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The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc. Business Issue





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The **BFCA BULLETIN** is the official newsletter of the Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc. and is published quarterly. Subscriptions by members of BFCA are paid as a portion of annual membership dues.

President's Message

Here in Minnesota, Mother Nature has been having a tug-of-war between winter and spring. Hopefully, the temperature roller coaster will soon be over, and spring will win the day!

Easter is right around the corner which means our National Specialty is as well! Your Show Committee has been working hard to make our 46th Annual National Specialty Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma, fun and rewarding!

This year, due to capabilities of our new website, our webmaster was able to design screens and lay-out our show information in a new way. The show order forms were designed to be easy to print off for those wishing to mail in orders as well as PayPal show orders being designed as user friendly as possible.

We hope everyone has had the opportunity to view the National Specialty show information on BFCA's website, and we hope you like this new design for accessing everything to do with the National.

As you know, this is our inaugural year for Futurity which will be on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Larry Letsche, DVM, will be our judge for Futurity. Thank you to all those breeders who have nominated litters and entered their puppies! Futurity is a new event for BFCA and will be a learning experience for a lot of us. We hope attendees will come out and support these breeders and their puppies.

Our National Specialty show activities kick-off on Tuesday evening, May 3, with our Welcome Night reception. Some fun surprises are being planned to make this Welcome Night one to remember!

Wednesday, May 4, is a busy day beginning with our seminar which will be a demonstration presented by Shannon Tupes and Lindsey Dicken, "Grooming the Bichon Head". The Annual Membership meeting will convene at 1:00pm on Wednesday followed that evening beginning at 5:30pm with our Awards Banquet, Auctions, and Raffle ticket sales.

Over the years, the Show Committees have tried various methods of conducting our Raffle in order to shorten the total time of the evening's activities. This year is no different – Raffle items will be displayed multiple times as well as Raffle tickets sold at various times throughout the course of the week, beginning at our Welcome Night Reception, culminating in Raffle tickets being drawn on Friday, May 6, before the Best of Breed competition. Please let your Show Committee members and/or Board members know how you liked this new method.

Thursday morning, bright and early, our performance dogs and their handlers will be in the ballroom waiting to participate in Obedience and Rally classes. Ms. Helen Smith will judge both Rally and Obedience. Please come down to the ballroom and support these hard-working dogs and handlers! Also on Thursday Puppies, puppies, puppies! James Fehring will judge the 4 to 6 Month Beginner Puppies and Larry Letsche, DVM, will judge Futurity. Carol Fellbaum

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will judge Puppy and Junior Sweepstakes. The Bred-By-Exhibitor Special Attraction is another event for our dedicated breeders, and this year will be judged by Karen Graeber. Please be sure to watch and applaud our Parade of Champions & Titleholders between BBE dogs and BBE bitches.

Our Judges Seminar will be held immediately after the show on Thursday. Lorrie Carlton and Dir Spruiell will be doing the presentation and hands-on demonstration. Our National Specialty attendees are invited to attend the presentation (not the hands-on part); however, there is a limited number of spaces which will be handled on a first come first served basis. If interested in attending the presentation, please contact Mary Spruiell at mspruiell@aol.com. Dir Kovar is handling the sign-up process for Judges wishing to attend the program.

More information on BFCA's Judges Education program changes will be presented in an upcoming section below.

On to Friday! The morning starts with Junior Showmanship Competition. Young dog enthusiasts are the future of the sport of purebred dogs, so please encourage and support the Juniors. Next is the 4 to 6 Month Puppy competition. Both Junior Showmanship and 4 to 6 Month Puppies will be judged by James Fehring.

Last, but not least, Conformation! I am confident that everyone will support and give a very warm welcome to our conformation judge, Bill McFadden.

While at the week's activities, please remember to seek out new members, exhibitors, and spectators to say a warm hello and make them feel welcome.

Along with all the work surrounding our upcoming National Specialty in Tulsa, your Board continues to be busy working on your behalf. As I alluded to above, a Judges Education Program Review Committee, consisting of Dir Antetomaso (Chairperson), Dir Spruiell, and Carol Fellbaum, began their work by reviewing Ringside Mentoring, which is an important, integral part of Judges Education. Knowledgeable, experienced Ringside Mentors are an asset to BFCA's Judges Education program. The Committee presented its recommendations consisting of requirements to become a mentor and a mentor application form. The Committee recommends that the Board approved BFCA mentor list be utilized to select ringside mentors from the geographical area where the show will be held.

The Committee also recommends that, instead of a single Judges Education Chair, BFCA should have a Judges Education committee that would be led by a Judges Education Coordinator. Both the Judges Education committee and the Judges Education Coordinator are to be Board approved. As with all Standing Committees, this Judges Education committee and the Judges Education Coordinator should always be subject to the final authority of the Board. The Board approved all of the above Judges Education Program Review Committee's recommendations.

The Ringside Mentor application was distributed to the membership. I am extremely pleased with the number of members who completed the mentor application. BFCA is fortunate to have such qualified individuals participate in BFCA's Judges Education Ringside mentoring program. My sincere thanks to all of you!!!

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The Board further approved Mary Spruiell to be interim Judges Education Coordinator. In the near future, the Board will send out a communication requesting volunteers for the Judges Education Committee.

The Board directed Dir Antetomaso to continue the next phase of her committee's review of BFCA's Judges Education Program. I will keep the membership apprised of Board approvals of further recommendations by this review committee.

The Board approved holding a Parent Club Specialty and Designated Specialties in conjunction with the Winter Wonderland Cluster All-Breed shows in Perry, GA. BFCA's Designated Specialty shows will be on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 2-4, 2022. Our Parent Club Specialty will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Foy Trent Dog Shows will be our Superintendent for our Parent Club show. BFCA will host a Welcome Reception which is tentatively planned for the evening of Thursday, December 1, 2022. Dir Spruiell will be the Show Chair. More information will be provided as the show dates approach.

A Performance Awards Review Committee was tasked with reviewing all Performance Awards and to recommend to the Board any changes to our current BFCA Performance awards (additions, deletions, types of awards, etc). Linda Ferrullo is the Committee Chair along with Dir Spruiell as the Obedience/Rally representative as well as Board Liaison for this committee, and Sari Bankson as the Agility representative. The Board will review this Committee's recommendations in the coming months. Thanks to Ms. Ferrullo, Dir Spruiell, and Ms. Bankson for agreeing to be a part of this important committee!

As directed by AKC, BFCA submitted another Letter of Intent to revise our Constitution and ByLaws. As you all know, BFCA needs to revise our Constitution and ByLaws to allow for all things electronic. This revision topic will be the Board's priority. After the membership approves the revision for allowing BFCA to conduct any and all of its business electronically, the remaining sections of BFCA's Constitution and ByLaws will be reviewed one topic at a time for any revisions. The Board will send a communication for member volunteers who wish to be part of a committee to review a particular section/topic. Once a particular topic/section is revised and approved by the membership, the Board will send out another volunteer request for another particular topic/section for revision and membership approval. This process will continue until the entire Constitution and ByLaws have been reviewed/revised/approved by the membership. Only after AKC approves all revisions can BFCA begin operating under a revised Constitution and ByLaws.

Regrettably, Amy Walters had to resign from the Health Committee. Thank you, Amy, for all your work on this important BFCA committee!

The Board welcomes the Health Committee's two newest members, Amanda Aaron and Donna DeMartini. We know these two ladies will be an asset to the Health Committee.

Your Board and I look forward to seeing you in Tulsa!

Safe travels!!



Recording Secretary's Report

The 46th National Specialty is coming up fast and I hope to see lots of beautiful Bichons and smiling faces in Tulsa, OK. It will be great to get together and laugh and chat.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER: Each committee chair needs to email me their yearly report by Wednesday, April 27, 2022. If any member wishes to address the Board at the BFCA Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, and you have not made arrangements to do so, please contact Myra Wotton immediately to be placed on the agenda and be prepared with 11 copies of your presentation for the Board. Time is running out, so do it today!

ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 4th at 1:00PM CDT at the Marriott Tulsa Hotel Southern Hills, 1902 E 71st St. Tulsa, OK.

Please contact me if you would be able to volunteer to check off members as they enter the Annual Meeting. Email me at bichonbabe@mchsi.com Thanks in advance....

**** Annual Membership Dues Notices will be sent out shortly after the specialty so please watch your email (including junk mail) for a Constant Contact to renew your dues. Dues are payable on or before July 1st of each year. Dues received after September 30th will not be processed. A prompt renewal will be greatly appreciated. If you have any address, phone or email changed please submit them to me immediately to ensure accurate information. Only those members who no longer have computers will be mailed a dues notification.

Safe travels and see you on Route 66!

Wendy Ball

BFCA Recording Secretary



Board Ballots

Ballot: 02-22A Pertaining to Parent Club Specialty in Perry, GA in 2022

Motion: . BFCFA will hold 3 Designated Specialties on December 2, 3, and 4th, 2022, in conjunction with the Winter Wonderland Cluster, Perry, GA. BFCFA will also hold a Parent Club Specialty on December 3, 2022, at the Winter Wonderland Cluster, Perry, GA. BFCFA will sponsor a Welcome Night reception on December 1, 2022, on the Winter Wonderland Cluster show grounds. BFCFA’s financial support for these 4 Specialties and the Welcome Night shall not exceed \$1,500.00.

Approve: Allen, Antetomaso, Ball, Hendricks, Kennedy, Kovar, Spruiell, Tupes, Wotton

Disapprove: Abbott, Endo

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Ballot: 02-22B To form a committee to explore second Mid Term Specialty in Northern California

Motion: A 3-person committee should be formed to explore the feasibility of BFCFA holding and financially supporting mid-year Parent Club Specialties that will be rotated around the USA. The output of this committee will be presented to the BFCFA Board for consideration. If and when another Parent Club Specialty is held/sponsored by BFCFA, the preferred location should be the West Coast.

Approve: Allen, Kennedy

Disapprove: Abbott, Antetomaso, Ball, Endo, Hendricks, Spruiell, Tupes, Wotton

Abstain: Kovar

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Ballot: 04-22A Motion to Make Donna DeMartini as Show Chair for the 2023 BFCFA National Specialty

Motion: To make Donna DeMartini as Show Chair for the 2023 BFCFA National Specialty.

Approve: 11 unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Treasurer's Report

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
 Treasurer's Report
 Financial Statement Beginning January 1, 2022 and Ending March 31, 2022

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	December 31, 2021	76,786.89
INCOME:		
	2022 Futurity	150.00
	Sales	12.00
	CA Franchise Tax Board	10.00
	2022 N/S - Trophy Donations	1,218.00
	2022 N/S - Banquet	2,818.00
	2022 N/S - Grooming Seminar	1,170.00
	2022 N/S - Logo Merchandise	858.00
	2022 N/S - Marked Catalog	58.30
	2022 N/S - Ribbon Donation	1,500.00
	2022 N/S - Catalog Ads	1,448.00
	2022 N/S - Welcome Night	50.00
	2021 N/S - Catalog Ads	175.00
	2021 N/S - Entry revenue and sweeps refunds	81.50
	2021 N/S - Ribbons	40.00
	Application Fees	120.00
	Breeder Referral	480.40
	Total	10,189.20
	Health	
	Raffle and Sales	463.00
	Donations	77.46
	Total	540.46
	Agility	
	Total	-
TOTAL INCOME		10,729.66
EXPENSE:		
	BFCFA Website	2,098.80
	Constant Contact	378.00
	2021 N/S Ribbons	72.81
	2022 N/S Ad - Bichon Frise Reporter	100.00
	2022 Parent Club Specialty	250.00
	Bulletin Expenses	76.79
	Paypal Expenses	303.59
	AKC Puppy Pak Flyers	74.88
	Federal Tax Return	500.00
	Membership Directory	880.80
	Total	4,735.67
	Health	
	Sales Items	313.72
	Total	313.72
	Agility	
	Total	-
TOTAL EXPENSE		5,049.39
NET GAIN/LOSS		\$ 5,680.27
BFCFA OPERATING BALANCE	March 31, 2022	\$ 10,972.71
BFCFA RESERVE BALANCE	March 31, 2022	\$ 50,000.00
BFCFA HEALTH BALANCE	March 31, 2022	\$ 21,494.45
TOTAL CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	March 31, 2022	\$ 82,467.16
PAYPAL BALANCE	March 31, 2022	\$ 500.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE	December 31, 2021	60,284.30
Interest Income		1.46
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE	March 31, 2022	\$ 60,285.76
TOTAL FUNDS	March 31, 2022	\$ 143,252.92

Matt Abbott, Treasurer - March 31, 2022

Delegate's Report

Report to the Board 2022

Mayno Blanding

March 7 and 8, 2022. Reports on **Health Committee, Parent Club Committee, and the Delegate Meeting.**

HEALTH COMMITTEE highlights:

AKC Canine Health Foundation: The new CEO of the AKC/CHF, **Dr. Darin Collins**, reported on research activities of the Foundation during the first quarter of 2022. *Eight current research projects are seeking to enroll canine participants. Owners can find the list of these projects at:*

*<http://www.akcCHF.org/participate> There are several that are for all breeds and one, *Medical Resolution of Gallbladder Mucocele Formation in Dogs*, that lists Bichons as a breed of interest. Our Health Committee is looking at these grants for possibly donating BFCA funds. *Take a look and see if you might want to get involved.**

OFA (Eddie Dziuk): *OFA encouraged us to put photos of our dogs on the OFA website. Newly issued CHIC numbers get transferred to AKC every month.*

Veterinary Outreach (Keith Frazier): AKC has been doing many seminars and they have been well-received and well-attended. If you live in a state with a vet school, maintain a relationship with them. They NEED to know about our high standards and what we are about. AKC will help local clubs put on presentations. They have many ideas and lots of experience. For more information, you may contact Mari-Beth at: mbo@akc.org Vet students who attend these events gain a new appreciation for purebred dogs and their breeders. Many are unused to seeing so many healthy dogs, representing breeds that they usually encounter because of illness, actively participating in a wide variety of activities.

AKC Purebred Semen Bank (Dr. Charles Garvin): Outside legal consultants are currently preparing the 501c(3) application for the IRS. This is slowing things down but necessary. Currently, parent clubs (PCs) are encouraged to work on the following (which our BFCA Health Committee is doing):

- a) Designate a point person or committee chair as responsible for communication concerning the semen bank with the AKC,
- b) Develop the criteria for selection of semen donors,
- c) Decide what data, including photographs, regarding the sire are to be submitted with the semen,
- d) Develop criteria for accessing the banked semen, both for the bitch who will receive it and the breeder requesting it,
- e) Develop a mechanism for dispute resolution.

FAQ is now on the Delegate's Portal for download and sharing with club members. Dr. Jerry Bell is working on a white paper to explain the value of creating this forthcoming entity.

Low Entry Conformation Breeds (Dr Carmen Battaglia): Almost every breed new to the AKC in the last 10 years is "going south". He wants to know why this is and is doing research.

Health Clinics at Shows (Dr. Christensen): Apparently, there are fewer health clinics being held since Covid and people are having a hard time finding them. There is a link to upcoming health clinics at the top of the OFA home page but the *clubs need to report them in order to be included.*

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PARENT CLUB (PC) COMMITTEE: In addition to many of the issues discussed at the Health Committee Meeting, the following items of interest to BFCA were discussed.

Legislative (Sheila Goffe, Vice President Government Relations): Some of you may have heard about Norway's animal welfare act which bans the breeding of Bulldogs and Cavaliers in that country. People can buy puppies of these breeds and import them but they cannot breed them. Section 25 of the act establishes breeding requirements to encourage good health of dogs and prohibit breeding that changes or passes on any physical or mental function in a detrimental way. It also deals with the ability to whelp naturally. In the US we are in the animal rights crosshairs now and it will impact us in the next few years. It starts in states – not at the federal level – and we can count on its happening. Sheila closed by reminding all of us of our responsibility to educate the public about the need to maintain breed conformation through standards developed by our PCs. In Norway, no one stood up to explain the purpose of purebred dogs and the importance we put on creating strong, healthy dogs through adherence to our standards. We must create a demand for healthy dogs.

PC Best Practices Sub-Committee (Don James): Most clubs don't do anything to bring in new members. The Membership Growth committee will try to change that and has added a new topic – *Breeder Education and Mentoring*. There are now 11 areas of concentration, and well-publicized webinars will be starting soon. They will be on Zoom and will highlight 5 subtopics. Following completion of the webinars, the entire outline of each topic will be posted on the AKC website and delegates will be able to find them on the Delegate Portal. *Anyone interested may ask me to find this for them when it is posted.*

PC Breeder Development Sub-Committee: They have submitted an award to the AKC board, called the **Eddy Award**, for clubs that go above and beyond to promote responsible breeding. *Mentoring guidelines should be coming out soon.*

Breed Health Statement Update (Peter Piusz): All PCs that have a currently approved health statement online have been notified. *PCs must be careful that the health statements in Marketplace and the statements on the breed page are in alignment.* AKC Marketing is working on combining the two databases that contain this info into one database so the statements will always be in sync. These statements will be read by non-club breeders as well as new puppy owners, so they need to be as clear and accurate as possible.

Juniors (Mari-Beth O'Neill-AKC Staff): Mari-Beth asked that all clubs appoint a Junior Coordinator. *Staff will be proposing a change at the next Board meeting which will allow a Junior to handle a dog not directly owned by them or their family for all events.*

Breeder's Development Committee (Helen Prince): A Breeder Education Survey was sent to PCs in Feb. and re-sent in March. Pupdate updates were also highlighted. Breed flyer reminders were also sent out reminding clubs to either update their existing flyers or create one if none has previously been on file. The June 2023 Delegate Forum presentation will center on breeder education and breed preservation. **Katie Campbell** is working on a series interviewing breeders of the year and other club breeders who have made an impact on their club. *Each PC will have the opportunity to nominate up to 5 breeders for inclusion in this recognition.* **Michael Knight-AKC Board** reminded Delegates to be sure their Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates email list is up to date. *AKC is concerned that info is not reaching individual members. AKC must rely on individual club officers to disseminate info to individual club members. If you feel you are not receiving enough info, please contact me or a member of the board.*

Disciplinary Action (Don James): Don related an idea used by the Leonberger Club of America (LCA) about how they handle disciplinary actions. The LCA uses a system called Member Practices Assurance Committee (MPAC) consisting of 3 members whose job it is to act as the first responders for disciplinary actions. This group together investigates the complaint and decides whether it is actionable and needs to be passed up to their Board of Directors.

5-Year Plan for PCs (Peter Piusz & Mari-Beth O'Neill): Peter and Meri-Beth introduced the idea of developing a *5-year strategic plan for PCs to be discussed further in June.* It would deal with areas like breeding, plans for recruiting new members and participation in various events they or the AKC would sponsor.

DELEGATE MEETING, MARCH 8, 2022

Elections: March is the annual meeting in which elections are held. The Class of 2026 was elected as presented by the Nominating Committee: **Christopher Sweetwood** – Trap Falls KC, **Harold “Red” Tatro, III** – Fort Worth KC, **Ann Wallin** – Atlanta KC. There were no other nominees and they were declared elected by **Dennis Sprung Chairman of the Board**.

There were moving tributes to Ron Menaker by Dr. Thomas Davies and Dennis Sprung.

AKC Meet the Breeds: We were reminded that MTB was to begin in April in Tampa and that *all clubs must support it*. Please respond to the emails and postal correspondence requesting Tampa MTB registrations.

Chairman’s Report (Dennis Sprung): reported that contrary to the common perception of a loss of clubs due to Covid, he was pleased to announce that, in summary, over the past five years there was a net gain of 197 clubs. The reasons for clubs disbanding are the following: 1 – Aging out, 2 – Lack of membership and/or new members, 3 – Loss of convenient suitable and available sites in the area, or general loss of interest by club members over time.

The Financial Report (CFO, Ted Phillips): AKC is doing very well.

Vote: The only vote was an amendment to *Section III, I of the Delegate Standing Rule on Committees – Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events*, which would change the Committee’s name and now include *Scent Work*. *Approved*.

Upcoming Vote in June: *Amendment to Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, etc.* – reformats the section for easier comprehension. *If anyone wants to see the entire text, please email me at maynob@gmail.com*

PAC Fundraiser (Gail LaBerge): PAC raised over \$19,000 for the PAC last year. PAC helps elect officials who support AKC’s position on canine issues in legislation.

Public Relations (Brandi Hunter Munden): She is new and full of energy. AKC is mentioned in the media 75 times a day - online, radio, TV, print and digital articles thanks to AKC PR Dept. AKC has become the authority on all things Dog. They are doing aggressive national and local PR campaign for our TV shows, especially the National Championship. They did an impressive PR campaign for the Meet the Breeds tour.

AKC Broadcasting (Ron Furman, Director of Sales and Bill Ellis, Director of Broadcasting): On Super Bowl Sunday, Christmas Day and New Year’s weekend the AKC was seen by millions of people across those three holidays. They had shows on every one of those weekends, including Fly Ball, Fastest Dogs USA, Nat Champ promo, Agility, and Juniors. The AKC produces and controls 100% of the content when they produce these TV shows, including the majority of the commercial times, and they use that commercial time to make sure they include mission messaging. ESPN loves AKC! Their viewership is substantially higher, especially in women.

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BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST Spring 2022

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We have already started working on this year's Bichon Bash. This year the Bash will be held on September 18 at Shelter 7 Farmstead at the Northern Fauquier Community Park in Marshall, VA. At this year's Bash, we will highlight Bichon art and crafts made by friends of Rescue. We will include their art as a donation in a basket (with their business card) and/or display their art with business card so people can contact them directly.

This past month we brought in five seniors. Three of these seniors were left on a street corner in Baltimore. The 3 Baltimore Bichons have issues with their hind legs. We believe this was from being crated. One little female has cataracts and can only see shadows, but is doing really well. The other 2 seniors were from a home where the owner had to go to assisted living. We are working on finding homes for all 5 seniors.

Our website has been drawing in more volunteers and donors. We hope to expand our outreach to areas where there are kill shelters

Zandra Kern
Co-Chair and Trustee



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Marh 31, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings 48,477.03

Other Current Assets 5,164.17

Total Current Assets 53,641.20

Other Assets 719.11

TOTAL ASSETS 54,360.31

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity 54,360.31

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 54,360.31

Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust Income Statement

Jan - Mar 22

Ordinary Income/Expense
Income 15,771.52

Gross Profit 15,771.52

Expense 16,527.72

Net Ordinary Income -756.20

Net Income -756.20

Health Committee Report



The **ONLY** way funds are raised is
through **GENEROSITY**

SUPPORT BICHON HEALTH

Make purchases from the Health
Committee table at the 2022 BFCA
specialty in Tulsa!

WE WILL HAVE:

TEE SHIRTS WITH THE NEW BFCA HEALTH COMMITTEE LOGO

IN NEW COLORS AND ALL SIZES!

ARTERO GROOMING PRODUCTS,

INCLUDING ARTERO'S NEW MINI CLIPPER!

&

SYMPATHY CARDS. FRIENDS APPRECIATE IT WHEN YOU

REMEMBER.

Support the auction by purchasing tickets!

There will be great, new, wonderful prizes!

Make a Donation!

Because you love Bichons

In memory of a person you love

In Memory of a Bichon you love

In memory of a Friend's Bichon

Judges Education Report

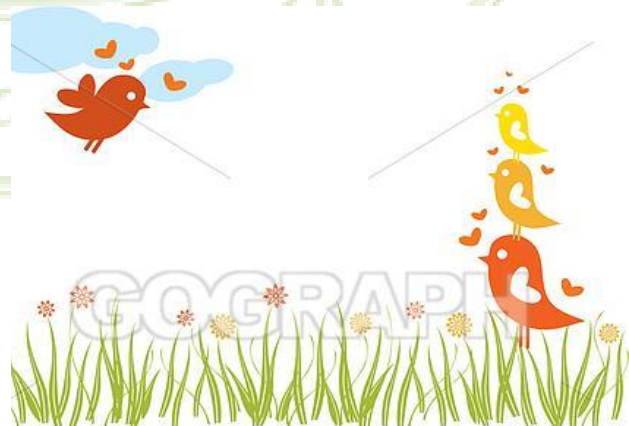
Spring 2022

The Judge's Education Committee has been very busy in the last quarter. We felt BFCA needed to put more emphasis on ring side mentoring as so many judges come in contact with our breed in that manner. The board agreed to start a new mentoring program which involved developing guidelines for mentors and asking for members to sign up if they were interested in mentoring. We had 20 mentors volunteer from all over the country which is an excellent number! It was also suggested that we do laminated cards for the mentors to remind them of the key points to cover from the standard and a committee of 8 experienced breeder/exhibitors were involved in picking out those points in each section of the standard to be included on our mentoring points card. This was completed and all mentors who would like copy will receive theirs at national. There has been one mentoring zoom meeting in March which was well received and covered a discussion of part of the standard and methods of mentoring. Newer mentors are being asked to attend the judge's seminar at National. Another zoom meeting covering other areas of the standard will be held in late summer.

The committee also decided to update the judge's seminar PowerPoint presentation which has been completed. The judge's seminar will be open to judges, current mentors, those who wish to be mentors in the future, BFCA general membership and nonmembers who are interested in learning the Bichon standard. The response to this has been very good and we expect a good turn out for the seminar.

Hope to see you in Tulsa and if you are interested in attending the seminar, please contact Kayley Kovar at fouroakspuppyclub@gmail.com. We have limited space and are taking reservations on a first come basis.

Mary Spruiell - Judges Education Chair



Membership Report

Spring 2022

Sheri Kennedy

NEW MEMBERS (Sponsors)

There are no new members to report at this time.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

All BFCFA members are invited to send comments (both pro and con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Wendy Ball, 967A Boat Dock Rd, Somerset, KY 42501 or bichonebabe@mchsi.com by April 30th, 2022.

Elaine Rude
8044 Island Court
Las Cruces, NM 88007
(Carol Fellbaum & Erayna Beckman)

Jose Rojas & David Toombs
411 Scott Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27403
(Kathie Vogel & Cathy Miller)



Register of Merit Report

Spring 2022

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



CH Absolutely Agape Fast and Flashy ROM
"FloJo"

Breeder/Owners
 Sue Swindel* & Robert Swindel*
 Karen Paulson*
 Sheri Kennedy*



CH Whitebred and Aphrodite Goddess of Love ROM
"Athena"

Breeder/Owners
 Danelle Garino & Karen Graeber*

*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: Roz Allen
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 Meadow Vista, CA 95722
 lorebichon@icloud.com

Sales Annual Report

April 4, 2022

With COVID continuing to wreak havoc across the country and the Specialty moved to the fall with a fantastic raffle opportunity in conjunction with the all breed show (but no sales table) – our merchandise sales were fairly small. However, with the *Your Bichon Frise* booklet listed on several of the AKC puppy packets, it remains our best seller.

Looking forward to 2023, and more of a return to normalcy, I am considering several items from the woodcarver and attempting to find other profitable yet unique items – including more/different BFCA branded or Specialty branded items. Additionally, I am hoping to peruse the items at the 2022 Welcome Boutique to see if we can partner with any artisans there to showcase their items to our members. (There is a limited quantity of branded items from the Orlando Specialty still in stock if anyone is interested.)

We still struggle with some of the sales notifications. Going forward we need to get these corrected and make some additional tweaks to the process and website. I continue to search for new and different products that are appealing to our members.

Respectfully submitted,
Merry Nicole Meyer



The New Jersey Bichon Frise Club

The Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey has been very busy planning for their annual specialty March 26. The show was held concurrently with the March Madness cluster.

All the exhibitors complemented our show chairs, Leslie Picinich and Danelle Garino on how beautiful our display table of prizes and raffles looked. Although our entry in sweeps was small, we did have majors in conformation which have been hard to find in our area shows. In the works are plans for an educational program for May and our end-of-year picnic in June. Our fall Specialty held in conjunction with the Somerset Kennel Club will be held September 9, 2022.

Happy spring and summer to all our Bichon family.

Karen Graeber
President BFCNNJ





Please join us for our 60th Specialty Show

Saturday June 18, 2022

In conjunction with the 3-day Bahia Sur Kennel Club
All Breed Shows, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082

- Conformation & Sweepstakes on Saturday
- Supported entries on Friday and Sunday
- Beautiful rosettes and other prizes
- National Owner Handler Series competition each day

Entries close Wednesday, 6/1/22

- Patrons of the Specialty Fund donations received by this day will be prominently acknowledged on the prize table

Please visit our club website for the latest information including the
Premium List and Judges (once they are known). Go to:

bichonfriseclubofsandiego.com/2022specialty-summer/

We thank all of you who have supported us in the past and hope you will support us again this year. Your donations help us offset the costs of our wonderful awards and rosettes. No contribution is too small.

To make a donation, please visit

bichonfriseclubofsandiego.com/2022specialty-summer/

Show Chairperson: Deb Gibb
Patrons Donations: Jenny Listug
Judges Hospitality: Betty Ribble
Marketing & Prizes: Deb Gibb and Jenny Listug

Bichon Frise Club of San Diego: BichonFriseClubOfSanDiego.com
Bichon Frise Club of San Diego: facebook.com/bichonfriseclubofsandiego
Silver Bay Kennel Club: silverbaykc.com
Superintendent: Jack Bradshaw, jbradshaw.com/shows.htm



WINTER wonderland CLUSTER

SAVE THE DATE
December 2-4

The Winter Wonderland cluster begins on Tuesday 11/29 and goes through the following Monday 12/5 with no shows on Thursday.

BFCA Parent Club Specialty

Saturday Afternoon, December 3rd

Judge – Randy Garren

BFCA Three Designated Specialties

Friday, December 2nd – Judge – John Booth

Saturday, December 3rd – Judge – Jon Cole

Sunday, December 4th – Judge – Lee Whittier

Show Superintendent – Foy Trent Dog Shows

if you would like a premium list sent to you, please contact Debbie Hollan or Mary Spruiell, and you will be added to the mailing list. Please let us know by Sept 1 if you want a premium list mailed to you, otherwise it will be online

Welcome Night Party! BFCA is hosting a casual welcome night party on Thursday Dec 1st, in the evening, with pizza, soft drinks, and *local favorite*, **hot peach cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream.** This would be a BYOB (if you choose)

Shopping! Thursday (which is the off day) the buildings will be open to shop with all vendors open for relaxed shopping.

Fast CAT - will be offered for 6 days

Barn Hunt - will be available for 4 days during the week.

Grooming Seminar - Shannon Tupes will also be conducting a grooming seminar on **coat maintenance and products** on Thursday, Dec 2nd.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

This is a huge facility and for something different, exhibitors can rent an RV by the day from one of three or four vendors who will take your RV to the fairgrounds and set it up for you so you can be on the grounds for the week. In addition, a list of hotels will be in the premium list.