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President's Message—Judy McNamara

Fall is in the air, shows are starting up in full force for the run to the end of year. Work continues for our National in Houston. Show chairs George and Avanel Sikes and their committees continue work on the show and I know you will support them and BFCA again this year as in the past.

It is time to sign up for the new Breeders directory, be sure to look for that enclosure in the bulletin, or go the web site. The Judges Selection first round ballot is also enclosed. **Please give it your attention and don't forget to send it to Betty Ribble before the deadline.**

Laura Purnell is our friendship chair. Please let her know of any BFCA member or any family member that we need to remember.

George Sikes has volunteered to man the public education booth at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship this year. If you are going this year, please visit our booth and or volunteer to work in the booth.

We have some new members listed in the Membership Administrators report. Please extend a warm welcome to them and offer your support and assistance.

Diane Mallon has resigned as ROM chair. Diane thank you so much for the time and dedication to the ROM job. Stephanie Uva has taken over for Diane so please contact **Stephanie in the future for any ROM's that you have.**

The health committee still has plenty of calendars for sale, look on our web site for information. The calendars would make wonderful Christmas gifts or great gifts to your puppy buyers.

The board has approved a BFCA sponsored all-breed Agility trial to be held in the St Paul Minn. Area pending AKC approval. Shirley Hamilton will chair the event. Dates and times to be determined. If you are interested in helping please contact Shirley. We will keep you updated as details unfold.

There is a survey attached to the bulletin. The board would like your input on the Challenge Trophies. Please give us your ideas and comments. The deadline for reply is Nov. 15th.

Officer Reports—Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary

Indian Summer is here in Southern California. Warm days and cool nights. The Board has been active this summer but with only one ballot to report. Be sure to read about the Agility plans from Shirley Hamilton

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - Betsy Savage will have the 2013-2015 Membership Directory soon for formatting and mailing. This will be the last yearly directory. The directory will now be printed every other year. So be sure to save the change pages that are included in each Bulletin. There were many changes from the dues process and from other notifications that are included in this Bulletin. If we did not get address, email or phone changes as a result of the dues process please let me know right away. It is critical that the information on hand with the BFCA is current at all times or important notices and mailings do not reach you. Also, you may want other members to have access to your most current information. You may email or call me at dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com or 760-434-5730. Thank you for your help.

Ballot Proposals 2013 Fall Bulletin

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|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Board Member | Ballot 09-13A | |
| Andrew, Kathy | | |
| Antetomaso, Gail | Approve | |
| Chesbro, Karen | NA | |
| Dillon, Katherine | Approve | |
| Endo, Lillian | Approve | |
| Hanson, Kieth | Approve | |
| McFarlane, Diana | Approve | |
| McNamara, Judy | Approve | |
| Noonan, Nancy | Approve | |
| Scarborough, Shauna | NA | |
| Wotton, Myra | Approve | |
| NA indicates not available. | | |
| Ballot 09-13A | The BFCA shall sponsor an Agility Trial | |

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
2013 SHOW REPORT THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

INCOME:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Trophies | \$ 4,685.00 |
| Ads | 2,700.00 |
| RV Parking | 480.00 |
| Welcome Reception | 1,350.00 |
| Banquet | 6,808.00 |
| Sales | 4,522.00 |
| DVD's | 2,603.00 |
| Catalogs | 1,841.50 |
| Ribbons | 189.50 |
| Vendors | 760.00 |
| Seminar | 960.00 |
| Set Up Cash | 1,200.00 |
| CGC Test | 20.00 |
| Onofrio Refund | 22.50 |
| Awards and Plaques | 615.00 |
| Raffle/Auction | 7,803.00 |

TOTAL INCOME

\$36,559.50

EXPENSES:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Sales-Resale Items | \$ 3,633.84 |
| Ribbons | 877.75 |
| Trophies | 3,878.84 |
| PayPal | 625.30 |
| AKC Fees | 130.00 |
| Flyer-Printing & Postage | 681.28 |
| Bichon Reporter Ad | 77.00 |
| Specialty Hotel Evaluation | 175.28 |
| Banquet | 6,279.86 |
| Awards | 821.50 |
| Set Up Cash | 1,200.00 |
| Floor Covering | 64.93 |
| Superintendent | 1,171.00 |
| Shipping Challenge Trophies | 972.13 |
| Judges | 762.50 |
| Flowers | 200.00 |
| Ship Clothing | 14.35 |
| Judges Gifts | 124.02 |
| Awards Booklet | 490.00 |

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Officer Reports—Show Report by Lillian Endo

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|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| Morning Hospitality | 1,370.20 | |
| Vendors | 323.68 | |
| Board Meeting | 349.06 | |
| Audio/Video Equipment | 712.09 | |
| Judges Lunch | 182.00 | |
| Welcome Reception | 749.44 | |
| Electrical | 1,670.16 | |
| Photographer | 760.82 | |
| Judges Seminar | 336.62 | |
| Dry Cleaning Table Runners | 35.98 | |
| Videographer | 1,825.81 | |
| Silent Auction-Rescue | 630.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | <u>31,125.44</u> |
| NET INCOME | | \$ 5,434.06 |

Officer Report—Lillian Endo, Treasurer

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA Treasurer's Report Financial Statement Beginning July 1, 2013 and Ending September 30, 2013

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|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE June 30, 2013 | | \$32,984.20 |
| INCOME: | | |
| 2013 National Specialty | \$ 7,907.00 | |
| Dues | 10,275.00 | |
| Sales | 636.50 | |
| Breeder's Directory | 50.00 | |
| Membership Application | 75.00 | |
| Amazon Sales | 207.46 | |
| Health | | |
| Calendars | 3,913.70 | |
| Sales | 317.50 | |
| Auction | 130.00 | |
| Donations | <u>1,025.00</u> | 5,386.20 |
| Charitable Trust | | <u>45.00</u> |
| Total Income | | \$24,582.16 |
| EXPENSES: | | |
| 2013 National Specialty | 2,701.34 | |
| Sales | 85.00 | |
| Secretary of State | 20.00 | |
| Breeder Referral | 106.92 | |
| Membership Expenses | 100.00 | |
| Federal Tax Return Preparation | 500.00 | |
| FTB Tax Return | 10.00 | |
| Director's Insurance | 847.00 | |
| Ribbon | 37.25 | |
| PayPal | 153.61 | |
| Health | | |
| Calendar | 105.00 | |
| Conference | 882.04 | |
| PayPal | <u>111.32</u> | <u>1,098.36</u> |
| Total Expense | | <u>5,659.48</u> |
| NET GAIN | | <u>18,922.68</u> |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE September 30, 2013 | | \$51,906.88 |
| PAYPAL BALANCE | | 500.00 |
| BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE September 30, 2013 | \$35,125.17 | |
| Interest Income | <u>4.42</u> | |
| BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE September 30, 2013 | | <u>35,129.66</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2013 | | \$87,536.54 |

LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Committee Report—Agility Report, Shirley Hamilton

Exciting News!!!! BFCA is in the process of holding its first "all-breed" agility trial. **By now you may have received the BFCA "news update" asking for your assistance.** As a club we need to provide AKC with a marked membership list showing anyone who has participated in agility in any of the following capacities: trial judge, exhibitor, instructor, served in an official capacity such as trial secretary, trial chairman, timer, scribe, scribe assistant, scorekeeper, ring steward, gate steward, course builder, leash runner, or volunteered to assist in providing food for volunteers, holding a dog for an exhibitor while they walk the course, etc. Please note we are not asking you to volunteer in any of these areas, we just need to show AKC the agility interest within the club. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do this, please take a moment to e-mail Shirley Hamilton at sjhamelot@mac.com with your involvement in any agility capacity. We need to finish this step in the process before we are able to reserve a firm date with AKC to hold our first all breed agility trial. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

NOW A BIG TIME BRAG!! The official number one agility bichon in the country this year, **Shyladawn's Niki Blanc, (dam-CH. Shyladawn's Haute Couture, sire-GCH Saks Hamelot Little Drummer Boy)** owned and handled by Kay and John Yamasaki of Anaheim CA, was bred by Shyla Newton. Congratulations on this great accomplishment and honor!

News keeps coming in as our dear bichons continue to rip up the agility rings and earn their new agility titles. Since the end of the calendar year draws closer, please be sure to e-mail me your information; Novice and Open titles please include your scores and seconds under standard course time for each leg; Excellent please send seconds under standard course time for each leg.

UPCOMING-- WATCH FOR an upcoming issue of Dog News that will be featuring Multi-titled bichons. Dog News contacted BFCA to find champion bichons that also have titles in other areas such as agility, obedience, rally, etc. Several of our members hopefully will be featured, so keep your eyes open for this article that should be in Dog News yet this fall.

Committee Reports—Delegate Report, George Sikes

The September Delegates meetings were held September 9, 2013, and September 10, 2013 in Newark, N. J.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 4, Section 2, approval of **Judges' Panels and Premium List of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which eliminates the different time frames for sending out premium lists.** The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The Executive Secretary read a proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 22-Dog Show Classifications of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. This amendment would provide for a Bred-By-Exhibitor Class for each sex to each Miscellaneous Class breed, consistent with the requirements as currently defined in Section 8. The amendment was brought forward by Staff and Approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette and the Delegates will be asked to vote on it at the December 2013 meeting.

Seven AKC Delegates who have served 25 years were recognized and five clubs which have been AKC Member Clubs for 100 years were honored.

At the July meeting, The Board of Directors selected the following Delegates to the Nominating Committee to select candidates for the Class of 2018. Dominic P. Carota, Chair, Pharaoh Hound Club of America; James M. Ashton, Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island; Robert D. Black, Hatboro Dog Club; Constance B. Butherus, Afghan Hound Club of America; Marcy Zingler, Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno. Alternates: Jeffery David Ball, Ramapo Kennel Club, and Steve Schmidt, Texas Kennel Club. Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the Club on March 11, 2014. Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Dalmation Club of America; Ronald H. Menaker, Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club; and Patricia C. Scully, Obedience Training Club of Hawaii.

Committee Reports—Delegate Report (Con't)

AKC CAR has a new name and a new identity. AKC Reunite, a new web site www.akcreunite.org, AKC Reunite will donate AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailers to communities in need, due to hurricanes, fires, tornados, etc. We can lead the way to better sheltering solutions for pets during desperate times. In order to do this, they are asking clubs to help raise a portion of the funds needed to provide these trailers. Donations can be made through the AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund and are tax deductible. Each fully stocked and delivered trailer cost \$22,000.00 and to support this program AKC Reunite has allocated a quarter of a million dollars over the next two years to help with the funding Club's fundraising efforts to supply trailers to our nation's communities in need. With a clubs financial support of at least \$1,000.00 the Club will be recognized in a big way. The Club's logo will appear on the side of the trailer the club sponsors. The more the Club can contribute, the larger the Club's logo will be on the trailer to showcase the Club as the champion of all pets and for all in the community to see.

The December Delegates meeting will be December 13, 2013 in Orlando FL. in conjunction with AKC-Eukanuba National Championship. I plan to attend and hope to see many of you there. BFCA will have a "Meet the Breeds" booth. I want to thank the club members that have volunteered to help in the "Meet the Breeds" booth in Orlando.

Bulletin Report

Deadline for Winter Bulletin is
January 10

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BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

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Recently, I received a call from a gal in New York City who saves an assortment of God's creatures with a plea to take a 6 month old puppy into rescue. Reportedly, the pup was coming from a group that "rescues" older puppies from pet stores. I explained that we cannot pay for Bichons we take into rescue and was assured that there was no fee. So, little Lilly, as she is now called was transported to one of our volunteers and taken directly to our rescue vet for a physical, vaccines and spay procedure. During the examination it was noted that she had acute flea dermatitis but over all a healthy pup. Lilly's surgery went well and the next day she came to me for some much needed TLC. The poor little pup was a sorry sight to behold desperately needing grooming and further veterinary care to address the dermatitis, so off we went to my own vet for follow up care. Lilly was micro chipped, put on 14 days of medication for the dermatitis and within forty-eight hours there was a marked improvement to her skin. The hot pink color skin on her body and puffiness around her eyes was gone. Seven days after Lilly's spay procedure I gently bathed and trimmed her the best I could trying to even out the coat around missing hair on her back and rear legs, and miraculously appeared and adorable, sweet little Bichon pup.

We seldom have young pups in rescue so finding a suitable loving family for her was not very difficult. We had several good applications to review and decided to contact a family that recently lost their 15 year old rescued Bichon and were looking for a young dog to fill the void in their lives.

Linda and her husband, Frank, were very excited to learn more about the puppy and after several telephone conversations and photos decided that this was to be their new little girl. Yesterday the pre-approved couple traveled two and one-half hours to meet Lilly who greeted them with the gusto of any 6 month old puppy immediately adopting them as her new family. After spending some time becoming acquainted Lilly left with her new owners to start her new life as a treasured family companion. Now Lilly will accompany her new family to their place of business during the week, as their past Bichon had done, and will spend her leisure time in a comfortable home with her family.

We were told this pup was a "pet store rescue" but she was not micro chipped and infested with fleas. I understood that all puppies commercially sold must be micro chipped. Additionally what kind of retail establishment allows the animals to become flea infested that they require medical attention? We will never know where she came from but for me it is

Committee Reports—Rescue (Con't)



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

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heartwarming that we were able help this pup who came from God knows where to find a loving home.

The BFCA Charitable spent \$496.00 on veterinary care for Lilly and her adopters contributed \$500 to rescue. Our volunteers donated many hours and with their own money sent the puppy home with a new leash, collar, toys and a two week supply of high quality food.

Lilly was an easy placement and her adoption contributions covered her veterinary expenses but there are many unwanted Bichons come into rescue, mostly middle and older aged adults that require veterinary care that the Trust covers with no hope of recouping from an adoption.

We all know the cost of veterinary care these days; we have a little Bichon in PA that lost his eye due to complications from a cataract. The bill, generously discounted by 50% was \$800. This same Pennsylvania veterinarian preformed an examination, cytology as well as neutering both Bichons again discounting 50% from her usual fees for a total of \$406.37. That kind of discount is almost unheard of and we deeply appreciate her generosity. These two **Bichons found loving separate homes. The little female's adopter contributed \$400 and the boy's adopter contributed \$350. The \$344.37 profit if you will goes to help us provide care** for another Bichon in need. All rescue efforts no matter what the breed are dealing with increasing expenses and fewer contributions. As always we look to our peers in the Bichon community for support both financially and any time that can be spared to help out in any capacity.

Last but not least we invite you to visit the BFCFACT page on Facebook as well as our website at www.bichonrescue.org

Prepared and submitted by

Gail Antetomaso, BFCFACT Trustee and Rescue Co-Chair



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

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Regions Bank Balance as of July 08, 2013 \$21,994.92

YEAR-TO-DATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

INCOME

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption Rescue | 13,100.00 |
| Pay Pal Transfer In | 9,242.58 |
| Contribution | 8,960.00 |
| Relinquishment Contribution | 720.00 |
| National Specialty Rescue Auction | 630.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 32,652.58 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Vet Expenses For Rescue | 40,298.18 |
| Expenses for Rescued Bichon | 930.63 |
| Spay Certificate For Rescue | 552.00 |
| Tax Preparation Fee | 500.00 |
| Check Image Fee | 100.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 42,754.01 |

Prepared By Matt Abbott, BFC ACT Treasurer

Committee Reports

Sales

Just want to remind all of you to check the Boutique page on our web site, www.bichon.org before you do your Holiday shopping. And of course, if you haven't purchased your beautiful Bichon Calendar, now would be a good time to do so.

Once again, we are always in need of new items for your boutique page, so if you are at the shows and see a vendor with merchandise we might be able to use, please get their card and send it to a board member or myself.

Have a great fall.

Kathy Loynachan

2014 National Specialty

Mark your Calendars, Make your Plans now to attend all the 2014 BFCA National Specialty Events beginning Wednesday, April 30, 2014 thru Friday May 2, 2014, at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Houston, TX. This is the same location we were at for the 2011 Specialty. It is a week earlier than the Specialty dates, so it will not be **on Mother's Day Weekend.**

The Hotel is presently experiencing renovation, which will be complete when we arrive. The rooms have all already been renovated and they are working on the meeting rooms now. We were there about six weeks ago. We were not able to see a room, but the new carpet was very attractive.

If any of you are interested in helping in any particular area, please let us know. Any and all help is welcome and will be greatly appreciated. If anyone, or group of you, are interested in offering financial support for any one or part of any event, please let us know.

The Greater Houston Bichon Frise Club is holding their Specialty Shows on Saturday May 3, 2014 and Sunday May 4, 2014 at the same location

Watch for future info on the Specialty in upcoming bulletins, flyers, and on the website.

Committee Reports

200

200 nails to clip??

200 baths to give??

200 puppies to feed??



NO.....It's 200 days until our Bichon National and it's that time to start thinking of donations for the 2014 Silent Auction/Raffle.

YES.....I am looking for awesome items to make the silent auction and raffle a great success. So if you have something you would like to donate or know merchants who are willing to help, please send the item(s) to Judy Beckham at 3011 Lone Star Lane, Pinehurst, TX 77362-3504. Judy agreed to store the items for us and keep a tally of what is being donated. Thank you, Judy!!

Also, please send me an email listing the item(s) you are generously donating.

Remember, the proceeds from the auction and raffle are what keep this Club going.

Since this is my first year running this important event, I would really like this to be **as successful as years past. So please help me make this an auction/raffle we won't forget.**

Thank you in advance for your support. Any questions, contact me.



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I look forward to seeing y'all in Houston!!!!

In Memoriam

In Memoriam of B F C A Members



It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we bid farewell...

Judith Peterson—Indiana

Thomas Purnell—Kansas

Sandra Weinke—Arizona

BFCA Announcements

BFCA and AMAZON

Our partnership with Amazon is paying off. You have helped earn over \$370.00 for the club-- just by using the Amazon Partner link on our website.

For those of you who haven't used this link, go to the www.bichon.org website under the SHOP menu--and click the link called AMAZON PARTNER. Please bookmark this link or "right click" and drag it to your desktop as a shortcut.

Whenever you want to shop at Amazon.com, use this link or shortcut to start shopping so that the BFCA will get credit. This is at no cost to you and all purchases are anonymous.

NOTICE

The BFCA has developed a new communication link with the membership for important information that should be shared with you. To ensure that you receive **these communications so they don't end up in your spam folder, PLEASE add news@bichon.org to your email address book or safe sender's list. Thank you.**



Chicagoland

Bichon Frise Club Inc.

Greetings from Chicagoland!

I missed the deadline for the last bulletin, so here are the results from our club's last specialty, held February 23rd in conjunction with the International Kennel Club shows.

Best in Sweepstakes was the Junior Dog - 15-18 months, **Barberry's I Wanna Drive the Zamboni**, bred by **Matt & Paula Abbott & Paula Hendricks & L. Bettis**, by *Gch Vogelflight's 'Honor' to Pillowtalk* - *Gch Barberry's Pink Brocade*, owned by **Matt & Paula Abbott**.

Best of Opposite in Sweeps was **Bejewel's Ain't She Sweet**, bred by **Carolyn Knuth**, by *Ch Crème's Fools Rush In* - *Ch Jabez Little Miss Bejeweled*, owned by **Carolyn Knuth & Carol Haines**.

In the regular classes, Winners Dog was **Barberry's I Wanna Drive the Zamboni**, described above.

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners was **Legend's Angel of the Morning**, bred and owned by **Erayna Beckman & Roslyn Allen**, by *Legend's White Radiance* - *Legend's You've Got the Floor*.

Best of Breed and Group 2 was *Gch Ch Vogelflight's 'Honor' to Pillowtalk* (dog), bred by **Lori & Tracy Kornfeld & Mary M. and Kathie D. Vogel**, by *Ch Paray's I Told You So* - *Ch Pillowtalk's No Secrets*, owned by **E.M. Charles & M & P Abbott & L. Kornfeld & M & K Vogel**.

Best of Opposite was **Ch Cher Ami's Toast with Moet Chandon** (bitch), bred by **Dr. Robert & Deena Mathog**, by *Gch Ch SaksHamelot Little Drummer Boy* - *Ch Cher Ami's Mama's Kisses*, owned by **Dr. Robert & Deana Mathog & Ryan Wolfe**.

Member news:

Carolyn Knuth recently finished two new champions: **Bejewel's Ain't She Sweet**, described above, on July 14th and a Havanese, **Bejewel's Make It Work**, on September 28th.

Crème's Grand Slam recently finished two more agility titles - Master Excellent Jumper Preferred and Master Agility Excellent Preferred. For each master's title, 10 clean runs, under course time, are required. Now 12 ½, Dinger retired from AKC agility competition with 15 agility titles, ranked #4 in the country among Bichons showing in the preferred classes. Dinger was bred by Carol Haines and is handled by Nancy Muklewicz.

Nancy Muklewicz
CBFC President

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On October 5th, 2013, Specialty chairpersons, Amy Walters and Nita Gryan, successfully spearheaded the seventh annual Keystone Bichon Frise Club Sweepstakes and Specialty Show in conjunction with the Devon Dog Club's All-Breed Dog Show held at Ludwig's Corner, PA. We are particularly grateful to Elaine Forstall, president of the Devon Dog Club Association and KBFC board member, for her loyal support of the show.

Twenty-two Bichons were entered in sweepstakes and regular classes under sweepstakes judge, Sacha Farnsworth-Ugarte of New York, and specialty judge, Joan Scott of Delaware.

Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsylvania

The BFCWPA activities for this quarter included the Annual Meeting on July 14, 2013, during the club's annual Bichon Family Picnic, the Event Committee meeting in August and the "Responsible Dog Ownership Day" and "Meet the Breed" event on September 29th.

On July 14th, the club held its annual picnic at Commissioner's Grove, Boyce Park, Monroeville, PA. This year's theme was Hawaiian and it was well attended by members and guests. The Bichon attendees participated in a rally match judged by Shawne Koenig.

The annual meeting was held during the picnic with the election of Officers and Board Members.

The club's Event Committee met in August to plan for the Specialty in May as well as the trophies for the Specialty.

The Club's "Responsible Dog Ownership Day" and "Meet the Breed" event was held September 29th at the Galleria of Mt. Lebanon, PA. AKC information on responsible dog ownership, breeding, events, breeds and items poisonous to dogs were available. The event was well received by the public.

Discussions this quarter were in regard to fundraising projects, honorariums for guest speakers, and finalizing plans for the Christmas party. Also discussed were trophies for our supported entries throughout the year and sponsoring a **Pet Fair along with our "Meet the Breeds" next year and include several other breed specialty clubs.**

Northern New Jersey Bichon Frise Club

The Northern NJ Bichon Frise Club represented our breed with pride at the NY City Meet the Breeds. Thousands took pictures. We had a photo booth with donations to our local rescue and disaster relief fund.

We are in the process of planning our Bichon Frise specialty which will be held in March 2014. Details to follow.

Bichon Frise Club of Dallas

Please find the list of officers for the current year.

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Greetings! At this time we are excited to announce our new website, www.bichonfriseclubofsandiego.com! Created by club member and web specialist Deb Gibb, in addition to member news, the site will feature our 2014 Specialty Premium List. In the meantime, we invite you come take a look and bookmark our address for future visits.

Don't forget to start planning for our upcoming Specialty, "Red, White and Bichon" to be held on February 21st, 2014! Two Specialty shows, our 40th and 41st, will be held this day, doubling your chance for wins! Our judges for the morning show will be Mr. Tim Robbins (TX) for Conformation and Camille Bakker (CA) for Sweepstakes. In the afternoon Mrs. Judith Daniels (CA) will judge Conformation. A Supported Entry is also offered to The Silver Bay Kennel Club shows, which will follow our Specialty, making available even more opportunities for wins!

Is your Bichon an athlete? Mark your calendars for next summer, June 13-15, 2014, for our Annual Agility Trial to be held in the beautiful historic setting of Liberty Station, formerly the U.S. Navy boot camp! Surrounded by lush, green fields, this event offers three days of fun, in which to gain those Q&QQ titles.

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday from the Bichon Frise Club of San Diego!

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