Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

24 / 1 / 2020

THE FIRST SET OF CCs for 2020 was awarded by Wendell Moore at Manchester. The weather was dreary and, as I had been there the previous day, I was aware of the conditions of the ground and as such didn't even attempt to park on the grass. Those who did and got stuck were towed out by the tractor later in the day. The rain arrived mid-morning and stayed put for a few hours making ground conditions even soggier.

We were third in the ring behind Borzoi and PBGV but got in about midday. Dog CC was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet who was collecting his 2nd CC to go with his 10 Reserve CCs. Reserve Dog CC was Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM owned by Colin and Ann Makey. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Independence Day with Reserve Bitch CC the Makey's Ch/Bel/Int CH Gairside Good Gracious. Best Puppy was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. The only stakes result I saw was a third in the Puppy Dog sSakes for Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela You And I Are A Team. Many congrats to all.

BGV Club Secretary Linda Skerritt writes: Due to a combination of circumstances, Geraldine Dodd feels she is unable to continue on the BGV Club committee. The Club's membership secretary, Martin Bishop, has taken over doing the Limited Odds Draw so any payments due should go to him at 1 Longship Way, Maldon, Essex CM9 6UG. Or you can contact him on 07779 300761 or vendeen48@gmail.com. And, for the time being, to ensure the Club gets all annual Points Trophy forms before the end of this month, please send them to Lynn Wood at 55 Middle Crockerford, Vange, Basildon, Essex SS16 4SE. Alternatively email them to her on wood_stephen9@sky.com. The points claim forms can be found on www.bgvclub.co.uk/membership-voice-lod. If you have already emailed any to Geraldine, it would help if you could now forward your email to Lynn.

Although now out of hospital, Geraldine is still recovering from a bombardment of serious health problems and has to go back in some time for a further operation. I know everyone will join with me in wishing her well.

Points forms, LOD dues and, most importantly, annual subscriptions are due by the end of this month or you will lose your right to vote.

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