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FALL BULLETI N 2012





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## President's Message—Kieth Hanson

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Summer is behind us and the Fall season is in full swing. Our autumn tree colors were beautiful but the leaves turned earlier than usual due to our lack of rain. So far there is no snow but it feels like it could appear at any time.

Lillian Endo and her Committees are already busy planning for the National Specialty in Indianapolis which is only 6 months away.

In this issue, you will find the first round ballot for selection of the 2015 National Specialty Conformation and Sweepstakes judges. As I mentioned last year, the first round voting is **critical in selection of the "field" of candidates. I urge you to take the time to vote.**

The Board Committee (Chesbro, McNamara, Antetomaso) is revising the membership/sponsor application forms and will be reporting back to the Board in November. We hope to conclude the project early next year.

You will also find, in this issue of the Bulletin, the form to submit if you wish to volunteer to serve on the Board or if you wish to suggest someone else for the Board. Please give this your consideration.

**We have two "Meet the Breed" events coming up in the very near future. The first is in New York City and closely followed by the Eukanuba Show in Orlando.** Thanks to all the BFCA members who are involved in making these events an opportunity to showcase the Bichon Frise.

Lastly, we are asking for membership feedback on a possible change in the Judge selection criteria. The change is outlined on a separate page in the Bulletin.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season.

# Officer Reports—Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary

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Fall is here--for a week--in Southern California. Crazy weather we have been having. The board has been busy over the summer with 5 ballots which are included here.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - Betsy Savage and Lisa Des Camps will have the 2012-2013 Membership Directory soon. We have held the address changes until the directory is mailed. If we did not get address, email or phone changes as a result of the dues process please let me know right away. It is critical that the information on hand with the BFCA is current at all times or important notices and mailings do not reach you. Also, you may want other members to have access to your most current information. You may email, write or call me. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTICE TO LOCAL SPECIALTY CLUBS. The Board has approved giving a three-year blanket approval for local specialties. Please contact me with the information for your next show and your approval letter will indicate you have parent club approval through 2015.

## Ballot Proposals 2012 Fall Bulletin

Board Member	Ballot 07-12A	Ballot 07-12B	Ballot 07-12C	Ballot 08-12A	Ballot 09-12A
Antetomaso, Gail	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Chesbro, Karen	NA	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
DesCamps, Lisa	NA	NA	Approve	Approve	Approve
Dillon, Katherine	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Endo, Lillian	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Hanson, Kieth	Approve	Approve	Approve	NA	Approve
McFarlane, Diana	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
McNamara, Judy	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Noonan, Nancy	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Scarborough, Shauna	NA	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Sikes, Avaneil	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve

NA indicates not available.

# Officer Reports—Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary

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## Ballot's Continued:

### Board Proposals:

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|---------------|---|
| Ballot 07-12A | The BFCA approves of the logo as attached.  |
| Ballot 07-12B | The BFCA shall not participate in the AKC PAC as an organization but shall leave the participation at the membership level. |
| Ballot 07-12C | The BFCA shall give a 3-year blanket approval for local club specialties.   |
| Ballot 08-12A | The BFCA shall offer a 4-6 month puppy class at the 2014 Specialty.   |
| Ballot 09-12A | The BFCA shall renew the Onofrio Superintendent contract for a period of two years.   |

Deadline for Winter Bulletin  
is January 10

## Officer Reports—Show Report by Judy McNamara

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### **BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA 2012 SHOW REPORT THROUGH JUNE 30,2012**

#### **INCOME:**

<b>Trophies</b>	<b>\$ 4,495.00</b>	
<b>Ads</b>	<b>2,365.00</b>	
<b>Reception</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	
<b>RV Parking</b>	<b>420.00</b>	
<b>Banquet</b>	<b>9,741.00</b>	
<b>Sales</b>	<b>6,111.50</b>	
<b>DVD's</b>	<b>2,821.50</b>	
<b>Catalogs</b>	<b>1,534.50</b>	
<b>Pictorial-Pictures</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	
<b>Pictorial-Copies</b>	<b>140.00</b>	
<b>Vendors</b>	<b>950.00</b>	
<b>Auction</b>	<b>5,622.00</b>	
<b>Plaques</b>	<b>375.00</b>	
<b>Setup Cash</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	
<b>Rescue-Auction</b>	<b>525.00</b>	
<b>Health</b>	<b>1,244.00</b>	
<b>Returned Check &amp; Fee</b>	<b>220.00</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>92.42</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$40,606.92</b>

#### **EXPENSES:**

<b>Trophies</b>	<b>\$ 1,029.75</b>
<b>Trophies-Shipping</b>	<b>601.33</b>
<b>Plaques</b>	<b>2,262.00</b>
<b>Ribbons</b>	<b>989.50</b>
<b>Show Flyer</b>	<b>954.16</b>
<b>PayPal</b>	<b>435.97</b>
<b>AKC Show Fees</b>	<b>115.00</b>
<b>Videographer</b>	<b>1,217.82</b>
<b>Hotel Deposit-Houston</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Pens</b>	<b>208.40</b>
<b>Returned Check &amp; Fee</b>	<b>212.00</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>3,877.12</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>93.37</b>
<b>Awards</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Morning Hospitality</b>	<b>1,993.75</b>
<b>DVD's</b>	<b>1,406.80</b>
<b>Awards Booklet</b>	<b>628.60</b>

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<b>Banquet</b>	<b>9,078.33</b>
<b>Set Up Cash</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>Catalogs-Shipping</b>	<b>187.49</b>
<b>Floor Covering</b>	<b>397.39</b>
<b>Rescue-Auction</b>	<b>525.00</b>
<b>Judge</b>	<b>965.00</b>
<b>Vendor</b>	<b>107.00</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>805.08</b>
<b>Hotel Deposit</b>	<b>(500.00)</b>
<b>Audio/Visual Equipment</b>	<b>671.58</b>
<b>Judges Lunch</b>	<b>233.62</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>190.00</b>
<b>Electrical</b>	<b>1,640.00</b>
<b>Package Handling</b>	<b>370.00</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b><u>1,991.09</u></b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **34,987.15**

**NET INCOME\*\*** **\$ 5,619.77**

**\*\*Items still not included:**

**Onofrio Refund** **\$ 995.00**

**Pictorial Printing** **???**

# Officer Report—Judy McNamara, Treasurer

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**BICHON CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**Treasurers Report**  
**Financial Statement Beginning June 30, 2012 and Ending September 30, 2012**

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<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2012</b>			<b>\$29,467.94</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>			
2012 National Specialty		\$ 739.50	
Health		675.00	
Dues		4,460.00	
Sales		169.50	
Breeders Directory		<u>120.00</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$6,164.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
National Specialty			
2012	\$1,226.91		
2013	<u>1,630.00</u>	\$2,856.91	
Ad		50.00	
Treasurers Expense		24.60	
Delegate		662.39	
Phone-Breeder Referral		106.22	
PayPal		<u>61.28</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b><u>3,761.40</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>			<b><u>2,402.60</u></b>
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012</b>			<b>\$31,870.54</b>
<b>PAY PAL ACCOUNT</b>			<b>500.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2012</b>		<b>\$35,107.77</b>	
Interest		<u>4.35</u>	
<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPT. 30, 2012</b>			<b><u>35,112.12</u></b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2012</b>			<b>\$67,482.66</b>

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**JUDY MCNAMARA, TREASURER      SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**



# Committee Reports—Delegate Report, George Sikes

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## September Delegates Meeting

I attended the Parent Club Committee Meeting, By-Laws Committee meeting and the Delegate Caucus meeting on September 10, 2012 in Newark, NJ.

On September 11, 2012 I attended the Legislative Meeting, Forum and General meeting of the Delegates in Newark, NJ.

We were reminded at the beginning of the Delegates meeting that we were in the very same room that we were in 11 years ago when the World Trade Building was hit. That was a day everyone remembered.

An amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows was adopted. Effective January 1, 2013, there will be a new three point major for the designated Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch at one National Specialty each year, specified by the Parent Club, provided there are at least twice the numbers required for a five point major in **the winner's sex. The Parent Club would have the option of not providing the additional major.**

At the AKC Board meeting, the Board voted to forward without recommendation, a By-Law amendment proposed by the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee to the Delegates for a read at the December 2012 Delegates meeting for a vote in March 2013 to reduce the number of annual Delegates meetings to three, with an additional day of Delegate Committee meetings.

The December 2012 Delegates Meeting will be held in Orlando, FL along with the 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. I plan to attend these meetings.

# Committee Reports

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## Bulletin Report

I am looking for someone who would like to draw some covers for the bulletin. They do not have to be real detailed but something nice with bichons would be great.

Deadline for Winter Bulletin is  
January 10

Shauna Scarborough  
Bulletin editor

## Friendship Committee Report

Since last report, we have sent out 1 sympathy card to Laurie Philpot on the recent loss of her father. If anyone hears of a fellow member that is ill, has a death in the family, or just needs cheering up, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Laura Purnell , Friendship Chairman

## Committee Reports—Membership, Karen Chesbro

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### New Members (Sponsors) September 2012

Paula Agrusa  
197 Far Reach Road  
Westwood, MA 02090  
(Paula Hendricks & Cecelia Ruggles)

Sheri Kennedy  
Absolute Bichons  
7527 171st Ave SE  
Snohomish, WA 98290  
(Sue Swindle & Sherry Watts)

Mary Ann Clark  
Elan  
9070 Tonya Terrace  
Manhattan, KS 66502  
(Laura Huddleston & Laura Purnell)

Deborah & Steve Lamb  
Lambichons  
10 Albright Drive  
Hanover, PA 17331  
(Lynn Ramich & Polly Street)

Regina Herman  
Tenerife Bichons  
17 Herrmann Lane  
Easton, CT 06612  
(Margaret Hyde Sherwood & Kathie Vogel)

Jan & Alan Shetzer  
14203 Caminito Vistana  
San Diego, CA 92130  
(Betty Ribble & Myra Wotton)

### New Foreign Members (Sponsors) September 2012

KyoungSoo Shin & DongLim Lee  
Dognews  
Republic of Korea  
(Rick Day & Harriet Prichard)

## Committee Reports—Rescue, Lynn Ramich

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### BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

Fall 2012

It has been a difficult year in rescue. We have had more vets contacting us with dogs that have **been turned in to be euthanized because the owners aren't well enough to care for them, the dog has a health issue and owners don't want to the medical costs, or the owners just don't want the dog anymore.** Most of these dogs are between the ages of 8 and 12. They still have life in them and turn out to be great dogs. Some of the vets will perform surgeries and completely vet the dogs at minimal cost to us. We are eternally grateful to these vets and their staff.

We also have been getting tons of relinquishments that are older. The average ages, 8 to 12. **While we can place these dogs, it takes a long time and the cost of keeping them is higher. We've had more diabetic Bichons relinquished than ever before. We even had a diabetic girl that our vet found out wasn't diabetic at all. While these dogs are difficult to place, we have found homes for all of them. I've even adopted an 11 year old, blind diabetic boy. We've had Bichons relinquished and found out they had cancer.** My personal heartbreak was the six year old Missouri puppy mill girl, Pixie, we worked so hard to socialize her only to find out she was full of cancer and we had to put her down. Pixie is one of my heartbreaks of rescue.

While rescue is getting more difficult and more expensive, we have been placing these Bichons in wonderful, caring homes. These dogs seem to have angels watching over them and great homes waiting for them.

Matt Abbott has taken over as treasurer. He is surrounded by females but has managed to make a place for himself with all the dramatic and emotional females. Actually, we are all pretty professional, which I am proud to say.

The Maryland Bichon Rescue group holds a fundraising picnic every year. This year, they raised \$10,000 and presented it to the BFCAT. We are forever grateful to the MBFR for their continued fundraising support.

As always, we want to thank BFCA members for their help: Deedy Sorenson, Susie Williams, Shirley Hendel, Paula Hendricks, Donna Jones, Debbi Lamb, Paula Bender, Judy Beckham, Kathie Vogel, Cyndie Adams, Kat Dillon, Lucy Ellis, Linda Ferrullo, Nancy Mulkewicz, Diane McFarlane, Linda Rowe and **Deb Gibb. I hope I didn't miss anyone. I apologize, if I have but I love how that list is getting longer!!!**

Special sympathies go out to Ed Peterson on the loss of his wife, Judith. Ed has been a friend to rescue for a long time and our condolences go out to his family.

Lynn Ramich  
Co-Chair and Trustee  
Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust

# Committee Reports—Rescue, Matt Abbott

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## BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Not for profit 501C3

Est. 2003

**Regions Bank Balance as of September 30, 2012 \$38,681.93**

### INCOME

Contribution	23,193.97
Adoption Rescue	20,560.75
Pay Pal Transfer From	1,950.00
Relinquishment Contribution	825.00
Specialty Auction	625.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>47,154.72</b>

### EXPENSES

Vet Expenses For Rescue	38,980.39
Expenses For Rescued Bichons	1,245.96
Grant to Rescue Effort	1,500.00
Transportation Expenses For Rescue	933.93
Travel Expense	630.20
Advertising	498.00
Telephone Answering System	372.04
Training Expenses For Rescue	340.00
Spay Certificate For Rescue	282.00
Office Supplies	207.25
Web Site	92.83
Bank By Mail Fee	40.00
Check Image Fee	25.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>45,147.60</b>

**Prepared By Matt Abbott, BFACT Treasurer**

## Committee Reports—ROM/ROMX, Dianne Mallon

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### REGISTER OF MERIT / REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS

Submitted as of 10/10/12

Congratulations to the following dogs that have been rewarded ROM titles:

ROM:

CH RISGAE MIABELLA SWEET GEORGIA

OWNERS:

SHERYL K KAPELLA\*

\* Denotes BFCA Membership

### Qualifications for ROM/ROMX

It is the responsibility of the Owner of a proposed dog to submit the required information to the ROM/ROMX Chairman for confirmation. The Owner must be a BFCA member in good standing. To be eligible for a Register of Merit (ROM) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of seven (7) or more, or the Dam of five (5) or more, Champions of Record. To be eligible for a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of twenty-five (25) or more, or the Dam of ten (10) or more, Champions of Record. The progeny are to be Champions of Record, confirmed by AKC.

### How to apply for your award:

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

1. An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam, listing the Champions of Record available from the AKC On-Line Store for \$25.00; OR publications from AKC Gazette, AKC Awards, BFCA Banquet Awards Booklets or Bichon Reporters verifying the Champions of Record.
2. Copy of current AKC registration, showing all owners of the sire or dam

Note: If you are unable or unsure about obtaining the AKC Progeny Report, then you may submit your request with a copy of the current AKC registration and a non-refundable check for \$25.00. I will obtain the AKC Progeny Report and mail a copy to you.

**Mail To:**

Dianne Mallon  
Phone: 626-862-7491

11 Turning Leaf Way, Azusa, CA 91702  
E-mail: bichonparty@aol.com

## BFCA National Judging Assignment

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Recently AKC has modified its judging policy. Any eligible individual in good standing may be approved to Judge at National or Parent Club Specialties by invitation. The BFCA Board will consider whether BFCA should open the BFCA judging assignments to include this option. The Board would appreciate hearing from the membership prior to any decision.

The requirements for Applicant/ Judge are as follows:

- 1) Any eligible individuals including, but not limited to, professional handlers may be approved on a case by case, event by event request from the National Specialty Club for approval to judge their Parent Club National or Parent Club Regional events.
- 2) Must be 21 years of age.
- 3) Must be occupationally eligible.
- 4) Should be knowledgeable, with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling in the breed for 15 years or more.
- 5) Procedure and anatomy test required and if applicable, scale or wicket test required.
- 6) A non-refundable \$25 per breed processing fee required for non-approved judges.

**("Professional handler is defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.")**

Please email Diana Mc Farlane ([forddiana@roadrunner.com](mailto:forddiana@roadrunner.com)) your thoughts, pro or con, on the proposal. Thank you in advance for your input.



# Chicagoland

*Bichon Frise Club Inc.*

Hello from Chicagoland! We are grateful that summer is over - it was a hot and dry one here. **While it was nice to have fewer mosquitos, it seems that the fleas thrived. Now that we've had our first hard frost, that threat is over for the year, thankfully.**

Our club has a new website - the address is: [www.chicagobichon.com](http://www.chicagobichon.com). We are excited to have this up and running again. It is a work in progress, but at least our club has an on-line presence again, in addition to our Facebook page. Our challenge was finding someone who could set up and manage the website for us.

With fewer of our club members showing in conformation these days, we will not be having an independent specialty in the fall, as we have done in years past. Our next specialty will be held in conjunction with the International Kennel Club cluster in late February. This is a large cluster of shows - usually 4 days - and the weekend shows have large audiences. Also of note is the large assortment of vendors who are there. Just about anything dog-related can be found for sale.

Our membership was sad to learn of the passing of Judith Peterson. In addition to being a member of BFCA, Judith, and her husband Ed, have been long-time members of the Chicagoland **Bichon Frise Club, including serving as officers from time to time. Judith's influence in our club was substantial.** She coordinated hospitality at the 2004 national specialty, and must have been baking for months to have the spread she provided then. Judith enjoyed doing this, and also used her **baking talents at the club's independent local specialties too.**

**As a breeder, Judith's legacy lives on. Carol Haines bred to Judith's Rambo (CH Shaiu Bai Dakota's Blackfoot) and finished 3 champions (CH Crème's Just My Emmagination, CH Crème's White Lady, and CH Crème's I'll Be There for You) from the breedings, along with several grandchildren. Rambo is also the sire of Crème's Grand Slam, which makes him the grandsire of Allstar's Shoeless Joe, two dogs that I show in agility. Judith's contributions to our local club, and as a breeder, were numerous, and she will be sorely missed by our club.**

## Member News

The mid-year agility rankings were recently released by the AKC and Crème's Grand Slam AX MXJ AXP AJP (Dinger) was ranked #5 in the country among Bichons competing in the preferred classes. Dogs competing in the preferred classes get to jump at a lower jump height and are **allowed 5 more seconds in each run, so it is somewhat of a veteran's class. At 11 ½, Dinger certainly is that!** He has been ranked in the top 20 for many years now, but this is the first time he has cracked the top 5.

Enjoy the cooler fall weather!

Nancy Muklewicz,  
President





October 6, 2012

The leaves are beginning to change color and fall from the trees and the sun is not as hot as it has been. Hopefully that is the end of our 100 degree temperatures for this year.

**We held our annual "Bichon Frise Day In The Park" on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, this year, and it proved to be a good decision, as the weather was not quite as hot as it had been. The dogs all seemed to really enjoy themselves. There was a large pen set up and any of them that wanted to could go in it and play. At one point, it looked like a large snow ball in the pen. We are fortunate to have the use of this large lovely park for our event.

We had a delicious BBQ provided by Kay Mitchell and her family and friends. Erayna Beckman and friends did our raffle, Diane Kato ran the costume parade, Gayle Sarnier was busy taking pictures, which are available on our web site, [bfcnc.org](http://bfcnc.org). Rosmarie Blood and I took **care of the sign in table, since we weren't able to do much. Rosmarie came in her motorized chair and I am still having to use my walker.** We counted a total of approximately 75 sign ins for the day.

The holiday season will be upon us very soon, so we are starting to plan for our Christmas dinner which also serves as our December meeting.

Hopefully all of the BFCA members and their Bichons will have a very happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and a bright New Year.

Submitted by:

Sally Mitchell



**Fall is in the air, well sort of. The temperatures are predicted to be in the 90's for early October, but the sunset does comes a little earlier each evening.**

The Bichon Frise Club of San Diego will celebrate Oktoberfest at our October meeting at the home of Greg and Heidi Rassatt. November will find us giving thanks at the home of Deb Gibb, and finally we will meet and celebrate the December holidays at the home of Linda Rowe.

The meetings are devoted to debriefing from our June Agility Trial which was a huge success. The High In Trial Bichon, Brotchen, owned by John and Kay Yamasaki has been invited to participate in the Eukanuba event in Orlando in December. Several Club members will be attending to cheer Brotchen on and to support club member Gene Mills who will be judging the Non Sporting group. Also, on the meeting agendas are the plans for our Specialty to be held the Friday before the Silver Bay Kennel Club shows in February 2013. Keep your eye out for the flyer, we have a judging panel that will have you running to book your reservations for San Diego!

## Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsylvania

The BFCWP activities for this quarter included the Annual Picnic and meeting on July 8, 2012 and Responsible Dog Ownership Day/ Meet the Breeds on September 30, 2012.

**The picnic was held at the Commissioner's Grove, Boyce Park in Monroeville PA. A B-Match, games for dogs and their families and a 50/50 drawing were some of the activities. A meeting followed with the election of two Board members, Gregg Weeks and Dave Carioto. Discussions included the AKC's President's Challenge, future guest speakers, the Annual Holiday Party, the 2013 Specialty, next year's picnic and finally, as well as future plans for Responsible Dog Ownership Day.**

**This year's Responsible Dog Ownership Day/ Meet The Breeds was held at the Galleria of Mt. Lebanon, 1500 Washington Rd, Pittsburgh, PA. Thirteen members and their dogs participated. Hundreds of people made inquiries and stopped to see the dogs. Both BFCA and AKC literature were distributed.**



Bichon Frise Club of America National Specialty 2013

May 9-12, 2013

Wyndham Indianapolis West  
2544 Executive Drive  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
(317) 248-2481

Make your reservations NOW!

Get ready to join the crusade to Indiana!