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The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc. Business Issue





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President's Report

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Please stay safe and we will celebrate each other and our beautiful Bichons in September.

As you know we were able to reschedule our National Specialty. The new dates are September 24th and 25th. Thanks to the tireless work of our Show Chair, Myra Wotton, everything except the date will remain the same. Thank you, Myra!

Thankfully, our Conformation Judge, John Hutchison, is available to judge and we look forward to seeing him in September. We are saddened that our own Betty Ribble who was judging our Obedience and Rally has a judging conflict and can't be with us. Keith Hanson has graciously agreed to step up and be our announcer this year.

Please note the annual member meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, in conjunction with our new specialty date.

Health Committee member, Laura Winston, wrote an article in the Bichon Reporter on the importance of canine health testing. I understand she will be writing additional articles and we will plan to publish each article in our Bulletin as they become available. Laura's article references the more sophisticated and advanced screening that includes DNA testing in canines. This, hopefully, will give breeders even more information and tools to use in breeding programs.

Not all recommended testing is for the short term but also to seek information and develop baselines to improve the long-term health of our Bichons, future generations, and continue to search for genetic markers. I encourage you as responsible breeders to be diligent in your testing of breeding stock for genetic issues. Don't stop there - please go out and educate the public and your fellow breeders. As BFCA members we all have a responsibility to endeavor to breed puppies who display good health, stable temperament and good conformation. We are the Keepers of our breed!

Gail Antetomaso, President

Recording Secretary's Report

As we sit at home, it seems as though we are all playing a role in the movie Groundhog Day. We will get through this together and life will go on. We hope and pray this is all behind us and just a horrible memory with lessons learned of social distancing and learning to appreciate staying at home.

Special thanks to those of our members who are fighting this pandemic on the front lines i.e. doctors, nurses, EMT's, police, firefighters, grocery store and restaurant workers.

The National Specialty has been postponed till September and will at least give us something to look forward to. This year's theme is "Meet Me at the Crossroads" and may have a caveat of "while practicing Social Distancing". The actual show dates are September 24&25th, 2020, with activities starting on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. Our hotel has worked with our show chair, Myra Wotton on finding another date and transferring reservations that had been made for the dates in May. Kudos to Myra and the Wyndham Indianapolis West, 2544 Executive Dr. Indianapolis, IN. Our judges will remain the same as follows:

Conformation: John Hutchison

Sweeps: Kayley Kovar

Special Attraction BBE: Joanne Rubin

4-6 Month Puppy: Tim Catterson

Obedience: due to previous engagement Betty Ribble will be unavailable, TBA

Junior Showmanship: Ted Lee

So, pack hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and A SMILE!

*****PLEASE NOTE DUES NOTICES WILL GO OUT AS IN THE BY-LAWS*****

Dues notices will go out on Constant Contact so starting the first week of June 2020 watch your emails for your dues notice. Like things reserved for the National, if using PayPal, you will have an additional charge to cover that cost.

Let me know if there are any changes to your information at bichonbabe@mchsi.com

Stay safe and Wash Your Hands!

Respectfully,

Wendy Ball, BFCR Recording Secretary

Board Ballots

A vote on whether to Postpone, Wait and See, or Cancel.

The motion was to Postpone or Not:

YES- Abbott, Matt; Antetomaso, Gail; Ball, Wendy; Endo, Lillian; Hollan, Debbie; Kennedy, Sheri; Kovar, Kayley, Ramich, Lynn,

NO-Allen, Roz; Wise, John; Wotton, Myra

Motion Passed

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Ballot: 03-20A As pertaining to the suspension of Rules in our Constitution and By-Laws.

(Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we voted to postpone the 2020 National Specialty, the new dates are September 24 & 25, 2020. Therefore, we need to address the rules in our Constitution and By-Laws in respect to the dates of our Specialty for 2020.)

Motion: Does the Board Approve or Disapprove of the suspension of our Rules as outlined in our Constitution and By-Laws as pertaining to the timeline of our 2020 BFCA National Specialty?

Approve- Unanimous

Ballot: 04-20A 3-Part Ballot Dealing with BFCA Futurity

- 1. Should the oldest age group in Futurity be 12-15 months or 12-18 months?**

PICK ONE:

12-15 months: 2 - Ball, Wendy; Ramich, Lynn

12-18 months: 9 - Abbott, Matt; Allen, Roz; Antetomaso, Gail; Endo, Lillian; Hollan, Debbie; Kennedy, Sheri; Kovar, Kayley; Wise, John; Wotton, Myra

- 2. Select which placement designation will be used for Futurity.**

PICK ONE:

Best of Opposite to Best in Futurity: 6 - Abbott, Matt; Allen, Roz; Antetomaso, Gail; Ball, Wendy; Kennedy, Sheri; Wotton, Myra

Runner Up to Best in Futurity: 5 - Endo, Lillian; Hollan, Debbie; Kovar, Kayley; Ramich, Lynn; Wise, John

- 3. Select which award will be used for Best in Futurity & the choice in ballot # 2 above.**

(PLEASE NOTE: THE ROSETTE & TROPHY WILL BE SIMILAR TO WHAT'S PROVIDED TO OUR SWEEPSTAKES OR BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR WINNERS)

PICK ONE:

Rosette only: 6 - Ball, Wendy; Endo, Lillian; Hollan, Debbie; Kovar, Kayley; Ramich, Lynn; Wise, John

Trophy only: 0

Rosette & Trophy: 5 - Abbott, Matt; Allen, Roz; Antetomaso, Gail; Kennedy, Sheri; Wotton, Myra

Membership Directory Updates – Spring 2020

Don't forget to put the changes in your directory!

Send Directory updates to Wendy Ball, Recording Secretary – bichonbabe@mchsi.com

ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY:

Change Lindsey Dicken's phone #
to 407-719-3567

Please add Mary Ellen to Andrew
(Gene) Mills in the alphabetical section
of the Directory. It's correct in the state
listing.

Jan Wilson was listed only under R.
Please add another listing under W.

Jan Wilson & Van Rametta
JustUs Bichons

19090 Dalton Points Place
Lansdowne VA 20176
571-333-0330
703-597-7721
703-597-7724

Janw20165@gmail.com

In the alphabetic list, please correct
John Wise's phone number to 214-952-
4016.

Ryan Wolfe
28005 41st Street
Salem WI 53168

NEW MEMBERS:

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1242 So Summit Rd
P.O. box 1193
Angels Camp, CA 95247
Cell 916-208-0393

bobbibakker@aol.com

Arabest Bichons

Patricia Putra
943 Thorntree Blvd
Jackson, MI 49203
517-499-2914
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Nancy & Gary Brown
6915 Forest Cove Circle
Dallas, TX 75230
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Treasurer's Report

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement Beginning January 1, 2020 and Ending February 29, 2020

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2019	\$67,335.45
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INCOME:

Amazon Sales	18.58
Application Fees	30.00
2020 National Specialty Sales	454.48
	67.91
Health Donations	250.00
	250.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 820.97

EXPENSE:

2020 National Specialty	1,341.48
AKC Delegate	812.55
BFCA Website	79.99
Bulletin Expenses	84.65
Paypal Expenses	23.10
Membership Committee Printing	192.51
Membership Directory Expenses	663.95

TOTAL EXPENSE

\$3,198.23

NET GAIN/LOSS

(\$ 2,377.26)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2020

\$64,958.19

PAYPAL BALANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2020

500.00

BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2019

60,268.65

Interest Income

3.88

BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2020

60,272.53

TOTAL FUNDS FEBRUARY 29, 2020

\$125,730.72

MATT ABBOTT, TREASURER FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Health Committee

Report to Board 2020

It is with the greatest delight that I can report to the board as well as the BFCA membership that their health committee is in force with six outstanding, intelligent, dedicated members, Mayno Blanding, Paula Hendricks, Vickie Halstead, Ginny Humphries, Laura Winston and Amy Walters. With the focus of improving the health of the Bichon Frise, each brings individual talents to give.

The initial concern of all health committee members was to encourage testing of all Bichons. As Mayno was writing articles for the AKC Gazette and sharing them in Health Times, Laura Winston was also writing a series of articles for The Bichon Frise Reporter. When the board decided to feature a Futurity in our specialties, the committee, unanimously, voiced hope that there would be some qualifying that included testing.

The OFA survey is still in the works. It has taken longer to get this survey as we wanted. In addition, the OFA's help is limited as it has time to assist. It is our intention to have that on the website by our September specialty.

As chairman, it was interesting as the committee chose the AKC/CHF research grant to support this year as each member brings insight into the value of those grants presented. The final conclusion was that any drug resistance to the heartworm would endanger, not only the Bichon, but all dogs. The agreement of the research grant to support is:

02458-AA Laboratory Test for Detecting Drug Resistance in Canine Heartworm Disease Principal Investigator: Matt Brewer, DVM, PhD; Iowa State University Total Grant Amount: \$15,000 Grant Period: 2/1/2018 - 1/31/2020 Project Abstract: Dirofilaria immitis is the nematode parasite that causes heartworm disease in the United States. Heartworm infection causes severe pathology and suffering in dogs and cats. Until recently, heartworm infection was a preventable disease due to the availability of effective monthly preventative

treatments. A recent development shows drug-resistant heartworms have emerged in the United States. The scope of the resistance issue has not yet been characterized because there is a critical need to develop a test that can discriminate drug-susceptible and drug-resistant parasites. Recent research assessed computer-aided motility studies of the parasite in the presence of drugs, however, there are no motility differences among parasite isolates in these assays. The investigators have developed biochemical stains and measurements that can quantify parasite killing in the presence of anti-parasitic drugs. In this study, the investigators will evaluate various metabolic assays and staining procedures to compare drug-susceptible and drug-resistant heartworm isolates in an effort to identify the best assay for detecting heartworm killing, and thereby creating a tool to rapidly identify resistant infections in dogs.

A close second was the research grant the BFCA supported last year: 02518 The Effects of Early Life Experience on Working Dog Temperament and Cognition

When our member, Pauline Schultz, died, there was a great outpouring of memorial funds. Deedy, her daughter, asked that because Pauline was particularly concerned about luxating patellas in the Bichon, to put the funds toward research in that area. There has been little direct research in particular in that area, but this year a grant was found that meets that criteria.

02682-A The Effect of a Modified Approach on Early Weight Bearing in Dogs Following a Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy Principal Investigator: Dominique Sawyere Hansford, BVSc, MS; Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine Total Grant Amount: \$14,939 Grant Period: 1/1/2020 – 5/31/2021 Project Abstract: A tibial plateau leveling osteotomy (TPLO) is a common procedure performed to address stifle (knee) instability secondary to cranial cruciate ligament rupture in dogs. During the surgical approach for a TPLO, some of the tendons of muscles attaching to the inside of the tibia are

cut. These tendons are referred to as the medial crural fascia. The medial crural fascia is important for the normal function of the dog's stifle. As opposed to the rapid gain in wound strength displayed in skin and the GI tract, restoration of fascia integrity is relatively prolonged. In the first week of healing, fascia incisions have no inherent strength; therefore, the repair is entirely dependent on the suture material, making it prone to inadequate healing. The clinical implication of this on early weight bearing and limb use following TPLO surgery is unknown. Additionally, tendons only reach 50-80% of their original strength at one year following reconstruction. In humans, deficiency in the repair of the medial crural fascia has been associated with decreased rotational stability, increased meniscal injury, and continued knee instability following surgery for cranial cruciate ligament rupture. If these findings are consistent in dogs, lack of attention to medial crural reconstruction and its inability to return to the original strength may contribute to continued subluxation of tibia and latent meniscal injury. In this study, dogs who undergo a modified approach to a TPLO will be evaluated to determine normalization of gait parameters and thigh circumference as compared to dogs who undergo a standard approach to a TPLO. Results from this study may change the approach to TPLO surgery in the future and provide canine patients with improved short- and long-term outcomes.

The support of the board for the work of the health committee is very much appreciated.

Nancy McDonald, chairman

The Importance of Canine Health Testing

By Laura Winston RN, BSN, CCRN, CPHQ
Bichon Frise Club of America Health Committee Member

We have seen or heard of terrible outcomes from inheritable diseases in our family dog or within our breeding program. Dogs have been affected for generations with crippling disorders and life-altering inheritable diseases. Many are preventable by health testing parents, the dam and sire of the puppies. Health testing makes it possible for a breeder to make informed decisions from health tests done on their breeding stock, thus allowing them to adapt or alter their breeding program, reducing the risk of puppies exhibiting the diseases in future generations.

Inherited diseases in purebred dogs can be better controlled by using careful, selective breeding pairs. This also creates an advantage for puppy buyers knowing they have a lower risk of their new dog inheriting breed-specific health problems because the dam and sire have favorable test results.

It is common for purebred dogs to be screened for inherited diseases starting with the dog's joints, heart, immune system, eyes, metabolism, renal and liver function, providing you, the breeder or puppy buyer, with valuable information.

More sophisticated and advanced health screening that includes DNA testing in purebred dogs, can use many different databases to analyze pedigrees and create matches based upon their males and females that show strengths rather than weaknesses. DNA tests can look for specific diseases in determining a canine's genotype, or phenotype evaluation. This type of information not only renders results about the dam and sire, but other close relatives including siblings (littermate), half-siblings, aunts and uncles, and grandparents. This is valuable information for a breeder to make greater selections in parings to produce superior offspring and to avoid inheritable diseases.

Health testing and DNA screening is not a perfect science, yet it is the only way to determine that a dog is free of an inheritable disease. Common sense leads us to believe if a dog is not health tested, one can assume there is a possibility of inheritable disease because it is not ruled out. Inheritable diseases are that common among all canines, and those known breed-specific disorders.

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) <https://www.ofa.org> is a non-profit organization that has set the accepted standards and perimeters for canine health testing. OFA collects and openly shares test results in an effort to identify and therefore, decrease inheritable diseases in animals. The most common health testing is hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, patellar luxation, cardiac, thyroid, and eye disorders. Tests results, that meet their protocol, are submitted to OFA and based upon their authority for canine health testing, dogs are only considered free of these diseases when certified that the dog has met OFA standards.

OFA maintains databases on many genetic disorders. Furthermore, OFA has breed -specific protocols where the parent club participates in the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) program. Having a CHIC certificate means the dog has completed all the health testing required for the breed, but does not guarantee results. It is simply the dog has met the parent club required testing and the owner has allowed the results to be in the public-accessible database.

Most reputable breeders avail themselves of health testing and DNA results as tools to allow good breeding decisions that improve their assessment of genetic risks and inheritable disorders, including inbreeding coefficients and genetic markers. These breeders take the time and utilize resources, thus allowing them to be more open and honest about their breeding program. Cost is a real consideration, given a single high-quality canine DNA test can range from \$60 to \$170, depending on the accredited laboratory and the specific array of testing. DNA analysis can look at conditions caused by a simple mutation of only one gene. This result provides information about a disease or disorder in a predictable manner, reducing the risk of producing adversely affected puppies when the test results for both parents are known. Not always, but often a specific mutation is known to cause a single gene disorder that can occur in individual breeds, but can also occur in cross breeds and mixed breeds.

Well-versed breeders understand the fundamentals of health testing and DNA analysis in controlling genetic disorders. These tests are extremely valuable tools, but they are available for only a fraction of the known genetic disorders. Preventing inheritable conditions in dogs will not come from health and DNA testing without using all of a breeders tools including consideration of temperament, assessment of conformation to the breed standard and research of at least a three-generation pedigree. Having a solid, well thought-out breeding program allows a preservationist breeder to commonly test for issues in purebred lines promoting responsible breeding and more confidence in puppy buyers.

Health testing and DNA testing resources for this article:

OFA <https://www.ofa.org>

Embark <https://embarkvet.com>

Wisdom Panel <https://www.wisdompanel.com>

DNAfirm (Viaguard Animal Health) <http://www.via-pet.com/index.php>

Optigen <https://www.optigen.com/>

Judges Education

These are trying times, and thank goodness for our Bichons to keep us amused and entertained, ...Or do we amuse and entertain them?

The AKC , in December, in Orlando had their Judges Institute. I am very pleased to say that once again we received five stars ...the judges, most of whom already have two or three groups stated they particularly liked the honest give and take between Paul and myself..Their questions were stimulating and our answers , I think, met the challenge.

Lindsey Dicken, and her crew , helped us with the hands on portion of the program...I cannot thank them enough..Its so good to know there are people who are reliable and are there for us in every way...If I haven't said it enough....thank you, thank you, thank you,

With the change of dates of our national I might not see you this year..I have the honor of being asked to judge the Bichon Frise National Specialty in Finland..but I do have everything organized so that the judging seminar will run smoothly...Judy McNamara will do ringside, Paul will do the seminar..Lindsey , will bring the dogs for hands on.

I know you are all scrambling trying to figure out what dogs to bring to the national ...puppies no longer puppies...to keep coat, to cut down?..Big decisions...

I wish us all : peace, love, health and sanity

Mimi Winkler
Judges Education

Membership Report

SPRING 2020

Sheri Kennedy

NEW MEMBERS (Sponsors)

Camille Bakker
1242 So Summit Road
PO Box 1193
Angels Camp, CA 95222
(Paul Flores & Joanne Rubin)

Patricia Putra
943 Thorntree Blvd
Jackson, MI 49203
(Barbara Chaffin & Paula Hendricks)

Nancy & Gary Brown
6915 Forest Cove Circle
Dallas, TX 75230
(Kaley Kovar & Larry Letsche)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

Anna Hillman
5645 Oxborough Way
Johns Creek, GA 30005
(Terrell Potts & Rick Day)

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, Somerset, KY 42501 or bichonbabe@mchsi.com by April 29, 2020.

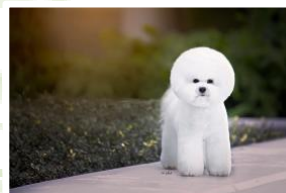
Congratulations to the following dogs that have been awarded ROM/ROMX titles.



GCHP BELLE CREEK'S ALL I CARE ABOUT IS LOVE ROM

Bred by *Lindsay Van Keuren, Glenda Blue, *Lorrie Carlton, & *Lawrence Letsche DVM

Owned by Patrina & Bruce Odette, *Lindsay Van Keuren, *Lorrie Carlton, & *Lawrence Letsche DVM



GCHB SOLSTICE STORMBRINGER ROM

Bred by *Lindsey Dicken, Monika Mardula, & Cheryl Purcell
Owned by *Lindsey Dicken, E. Panacek, E. Phelps, & Cheryl Purcell



CH BELLE CREEK'S CHARMING LILLY ROM

Bred by Brenda Zoss, *Lorrie Carlton, & *Lawrence Letsche DVM

Owned by *Lorrie Carlton, Brenda Zoss, & *Lawrence Letsche DVM



CH PRELUDE'S LA CHANSON DE CHLOE ROM

Bred by *Janet Weiderhold & *Julie Becker

Owned by *Janet Weiderhold, *Julie Becker, & *Amy Walters

*Denotes BFCA Member

Qualifications for ROM /ROMX

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.

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.

To apply for your ROM/ROMX please submit the following documents:

1. An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam, listing the Champions of Record available from the AKC online store or a copy of the publications from the AKC Gazette, AKC Awards, BFCA Banquet Awards Booklets or Bichon Reporters verifying Champions of Record.
2. A copy of current AKC registration

Mail or Email to: Lindsay Van Keuren
5323 Sage Thrasher Rd
Parker CO 80134
Aspenvista1@gmail.com

Agility Report

SPRING 2020

Rick Macias

Hopefully, everyone is staying healthy. During these uncertain times when things like agility training classes and competitions and all other events are being canceled, we are still excited about and planning for our October agility trial to raise money for the club.

We are hopeful for a very successful event considering we have made some money-saving improvements and have contracted with one of the most popular judges in the sport.

Feel free to contact Rick Macias (rickm813flmn@gmail.com) or Shirley Hamilton (sjhamelot@mac.com) with any questions on how you can either participate, donate your time or donate prizes for volunteers.

Be well,
Rick Macias
Agility Committee

Obedience Report

SPRING 2020

Linda Farullo

In Obedience there was a total of 11 obedience titles to the Bichons Frises.

3 Beginner Novice titles and they were BFCA members:

Spellbound's Frozen In Time BN RI CGC TKA and titled 1/5/2019 owned by Barbara *Barton

Barberry Hillwood Heaven Scent BN RI CGC TKA titled on 9/29/2019- Mindy Columbus, Matt * and Paula * Abbott

Shyladawn's Oriole's Blitz @ 3rd BN RN CGC TKN titled 10/27/2019 and owned by Debra Rabin and Shyla * Newton

Then we had the Companion Dog (CD):

CH Barberry Hillwood Dynamic Dino CD PCD BN RAE CGC TKA- titled on 9/29/2019 and owned by Mindy Columbus and Matt* and Paula* Abbott

1 CDX 1 UD title 1 UDX 1 OM1 and 1 OM2:

UDX 4 was earned by BFCA members Barbara Chaffin* and Paula Hendriks* CH CT MACH Petit Ami's Nobel-Art VCD4 OM4 TDU MXB MJB THD TKP and titled 7/6/2019

1 versatility dog

There were 21` Bichons earning Scent work titles:

2 Novice, 1- BFCA - Luvit Dalnavert Awesome Wind Storm BCI SWN SCA SIA SEA titled on 10/13/2019 and owned by Linda Ross* and P. Muraczewski

4 Exterior Novice , 2 Buried Novice, 5 Interior Novice, 5 container Novice, 3 Container Advanced

There were 24 Rally titles earned by Bichon Frise Dogs, 9 of those belonging to BFCA members:

Rally Champion- RACH Bibelot's Perfect Presidential Candidate CGC RAE 4 titled 11/17/2019 owned by Patricia Putra* and Paul Putra

Rally Advanced Excellent 4 – 1, Rally Advanced Excellent 3- 1, Rally Advanced Excellent 2 all by the above BFCA member

Rally Novice, 8 titled- 5 are BFCA members

Absolutely Snowbird Heart of Strength BN RN NA NAJ NF CGC TKA , titled on 1/18/2019 and owned by Tasheem* Housman, Doug Housman, Sherri * Kennedy, Sue**and Robert* Kennedy and Karen* Paulson

Somewhere Beyond The Sea RN- titled on 4/7/2019 and owned by Linda* Friedline

Shyladawn's Oriole Blitz @ 3rd RN CGC TKN titled on 8/10/2019 and owned by Debra Rabin and Shyla*Newton

Barberry Hillwood Heaven Scent RN CGC TKI titled on 5/4/2019 and owned by Mindy Columbus, Matt* and Paula* Abbott

Mybliss Saks Ariel The Lioness At God's Creatures RN and titled 11/24/2019 and owned by Patricia Muraczewski and Linda* Ross

Rally Advanced- 2 titled, 1 BFCA member

Spellbound's Frozen In Time BN RA CGCA TKI and titled 5/3/2019 and owned by Barbara * Barton

Obedience Report Cont.

Rally Intermediate Titles= 5, 2 are BFCA members:

GCH CH Absolutely Snowbird Free Reign CD BN RI OA OAJ OF CGC TKA and titled 1/18/2019 and owned by Tasheena* Housman, Sue* Swindle, Sherri* Kennedy, Karen* Paulson and Doug Housman
Barberry Hillwood Heaven Scent RI CGC TKI and titled 8/17/2019 and owned by Mindy Columbus, Paula* and Matt* Abbott

Rally Advanced Excellent -1- is a BFCA member

CH Barberry Hillwood Dynamic Dino PCD BN RAE CGC TKA and titled 5/25/2019 and owned by Mindy Columbus, Paula* and Matt* Abbott

Tracking- 1 BFCA dog

Tracking Dog Urban CH CT MACH Petit Ami's Nobel-Art VCD4 UDX3 OM4 TDU MXB MJB THD TKP and titled on 5/12/2019 and owned by Barbara* Chaffin and Paula* Hendriks

Therapy Dogs – there were 6 dogs earning Therapy dog titles- 1- Therapy dog Novice, 1- Therapy Dog Advanced, 1- Therapy dog Excellent, 3- Therapy dogs

Canine Good Citizens- There were 41 CGC Titles earned by Bichons Frises, 3 BFCA members

Hollyhock Go Figure CGC titled 7/24/2019 and owned by Debra* M Gibb and Linda* Friedline

Cher Ami's Great Expectations CGC and titled on 4/17/2019 and owned by Deena* Mathog

Somewhere Beyond The Sea RN CGC titled 6/3/2019 and owned by Linda* Friedline

8 Advanced Canine Good Citizens with 1 being a BFCA member:

CH Beajoulais's Bright Reflection CGCA CGCU TKN titled 2/18/2019 and owned by Anita* Carroll and Marsi* Harvey and Lois Morrow

2 Canine Good Citizen Urban titles with 1 being a BFCA member

CH Beajoulais's Bright Reflection CGCA CGCU TKN titled 2/4/2019 and owned by Anita* Carroll and Marsi* Harvey and Lois Morrow

Trick Dog Titles:

Trick Dog Novice- there were 24 Bichons titled, 3 are BFCA members

CH Beajoulais's Bright Reflection CGCA CGCU TKN titled 2/4/2019 and owned by Anita* Carroll and Marsi* Harvey and Lois Morrow

CH Solstice Winter Elixer CGC TKN and titled 4/24/2019 and owned by Lindsey* Dicken and Nick Coppola

Somewhere Beyond The Sea RN CGC TKN and titled on 7/19/2019 owned by Linda* Friedline

Trick Dog Advanced had 3 dogs titled, 2 are BFCA members:

CH Beaujolais's Bright Reflection CGCA CGCU TKA and titled on 4/10/2019 and owned by Anita* Carroll, Marsi* Harvey and Lois Morrow

Barberry Hillwood Heaven Scent RI CGC TKA and titled on 8/23/2019, owned by Mindy Columbus, Paula* and Matt* Abbott

Trick Dog Intermediate- 7 Bichon Frise dogs titled, 1 BFCA member

CH Beaujolais's Bright Reflection CGCA CGCU TKA and titled on 2/27/2019 and owned by Anita* Carroll, Marsi* Harvey and Lois Morrow

***Special Note: The program I used in the past to use to find the highest scoring Bichon Frise in each of the Obedience categories is now defunct making it impossible for me to determine when there is more than one BFCA member in a category who earned the Highest scoring. Please send an email to me when you earn a title with a listing of the shows you went to, the score, placement if any so that I can maintain a good record on all our BFCA members earning titles.



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Greetings everyone! We hope our quarterly update finds you all well in these crazy times.

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 situation the club has no plans in place for our annual “Bichons in the Park” event for July. We are cautiously optimistic that we will still be able to plan the event, but with these uncertain times just holding off seems the best course of action.

On a positive note our Specialty Chair, Donna DiMartini is still moving forward with our designated specialties in October at the Del Valle Harvest Cluster. Information on the specialties will be forthcoming.

From the membership of the B.F.C.N.C. we hope everyone is doing their best to stay safe so that we can all return to making those circles to the left sooner rather than later!



45th BFCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW SWEEPSTAKES OBEDIENCE & RALLY

SEPTEMBER 24 & 25, 2020

Activities start September 22, 2020

Entries Close at Noon on September 2, 2020

Our 2020 BFCA National Specialty has been re-scheduled at the Wyndham Hotel in Indianapolis on **Thursday & Friday, September 24 & 25, 2020**. Activities will begin on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Entries close at Noon on September 2, 2020.

Our judges have been contacted, and we will unfortunately need to replace our Obedience/Rally judge and our Junior Showmanship judge. All other judges will remain the same. We are in the process of identifying these replacement judges and will let you know as soon as they have committed to judge at our Specialty.

The Wyndham Hotel has moved hotel reservations from May to our September dates at the same day sequence. In other words, if you had booked from Monday through Saturday, the hotel has converted your reservation to Monday, September 21 to Saturday, September 26, 2020.

The hotel has also switched reservations that were cancelled within a couple weeks of our postponing our Specialty back to an active reservation with the September dates.

Your confirmation number will remain the same as your original confirmation number. Please note that you may alter or cancel your reservation at any time until 24 hours before check-in without a penalty.

Please contact the hotel if you wish to make sure your reservation has been transferred appropriately.

As September approaches, we will post the National Specialty Flyer to BFCA's website along with activities and merchandise order forms. The new deadline dates for everything will be published along with the Flyer.

The Board is excited that we will be able to have our National Specialty this year and that we were able to re-schedule at our originally contracted hotel, the Wyndham Hotel in Indianapolis!

In this challenging time of COVID 19, the Board sends our deepest and sincerest well wishes for everyone's safety and good health!

We hope to see you all in Indianapolis in September!!

