67 QS in Detective. That's more than any dog of any breed in the country and yes, he is a Borzoi.

I am getting a new puppy linebred on my beloved Rider on Halloween.



"Games" GCH Riju Fun & Games JC, UD, BN, RA, NJP, SWA, SCE, SIE, SEE

Littermate to Rider. Lost him to cancer 2 months before Rider.

Select Dog at Natls

#1 ranked obedience Borzoi.



"BC Joe" CH, OTCH2

Wildfire Dream Come True UDX5, OM6, BN, RE, NA, NAJ, SWME, SWD, SHDME

Multiple HIT winning dog. 4th dog of any breed in the country to earn a Detective title. 1st dog of any breed to earn all 3 of the highest AKC Swk titles.

Lost him at 10 1/2 to inflammatory thyroid carcinoma.



"Rider" DC Riju Enjoy The Ride SC, CD, PCD, BN, RA, SWME, SWD, SHDME

First Borzoi to earn a detective title. There are only 2 other Borzoi with it and they are his offspring Keeper and Mirage, whom I own. He was the 2nd dog in the country of any breed to earn that title.

WD at Natls, BOB at MBC specialty, Group Placer, Best In Triathlon winner. Nat Spec HIT. I put him down at almost 12 yrs of age because of severe arthritis in his back from an old injury.



"RAINBOW BRIDGE," BY ARTIST STELLA VIOLANO

"AND IT IS EXCEEDINGLY SHORT, HIS GALLOPING LIFE. DOGS DIE SO SOON. I HAVE MY STORIES OF THAT GRIEF, NO DOUBT MANY OF YOU DO ALSO. IT IS ALMOST A FAILURE OF WILL, A FAILURE OF LOVE, TO LET THEM GROW OLD—OR SO IT FEELS. WE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO KEEP THEM WITH US, AND TO KEEP THEM YOUNG. THE ONE GIFT WE CANNOT GIVE."

— **MARY OLIVER, DOG SONGS: POEMS**

IN MEMORIAM

JACK
STARSWIFT UNFINISHED BUSINESS 2/25/22 - 10/13/23

Our beloved Jack sadly lost his battle this past month. Complications from his transjugular coil embolization surgery led to the decision to let him go, to keep him from further suffering.

Jack was a fighter from the very beginning. Even before we knew he was born with an intrahepatic liver shunt, he showed us he was a warrior. He loved life in spite of the hardships he faced.

Jack will always be remembered by those who knew him for his carefree nature and goofy personality. He touched the lives of so many around the world, whom we cannot thank enough for their support throughout his journey. Our sweet boy will forever be missed.

- Yelena Papp (Guardian Angel) & Jamie Bobrowski (Breeder & Co-Owner)



EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARD: SUBMITTED BY ANN KATONA

I have a wonderful part time job at the Kentucky Horse Park with the Carriage Association of America. Kashmir ("Kaz") and I go to agility training in the morning then we go to the CAA building. Part of my job is to fill book & gift orders. I brought Kaz into the meeting room/library & closed the doors. In true Borzoi fashion he had to see what I was doing. Boring. He soon spotted something on the meeting table. I turned my back and he quickly used his agility skills to investigate further! - ANN KATONA



CONGRATULATIONS!!

JENNIFER MORGAN & MELISSA GRAHAM

After over 10 years together, my partner, Melissa, and I finally got married on July 22, 2023. Although we were sad to miss the MBC health clinic, we were delighted to spend a beautiful day surrounded by friends and family. Sigil and Lux enjoyed playing in our neighbor's garden but were still charming spectators to all the festivities, which took place in our backyard!



MEET THE BREEDS: COLUMBUS, OH

BY: GALE SNODDY



PHOTO: LOUISE O'BRYAN

On October 14th, a number of Borzoi folks gathered at the AKC Meet the Breeds event in Columbus OH. Our mission: to let people meet our breed and learn more about them. We had a wonderful group of people and dogs, and a lot of folks stopped by to meet our dogs. The dogs were all in on this, and often spilled into the aisle to meet people, especially when a lot of folks were gathered around. Most people were just happy to meet the dogs and pet them, but several were very interested in our breed. I was most touched by a young man, around 10 years old, who really loves Borzoi; his parents say he is adamant that he will have one someday.

For those of you who have never attended one of these events, there are lots of demos, ranging from obedience and agility to canine police units. It is fun to walk around and see the different breeds (there were a lot of FSS breeds there) and to see how others set up their booths. I have to say that I think our booth was about the most informative (although a lot of people did not get past the dogs to take a look), and we had more dogs and people than any other booths I saw. This allowed us to give the public a better understanding of our dogs and how they fit into our lives. I am deeply grateful to all the people and dogs that came out that day. I hope they all had as good a time as I did.

My thanks to the whole Borzoi crew:

- Gale Snoddy, coordinator, brought the literature and photo display
- Louise Bryant, decorator, brought tablecloths, fairy lights, pumpkins, mums and other decorations. She also acted as photo journalist for the event, posting on Facebook.
- Adrienne Hopple helped set up the booth and was a big help and great company.
- Amy Sikula with Kestrel, Kirby Aquino with Ahsoka, Katie O'Neill with Gabriel, Tabitha Sieber with Elsa, Henry Lester with Haunt, Matt Marrash & Laur Bagley with Echo, Jessa Teeners with Reaper, Pashince Waldrop & Kyl Stienecker with Rudy

And just a note: we had 8 people and 5 dogs in the morning, and 10 people and 6 dogs in the afternoon. Go Borzoi!



PHOTOS: LOUISE O'BRYAN

MEMBER NEWS!

JILL ZAMOSKI

I would like to announce that my boy Drake, aka GCHB CH Prairie View Eiswein JC DCAT ATT finished the 2023 year as the #1 NOHS Borzoi. Drake had a phenomenal year showing as a 3-year-old, and we look forward to 2024. Drake earned a Reserve OH BIS in Mississippi in July, and then earned an OH BIS in Union Grove, Wisconsin 2 weeks later. Drake also earned his NOHS Gold award in 2023 and his Grand Champion Bronze award.

As of September, Drake is ranked #9 Borzoi.

Photo attached. Image 1098 is his OH BIS win.

Our girl Azjah, aka GCH CH Horse and Hound More The Merrier, earned her Grand in 2023. She's a wonderful girl that is still growing up. She will be 3 this year the day after Christmas. (image 9662)

Other news, we moved after 29 years living in Alabama to central Wisconsin! Joe and I retired and decided to get out of the miserably hot summers of Alabama. We found a fabulous place in Ringle, Wisconsin, about 12 miles east of Wausau.

My last TSE in Alabama was in April, and I had a blast doing 7 of those with the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa kennel clubs. My 2 boys were a hoot as a brace pair! (trophy table and borzoi brace images)

Dexter made his debut as a Veteran at the Union Grove shows in August, taking his first Best Veteran In Sweepstakes ribbon.



STARDUST WINNING AT BORZOI NATIONALS UNDER JUDGE BARB EWING; KIROV BORZOI

ANNE MIDGARDEN, DVM (TEINE BORZOI)

Teine Borzoi had a banner year in 2023.

DC Teine Runtuff Suffragette City FCh MC won every class she was in at Borzoi nationals, including Triathlon and Best of Breed!

Baby boy Ch. Tatezi Teine Pocket Full of Kryptonite was WD both at the national specialty and the MBC spring specialty. Chip has plans to try his paw at coursing before returning to the ring--perhaps even show trained.

Anne worked hard and arm twisted many borzoi folks to film their Borzoi at a trot. This film was presented at the International Borzoi Council in Amsterdam in August. It was either well received or no one understood it. In either case, the film will be up on YouTube after the first of the year.

Teine has two hot young lure coursers to look forward to this year: Teine If You Go Chasing Rabbits and her brother Teine Rush Though Time. Both started their careers with back to back 5 point majors.

Litter plans for winter of 2024.

MEMBER NEWS!

SUSAN MOTISI AND LILY BUTCHER (PARADISE BORZOI)

Lily and I are so proud of the Paradise Spirit Color litter (Paladin x Surprise) born April 30, 2022 and couldn't be happier with all our new and repeat families.

- "Surprise" is now GCh Paradise Spirit Surprise Package BCAT ATT - Loved, owned and always handled by Lily Butcher
- "Blue Gene" Paradise Spirit Blue Gene - major pointed and is on her way to BCAT - owner, Lily Butcher
- "Jones" Paradise Spirit Yellow Brick Road - major pointed - owners Janice and Rick Butkowsky, Ozsome
- "Mara" Ch Paradise Spirit Lady In Red Enchante - owners MarySue Marcyn and Scott Sumeracki
- "Ransom" Paradise Spirit Gift Of The White Stone - both majors - owners Kristi Arnquist and Lily Butcher
- "Silvio" Paradise Spirit Hi Ho Silver - both majors - owners Patti Seger and Mike Bacsi
- "Lily" Paradise Spirit Indigo Star Calla Lily - is a star in the home of owner Heather MacDonald
- "Masquerade" Paradise Spirit Purple Midnight Masquerade BCAT - both majors - owners Susan Motisi and Lily Butcher
- "Pi" Paradise Spirit Raspberry Pi In The Sky BCAT - pointed - owners and handled by Scott Meister and Lori Meister
- "Marigold" Ch Paradise Spirit All that Glitters Is Gold @ Rushmore - owners Steven Rush and Migdiel Hiram

Lily was thrilled to be showing Ransom to a 5 point major at the GTCBC Specialty in Minnesota under Judge Carol Kubiak-Zamora and Blue Gene BOS in Sweeps. Then she did it again with Masquerade at the BCGO Specialty in Nebraska under Judge Anne Midgarden.

Masquerade is the funniest dog I've ever had, she comes to work with me at the salon where the customers all have to stop and talk to her before they get their hair done and of course she loves it. Some of the puppies appear to be coursers, it's always beautiful to watch them run so we are looking forward to trying that in the spring. For fun, Lily is working on carting with Blue Gene.

We had a great time at the National in Virginia Beach. On the way, we were able to visit with friends Frances and Joe Stroschio, Washington DC, the National Cathedral, and then on the way home stopped to see Pat Murphy.

Welcome to all the newcomers to the Borzoi breed, and Happy Holidays to all; may only good things happen in the new year.



MARY SUE MARCYN

Well the last three to four months have certainly been exciting for Enchante. Our yearling, CH Paradise Spirit Lady in Red Enchante, "Mara" received her Championship title on September 30, 2023 at Rockford Freeport KC at 17 months old, that same day going WB, BW, and BoB. The next day, as a move up, she took the breed. We are so proud of Mara and especially grateful to her expert handler, Kim Halcom, who beautifully presented her. A special thanks to Susan Motisi, Lily Butcher and Kristi Arnquist, Mara's breeders, who let Mara grace our lives on July 4, 2022. Mara will now take a hiatus from showing for awhile to mature more. Looking forward to Specializing her in the future!

Our Seniors, Preston, Blaze and Misty (now 10 years old) are enjoying a leisurely retirement and love being spoiled at home. They love family time and are very much home bodies. We cherish every moment with them. They are such a joy.



MEMBER NEWS!

NANCY & JON REIMER (WINDRIFT BORZOI)

Sisters Piper (CGH Windrift Young at Heart JC) and Taylor (Ch. Windrift You've Got a Friend) have both started coursing in AKC and ASFA. Piper has 5 points in AKC (a second and a third at large majors) and 2 firsts in ASFA. Taylor has 5 points in AKC (a second and a third at even larger majors) and 1 first in ASFA. We're hoping to continue working on those titles next year.

We've also been to a few dog shows. Collin (Windrift You Can't Hurry Love) has earned a major and one single. Flynn (Windrift Take it To The Limit JC) has added three singles to his 5 point major specialty WD, BW from last fall. Both are shedding badly now so the shows might be over for this year.



"PIPER" CH WINDRIFT YOUNG AT HEART JC

TINA WISMER DVM, MS, DABVT, DABT (BROSSOK BORZOI)

2023 has been a good year so far for Brossok Borzoi family. "Pixie" GCH DC Runtuff Riverrun Manic Pixie Dream finished her grand championship.



"PIXIE" GCH DC RUNTUFF RIVERRUN MANIC PIXIE DREAM

"Nina" Brossok Runtuff Black Gold BN CGC earned her beginner novice title and has received both majors for her conformation title.

These titles gave their mother "Ash" DC Riverrun Oxota Fire in the Glen Avalon RN MC CGC FCh, ORC, SGRC2, VLAA her ROM (pending paperwork).



"NINA" BROSSOK RUNTUFF BLACK GOLD BN CGC

ADRIANNE HOPPLE

"Ava" CH Runtuff Tickle Me Pink JC finished her AKC Show Championship with a BOS win May 29th. She makes the 2nd Champion offspring for her mother Betty and the 5th Champion offspring for her father Arlo.

I'm so proud of her. Ava passed all her required health testing (eyes, echo, thyroid) and Holter with flying colors.

"Arlo" BISS GCH DC Teine Runtuff Set The World On Fire SC was awarded Select Dog at the BCOA Nationals in Virginia Beach. At almost 8 years old, Arlo passed his updated Echo and Thyroid CHIC testing.

Bayla and Bodie from the Starswift Deadliest Catch litter will be 10 years old in December; they are enjoying retirement



"AVA" CH RUNTUFF TICKLE ME PINK JC



MEMBER NEWS!



PRUDENCE HLATKY (SOYARA)

Delilah celebrates reaching her Platinum Grand Champion. Delilah was also the first Borzoi to become a NOHS Platinum.

A history making bitch, Delilah has given birth to 5 healthy puppies, 4 boys, and 1 girl.

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GCHP SOYARA'S DEVILISH DELILAH ATT**

REBECCA PETERS-CAMPBELL (KINOBI)

Sunshine, FC Kinobi Sunshine On My Shoulders SC, has had many happy days chasing plastic bunnies. Sunshine earned her Field Champion title in 4 field trials with 4 majors, including Best of Breed (AKC) at the 2023 BCOA National Specialty. Since finishing she has competed in the Specials Stake with verve and joy.

Sire: BIE & BIF FC Kinobi Jumpin' Jack Flash SC FCh. Dam: Kinobi Sweet Caroline SC
Breeder/Owner: Rebecca Peters-Campbell

Photo by Steve Surfman



FC KINOBI SUNSHINE ON MY SHOULDERS SC



KRISTI J. ARNQUIST, DVM

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the members of MBC for granting me the privilege and honor of judging sweeps at the August, 2023 MBC specialty in Union Grove, WI. Observing and laying hands on many dogs is a uniquely educational experience, and gives one an even greater appreciation for the breed standard and the different styles of Borzoi that fit it.

I loved it. The quality of dogs was exceptional and I found myself splitting hairs in making placements.

Apologies for the "unconventional" (rookie) ring procedure, and thanks to all for your patience; it did not reflect the seriousness with which I took the assignment.

Also, a big thank you for the Starbucks gift certificate. Starbucks is my fav for great coffee, but I rarely allow myself such luxuries. What a treat!

**L TO R: KRISTI J. ARNQUIST SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE, MBC SPECIALTY.
PRUDENCE HLATKY SPECIALTY JUDGE, KAY CASSELLA MCMILLIN,
TINA WISMER. DOG: CH LUXOR EVERY NOW AND ZEN**

GALE SNODDY (MELOCKOFF BORZOI)

We have had an active year here at Melockoff Borzoi.

First, my boy Axl (GCHS Dunroving Axl Rose Melockoff) has been doing well at shows. At this writing he is #6 in breed with me showing him. (He was #5 for a good part of the year). He earned his Silver GCH over the summer. I don't show him in Owner/handler, but the superintendent at a couple shows did that, and Axl took a Group 2 the one day.

His brother Armie (Dunroving Armani Melockoff) has earned a number of points this fall and now has 10 with one major. Armie earned his UKC Championship in September and has half of the points towards his BCAT.

Roman has been busy this year. He finished his AKC Championship in September, and then his UKC Championship. Over the summer he earned his BCAT title and is working towards his DCAT. And, in October, he earned his Rally Novice with scores between 92 & 96 with two placements.

My girl Millie (Melockoff's Million Dollar Baby, TKI, RI) earned her Rally Intermediate title in October as well. She had scores between 90 and 98 with 3 placements, including a first place. She would have done better if I had not made an error which cost us 3 points and first place another day.

Last in the new title category, my Whippet Gumby earned his BCAT title this summer as well.

This summer two new puppies joined our family. Bette (Dunroving Bette Midler Melockoff) was bred by Corissa Fanning. Her cousin, Checkers, was bred by Amy Baltrop and Corissa, and is two weeks younger than Bette. Armie and Axl are their uncles.

MEMBER NEWS!

AMY BALTHROP (AKANNI)

2023 has not been the year I had planned at all. Diagnosed with a very rare leukemia in early May, I have been in survival mode since with chemo treatments keeping me relatively healthy until my stem cell transplant.

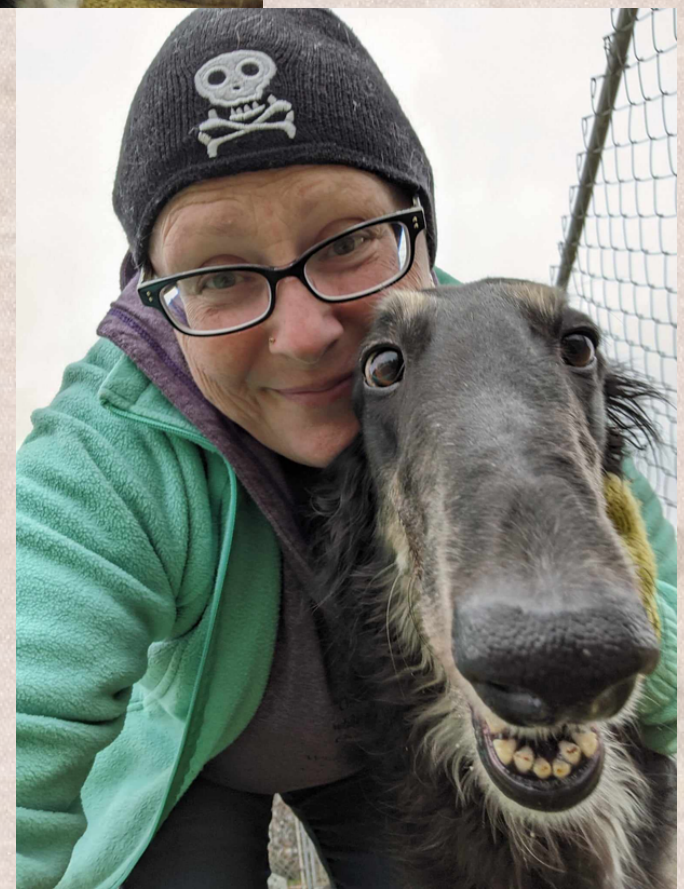
I want to give the MBC membership deep and heartfelt thanks for all people have done for me during this crazy time including: keeping my dogs like they were their own, getting my dogs to health testing, running one at an event for me, helping me get to appointments when a complication meant I couldn't drive, and allowing me to stay at their homes during chemo weeks. I also have to thank you all for the generous fundraising the club did on my behalf and for those who also donated to the GoFundMe started by a friend while I was in the hospital. The generosity has allowed me to pay my bills without worrying as I've not been able to work during this health crisis. I have been overwhelmed with the support and help and am grateful beyond words. I finally have a transplant date, in the first week of December, and that is just the start of several long months of recovery as the donor blood cells and immune system see how they will do within my body. It will be a long road but it's my way forward and I plan to face it with the same focus, tenacity, strength and grace that our borzoi meet life with every day.

As for my year in Borzoi - I had already done a breeding with Corissa Fanning of Dunroving Borzoi when I was diagnosed; she was pivotal in helping to whelp and raise our "Beastie Boys" litter that was born on May 21. Seven pups were born with at least four living with MBC members now, including our two keepers - Crafty and What'cha. They are in Maryland, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. The girl in Kentucky, Beastie, will be moving to Australia in the near future!

I had to be honest with myself about the fact that it might be a very long time before I am able to get into the show ring after transplant, so am hoping to finish my BBE girl (Akanni's Defying Gravity) out of open with a handler before the end of the year (she has 3 majors out of BBE so this decision was HARD to come to).

And finally, my girl Serenity (CH Howff Carbonel Firefly @ Akanni) earned her SC thanks to her co-owner Amy Sikula being able to get her out one day for me.

Again - thank you MBC for your kindness, generosity and support. If it weren't for my purebred dog friends and "family" I could not have gotten through this year.



BARBARA LORD (WARWIND FARM)

At the August 2023 MBC Specialty weekend here in WI, we had the fortune of bringing our sweet Timofei back out to do one of the things he loves doing - running around the ring! But before I get to that, I must first talk about how this sweet soul came into our lives. Our family was honored when Timofei's owner, Jeffrey Winton, reached out to ask if his Estonian import could join our Warwind Farm canine family to recuperate from a injury and be under my husband's care. Of course we agreed, and Timofei soon became Doc's dedicated sidekick until his passing the summer of 2021. This sweet and magnificent dog has settled into life here beautifully. Timofei clearly LOVES his life with his other Borzoi and Whippet friends. Seeing him thrive and relax has been so rewarding! Because of that, we decided to bring Timofei back out at a Specialty held outdoors here in Wisconsin.

We want to publicly thank Rebecca for handling Timofei at the MBC Specialty show weekend! The initial plan was for Meghann (Timofei's co-owner), to fly in to show him, and when she couldn't (and neither could our dear friend Meghan Vos) well, the 'rest of the story' is that when Rebecca Drollinger of Envious Borzoi learned about all of that, and that we would have to pull him, Rebecca came from Ohio to present Timofei for us...and present him in style she did. On Saturday, at the Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty, Timofei took BOS under Prudence Hlatky, Breeder/Judge of Soyara Borzoi. Seeing this beautiful Stallion of a dog (minus his undercoat) floating across the ring with his coat blowing in the strong breeze that afternoon was quite a thrill. At the Sunday show, Breeder/Judge Karen Dumke of Nonsuch Hound awarded Timofei BOB over a lovely group of Borzoi. To finish off the weekend, the icing on the cake was Karen awarding Timofei with a Group 2! I would be remiss if I did not thank friends (old and new) for their kindness and support shown to me and Timofei that weekend.

We also would like to send out well wishes and congratulations to Rebecca on the birth of her recent Borzoi litter. We are all so excited about what the future holds for these Timofei Grandbabies.

Timofei's Owners:

Jeffrey Winton & Jim Modica - Upper Mountain

Olga Gorbatsjova, - Estet Classic

Frederick Lord, DVM & Meghann Fenn-Lord - Warwind Farm, Reg'd.

Timofei's Breeders:

Olga Gorbatsjova & Natalie Kasemets

MEMBER NEWS!

REBECCA DROLLINGER (ENVIOUS BORZOI)

In April, I traveled down to Alabama to support the BCOA supported entry. My bred-by girl Envious Seven Days "Samara" won Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners for a major. The ribbons were larger than she was!!! Thank you to Jill Zamowski for putting on such great events in the south. I had such a wonderful time. I am looking forward to Jill coming to the Midwest and hosting events with our club!

I attended the National shortly after my Alabama trip. Samara ended up 2nd in Bred-By Bitch under judge Barb Ewing. Thank you to Barb for your wonderful comments on my girl. She really is going to be something spectacular when she matures. All three of my entered specials (Varus, Ahri, and Leisel) made it to the final cut. This was very exciting for me.

In May, my bred-by boy CH.Envious As We Fall "Varus" and I went to New York to compete at the Westminster Dog Show. He has not been actively specialied yet and is still spending some time to mature. Much to my surprise, we ended up winning an Award of Merit! I am so incredibly proud of this dog. He is now spending time growing up, and likely will be coming out to show a bit more in 2024.

I have spent the remainder of the year away from shows as I anticipated the arrival of Varus' first sired litter (out of my beautiful Leisel). We welcomed the Taylor Swift litter on September 4, 2023. 4 boys, 4 girls-all spotty whites! Leisel is an incredible hunter, an excellent show dog, and can now add "awesome mom" to her list of accomplishments. She made my job incredibly easy. All 8 of the puppies have been an immense joy in my life; I cannot wait for you all to meet them.

I am hoping all of you have a wonderful holiday season and New Year. Hope to see you all at shows soon!

PAM LEICHTNAM (CHRYSALIS BORZOI)

It has been a very busy show season for Chrysalis this year. I am proud to say I have had some great success. I have shown multiple dogs this year for various reasons and here are some of the highlights.

Ch Chrysalis Jubilee Amaro

Mario has not been shown in a number of years since he finished his championship. I decided to take him out to obtain his grand championship. Little did I know he would collect most of his points, dogs defeated, and majors in one weekend. At the Racine/Cudahy weekend he was awarded Breed under Mr. Eric Liebes, Breed and Group 4 under Mrs. Donnelle Richards, Select Dog under breeder judge Ms. Karen Dumke, Owner Handler Group I under Mrs. Edweena (Teddy) McDowell and a first for me, Owner Handler Best in Show under Ms. Karen Dumke. He now needs just a few singles to wrap up this title.

Gch Chrysalis Thief of Hearts

Valentino has been shown selectively this year. I am hoping to take him to his GCHB. He had some wonderful wins this yr including The Cuyahoga Valley Hound Association, in Madison, OH, where he was awarded Breed and A Group III Under Mr. Ronnie F Natividad with some of the top hounds in the country competing. If anyone has attended that show, it is a beautiful setting on Lake Erie. In addition, at the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club specialty weekend, he was awarded Select Dog at the Specialty under Breeder Judge Mrs. Carol Kubiak-Zamora, Select under Mr. Doug Johnson at the all breed show and an Award of Merit at the second borzoi specialty under Mr. Kendell Cook. The last time he was shown was the Borzoi Club Greater Omaha weekend. At the first specialty he was First Award of Merit under Breeder Judge Anne Midgarden and at the second specialty Valentino was awarded Select Dog under Mrs. Jane Bishop.

Gch Chrysalis Playing On My Heart Strings

Music has been shown just a few times this year. At the Waukesha Kennel Club show, she was awarded and Owner Handler Group IV under Ms. Lisa Costello and at the Burlington Kennel Club Show she was awarded Owner Handler Group I under Judi Roller. I am also hoping to take her to her GCHB.



Am Ch Estet Classic Omega

Orianna... What can I say about this girl? I knew when I had contacted Olga Gorbatsjova that this girl was very special. I was over the moon to get a message from Olga agreeing to send her to America. That particular breeding was the breeding I wanted to be a part of my bloodlines. Orianna has exceeded every expectation I had, not only what I love in a borzoi--her type, structure and movement--but her personality. She is the first borzoi I have ever owned in 37 years to not only finish from the 12-18 class, but to finish with all Borzoi Regional Specialties under for different breeder judges. Her accomplishments include:

- Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club: Judge Mr. Frederick Vogel, WB 4pt Major
- Midwest Borzoi Club: Judge Mrs. Prudence Htalky, WB, BOW 5pt Major
- Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club: Judge Mrs. Carol Kubiak-Zamora WB, BOW 5pt Major
- Borzoi Club Of Omaha: Judge Mrs. Jane Bishop, WB 5pt Major

Orianna will begin her adventure in other areas this next year and shown occasionally under judges that I believe may like her, even though she is not at full maturity.

Last but not least, I would be remiss if I did not mention **Gch Chrysalis Star of My Heart, Khaleesi**, owned by Darcy Ferrentino and myself. Khaleesi finished her Grand Championship in style with a 5pt major and Breed under Judge Mr. Michael Faulkner at the Madison, OH shows. This was one of five Majors to complete this title. In addition Darcy is competing with her in agility. This is the first borzoi I have bred that has competed in this type of performance event. I am happy to say she is doing very well; she and Darcy make a wonderful team. Thus far she has two Q's in Novice Standard Preferred. In addition she has been a fabulous Therapy Dog. She goes to the office with Darcy on certain days with certain clients and these clients just adore her. From what I am told the room just lights up when they see her. I said from the beginning that this was the puppy for Darcy. All who have puppies from this litter are very happy with the puppy they have and, in addition, I would like to thank the owners, Patty Naulty and Colin Kennedy, for the wonderful homes you have provided my borzoi.

On a sad note, I lost my Heart Dog **Gch Chrysalis The Call Of Wings BN, CD, Dove**. She was my shadow and I miss her terribly. She achieved a title I have never accomplished before, My first ROM-C. I am thrilled she garnered this title and so proud of her litter and the owners who helped make it happen. I am very grateful and Dove will be forever in mind and heart.

Meet the Editor **CLAIRE BREEN**

Hi, I'm Claire, if we haven't met yet, I hope that we will soon! It has been so much fun connecting with everyone and receiving your submissions for the bulletin. I hope that we will get to know each other better, as more time goes on.

Many thanks to Anne Midgarden (DVM) for the opportunity to take over the role of publishing the bulletin, KC Artley has some big shoes to fill and I hope I will do her, and the members of the club justice! Another major thank you to Jenn Morgan for proofreading this for me!

ABOUT ME

My husband Trevor and I joined the Borzoi Community with our first borzoi Louise (Prairie View MooLatte) in May of 2022. Followed shortly after by her litter sister, Debbie (Prairie View Little Debbie) and a puppy boy named Gus (Kirov Gustav's Portrait of a Sunflower) in October of 2022. Thank goodness Trevor is a firm believer in "Happy Wife Happy Life" and has been fully on board with this journey into purebred dogs, and dog sports. We live in a 150 year old home in Michigan, with the borzoi, a retired trial racing lurcher, and our mostly-corgi. Thank you all for welcoming us into the MBC community.

