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The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc. Business Issue





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Mayno Blanding

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Mayno Blanding

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July 20

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President's Message

Welcome to spring! After a hiatus, dog shows are starting up and it's nice to see so many of you finally have an opportunity to show your lovely Bichons.

I hope all of you will be attending our National Specialty this year to be held in conjunction with the Renaissance Cluster in Madison WI. Our date is Wednesday, November 17th, and we will host a Parent Club on Friday, November 20th. The show committee is planning some raffle baskets and a 50/5 raffle. Our own Rick Day is judging conformation on Wednesday, so come on out and support our breeder judge! Finally, we will have the opportunity to show our puppies and adults, catch up with new friends, and have an opportunity to make new ones. I look forward to seeing many of you in Madison!

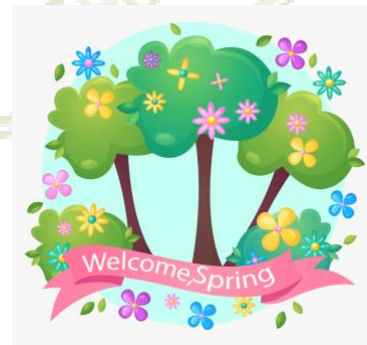
Please remember to seek out new members, exhibitors, and spectators to give them a warm welcome.

The enhanced BFCA website is live! We owe a big thanks the board and especially Myra Wotton for her many hours of work with our new webmaster. Big thanks to all the committee chairs and members who furnished material and photos. We received many wonderful photos, and the plan is to rotate photos so new ones are always welcome. Before you visit the website clear the cache on your computer.

This will be my last message as president. I want to thank you all for your support and offer a special thanks to the officers and directors for all that they do on behalf of BFCA. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for the last four years.

Wishing you all lots of ribbons this summer - and please remember to stay safe!

Gail Antetomaso



ANNUAL BFCA MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING NOTICE

**Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.
Member of American Kennel Club, Inc.**

The Bichon Frise Club of America Annual Membership Meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 2PM EDT, 11AM Pacific Time. The link for the Zoom Meeting will be sent out via Constant Contact along with a reminder 2 weeks in advance. The Agenda for Order of Business is in the BFCA Bylaws, ARTICLE X, Section 1.

- Roll Call (will be done visually due to Zoom)
- Minutes of the Last Meeting (sent out in the Summer 2020 Bulletin)
- Report of the Board
- Report of the President
- Reports of Secretaries
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (Annual Meeting)
- Election of New Members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Ball
BFCA Recording Secretary



Recording Secretary's Report

It's Spring in Kentucky and the Derby hats and racehorses are getting ready for the 1st Saturday in May. The Board has been busy working on various things getting ready for the launch of the new website. Our new webmaster, Wes Brown has put in blood, sweat, and don't know about tears, 'cause he's a big guy, but there were lots of things discovered during the new design that were behind the scenes that needed much attention. The Board also decided to have the membership decide about an alternate location for the 2021 National Specialty and Parent Club Specialty. Those that voted, decided to join an All-Breed Cluster to be held at the Alliant Center, Madison, Wisconsin. Our Bichon Frise National Specialty will be held Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The specialty will be for Conformation and Sweepstakes only. On Friday, November 19, 2021, there will be a Concurrent BFCA Parent Club Specialty with Conformation only. Judges for the National Specialty are: Conformation- Rick Day with Sweeps judge to be announced. The Parent Club Specialty Conformation Judge will be Ann Catterson. These shows will be held in conjunction with the Renaissance Cluster. Stay tuned to both our new website, bichon.org and Constant Contact for further information.

Our Annual BFCA Membership Zoom Meeting is scheduled to be held via Zoom again this year on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 2PM EDT, 11AM Pacific Time. The link for the Zoom Meeting will be sent out via Constant Contact along with a reminder 2 weeks in advance. Bear Associates, LLC is handling the certification and tallying of the returned ballots and will have the results of the ongoing election ready for the meeting.

****I would like to have 3-4 volunteers to be on the Zoom that afternoon to assist with the Roll Call. I will send you the list of members to check off and email me back marked after the meeting. Please email me at bichonbabe@mchsi.com if you are willing to volunteer to assist in this task.

Please, if you have any changes in your information, email me ASAP at bichonbabe@mchsi.com as it is your responsibility to let me know.....Dues are due beginning in June along with all your information for the Membership Directory.

WIN, PLACE or SHOW! We will get through this together....

Respectfully,
Wendy Ball, BFCA Recording Sec.



Treasurer

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
Treasurer's Report
Financial Statement Beginning January 1, 2021 and Ending March 31, 2021

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	December 31, 2020		74,232.56
INCOME:			
	Amazon Sales	128.56	
	Membership Dues	26.72	
	2022 Futurity	150.00	
	Breeder Directory	211.00	
	Sales	27.65	
	Total		543.93
	Health		
	Donations	50.00	
	Total		50.00
	Agility		
	Total		-
TOTAL INCOME			593.93
EXPENSE:			
	2021 Election Expense	290.65	
	Recording Secretary Expense	57.98	
	Constant Contact	378.00	
	Paypal Expenses	2.98	
	Treasurer Expenses		
	Total		729.61
	Health		
	Total		-
	Agility		
	Total		-
TOTAL EXPENSE			729.61
NET GAIN/LOSS			\$ (135.68)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	March 31, 2021		\$ 74,096.88
PAYPAL BALANCE	March 31, 2021		\$ 500.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE	December 31, 2020		60,278.35
Interest Income			1.47
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE	March 31, 2021		\$ 60,279.82
TOTAL FUNDS	March 31, 2021		\$ 134,876.70

Matt Abbott, Treasurer - March 31, 2021

Delegate's Report

Report to the Board 2021

Mayno Blanding

I was able to attend most of the delegate meetings. Unfortunately, I had major eye surgery on March 2, and had to miss those meetings and the meetings on the 3rd. I had a member of the Health Committee take notes for me and we had a good conversation over the phone, plus those minutes have been recorded on the Delegates Portal.

Every committee I attended discussed the recent **AKC Board's one-year trial allowing Juniors to show "Canine Partners"** in shows that don't opt out. This has been the subject of much controversy and has provoked heated discussions; however, the delegates are not allowed to vote on it. **Clubs may opt out if they don't wish to have mixed breed dogs competing in Juniors at their shows.**

A rule of interest to Bichon breeders is a proposal to have **BBE Puppy Classes** to enable breeders to get a BBE medallion if their dog gets all its points from BBE. Currently, if a dog is entered in a Puppy Class and takes even one point, the medallion is not awarded (but the dog is still eligible to show in the BBE competition at the AKC Championship show). I know this has been a source of frustration because many of us have entered puppies in a Puppy Classes just to build a major or give it experience only to take the points – bitter sweet. **This was tabled for more research and cost analysis, so if people have opinions, I'd like to hear them.**

The Health Committee reported that the **AKC/CHF Parent Club Health Conference** is scheduled for August 13-15 in St. Louis. They are hoping for an in-person event but have contingency for virtual if necessary. Mari-Beth O'Neill has been very active in veterinary outreach and has received rave reviews for her virtual presentations to veterinarian students. They have already had six meetings and have scheduled six more in 2021.

The new **Cardiac Certification Program** is up and running. You can go to OFA to read all about it. There is a "basic exam" which can be done by any veterinarian and an "advanced cardiac exam" which must include an echocardiogram and be performed by a veterinary cardiologist. Changes were effective on 10/01/2020.

Also mentioned was the feasibility of **AKC supporting a way of "establishing a frozen semen program"** which would increase gene pools, ensure saving of quality producers and eliminate the challenge for each Parent Club (PC) of taking this step for their breed or not, ultimately assisting breeders of today and in the future." Members of the Committee discussed this issue at length, including the difficulty of getting PC breeders to give up control of their dogs' semen specimens, even after the owners' deaths. Challenges to small clubs involve setting up the programs, especially if an additional non-profit corporation has to be established. Large club challenges involve the maintenance of relevant data, including legal information, pedigrees, and photographs. Since the semen most likely to remain viable during freezing is from dogs 18-24 months old, relevant health data might not be available until the dogs were older. Therefore, a system for obtaining this data on already banked semen has to be included.

Peter Piusz, (American Rottweiler Club), is doing research on why **club memberships are down**. He suggests that clubs form a subcommittee to get more information.

- Few clubs use AKC resources to find and recruit new members.
- Fewer than 11% seek out active breeders
- Fewer than 35% have breeder mentoring, etc.
- Unfortunately, the only education is on websites. There are no other programs.

Another area of concern is that the **AKC Marketplace** needs to be monitored. It is a great place to advertise and breeders who use it have been very pleased; however, it is being misused by breeders claiming to be members of a parent club when they really are not. It was suggested that PC's need a single person to monitor this constantly. Look for issues such as mixed breeds (designer puppies) and non-qualified substitutes for breeds. I have seen that this is a problem for Bichons, so you might want to think about it. **The person at AKC to contact for this is Kirsten Behlke - Kirsten.behlke@akc.org**

AKC, by the way, if you don't already know it, is allowing clubs to set their own **eligibility for Sweepstakes**. If we want to raise it to 24 months to make up for the missing year it is ok.

Parent Club Sperm banks were also discussed. Richard Rohrbacher (Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America) says that the Otterhound Club of America has a successful sperm bank. These can enable a dog's sperm to be preserved if the owner has died, and can enable us to keep diversity in our breed, but there are many caveats to consider.

Parent Club Fliers. Most clubs, including ours, have them but we should consider whether or not we want to update it. AKC is willing to help clubs update their fliers.

I was very impressed with Dick Blair of the Delegate Advocacy & Advancement Committee. He is in charge of newbies like myself and has been wonderful to work with.

John Ronald (Samoyed Club of America) of the All-Breed Committee had some very good advice for putting on shows during Covid. If you want more info, let me know. He is chairing a subcommittee to gather advice.

That's pretty much all that I saw that would be of interest to the BFCA.

Mayno Blanding
AKC Delegate





BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST Annual Report 2020-2021

Est. 2003

Rescue is status quo right now. There are very few small dogs available. Anytime we contact a shelter, the dogs have numerous applications. The last four we pulled from shelters turned out to be permanent fosters. We have three with cancer. Those are the only ones we are getting from the shelters right now. Shelters are able to place any small dog, so we get the sick and old. We are taking a break from shelters right now. We just can't keep taking in sick dogs. Heartbreaking but we only have so much money. These dogs end up costing us quite a lot.

We want to welcome our volunteers, the Lapp Family, into the BFCA. They are very devoted fosters and have taken some of our most difficult dogs and placed them. We don't know what we would do without them.

We are going to have a fundraiser selling nightshirts. We will announce when they come available. Graphic is by Terri McLain. <https://bichon-frise-club-of-america-charitable-trust.square.site/product/bichon-night-night-shirt/2>



Lynn Ramich and Zandra Kern
Co-Chairs and Trustees
Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Annual Financial Report 2020-2021

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

PayPal	2,575.18	
Regions	35,667.55	
Total Checking/Savings		38,242.73

Other Current Assets

Inventory Asset	6,197.00	
Total Other Current Assets		6,197.00

Total Current Assets 44,439.73

Other Assets

National Inventory items	714.91	
Total Other Assets		714.91

TOTAL ASSETS 45,154.64

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

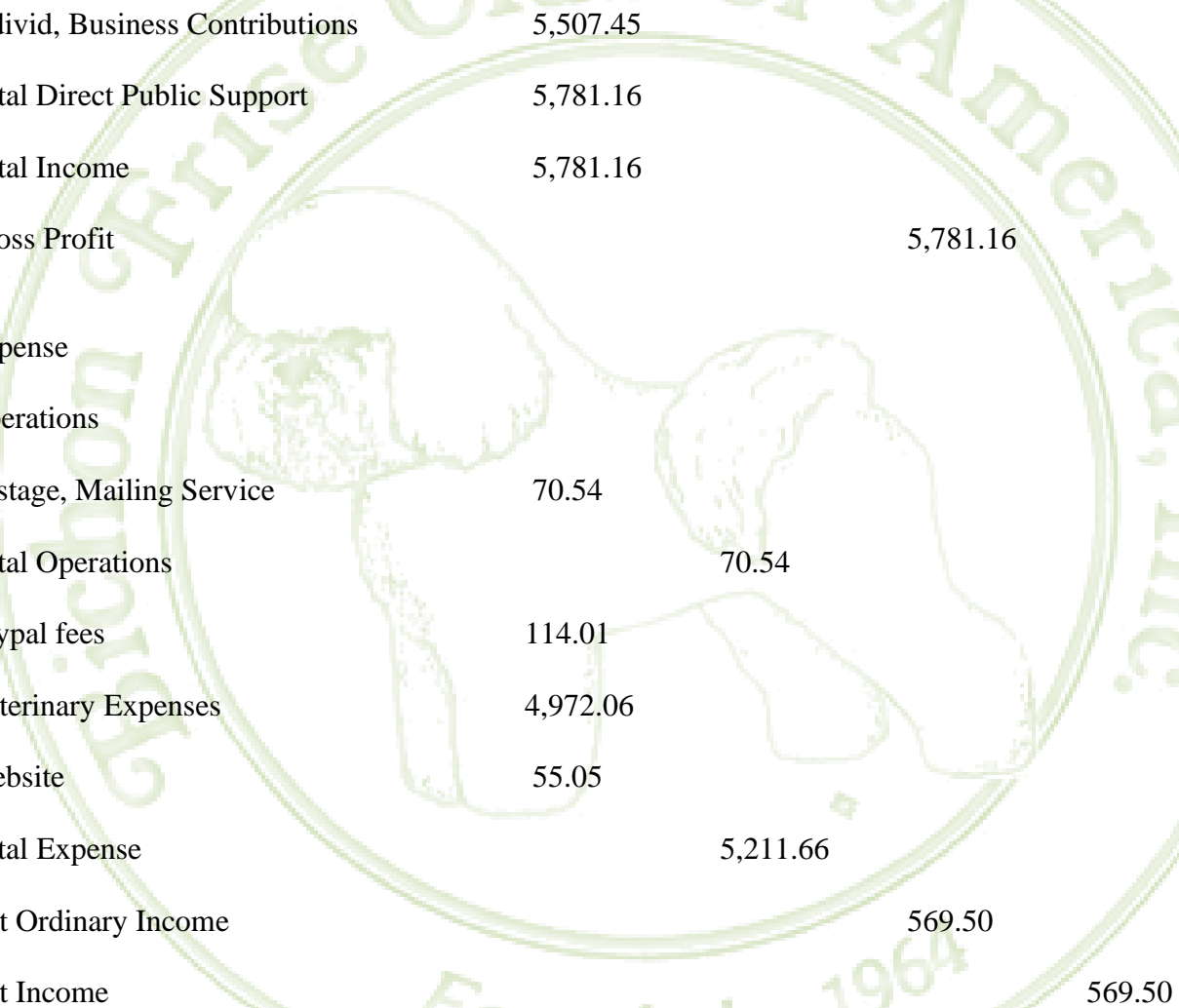
Opening Balance Equity		39,651.37
Unrestricted Net Assets	4,933.77	
Net Income	569.50	

Total Equity 45,154.64

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 45,154.64

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

FIRST QUARTER 2021



Individ, Business Contributions	5,507.45	
Total Direct Public Support	5,781.16	
Total Income	5,781.16	
Gross Profit		5,781.16
Expense		
Operations		
Postage, Mailing Service	70.54	
Total Operations		70.54
Paypal fees	114.01	
Veterinary Expenses	4,972.06	
Website	55.05	
Total Expense		5,211.66
Net Ordinary Income		569.50
Net Income		569.50

Health Committee

Annual Report to Board 2020-2021

With the hiring of a new webmaster, the committee worked on streamlining our articles and information for our website. Although, at this time, we still have a few items to remove and add, it is believed the website will be very useful.

At this writing, there has not been any update to the grants that were supported last year, 02682-A The Effect of a Modified Approach on Early Weight Bearing in Dogs Following a Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy, and 02458-AA Laboratory Test for Detecting Drug Resistance in Canine Heartworm Disease. AKC/CHS did alert the committee that some research is delayed due to Covid 19 readjustment needs. The committee is now reviewing new AKC/CHF grants to support for 2021.

With diligent work from the committee, especially, Ginny Humphrey, the survey is ready to go active. Committee members, at this time, are entering their Bichons to verify all goes smoothly. When that is accomplished, information will be sent via Constant Contact and BFCA Facebook.

At the National Specialty in November, the committee will have swabs available and some fun new items for fundraising.

Thank you for your support during this trying year.

Nancy McDonald, chairman



Judges Education Annual Report

2020-2021

I wish I could say our committee had a more exciting year...

I did a Bichon Frise Zoom education seminar for the AKC....from what I was told from the AKC office it received very high marks from the over two hundred judges that listened...

I did many, many, many virtual home / kennel visits

As there weren't any shows where spectators were allowed we did no ringside mentoring.

I am hopeful things will return to normal, whatever that is...I have been asked to do a seminar for the Ct. Judges Study Group, and The Houston Judges Study Group....everything is still up in the air.

I do plan on hosting a zoom with the ringside mentors so that we are all on the same page...I don't want to receive complaints again., that does not look good for us...I have spoken to that person so hopefully it won't happen again...

I will be giving the bichon seminar in Houston on July 23, 2021...And of course I will need four dogs for the hands on...that's why I consider this a club project..

I had some booklets printed...was that this year or last year..

That's about it...

Mimi



Membership Annual Report

Membership Administrator

Sheri Kennedy

May 1, 2020 – May 1, 2021

Although 2020 will go down as one of the more unique years that we have all experienced, our new membership requests have remained steady. That is an encouraging sign. The new members come from various backgrounds of conformation, rescue, agility and obedience. Most applicants seem to have a good deal of knowledge of the Bichon according to their applications.

I anticipate an uptick in Membership applications once our new Associate Membership is rolled out.

	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>
New Members Welcomed	10	10
Unsuccessful applicants	0	0
Applications being processed	0	3

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Kennedy
Membership Administrator

**MAY 2020- APRIL 2021
NEW MEMBERS & SPONSORS
(10 NEW MEMBERS)**

MEMBERS

**Javier Bravo & Ruth Veronica Car
Cherie Ekholm
Erin Fitzpatrick
Tamara Fossier
Lori Hargreaves
Anna Hillman
Michelle Lapp Household
Lara Latner
Laura Winstead**

SPONSORS

**Donna Demartini & Shannon Tupes
Lynn Ramich & Dina Taylor
Karen Graeber & Janet Weiderhold
Paula Bender & Kayley Kovar
Karen Paulson & Sue Swindle
Rick Day & Terrell Potts
Zandra Kern & Lynn Ramich
Carol Felbaum & Shannon Tupes
Amy Walters & Diane Woodring**



Membership Report

Spring 2021

Sheri Kennedy

NEW MEMBERS (Sponsors)

Tamara Fossier
480 County Road 3060
Bonham, TX 75418
(Kayley Kovar & Paula Bender)

Laurie Hargreaves
2676 Foul Bay Road
Victoria, BC V8R 5B4
Canada
(Sue Swindle & Karen Paulson)

Michelle, Jim & Kiersten Lapp
13343 Niti Drive
Hudson, FL 34669
(Lynn Ramich & Zandra Kern)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

All BFCFA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Wendy Ball, 967A Boat Dock Rd, Somerset, KY 42501 or bichonbabe@mchsi.com by May 15, 2021

Kathy Martin
4763 Shepherd Street
Burnaby, BC V5H 1L6
Canada
(Sue Swindle & Sheri Kennedy)

Obedience Report

SPRING 2020 - 2021

Linda Farullo

2020 BFCA AWARDS- Obedience/Rally, etc

VERSATILITY PLAQUES

VERSATILITY PLAQUE: And Certificate for Companion Dog Highest Scoring Title (CD):

Ch. Spellbound's Frozen in Time CD BN RA CGCA TKI - 1/3/2020, Barbara Barton

- This dog earns the Versatility Title for having titles in 3 plus venues and Certificate for Highest scoring Companion Dog title

VERSATILITY PLAQUE: Barberr Hillwood Heaven Scent BN RE NSD CGC TKA - 8/17/20, Mindy Columbus, Paula and Matt Abbott

- For earning titles in 3+ venues

VERSATILITY PLAQUE: CH Shyladawn's Orioles Blitz @3rd BN RI NA OAJ CGC TKI - 2020, Debra Rabin, Shyla Newton

- For titling in venues in 3+ categories

VERSATILITY PLAQUE: Lucky Cody Craig CD BN RAE AXP AJP NFP SWN SCA SIA SBA THDD CGC- 2020, Patricia Muraczewski and Linda Ross

- For earning in 3+ venues title

CERTIFICATES

RALLY EXCELLENT: Barberr Hillwood Heaven Scent BN RE NSD CGC TKA - 11/8/2020, Mindy Columbus, Matt & Paula Abbott

RALLY ADVANCED: Barberr Hillwood Heaven Scent BN RA NSD CGC TKA - 10/4/2020, Mindy Columbus, Matt & Paula Abbott

RALLY INTERMEDIATE: Ch Shyladawn's Orioles Blitz@3rd BN RI NA OAJ CGC TKI - 7/14/2020, Debra Rabin, Shyla Newton

SCENT WORK INTERIOR ADVANCED: Lucky Cody Craig CD BN RAE AXP AJP NFP SWN SCA SIA SBA THDD CGC- 2/16/2020, Patricia Muraczewski, Linda Ross

TRICK DOG: Ch Highridge Maximillian J.R. of GloryB TKN TKI TKA TKP - 5/16/20 TKN, 5/17/20 TKI, 5/18/20 TKA, 5/19/20 TKP, Laura Pickering, Carol Fellbaum, Carol Jean Vollbrecht, Joanne Rubin (1 certificate listing all the titles)

This concludes the Awards. Report continues

CGC: There were 30 Bichon Frise dogs that earned Canine Good Citizen Titles, including 2 Urban CGC and 3 Advanced CGC Titles. The following were BFCA members (Some are listed in 2019- not sure why they were not on the stats for last year)

Mybliss Saks Ariel The Lioness at God's Creatures RN CGC - 12/7/2019, Elizabeth Byers, Myra Wotten

Stirling Beauty School Dropout at Releve' CGC - 3/7/20, Shannon Tupes, Paul A Flores

GCH CH Hallmark High Ridge Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds CGC - 3/7/20, Cindy Rubens, Joanne Rubin, Carol Fellbaum

Merryell Amour D'Hiver Orchid CGC- 7/21/19, Kalani Burke, Mayno Blanding

CD: There were 2 dogs earning Companion Dog Titles (CD) with 1 being BFCA: **Ch Spellbound's Frozen In Time CD BN RA CGCA TKI - 1/3/20, Barbara Barton**

CDX: 1 Bichon won Companion Dog Excellent title (CDX)

BN: 1 Bichon earned the Beginner Novice Title

TT: 2 Bichon Temperament Tested

CA: 1 Coursing Ability BFCA Member: **CH Highridge Maximilian J.R. Of Gloryb CA TKP** - 11/29/20, Laura A. Pickering, Carol Fellbaum, Carol J. Volbrecht, Joanne Rubin

NSD: 2 Novice Stunt Dogs: Both BFCA

CH. Barberry Hillwood Dynamic Dino CD PCD BN RAE NSD CGC TKA - 8/17/20, Mindy Columbus, Matt & Paula Abbott

Barberry Hillwood Heaven Scent BN RI NSD CGC TKA - 8/17/20, Mindy Columbus, Matt & Paula Abbott

OSD: 1 Open Stunt dog Bichon- not BFCA

RALLY: 17 Rally Titles, 4 BFCA members:

RM4: RACH Bibelot's Perfect Presidential Candidate RM4 RAE4 CGCA TKI VHMA - 11/15/20, Patricia Putra, Paula Hendriks, Paul Putra

RE: Barberry Hillwood Heaven Scent BN RE NSD CGC TKA - titled 11/8/20, owned by Mindy Columbus, Paula & Matt Abbott

RA: Barberry Hillwood Heaven Scent BN RE NSD CGC TKA - titled 10/4/20, owned by Mindy Columbus, Paula & Matt Abbott

RI: CH. Shyladawn's Orioles Blitz @3rd BN RI NA OAJ CGC TKI - 7/14/20, Debra Rabin, Shyla Newton

SCENT WORK: There were 14 Bichons Frises earning titles, 1 BFCA member:

SIA: Lucky Cody Craig CD BN RAE AXP AJP NFP SWN SCA SIA SBA THDD CGC - 2/16/20, Patricia Muraczewski and Linda Ross

1 SWA, 2 SBA, 1 SBN, 1 SCA, 1 SCE 1 SEN, 1 SHDA, 3 SHDN, 1 SIA(BFCA) , 1 SIN, 1 SN

TRICK DOG: There were 47 Trick Dog Titles: 4 Performer, 27 Novice, 8 Intermediate, 2 Elite, 5 Advanced, 2 Elite Performer. 11 were BFCA members

TKN: GCH CH Hallmark High Ridge Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds CGC TKN - 3/27/20, Cindy Rubens, Joanne Rubin, Carol Fellbaum

TKN: Merryll Amour D'Hiver Orchid TKN - 4/17/20, Kadin Burke, Mayno Blanding

TKN: CH Highridge Maximilian J.R. of GloryB TKN - 5/16/20, Laura A Pickering, Carol Fellbaum, Carol Jean Vollbrecht, Joanne Rubin

TKN: Vogelflight's Midas Go For The Gold TKN - 6/8/20, Kathie Vogel, Danielle Ardagna, Jessica Whitaker

TKN: Cher Ami's Because You Love Me TKN - 8/4/20- Susan Keller, Mary Ann Clark

TKN: Cher Ami's Shazam TKN - 8/4/20 Susan Keller, Mary Ann Clark

TKN: CH. Highridge Maximilian J.R. of GloryB TKN - 5/18/20, Laura Ann Pickering, Carol Fellbaum, Carol Jean Vollbrecht, Joanne Rubin

TKN: Cher Ami's Shazam TKN - 8/4/20, Susan Keller, Mary Ann Clark

TKA: CH. Highridge Maximilian J.R. of GloryB TKA - 5/18/20- Laura Ann Pickering, Carol Fellbaum, Carol Jean Vollbrecht, Joanne Rubin

TKI: CH Highridge Maximilian J.R. of GloryB TKI - 5/17/20, Laura Ann Pickering, Carol Fellbaum, Carol Jean Vollbrecht, Joanne Rubin

TKI: CH. Shyladawn's Orioles Blitz @3rd BN RN NAJ CGC TKI - 7/14/20, Debra Rabin, Shyla Newton

TKP: CH Highridge Maximilian J.R. of GloryB TKP - 5/19/20- Laura Pickering, Carol Fellbaum, Carol Jean Vollbrecht, Joanne Rubin

TKP: Mybliss Saks Flyin' High In The Cosmos CGCA TKP - 11/20/20, Anna Hillman

Virtual Manners Title: 2 dogs, 1 BFCA member

VHMA: RACH Bibelot's Perfect Presidential Candidate RM3 RAE4 CGCA TKI VHMA - 11/11/20, Patricia Putra, Paula Hendriks, Paul Putra

Also, Bichons earned the following titles:

1 Farm Dog

1 Coursing Ability

1 Tracking

2 Temperment Tested

1 Versatility

1 Rally Master 4



ROM/ROMX Annual Report

2020-2021

There were no new ROM/ROMX recipients during the 2020 calendar year. Another victim of Covid.

All ROM/ROMX submissions should be submitted to:

Lindsay Van Keuren
5323 Sage Thrasher Rd
Parker, CO 80134
email: Aspenvista1@gmail.com

Mary Provost
10951 Cannonade Dr
Parker, CO 80138
email: Maryprovo@aol.com

As a Reminder, your applications should be submitted with the current AKC Registration of the Dog and an AKC Progeny Report. In Lieu of a Progeny Report, you may send the pages of the Bichon Frise Reporter, announcing the Championships of the Dam or Sire's get.

Qualifications for ROM/ROMX

It is the responsibility of the Owner of a proposed dog to submit the required information to the ROM/ROMX Chairperson for confirmation. The Owner must be a BFCA member in good standing.

To be eligible for a Register of Merit (ROM) title, the subject dog is to have been the sire of seven (7) or more Champions of Record or the dam of five (5) or more Champions of Record.

To be eligible for a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) title, the subject dog is to have been the sire of twenty-five (25) or more Champions of Record or the dam ten (10) or more Champions of Record.

Lindsay Van Keuren





Beautiful Moon & Lola
bracelets and keychain!

Bracelets come in Gold tone
with tortoise, black or clear
charms—silver/gold bichon.

\$36

Limited Quantities
Available!

Keychain as pictured—\$28

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Bichon Boutique

***** We are currently OUT OF STOCK of the Illustrated Breed Standard *****
I will let you know when they are back in stock! Thank you!!

Contact Merry Nicole at 703.431-2075 (call or text) or email
BFCA.Sales@gmail.com for availability!

The New Jersey Bichon Frise Club

The New Jersey Bichon Frise Club had zoom meetings in February, March, and April, Our May meeting will be an Agility demonstration at a local park by our own Agility Bichon star Winky, her sister Razzle, and their owner Joanne Outerlouney.

Our June meeting will hopefully be a luncheon. The Club plans to host one of two specialties this year. One will be in coordination with the Somerset County Kennel Club in Sept. The second will be in October in coordination with the prestigious Morris and Essex show.

Our club continued to be active during the past year, and we hope that we can add to our membership this coming year.

Respectfully submitted
Karen Graeber
Secretary of the BFCNNJ





BICHON FRISE CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Greetings from warm and sunny California! Beautiful springtime weather is upon us and we are actually enjoying some California dog shows.

Our annual specialties are back in the works with Donna De Martini and her committee starting to put plans into place. Due to the cancellation of the Del Valle Dog show we thought we were going to have to cancel again), but that simply was not an option so we rallied and found a new show weekend that was willing to take us in. So please mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday October 30 & 31, 2021 with the Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers in Dixon, Ca. This location is lovely with older fairgrounds that have indoor and outdoor rings, overnight parking on grass, with plenty of local restaurants and hotels. Look for more details as information becomes available or do not hesitation to reach out to Donna Di Martini.

Tentative plans are still in the works to hold our annual “Day in the Park” event early this summer in Sacramento. We have been fortunate to add several new members over this last year, member attendance at meetings is up thanks to Zoom, and are back to having educational presentations by Diane Jansey.

From our membership to yours please continue to be safe everyone and look forward to seeing you all in November at our specialties and that of the BFCNA National.

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

April 2021 BFCA Update



2020/2021 BFCSNE officers & Board: President, Sue Anneser; Vice President, Ginny Humphrey; Corresponding Secretary, Laurie Zelek, Treasurer, Karen Chesbro; Recording Secretary, Nancy Noonan; Board Members, Gloria DuBois, Gerry Paolillo, Pamela Moore, Brenda Wallace and Dean Anneser.

The Bichon Frise Club of Southern New England has had a quiet year, in light of COVID. Like the rest of the world, our 2020 activities including our July Specialty, annual September picnic and annual November banquet were cancelled due to state limitations indoors.

In early 2021, we began to meet again via online meetings. It was fun to catch up with the membership and their bichon families, and begin to plan our 2021 calendar of events. After some trials and tribulations learning how to meet online, I think the group is into the swing of it and we are busy planning our activities in anticipation of resuming in full stride during 2021.

Our 34th BFCSNE Specialty is scheduled for July 10, 2021 at the Eastern States Exposition Fair Grounds, in conjunction with the Farmington Valley Kennel Club. Nancy Noonan has once again agreed to be our show chair – with many helping hands from our membership - look for more on our Specialty in the upcoming months.

In preparation for our annual Specialty, we are in the planning phase of hold a handling seminar in the May/June timeframe. Hopefully all the logistics of location, and participation will come together!

Once summer is near an end, we plan to meet again for our annual outdoor picnic held at Sue Anneser's house – hopefully with the weather cooperating with another warm sunny day. Typically, we look forward to a fun handling class in the backyard as well, along with an impromptu fundraising raffle with a variety of items donated by the membership. Through the generosity of our membership, we hope to continue our tradition of making annual donations to BFCA Rescue and/or BFCA Health.

Sue Anneser, President BFCSNE



45th Bichon Frise National Specialty and Concurrent Specialty

The 45th Annual Bichon Frise National Specialty will be held Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at the Alliant Center, Madison, Wisconsin. The National Specialty will be for Sweepstakes and Conformation. On Friday, November 19, 2021 there will be a Concurrent BFCA Parent Club Specialty, Conformation only. The shows are being held in conjunction with the Renaissance Cluster.

Judges for the National Specialty are: Sweeps – Mary Ann Clark
Conformation – Rick Day.

For the Parent Club Specialty: Conformation – Ann Catterson.

RESERVED GROOMING: The Cluster Show chair, Ed Fojtik, has told us that **reserved** bichon grooming will be close to the Bichon ring (potentially even across from the ring). The one-time fee for the Reserved Grooming is **\$25.00** for a 4X5 foot space. Mr. Fojtik has indicated that there will be plenty of electrical capacity. Grooming space should be reserved through the Renaissance Cluster.

PLEASE NOTE: Bathing of dogs is NOT allowed in any of the below show hotels. Shampoo stations (with hot water) will be available inside the Alliant Center. Mr. Fojtik, the Cluster Showchair, believes there will be 3 stations available. Each exhibitor will need to bring their own towels and bathing products.

Also, please note that no one is allowed inside the Alliant Center until 6AM on Wednesday.

The Superintendent is BaRay Event Services, Inc.

URL: barayevents.com Email: dogshows@barayevents.com

Phone: 1-360-755-7086

Hotels:

Host Hotel: Sheraton, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI. For reservations contact Nikki Krueger at 608-234-1023 and mention Dog Shows. Room rate is \$99.00 plus tax per night. There is free shuttle service to the Alliant Center. Comfort Inn, Madison, 722 John Nolen Dr., Madison, WI. For reservations call 608-255-7400 and mention Dog Show. Room rate is \$79.00 plus tax per night.

Home 2 Suites by Hilton, 2153 Rimrock Rd., Madison, WI. For reservations call 608-949-9650 and mention Dog Shows. Room rate \$84.00 plus tax/night.

Holiday Inn Express, 610 John Nolen Dr, Madison, WI. For reservations call 608-709-5050 and mention Dog Shows. Room rate is \$99.00 plus tax/night.

Hotel Reservations at any of the above hotels may be made on-line through the Renaissance Cluster show link. <https://renaissancecluster.org/hotels/> RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE EARLY DUE TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS.

The Houston Bichon Frise Club will hold 2 Specialty shows on Thursday and Saturday, November 18 & 20, 2021. The Houston Club will provide further information on their Specialties in the near future.

In addition to the above 4 Specialties, the Renaissance Cluster at the Alliant Center, Madison, WI, is hosting all-breed shows on Thursday through Sunday, November 18 - 21, 2021.

At this time spectators are allowed. Per the Weather Channel and the Cluster Chair, the average temperature in November is 46, with rare chance of snowfall.

We hope to see you in Madison for 5 days of shows!!

Cyndie Adams
BFCA Show Chair