

Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.  
Winter Bulletin 2016





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## President's Message—Judy McNamara

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Happy New Year! I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Things are in high gear for our Specialty in Minneapolis in May. Please make hotel reservations early as this a very busy hotel.

Our web site has been an ongoing work in progress since June. We have completed our transfer to word press. There may be some areas of work still to be done but it will be completed soon. I would so like to thank Deb Gibb for all the work she has done for BFCA. Deb has resigned as web master and she will be missed. Thank you, Deb, for all of your good and hard work. Diana and Ford McFarland will be working as web masters now.

The second round of ballots is out for judging our 2018 Specialty. Please note deadlines for the return of ballots. The online ballots have been very well received by members as most ballots are coming back in bigger numbers than paper ones. They are so easy to use.

BFCA is in need for someone to write the *Gazette* articles. If you would like to do it, please let me know and or if you know someone who might like to, please get with me on that also. I would like to thank Stephanie Uva for taking her time to do them the past several years.

It's time to be thinking about catalog ads and trophy donations. Please support your club as you have always done in the past. The info will be up on web site when it is ready to go. Deb Gibb will be doing ads and Mayno Blanding will be working on trophy donations.

# Officer Reports—Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary

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Happy New Year to all!

## MEMBERSHIP

As announced at the National, we will not publish a paper copy of the Directory. The Directory is posted on our website under **members only** with updates quarterly. **Remember that it is the member's responsibility to keep their contact information up-to-date.** Also, you may want other members to have access to your most current information. You may email or call me at [dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com](mailto:dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com) or 760-434-5730. Thank you for keeping us current.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Included in this Bulletin is a volunteer form for serving on the Nominating Committee for the 2017 elections. Please mail your response to me by April 14, 2016 if you are interested in serving. My address is on the form.

## NATIONAL SPECIALTY

The flyer will be coming out soon on the website. We will not print a flyer as in the past but for those who do not have email access, a PDF flyer will be mailed. A notice will be sent by Constant Contact when the flyer is available.

## BALLOTS

Name	10-15B	12-15A	12-15B	12-15C	01-16A
Abbot, Matt	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Andrew, Kathy	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Antetomaso, Gail	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Endo, Lillian	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
McFarlane, Diana	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
McNamara, Judy	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Noonan, Nancy	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Lynn Ramich	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Scarborough, Shauna	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
John Wise	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Wotton, Myra	Disapprove	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve

## Officer Reports—Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary

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**Ballot 10-15B** The BFCA Board shall support the Westminster Kennel Club with a \$25.00 ad.

**Ballot 12-15A** The BFCA Board shall donate \$250.00 to the National Animal Interest Alliance.

**Ballot 12-15B** The BFCA shall hold a cash bar and a second Hospitality on Friday, May 6, 2016 during the "Pictures with Santa".

**Ballot 12-15C** The BFCA shall upgrade new website for multiple notifications for PayPal Purchases at the cost of \$600.00. This will increase the total cost for the website redesign from \$4000 to \$4600. The monthly hosting fee is \$25.00 which includes one hour of web maintenance.

**Ballot 01-16A** The BFCA shall purchase 100 award plaques at \$42.00 each.

### Second Round Judges On-Line Balloting

We have set up the on-line balloting for the second round of judges selection and emails will be sent to all members who have provided us with a valid email address and have subscribed to [news@bichon.org](mailto:news@bichon.org). If you have been receiving our communications through Constant Contact you are subscribed. If not and you wish to vote on-line, please send me an email at [dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com](mailto:dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com). If your membership is a household, each member will receive an email.

### Notice

The Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, May 5th at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport/Mall of America Hilton Hotel in Bloomington, Minneapolis.

## Officer Reports—Lillian Endo, Treasurer

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### BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA

#### Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement Beginning October 1, 2015 and Ending December 31, 2015

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	\$48,114.55
INCOME:	
Sales	\$ 149.00
Amazon Sales	190.93
Dues	40.00
Pro-rated Dues	116.67
Application Fees	75.00
Breeders Directory	1,630.00
Health	
Donation	<u>100.00</u> <u>100.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,301.60
EXPENSE:	
2016 National Specialty	325.00
Eukanuba	215.00
AKC Delegate	557.30
Director/Officer Insurance	630.00
AKC Dues	25.00
Website	1,000.00
Paypal	34.74
Health	
Paypal	<u>3.20</u> <u>3.20</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,790.24</u>
NET GAIN/LOSS	<u>(488.64)</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$47,625.91
PAYPAL BALANCE	500.00
BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	55,173.73
Interest Income	<u>5.52</u>
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2015	55,179.25
TOTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$103,305.16

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LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER DECEMBER 31, 2015

## Committee Reports—Agility, Shirley Hamilton

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**ATTENTION ALL BFCA MEMBERS  
BY REQUEST AGILITY TRIAL AND  
NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW ALL WITHIN  
ONE WEEK - SAME CITY  
READ ON**

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**AGILITY**

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2016 has arrived and we are now thinking ahead to our 3rd Annual BFCA All Breed Agility Trial. What a great opportunity for our entire membership to participate in and see our very athletic bichons run agility on April 29, 30, and May 1st, 2016. This trial is just a few days before our National Specialty Show, both in the suburbs of Minneapolis, the trial in the northern suburb of Ham Lake, and the Specialty Show in a southern suburb near the airport. We have heard from many of you wondering if it is possible to have agility along with our National Specialty Show. This is the perfect time to come a few days early enjoy both and either exhibit your agility bichon or watch these amazing dogs and handlers maneuver the courses. At the same time you could join our local BFCA members and help out with a few easy "jobs."

Our trial is self-funded, with the exception of the "worker raffle" which relies on donations from our membership and local vendors. We have, in the past, had generous participation from BFCA members. If you are able to donate to the raffle or volunteer your time during the trial, please let me know. Biggest worker "loves" are gift cards to Starbucks, Subway etc. We have to remember that most of the exhibitor/workers are not "bichon" teams so we need to have raffle gifts that are slanted towards all-breed teams. Thanks in advance for your participation.

If you are planning on entering your bichon (s) in this trial, please let me know ahead of time as we always have a few "special" perks for you/them. We have a High in Trial weekend competition for just bichons and a dynamite HIT trophy and ribbon to boot! If you are not entering as an exhibitor, remember you are still invited to watch our fab Bichons run, jump, and weave.

Entries will be a random draw, opening on March 16th with the draw closing on March 30th, and actual draw on March 31st; final closing on April 13, 2016. As always, ALL BICHONS ENTERED BEFORE THE DRAW CLOSING WILL HAVE A QUARANTEED ENTRY! The premium list will be available online in February from AKC or trial secretary, Joan Kurlander, [agilitywawa@mediacombb.net](mailto:agilitywawa@mediacombb.net).

Now is the time to make your hotel reservation so you are sure to get a great room that allows dogs, and is close to On The Run Canine Center, our venue (see following for hotel info). Be sure to mention that you are with On The Run Canine Center, to get a special rate of \$79.00/night. Rooms fill up quickly and early in this area as there is a national soccer tournament at the same time as our trial.

# Committee Reports—Agility Continued

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Looking forward to seeing you all at the Trial.

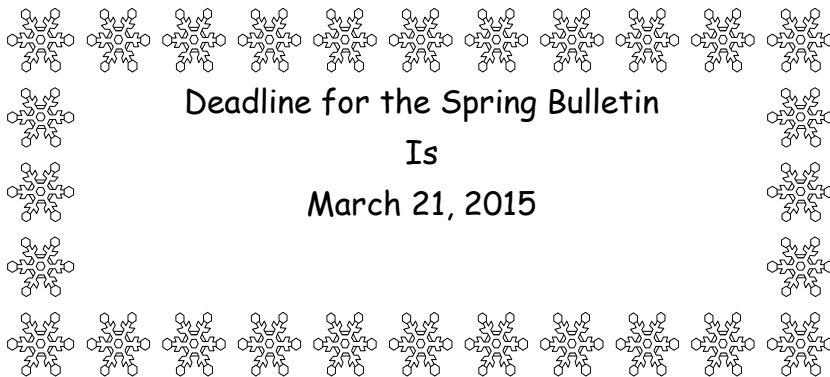
Shirley Hamilton  
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Canine Center  
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Blaine, MN 55449  
763-792-0750**

**On The Run  
13835 Aberdeen Street NE  
Ham Lake, MN 55304  
763-208-5025**

## Bulletin

To the local clubs—If your club is preparing an article for the BFCA bulletin, please remember that it should be only one page in length. Also, please send the article to me in a written form, not just random information. This would be very helpful for me.





## Committee Reports

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### Obedience/Rally

There are new rules that have taken effect as of December 1, 2015. Here is a summary along with the location of where you can find them in the new AKC Regulations book of Obedience.

If a Novice dog was entered in the Novice class mistakenly and it has no obedience titles, that dog may be transferred to the Beginner Novice Class. Clubs may offer Highest Scoring Dog and High Combined in the Preferred Classes. All dogs that had Pre- class legs or titles will automatically be transferred into Preferred class certification

Ch. 1: Exhibitors may leave the ring (pg. 29.) If the handler leaves the ring, the Judge will mark the score sheet as HLR and carry a NQ to the score box. Ten minutes are added into the 1<sup>st</sup> hour of judging for all classes that have walk-thrus (pg.21.) Listed start time is the time for the walk thru with judging to follow. Trials/classes starting at or after noon will now list the start time instead of the words "to follow." If the published ring and Judge are available prior to the start time listed and all the exhibitors have checked in and agree, the Judge may now start the class earlier.

CH. 3: Novice Group Exercises: Judges must decide prior to the Judging and post whether the Group exercises will be done after a certain amount of dogs or at the end of the judging of the individuals (pg.40.) All exhibitors are now required to tell the steward as they leave the ring whether or not they will return for the Group exercises. They cannot change their mind once they have told the steward. NQ for not returning. All handlers have the option of returning unless excused or released by the judge. The leash remains attached to the dog's collar (no slip leads) and resting along the side of the dog with the armband #.

CH. 5: Utility Scent Discrimination (pg. 52, 53) 10 articles to be used- may use Leather, Metal or wood now to make up the 5+5 articles. I bet there will be a lot that switch to Leather and wood for this (I know I would have been able to get into the Utility ring faster if I had this option over metal.) Handler may watch the articles being put out or not. You now cannot take an article until the Judge asks if you are ready and then tells you to take an article. Scoring has begun at that point. You may talk to your dog while scenting but not touch your dog to pet it as scoring has begun. Your dog must remain in the heel position and stay while you get the article. Repeats for 2<sup>nd</sup> article. Directed Retrieve (pg. 55) NQ if the handler does not give a verbal command to retrieve the glove. Substantial to NQ if the handler does not give the direction and the verbal simultaneously or immediately following the direction to retrieve the glove. Moving Stand: (pg. 55) The exam now will be the judge gently touching the dog in a single motion beginning at the side of the dogs neck proceeding along the body and ending at the croup.

## Committee Reports—Obedience Continued

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Preferred titling- now called Alternative Titling Classes: Novice- for dogs that have not won the CDX or PCDX, walkthrough of up to 10 minutes allowed. Open: for dogs that have won the CD or PCD title. Open B orders to be posted. Jump Heights are at  $\frac{1}{2}$  the height level of regular Open ring work and orders to be used will be posted prior to the start of class. No Groups exercises. Utility: for dogs that have won the CDX or PCDX. UB orders listed prior to show, all exercises are the same as Utility but jump heights are  $\frac{1}{2}$  the height. Jump height must be listed on application form.

PUDX: Qualifying scores in both Preferred Open & Preferred Utility 10 separate trials. POC: Preferred Obedience Champion: 750 points. Must have PCDX & PUTD to earn points. Qualifying scores in both Preferred Open and Preferred Utility at 20 separate shows.

Graduate Novice: (pg.84-86): HF and Fig. 8 now both off leash. Dumbbell Recall over the High Jump. Graduate Open (pgs. 88-90) Order of the exercises shall now be: Signal exercise, scent discrimination, Go out, Directed Jumping, Moving stand, Directed Retrieve.

There is more information to read but this is the jist of the changes effecting us for the year 2016.

You can find more information by going to the AKC.ORG web site.

Please try to send me your information on your shows and what you have been doing in the trials throughout the year. Include your dogs' full name, yours, the trial entered and your scores. Good Luck to you all!

Linda Ferrullo

## Committee Reports

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### Raffle/Auction

Greetings everyone! Now that the holidays are over and we're only 4 months away from Nationals, it's time to start thinking of donations for the 2016 BFCA Silent Auction/Raffle. I am looking for some awesome items to make the silent auction and raffle a super success. So let's all rummage through our closets to see what you would like to generously donate to make this year's fundraising effort a huge success. New and gently used items are always welcome. Also, if you know vendors who are willing to help, they can mail their donations to me. And if you don't have room in your luggage, just send your item(s) to Myra Wotton or myself at the addresses below. (Thank you, Myra!). Matt and I are leaving on Saturday, April 30 (yes, this year I get the whole week off from work!) so please allow enough time so I can bring them with me.

**Please remember---the proceeds from the auction and raffle are what keep this Club alive!**

My address is: 3129 Barberry Court, Murrysville, PA 15668 Phone: 724-325-5424

Email Address: [abbottms17@comcast.net](mailto:abbottms17@comcast.net)

Myra's address is: 2900 Foxpoint Road, Burnsville, MN 55337 Phone: 952-882-9188

Email Address: [myblissbichon@comcast.net](mailto:myblissbichon@comcast.net)

Thank you all in advance. I look forward to seeing everyone and the white fluffs.

Paula Abbott

Raffle/Silent Auction Chair

724-325-5424 (H)

P.S.---I heard that our good friend the scissor guy, Jon Lytle, is planning on another creative way to raise money for the Club. Also, our handsome and fun loving members, Rick Day and Matt Abbott, have volunteered (well, been volunteered) to emcee for the night.

## Committee Reports

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

Not for profit 501C3  
Est. 2003

Winter 2016

It's been a very busy year for Rescue. We rescued 64 bichons and currently have 5 in foster care. Although the number of dogs has gone down from last year, we've had some tougher placements due to health and age. Thankfully we have great Fosters and awesome adopters who are willing to take in these bichons. We continue to post our rescues on Petfinder and our BFACT facebook page. One of our goals for 2016 is to place more success stories on our website.

Our first BFACT Bash was held on September 13 at Bull Run Park in Centreville, VA. We had donated almost \$8,000!! The attendees received a bag of dog and human goodies. Scarfs were made for each Bichon with their name, coupons for \$50 off dentals, coupon for Acadia Antlers, discount coupons from vets and pet hotels and other donations from vets and pet stores. In attendance were veterinarians, a photographer and dog communicator. It was a beautiful day and all the bichons had a great time playing

BFACT was in attendance at Breaux Vineyards Dog Days, the Dog Fest in Shepherdstown, WVA and other local events. Our purpose in attending these events is to make people aware of our efforts to rescue bichons and to find fosters and other volunteers.

We had a very successful Pampered Chef Fundraiser and raised \$774.60. One of our fosters is a Pampered Chef consultant and, along with the Pampered Chef donation, she donates all of her earnings.

We trust that 2016 will be a very successful year for Rescue.

Submitted by:  
Zandra Kern, Co-Chair

## Committee Reports

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### BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

**Regions Bank Balance as of December 31, 2014      \$39,361.68**

**Regions Bank Balance as of December 31, 2015      \$48,320.66**

#### **YEAR-TO-DATE AS OF December 31, 2015**

##### INCOME

Pay Pal Transfer In	26,200.00
Adoption Rescue	7,375.00
Contributions	3,244.62
Emporium Gross Receipts	2,334.84
Bash Receipts (cash/checks)	2,050.97
Contributions with Member Dues	1,430.00
Square Receipts	965.95
National Specialty Rescue Auction	605.00
AmazonSmile Contribution	225.33
Relinquishment Contribution	215.00

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>44,646.71</b>
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##### EXPENSES

Vet Expenses For Rescue	30,172.58
Web Site	1,466.07
Emporium - Goods Purchased	983.00
Insurance	750.00
Bichon Bash Expenses	707.18
Tax Return Preparation	500.00
Expenses For Rescued Bichons	491.50
Telephone Answering System	372.04
Office Supplies	125.36
Check Image Fee	120.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>35,687.73</b>
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**Prepared By Matt Abbott, BFC ACT Treasurer**

## Committee Reports

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### Sales

Hope this finds all of you enjoying a rather unusual winter - at least weather-wise. Since April, 2015 we have had 26 people make purchases through the Boutique sales page. All but three of these were for the booklet, Your Bichon Frise. Four of the orders were for the booklet and one or two additional items. As this shows, sales have been slow and I have not been using much gas to go to the post office! We definitely need to kick things up a notch and add some new items to our sales page, so if you see anything at the shows, please let the board or me know about your find.

I look forward to seeing you in May - so stay healthy and get those dogs ready for a trip to Minnesota!

Kathy Loynachan

### 2016 National Specialty

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Hope everyone had a great holiday season!

Before you know it, Spring will be here, and it will be time for our National Specialty!

Please join us May 6 & 7, 2016, for the 41<sup>st</sup> BFCA National Specialty at the MSP/St. Paul International Airport/MOA Hilton Hotel, Bloomington, MN.

Time can slip away before you know it (at least it does for me) so please make your hotel reservations early. The Hilton is a busy airport hotel, and if we need to increase our room block to accommodate more people, the sooner we know that our room block has been filled, the more likely the hotel may be able to provide us additional rooms. Our negotiated room rate is \$116.00 per night plus taxes. You may make your hotel reservations by phone or on-line. If calling, please be sure to identify yourself as being with the Bichon Frise 2016 National Specialty. If booking on-line, please be sure to use the Group Code Frise.

Phone: 952-854-2100 or 1-800-445-8667.

Link: [Hilton link](#)

Get a head start on your holiday cards by having a photo taken with Santa! Santa will take a picture with just dogs, just humans, or dogs and humans. The dogs in the picture with Santa do not have to be entered in the Specialty. Santa is donating his time so the only cost to you would be for whatever picture(s) you order. Santa photos will be taken following the show on Friday, and reservation forms will be available shortly. Click on this [link](#) and take a look at some examples of Santa's pictures.

## Committee Reports—2016 Specialty Con't

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The Board is pleased to announce that this year we will be hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reception (the 1<sup>st</sup> being the Welcome Reception) following the show on Friday in conjunction with the Santa photos. We will have a 50-50 raffle during this reception as well. So come join us for food, drinks, fun, Santa photos, and a chance to win some money!

Please note that our National Specialty Flyer (the multiple page booklet) will NOT be sent via US mail. The Flyer will be available on the BFCA website and our FB page will have the link back to this location on the BFCA website. Be sure to check our website often for this flyer and other show information as it becomes available.

Here are some more Minnesota Fun Facts (the 1<sup>st</sup> ones were published in the December News). There will be more Fun Facts published in future communications as well. As stated in the December News: Who knows, remembering these Fun Facts may gain you a prize at National!

- Furthest inland port for cargo ships traveling from the Atlantic Ocean via the Great Lakes = Duluth
- Location of the original Mayo Clinic = Rochester, MN
- Home of the legend of Paul Bunyon and his Blue Ox, Babe = Bemidji
- The creator and author of the Peanuts cartoon series who is from St. Paul = Charles Schultz.

See you in May in Minneapolis!!!!

**The Bichon Frise Club of San Diego**  
invites you to our  
**38th Sweepstakes and 44th and 45th Specialty**  
February 26, 2016 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, California

***“Bichon Baristas”***



**Two Specialties & Sweepstakes in One Day**  
**A 4 to 6 Month Puppy Beginner Competition**  
**A Parade of Rescues and A Parade of Title Holders**  
**Two Silver Bay Kennel Club all breed shows follow on Saturday and Sunday**  
**Two days to Meet The Breed with displays and information staffed by our club members.**

**Get all the details in the PREMIUM LIST online at:**  
**[www.BichonFriseClubOfSanDiego.com/2016specialty/](http://www.BichonFriseClubOfSanDiego.com/2016specialty/)**  
**\*\*\* No printed premium list will be mailed \*\*\***



**41st BFCA National Specialty  
May 6 & 7, 2016**

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



**MSP/St. Paul International Airport/MOA Hilton Hotel  
Bloomington, MN**