

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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DARLINGTON started off with a heavy dew on the ground but soon warmed up and ended up being a beautiful afternoon with the sun shining on the righteous. Our ring was extremely lumpy and I know a lot of the handlers were affected but the dogs appeared to take it in their stride! Our judge for the day John Thirlwell was giving CCs in the breed for the first time. His entry of 21 was depleted by 3 absentees. Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren took the majority of the main awards home with Dog CC (number 38), BOB and Best Veteran to Ch/Ir Ch/Ned Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Bitch CC to Tarmachan Ice Diamond and Best Puppy to Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Reserve Dog CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel Ch/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM and Reserve Bitch CC Vivien Phillips' Debucher Letitia.

Later in the day Fergus was shortlisted in the Hound Group under Espen Engh and Miss Impatiens was shortlisted in the Puppy Group under Frank Whyte. She also gained second in the Minor Puppy Bitch Stakes under Stuart Milner. Good Lord was placed third in the Hound Male Reserve Best of Sex Stakes under Irene Glen and his kennel mate Ir Ch Gairside Ferdinand won the Veteran Stakes under Irene McManus. My, Katie and Lily O'Brien's Jayanel A New Chapter was placed third in the YKC Stakes under Irene Glen.

This weekend is Driffield – with Chairman Keith Pursglove being supervised by his wife's Shona, aka Wilmit Fanchon at Roguesmoor, it is sure to have a great show and we can only hope that the weather gods look favourably on Driffield this year as they have been awfully unlucky as late.

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