BICHON FRISE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

By Cecilia Richardson

The Designated Specialties of the Bichon Frise Club of San Diego were hot, hot, HOT! We had a sudden heat wave but we all soldiered on and had a wonderful three days of showing our Bichons.

On Friday, we had Michelle Shultz as our Sweepstakes judge. She is a charming lady with a great eye for dogs. Here is her evaluation:
I would like to thank the most hospitable BFCSD for the opportunity to judge their specialty sweepstakes and to participate in their tribute to Joe Waterman. It was a wonderful experience and though I had two entries I was pleased to see the depth of quality in both.

My Best in Sweepstakes, Joline De Lotus London, came from the 9 and under 12 months Dog class. This lovely youngster is beautifully balanced with excellent reach and drive. His topline and arched neck of good length plus good substance and bone made an impression. On the table, he presented his soft expression, dark eye and affectionate temperament. Combined with good coat texture and color, he was a pleasure to see and have my hands on.

BOS in Sweepstakes, Hallmark Glory B U R The One That I Want At Overtop, was from the 9 and under 12 months Bitch class. This decidedly feminine entry was presented in lovely condition and coat. She possesses a beautiful expression and head. Additionally, she has a nice layback of shoulder, length of neck and proper tail set and carriage. She covered the ground well with beautiful outline on the go around.

I look forward to seeing both of these youngsters reach their potential as they mature; their futures look very bright indeed!

On Saturday, Lynn Wyza was our Sweepstakes judge. Another lady who fit

right in with our exhibitors, has a great deal of experience with dogs and did a great job evaluating our entries:
What a wonderful day! I was met by Betty Ribble and Cecilia Richardson upon my arrival, welcoming me to the show.

Thank you so much for making me feel so comfortable and welcome. I had two sweepstakes dogs, 1 male and 1 female. Both dogs were presented very well and are great examples of the breed. Right away I noticed they met the hallmarks of the breed: cheerful attitude was present, they were balanced, small and sturdy with a white powder puff coat.

I enjoyed both dogs very much. Both had a balanced head with dark eyes and dark pigment with no breaks in the pigment. The skulls were slightly rounded with 3 parts muzzle, 5 parts skull, creating a triangle, with great expression. The movement was effortless with good reach and drive, keeping a steady, level top line while the head was held erect, and a well plumed tail held over the back. On the down, I did see the foot pads on both dogs, on the back, the movement was true. I did appreciate that the male looked like a dog and the female looked like a bitch. Although only two were exhibited, they were both high quality.

After judging Sweepstakes, I stayed to watch breed judging and was lucky to be mentored by Betty Ribble. What a beautiful group of dogs.

Following the breed judging I was able to discuss the breed with many of the breeders, owners and handlers. What a delightful group you all are. Thank you so much for allowing me to be included in your day, and to help celebrate the late, great Joe Waterman. He is missed.

Sunday's Sweeps judge was Jan Hill, another experienced local breeder/owner/handler with a strong history with several breeds. She had nice things to say about our Sweeps entries:
The two Sweepstakes dogs that I judged were both very nice, a good representation of the breed. Both dogs expressed a merry temperament and had a very cheerful attitude, a properly balanced head with great expression, lovely arched neck with a level topline. Their tails were

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well plumed and curved over their backs. The coat texture created a powder puff appearance, but most important – both dogs were balanced.

The male dog was nice but did not show very well. He didn't want to stack on the table for the exam. His up and back was nice. Going around he was jumping up and down. He did not hold his gait.

The bitch held her stack and presented herself well. Her up and back was very good. Her going around was very smooth and she did not miss a beat.

All in all, after three days of showing in the heat, the young dogs did well. It was an honor to judge them and a pleasure to give the bitch Best in Sweepstakes. It was my pleasure to judge for the Bichon Frise Club of San Diego 2021 Specialty.

I'd like to add that two of our Sweeps judges were open to mentoring and Ms. Shultz completed her paperwork to apply for judging Bichons.

BISS Winners this year were:

54th Specialty Show, June 18, 2021

BISS GCH HOLLYHOCK GO FIGURE, CGC

55th and 56th Specialty Shows, June 18-19, 2021

BISS CH LILYWHITE'S RUMORS FLY LIKE CONFETTI WITH HALLMARK

After each day's show, we all retired to the set-ups area and celebrated the life of well known and respected breeder/handler Joe Waterman who passed away last year, and to whom we had dedicated this year's shows. As most of you know, Joe was an important part of our breed's development. A special friend of Joe and Dorinne flew here from Hawaii with custom bouquets for the occasion. They were so beautiful!

In closing, our website has links to more photos, placements each day, and information for our 2022 Specialties.

After this year's success, we plan a "threepeat" with Silver Bay Kennel Club in February. Watch the website and our Facebook page for news and updates.

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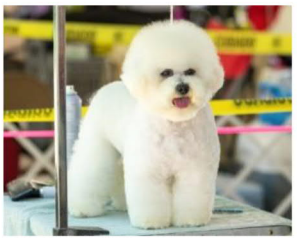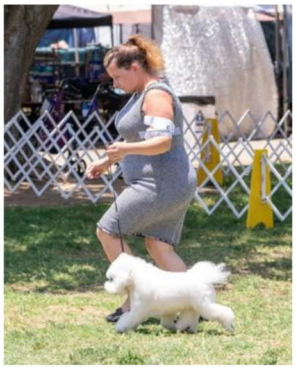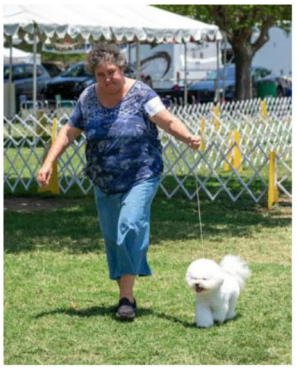
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