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## **Wishing for a Win in the North Star State!**



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## Summer Issue 2016

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- Health Times
- Sweepstakes Judges Survey
- Judging Opt-Out Form

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**Minutes of the 52nd Annual Meeting of  
The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.  
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB  
Bloomington, MN**

**Roll Call**

Abbott, Matt	Hendricks, Paula	Scarborough, Alton
Abbott, Paula	Jamison, Janet	Scarborough, Shauna
Adams, Cynthia	Kern, Zandra	Sherwood, Margaret Hyde
Allen, Roslyn	Kapella, Sheryl L.	Shetzer, Alan
Andrew, Kathy	Letsche DVM, Larry	Shetzer, Jan
Antetomaso, Gail	Loynachan, Kathleen	Sikes, George
Ball, Wendy	Mathog, Deena	Sikes, Avaneil
Blanding, Mayno	McDonald, Nancy	Swindle, Sue
Beckman, Erayna	McFarlane, Charles	Vogel, Kathie
Buckman, Becky	McFarlane, Diana	Watts, Charles
Day, Rick	McNamara, Judy	Watts, Sherren
Dickens, Lindsey	Noonan, Nancy	Winkler, Mimi
Endo, Lillian	Newton, Shyla	Wise, John
Fletcher, Mollie	Paolillo, Gerry	Wise, Leanne
Fry, Lee	Paulson, Karen	Wotton, Myra
Graeber, Karen	Pellegrini, Neena	Zobolas, Michelle
Greenway, Sandra	Potts, Terrell	
Gryan, Nita	Pritchard, Harriet	
Haines, Carol	Purnell, Laura	Total Members Present : 63
Hamilton, Richard	Ramich, Lynn	
Hamilton, Shirley	Ribble, Betty	
Hanson, Kieth	Ross, Linda	
Hanson, Sandra	Rowe PhD, Linda	
	Rubin, Joanne	

**Call to Order**

With a quorum present, the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Bichon Frise club was called to order by Judy McNamara, President, at 1:00 PM.

**President Opening Remarks**

Judy announced that the board met the day before as normal. Judy thanked the board members for their hard work mentioning that the board had several issues that had to be dealt with during the year. She requested that the board stand and be recognized.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting was made by Linda Rowe and seconded by Rick Day. There were no additions or corrections and the membership signified their approval.

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### REPORT FROM THE BOARD—JUDY MCNAMARA

- Judy said that she had multiple requests from members to go back to printing our membership directory on a two-year basis. Beginning with the 2017 election-year we will begin printing the directory as well as maintaining it online.
- Also, we approved the purchase of Word Fence Pro which covers the Bichon.org website, the Charitable Trust website and the Bichon Health website.
- Also, our Facebook page has received quite a few hits. We will periodically publish health information and general information like the specialty. We will be reaching a whole lot more people for membership.
- We have approved the PayPal button for paying the application fee for membership. It is a lengthy process and we hope that adding the PayPal button will shorten the process.
- We are going to start sending a postcard with the dues notice for any information change which you might need to make. It will go straight to the recording secretary. As it is, the dues are sent to the treasurer and when she gets a pile of dues forms, she sends them to the recording secretary for record update. It will be a lot more efficient if you just fill out the changes that are necessary on the postcard and mail it.
- We have a change in the judges' selection process which affects sweepstakes and the special attraction. The judges' selection committee chair has requested that mail be sent to the chair if a member does not wish to judge the special attraction or sweepstakes. In the summer bulletin, there will be a special form for members to mail to the judges selection chair if they do not wish to judge either of these events. Many times members select potential judges who later indicate that they do not wish to judge. In this way, we can post a list of members who are not willing to judge or are ineligible at the time when members are making their selection in the first ballot.

Next year as you know, we are going to be at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel on May 4th and May 5th. Our conformation judge will be Mimi Winkler. Kathy Vogel will do the sweeps and our Sherren Watts will be doing our Bred-by. We also have a beautiful logo done by Gerry Paolillo. The slogan will be "It's Peachy in Atlanta."

We had a request by Avanell Sikes to be replaced as a Trustee for our Charitable Trust. The replacement will be Zandra Kern. Many thanks to Avanell for her many years of work.

We have selected the site for the 2018 specialty. It is the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. This is our first time in Arizona. The dates will be May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our Judges Education Chairman has advised that most national clubs are charging a fee to attend the judges' education seminar. The chair recommended that the BFCA do the same. So there will be a \$25 fee to attend our seminar which will partially cover the material that we give as handouts.

We also have a new award for agility for the top scoring Bichon agility dog owned by a BFCA member. The award is for the dog and the handler as a team. This may not be an annual award because it will only be awarded to the top dog.

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We also had bought quite a number of plaques for our future awards and we got them at a nice discount but the storage became a problem. We have approved \$100 per year storage fee for the storage of the plaques. The plaques will be used but the storage of any of the club property is becoming a problem. We have mounds of stuff that needs to be stored in one place or another. There is enough to fill up your spare bedrooms and your family rooms and give you boxes everywhere.

Judy explained that she had recommended that we not have a 4 to 6 month puppy class this year because we only had one entry into 2015. You do have to have a licensed judge and you have to allot a special timeslot which doesn't interfere with the regular judging. We've already instituted the 4 to 6 month puppy class for next year.

We will also be sending out a survey regarding judge's selection. We do not know what the questions will be as they still are being formulated. For instance, one question might be how everyone feels about opening up the sweepstakes to non-member judge. We would like to get everybody's opinion on questions such as these.

It's time for the nominating committee and we have a chairman from the board, Myra Wotton, but we don't have other members of the nominating committee because they yet have to be asked and we had no volunteers. The entire committee will be printed in the bulletin. In the Fall Bulletin, there will be a volunteer sign-up form for members who would like to be on the board. We will be having a few vacancies and we are looking forward to hearing from interested members.

### Treasurer—Lillian Endo

Once again the books were closed a little before the year end. As soon as all of the expenses and income for this year are in, we will publish in the summer bulletin. As of May 1 we started out with \$34,252.47. Total income to date is \$56,450.58 with total expenses of \$42,793.83 for a net gain of \$13,656.75. With our checking account total as of April 15, of \$47,909.22, our PayPal balance of \$7,778.80 and savings of \$55,184.71 we have a total of \$110,872.73.

Now, that sounds like a lot of money but we also have a lot of expenses. For instance, AKC suggests that we hold funds for two future specialties. To hold a specialty costs approximately \$25-\$30,000. Some specialties held in places like Minneapolis will be more expensive but we make up for that by having other places which are less expensive like Topeka where we had a lot of fun. So we have approximately \$55,000 in Savings which is our emergency fund. Health money is also included in the total which is about \$16,000 which is earmarked for their research.

### Agility—Shirley Hamilton

Agility entries have risen every year. AKC has been promoting agility which also benefits AKC who charges three dollars per entry. Last year we had a Bichon first--the top-winning bichon in the 8" class owned by a BFCA member and handled by a BFCA member, a class which had previously been dominated by the Papillon. This was a big win for the Bichon. We all knew they were capable.

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The BFCA members have really gotten behind Agility in the way of cash, checks, gift cards and prizes for the agility workers. They were absolutely fabulous. Our agility trials are getting a reputation in this area for having the best food and the best worker prizes, hence when our premium goes out we have many volunteers to work. The event takes 40 people per day and we have more workers than we can use. The Bichon people get a free lunch also, because we want our Bichons competing.

Shirley also thanked the board so being so supportive. We have to have a show committee of five BFCA members a day to meet AKC regulations. Shirley thanked Rick, her husband, for being her reminder system and for all the hard work that he puts in. Rick Macias, her co-chairman who worked a lot of hours, Molly and Sid Rogers who invested many hours also were thanked as well as Lillian Endo and Myra Wotton. We had five mock bars given out this year. Our high-in-trial competition was very heated this year with a score difference of less than a second. We also had high-in-trial veterans for dogs over 10 years old. We had 27 veteran dogs competing. They really flew around the ring. We added \$3500 to the BFCA coffers. A warm applause in thanks of the Agility Committee was received.

### **BFCA/Rescue Trust Report—Gail Antetomaso, Zandra Kern and Matt Abbott**

There were fewer rescues this year than last year but 54 found loving homes--sometimes puppies and up to 15 years old. It's harder with the older dogs but they are all placed. Rescue is always looking for fosters and would love to have members foster for us. Sometimes just to keep a rescue for a couple of nights while more permanent arrangements are made.

You can go on [www.bichonrescue.org](http://www.bichonrescue.org) and find reports on dogs that have come in when they are in very deplorable condition. Rescue makes sure they have all the shots and are healthy. Rescue's Facebook page has about 6500 followers and which helps a lot in getting donations. Rescue also does newsletters to keep everyone up with what's going on. Part of that newsletter is advertising the Bichon Bash which is in Manassas, Virginia at Bull Run Park. Dogs are able to come in and run around off leash. There is a huge area of the park where dogs can have a wonderful time. No fights!

Rescue has their own Bichon Emporium and will have some things for sale starting tomorrow. Please go by and see what they have for sale. They work with a lot of the local artists. The Emporium just started last year and so far have made over \$800. They also have a dedicated volunteer who helps take care of all the donations. She sends out emails letters and writes out thank you's for the donations.

This year's Bichon Bash will be on September 11th. You can find more about it on the Rescue Facebook page and in the newsletter. Baskets are made up of many items donated—leashes, toys etc. Someone donated a box of wine which was a very big hit.

The Breaux Vineyards every year has Dog Days and all leashed dogs can attend. If you're in Virginia on May 9<sup>th</sup>, please join us. There is a slide presentation at our booth of rescued dogs and a video which you should see of a Bichon with a Go Pro and he runs happily around having a good time. Be sure to watch it.

The full presentation is in the Bulletin.

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### Health Committee—Nancy McDonald

Nancy attended for the second time the AKC/CHF Parent Health Conference which was held in St. Louis. This one focused on genetics and genomic analysis of the cell. In attending this conference, one is made aware that Bichon breeders and owners are fortunate. Some of the dogs have really awful problems. That doesn't mean Bichon breeders are out of the woods, we still have a lot to do.

Today's wonderful seminar was on eyes. The Bichon is #7 in SARS which can cause any dog to suddenly go blind. Three grants are being looked at this year. One is on the skin because of the skin problems popping up in our breed. Another is the effectiveness of an ordinary pain medicine, acetaminophen, given as suppositories. The last is a study of E. coli in dogs.

We received a final report on understanding the genetics of calcium oxalate stones. A lot of the Bichon owners took part in the study. The Bichons without stones were the controls. For dogs with stones, they found there was a higher calcium level in the urine but not an increase in oxalate. There might be some treatment associated with decreasing the calcium in the urine. There may be a test for the risk of producing calcium oxalate stones. A carrier can be bred to a non-carrier and statistically the offspring will be a mix of carriers and non-carriers but none will be affected by stones.

Morbidity and Mortality reports are available. This report is for dog's death and also for sick dogs. Please fill it out and give it to Nancy McDonald or drop them by the Health Table tomorrow.

Three years ago the Bichon members supported Health calendar sales which added significantly to the Health research coffers. Paula Hendricks was recognized for coming up with the idea as was Paula Agrusa who did the wonderful media for the calendar. Shortly after the calendar was published, Paula Agrusa was diagnosed with colon cancer. A commemoration has been put in the Specialty catalog in remembrance of Paula.

Several members of the Health Committee are wearing red scarves on our sleeves. We are raffling off a wonderful dryer. You can get your tickets tomorrow from any committee member wearing the red scarf and support Bichon Health.

The board was thanked for their help in supporting the Health Committee and getting information out to members. And breeders keep up the good work.

The President also thanked all the committee chairs noting that without these committees and the work they do, we would not have much of a club.

### Judges Selection—Betty Ribble

On the last round of the 2018 balloting there were 70 ballots cast: 70 for conformation, 64 for sweepstakes and 70 for bred-by special attraction. Mr. Luc Boileau was selected for conformation, for sweepstakes is Karen Graeber and the bred-by will be Rick Day. All the ballots for the year were collected by electronic means or a paper ballot. Diana McFarlane was thanked for managing the electronic balloting and Linda Rowe for helping with paper ballots and confirming the tally. This judges' selection process is one of the most sensitive that we have in the club. As well as explaining to the members, the board has modified some of the in-

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structions and the balloting has improved. Names are being signed every time, the right columns are being used and no one is voting for the same name three times on the same ballot. We do see areas which we must address. Many of the members of this club are so desired by their fellow members to judge sweepstakes and bred-by that they regularly appear in the top 12 nominated. And unfortunately, they are also on the list of those who have indicated they do not wish to judge. We are going to provide a list of those members who do not wish to judge at the time of the first ballot. We will expand the ineligible judges because they have judged within the last seven years to include this list so that members are not wasting their ballots. And remember this is for one year only unless you send a letter to the recording secretary that you never want to be placed on the judges list.

Betty asked that members consider our foreign members who are very qualified to judge. These members have judged many of our breed in other countries and they have been in attendance at the national specialties so they know what the Bichon is about in the United States.

Please consider serving the club by accepting a judging assignment if asked and please respond to the survey that the board will be sending out about judges selection.

**New Members**—The president asked new members and their sponsors to stand for recognition. Jolie Hanson sponsored by Roberta Bleeker and Vickie Halstead, Neena Pellegrini sponsored by Barbara Barton and Ann Freeman, Nancy Castelli sponsored by Nita Gryan and Betsy Savage, Shannon and Anthony Moore sponsored by Donna Jones and Mary Spruiell, and John and Kay Yamasaki sponsored by Susan Brockett and Shirley Hamilton. Welcome to you all.

There being no old business and no new business, the floor was opened to questions.

From the floor a concern about who would replace the aging members of this club. The president pointed out that young families have both parents working and do not have a lot of time for a breed that requires a lot of time and attention. The board has reworked some of our requirements to be a member to encourage new members. The board is looking to the members for ideas on how to encourage younger blood. The board has talked about it repeatedly and no one has an answer and we are not getting any help from the AKC, so if you have an idea please let the board know.

Mimi Winkler announced that tomorrow the judges' seminar will be after the bred-by judging at 3:00PM.

After Sweepstakes, there will be a lunch break and Bred-By attraction will be before 1:00PM. Paula Abbot thanked everyone for their donations which resulted in some very nice items for the Raffle and Auction. Some of the prizes which will be raffled off this evening were taken around the room by Matt Abbott and Paula Hendricks. There will be two live auctions, a silent auction and a raffle. Members were exhorted to bring their checks and wallets. Due to the poor internet access in the ballroom, PayPal cannot be used without paying a \$500/night charge for high speed access.

Our show chair, Myra Wotton announced that there is high-speed Internet access in the hotel rooms and, if you are on our member list and made a reservation to the group BFCA, although it

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shows a \$9.99 per day charge it will be removed from your bill when you check out.

Myra also announced that there will be a 50-50 raffle. 50% goes to the BFCA to offset our special expenses and 50% goes to the winner. The drawing will be at the Santa Reception tomorrow night from 5:00PM to 7:00PM and photos with Santa will begin at 4:30PM along with another welcome reception and cash bar. Tonight's banquet begins at 5:30PM with a cash bar and dinner starting at 6:00PM.

The show photography will be in a separate room this year instead of the ballroom as in year's past. This helps with congestion in the ballroom and there's a waiting area for you and your dog. Please give us your feedback on whether this was a good idea or not.

Lynn Ramich asked that members be sure to sign the banner for Vicki Halstead.

A motion by Rick Day was passed and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 2:22PM.

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## Treasurer's Report—Lillian Endo

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**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2015 and Ending April 30, 2016**

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<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE May 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$34,252.47</b>
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**INCOME:**

<b>National Specialty</b>		
2015	\$16,194.27	
2016	17,120.00	\$33,314.27
<b>Dues</b>		9,303.33
<b>Sales</b>		367.00
<b>Breeder's Directory</b>		2,345.00
<b>Application Fees</b>		250.00
<b>Amazon Sales</b>		823.54
<b>Café Press</b>		36.04
<b>2015 Agility Trials</b>		
Entry Fees		18,463.74
<b>Health</b>		
Sales	695.00	
Donation	955.00	
Purina	<u>204.12</u>	1,854.12
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>66,757.04</b>

**EXPENSES:**

<b>National Specialty</b>		
2015	\$17,887.40	
2016	<u>8,076.81</u>	25,964.21
<b>PayPal</b>		170.96
<b>Directors/Officers Insurance</b>		630.00
<b>Judges Education</b>		1,598.68
<b>Tax Return Preparation</b>		500.00
<b>FTB Tax Return</b>		10.00
<b>Breeder Referral Telephone</b>		106.73
<b>Recording Secretary Expenses</b>		897.15
<b>AKC Flyer Printing Fees</b>		59.94
<b>Eukanuba</b>		613.68
<b>AKC for Eukanuba</b>		215.00
<b>AKC Dues</b>		25.00
<b>Treasurer's Bond</b>		116.00
<b>Web Hosting</b>		99.96
<b>Liability Insurance</b>		600.00
<b>Donation-BFCA Charitable Trust</b>		1,000.00
<b>Corresponding Secretary Expenses</b>		59.28
<b>AKC Delegate</b>		1,324.60
<b>Bulletin Expenses</b>		395.25
<b>Secretary of State</b>		20.00
<b>Cash Deposit</b>		23.33
<b>Donation</b>		500.00
<b>Website</b>		4,600.00
<b>MTM Recognition</b>		54.25

**2015/16 Annual Committee Reports****Treasurer's Report Con't**

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<b>2016 Agility Trials</b>		
2015 Fac Deposit	300.00	
AKC Agility Fees	300.00	
Ribbons	310.78	
Trophy Engraving	39.00	949.78
<b>Health</b>		
PayPal	8.15	
Sales (Mugs)	123.40	
Research	3,359.64	
CHF Reg/Conf	645.01	4,136.20
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>44,670.00</b>
<b>NET GAIN</b>		<b>22,087.04</b>
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE April 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$56,339.51</b>
<b>PAYPAL BALANCE</b>		<b>500.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE April 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$55,164.55</b>	
Interest Income	<u>21.90</u>	
<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE April 30, 2016</b>		<b>55,186.45</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS APRIL 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$112,025.96</b>

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LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER APRIL 30, 2016

## Committee Reports

### AGILITY COMMITTEE REPORT ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

2015 was another year of increase in AKC agility entries, showing an increase in the interest of this sport. 2015 was the first time that agility was an official part of the Westminster Dog Show, and in 2016 they repeated, this time including their signature floral accents.

March 2015 was the AKC National Agility competition. For the very first time, a Bichon Frise earned a spot in the final round. The 8" jump height has been traditionally dominated by Papillons. Niki Blanc, bred by a BFCA member, owned and handled by BFCA member, John (Kay) Yamasaki, earned and placed #6 in this jump height--A BICHON FIRST!!

Niki Blanc also competed in the Invitational, and finished the calendar year standings as the #1 Bichon Frise the third year in a row.

The third annual BFCA All-Breed Agility trial at On The Run Canine Center in Ham Lake, MN is almost here. The first two trials netted \$3000.00 each. We are on track to do the same this year. We had unprecedented donations from BFCA members, making our volunteer raffle one to be envied.

Shirley Hamilton

### BOUTIQUE REPORT

Our sales for this past year - since June 2015 totaled \$303.50 (in that total was \$21.50 that was received for s&h). We sold 23 Your Bichon booklets, 1 luggage tag and 5 Illustrated Standards. We probably have 200 more of the booklets on hand as Lisa had a bunch printed and shipped to me.

Kathy Loynachan

## Committee Reports

### Bichon Frise Club of America BREEDER REFERRAL REPORT May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016

by the

#### Breeder & Information Source Committee

Nancy Noonan (Coordinator), Kathy Andrew, Susan Levine & Kathy Loynachan

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Annual Cost: \$106.73

### ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN

Month	E-Mail	Calls - No Message	Calls - Left Message
May 2015	21	5	22
June 2015	22	5	18
July 2015	18	4	14
August 2015	19	5	14
September 2015	18	5	21
October 2015	16	11	11
November 2015	20	6	15
December 2015	9	2	12
January 2016	6	4	3
February 2016	5	4	8
March 2016	4	4	6
April 2016**	2	6	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>61*</b>	<b>149</b>

\* The Voice Mail Message refers callers to the BFCA website.

\*\* Since this report was requested in mid April 2016, the April stats reflect only  $\frac{1}{2}$  month activity.

#### Summary Stats:

• This activity breakdown is only for the BFCA Breeder Referral phone and e-mail address, plus those inquiries coming from our listing on the AKC website. It does not reflect any of the follow-up inquiries.

The average initial conversation lasts between 10 and 25 minutes. It has been the committee's privilege to help educate folks about the information found on the BFCA website and to excite them about our fantastic breed.

Thank you for this continued opportunity to be educators.

The Breeder Directory has 8 less listings than last year. Revenue was \$2180.00. This included \$30.00 in late fees minus \$50.00 for a "comped" listing due to a communication mix-up. The overall volume of inquiries was down 32%. Susan says calls are down but still more than there are puppies available. Kathy L. reports she only had 3 calls and that one caller was upset that only 1 or 2 of the breeders she e-mailed took the time to return her inquiry. Kathy A. says her number of calls is about the same but there were several months she didn't get any, including December. Facebook postings about puppies being available are more and more frequent suggesting that the public may be preferring that source for information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Noonan

## Committee Reports

Bichon Frise Club of America  
**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT**  
*May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016*

The Corresponding Secretary is mainly responsible for receiving printed and e-mailed correspondence from organizations and the general public. It is either then sent to the President for direction and dissolution and/or to the BFCA Committee or Chairman involved. All is saved on a flash drive and/or in hard copy form to be turned over to the Recording Secretary for preservation. Typical types of correspondence received include:

- AKC Event Correspondence and Notices.
- AKC Club Officers Report.
- Eukanuba and Meet-The-Breeds Information and Invitations.
- Kennel Clubs wishing Specialty information and data.
- Magazines looking for article and ad support.
- Commercial enterprises looking for our business.
- Non-Profit organizations wanting donations.
- John Q. Public letters wanting breed information.

Response to inquiries are handled via e-mail, phone, or letter.

Also each year Crufts Invitation Certificates are mailed to the owners of our National Specialty's Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Best Bred-By-Exhibitor, Award of Merit and Select winners.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Noonan

## Committee Reports

### Health Committee Report 2016

Having attended the AKC/CHF Parent Club Health Conference four years ago and then again last summer, I realize that research is increasingly focused on the genetic and genomic analysis of the cell hoping to provide better treatment for our canine friends. The progress is slow but forward. Occasionally, a study proves that a hypothesis is not valid which is a step in learning also. Attending the conference is an honor. It gave me a sense of the direction of research the AKC/CHF is supporting and it was very interesting to listen to the presentation from one of the researchers whose project we supported.

One of the two research grants supported in 2016 is to determine if there is a defective secretion of antimicrobial Peptides (proteins) in dogs with atopic keratinocytes. Dogs with atopic keratinocytes get frequent bacterial skin infections. These antimicrobial peptides function as a defense against pathogens. As many Bichons suffer with skin problems, hopefully this study will provide avenues for better prevention of skin infections.

The other study the committee chose is easier to understand. Acetaminophen in excessive amounts can kill a dog. However, it is a useful drug for reducing pain in the correct dosage. Critically ill dogs may be unable to maintain oral pain medication due to vomiting. This study measures the absorption of acetaminophen into blood when given rectally to critically ill dogs and to healthy dogs.

The final report of "Understanding the Genetic Basis for Urinary Stones" was received. This study focused on Miniature Schnauzers plus seven other breeds that included Bichons. You may remember that some of our members who had Bichons with stones and other Bichons without stones took part in this study. Through the genome-wide association study three chromosomal regions associated with risk of calcium oxalate bladder stones were identified. One of these regions also impacted risk in Bichon Frise. Also, this study confirmed that dogs that formed stones, specifically miniature Schnauzers, Bichon Frises and Shih Tzus, have higher urinary calcium levels than stone-free control dogs. This suggests that a high urinary calcium level is a contributing factor to stone formation in high-risk breeds. Treatments aimed at lowering urinary calcium levels could potentially help prevent stone development. Interestingly, high urine oxalate levels were not seen in these same study dogs.

Again this year, we will ask Bichon owners to fill out a morbidity/mortality report. This will be the third year to do this in hopes that if there is anything creeping into the health of Bichons, it can be noticed and evaluated as quickly as possible. There does not seem to be any one problem developing although immunity problems are seen more than one would like to see.

## Committee Reports

### Health Report Con't

BFCA will have a new host for it's website. The Bichonhealth.com will also be moved. The committee is in the process of refreshing the information and streamlining the site. Our number-one-website-director, Vickie Halstead, has had some major health issues and her leadership in directing the website is greatly missed. The rest of us will do our best.

As you are aware, this year in order to raise funds to direct toward canine health research, the committee decided to raffle a nice dryer. Hopefully, this will prove to be a money raiser. Although we like to have items to sell at our table during the National Special Show, you can imagine when small items are sold, only one or two dollars are made on each. It takes a long time to earn \$2500, the amount it takes to sponsor a research grant. The project of calendar sales gave us a major bump in funds to use. Paula Hendricks gets credit for the idea but Paula Agrusa was a major contributor because she did all the artwork on it. Shortly after the calendar project began, Paula Agrusa was diagnosed with colon cancer and has recently died. In remembrance of her dedication and work on behalf of the Bichon's health, the health committee commemorated her in the Specialty catalog.

The BFCA Board has continued to support the efforts of the health committee. Although some years our committee seems to be more productive than other years, our efforts are intended to provide helpful information to members in the care and health of their Bichons and to support research that directly benefits our breed.

Thank you,  
Nancy McDonald, Chairman

## Committee Reports

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT Membership Administrator Karen Chesbro May 1, 2015 - May 1, 2016

This year most of the inquiries resulted in applications received and all but one were ultimately approved for membership. Last year's numbers for comparison purposes and this year numbers are as follows:

	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>
New Members Welcomed.....	11	7
Unsuccessful applicants .....		1
Applications being processed.....	1	4

As you can see, the number of applicants/new members remains steady at around 12 per year for the last few years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Chesbro  
Membership Administrator

## Committee Reports

### REGISTER OF MERIT/REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS

Annual Summary 2015 - Submitted 1/1/15 - 12/31/15

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

#### ROM

#### OWNER(S)

CH Whitebred's Kissed By An Angel	Karen Graber* & Dr. John Graber
CH Victoire's Norwegian Red	Vickie Halstead*
Legend's You've Got The Floor	Erayna Beckman*
CH Belle Creek's Me And My Gang	Lorrie Carlton* & Larry Letsche DVM*
CH Belle Creek's Funny Cide	Lorrie Carlton* & Larry Letsche DVM*
GCH CH Belle Creek's Flight To Dejavu	Lorrie Carlton*, Karla Matlock* & Larry Letsche, DVM*
CH Capichon Dalnavert Luvit Laine	Linda Ross*, Bernice & Brian Lucas*
CH Doriann Prelude Moonlitesonata	Janet & Julie Weiderhold* & Amy Walters*

*Note: \* Denotes BFCA member*

#### Qualifications for ROM/ROMX

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

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

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

Please submit a copy of the dog or dam's most recent Registration Certificate & their Progeny Report proving Championed offspring to Stephanie Uva.

Mail: 2015 E Vista Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85020 or Email: [Bellabichons@gmail.com](mailto:Bellabichons@gmail.com)

## Critique of Puppy and Junior Sweepstakes

It was an honor to have the opportunity to judge our puppies and juniors in Sweepstakes at the 2016 National. I thought the overall quality of puppies and junior dogs entered this year were very good. There was more than one class of puppies where the merit was so close that any of them could have won. It was good to see that we are paying attention to pigment, eye placement, expression and size in our breeding. I believe one area, we as breeders; need to continue to work on is our front assembly. That said I was impressed with the nice overall movement of the puppies this year.

I awarded first place in the 6 and under 8 month class to "Bodacious My Heart Beats of Judges Choice." I find this to be an awkward age in puppies; however this puppy had nice layback of shoulder and balance. He was an exuberant puppy who, when he settled down had very nice all around movement. I found this was a very impressive group of young puppy dogs.

In the 8 and under 10 month class, first place went to "Heights Barber of Saville." He was a nicely balanced boy with a very handsome head.

In the 10 and under 12 month class, first place was "Absolutely Agape with A Bullet." This was another handsome boy well balanced with a nice front assembly.

In the 6 and under 8 month puppy bitches, I awarded first place to "Four Oaks Bye Bye Filecia Musicbox." Lovely young bitch nice movement true coming and going.

The 8 and under 10 month class was also a very nice group of puppy bitches. In the end, first place went to "GloryB's Wish Upon A Star." She was a very pleasing puppy, lovely head and nice movement. I thought every puppy in this class was very deserving.

In the 10 and under 12 month class, I awarded first place to "Mybliss Saks The Flower On Foxpoint." There were only two entries in this class and I later learned that they were litter mates. That is probably the reason that it was difficult to choose between the two for first place. Both were lovely representations of our breed.

Junior Dogs 12 month and under 14 months. I awarded first place to "Petit Ami Wynn At Luvit Dalnavert.". This was a very handsome boy with a very nice outline and nice all around movement and beautifully presented.

In the 14 and under 16 month class, the winner was "Whitebred Ace of Hearts for Starlit." Again a very nice representation of our breed.

Junior Dog 16 and under 18 month winner was "Aspry's Life In the Fast Lane"  
In the Junior Bitch 12 month and under 14 months class, first place winner was "Show Me How Sweet It Is." Very nice proportion and movement.

In the Junior Bitch 14 and under 16 months, I awarded first place to "Ch. Shyladawn's Dream Maker Heartbreaker. She was a beautiful bitch, lovely expression, balance and movement.

## Puppy Sweeps Critique Con't

I awarded Best Puppy in Sweepstakes to the winner of the 6 and under 8 month class. "Bodacious My Heart Beats For Judges Choice."

Best of Opposite in Puppy Sweepstakes was "Mybliss Saks The Flower On Foxpoint."

My Best Junior in Sweepstakes was "Petit Amis Wynn At Luvit Dalnavert."

Best of Opposite Junior in Sweepstakes was "Ch. Shyladawn's Dream Maker Heartbreaker."

I awarded Grand Sweepstakes Winner to "Bodacious My Heart Beats For Judges Choice" A hard decision that came down to the puppy who just kept "saying" look at me, look at me! He was quite a showman.

I want to again thank you for allowing me to judge your puppies and give you my opinion. I very much enjoyed seeing all of you and as a fellow breeder, I want to say keep up the good work!

Gail Antetomaso

## Specialty Critique by Frank Sabella

It is always a pleasure, an honor and a privilege to be invited to judge a National, especially when this breed has always been near and dear to my heart since the early days of full AKC recognition in April 1973. In the early days of exhibiting, Barbara Stubbs asked me, when I was still a handler, to put the first trim on a Bichon, which was very different then to how today's show trim is fashioned. Over all, the quality was very good. However, a word of well intended advice to breeders, please pay attention to front assembly with proper length of forearm.

I awarded Winners Dog to "Ame Jumelle Einar At Danmir" who came from the open class. It was an easy win for this very masculine dog. He has a good outline, proper keel and his brisket was deep and wide as it should be. A beautiful mover on the go around and beautiful coming and going. Very attractive head and expression.

Reserve Winners Dog came from the 9-12 month Puppy Class, "Belle Creeks Ivan The Beautiful." Super head and expression, lovely outline, correct proportion of length to height and an excellent size. I predict a great future for this young boy.

### Winners Bitch

"Dove Cote Bang Zoom To The Moon" coming from the Bred By Exhibitor class, which always gives me great pleasure to award WB from this class. She has a lovely head and expression. Lovely outline, good topline and had a beautiful presence when moving around the ring. An easy winner for me.

### Reserve Winners Bitch

"Dognews's F-Go With All Your Heart" won the open class easily because of her super head, outline and her correct movement.

From a beautiful entry of 24 Specials it narrowed down, after my first examination, to two exhibits and it was literally splitting hairs, as their quality was superb. My Best In Specialty (BOB) was awarded to "GCH Ch. Belle Creek's All I Care About Is Love", who excels in breed type, correct size, has a beautiful head and expression, correct proportions and moves well in all directions.

For Best Of Winners the bitch out moved the male on the go around.

BOS was GCH Ch. High Ridge The Sky's The Limit With Gaylor." From across the ring without even putting a hand on her, she exudes femininity. Her head and expression were a delight to behold. She has a proper ribcage and is a sound mover going around and coming and going. A joy to behold in her performance and presentation.

I am amazed at how well this breed holds its age and was delighted with my veterans. The male veterans class (7 Yrs. & Under 10 Yrs.) from an entry of 4, was readily won by GCH CH. Saks Hamelot Little Drummer Boy. He had a magnificent head and eye with the required halo around

## Judges' Critique Con't

his eye. Veteran Dogs 10 Yrs. & Older was GCH CH. Craigdale Chip Off The Rock" who exhibited so much vim and vigor. Lovely to see him gait around the ring.

Best Puppy was my Reserve Winners Dog and my Best Bred By was my Winners Bitch.

I awarded Select Dog to "CH. Bibelot Celebrates Victoire", handsome in type with a good outline and very good moving around the ring. My pick for Select Bitch was a move up "CH. Legend's Cross My Heart", really liked her type, head and expression.

I had the pleasure to award 4 AOM's, "GCH. CH. Craigdale Chip Off The Rock ", "CH. Solstice Stormbringer", "GCH CH. Luvit Dalnavert A Movado Sportivo", "GCH Ch. Awesome's On Probation".

Thank you to all the exhibitors for bringing their dogs to me for my opinion and to the Bichon Frise Club of America for the invitation to judge.

Frank T. Sabella.

## Officer's Reports

## President—Judy McNamara

Minneapolis is in the rearview mirror, but I would be remiss if I did not say what a good time we all had. Congratulations to all of the winners. The final line up was beautiful. Show chair, Myra Wotton worked very hard with the hotel and it was a great place to have our show. Thanks Myra for all your work.

I have to thank all of the board members for their hard work all year and especially all they did during National week. You are a wonderful group to work with. Thanks also goes to all of the committees that work very hard all year. Thanks to all of our members for supporting BFCA through the year and at Specialty time. You are always so good to support our trophy fund and the catalog with your ads. So much work goes into our show thanks to all of you for supporting our club.

Next Year we will be in Atlanta, GA. Judges will be Mimi Winkler, conformation, Kathy Vogel, Sweeps and Sherry Watts, bred by exhibitor special attraction. We will once again have 4-6 puppy class judged by Ann Hearn. It is never too early to start making plans to be there.

The annual minutes are included in this bulletin. There are attachments for you to respond to. One is a survey on how to proceed in selecting future Sweepstakes and Special Attraction judges. There is also a form to fill out if you **Do Not** wish to be considered for judging Sweepstakes or Special Attraction for the balloting for the year 2019 only.

Don't forget dues are due now.

Stay cool and enjoy your summer!

## Officer's Reports

## Recording Secretary—Diana McFarlane

What a great venue in Minneapolis at the Hilton Mall of America. Myra Wotton did a phenomenal job even while in pain. Those of us who have knee and hip problems know how hard that is. A great hotel and the dogs were bea-u-ti-ful (as Martha would say).

The Annual Membership dues have been sent. Please send your check or go to <http://bichon.org/annual-dues/> to pay by PayPal today. If you have not received a dues notice, contact me at [bfcarecordingsecretary@roadrunner.com](mailto:bfcarecordingsecretary@roadrunner.com) or call me at 760-434-5730. Please use the postcard which was included with your dues notice for changes (only) in your membership information as shown on the dues notice. The postcard is mailed to the Recording Secretary and the dues are mailed to the Treasurer. Both addresses are in the dues package.

### Ballot Proposals 2016 Summer Bulletin

Board Member	Ballot 06-16A
Abbot, Matt	Approved
Andrew, Kathy	Approved
Antetomaso, Gail	Approved
Endo, Lillian	N/A
McFarlane, Diana	Approved
McNamara, Judy	Approved
Noonan, Nancy	Approved
Ramich, Lynn	Approved
Scarborough, Shauna	Approved
Wise, John	Approved
Myra Wotton	Approved

**Ballot 06-16A** The Bichon Frise Club of America shall purchase 8 copies of the Olga Zabelinskaya Grooming Magazine and DVD for a cost of \$20.00 ea.

## Officer's Reports

## Treasurer—Lillian Endo

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2016**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2016 \$56,339.51

**INCOME:**

2016 National Specialty		\$13,560.88
Sales		50.00
Amazon Sales		94.23
Dues		3,310.00

**Health**

Donation	45.00	
Sales	252.00	
Raffle	1,310.00	
Silent Auction	555.00	
Purina	<u>303.00</u>	2,465.00
Agility 2016		
Entry Fees	17,534.00	
Raffle Donation	<u>315.00</u>	17,849.00

**TOTAL INCOME****\$37,329.11****EXPENSE:**

2016 National Specialty		24,518.16
Bulletin Expenses		871.84
Recording Secretary Expense		729.53
Judges Education		141.54
Cash Deposit Fee		7.45
Service Fee for Cash Deposit		13.60
Website		49.98
Sales for resale		110.00
Dues-Postage & Printing		155.05
WordFence		308.89
Paypal		48.73

**Agility 2016**

Facility Balance	2,730.00	
Trial Secretary	3,058.69	
Meals	900.00	
Judges Fee & Exp	1,895.90	
Judges Meals	403.58	
AKC Run Fees	3,207.00	
Awards	18.67	
Raffle	317.74	
Refunds	790.00	
Printing	<u>1.18</u>	13,322.76

**Agility 2017**

Facility Deposit	300.00	
Ribbons	<u>85.50</u>	385.50

## Committee Reports

### Treasurer Report Con't

<b>Health</b>			
	Sales	487.45	
	Website	399.53	
	WordPress	99.99	
	WordFence	154.44	
	Paypal	<u>1.91</u>	1,143.32
	<b>Total Expense</b>		<b><u>41,806.35</u></b>
	<b>NET GAIN/LOSS</b>		<b><u>(4,477.24)</u></b>
	<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$51,862.27</b>
	<b>PAYPAL BALANCE</b>		<b>500.00</b>
	<b>BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2016</b>	55,186.45	
	Interest Income	<u>3.72</u>	
	<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE JUNE 30, 2016</b>		<b>55,190.17</b>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$107,552.44</b>

**LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER JUNE 30, 2016**

## Committee Reports

### Directory Corrections

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## Committee Reports

*Membership Report  
SUMMER 2016  
Karen Chesbro*

### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

Diana Bugos  
3910 99th Avenue  
Blaine, MN 55014  
(Vickie Halstead & Karen Snyder)

George & Janet Hartman  
22106 Sabroso  
Mission Viejo, CA 92691  
(Barbara Chappell & Kathie Vogel)

Laura Winston  
4481 Sunnyside Drive  
Rosemont Vista  
Shingle Springs, CA 95682  
(Sharon Hunkins & Kathy Andrew)

*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 [dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com](mailto:dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com) by **AUGUST 14, 2016.***

## Committee Reports



### **BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST**

Not for profit 501C3  
Est. 2003

It's been a busy quarter planning for the Bichon Bash. The Bash will be held on September 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bull Run Park in Centreville, VA. This year we have asked the vets who are attending to give seminars. We will have a seminar on vaccines, orthopedic care, cataracts and a canine massage therapist to discuss massage and separation anxiety. Dog trainers have been invited to help owners with training issues; and we will have a trainer for dog agility. Our Bash website is [www.bichonbash.org](http://www.bichonbash.org). The website has information about pet friendly hotels located close to the Park.

We continue to get more Bichons in rescue. Most of the Bichons we get are older than 8 years. We get all of them adopted regardless of their age.

We are always looking for fosters and have added three new fosters to our family. Although we have many volunteers, not all can foster so we are always looking for new fosters.

Hope to see you at our Bash!!

Submitted by:

Gail Antetomaso, Co-Chair and Trustee  
Zandra Kern, Co-Chair and Trustee



**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST**  
Est. 2003

<b>Regions Bank Balance as of December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$48,320.66</b>
<b>Regions Bank Balance as of June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$36,549.51</b>

**YEAR-TO-DATE AS OF June 30, 2016**

**INCOME**

Pay Pal Transfer In	8,200.00
Contributions	2,043.87
Emporium Gross Receipts	1,728.54
Adoption Rescue	1,550.00
National Specialty Rescue Auction	625.00
Relinquishment Contribution	450.00
AmazonSmile Contribution	109.84
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>14,707.25</b>

**EXPENSES**

Vet Expenses For Rescue	22,347.66
Emporium - Goods Purchased	1,052.11
Insurance	750.00
Emporium Supplies and Expenses	748.09
Tax Return Preparation	500.00
Bichon Bash Expenses	425.00
Expenses for Rescued Bichons	350.37
Web Site	232.95
Check Image Fee	60.00
Office Supplies	12.22
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>26,478.40</b>

**Prepared By Matt Abbott, BFACT Treasurer**

## Committee Reports

### Friendship Committee

Since the last report, we have sent a get well card to Avanel Sikes, Pam Goldman, & Vickie Halstead. A sympathy card was sent to Shauna & Alton Scarborough upon the death of Alton's mother. My email is back up and running, so if anyone needs a get well or sympathy card email me at lauranpurnell@att.net or call me @ 816-569-2622.

Thank you,  
Laura Purnell

### Sales Report

I hope you are all having a great summer and that you have not been the victims of floods or fires. Thank you all for your great support of the BFCA sales table at the National. If you did not get to buy one of the lead/collar combos that we have been selling, now is your chance. Lillian sent me a new shipment of the leads, so give me a call or email and let me know how many you would like. We also have new cards from Gayle Sarnier. She does such good work and is great to work with. So if you are a "note writer," we have the perfect note cards for you. Check the BFCA boutique page and send me your order. Your Bichon loving fiends will love receiving notes on these cards.

Have a great summer!  
Kathy Loynachan

### Judges Selection Committee

At our clubs most recent Annual Meeting, ways to increase a list of potential individuals who would be willing to judge either the Sweepstakes or the Special Attraction Bred-by-Exhibitor was discussed. In this issue are two items for your consideration and action. An **Informational Survey** to learn if you would like to change our current requirements for these two events is presented. Your input is requested.

Secondly, we are offering an opportunity to help us provide a list of those who do not wish to be considered for either Sweepstakes or Special Event Bred-by-Exhibitor. This list will then be made available to all members in the First Round of voting for the 2019 specialty. **Special note:** The judge for the Special Attraction Bred-by-Exhibitor may still show/enter dogs in the regular conformation/sweepstakes classes on the day.

Betty Ribble

## **Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey**

We had a successful first half of the year with a specialty and a parade of rescue. The NJ club had the end of year luncheon which was well attended. The club does not meet in the summer.

The September and October meetings were set and a program on health issues like tear stains and grooming issues for the pet owner will be presented. The Meet the Breeds will be attended by the NJ club in NYC.

This year we raised over 100 for our rescue club which is very busy adopting out over 15 dogs since the first of the year. Melanie Pellegrino is chair of the NJ rescue. We wish all those with bichons a safe and healthy summer.

Danielle Garino, President

## Bichon Frise Club of San Diego

Our first **Garden Party Luncheon and Rescue Raffle** was a well-attended and successful event, earning nearly \$600 for Bichon Rescue groups. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to **Gene Mills** for arranging for us to have a nice tent, tables and chairs on the grass and under the huge trees. Not a nicer spot could have been found to enjoy the day's events; with tables fashioned by Raffle items and a large array of delicious picnic foods. Thanks to **Mary Ellen Mills**, for arranging the luncheon being followed up by a "job well done" going to our Rescue Raffle Master **Michael Clayton** and his assistants **Sandy Phillips, Bill Johnston** and **Sandy Fishell** for organizing the donations, selling raffle tickets and awarding the prizes. Yet again **Linda Rowe** stepped forward waving her magic wand setting all in motion for a perfectly planned and produced event. Flying in to support the show and Garden Party was **Laura Winston** and her dog "Finley" followed by sending pictures of the afternoon events to be shared.

**Congratulations to all the Conformation winners as well.** It was nice to see so many receiving ribbons. **BOB** (and Group 3) went to **GCH Karmel's Banana in Pajamas "PJ"** and he was awarded the Folding Chair prize. **BOS** and Picnic Basket prize went to **Scarlet's In The Midst of Hollyhock "Misty."**





# Rocky Mountain Bichon Frise Club

## Greetings from Beautiful Colorado!



In March, we sent the AKC our presentation requesting advancement to hold A Matches, and they approved it! So now we are ready to try an A Match. Premium Lists and Catalogs and Ribbons, Oh My! We're very excited. We will be holding our first A match on September 23, 2016 in conjunction with the Arapahoe Kennel Club show in Aurora, Colorado.

In April, we voted to renew our membership in the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs, a great group that lobbies for breeders' rights in Colorado.



In October, our club held its second annual Halloween costume party/meeting. It was an Absolute Cuteness Fest!



You Are Invited To The  
2017 BFCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

**IT'S PEACHY IN ATLANTA**

**SHERATON ATLANTA HOTEL**

**WHEN — May 4-5, 2017**

**WHERE — Atlanta, GA**

**Details will be forthcoming.**