

Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.

Winter Bulletin 2012





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President's Message—Kieth Hanson

The year 2011 ended on a very sad note. BFCA's President, Sandra Madia, passed away on December 27th. **Sandy's battle with liver cancer took her from us all too soon. BFCA has lost a wonderful member whose contributions as a Board member, Show Secretary, Recording Secretary and President will be sorely missed. I know I speak for the rest of the Board that we will miss Sandy's leadership, enthusiasm and thoughtfulness. Most of all, we will miss her friendship.**

The family has requested that donations be made to the American Liver Foundation in memory of Sandra Madia.

American Liver Foundation (L. A. Chapter)
5777 West Century Boulevard
Suite 865
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Telephone: 310-670-4624.

Accordingly, BFCA has made a Memorial donation in Sandy's name.

The Board has had a busy three months. The revised BFCA Constitution was approved by the Membership and has been forwarded to AKC for their review/approval. A proposed modification to The Breeder Referral System was approved and will be implemented in the near future. This modification will take advantage of our website technology which continues to make BFCA more efficient.

The Board has also passed a Grant requested by the Health Committee for the study of Bladder Stones. Details will be available in the BFCA Health Times.

The National Specialty in Chicago is less than four months away and our Show Chair, Donna Jones, will be asking for assistance from many of us as the time grows short.

The Specialty Show Premium List work with Onofrio is almost complete thanks to the leadership efforts of Judy McNamara and the help of many of the Board members. Coinciding with the premium list activity has been the preparation of the BFCA Specialty Flyer coordinated by Diana McFarlane. The flyer will be sent out shortly so be prepared to make your reservations, donations and meal selections. As I observe the preparations necessary for the Specialty to take place, my thanks to all of the Committee heads that make this happen. Without their volunteer efforts, our Specialty would not be the successful event that it is.

President's Message Con't—Kieth Hanson

You will also find the ballot for the second round of the 2014 Judges Selection process. **Our first round response was.....average, very low..... Please make an effort to complete your ballot and return it early.** It is your opportunity and duty to choose the judges for our National.

During the past two months, we have had two Meet The Breed functions. The first was at the Javits Center in New York City and the second was at the Eukanuba Show in Orlando. My thanks to all the BFCA members that helped out at these events in educating the public on our delightful Breed.

I hope you have received your 2011-2012 Membership Directory. A big thanks to Betsy Savage for all her time and effort.

Finally, the BFCA Constitution requires that the Vice President will assume the duties of the President and that the BFCA Board fill the office vacated by the Vice President. I am pleased to inform you that the Board has appointed Gail Antetomaso to the position of Vice President.



NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting
of the
Bichon Frise Club of America

will be held on Friday, May 11, 2012

Location:

The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, Lombard, I L

Officer Reports—Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary

I know that you are saddened by the untimely passing of Sandy Madia. We miss her.

It is still sunny and warm in California with a few rainy days interspersed. I hope that **you have all had a wonderful holiday season. If you are in "White Christmas" country, I hope the white stuff wasn't as bad as last year.**

You should all have received your BFCA Membership Directory by now. Lisa Des Camps and Betsy Savage did a fantastic job in formatting and printing the Directory. Please take a moment to review your listing in the Directory. If there are changes or corrections, please send them to me so that I can update the master list. I have some already which are in this Bulletin. These changes/corrections will be printed in the next Bulletin.

Ballots for amending the BFCA Constitution and Bylaws were voted upon and returned to me. There were 169 returned with a 91% approval. The changes have been submitted to The American Kennel Club for their approval.

It is also time to begin thinking of the BFCA officers for 2013-2015. Attached to the Bulletin is a form for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. This committee is made up of non-board members and is chaired by a board member. This is your opportunity for you to participate in the selection of your board members. If you wish to volunteer, please complete the form and send it to me at your earliest convenience.

NOTICE TO LOCAL SPECIALTY CLUBS. If your club is planning a local specialty or other event, please send me the information as soon as it is known by either a Flyer or e-mail. This will ensure that we can support your specialty with a BFCA ad. Also, if you need a parent club letter approving your event for the AKC, send the event number, the date, the location, pending or approved judges (if not in conjunction) and any special events or non-regular classes you will offer.

The 2012 National Specialty to be held in Chicago promises to be a wonderful event. Be sure to check out the BFCA website for information and note the terrific logo for the event. Mrs. Loraine Boutwell will judge Conformation, Edward H. Haas will judge Obedience, Rally and Jr. Showmanship and George Sikes will judge Sweepstakes. These excellent judges combined with our 5th **"Bred-by-Exhibitor Special Event" are sure to make this a memorable National.** Make your reservations early to secure your choice of rooms. Look for the Flyer and website for other pertinent information.

Notice: The Annual Meeting will be held Friday, May 11, 2012 at the Westin Yorktown Center in Lombard, Illinois.

Officer Reports—Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary

Ballot Proposals

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>11-11A</u>	<u>01-12A</u>
Antetomaso, Gail	Yes	Yes
Chesbro, Karen	Yes	Yes
DesCamps, Lisa	Yes	Yes
Dillon, Katherine	Yes	Yes
Endo, Lillian	Yes	Yes
Hanson, Kieth	Yes	Yes
McFarlane, Diana	Yes	Yes
McNamara, Judy	Yes	Yes
Noonan, Nancy	Yes	Yes
Sikes, Avaneil	Yes	Yes

Board Proposals:

11-11A - The Revised BFCA Constitution and Bylaws shall be sent to the BFCA membership for their consideration.

01-12A - **The BFCA shall change the process for the Breeder's Directory as follows:** Breeders who wish to be included after the cut-off date shall be charged a \$10.00 late fee. This change will not apply to new members who join at the time of acceptance as a member.

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

"AB" means abstained

Officer Reports—Judy McNamara, Treasurer

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA

Treasurers Report

Financial Statement Beginning October 1, 2011 and Ending December 31, 2011

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2011		\$24,153.67
INCOME:		
Dues	\$ 190.00	
Sales	430.50	
Application Fees	75.00	
Reimbursement-Returned Checks	81.17	
Bulletin-Postage	70.00	
Health	129.55	
Breeders Directory	<u>2,500.00</u>	
Total Income		\$3,476.22
EXPENSES:		
PayPal	\$ 65.73	
Sales	149.10	
Treasurer's Expense	19.08	
Secretary's Expense	587.96	
Bulletin	294.13	
Health	60.68	
Meet The Breeds	333.65	
Returned Checks	78.17	
Local Ad	80.00	
Dues and Fees	35.00	
Printing	749.06	
Delegate	<u>968.55</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>3,421.11</u>
NET INCOME		<u>\$ 55.11</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2011		\$24,208.78
PAYPAL ACCOUNT		500.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT SEPT. 30, 2011	\$35,094.76	
Interest	<u>4.33</u>	
BUSINESS SAVING ACCOUNT DEC. 31, 2011		<u>35,099.09</u>
TOTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2011		<u>\$59,807.87</u>

Committee Reports—Delegate Report, George Sikes

I attended the December Delegates meetings December 15th and 16th, 2011, in Orlando, FL in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Entries were record breaking **and all the events drew high attendance. BFCA had a great "Meet the Breeds" booth as usual.** I would like to thank all the people who helped make the BFCA booth a success.

Congratulations to Best of Breed, Best Bred By Exhibitor, and Non-Sporting Best Bred **By Exhibitor, Group I, GCG CH Paray's Power & Privilege, Breeders/Owners, Trey Pittman, Paul Flores, and Gayle Sarner.** Also, Congratulations to Best Opposite Sex, GCH CH Gemstone She is A Belle of the Ball, Breeders/owners, Jewel & Mitchell Elias.

At the Parent Club Committee meeting on December 15, 2011, "Parent Club Excellence" was discussed and the committee will continue working on the details. Elimination of AKC Staff liaison at Committee meetings was discussed at length. Alan Kalter, AKC Board Member, announced the moratorium on new local breed clubs has been lifted.

At the Forum, questions were directed at the candidates for the AKC Board. Each was given adequate time for their answers. The candidates will be voted on at the March 2012 delegates meeting.

The Group realignment Committee presented a proposal to increase the number of groups at AKC Events to eleven, to be voted on at the March 2012 Delegates meeting. Bichons will remain in the Non-Sporting group. You may view the groups and breeds at the BFCA website on the Members Only page, or you may email me at avagbichon@aol.com for more information.

AKC has created a 60 second Public Service Announcement to be aired on radio for rescue and health by Willie Nelson. The cost is ZERO. Visit www.akc.org/rescuegroups and www.akcchf.org to read more about this. Willie certainly touches our hearts in these messages.

You can read the AKC Delegates minutes on the AKC website.

Committee Reports

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Friendship Committee Report

Since the last Bulletin, the committee has sent out 2 Get Well cards, 1 to Sally Mitchell and 1 to Lee Fry. We also have sent out 3 Sympathy cards to the families of Laurie Huddleston, Karen Chesbro, & the family of Sandra Madia. I appreciate all the calls when one of our members is ill and needs a little cheering up so we can get a card in the mail. Keep up the good work.

Laura Purnell

Friendship Chairman

New Membership Applications (Sponsors) Winter 2012

Dena Mathog

27115 Wellington

Franklin, Michigan 48025

(Sandra Hanson & Paula Hendricks)

Karen A. Paulson

P. O. Box 1296

Bellingham, Washington 98227

(Sue Swindle & Chuck Watts)

All BFCA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Diana McFarlane, 3606 Haverhill St., Carlsbad, CA 92008-2174, or email dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com by FEBRUARY 15, 2012.

Committee Reports—Obedience Reports, Linda Ferrullo

New changes are coming April 1st to the Rally classes of the AKC. Judging schedule will change from 22 dogs per hour to 20 dogs per hour. You need to know this when planning your arrival for the show ring. You also must keep a close eye on the entry board to make sure of absent exhibitors. Many Judges are not handing out course maps and are just posting the course somewhere near the ring for you to view so make sure you are current on or able to look up how to do the signs prior to entering your ring. The Judge cannot tell you how to do the exercise at a show during the walk thru.

Minor to substantial points have changed from 1-3 points to 1-10 points. A substantial deduction of 6-10 points has been added for Luring/Pleading with the dog. It used to be allowed with no penalty. Honor has been replaced with sit/stay in the Excellent class and if the dog breaks there is no retry, it is considered a -10 points for that. Also in Excellent, the AKC has placed the deduction to be imposed for those handlers that clap or pat their legs in the Excellent class, which always was not allowed, to be 1-10 points per occurrence. A Non-Qualifying score also now has been added to the scoring for any exhibitor that approaches a sign but does not begin the exercise on the sign- it will be considered "station not attempted by handler" so be careful to read those signs correctly as you approach them. Also, I want to remind those that play in Rally that the rules state the handler must be directly in front of signs for change of direction. It is up to the Judge to properly place the sign in the correct position but the handler is required to come up to that sign and be close to it before they do the exercise or they can be considered "Not attempted" and NQ for not being near enough to that sign. That has always been in place but some of the Judges are finally realizing that they have not been scoring this before and will be now after they have gone to a couple of seminars it has sunk in. Exercises using cones may require entries with the sign to the exhibitors **Left and all other signs will be placed on the right of the handlers' path. Except for exercises requiring entry with the sign on the left, exercises are performed near the signs with either being directly in front (for change of direction) or in front and to the left of the signs.**

The AKC also has started to change the numbers for the signs. They have added to the Novice level 5 new signs numbered 32 - 36 and these signs also may be used at any of the other levels. No change to Novice signs 1-31.

32- Figure 8 w/no distractions- 2 posts used for this, team enters with the posts on either left or right and will perform a complete figure 8 around the posts, must enter center 3 times to be correct.

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33- Halt, Left turn, forward- Team halts, dog sits, handler turns left and dog must follow immediately with handler as they move forward without any hesitation. Change of direction so sign must be done directly in front of, 34- Halt, right turn, forward- Handler halts, dog sits. Handler turns right and dog moves with handler as they go forward. Change of direction, sign is directly in front of you as you perform this, 35- Call Front- Return to heel. - while heeling the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front position (dog must not sit in heel prior to being called to front) and the handler may take several steps backward as the dog moves to the front, dog sits in front of handler, the handler must then walk around the dog and return to heel position and pause. Dog must remain sitting while handler walks around it. This is a change in direction sign but it can be in front or to the right. 36- Halt-slow forward from sit-the team halts and the dog sits; the team then moves forward in a slow pace until they reach the sign Normal.

Advanced signs have been renumbered 101-118 with 4 new signs added. 115- Halt- Stand - dog sits at heel position, handler stands dog, dog may be posed, handler pauses before moving forward, 116- Halt-Pivot right-forward- Handler halts and dog sits, handler pivots right with dog and continues to move forward, 117- Halt-pivot left- forward- same as 116 sign but moving to the left instead, 118- Halt- leave dog- 2 steps- call to heel- forward - Handler halts and dog sits, while the dog remains sitting the handler takes 2 steps forward and pauses, the handler then moves forward and calls the dog to heel as they move forward.

Excellent signs have been renumbered 201- 299. Although it stops at 211 and then they have 2 signs numbered 298 and 299. This is to make room for adding new signs to all the rally classes in the future. All the old signs in each of the levels continue to be the same. The excellent class has 8 new signs added to it and the Honor sign is being removed.

206- Down while heeling- without pause or hesitation handler will command dog to down and stay as the handler continues to move forward 6 feet to the new sign -299- Call to heel marker- Handler will turn and face the dog, this is a change of direction, and call the dog to the heel position. The handler must pause before moving forward. 207- Stand while heeling - While moving, without pausing the handler will tell the dog to stand and stay and continue moving 6 feet to the call to heel #299 sign without pause. The handler will then face the dog and call it to heel position. This is a change of direction. Dog must return to heel position and sit; handler must pause before moving forward. 208- Stand-leave dog- sit dog- call front-finish- While heeling the handler will stop and command dog to stand, dog must stand and not sit first, tell dog to stay and move forward 6 feet to the sign # 299 marker-Call to heel.

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Handler will turn and face dog, then the handler will command/signal the dog to sit, after dog sits the handler will then call/signal dog to front and then finish or call to heel. This is a change in direction exercise. Handler must pause before moving forward. 209- Stand- leave dog- down dog- call front- finish- while heeling the handler stops and stands dog. Dog must not sit first, then move forward 6 feet to the #299 sign- call to heel, turn and face dog. Handler will then command/signal dog to down. When dog downs, handler will then command to come to the front and sit, and then to the heel position- dog must sit in front and at heel. This is a change of direction for the team. Handler must pause before moving forward. 210 - Send to jump- At the sign for this station which will be approx 10 feet away, the handler will command/signal the dog to jump. Dog must leave handler and take the jump. Handler may move in a straight path of at least 3 feet distance away from the jump and may not pass the jump until the dog has returned to the heel position. The AKC states in the directions for this sign that the dog can back jump to get back in the heel position. However the dog must not stop at any time during the working of this exercise. Once the dog has resumed the heel position the team can continue on to the next station. 211- Double left about turn- this is probably the only sign I like of the new signs, While moving with the dog in heel position the handler makes an about turn to the left while the dog goes around the handler to the right and into heel position again and then the handler takes one or 2 steps forward and repeats, making this a 360 degree turn and you should be going in the same direction you were heading when you first met up with this sign. The dog does not sit at any time during this exercise. This is similar to the Novice sign 29- Left about turn, but you now do it twice. 298- Sit/Stay- This sign will be used as a marker, the dog will sit on command and stay while the handler leaves the dog and walks to retrieve the leash, returns to heel position of the dog and then the judge will say exercise finished. Handler must hook up dog to leash.

The Excellent class also has changed in that instead of having a minimum requirement of only 2 signs in the class of the Excellent signs and 3 Advanced stations, it is now 3 Excellent signs that must be used and 2 Advanced signs. I am not thrilled with the new excellent signs except the double left about sign. Some of the exercises could hinder a dog that is working in the obedience ring because except for in utility where the handler must call the dog to heel after an exam, all dogs come to the front and sit on any form of recall. This could be confusing to the dog; especially those that are not up to utility level and for those that have not entered into obedience but are hoping to in the future. The send to jump could be a disaster for

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those that are doing Open Obedience or Utility obedience because instead of being an introduction to jumping for starters, it is now contradicting what dogs must do in obedience. There has been talk that many exhibitors may take a mad rush to enter shows and earn those titles prior to the new rules on April 1 being enforced. From a Judges perspective, I have not **contributed to the conversations going on in the judges' forum but many are saying they will not be** using some of the newer Rally signs on their courses except those that are required. Only time will tell if these new rules will have any impact on the Rally ring, the entries have been slowing down at shows since all the obedience people have earned their titles and moved back into obedience classes or other venues. New comers were enjoying Rally and the less stringent rules for a while, which is becoming stricter. I have made it a habit to go yearly to AKC seminars to keep updated of all the rules as they continue to change and the judging rules continue to evolve stricter. The requirement for judges is once every 3 years but the rally continues to change dramatically so it is important to go to these seminars whenever available to learn from them.

Since this was so long, I will not venture into the obedience report at this time. Here's hoping that your skills for Obedience and Rally and the fun that you have in this venue continues.

Committee Reports—Rescue, Lynn Ramich



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

January 6, 2012

I always am asked how I got started in rescue and the truth is, I don't know! One day I wasn't involved and the next day I had these funny little white creatures running around my house. I didn't purposely set out to rescue Bichons or any breed. I wanted to help in some way but never thought it would go this far. I started by walking dogs at a shelter, then I became their intake person. Because I had white dogs, I became the white dog specialist. Oh what I didn't know back then!

I think back over the 20 years of being involved in rescue and there are some dogs that have stayed in my heart. My first puppy mill bitches still have a piece of my heart even though they have both passed. I remember being called about these two girls and I said I would take them. My husband and I set off on a very hot Sunday to northwest Ohio to pick up these girls. **OH MY LORD DID THEY STINK! Even though it was in the 90's, we had to put our windows down. You could see the fleas crawling on them. On top of that, one had a blue tongue and the other looked like it was going to die right there. I immediately named her Hope because I hoped she wouldn't die before we got back to Pittsburgh. We made it back and, as sick as these girls were, I dipped them in flea dip. I called the vet first thing Monday and was told to bring in the girls. Hope had bladder stones bigger than her bladder and she was going into sepsis. Dr. Oster did emergency surgery and told me she did not know if Hope would pull through. Hope survived. When I went to pick her up days later, the vet tech brought Hope out, carrying her very gingerly. She looked at me and said "I really love Hope". I told her that was nice. She looked at me and said "you don't understand. I REALLY LOVE HER!" Oh..ok. I told her to have her mother call me and we could talk about adopting Hope. Kelly gave me a very strange look and then said "I'm 35 years old and married with three kids." I took my size 10 out of my mouth and said 'ok'. Kelly and I have become friends and I've even talked about rescue at her children's schools.**

I named the other girl Lily. She had a heart condition and went on medication. Lily was one of the great loves of my life. She was so sweet and shy. I remember our first day home and it started to rain. Lily went under a bush to stay dry. **Remember the Grinch whose heart grew three sizes that day, that's what happened to me.** I picked Lily up and realized that no one had ever loved her before. No one carried her or rubbed her tummy. No one kissed the top of her head. **No one had ever held her close and said "I love you and you will always be safe." I think that was the moment that I became a real rescuer. I became very protective of Lily, none of the people I talked to or received applications from were good enough for her. I had her for awhile and thought about keeping her. Then one day I received a phone call and a voice said "Hello, my name is Carol and I am looking for a Bichon." Something went from my heart to my head and said "this is who you have been waiting for. This is Lily's mom."** Carol came to meet Lily and we cried together. The day Lily passed, we cried together again. Carol and I have a bond because we knew Lily was a special little girl.

Why do I rescue? It is because of the Hopes and Lilys of this world. They don't have a voice to speak for them. Rescuers are their advocates. I am here to fight for these little ones. I am here to say "I love you and will protect you."

Lynn Ramich

Committee Reports—Rescue, Gail Antetomaso



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Not for profit 501C3

Est. 2003

Regions Bank Balance as of December 30, 2011 \$36,674.81

Income and Expenses 10/01/2011 through 12/31/2011

Income

Adoptions	\$3,255.67
Bank Credit Card Fee Refund	4.00
Contributions	9,483.12
Contribution with member dues	25.00
Credit For Over Charge on Check Card	182.20
Pet finder Sap Ach Bichon Frise C PA517	22.50
Relinquishment Contribution	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,072.49

Expenses

Advertising	\$ 485.00
Check Image Fee	30.00
Debit Card Monthly Fee	4.00
Expenses for Rescue Bichon	525.71
Grooming Expenses for Rescue	107.10
Neuter Certificate for Rescue	64.00
Office Supplies	44.00
Reimburse Expenses for Rescue	68.78
Vet Expenses for Rescue	14,727.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,056.17

Prepared by Gail Antetomaso, Trustee and Co-Rescue Chair

Committee Reports—ROM/ROMX, Dianne Mallon

REGISTER OF MERIT / REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS

Winter 2011/2012 - Submitted as of 1/10/12

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

ROM:

CH Allure's U Chenoa Joe (D)

CH Mybliss C Squared (B)

OWNERS:

Lisa Des Camps *

Katherine Dillon *

Myra Wotton *

* 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:

Dianne Mallon, 11 Turning Leaf Way, Azusa, CA 91702

Phone: 626-862-7491 E-mail: bichonparty@aol.com

Committee Reports

Sales report

Hope you all had a great Holiday season and that this new year will be a good one for each of you. With the National Specialty just around the corner, we have added some Sandicast items to our inventory and will be adding them to our web site soon. We will also be bringing them to the specialty and they will be at a cost that will make it possible for you to easily buy some for those all important pet sitters that make it possible for us to attend the specialty. We would still like to add a couple of items to our web page, so let me know if you find something you think might be a good addition to our sales page.

See you all soon!

Kathy Loynachan

2012 National Specialty

Work is continuing on our spring show in Chicago. Now is the time to think about catalog ads, trophy donations and raffle items.

The flyer will be in the mail soon with all the details. Our club needs all of your support in order to be a success. Reservations can be made for your hotel at the following link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1112065042&key=888B1>.

Pre-orders for logo merchandise can be made at <http://bichon.org/2012/logomdse.htm>. You will also find pre-order forms in this bulletin for T-shirts and for the Specialty DVD.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Chicago.

Donna Jones—Show Chairman



Happy New Year from the Chicagoland Bichon Frise Club!

At our last meeting of 2011, a new Board was elected:

President	Nancy Muklewicz
Vice President	Betty Cullen
Secretary	Carolyn Knuth
Treasurer	Carol Haines
Board Member	Larry Fitch

On Friday, August 25th, the club held an independent specialty at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St Charles, Illinois. This show preceded the weekend shows of the Elgin Kennel Club. Best in Sweepstakes was the 9-12 month Puppy Bitch, **Bibelot's Witchful Thinking**, owned by Paula Hendricks and Janet Jamison. Best Veteran in Sweeps was **CH Bibelot's Poise'n Ivy**, owned by Paula Hendricks and Ashley Bettis. In the regular classes, **Luvit's Dalnavert Olympic Omegamania** was Winner's Bitch, owned by Jill Sanfilippo, Linda Ross & Bernice & Brian Lucas. Best of Breed was CH Heights Racing Rapids, owned by Jim & Donna Wildenberg, Sommer Ferguson & Tamra Roth. Best of Opposite was the Veteran Bitch, **CH Bibelot's Poise'n Ivy**.

Our club is having a specialty in conjunction with the International Kennel Club shows, on Saturday, February 25th. Cynthia Pagurski is judging sweepstakes and Edd Bivin is scheduled to judge regular classes. CBFC is also supporting the entry on Sunday, February 26th - Dr. Alvin Krause is scheduled to judge that day. Entries for this show close on February 8th.

This year, instead of an independent specialty in the fall, CBFC is planning to host a seminar.

News from Club Members

Luvit's Dalnavert Olympic Omegamania, finished her AKC conformation Championship in November. Gracie was already a Canadian Champion. Gracie is owned by CBFC member Jill Sanfilippo, Linda Ross & Bernice & Brian Lucas.

Crème's Grand Slam AX MXJ AXP AJP finished his AXP title in November. Dinger is owned by Nancy Muklewicz and Carol Haines. Nancy trains and handles Dinger in agility. Not bad for a 10 ½ year old!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the national specialty here in May!

Nancy Muklewicz
President

Keystone Bichon Frise Club



All events are held on Saturdays.

Event	Place	Time	Saturday
General Membership Meeting	Uno's, 8 N. Pottstown Pike, Exton, PA	11:30 am	January 14
General Membership Meeting	Uno's, 8 N. Pottstown Pike, Exton, PA	11:30 am	March 10
General Membership Meeting & Annual Picnic	Warwick Park, 191 County Park Road, Pottstown, PA	11:30 am	May 19
General Membership Meeting	Uno's, 8 N. Pottstown Pike, Exton, PA	11:30 am	July 14
General Membership Meeting & Groom Expo Field Trip	Hershey Lodge & Convention Center Hershey, PA	11:30 am	September 8
KBFC's 6 th Annual Sweepstakes and Specialty Show	Devon Dog Show Association's 101 st Annual All-Breed Dog Show Ludwig's Corner, PA	TBD	October 6
General Membership Meeting And Holiday Luncheon	Ludwig's Inn & Oyster Bar Ludwig's Corner, PA	TBD	November TBD

KBFC's Most Recent Event: Our Holiday Party was held at Ludwig's Inn and Oyster Bar, in November, and was one of the best we have had in the years of our club's existence. Once again, Tom & Cindy Doran, along with Gloria Kilpatrick, made sure everything was done to insure we had a great time. We did forgo the raffle so Eileen Zaleski and Connie MacInnes could actually sit down and enjoy dinner. Joe Zaleski was still a big hit performing his role as emcee for the gift giving and Dirty Santa portion of our gift exchange. We thank them all for a wonderful holiday party.

Members of the BFCA are always welcome to join us for our general meetings. Beginning in January, these are scheduled for the second Saturday of alternate months. We particularly enjoy our annual picnic in May (bichons welcome!), our luncheon and field trip to the Groom Expo, in September, and of course, our Specialty Show which will be held on October 6, 2012.

From the members of the Keystone Bichon Frise Club we wish a very happy, healthy, 2012 to all the Bichon Frise Club of America's members and their Bichons Frises.



At our November Meeting the following officers were elected: President Ginny Humphrey; Vice President Carol Dundulis; Corresponding Secretary Enid Zimble; Recording Secretary Nancy Noonan, Treasurer Sue Anneser, and Board Members Linda Carlson, Karen Chesbro, Gloria DuBois, Chris Murdocco, and Gerry Paolillo.

Congratulations to Carol Dundulis, and Ginny Humphrey for receiving awards at our Banquet honoring their newest AKC champions).

Recently our members participated in the Greater Hartford's "Meet The Breeds" Show, helping educate the public about our fantastic breed and collected Rescue donations. We also sponsored a Handling Seminar with several members offering suggestions from their many years of show ring experience.

This year our **25th Annual Specialty Show** was held in conjunction with Windham County's All-Breed Show in November. Karen Chesbro, our Show Chairman, coordinated this special silver anniversary which was a huge success. Applause to all our hard-working BFCSNE members and a big "thank you" to this year's outstanding judging panel---Carolyn Herbel for Confirmation and Sasha Farnsworth-DeUgarte for Sweepstakes. And the winners were:

SWEAPTAKES Puppy Dogs 6 to 8 Months: Ecco Lormis Running With Scissors. Junior Dogs 12 to 15 Months: Knollwood's Henry. Puppy Bitches 6 to 8 Months: Whitebreds Champagne On Ice. Puppy Bitches 10 to 12 Months: Show Me I'm Some Kind of Wonderful. Veteran Dog 7 to 11 Yrs: GCH Judges Choice Shop Til U Drop. **GRAND SWEEPS AND BEST PUPPY in SWEEPSTAKES:** Ecco Lormis Running With Scissors. **BEST of OPPOSITE SEX to BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPS:** Whitebreds Champagne On Ice. **BEST JUNIOR in SWEEPS:** Knollwood's Henry. **BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPS:** GCH Judges Choice Shop Till U Drop.

REGULAR CLASSES: Puppy Dogs 6 to 9 Months: Ecco Lormi's True Grit. Puppy Dogs 12 to 18 Months: Whitebreds September Hero. Bred By Exhibitor Dogs: Dove Cotes Big Easy. Open Dogs: Whitebreds Star Spangled Boy. **Winner's Dog:** Dove Cotes Big Easy. Puppy Bitches 6 to 9 Months: Whitebreds Champagne On Ice. Puppy Bitches 9 to 12 Months: Show Me I'm Some Kind of Wonderful. Bitches 12 to 18 Months: Presentation Of The Rose. Bred By Exhibitor Bitches: Dove Cote's Lucy Lu Of Hi Jinx. Open Bitches: Gaylors What Dreams Are Made Of. **Winner's Bitch:** Gaylors What dreams Are Made Of. **BEST OF BREED:** GCH Whitebreds Diamond Solitaire. **BEST OF WINNERS:** Gaylors What Dreams Are Made Of. **BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX:** CH Dove Cotes Lexie Doodle. **AWARD OF MERITS:** CH Tres Beau Going My Way & Dove Cote's Big Easy. **SELECT DOG:** GCH Neviso's Kris Kringle. **SELECT BITCH:** GCH Lormi's Standing Ovation. **Best Puppy:** Show Me I'm Some Kind of Wonderful. **Best Opposite Sex Puppy:** Ecco Lorme's True Grit. **Best Bred by Exhibitor Dog:** Dove Cotes Big Easy. **Best Bred by Exhibitor Bitch:** Dove Cotes Lucy Lu Of Hi Jinx. **Best Veteran:** CH Dove Cotes Lexi Doodle.

The Breed Prizes were various engraved silver-plated pieces and our traditional coffee mugs beautifully embossed with this year's theme "Come Celebrate With Us" designed by Gerry Paolillo.

The Challenge Trophies were:

- Best of Breed – Tiffany Leaded Crystal Bowl on a Base offered by PILLOW TALK in memory of Mary & John Vogel.
- Best of Winners – Four Piece Sterling Silver Tea Service offered by PILLOW TALK in memory of Mary & John Vogel.
- Best of Winners – Champagne Bucket offered by VOGELFLIGHT in memeory of Jim Gerarge.
- Best of Puppy Classes – Brass Bichon on Base offered by BFCSNE in memory of Rolande Lloyd.
- Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog – Two Bronze Bichons on a Base offered by VOGELFLIGHT in memory of Lori Kornfeld.
- Best Bred By Exhibitor Bitch – Two Bronze Bichons on a Base offered by VOGELFLIGHT in memory of Lori Kornfeld.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Noonan, Recording Secretary.

Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsylvania

The BFCWPA activities for this quarter included a “Meet the Breed” and “Responsible Dog Ownership Day,” a presentation regarding the requirements for a certified therapy dog and the annual holiday party.

On October 16, 2011 the club held a “Meet the Breed” and “Responsible Dog Ownership” Day at the Galleria of Mt Lebanon, PA. The participants were kept busy with the many shoppers who stopped to ask questions and meet the dogs and owners.

On November 6th, 2011 several club members participated as a group in the “2 Million Mile Walk for Canine Cancer” from the Western PA Humane Society two miles and back.

A presentation on the requirements of certifying a therapy dog was presented by Mary Ann Birsa and her Bichon, Pepper, TDIRVA (Therapy Dog International Remarkable Volunteer Achievement) at the November 13th, 2011, meeting. The attendees enjoyed hearing all the wonderful stories as well as the training and testing involved.

The annual holiday party was held on Sunday, December 4th, at Pugliano’s Restaurant with members enjoying good food and games. The award for “The Outstanding Club Member of 2011” was presented to Mary Ann Birsa and Barb Weeks. Both did an outstanding job for the club, donating lots of time and hard work.

This quarter there was also discussion regarding the club’s Specialty to be held on May 27th, 2012 at Newcastle, PA. The theme “Salute to Bichons” was chosen as a way to honor our veterans and the Armed Forces. The trophies for our veteran sweeps and the veterans in conformation will include a donation to the VA hospital.

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