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The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc





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President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Even though winter is upon us it's not too early to be thinking about our annual Agility trial in April and our Specialty show in May.

Our BFCA Agility Trial will be April 27th, 28th, and 29th at On The Run Canine Center in Ham Lake MN. So performance buffs support our trial and remember to tell all your friends that this is an all-breed agility event. Co-chairs Shirley Hamilton and Rick Macias put in many hours of hard work every year making this a very successful annual trial. Send your information and your agility peers information to Shirley, and she will send them the information on our event.

Fiesta in Tucson! Specialty Show dates are May 3rd and May 4th. Join us for Tuesday evening's annual hospitality get-together - we have a surprise planned so don't miss out on all the fun! Wednesday morning's seminar this year features Dr. Jean Dodds with a webinar/seminar! Whether you've attended Dr. Dodds' seminars or have never heard her you are in for a very informative experience. The annual members meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon to be followed by our awards banquet and raffle. Thursday morning begins with Obedience and Rally followed by 4-6 puppy, Sweepstakes and Bred-by-Exhibitor Special Attraction and Parade of Title holders. Our Judges' Education Chairperson Mimi Winkler will present the Judges Ed. Seminar after the completion of scheduled events. On Friday we will begin with junior showmanship followed by regular conformation classes.

We have a judging change for conformation! Due to health concerns Luc Boileau is unable to judge for us. We wish him all the best. The judge's selection ballot second place for this year was Andrew (Gene) Mills. Mr. Mills is available and has graciously agreed to judge our conformation. We are delighted to have Mr. Mills and I am sure he will do a fine job.

The 2020 second round ballot for judge's selection is enclosed in the bulletin and will also be available online. Please, don't miss the opportunity to choose your future judges. Vote!!!

I hope 2018 will be a year filled with ribbons!

Gail Antetomaso

Recording Secretary Report

As I sit here typing my report awaiting the ice and snowstorm to hit West Kentucky, I'm thinking of the warm temps in Tucson not that far away. After the bitter cold here, the first person who complains about the heat in Tucson I'm going to hit.....LOL.

Everyone should have received the new Membership Directory in the mail by now. If you have not received it please let me know.

Reminder about your information: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM ME, if there are any changes in your current information, i.e.: address, email, or phone number. Please contact me at bichonbabe@mchsi.com or 270-871-5015. Changes will be attached to each BFCA Bulletin.

Wendy Ball

Recording Secretary

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
Treasurer's Report
Financial Statement Beginning October 1, 2017 and Ending December 31, 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 **\$53,479.31**

INCOME:

Sales	\$ 24.00
Amazon Sales	118.25
Membership Dues	623.33
Breeder Directory	850.00
Application Fee	60.00

Health		
Donation	<u>2,610.91</u>	2,610.91

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 4,286.49**

EXPENSE:

2018 National Specialty	90.00
Fall Bulletin Expenses	108.46
Judges Education	293.03
Paypal	38.63
Sales	110.00
Liability Insurance	785.00
AKC Dues	25.00

Health		
Website	32.97	
Sales (Paypal)	<u>1,166.56</u>	1,199.53

Total Expense **(2,649.65)**

NET GAIN/LOSS **1,636.84**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2017 **\$61,116.15**

PAYPAL BALANCE **500.00**

BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 **55,217.63**

Interest Income	<u>5.49</u>
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BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2017 **55,223.12**

TOTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2017 **\$116,839.27**

LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER DECEMBER 31, 2017

AKC Delegate Meeting

December 2017

Just in case you didn't know, there are two parts to the Delegates meeting. Day one has committee meetings. There are committees that meet but broken up at two times. The Coordinating Committee; All-Breed Clubs Committee; Bylaws Committee; Canine Health Committee; Dog Show Rules Committee; Field Trial and Hunting Events Committee; Herding, Earthdog, Coursing Events Committee; and Parent Clubs Committee. I attended the Parent Club Committee that talked about docking & cropping, pet disaster trailer, AKC Marketplace, Juniors veterinary outreach, and spaying and neutering. I also attended All-Breed Clubs where they talked about Trick Dog testing which is new to AKC, and requirements for dates to be printed on front of ribbons for conformations events. Many small clubs want the dates left off so they may order the ribbons in bulk and save money. It was also discussed if strollers should be allowed at dog shows – either dog strollers or child strollers.

Dennis Sprung, AKC President, reported that overall the entries through October 2017 declined and part of this depreciation is due to Canine Influenza. Specialties have declined 3%, Obedience is down over 4%, Agility is down over 1%, but Coursing Agility tests are up and so is Fast Cat. Beginning Puppy entries are up and so is Herding test. Real estate update is the AKC is close to finishing the negotiation of a 10-year renewal of the lease for the offices in North Carolina signing in the same building.

Staff promotions were announced: Doug Ljundren – Executive Vice President of Sports and Events; Keith Frazier – Executive Vice President of Business Support Services; Tim Thomas – Vice President of Judging Operations; and Paula Spector – Vice President of Corporate Services.

The next meeting in March 2018 will be voting. If anyone has ideas on who I should or should not vote for, please contact me at tobybf@verizon.net

Until next time,

Toby Frisch



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

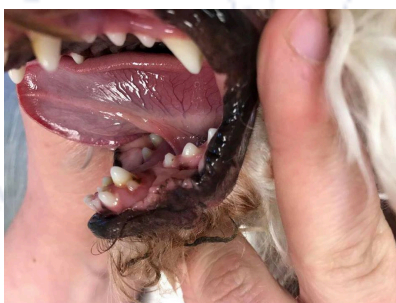
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Winter Bulletin 2018

We hope everyone had wonderful holiday season. We want to welcome Nancy Mulkewicz as our new Treasurer. Thank you, Nancy for taking this on. One of our volunteers has taken over donation acknowledgements and tax letters. Ann Manheimer has done a terrific job and really has taken a load off our shoulders.

Last year we rescued 74 dogs. This is a little higher than the past few years. Again, it was mostly 8-12 year olds, which cost us more because we completely vet them. Most (should say all) desperately needed dentals. We also do a geriatric panel on the dog. We don't want to place a dog with a hidden illness. Lately, we have taken in a few younger dogs. Of course, all have behavior issues. These days, rescue has become rehab. We've been working with behaviorists to help these creatures. Some can be very sweet, just bullies. I have one right now that everyone loves until demon dog comes out. Two minutes later, you are laughing at her antics. Her big thing is dropping tennis balls in the toilet and asking you to take them out. All bathroom doors are closed!

I'm never amazed when something new pops up in rescue. In 26 years, I've never heard of "parrot mouth". We took in our first 'parrot mouth' dog and it doesn't mean he's a Jimmy Buffet fan. He's only two years old and I don't know how this boy ever ate. I'm not even sure what we are going to do about this. He sees a dentist next week. In the meantime, he's fed soft food with a spoon. Our volunteers are dedicated.



We have absorbed BratPack Rescue of Florida. They once were part of our group, went out on their own and did a wonderful job. Bratpack has dissolved and we are working in Central Florida with the assistance of some of their volunteers. Now that we have new volunteers, Zandra and I are getting together and going over forms and procedures. We also will be discussing updating our website. It needs a boost.

Only 70 days till Spring!!

Lynn Ramich, BFC ACT Co-Chair and Trustee

BFCA Director

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST
Est. 2003

Regions Bank balance as of December 31, 2016 **\$ 32,778.81**

Regions Bank balance as of December 31, 2017 **\$ 42,697.15**

Summary of Activity
October 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

INCOME

Donations	\$	2,691.54
Paypal	\$	7,500.00
Adoption fees	\$	1,225.00
Bash proceeds	\$	2,138.94
TOTAL INCOME	\$	10,863.94

EXPENSES

Vet bills	\$	10,078.14
Administrative	\$	22.00
Other		
Returned donation check	\$	50.00
Boarding & grooming	\$	779.00
Return of donation	\$	100.00
TOTAL	\$	929.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	11,029.14

BEGINNING BALANCE (10/1/17)	\$	40,170.81
INCOME	\$	13,555.48
EXPENSES	\$	11,029.14
ENDING BALANCE (12/31/17)	\$	42,697.15

AGILITY

April 27, 28, and 29th, 2018 marks the dates for our fifth annual BFCA All Breed Agility Trial. This year our trial is the weekend before the AKC Agility World Team tryouts, which will be held in the Twin Cities. We are aiming to attract many of the top agility dogs in the country, to hone their skills just prior to the tryouts by highlighting our “Premier” courses offered everyday.

Of course, we will still be having our “High in Trial Bichon” competition with trophy and special ribbon for the winner. We are expecting a great Bichon entry. Even though our trial is a “random draw,” all Bichons who enter are guaranteed entry plus their handler can enjoy a free breakfast and lunch each day.

We are required by AKC to have a minimum of five BFCA members on site at all times each day, so we are extending an invitation to all members to join us in fulfilling this requirement as well as enjoying the fun of agility. If you aren’t able to come we would appreciate if you would consider donating to our exhibitor/volunteer raffle. We pride ourselves in taking good care of our all-breed volunteers who help us fill the over 40 volunteer spots needed to make a trial run smoothly. Over the past few years many of you have joined us from around the country and found out what a great time is had by all! Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Shirley Hamilton

BFCA Judges Education

Ten judges signed up for ringside mentoring and an unofficial seminar in Orlando Florida at the Royal Canin dog show. I am so pleased that our power point and seminar is so highly received.

I have made the following proposal to the Board.

Next year at our National Specialty following the general meeting I would like to have a breeders forum. A give and take. Questions answers pedigrees. Pick the brain of oldies. Gain new insight from the newbies. Anything goes. ALL are welcome. What do you think? Would you support this? I hope so.

Thanks so much

Mimi Winkler

JEC of the BFCA

Membership Report

WINTER 2018

Karen Chesbro

NEW MEMBERS (Sponsors)

Ginny Humphrey
31 Westwood Drive
Simsbury, CT 06070
(Deena Mathog & Nancy Noonan)

Kathy Puerner
510 West Park St
Marshfield, WI 54449
(Vickie Halstead & Shirley Hamilton)

Merry Nicole Meyer
5565 Brittany Court
Frederick, MD 21703
(Debbi Lamb & Lynn Ramich)

Dina Taylor
13039 Shorewood Drive SW
Burien, WA 98146
(Sheri Kennedy & Sue Swindle)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

Sandra & Edward Fair
23467 Silver Strike Drive
Canyon Lake, CA 92587
(Myrna Baum & Marsi Harvey)

Tasheena Housman
6018 Radiance Blvd E
File, WA 98424
(Karen Paulson & Sue Swindle)

All BFCA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants.

Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Wendy Ball, 967A Boat Dock Rd, KY 42501 or bichonbabe@mchsi.com by **FEBRUARY 15, 2018**



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Greetings!

This past year was a rebuilding year for the club with many positive changes, new members, and our new club logo designed by club member, Gabriel Feitosa.

Our annual Christmas luncheon was held at Donna DiMartini's home. Our guest speaker was Dr. Bruce Christensen, D.V.M., of Franklin Ranch Pet Hospital, who discussed canine fertility issues.

Our Bichon "Day in the Park" is looking to make a comeback this spring and the event is open to all lovers of our white furry friends. The day is filled with a costume contest, grooming demonstration, basic obedience and agility lessons, potluck luncheon, and simply having fun.

We opted to drop our April specialty in Sacramento to concentrate on our October specialty held in conjunction with the Del Valle Kennel Club. We had a lovely entry of 19 exhibits judged by Mr. Magnus Hagstedt. Our membership put forth beautiful trophies, a wonderful raffle, tasty luncheon, and smiles were the order of the day.

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding back-to-back specialties and supported entries October 19th-21st with the Harvest Cluster. Information about the specialties will be available later in the year from our specialty chairperson, Donna DiMartini.

Bichon Frise Club of Northern NJ

The BFCNNJ is gearing up for an exciting February and March! Our club will be participating again at Meet the Breeds on February 10th in New York City. It is an amazing day with thousands of people coming to see and learn about our wonderful breed. This is a wonderful venue to share our knowledge, raise money for our Rescue, and further promote purebred dogs.

We will also be preparing for our Specialty show, March 24th, concurrent with the New Brunswick Kennel Club's March Madness Cluster of dog shows. We will have Sweepstakes and Conformation as well as a Parade of Rescues. Mrs. Ruth Zimmerman will be our Conformation judge, and Mrs. Janet Weiderhold will judge Sweepstakes. We are looking forward to a successful show.

The Bichon Frise Club of San Diego

The end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018 have brought some sad times to the BFCSD. As the old year ended we lost Ford McFarlane, one of our long time members and Bichon lover. Ford had been battling some health issues but we were all blindsided when he entered the hospital for what was thought to be routine gall bladder surgery and never came home. Ford, until recent years, had been a work horse, always there when needed to facilitate our events. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Diana and hope she will soon be ready to return to Club events.

The beginning of the New Year saw the loss of another of our members, Bill Johnston, long -time partner of Sandy Phillips, died quietly at home after taking out the trash. Bill was such a great help at every Club event, always willing to do whatever needed to be done. And there was no better salesman when it came to selling raffle tickets. Bill's smiling face and his surprised "oh really" whenever a juicy piece of news was shared will not soon be forgotten.

Not to be forgotten, we recently lost two more long time bichon fanciers/breeders/exhibitors from the Southern California area. Although not members of our club, they were great ambassadors for the breed and frequent participants at our club events and the local dog show scene. Our hearts go out to the families of Barbara Chappell and Ed Fair.

BFC of San Diego, cont.:

On the happier side of things our back-to-back Specialty shows are almost here. Mark your calendar for Friday, February 23rd, the day before the Silver Bay shows at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. We will have two Sweepstakes and two conformation events. The conformation events will offer the 4-6 month puppy competition. Here is a friendly environment to get your babies in the ring. Look for the Premium List on line at our website at www.bichonfriseclubofsandiego.com. Entries close on Wednesday, February 7th.

In June we will be hosting our annual Garden Party and Rescue Raffle at Bates Nut Farm the four days of the Bahia Sur KC and Mt. Palomar KC shows. We host a great picnic lunch to all bichon fanciers and the proceeds of our raffle benefit the SoCal bichon rescue organizations. Keep an eye out for more information on our website and mark your calendars for June 15-18 for this special weekend. Yes, this is Father's Day Weekend, but why not treat dad to a day at the dog show and a great picnic lunch? It's our treat!

We are looking forward to the National Specialty which, for a change, will be close to home in nearby Tucson, AZ. Hope to see many of you there.



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
 (Member of the American Kennel Club)
43RD NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

FIESTA TIME IN TUCSON

SWEEPSTAKES, OBEDIENCE & RALLY
MAY 3RD AND MAY 4TH, 2018
 DoubleTree by Hilton - Tucson Reid Park
 445 S. Alvernon Way
 Tucson, Arizona 85711

Reservations: 1-520-881-4200 or 1-866-910-7340
Mention Group Name: Bichon Club of America or BF1
ENTRIES CLOSE ON APRIL 4TH 2018
ACTIVITIES BEGIN MAY 1ST

For the latest show information and special reservation link go to www.bichon.org