

BI CHON FRI SE CLUB OF AMERI CA, I NC.

FALL BULLETI N 2009





Officers:

- Avanell Sikes, President
- Kieth Hanson, Vice President
- Karen Chesbro, Corresponding Secretary
- Sandra Madia, Recording Secretary
- Shyla Newton, Treasurer

Directors:

- Gail Antetomaso
- Lisa DesCamps
- Katherine Dillon
- Judy McNamara
- Donna Rogers
- Chuck Watts

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Officer Reports	2
President	4
Recording Secretary	6
Ballot Proposals	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	8
National Show Report	9
Quarterly Report	
Committee Reports	10
Agility	11
Delegate Report	13
Friendship Report	13
Judges Selection Report	14
Legislative Report	15
Membership Report	16
Membership Corrections	17
Memorials	18
Obedience	20
Rescue	22
ROM/ROMX	23
Sales	23
2010 National Specialty	24
AKC Sign Up Pledge	
Local Clubs	
Keystone BFC	25
BFC of San Diego	26
2010 National Specialty	27

Enclosures:

- AKC Judges List for 2012 Judge Selection
- Qualities of a Judge
- Guidelines & Procedures for Selecting Specialty Judges
- Sweepstakes Eligibility
- 2012 Specialty 1st Round Judge Selection
- **BFCA Web Page Breeder's Directory** signup
- Health Times
- **BFCA Web Page Breeder's Directory** signup
- Registration Pledge FAQ
- Registratiaon Pledge Flyer
- Registration Pledge Form
- Meet the Breeds
- BFCA Boutique

Bulletin Editor:

Shauna Scarborough  
 8501 Andover Dr.  
 Silsbee, TX 77656

BFCA BULLETIN: The BFCA Bulletin is the official newsletter of the Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc. and is published quarterly. Subscriptions by members of BFCA are paid as a portion of annual membership dues.

## President's Message—Avanell Sikes

---

The nip in the air reminds us that fall is here. What a beauty the turning leaves gives us to enjoy!

Be sure to note the Breeder Referral sign up form is an insert in this bulletin. Please note this is the only time it will be published. The deadline to sign up is December 15, 2009. The deadline will not be extended. If you want to be included on the Breeder Referral web page, please return the form with your check made payable to BFCA to Jane Daniel before the Deadline of December 15, 2009.

It is time to vote for the first round ballot for Judges Selection for 2012. The ballot **is an insert with this bulletin. Let's make this year a record for voting. It is our duty, our responsibility, and our privilege to vote for the judges of our choice.** This is the only way you can have a voice in selecting the judges for our 2012 National Specialty and Sweepstakes. Please remember that all ballots must be signed and they must be mailed to Betty Ribble by the deadline date on the ballot. Complete instructions are printed on the ballot.

BFCA has taken the AKC Registration Pledge Challenge. We encourage every BFCA Club Member to participate. Before November 30, 2009, members of AKC member clubs **take the pledge by clicking on "Take the AKC Registration Pledge" on the AKC website, or by mailing in the signed pledge form.** Make registration a priority. Follow up with new owners to assist and encourage them to AKC register their new puppies (full or limited). This will be a great asset to AKC, but it can be beneficial to BFCA. Member clubs with the highest percentage of members who sign the pledge will be honored at the December 2009 Delegate meeting. Member clubs with the highest percentage of individual dogs registered (full or limited) from among eligible litters from June 1 thru December 31, 2009 will receive \$1,000.00. Reserve winning clubs will receive \$250.00. Registration must be completed by April 30, 2010. You will find the Registration Pledge form as an insert in this bulletin.

I am pleased to tell you the Board has approved four additional Awards to be offered for 2009. **We will offer a plaque for "Top Winning Bichon Frise, 2009 in Breed Competition", "Breeder of Top Winning Bichon Frise, 2009 in Breed Competition", Top Winning Best Opposite Sex Bichon Frise 2009 in Breed Competition", and "Breeder of Best Opposite Sex Bichon Frise 2009 in Breed Competition".** These Plaques will be offered at the Awards Banquet in Indianapolis, Indiana. Since we are a breed club, we believe we should recognize winners from the Breed Competition.

**Linda and Vincent Furrello will offer a new Challenge Trophy for "Highest Scoring Breed Champion in Obedience". This trophy will be offered at the 2010 National Specialty in Indianapolis, Indiana.** Thanks, Linda and Vince for your support of BFCA.

## President's Message Con't—Avanell Sikes

---

Sandra Madia has taken the responsibility as Chair of our Local Clubs. We are beginning a new role for the Local Clubs. We hope we can offer some good options for the Local Clubs and we hope they will become more active and offer more support for our National Club. We believe this will be a good opportunity for both of us.

Like most Parent Clubs and All Breed Clubs, we have seen a great decline in donations to Rescue. In order to maintain the safety and security of our Rescue fund, Gail and Lynn have restricted a lot of our Rescue to emergency situations until donations begin to increase. If any Local Clubs or BFCA members would like to make a donation, please let Gail or Lynn know.

Be sure to sign up at Members Only on the BFCA website. We will use this to post information. The Bulletins will be posted each quarter at the same time they go out by email. You may receive your bulletin through the website rather than email or U.S. mail. All you have to do is let Shauna know. This also saves the club money in postage.

If you plan to attend the 2009 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, **Ca. December 12 & 13, 2009, be sure to visit our booth at "Meet The Breeds". Great plans** are underway and I am sure it will be as great as usual.

Since we had a change of Treasurer in the middle of Specialty Income and Expense, the show report for 2009 published in this bulletin was prepared by me. I would like to thank Shyla and Mayno for their cooperation in supplying me numbers. If anyone has any questions, I will be happy to answer as best I can.

Kathy Loynachan has been busy working on the 2010 National Specialty in Indianapolis, Indiana. **We hope you are all making plans to join us at "LET'S HOOP IT UP IN INDY"** for all the fun Kathy has planned for us. We thank Gerry Paolillo for the great artwork. Mrs. Toddie (Houston) Clark will be our Conformation Judge and Mrs. Maggie (Hyde) Sherwood will judge Sweeps and Special Attraction Bred-By Sweeps.

When making your reservations, be sure to tell the hotel that you are a part of the BFCA Group to get the discount and to help BFCA meet our room requirement. Since our contract was signed, we have had a decline in the economy. It is very important that BFCA meet our room guarantee. I know that there might be a hotel down the way that may be a couple of dollars cheaper, but you miss all the fun of everyone being together and we need your help. Check out the back cover of the bulletin for all necessary information.

## Officer Reports—Sandra Madia, Recording Secretary

---

Good golly - **can it be October already? The holiday season is coming up and it's been five months since our Specialty in St. Louis. Soon you'll be making plans for next year's National** in Indianapolis, Indiana. General information about the 35<sup>th</sup> Specialty is in this Bulletin and on the website. Kathy Loynachan is the Show Chairperson and is looking for volunteers. Please contact her and offer a lending hand to help make this National Specialty spectacular.

Have you checked out our website lately? ([www.bichon.org](http://www.bichon.org)) Big kudos to Lisa DesCamps for all the outstanding enhancements and improvements she has added. Please take a few minutes and check it out. The pictorial is there, some historical information is there and you can **access the "Members Only" section with a password you can obtain from Lisa. She also has a section for Local Club Activities.** The page is blank - so please inform us of your local public activities.

We have had a number of ballots dealing with trophies, logos, and awards for upcoming Specialties. That information is published in this bulletin.

Information about the AKC Registration Pledge Challenge can be found in the flyer provided in this bulletin. Individual pledge signatures must be completed by NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> - so time is of the essence.

Our club did sign the pledge - **now it's up to you. Please take a minute and log onto AKC and take the pledge.** There are potential rewards for BFCA - and you can help. Plus, we can work to increase the individual dog registrations that are so important for you as breeders and for AKC. AKC is losing these registrations and the details are in George Sikes report in the Summer Bulletin.

The 2009 to 2010 Membership Roster is going to press in the not so distant future. LAST CHANCE! If you have moved - changed your phone - or changed/added an E-mail address and DID NOT provide the information with your dues payments or email; please let me know right away. If you are not sure if you provided your current information, 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 E-mail, write or call me. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Officer Reports—Sandra Madia, Recording Secretary

---

NOTICE TO LOCAL SPECIALTY CLUBS: Please make sure that you send me a Flyer or Premium List regarding any public club activity so that we can support your specialty with a BFCA ad and/or place information on the website. I am the person you need to contact so that the information can be processed in a timely manner for your activity. Without your Premium List, I have no idea about the deadlines and dates for your particular local Specialty and IT COULD BE MISSED! So please keep me informed.

Note: if you know of the passing of one of our members please contact me so that they can be remembered in future Bulletins. It is always sad to publish a memorial, but we plan to do so quarterly in order to keep all of you informed as timely as possible.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

But please, SIGN THE REGISTRATION PLEDGE!

**Our club accepts the  
AKC Registration Pledge Challenge**

**As a responsible owner of purebred dogs, I pledge:  
I will encourage, assist and follow up with  
my puppy buyers to ensure that 100% of  
the puppies I produce are AKC registered.**



**We ask every member to take the Pledge and help our club become eligible for a \$1,000 award.\* Here's how:**

- 1. Starting August 1, 2009, go to [www.akc.org/regpledge](http://www.akc.org/regpledge) and take the Pledge on behalf of our club.**
- 2. Get your puppies AKC registered.**

---

**If you do not have Internet access, contact a club officer for a Pledge form that can be sent in via mail or fax. \*See full requirements and Contest Terms at [www.akc.org/regpledge](http://www.akc.org/regpledge).**

## Officer Reports—Sandra Madia, Recording Secretary

---

### Ballot Proposals

Board Members	08-09A	09-09A	09-09B	09-09C	10-09A
Antetomaso, Gail	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chesbro, Karen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DesCamps, Lisa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dillon, Katherine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hanson, Kieth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Madia, Sandra	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Newton, Shyla	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rogers, Donna	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sikes, Avanell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Watts, Charles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

#### Board Proposals:

08-09A: When a prospective BFCA applicant is not approved for membership, there shall be a 1 year waiting period before a re-application is accepted.

09-09A: The BFCA shall offer four new awards to be given at the National Specialty beginning with the 2010 Awards Banquet. The awards are all based on Bichon Frise breed points - not on all-breed total points. The awards are:

1. Top Winning Bichon Frise Owned by a BFCA member
2. Top Winning Bichon Frise Bred by a BFCA member
3. Top Winning Opposite Sex Bichon Frise Owned by a BFCA member
4. Top Winning Opposite Sex Bichon Frise Bred by a BFCA member

09-09B: The Board of Directors of the BFCA shall accept the logo from Gerry Paolillo, submitted to the board by Avanell Sikes on September 25, 2009, as the logo for the 2010 National Specialty.

## Officer Reports Con't—Sandra Madia, Recording Secretary

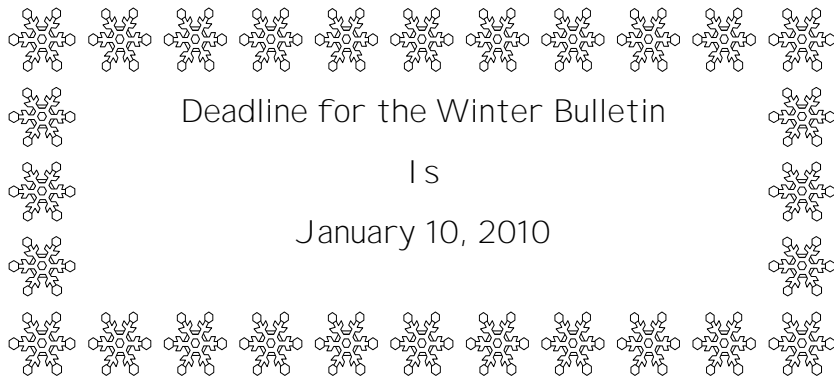
---

09-09C: The BFCA shall sign up for the AKC Registration Pledge Challenge and inform all club members of this challenge via the Fall 2009 Bulletin.

10-09A: Linda Ferrullo wishes to donate a new Challenge Trophy for the "Highest Scoring Breed Champion in Obedience". The trophy shall be the one presented to the board by Linda with her request and shall begin in 2010.

*\*Note: "NV" means no vote received due to vacation or out of town absence.*

*"AB" means abstained*





# Officer Reports—Show Report by Avaneil Sikes

---

## BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

### SHOW REPORT 2009

#### INCOME :

Comp rooms	1,114.82	
Bred-By-Exhibitor Donation	200.00	
Catalog Ads	3,155.00	
Banquet	7,755.00	
R.V. Parking	1,395.00	
Catalog Sales	1,820.00	
Seminar	1,430.00	
Trophy Donations	2,695.00	
Vendors	680.00	
Set-Up (return)	1,100.00	
Sales	4,231.00	
Auction & Raffle	5,928.00	
DVD's	3,737.00	
Pictorial	1,013.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$36,253.82</b>

#### EXPENSE:

Welcome Hospitality		3,512.30
Board Meeting Expense		722.66
Banquet		8,207.96
Hotel Attrition		8,269.50
Morning Hospitality		1,870.18
Electric & Audio		489.92
Judges Lunch		377.95
Plaques (engraving)		170.00
Awards Booklets		442.41
All Judges Exp		905.60
Bred-By- Exhibitor award		100.00
Ribbons		813.10
Video		1,864.96
Set-Up (cash)	1200.00	
Photographer		804.58
Flyer		1,498.56
Onofrio		1,591.03
Sales		2,168.21
Registration		229.68
Pens, Bags & Pads		731.00
Seminar		998.91
Trophies		1,492.10
Flowers (For picture taking & trophy table)		146.86
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$38,607.47</b>
Loss		<b>(-\$2,353.65)</b>

# Officer Report—Shyla Newton, Treasurer

---

## Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT BEGINNING MAY 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPT. 30, 2009

<b>Starting Balance May 1, 2009</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Starting Balance with Bank Deposit and Transfer from Previous Checking Account</b>		<b>\$36,924.48</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership Dues	\$5,696.25	
Health	1,555.00	
Membership Applications	150.00	
Pictorial	1,013.00	
RV Parking	206.25	
Refund Onofrio Sweeps	4.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$8,414.25</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Telephone	106.00	
BFCA Bulletin	1,563.63	
Memorials	158.58	
Postage	285.65	
AKC Parent Club Medallion-Eukanuba	215.00	
Health	523.20	
AKC Delegate—Hotel/Airline	626.97	
Refund	60.00	
National Specialty Expense	12,912.05	
Ads Local Specialty	50.00	
Rescue Expense	500.00	
Secretary's Expense	331.03	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>17,332.11</b>
Transfer Savings Account	49,952.92	
Interest	25.73	
<b>Total Savings Sept. 30, 2009</b>		<b>49,978.65</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance—Sept. 30, 2009</b>		<b>\$11,178.12</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$61,156.77</b>

## Committee Reports—Agility, Linda Bowman

---

AKC continues enhancing qualifications for agility competition. Among rule changes proposed are allowing any accepted table position and correction of weaves by allowing the competitor to start again. This is only allowed twice and the clock is ticking all the time repetitions are made. Among the most notable change is the proposal that first and second winners will no longer have the advantage of multiplying the seconds over against the number of dogs that were beaten in that jump height. Quite frankly, this last change does not always matter when the competing dog is our bichon, who, since the rule change a couple of years ago, allowed some very fast terriers into our jump height. Personally, I am all for attracting any new people who want to run and have fun with their dogs.

Agility remains a great place to show off athletic skills but as the economy has changed, shows are not always filled. This may also be a result of many more shows in our area. Competitors now sometimes have a choice of which show to enter which was not the case in the earlier years.

We, in the Houston area are looking forward to the 2011 national specialty here in Houston and have talked about whether to pursue agility at the national here. Any input from interested BFCA members would be appreciated as agility is a rather labor intensive event and needs volunteers as well as the equipment, judge, etc. Because of the relatively few competitors in the club, it has not been a feasible proposition. Please let us know any feelings whether to go forth or not.

My own small accomplishment with my girl, Rebba, continue with her a little over half of her needed wins for Mach. This will not be a quick accomplishment but if old age does not get either one of us, we will continue.

Best to all of the membership.

Lynda Bowman

## Committee Reports—Delegate Report, George Sikes

---

Monday morning, September 14, 2009, I attended the Parent Club Committee Meeting. **The upcoming Parent Club Conference was discussed. Animal Right's Groups have added** due claw removal to the dock and crock issue.

John Nielsen, a member of the Realignment and Parent Club Committee gave a report on realignment. After the report, Pat Laurens read letters from the Siberian Husky, Alaskan Malamute, and Swedish Valhunds Club stating their objection to being removed from the working and herding groups and being put in the Northern group. After the meeting was interrupted by a Delegate who was very critical of the three clubs for objecting to the move, Dr. Patricia Haines, Liaison from AKC Board, read a statement that in an earlier meeting of the AKC Board, after reading the three letters, had made the decision to pull the vote for realignment.

Monday afternoon, September 14, 2009, I attended the All Breed Committee meeting. Topics discussed were how to increase membership, how to increase entries, how to get youth involved in the sport of purebred dogs, the impact RDOD is having on all breed clubs, and how clubs that are not involved should get involved.

I also attended the Delegate Caucus. There was more discussion about realignment. There are two different groups pushing realignment. One wants out of the group they are in and form the Northern group because they believe they will have a better chance of group placements. By forming the Northern Group, you will have a group that has sporting, herding, working, and breeds from the non-sporting all in the same group. The purpose of groups was to put dogs bred for a purpose in the same group regardless of their origin. The other group would like to split up the sporting and hound. Both groups believe you can have three more group placements and this will add more entries for your shows and will keep the groups from having such large numbers. The problem is, terriers have the largest numbers and this is doing nothing to reduce the terrier group.

Tuesday morning, September 15, 2009 I attended the Legislative Caucus. We did not discuss alerts or new legislation as usual. We had a panel of Dr. William Newman, MD. member of the AKC Board, Patti Strand, AKC Board member and Director of National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) and three Veterinarians. Veterinarians are getting more involved in legislative issues. They are having more success meeting with legislators and getting dog bills voted down. Bans on some breeds, and mandatory spay/neuter of dogs and cats could hurt small animal veterinarian business. BFCA members should encourage their vets to get involved.

## Committee Reports—Delegate Report Con't

---

Tuesday morning, in the Delegate Forum, John Wade gave the presentation on the Grand Champion program. I can see that this could increase entries.

In the General Meeting, Jim Stevens, AKC/CFO gave the financial report. Total revenues for the first eight months of 2009 were 11% lower than last year. The major source of revenues was negatively impacted by the recession. Cost containment efforts resulted in total operating expenses being 6% less than 2008. This resulted in a year-to-date operating surplus of \$854,000 vs \$3.5 million last year. A better performing stock market environment in 2009 has led to a year-to-date unrealized investment gain of \$6.4 million. This **contrasted with last year's loss of \$4.2 million.**

AKC/PAC Board Chairman, Nina Schaefer, and PAC Board Member, Allen Kalter, made a **presentation about the AKC's Political Action Committee. Any member of BFCA can donate to AKC/PAC.**

Registrations continue to decline at a rate of 11% below last year. We have directed our attention away from registrations to entries through Realignment and Grand Champions. Entries will increase with a strong economy, but registration will not. We must educate the puppy buying John Doe that money for AKC registration goes to the welfare of Purebred dogs and not to profit registries.

The Delegate Body voted to refer the rule change necessary for the proposed Realignment of the Groups back to the AKC Board. It is to come back to the Delegates for a vote in March 2010.

The Delegate Standing Committee election was held and you can read the results of the election in The Gazette.

Chapter 8, Section 5, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows was amended to cover all contagious and communicable diseases.

After talking to many Parent Club Delegates and hearing the sad stories of declining donations and depleted funds to rescue, I thank Gail and Lynn for making an unpopular decision to restrict the BFCA rescue until donations increase in order to keep our rescue fund safe and secure.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 PM.

# Committee Reports

---

## Bulletin

Thanks to Gerry Paolillo for supplying the Bulletin cover for this publication.

Shauna Scarborough

## Friendship Committee Report

Since the BFCA National in May, we have sent out 5 Cards and donations have been sent to the National Cancer Association, The American Heart Association, and BCFA's Rescue Fund.

Laura Purnell  
Friendship Chairman

## Judges Selection Committee

In this issue we begin the process of selection for our Conformation and Sweepstakes **Judges for the 2012 Specialty. Our last year's participation was one of our best ever and I want to encourage all of you to be an active participant in this years' process.**

It is important that you read carefully the directions for the various levels of voting. There has been additional information added this year to better assist you in submission of names for the Sweepstakes. We have added a list of those not eligible or who have informed us that they do not wish to be considered for any future date.

So now it is your turn. I will look forward to receiving your ballots by the appointed date, Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

Betty Ribble

# Committee Reports

---

## BFCA Legislative Committee

We have developed the following Mission Statement and Objectives. We are in the process of developing the field organization which will be responsible for monitoring legislative activity in their geographic area. The current plan is to divide the U.S. into 5 geographic regions. This will require that we have one field representative for each region. If anyone has any questions or suggestions please contact George or Kieth.

### Mission Statement

The BFCA Legislative Committee is responsible for providing an effective/proactive system for promoting the efforts of Bichon breeders with legislative bodies so as not to negatively impact the ability of breeders to breed purebred Bichons thru legislative action.

### Objectives

Support AKC Initiatives in the area of legislative actions

Develop materials to be used by BFCA members in communication with legislative Representatives

Develop BFCA grass roots organization to effectively interact with legislative Representatives on a proactive basis

Communicate with BFCA Board on current Issues (hotspots)

George Sikes and Kieth Hanson

## Committee Reports—Membership, Karen Chesbro

---

### New Members

Paula & Matt Abbott  
3129 Barberry Court  
Murrysville, PA 15668  
(Paula Hendricks & Mimi Winkler)

Linda Cook  
101 Whitney Court  
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088  
(Donna Jones & Mary Spruiell)

Stephanie Hart  
137 Pebblebrook  
Houston, Texas 77079  
(Ceilia Ruggles & Virginia Huddle)

Lorrie Carlton & Larry Letsche  
6565 N. Territorial Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(Harriet Pritchard & Mimi Winkler)

Terrell Potts  
1411 Parmele Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(Rick Day & Donna Jones)

Sarah Rawlings  
1610 Old Gulph Road  
Villanova, PA 19085  
(Nita Gryan & Mimi Winkler)

### New Membership Applications (Sponsors)

Dana Heckler  
754 Plato Street  
Franklin Square, NY 11010  
(Toby Frisch & Carol Konik)

Laura/Gary Huddleston  
1533 Moonlight Drive  
Ferguson, MO 63135  
(Laura Purnell & Sara Barkley)

Dianne Mallon  
11 Turning Leaf Way  
Azusa, CA 91702  
(Sandra Madia & Barbara Stubbs)

Carol Short  
723 Stoneway Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78258  
(Paula Bender & Nancy McDonald)

All BFCA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Sandra Madia, 13631 Addison Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-1411 by November 15, 2009.



# Committee Reports

---

## Membership Directory Corrections

Fall 2009

Send any directory changes to: Sandra J Madia e-mail: sandraj@winning.com

Please update your 2008 - 2009 BFCA Membership Directories to reflect the following changes:

### Additions:

You will find this information on the Membership Report from Karen Chesbro.

### Corrections:

*Note: The corrections are in italics.*

Erayna & Larry Beckman

*6508 Oak Lakes Lane*

*Citrus Heights, CA 95621-3301*

*916-560-3354*

Sheryl Kapella

*7522 F.M. 723*

*Richmond, TX 77406-9728*

Joanne Rubin

*2805 Center Street*

*Soquel, CA 95073-2403*

Roberta Bleecker

*P. O. Box 123*

*McGrath, MN 56350-0123*

*Phone: 612-817-0268*

Sally Roberts

*Email: sally2u@comcast.net*

### JUST A BIG REMINDER:

THERE IS VERY LITTLE TIME BEFORE THE NEW DIRECTORY GOES TO PRESS. PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL ME RIGHT AWAY IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES YOU WISH PUBLISHED THAT HAVE NOT APPEARED IN THE SUMMER OR FALL BULLETIN. THANK YOU. sjm

# In Memoriam of B F C A Members



*IT IS WITH HEAVY HEART AND GREAT SADNESS  
THAT WE SAY FAREWELL...*

*Steve Blanding August 2009 Washington  
Nellie Valora August 2009 Pennsylvania*



## Committee Reports—Obedience by Linda Ferrello

---

Wow, the year is almost over, where did the time go? First, I want to give my condolences to Mayno Blanding and her family on the tragic sudden loss of her husband Steve. I also need to let everyone know that Mayno and her dog CH. Jasme Ragedy Ann CDX RAE earned their RAE2 in April 2009.

Our BFCA Nationals held the Obedience and our first Rally trial on May 7 2009. Ms. Virginia Kinlon did all the Judging. This year, High In Trial came from the Novice B class. There were 9 entries in Obedience, unfortunately, not all passed this time.

CH. Paw Mark Allure Chasin Waves Landd owned by Deedy and Larry Sorenson with a score of 192 took 1st place in Novice B and High In Trial of the day. Congratulations! 2nd place in Novice B went to Belle Creek's Sugar Pie owned by C. Eisenlohr. The Open B 1st place went to Keeling's Magnolia Blossom CDX owned by B. Keeling with a score of 185.5

Rally had 8 entries. Rally Novice A 1st went to Sweet Cheri owned by Sandra Macdonald with a 93, 2nd place went to Lord Koenigs Lady Annabelle AX AXJ owned by Shawn Koenig, Rally Novice B had for 1st place CH. Merryell Absolutely Spellbound owned by Mayno Blanding with a 97 score, Rally Advanced A had for 1st place Kirby AX AXJ owned by Patricia Muraczewski with a score of 93, 2nd went to DALNAVERT LUVI T'S DIRT DEVIL CD OA OAJ owned by Patricia Muraczewski. Rally Advanced B 1st place went to CH JASME RAGGEDY ANN CDX RAE owned by Mayno Blanding with a score of 99, 2nd place went to CH FOUR OAKS CLASSY CHASSI CASSI E CD owned by Carol Short and in Rally Excellent B we had in 1st place for a RAE leg CH JASME RAGGEDY ANN CDX RAE owned by Mayno Blanding with a score of 97. Congratulations to everyone that entered!

I recently was asked to do a seminar on What Judges want to see and what they don't want to see. It is geared for the new exhibitors to try and ease them. Since I am a fairly new judge they thought I might be perfect for the job. That seminar is coming up soon and I must admit I have a lot of jitters about doing it. I have judged many match shows and Show n' Goes where I learned many techniques in training my own dogs. Judging though is a whole new thing to me with the AKC. Logic is thrown out the window in a lot of ways. Even an AKC Rep will tell you if questioned, that logic is thrown out the window. What one might in general believe is not necessarily what the rules state in the AKC when it comes to judging. So, I am going to tell you what I like to see in a team. I know many new exhibitors are terrified when they first come into the ring. Please remember to breathe. I have been guilty of that same problem at many shows. My worst fear is to not get the placements right. It really doesn't matter the score as much as the placements must be correct. The experienced exhibitor may

## Committee Report—Obedience Con't

---

may not always like the score you gave them, a new exhibitor is happy to get a score that earns them a green ribbon, and if they manage to get an additional color ribbon as in placements, they adore the judge forever. A green ribbon is issued to all obedience and rally exhibitors that have qualified in their class. In obedience you have to earn a score of at least 170 and have scored more than half the points allowable on each of the exercises performed. In Rally you need a minimum of 70 points and you can have incorrectly performed a couple of stations and still qualify. What I do not like to see is the tight leash syndrome. Mostly nerves cause this. Generally it can only be seen in the Novice classes of both Rally and Obedience but it is something that is seen too much. In the Open ring it is seen when the handlers come into the ring for the Group exercises. Training is not supposed to take place in the ring but yet exhibitors are always trying to sneak a correction in or a warning in to their dogs. Albeit, it is difficult to do that with a Bichon, but it is amazing the ingenious ways people have of making the dog straighten out. Anyway, judges, even new judges, do not like seeing the ears pinched, the handler pounding on their dog in between exercises (obedience) in a show of happiness that can be seen as a corrective action. Gently guiding a dog by the collar in Novice obedience does not mean choke the dog. Popping the dog on the head to get its attention is score-able, even as it is used before telling the judge you are ready. Please be aware that from the moment you enter the ring in either obedience or rally, you can be scored for yanking your dog, pulling, popping or pushing into a position. If you give food to your dog as you are entering the ring, be aware that if the dog is still chewing, you have NQ'd because you brought food into the ring. There was a scenario that another judge had recently at a show where the handler handed her dog a treat as she was entering and the dog coughed it up as she was in the ring. The dog was excused before it got to the start line (this was rally) for being unfit to compete. Now I know we all want to give our dogs that extra boost to make them want to work for us but, please be sure your dog has finished it before you go into the ring. Try to give your dog the treat before the dog is invited into the ring by the judge. There is much less of a likelihood of those scenarios happening then. Hand position is the other major issue. There are only 2 positions allowed in obedience during heel free. By your side and moving naturally until stopped or holding your left hand against your body centered in the area of the waist with the forearm held against the body with the right hand down by your side and moving naturally. Any exercise that calls for the dog to sit in front the arms must be by the handlers' sides.

What do I want to see the handlers do? Smile, having fun with their dog, breathing. We must always remember that our dogs are not machines. Just like we make mistakes, so do the dogs. Keep the leash loose, talk to your dog when you can, (rally all the time, obedience-in between exercises) Don't slow down for your dog. Move at a normal pace, just like you do in practice- 99% of the time the dog will catch up to you then.

# Committee Reports

---



## BICHON FRI SE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

October 2009

### A PLEA

I have been involved in Bichon rescue for 15+ years starting out as an independent rescuer **and founded Lily's Hope Bichon Rescue in Pennsylvania. There were many times when I paid the bills myself because there was no money in Lily's Hope checking account. But back then,** spay/neuters were less than \$100. Dentals were \$200. Bladder stone surgeries were \$300. I remember the first time I had \$3000 in the checking account. I thought I was rich and **could handle anything that came along. Things aren't so easy now.**

Rescue has changed dramatically in 15 years. The economy has made it change even more dramatically in the past two years. Foreclosures mean dogs are being turned in because **owners can no longer keep them. Vetting isn't being done because owners can no longer afford** even minimal health care. Dentals have gone up to \$600 and bladder stone surgeries are now \$1200 in some areas. Many dogs being relinquished have health issues. We have spent thousands of dollars vetting Bichons with treatable health conditions so that these deserving little dogs can get a second chance to live a good life in an adoptive home.

Over the summer months, our vet bills were in excess of \$18,000. Consequently, our Trust has reached an all time low in available resources. We are not alone. Any rescue or shelter that you talk to is having the same issues. More dogs needing rescue, less donations. I made a personal plea to some of my adopters. Considering that I only asked about 50 adopters and have received \$855, not too bad. But we still need more donations to continue our work. If we likewise reach out to our past puppy buyers and tell them that there are less fortunate Bichon desperately needing help perhaps some would consider making a tax deductible contribution to our rescue Trust.

We are receiving ten or more requests a week to relinquish a Bichon from owners unable to care for their pets. One week alone, there were eleven requests, the youngest was 12 and

## Committee Reports

---

the oldest was 19. How many of those Bichons did we bring in? Only two! We are lacking in funds and, most importantly, foster homes. So this is a plea to the membership. **Remember, the BFCA is the keeper of the breed. It doesn't matter who bred these little ones. It doesn't matter that they do not meet the Standard. What matters is that these Bichons need help. We are asking for that help.**

If you can look into your heart and help, please contact either Gail or myself. Neither of us is looking for glory or attention. Our satisfaction is making these little ones healthy, whole and loved.

Respectfully,

Lynn Ramich and Gail Antetomaso

### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 01/01/09 THRU 09/30/09

Regions Bank Beginning Balance	\$32,048.17
Regions Bank Ending Balance	\$16,214.53

### Report of Itemized Categories January 2009 thru September 2009

Total Income	\$32,244.07
Total Expenses	\$47,208.41
Overall Total	- \$15,208.34

## Committee Reports—ROM/ROMX, Sandra Madia

---

REGISTER OF MERIT / REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS

Submitted as of 10/01/09

Congratulations to the following dogs that have been rewarded ROM titles:

ROM:

OWNERS:

CH. JUDGES CHOICE HIGH RIDGE RIGHTON (D) Mimi Winkler\* & Jim Deppen

- Denotes BFCA Membership

### **Qualifications for ROM/ROMX**

It is the responsibility of the Owner of a proposed dog to submit the required information to the ROM/ROMX Chairman for confirmation. The Owner must be a BFCA member in good standing. To be eligible for a Register of Merit (ROM) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of seven (7) or more, or the Dam of five (5) or more, Champions of Record. To be eligible for a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of twenty-five (25) or more, or the Dam of ten (10) or more, Champions of Record. The progeny are to be Champions of Record, confirmed by AKC.

How to apply for your award:

To apply for your ROM/ROMX please submit the following two documents:

1. An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam, listing the Champions of Record available from the AKC On-Line Store for \$25.00; OR publications from AKC Gazette, AKC Awards, BFCA Banquet Awards Booklets or Bichon Reporters verifying the Champions of Record.
2. Copy of current AKC registration, showing all owners of the sire or dam

Note: If you are unable or unsure about obtaining the AKC Progeny Report, then you may submit your request with a copy of the current AKC registration and a non-refundable check for \$25.00. I will obtain the AKC Progeny Report and mail a copy to you.

**Mail To: Sandra J Madia, 13631 Addison Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-1411**  
**Phone: 818-784-4240** **E-mail: sandraj@winning.com**

## Committee Reports

---

### Sales report

Hope you all had a busy summer with lots of show wins. We have a couple of new items on our web page - a mouse pad and luggage tags. Take a look and see if you, or a friend would enjoy these items.

We are looking to add some new items to our sales page and would like to find something unique that is not in every other catalog. If you can think of something that would be appropriate for us to use as a fund raiser, please let me know.

Kathy Loynachan

### 2010 National Specialty

Hope you all had a good summer and are ready to enjoy the slower days of Fall. It won't be long before you start making plans to attend the 2010 National in Indianapolis, Indiana. The hotel we are using has changed hands so PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOTEL IS NOW THE INDIANAPOLIS WYNDHAM WEST HOTEL. THERE IS A NEW PHONE NUMBER—800-347-7559.

Many of the committee chairmen are already hard at work to ensure all of us have a good time in Indy. However, we still need a couple of people to work at promoting catalog ads and someone to gather material to put in the goody bags. If anyone is interested in helping with these jobs, give me a call.

See you there!

Kathy Loynachan



---

## Our club accepts the **AKC Registration Pledge Challenge**



As a responsible  
owner of purebred  
dogs, I pledge:

I will encourage,  
assist, and follow  
up with my puppy  
buyers to ensure  
that 100% of the  
puppies I produce  
are AKC registered.

We ask every member to take the Pledge and help our club become eligible for a \$1,000 award.\*

Here's how:

1. Starting August 1, 2009, go to [www.akc.org/regpledge](http://www.akc.org/regpledge) and take the Pledge on behalf of our club.
2. Get your puppies AKC registered.

If you do not have Internet access, contact a club officer for a Pledge form that can be sent in via mail or fax.

\*See full requirements and Contest Terms at [www.akc.org/regpledge](http://www.akc.org/regpledge).

# Please Sign Up!!

# Keystone Bichon Frise Club

---



Our third Regional Specialty Show, held in conjunction with the Berks County Kennel Club on Sunday September 13, 2009 in Kutztown, PA. was a great success. Cyndie Adams and Paula Coulton served as co-chairs for the event. Paula Colton and Mimi Kegerise were in charge of trophies. Gloria Kilpatrick provided our beautiful luncheon after the show, and many of our club members provided lovely baskets for our raffle, managed by Lynn Speedie.

Show Results:

SWEEPS - Judge was Carol Konik, Entry of 8

**Winner, Ch. Gaylor's Nospin** - Owners Lynn Ramich and Gail Antetomaso.

**Winner's Bitch in Sweeps** - Ch. White Shadows Sugarland - Owner Karen Chesbro.

Best Veteran in Sweeps - **Ch. LeVerre's White Echo** - Owners Jean Glass and Cynthia Adams.

REGULAR classes - Judge Bonnie Threlfall Entry of 16

*6 to 9 months Dogs* - Lambichons Cool Hand Luke - Owners Robert Schultz

*pen Dogs* - **Winner, Ch. Gaylor's Nospin**- Owners Lynn Ramich, Gail & Amanda Antetomaso, & Krista Fileccia. Reserve, Lambichons Cool Hand Luke

*Puppy 6 to 9 month Bitches*-4 entries. Winner - Prelude's Merci Beaucoup-Owners Janet & Julie Weiderhold.

*Bred-by Bitches*---4 entries Winner - Lormi's Standing Ovation--Owners Michael Fahy & Phil Schafmayer. Reserve-Prelude's Merci Beaucoup - Owners Janet and Juli Weiderhold.

*Veterans 9 years & over.* Winner Ch. Bitch Le Verre's White Echo-Owners Jean Glass & Cynthia Adams.

Best of Breed---4 entries

Winner- Ch. Risgae's Dutchess of Wessex -Michael Fahy & Phil Schafmayer .

Best of Winners- Ch. Gaylors Nospin-Lynn Ramich, Gail & Amanda Antetomaso, & Krista Fileccia.

Best of Opposite Sex- Ch. Jabree's Jack of Hearts-Mark & Nita Gryon, & Sarah Rawlings.

Thanks to all who contributed and participated!

## Bichon Frise Club of San Diego

---



Summer has come to an end but you would never know it by the temperatures here in beautiful San Diego. We have all our fingers and paws crossed that we will make it through this hot dry weather with no fires.

The Bichon Frise Club of San Diego is focused on our up-coming Specialty, February 26, 2010 in conjunction with the Silver Bay Kennel Club. Our theme is *You Ought To Be In Pictures*. The Sweepstakes and Conformation judging will take place in the morning. After a break for lunch we will reconvene for a second Specialty. This time there will be only conformation judging with a different judge than in the morning. Keep you eye out for the flyer coming soon. This is a great opportunity as there will no doubt be 4 majors within three days !!

In addition, we are well under way with BOOK SIX The Bichon Frise, A Pictorial Review. Have a look at the flyer included in this issue of the Bulletin. We have a few issues of the **back five issues available for purchase in the event you don't have them. You can purchase all five previous issues for just \$125 including postage or \$25 for individual issues.** You may order by going to our web site [www.bichonfriseclubofsandiego.com](http://www.bichonfriseclubofsandiego.com).

It is a busy time in San Diego, which is just the way we like it.

## 2010 BFCA National Specialty

---



2010 BFCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN  
MAY 6, 7, 8

LOCATION:..... INDIANAPOLIS WYNDHAM WEST HOTEL

**(Formerly the Adam's Mark)**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

RESERVATIONS 800-347-7559

For questions: Email Kathy at [KSL@Lisco.com](mailto:KSL@Lisco.com) or (641) 862-3274