

# The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.

WINTER 2020





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Toby Frisch

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## Spring Issue Deadline

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# President's Report

Happy New Year! This year we welcome a new decade that I hope will bring you health happiness and many winning ribbons.

Meet Me At The Crossroads, for our National Specialty at our host hotel the Wyndham Hotel West. Pre-show events begin on Tuesday, May 19th.

Registration begins on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at noon to accommodate those coming in early to attend Tuesday's seminar.

This year, Shannon and Lindsey have separated Tuesday's seminar into two parts so you will have the option of attending both or just one. The hands-on seminar will again be held on Wednesday. Be sure to read the show chair's report for details. Please come and join the fun at Tuesday evening's welcome night where you will catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

The board voted to delay the start of Futurity until 2022 in order to give the committee and the board more time to work out procedures and create necessary forms. We apologize for the delay but your board believes it's important for us all to have a good understanding about Futurity before we begin. We plan to have everything in place by our Specialty.

I hope everyone read Mayno's article in the Fall issue of the health times as well as her latest article in breed section of the AKC Gazette. Mayno and her peers on the health committee, and your board continue to strongly encourage all our members to follow at least minimal testing of our breeding stock which includes eyes, patellas, and hips. Remember, as BFCA members we are the....Keepers of The Breed!

Our annual meeting will begin at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, followed by our awards banquet and raffles in the evening. We will have sign-up sheets for banquet seating at our hospitality on Tuesday. Please don't cross off names already on the sheet to add other folks. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation

Thursday morning we start judging with our performance events, rally and obedience.....I invite each of you to come down early and watch these amazing little dogs as they work with their handlers. Next up is Puppy Sweepstakes and Jr. Sweepstakes. Followed by Bred-by-Exhibitor Special Attraction. Last but not least we have our Parade of Champions.

Our judges' education seminar will end the day's events, and members are welcome and encouraged to attend the seminar as observers.

Friday, we begin with Junior Showmanship followed by regular conformation.

The second-round ballot for selection of judges is in this Bulletin as well as the volunteer form to serve on our nominating committee for our next election of officers.

Last, but certainly not least, make an effort, please, to welcome new attendees and exhibitors; and, if you are bringing a first-time attendee with you, make sure they get their First Specialty Pin.

This year we have some new committee chairs! I thank each of them for volunteering!

Membership - Sheri Kennedy

Register of Merit - Lindsay Van Keuren

Membership Directory- Diane Woodring

Local Club Coordinator - Sheila Feldman

Kudos to our Florida group headed up by Sheila Feldman for the fabulous job they did creating our booth and representing us at meet breeds in Orlando at the AKC championship show in December. The circus theme at our BFCA booth was awesome and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Non-Sporting category. Ladies, thank you all for your hard work! We should have photos of the booth up on our website!

See you in Indy!

Gail Antetomaso

# Recording Secretary's Report

Time flies when you're having fun! It will not be long till we will be in Indianapolis, IN, for the 2020 BFCA National Specialty. This year's theme "Meet Me at the Crossroads" will be held later in May than normal so be sure to mark the dates starting Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, with actual show dates Thursday and Friday, May 21 & 22, 2020. Our hotel will be a return visit for some of us at the Wyndham Indianapolis West, 2544 Executive Dr., Indianapolis, IN.

## **Our judges this year will be as follows:**

Conformation- John Hutchison  
 Sweeps- Kayley Kovar  
 Special Attraction BBE- Joanne Rubin  
 4-6 Month Puppy- Timothy Catterson  
 Obedience- Betty Ribble  
 Junior Showmanship- Ted Lee

## **Ballots voted on by the BFCA Board since May 2019**

Ballot: 06-19A AKC Parent Club Medallions

The BFCA shall purchase a total of 7 AKC Parent Club Medallions for the 2019 AKC National Championship (Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Bred-By-Exhibitor, Select Dog and Select Bitch), cost of those 5 medallions is \$125.00. Obedience and Agility Medallions are \$45.00 each, for total of \$225.00.

Motion passed.

Approved: Matt Abbott, Roz Allen, Gail Antetomaso, Wendy Ball, Lillian Endo, Debbie Hollan, Sheri Kennedy, Lynn Ramich, John Wise, Myra Wotton.

\*DNA: Kayley Kovar

Ballot: 06-19B Starting Futurity at 2021 BFCA National Specialty

The BFCA shall add a Futurity to our BFCA National Specialty starting in 2021 in Naperville, IL.

Motion passed.

Approved: Matt Abbott, Roz Allen, Gail Antetomaso, Wendy Ball, Lillian Endo, Sheri Kennedy

Kayley Kovar, Lynn Ramich, John Wise, Myra Wotton

Disapproved: Debbie Hollan



Ballot: 09-19A Possible Delay in the start of the Futurity to 2022 BFCA National Specialty.

Does the BFCA Board want to delay the start of the Futurity to the 2022 BFCA National Specialty? (Vote YES if wishing to delay, Vote NO if wishing to continue with 2021 Specialty)

YES: Matt Abbott, Roz Allen, Gail Antetomaso, Wendy Ball, Debbie Hollan, Sheri Kennedy, Lynn Ramich, John Wise, Myra Wotton

NO: Lillian Endo, Kayley Kovar

\*DNA represents *Did Not Answer by Deadline*

**Nominating Committee Volunteer Form:**

Also attached in this Bulletin will be the form to fill out for volunteering for our Nominating Committee for the year 2020-2021. Please consider this and the form must be completed and mailed to me by April 14, 2020. My address is on the form.

**Attention Committee Chairs:**

Committee reports are due to me in March, please email to [bichonbabe@mchsi.com](mailto:bichonbabe@mchsi.com) I will then forward to the Board, if unable to send then please bring at least 13 copies with you to the meeting. The Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. If anyone wishes to address the Board, please contact Gail Antetomaso in order to be placed on the agenda.

Have a Great 2020 with lots of ribbons!

Wendy Ball  
BFCA Recording Secretary

# Treasurer's Report

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Financial Statement Beginning October 1, 2019 and Ending December 31, 2019**

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2019</b>	<b>\$53,556.26</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Amazon Sales	112.78
Membership Dues	812.57
Application Fees	90.00
Breeder Referral	1,970.00
Purina Parent Club Donation	678.93
Sales	115.82
Health Donations	105.00
Agility Entries	12,504.00
Excess Exp. Advance	1,421.25
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$17,810.35</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>	
2020 National Specialty	140.00
Judges Education	1,469.15
Liability Insurance	808.00
AKC Delegate	278.46
AKC Medallions	215.00
AKC Dues	25.00
Meet the Breeds	785.01
NAIA Conference	113.79
Bulletin Expenses	129.36
Paypal Expenses	49.39
Returned Check	6.00
Bank Charge	12.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$4,031.16</b>
<b>NET GAIN/LOSS</b>	<b>\$13,779.19</b>
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$67,335.45</b>
<b>PAYPAL BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2019</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2019</b>	<b>60,262.61</b>
Interest Income	6.04
<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2019</b>	<b><u>60,268.65</u></b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$128,104.10</b>

**MATT ABBOTT, TREASURER DECEMBER 31, 2019**

# AKC Delegate's Report

December 2019  
MAY 21 & 22, 2020

## WYNDHAM INDIANAPOLIS WEST

Delegates Meeting December 2019 Orlando, FL, IN

### ACTIVITIES START ON MAY 19, 2020

I would like to wish all a Healthy and Happy New Year for 2020. At the meetings held on Thursday and Friday it was suggested AKC to designate 2020 as the "Year of the Breeder". Maybe Best Bred-By-Exhibitor could get a free litter registration certificate.

The 1+1=1point status has shown an addition of 4.2 additional entries per show.

There are now 72 AKC Reunite Trailers with 6 more to come.

Dennis Sprung gave an update on various parts of what is happening at the AKC. Litters are up- 2.4% and individual dogs are up 1.3%. Conformation is up, but Agility, Obedience and Lure coursing are down. Rally, Scent work, Fast Cat and Herding test are up.

A new program at AKC- AKC Math Agility app is available as a download for smart phones and tablets. The app is designed to teach math skills to children via an interactive game. The child can choose which breed of dog they want to use in this program.

Meet Me at the Crossroads

Three delegates were recognized for 25 years of service- Jim Corbett, Jim Dok and Dan Smyth.

Until next time  
I hope everyone had a fantastic Holiday Season!!!!

Toby Frisch  
Now it's time to think about our National Specialty in Indianapolis which is approaching quickly!

The final day for you to make your hotel reservation at our Group Rate is **April 27, 2020**. Our hotel room rate is \$129.00+tax per night with complimentary high-speed internet in the guest rooms. This group rate is available 3 days prior to the event and 1 day after the event.



The hotel has capped the number of dogs allowed per room to 4 dogs. All crates in the guest rooms must have plastic under them. All dogs must be crated in guest rooms when no human is present. The hotel will charge a \$50.00 Non-refundable pet fee per guest room. Parking is complimentary for all vehicles except RVs. The hotel offers a complimentary airport shuttle service.

You can now make your hotel reservations by either calling 877-361-4511 or 317-248-2481 – be sure to identify yourself as part of BFCFA in order to obtain our group rate.

You can also make your hotel reservation on-line through our dedicated weblink - [Bichon Frise 2020](#)

Please reach out to Myra Wotton ([myblissbichon@comcast.net](mailto:myblissbichon@comcast.net)) if you experience ANY issue with your hotel reservation.

The Show Committee is working hard on getting everything ready for our Specialty. Please start to think about what you might be able to donate to our auction and raffle! Please contact Sheri Kennedy, our Raffle/Auction Chairperson, at [sheri@absolutelybichons.com](mailto:sheri@absolutelybichons.com) to let her know what you will be donating this year. We thank you all in advance for your donations – these really help to defray some of the expenses the Club has in putting on our National Specialty.

### **NEW SUPERINTENDANT**

This year our Show Superintendent will be **Foy Trent!** Please stop by their table at the show and welcome them to our National Specialty!

**Our entries will close at Noon (Central Time) on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.**

### **GOOD NEWS FOR OBEDIENCE COMPETITORS!!**

The Board is pleased to announce the addition of several Obedience classes. We hope that these additional classes will allow exhibitors more opportunity to show their talented Bichons.

{Please note that there is no change to the classes offered in Rally.}

Here is the list of all the Obedience classes which will be offered:

Novice A & B; Beginner Novice A & B; Open A & B; Utility A & B; Preferred Novice; Preferred Open; and Preferred Utility.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN INDIANAPOLIS IN MAY!!!**



Beautiful Moon & Lola  
bracelets and keychain!

Bracelets come in Gold tone  
with tortoise, black or clear  
charms—silver/gold bichon.

\$36

Limited Quantities  
Available!

Keychain as pictured—\$28

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# Bichon Boutique

**\*\*\* We are currently OUT OF STOCK of the *Illustrated Breed Standard* \*\*\***  
**I will let you know when they are back in stock! Thank you!!**

Contact Merry Nicole at 703.431-2075 (call or text) or email  
BFCASales@gmail.com for availability!



## BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

### Winter 2020

Last year was pretty slow for rescue. Very few dogs were brought in for the first five months. When Zandra and I returned from the Nationals, it got a little crazy for a while. We only brought in 62 dogs last year.

With all the senior dogs and special needs dogs, we have twelve in permanent foster care. When we have an owner turn-in, we always request vet records. If the dog is from a shelter, we never have a medical history. This is what happened with cute 10-year-old BamBam, our \$6,000 dog. He was dumped at a cat rescue. They called me and we agreed to take him. The first thing we do is vet the dogs. Turns out that he had salivary tumors and a serious heart murmur. I called Larry Letsche and asked what happens if we ignore the salivary tumors. Answer was 'you cant'. Ok. Off to specialist. He can't do anything until we see a cardiologist. Turns out the 'serious heart murmur' was a mitral valve. Do you hear the ka-ching-ing? Cardiologist gave the ok for the removal of the salivary tumors with stipulations on anesthesia and other procedures. Back to the oral specialist for surgery. BamBam also had pretty bad periodontal disease. We have to wait until the surgery is completely healed because we can tackle that. Three months later, need the ok from the cardiologist to proceed with the dental. \$1975 to cardiologist; \$1900 for salivary surgery; \$1525 dental; \$365 regular vet. Total \$5765. The boy has recuperated from surgeries and we are starting to look for an adopter when the foster notices a new lump on his neck. The boy has thyroid cancer. The sweetheart is happily living with his foster mom until it's time to give him peace.

Lynn Ramich

Co-Chair and Trustee

Zandra Kern

Co-Chair and Trustee



# Judges Education

## WINTER 2020

**Sheri Kennedy & Karen Chesbro**

As the holiday season is behind us, and before it is too late let me wish you a Happy and Healthy 2020

### NEW MEMBERS (Sponsors)

The AKC Bichon Frise Seminar, in Orlando received rave reviews again this year, what I found so interesting was that there were repeaters there...aside from reading the points their answer as to why they were attending...” It’s a really good seminar. Makes you feel good when you know how much work you have put into it.

Amanda Aaron  
4715 100th Dr E  
Palmdale, FL 34101  
(Lindsey Dicken & Paula Hendricks)

Cathy Morris (New Address)  
275 Farway Lane  
Westview, VA 24381  
(Polly Cooper & Kathie Vogel)

Elaine & Alfredo Arrastia, Jr.  
1215 SE 25th Terrace  
Cape Coral, FL 33904  
(Rick Day & Sheila Feldman)

Jan Wilson & Van Rametta  
19090 Dalton Points Place  
Lanesdowne, VA 20176  
(Karen Graeber & Kathie Vogel)

Linda Freidline  
2345 Sebring St.  
The Villages, FL 32162  
(Lynn Ramich & Linda Ross)

Paul and I want to thank Lindsey once again for bringing dogs for the hands on portion this year...had an international group, which made it very interesting.. When talking with other presenters of other breeds an interesting subject came up...Pedigrees..how valuable, how to read them, line breeding inbreeding, phenotype, genotype, complete out crosses, when to come back in and on and on... What has this got to do with seminars of a breed? Simple...years ago you could look at a kennel A has TYPE and so does kennel B...it may be a little different type..but it has TYPE...

### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (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)

Not today...the most asked question of judges is...What is Bichon TYPE ..there are so many different styles in the ring..which one do we look at? My answer has to be (study the STANDARD)..do not be swayed ever by the ringside mentor that is pushing a particular style.. Nancy & Gary Brown  
6915 Forest Cove Circle  
Dallas, TX 75230  
(Kaley Kovar & Larry Letsche)

Perhaps, we should have a pedigree study group like other breeds have so we can come together to produce the Perfect Style and TYPE.

I wish you Peace  
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

**FEBRUARY 15, 2020.**

**March Madness Cluster**  
CONCURRENT INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY SHOW

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF  
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**



**28th Annual Specialty Show**

**New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center  
at Raritan Center  
97 Sunfield Avenue  
Edison, New Jersey 08837**

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**Judges**

**Sweeps Kendra James Canada**

**Conformation Richard Todd Jackson LaPlata, MD**

Show dedicated to the memory of our member Jewel Elias



# Membership Highlight

## Debbie Hollan

I find it incredible the diversity of talent that our club's membership encompasses. When another outstanding talent in a club member becomes known, we want all our membership to know. Believe it or not, we all have lives outside of our dog lives!!!

Debbie Hollan, our Recording Secretary and BFCA member since 1997, retired after 26 years of distinguished service as a Detective in the Cobb County, Georgia, Police Department. During her tenure as a Detective, Debbie became interested around 1993 in stalking cases, and she joined the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP). Debbie was instrumental in founding the Atlanta Southeast ATAP Chapter where she held the offices of Vice President and President and organized and executed a successful Eastern Regional Conference for ATAP. Debbie also held the office of Vice President on the Association's Board. She was a major factor in expanding the membership of ATAP on the East Coast. ATAP presented Debbie with the Association's Meritorious Service Award.

Debbie also spoke at multiple public meetings and domestic violence and stalking workshops in the Georgia area through which she gained recognition as having expertise in the area of stalking. At one of these workshops, Debbie spoke to the ineffectiveness of the current Georgia stalking law in deterring harassing and intimidating behavior and in protecting victims from harm. Debbie's presentation caught the attention of a state congresswoman who was in attendance, and this spurred this congresswoman to draft new stalking legislation which eventually was passed.

Debbie's expertise in stalking was instrumental in helping a domestic abuse and stalking victim and the case gained notoriety domestically and internationally. Debbie and the victim recently traveled to London to tape a documentary of the woman's domestic abuse and stalking. Here is the You Tube link to the documentary:

[https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FLpIJMNtjGPE%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0glRBYIB4zUFFGAq3E9\\_rqg3hQ1IFhF\\_8WxO162YrWks8P3j-yMMzhwK4&h=AT3xKjsQB2icijisPY1aAs5qlOYmMCZ7OykwikjYbrRNrqxGX-SYtJKqgugsyn0QWtYZedBU7es0z8LP\\_5xIL\\_NFaLwDGfB6hshucmAchiO-3EWMmja5EWOKxK\\_JxliQWc-u9Jz5kyi0X6IsaIbO2ZP0UdAK4y0](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FLpIJMNtjGPE%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0glRBYIB4zUFFGAq3E9_rqg3hQ1IFhF_8WxO162YrWks8P3j-yMMzhwK4&h=AT3xKjsQB2icijisPY1aAs5qlOYmMCZ7OykwikjYbrRNrqxGX-SYtJKqgugsyn0QWtYZedBU7es0z8LP_5xIL_NFaLwDGfB6hshucmAchiO-3EWMmja5EWOKxK_JxliQWc-u9Jz5kyi0X6IsaIbO2ZP0UdAK4y0)

It literally is like watching an episode of NBC's Dateline or CBS's 48 Hours!!  
Debbie did a superb job in this documentary!

Congratulations, Debbie!!!!

As I have stated in a previous Bulletin, if anyone knows of a member who deserves recognition of something in their non-dog lives, please bring that member to the attention of anyone on the Board so that we can recognize him/her appropriately.