



Quarterly

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From the Editor's Desk...

This issue contains our regular "features" such as a calendar of upcoming events in Texas, member news, new titles, etc, plus a recipe for "Breath Biscuits", some information on the upcoming Abilene supported entry and a special Dog Profile of Valimir, who has had such a lovely year in the ring.

We would love for more dog profiles to be submitted, as well as club member profiles. We are also in need of any stories, poems, dog treat recipes or artwork that our members would like to share!

R. Lynn

DUES!

You should have received a Dues notice either via an email or through US mail. If you have not received your notice, and you wish to renew your membership, please contact Victor at 972- [REDACTED] or victor.whitlock@mclanefoodservice.com

Please welcome to the Pack...

Rita Linck

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

4-5: Nolan River KC dog show (Glen Rose)
8: Entries close - Abilene
11-12: AAWC Lure Trials (Hutto)
18-19: AHCD Lure Trials (Fort Worth)
25-26: Abilene KC dog show
LSBC BCOA Supported Entry
LSBC Club Meeting on Saturday

FEBRUARY

5: Entries close: Brazoria KC
8: LSWC ASFA Lure Trial (Decatur)
9: GIT ASFA Fun Match (Decatur)
12: Entries close - Faith City
15-16: AAWC Lure Trials (Hutto)
19: Entries close - San Antonio cluster
22-23: Brazoria KC dog show (Houston)
LSBC Club Meeting on Sunday

26: Entries close - Houston/Galveston

MARCH

1-2: Faith City KC dog show (Wichita Falls)
5: Entries close - Fort Worth
6: Comal County KC dog show (San Antonio)
7: KC of Greater Victoria dog show (San Antonio)
8-9: San Antonio KC dog show
12: Entries close - Brazos Valley
15: Houston KC dog show
16: Galveston County KC dog show (Houston)
19: Entries close - San Jacinto
22: Fort Worth KC dog show
23: Texas KC dog show (Fort Worth)
26: Entries close - Stephenville and Beeville
29-30: Brazos Valley KC dog show
29-30: AHCD ASFA Lure Trials (Fort Worth)
March meeting to be announced

GIT - Gazehounds in Texas; website <http://www.gazehoundsintexas.org/>
AHCD - Afghan Hound Club of Dallas
AHCGH - Afghan Hound Club of Greater Houston
AAWC - Alamo Area Whippet Club
LSWC - Lone Star Whippet Club

New Titles

The following LSBC Membership Borzoi were reported to have finished the following title requirements in the past quarter. Congratulations to them and their owners and breeders!

CONFORMATION

AMERICAN CHAMPION

Katz Mississippi Queen
Kristull Jjones Cinderella, CGC (Jones)
Zchtsaj's Shefaro Guillermo (Rodarmor)

JUNIOR COURSER

Svora's High Echelon (Russo)
Svora's Whirlaway (McFadden)

AKC FIELD CHAMPION

Borscana Cloudy Day, SC GRC FCh

ASFA FIELD CHAMPION

Borscana Cloudy Day, SC GRC (Shell)

GAZEHOUND RACING CHAMPION

Borscana Cloudy Day, SC (Shell)

SUPERIOR GAZEHOUND RACING CHAMPION

DC Nickolai Misty Clairidge, CGC JOR SC FCh GRC (Shell)



New Websites!

check out these new websites
belonging to our members:

Richard Terry and Rita Linck
<http://www.ariaborzoi.com/>

Susan Vandewater - NEW ADDRESS
<http://www.borzoidelsol.com/>

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❖ **Dee Jones** - "Our Cin became Champion Kristull Jines Cinderella, CGC at the Murfreesboro, TN show in October and was BOS the next day to Remy. She was also BOS 3 days of the 4-day show held in Gonzales, LA in December. Not to be outdone by his Borzoi sister, our Afghan Hound Campari (elite Lagniappe Campario) singled out at Murfreesboro and is now awaiting for some majors to win for his championship. Campari also graced the front page of the December issue of the newsletter published by our local animal welfare society (CAAWS) and can be seen on their website at <http://www.caaws.org/events/santapaws2002/sp2002-a.htm>. They were reporting on their recent Photos with Santa fund drive and chose Campari to highlight the article."

❖ **Teresa Mauk's** Apollo won Best of Breed from the Open Stake at the ASFA lure trial held the Sunday before Thanksgiving in Decatur. He defeated some top-ranked Field Champions!

❖ **Shirley and Michael McFadden** - "GoGo and Czar both received their 2nd 4-point majors at the Travis County shows under breeder/judge Sandy Simmons. GoGo picked up another 2 points at the Fort Bend Kennel Club show. GoGo and Ritzy received their JCs in one weekend. Then GoGo won an AKC lure coursing 4-point major in Hutto and went BOB and then almost won Best in Field after tying with the eventual winner."

❖ **Carolyn Mueller** sends news that Wiggle (co-owned with Jackie, Wayne and Sara) finished her championship with Jackie showing her for her final win in Conroe. Wiggle earned 3 majors during her championship quest. Sparkle earned several more points by taking BOW in Fort Bend, BOB at Travis County, Winners Dog in Bartlesville, BOW at the Tri-State Kennel Club show and Winners Dog at Cen-Tex in Waco. Tepla won Reserve WB at the Fun-Tier Kennel Club show, and at Cypress Creek, she won Puppy BOB. Mishka won WB/BOS at Travis County and Ruger won WD/BOS at Canadian Valley and Oklahoma City.

❖ **Sherry Rodarmor** sends news that Shefaro finished six American Champions this year: Ch Shefaro Guardian of Delights, CD (Nancy Ebeling), Ch Shefaro Alejandro's Amadeo (Matsumo Mera), Ch Shefaro's Anasazi (Shefaro), Ch Shefaro Xena Empress of the Hunt (Dr. Greg Gomori), Ch Shefaro Elia's Guillermo (Dr. Helio Martines and Shefaro), and Ch Zchtsaj's Shefaro Guillermo (Shefaro); Three (USA) International Champions: Int'l Ch Shefaro's Carole Lombard (Shefaro), Jr Int'l Ch Shefaro Amadeo's Panda, and Int'l Ch Shefaro Seraphim Gimmix; Four International Champions: IntAm Mex Ch Shefaro Elia's Guillermo, Int Mex Ch Shefaro's Jada (Dr. Marinez), Int Mex Ch Shefaro's Elia's Tasha (Dr. Raul Coss Lira) and Int Mex Ch Shefaro's Allegra (Dr. Raul Coss Lira). Am Can Ch Shefaro Alejandro's Mariska (owned by Dr Greg Gomori) finished in the top ten rankings for the third year in a row and won first AOM at the Garden. Int'l (USA) Am Ch Shefaro Borllies' Allegra, CDX JC (owned by HOLly Bourne) has earned legs towards her Utility title. For the coming year, Sherry looks forward to completing championships on Shefaro's Chita Enrique (owned by Emily Patterson), who lacks but one major to finish;

Shefaro's Chevalier Rouge (Shefaro), who has 5 points, including a major in only 2 show weekends); Shefaro's Venado Anubis (Karrie Stevenson and Shefaro), who is pointed from the puppy class; Shefaro Amadeo's Rodrigo (Shefaro), who is also pointed from the puppy class; and Shefaro Seraphim Indisguise (Jan and Dee Saab), another youngster pointed from the puppy class.

❖ **Kitty Sawyer** - "The goal I had for 2002 was to finish Blue and Jamie's conformation championships. We did it! Now Jamie is waiting for the day after Christmas to meet her husband. Hopefully we will have March 1st puppies. The Russia N Remy pups are six months old and Paisley is hoping to make her puppy debut in Abilene in January and hopes to see her sister Hattie if her mom Margaret meets us there. Her brother Rhythm is going to Germany in January. Another brother, Rover, is in Ohio with Anne, probably playing in the snow."

❖ **Lynn Shell and Victor Whitlock** - "Burni picked up more singles winning WD in Fort Smith, AR and WD both days at the Mesquite shows, taking BOW on that Sunday. Burni also earned points towards his ASFA FC in December. His sister Duri won WB one day at the Fun-Tier Kennel Club show. Sassi won the BBE class both days over much more mature competition at the Cen-Tex Kennel Club show. She then won WB/BOW the one day she was entered in Mesquite, which was her first point! Flareon turned it on during the last TX LGRA meet of the year, winning all 3 heats both days for a total of 8 NGRC points. She also won her 2nd AKC coursing major at the lure trials in Katy, TX in November. On the second day of the AAWC December lure trials in Hutto, Flareon turned in some stunning runs in a stake of 8 field champions. She won the 3-way run-off and took Best of Breed! Miss T completed the requirements for her SGRC title (Superior Gazehound Racing Champion) in November, and also earned her CGC. Monkee has been one of our most successful hounds this past quarter - she won WB both days at the Fort Smith shows, and is now singled out. She took the major reserve one day at Cy-Creek, and reserve at Conroe. She took to oval racing (and box-breaking) very quickly and won BOS at the NOTRA Nationals. In lure coursing, she won numerous Open stakes and completed her ASFA field championship in December. She is her breeder's first FC Borzoi! At the AKC lure trial in Katy, she won the Open Stake and BOB, and turned in a most beautiful Best in Field run, which even garnered compliments from the Whippet folk present! Unfortunately, she lost BIF by a single point - but she did earn an AKC major! Monkee also earned her GRC in November as well, and her AKC FC in December, so we're quite proud of her. Kalipso (co-owned with Nadine Johnson) made his ring debut at the Conroe shows, and on Saturday received Reserve to a 4-point major from the 6-9 Puppy class.

❖ **Sherita Tabner** - "We are thrilled to report that Mir won the Borzoi breed at the 2002 NOTRA OB Nationals. The first day was a bit warm for him, but a cold front came through that night, and on Sunday he ran like the wind. Mir is currently ranked in the top 20 in ASFA and AKC coursing, LGRA and NOTRA. We look forward to seeing everyone in Abilene!"

Borzoi Profile

Our dog profile for this newsletter is of one that we are all familiar with, but may not know his more complete story.

Thanks to Richard Terry for giving us a more intimate look at this beautiful boy who has had such a marvelous career.

Valimir

Properly known as Multiple Group Winning, MBISS Ch. Chataqua's Valimir of Kyrov, SC, Valimir was born June 22, 1995. Bred by Sara Whittington, Amy Sorbie, and Wayne Rowe, his parents were Ch. Chataqua's Desert Phoenix of Kyrov and Ch. Rising Star Ivana. Marion and I first saw him as a somewhat awkward seven month old puppy, but even then his potential was bursting out all over. He started winning points and majors as soon as he appeared in the ring, obtaining his championship at the age of fifteen months with three majors.

Shown somewhat sporadically over the next few years, he showed his potential along with a frustrating tendency to self-destruct his opportunities with his often inscrutable sense of humor. A new phrase was born of those of us who handled him during this time. We called it being "Vali-schmeared" and he did it so often to all of us. Our embarrassment was his delight. I was once told that he could be a great dog if he ever decided to behave in the ring.



Still, he got his first group placement and was nationally ranked in both Breed and All-Breed before he was three. Won his first Hound Group before he was four. But he didn't really start to reach his potential until 2001, when he won four Hound Groups

among twelve placements and cracked the Top Ten for Borzoi on both sides, making it to #5 in Breed points.

Our goals for 2002 were audacious in our minds. We would attempt to put Valimir into the Top Five for both Breed and All-Breed in the same year. Valimir's previous best finish on the All-Breed side was as #8 in 2001, so we knew it would be a struggle. The year started out with a bang, Valimir quickly rising to the top of the Borzoi breed. We went into the National as the #3 Borzoi in Breed and Top Ten in All-Breed. Not making even the second cut in the specials ring in Atlanta was a bitter blow, and much second guessing began.

Still, we kept on going, piling up the points and a few group placements. Then, on Memorial Day, we went all the way down to Gonzales, LA to help support Gwen Post in her bid to host a TSE in southern Louisiana. The best Valimir could do in a three day show was BOS. A dear friend suggested that he looked tired and ready to retire. When I got home, I called Marion and she agreed that perhaps it was time. After all, Valimir had shown very well for many years and had a very nice career to look back on. A double Top Ten finish in his last full year of showing was nothing to sneeze at.

But we were still entered in a few more shows. We went back to Louisiana the next weekend and showed in a flea infested pit of a rodeo arena in the sweltering June heat. After the previous weekend, I really expected nothing. But Valimir and the judges had other ideas. When much dust had settled, Valimir had taken back to back Hound Group I's! Now I was really confused. Everyone there said that Valimir had never looked, or showed, better. But I knew the groups were not really that strong. Perhaps it had just been a fluke?

The next weekend, I went to Paducah, Kentucky to pick up some dogs from the Northeast that I was to show during the summer and to return some that I had been showing. The first day there, Valimir knocked off his third Group I in a row. In an outdoor ring with temperatures in excess of 100. Under a judge that had never seen him before. This time, I looked around the ring and saw four other Top Ten hounds in their breeds. This win was no fluke. Perhaps Valimir was not either. The next day, Valimir took a Group IV, but still, four consecutive group placements, three of them Group I's!

So, maybe he wasn't finished yet. Plans were made to see how far he could go. Valimir had never been to a regional Borzoi specialty, so we made plans to go to Wisconsin to show at the Midwest Borzoi Club show in August. Again, outdoor rings in August in unseasonably hot weather for Wisconsin proved to be just the ticket for Valimir, taking BOB at the specialty under breeder judge Henri Goldner and the next day, a

Hound Group I under breeder judge Ron Spritzer. (A picture from Racine is on the previous page, taken by Roger Katona).

We were invited to attend the Borzoi Club of Northern California specialty in October. By now, it had become apparent that Valimir had a shot at breaking into the Top Three Borzoi in Breed for the year. Valimir flew on a plane for the very first time, taking off into raging thunderstorms that lasted most of the way into San Francisco. Once there, Valimir had very little time to recover. Arriving at 1:00 in the morning, we had a 5:00 wake up call to get to the showsite in time to show his California babies in Sweepstakes. It was a long day, but a most gratifying one as it ended with Valimir taking his second BOB in a specialty under another breeder judge. This time, Patti Neale (picture below).



And so it has gone. Valimir currently stands (thru November 30) as the #1 Borzoi in Breed and the #4 Borzoi in All-Breed. As best we can tell, those will be his final rankings. He had a great December, winning seven of eight Breeds and garnering two Group II's. He was invited to both the Eukanuba Invitational (we declined) and to Westminster (we accepted). We will be traveling to New York City in February to duke it out with the Who's Who of Borzoi at Madison Square Garden. Just a couple of Texas boys showing up in the big city. Should be fun.

As far as the rest of next year goes, who knows? Valimir will be shown as long as he continues to show the desire to go. At the moment, he has never failed to answer the call. Never failed to give me everything he has in the ring. But the moment he says it is over, it will be. With no regrets whatsoever.

But in the back of my mind, rings that one small fact. The most famous Chataqua Hound of all time, accomplished one thing that Valimir has not done. Win Best in Show. Can Valimir do it? Who knows? God and the judges have far more to do with that than I do. But Vladimir was eight when he won his Best in Show so many years ago. Valimir does not turn eight until the middle of 2003. Maybe, the Best is yet to come!

For the record, sixteen Hound Group I's, eight of them in 2002. Two SBIS at Borzoi Regional Specialties, both of them in 2002. Over 850 Borzoi defeated in 2002. Over 2,600 Hounds of all breeds defeated in 2003. Always, proudly owner handled.

New Additions

From Sherita - "We are looking forward to the arrival of our newest "furchild", Gologhtly Bricole LeReau, "Sizzle", coming from Marcella Zobel in California. This self-red beauty should arrive around January 1st. She will make her debut at the BCOA Supported Entry in Abilene, and begin coursing very shortly after that. We can hardly wait for her arrival!

(Bragging Rights, cont'd)

❖ **Richard Terry's Val** has had a great fall season. His accomplishments include: back-to-back Group 1's at the Humble shows under judges Isabell Stoffers and Michael Dougherty; a Group 4 at the Greater Shelby KC show in Memphis (Jon Cole); Group 1 at Fort Bend under breeder/judge Ron Spritzer; a Group 1 and 2 at the Cen-Tex shows in Waco (judges Alvin Krause and Jon Cole respectively); a Group 2 at the Panhandle KC in Amarillo (judge Virginia Hampton) and a Group 2 at the West Central Oklahoma show under Michael Dougherty. During a trip to California, Val won Best In Specialty Show under breeder/judge Patti Neale at the Borzoi Club of Northern California's regional specialty. He was also first in the Stud Dog class. At the following BCNC trophy supported entries, Val won first Award of Merit under Michelle Billings and Best of Breed the next day under Allen Pepper. Valimir finished November ranked as the #1 Borzoi in the country in Breed points, and #4 in the country in All-Breed points per the Canine Chronicle. He has been invited to participate at the Westminster Kennel Club show in February and is expected to attend as the Pedigree Award Winner in Borzoi for 2002. Madeline, Sunburst's Madeline of Nobility, earned her first points at the Panhandle Kennel Club show in Amarillo, winning WB on December 5 and 6 under judges Jane Roppolo and William Shelton.

❖ **Sara Whittington and Wayne Rowe** - Flare (co-owned with Carolyn) won Best of Breed in San Antonio and took BOW at the Cypress Creek Kennel Club show. Spangle (co-owned with Carolyn) won WD in Fort Bend, BOW at Fun-Tier, and WD and BOW at the Humble shows.

ABILENE 2003

Our BCOA Supported Entry in Abilene is fast approaching! Entries close on January 8, 2003. Jack Onofrio is the Show Superintendent. Judges are Chris Swilley (Renaissance) for Sweepstakes and John Reeve-Newsome (Kishniga) on Saturday, January 25, (the day of the TSE) and George Heitzman on Sunday, January 26.

LODGING

We have arranged with the Whitten Inn to be "Host Hotel for the LSBC/BCOA TSE" and they have special rates. Phone number is (915) 677-8100 or 1-800-880-7666 and please let them know you will be coming for the TSE at the Abilene Dog Show. Rates are \$52.00, no pet deposit and includes two hot cooked breakfasts. It is a nice hotel and only about 6-7 blocks from the show site and they have nice grassy areas for exercising your dogs (please remember to clean up after your dogs as this is one of the few hotels that openly accept the dogs and don't ask for a non refundable pet deposits and would hate to lose it). By using them as a host hotel, we got the room for our Sweeps judge at no cost - so please support this hotel!

HEALTH CLINICS

Heart Clinic

Sponsored by: The Abilene Kennel Club

Dr. Sonya G. Gordon, B.Sc., DVM, DV.Sc., Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology), Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Cost per dog is \$30.00. Make checks payable to Abilene Kennel Club

"CERF" Eye Clinic

Sponsored by: The Lone Star Borzoi Club

Dr. Rachel Ring, DVM, DACVO, Animal Ophthalmology Clinic, Dallas, TX. Cost per dog is \$20.00. Make Checks payable to Lone Star Borzoi Club.

Also Available on site- DNA testing for Texas A&M Canine Longevity Study! *No cost to exhibitors!*

The Zoi Connoisseur

Breath Biscuits

INGREDIENTS

2 cups brown rice flour
1 Tbsp charcoal
1 large egg, slightly beaten
3 Tbsp Vegetable oil
1/2 cup Chopped parsley
1/3 cup Chopped fresh mint
2/3 cup Milk

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400. Combine flour and charcoal. In a medium bowl, combine egg, oil, parsley and mint; mix well. Slowly stir in flour mixture, then add enough milk to make a dough the consistency of drop biscuits. Drop heaping tablespoons of dough about 1 inch apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake 15 minutes, or until firm. Store cooled biscuits in tightly covered container in refrigerator.



From the Dogs Are Gods website (<http://dogsaregods.hypermart.net/>)