

# ABdFC TROPHY COMMITTEE

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## INTRODUCTION

The AMERICAN BOUVIER des FLANDRES CLUB Trophy Chair shall work with the Specialty Trophy Chair to:

- select the types of trophies,
- decide which trophies will be awarded to which class,
- order the required trophies,
- arrange for engraving, if required,
- arrange for shipment to the specialty site, and
- prepare an inventory list.

The ABdFC Trophy Chair will obtain from the Specialty Chair the dates and deadlines for the specialty. The ABdFC Trophy Chair then has the responsibility to:

- prepare and send out requests for trophy donations,
- provide incentives for donations,
- recognize donors,
- prepare the trophy write-up and donor listing for the premium list,
- make sure all challenger and commemorative trophies are available,
- send receipts and bills to the treasurer,
- prepare appropriate reports.

The Specialty Trophy Chair is responsible for taking care of and setting up the trophies at the specialty site. Specific duties of the Specialty Trophy Chair can be found in the *National Specialty, Policies and Guidelines*. This book is maintained by the Specialty Management Committee.

The ABdFC Trophy Chair will be appointed for a term of three years to maintain continuity. It is expected that the Specialty Trophy Chair lives near the specialty site, is a part of the Specialty Committee and works at that one specialty only.

The amount of money to be spent on trophies for the current year's specialty may not exceed \$3,000.00. Trophy income and expense is to be a line item in the Trophy Chair's budget. The show chair may allocate a portion of the trophy budget to upgrade ribbons. The ABdFC Trophy Chair is also responsible for the trophies given to support the entry at other shows. This expense shall also be a separate line item in the budget.

## TYPES OF TROPHIES

It is recommended that the following items be considered when selecting trophies:

- The types of trophies should be consistent with either the specialty theme or with some character of the region where the specialty is being held.
- The engraving, engraved plates, metals and/or type of marking used should be consistent with the type of trophy.
- The value of each trophy should be consistent with the prestige of the win.
- All trophies, except the challenge trophies, should be permanently and visibly marked with AMERICAN BOUVIER des FLANDRES CLUB or ABdFC.
- Only those trophies certain to be awarded should be permanently and visibly marked with the placement, the show location and date. The show location or date may be eliminated to reduce costs.

The final selection should be a joint decision between the Specialty Trophy Chair and the ABdFC Trophy Chair. The Show Chair shall arbitrate disagreements.

## **TROPHIES NOT AWARDED**

Each year, there are trophies, marked only with AMERICAN BOUVIER des FLANDRES CLUB, ABdFC or the logo, that are not awarded for one reason or another. These trophies are to be either sold at the annual auction with the proceeds deposited in the Trophy Fund or shipped to a location specified by the ABdFC Trophy Chair. The ABdFC Trophy Chair may use unsold trophies to support Bouvier entries at various shows around the country. The shipping and handling from the specialty site and to the various shows shall be the responsibility of the ABdFC Trophy Chair. Challenge trophies that were not awarded are to be shipped to next year's Specialty Trophy Chair. These expenses shall be charged to the current year's Trophy Fund.

## **CHALLENGE TROPHIES**

THE RALPH GOLDMAN MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY is a brass bowl with a wooden pedestal and includes an annual commemorative 8" x 10" Engraved Decorative Frame. It is offered by the AMERICAN BOUVIER des FLANDRES CLUB. It is for competition in the Winners Bitch Class at the National Specialty Show only. For permanent possession, it must be won three times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive shows. This trophy is to remain in possession of the ABdFC until retirement, when it will be engraved with the winner's name and date.

THE BELGIUM CHALLENGE TROPHY is a Pewter Fish Platter offered by the Club Belge du Bouvier des Flandres. There is an annual commemorative offered by the AMERICAN BOUVIER des FLANDRES CLUB. It is for competition in the Best of Breed Class at the ABdFC National Specialty only. For permanent possession, it must be won three times in succession or five times over all, not necessarily with the same dog, by a person who is the Breeder/Owner. This trophy is to remain in possession of the ABdFC until retirement, when it will be engraved with the winner's name and date. Neither this trophy nor its commemorative may be awarded in the ring but may be awarded at picture-taking time.

## **ORDERING AND SHIPPING**

The ordering of trophies and engraving may be done by either the ABdFC Trophy Chair or the Specialty Trophy Chair depending on convenience and who will control the order. Both should be aware of all details and any problems with the order. All contracts for trophies signed by the ABdFC Trophy Chair shall be duplicated with one copy sent to the ABdFC Treasurer, one copy to the Specialty Trophy Chair, one copy to the Specialty Show Chair, and one copy to the ABdFC Secretary. The ABdFC Trophy Chair shall receive copies of contracts signed by the Specialty Trophy Chair. The Show Chair must be kept apprised of the trophy order status and will be expected to take action whenever unresolvable problems arise.

Trophies shall be shipped to a location that will be convenient to the Specialty Trophy Chair. A physical inventory shall be made upon receipt of the trophies. The Specialty Trophy Chair is responsible for:

- storing the trophies until the Specialty,
- labeling them for the stewards,
- transporting them to the specialty site,
- setting up the display, and
- making sure they are taken to the appropriate ring on time.

## **REQUEST FOR DONATIONS**

The initial request to the membership for trophy donations should be made during January in a separate mailing. A formal request for trophy donations should be made to Regional Clubs and to breed related organizations during March. A description of the trophies and a brief description of the show should be included with these requests. A postcard reminder should be sent to all members by the First of July. The cost of these requests for trophy donations should come out of the General Fund. Reminders of the request should be included in the issues of the Newsletter containing the minutes of the April and June Board of Governors meetings. The cost for the Newsletter reminders should come out of the Newsletter budget. A request for donations should be included in the Specialty Planning Guide. The write-up on Page 14 of the 1992 Planning Guide is an excellent example of this request. The cost for this should be borne by the Show Committee. The cost of other advertising must come out of the Trophy Fund. Therefore, this other advertising must be cost effective. The ABdFC Trophy Chair should be enterprising and overlook no resource trying to raise funds.

## **RECOGNITION OF DONORS**

Experience has shown that the most effective method of recognizing trophy donors is to allow them to identify with a specific trophy. The list of donations for specific awards is as follows:

- Best of Breed/High in OB Trial . . . . . \$100.00

- Best of Winners/Best of Opposite . . . . . 75.00
- \*Selects (Award of Merit) . . . . . 50.00
- High in Herding Trial . . . . . 50.00
- Winners dog/Winners Bitch . . . . . 50.00
- Reserve Winners Dog/Reserve Winners Bitch . . . . . 45.00
- \*Obedience/Conformation (Regular/Non-Regular) Class First . . . . . 35.00
- \*Best of Sweeps/Best of Opposite (Puppies/Veterans). . . . . 35.00

\*Awarding these trophies is optional. See the notes at the end of CLASSES.

Multiple donations will be accepted for each award. The list of donors versus awards in the premium kist and show catalog will be in order donations were received. The list of trophies, donors and memorials by class must be sent to the Specialty Trophy Chair and the Specialty Show Chair in time to meet premium list deadlines. A preliminary list of all donors arranged alphabetically should appear in the show catalog while the final donor list should appear in the Newsletter.

Only Bouviers or people that have died can be “remembered” with a mention under trophy donation listings in the premium list or show catalog. This is an AKC ruling.

Donations designated “in honor of” or “with thanks to” a living dog, person, or a kennel cannot be associated with trophies in the premium list but MAY be included in the catalog as an “advertisement” page.

**PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING DONATIONS**

The ABdFC Trophy Chair shall be responsible for all of the financial aspects of the Trophy Committee. This includes:

- requesting donations,
- recognizing donors publicly,
- receiving donations,
- forwarding donations to the Treasurer,
- authorizing payment for the trophies and engraving,
- authorizing payment for the shipping and handling, and
- preparing periodic financial reports.

Checks may not be held by the ABdFC Trophy Chair for more than two weeks for any reason. The ABdFC Trophy Chair shall hold a copy of all checks sent to the Treasurer. If money is to be returned to a donor, the Chair is to request the Treasurer send an ABdFC check to that person.

Trophy donations for the upcoming Specialty shall be closed on the final date of the Specialty. The amount of money to be spent on trophies for the current year’s specialty may not exceed \$3,000.00. This amount includes the costs of shipping and handling both before and after the specialty. The show chair may allocate a portion of the trophy budget to upgrade ribbons. The number of trophies ordered may be reduced to keep within the budget. Optional trophies are identified in the section *Classes*.

## REPORTS

Financial and status reports shall be prepared bi-monthly and shall be submitted to the ABdFC Secretary at least three weeks before each Board of Governors meeting. The reports shall include the:

- total amount of money collected,
- amount of money collected for each of the various awards,
- status of the trophy order,
- status of the engraving order,
- list of shows where the ABdFC is supporting Bouvier entries,
- a list of trophies that are still available to support entries.

## CLASSES

The classes for which trophies are to be awarded are as follows:

\*#Best in Sweepstakes

\*#Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

\*#First through Fourth in Each Sweepstakes Class

All classes are divided by sex.

Puppy, 6 to 9 months

Puppy, 9 to 12 months

Junior, 12 to 18 months

\*#Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

\*#Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

\*#First through Fourth in Each Veteran Sweepstakes Class

All classes are divided by sex.

7 Years & Under 8 Years

8 Years & Under 9 Years

9 Years & Under 10 Years

10 Years & Under 11 Years

11 Years & Over

Best of Breed

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed

Best of Winners

\*Selects, as many as eight

Winners Dog and Winners Bitch

Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch

\*First through Fourth in Each Regular & Non-Regular Class

All classes are divided by Sex.

Puppy, 6 to 9 months      Bred by Exhib.

Stud Dog

Puppy, 9 to 12 months	American Bred	Brood Bitch
12 to 18 months	Open	Maturity
Novice	Veteran	Brace

Best Junior Handler

\*First through Fourth in Each Junior Handler class

Novice Junior and Novice Senior

Open Junior and Open Senior

Highest Scoring Bouvier in the Regular Classes

Highest Scoring Bouvier in Open B & Utility Combined

Highest Scoring Conformation Champion in Regular Classes

\*First through Fourth in Each Regular & Non-Regular Class

Novice A & B
Open A & B

Utility A & B
Veteran

Graduate Novice

The Herding Chair shall take care of trophies for herding events.

\*The trophies for class placements and Sweepstakes may be eliminated if the cost of individual trophies cannot be reduced and the total cost exceeds that allowed.

#Sweepstakes trophies are in addition to cash awards.