

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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FIRSTLY EXCITING NEWS about the upcoming championship show to be held on 23 November at the Sports Connexion, Ryton on Dunsmore. Our judge Renaud Buche has drawn an entry of 38 GBGV, and Mandy Dance has attracted 14 entries in the stakes classes. Paula Heikkinen-Lehkonen has 65 PBGVs to judge and Jackie Hornby has 24 in the stakes classes so it will be a busy day for all.

Sunday saw the BGV Club's first Breed Appreciation Day and it was anything but BAD! The day started at 8.45 with participants (and helpers) arriving at 8.45 for coffee and croissants (home made by me via Tesco) ready for a 9am presentation on the PBGV by Gavin Robertson. Following a short break was the Multi Choice Exam for which huge thanks to ex teacher Lynne Ellingford who ensured that things went smoothly. Upon completion there was an A3 assessment for a limited number of people and the remainder undertook informal mentoring sessions with Vivien Phillips and Gavin Robertson and were able to go over two dogs under their watchful eyes. Following lunch (thanks Peter Marks for the chilli) and plentiful cakes (thanks Geraldine Dodd and Robert Bailey) we commenced with the GBGV at 1pm. Everything was going smoothly until part way through the presentation we had a power cut which caused an electrical surge and blew all the sockets and thus the presentation went down. Gavin (and Fergus) ever the professionals continued with the breed talk whilst others of us frantically tried to get the sockets working! Once completed again Lynne took over for the exam, followed by the GBGV A3 assessment and mentoring sessions with Michael MacLaren and Barbara Milton.

The event was well supported with 24 candidates over the 2 breeds (interestingly there were more who attended the GBGV session than the PBGV one!), and once again I want to say a massive thank you to the volunteers, helpers, mentors, assessors and handlers who gave their time on the day. Big thanks go to the dogs for their patience and from me to Mike MacLaren who was my right hand man both on the run up to and during the day! Luckily we don't have to plan another one now for 2 years.

Results of the bumper November Limited Odds Draw are : £50 Diane Quadling, £25 Linda Skerritt and £12 Pamela Lilley, congratulations to you all!

Hopefully the weather will dry up and you can enjoy a bright weekend with the dogs!

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