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President's Report

Seems like spring is getting off to a late start in many parts of our country this year. I hope by the time you all read this everyone's weather will be much improved. Even more reason to come on down to Orlando for National Specialty week.

This year your show committee is offering a two-day seminar Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. BFCA members, Lindsey Dicken and Shannon Moore, will show us some new products and talk about coat care and basic grooming on Tuesday. On Wednesday there will be several individuals who have signed up for the hands-on grooming experience. Let me talk a little about that: If you want to groom your dog at the seminar and work with Lindsey and Shannon, then sign up for the hands-on grooming option. If you would rather be part of the audience, great, you will have many opportunities to ask questions and make comments. Never know what tricks we might pick up. Who among us can't learn a trick or two? I hope many of you will take advantage of this two-part grooming and coat care seminar.

Thursday morning, bright and early, our performance dogs and their handlers will be in the ballroom waiting to participate in Obedience and Rally classes. Our own Linda Ferrullo will judge both Rally and Obedience. Please come down to the ballroom and support these hard working dogs and handlers!

Thursday Morning... Puppies, puppies, puppies! Toby Frisch will judge the 4 to 6 Month Beginner Puppies. Puppy and Junior Sweepstakes will be Judged by Maggie Hyde Sherwood. Let's all come out and support our puppies and their breeders! The Bred-By-Exhibitor Special Attraction is such a tribute to our dedicated breeders, and this year will be judged by Mayno Blanding. Lets not forget to watch and applaud our Parade of Champions & Titleholders between BBE dogs and BBE bitches.

Now let's talk about Friday! The morning starts with Junior Showmanship Competition, judged by Toby Frisch. Young dog enthusiasts are the future of the sport of purebred dogs, so please encourage and support the Juniors.

This year you, our members, decided to reach out and elect a foreign judge to judge our conformation. I am confident that everyone will all support and give a very warm welcome to our conformation judge, Pauline Johns. Mrs Johns is a licensed conformation judge by the UK and judges all over Europe. Let's give her plenty of entries!

Please remember to seek out new members, exhibitors, and spectators to say a warm hello and make them feel welcome.

The final balloting for 2021 will be attached to the Bulletin. Please, please cast your vote for your choice to judge Sweepstakes, Bred-By-Exhibitor and Conformation!

Your Board and I look forward to seeing you all in Orlando!

Gail Antetomaso

Recording Secretary's Report

Calling all bichons and bichon lovers to a Magical Time in Orlando. Yes, it's that time of year and we are all so excited. I even had a report that Mickey Mouse was worried about little white fluffy dogs invading his territory. I hope everyone has made their room reservations and are checking all the deadlines at www.bichon.org to enter your fluffs and take part in all the fun activities and plan on attending the Awards Banquet.

For those of you who would wish to address the Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday April 30, 2019, please email Pres. Gail Antetomaso at gail.bfca@gmail.com to be placed on the agenda.

ALSO DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME ANY CHANGES YOU HAVE IN YOUR MAILING, EMAIL OR PHONE INFO.

REMINDER, TOO!!!! DUES NOTIFICATIONS WILL GO OUT AFTER THE NATIONALS!

See you and Mickey there!

Wendy Ball
BFCA Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer's Report

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement Beginning January 1, 2019 and Ending February 28, 2019

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2018	\$69,627.16
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INCOME:

National Specialty 2019	\$ 1,295.00
Sales	84.72
Amazon Sales	129.27
Breeder Directory	100.00
Membership Dues	33.40
Application Fees	90.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 1,732.39

EXPENSE:

2019 National Specialty	290.58
Bulletin Expenses	127.14
AKC Delegate	758.84
Paypal	10.54
Judges Ed	23.62
Stamps	49.75

Agility 2018 Ribbons	<u>525.57</u>	525.57
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TOTAL EXPENSE

1,786.04

NET GAIN/LOSS

(53.65)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2019	\$69,573.51
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PAYPAL BALANCE	500.00
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BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2018	55,245.26
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Interest Income	<u>3.56</u>
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BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2019	55,248.82
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TOTAL FUNDS FEBRUARY 28, 2019	\$125,375.98
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LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Judges Education

Our next seminar will be at the National Specialty in May...I want to thank in advance Lindsey Dicken for volunteering to bring dogs for the hands on portion of the seminar..And a thank you to Judy McNamara for helping with ringside mentoring

Remember, please, how important our seminars are...If we want judges to really understand our breed, who can go over our breed and know what they are feeling, who can justify their placements... then we must have seminars and education for them.

And a reminder...Members are welcome to attend the seminar....but please bear in mind this is for judges...It is not a question & answer segment for members...

To all ringside mentors.....If you are doing ringside mentoring at a show where there are majors...never, ever use your dogs as the epitome of our standard....even if you think they are the best Bichons walking this earth...stick to the standard...not your preference...and thank you for volunteering your time...it's greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you in May,

Mimi

Judges Selection Committee

Please note - Included in this issue is the final round Ballot for the 2021 Specialty. We encourage everyone to participate in the selection process. I would appreciate it if you would use the online process. Just click the link in the Constant Contact email or copy and paste the following into your browser:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eg7jtl5jtoxp3nn/start>

THIRD ROUND PROCEDURES

1. The Third Round Ballot will go out in the BFCA Spring Business Bulletin.
2. The top three names from the Second Round Ballot will be listed on this ballot in alphabetical order. Note this year we had a tie in Sweepstakes so there are four nominees listed.
3. Members shall vote for **ONE ONLY!** That is one (1) for **Conformation**, one (1) for **Sweepstakes**, and one (1) for **Bred-By-Exhibitor Special Attraction**.
4. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AS ANY ERRORS COULD REMOVE YOUR BALLOT FROM CONSIDERATION.
5. Deadline for return of this ballot is **April 24, 2019** and may require you to decide and vote quickly in order to have a result prior to the upcoming Board Meeting

Membership Report

SPRING 2019

Karen Chesbro

NEW MEMBERS (Sponsors)

Lisa Bettis
2575 County Rd 28
Goshen, IN 46526
(Matt Abbott & Paula Hendricks)

Ryan Wolfe
2575 County Rd 28
Goshen, IN 46526
(Matt Abbott & Paula Hendricks)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (SPONSORS)

Paulette & Vincent Ferruzzo
22 Disc Lane
Wantagh, NY 11793
Waterfall Bichons
(Gail Antetomaso & Rick Day)

Kim Furlong
1255 Brandywine Drive
Medina, OH 44256
(Paul Flores & Mimi Winkler)

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, Nortonville, KY 42501 or bichonbabe@mchsi.com
by APRIL 15,2019



National Specialty

UPDATED & IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION FROM THE ORLANDO AIRPORT!

As some of you have found out, Mears Transportation Service, listed in the Premium List and in the Information Packet, was not quite truthful with us, and we are informed now that they no longer transport from the Airport to our Hotel!

We have done a lot of research for other options and here is what we have found:

Taxi – Getting a taxi from the airport seems to be running approximately \$50.00 to a bit above for a one-way trip! If you do not have a lot of luggage, dogs, etc., and can find someone coming in around the same time, sharing a cab might be the way to go.

Super Shuttle – They have sent us a link for a bit of a discount, but not much of one. You can probably go online and find 10% coupons that will save you a bit more. They are offering a “Business Meet & Greet” car rate of \$117.00 round trip. They say the vehicle can take up to 6 people. This would be nonstop ride to the hotel. We have tried to explain dog crates, grooming equipment etc. Not sure they are totally clear on all of that, so if you choose to make this choice, please let them know how much “luggage” you will need room for. Again, if you can find someone coming in and going out at similar times you can share the expense. Here is the link to Super Shuttle - <https://group.supershuttle.com/group-page/the-bichon-frise-club-of-america-2019/>

Regular Shuttle - I went on line and they also have a regular shuttle service you can take for about \$65.00 round trip, but it may make other stops along the way to the hotel. But if it's just you and your luggage, might be worth it. If you want to try this option, go to their website www.supershuttle.com and start from the beginning.

Possibly use **Facebook** to connect with others flying in and rideshare to save money.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused, and we have done everything in our power to give you new options. Thanks for understanding that sometimes things just happen!

We look forward to seeing you all in Orlando where the sun is always shining, and we will have fantastic Specialty and a Magical time!

Membership Directory Updates - Spring 2019

(Changes are in red)

DON'T FORGET TO PUT THE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY!

COMMITTEES:

No changes

ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY:

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Third Round Ballot

Judges Selection for 2021 BFCA National Special

The names listed below (in alphabetical order) represent the top names from the Second Round Ballots. In this final round, **Please Select One Name Only for Conformation, One Name only for Sweepstakes, One Name only for Bred-by Special Attraction** that you feel would be the best qualified choice to judge our National Specialty. **Ballots must be signed to confirm eligibility . Members are encouraged to use the online process by copying and pasting the following link into your browser.**

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eg7jtli5jtoxp3nn/start>

Conformation

Michael Dougherty
Rick Day
Bill McFadden

Sweepstakes

Lindsey Dickens
Sheri Kennedy
Larry Letsche
Scott Somers

Bred-by Special Attraction

Lindsey Dickens
Carol Fellbaum
Sheri Kennedy

Second voter only - Same Household

Conformation:

X _____

Sweepstakes:

X _____

Special Attraction Bred-by Exhibitor

X _____

Signature _____

Printed _____

Conformation:

X _____

Sweepstakes:

X _____

Special Attraction Bred-by Exhibitor

X _____

Signature _____

Printed _____

Important: Ballots Must Be Postmarked on or Before **Saturday, April 24, 2019.**

Please return to: Diana McFarlane
3606 Haverhill St
Carlsbad, CA 92010-2174

Thank you for your participation!

Bichon Boutique

Check These New Products Out!!

We've been able to partner with The Michael Park Collection to offer the following products for special order! 1 of each will be available at Nationals and the Weathervane will be up for raffle—proceeds to benefit the club! (Tickets will be \$5 each)



Garden Stake

\$44



Welcome Sign

\$72



HAND CARVED WEATHERVANE

\$695

Includes the copper spacer balls, rod, directional, and ring.

Assorted Leads

\$18/narrow

\$25/wide



Contact Merry Nicole Meyer for Availability 703.431.2075 (text) or BFCASales@gmail.com