

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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WHAT A WEEK! Into June and the weather on the whole is pretty grim. The less I say about how wet we got at the Newmarket show, the better. Judging was indoors at Malvern for Three Counties where Michael MacLaren awarded BOB to his Best Bitch, Chris Blake's Orleans v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes at Trezeguet (imp NLD) who gained her third CC recently at Birmingham National. From Junior, Best Dog went to Linda Lewis' Tangaer Erique, the only dog entered. Reserve Best Bitch was second in OB, Linda Lewis' Tangaer Chamlee. It is such a shame that even a breed specialist could not bring forth the entries for this show which suffered from a combination of having lost CCs, it being on a weekday and clashing with the French National d'Elevage.

At the Elevage in Saint-Georges-d'Oléron the PBGV judges were Simon Amand (dogs) and Thomas Gerard (bitches). BOB went to Gwen Huikeshoven's young Banana Crunch v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes (Cookie Crunch v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes ex Kiwi v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes). I awarded this PBGV Best Puppy Dog at Crufts in March. Both DCAC and RDCAC came from Working Males, the Dog CAC was Claude Jehanno's Mr Tango des Echos de Buzet (Durdur des Echos de Buzet ex Finette des Echos de Buzet), with Reserve DCAC Jopeau des Ronciers de la Brenne (Darko des P'tits Bouts de Chouans ex Gamin), owned and bred by Nicolas Marache. Bitch CAC from Open was Joesph Freucher's Myrtille des P'tits Bouts de Chouans (Emir des P'tits Bouts de Chouans ex Capucine des P'tits Bouts de Chouans and RBCAC Frederic Marin's Mirabelle des Rosiers d'Anjou (Éclair des Rosiers d'Anjou ex Gala). There were several representatives entered from the UK, though I can't be certain of the results. Third place in Champion Males went to Phil and Dianne Reid's Ch Maudaxi Tommy Holedigger (Multi Ch/Am GCh Ch Soletrader Bjorn Borg ex Ir Ch Trezeguet Treacle Sponge at Maudaxi and, with the same mother, they gained a fourth place in Open Males with Maudaxi Nick Nack (sire Multi Ch Maudaxi Jimmy Choo); and Ceri McEwan was elated when her Marunnel Miss Adelaide (Vilauddens Isaak ex Ch Maudaxi Coco Chewnel from Marunnel) headed Intermediate Females.

With no CCs and falling on a weekend day, there are respectable entries at the next two championship shows. At Border Union Jolanda Huisman from the Netherlands has 18 and at Blackpool the entry is 17 for Luis Pinto Teixeira (Portugal).

It came as a shock to hear of the death late last week of Alan Curry, who judged PBGVs at our Club Championship Show last November. Alan first started showing Cocker Spaniels in 1976, they were followed by Dandie Dinmonts and then in 2002 a PBGV arrived. Blanche had a successful show career and when Alan's wife, Margaret, lost her brave fight against cancer just before Christmas 2006, she was content in having seen their Switherland Mystique at Lodore winning well under the expert handling of Marita Rodgers and it was with determination and courage that she attended autumn 2006 Drifffield where Blanche was awarded the RBCC. She gained her third CC at Bath 2007.

Over the last few years Alan's showing had concentrated on Golden Retrievers and latterly a Cocker Spaniel which completed the circle. His judging commenced in 1982 and he judged Gundogs, Terriers and Hounds on many occasions since first awarding CCs in Cockers in 1991. He gave CCs in five other breeds including PBGVs, which he first awarded at East of England in 2012. Everyone will remember Alan as being a true gentleman and I am sure you all join me in sending our condolences to his family.

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