

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE HOT WEATHER CONTINUED for East of England where the improved layout of rings gave exhibitors far more space ringside as a grooming area. Ch Soletrader Magic Mike once again won the Hound Group, this time under Liz Cartledge, then went one further by going BIS under Anne MacDonald. He went through from breed classes judged by Stuart Mallard who had just one absent from the 26 entered. BCC & BP went to 9mth old Cynetkoy Chilli Romance, handled by Mandy Kenna. Her sire is Stinton Burdock and dam Black Majesty Gossip Girl at Cynetkoy (imp HRV). Both Reserve CCs went to Phil & Dianne Reid with Maudaxi Nick Nack (Ch Maudaxi Jimmy Choo ex Trezeguet Treacle Sponge at Maudaxi) and Ch Trezeguet Plum Crumble at Maudaxi (Wizzkarth Buzz Lite Beer ex Ch Soletrader Apple Crumble at Trezeguet). BV was Paul Osbourne's Ch Debucher Jezebel at Braego (Ch Soletrader Rooster Booster ex Debucher Raison d'Etire).

In the YKC Members Stakes for Hounds, Gavin Robertson awarded first place to Nykarth Magic Moment, handled by Charlotte Dalgarno and Gilluley's Haliston Didier ShCM gained VHC in the Good Citizen Dog Scheme Stakes judged by Peter Clifton.

Leeds is next in the show diary, where PBGV judge is Fran Mitchell with an entry of 12. As we rocket through the show year, more deadlines approach for entries closing. I was amazed to find one championship show does not cater at all for unentered dogs, other than a steep NFC fee. There still remain a couple of shows who fleece the exhibitor with exorbitant Spectator Dog fees but nowadays the majority of ch shows try and help owners who are unable to leave dogs at home or, let's not be silly, like to have their dogs with them. No unentered tent, no spectator dog and no reasonable NFC fee gives little option other than to not enter the show at all. It hardly makes economic sense for the canine society, does it?

For those thinking ahead, the PBGVCA National next year is being held at Harrah's Casino Hotel, Reno, Nevada from 24-28 April. Many will recognize the name Harrah as a well-known gambling casino in the States. If you want to combine seeing PBGVs with playing the slots or just watching, Harrah's Reno is a complete destination with everything you want for fun, with seven mouth-watering restaurants, a 60,000 sq. ft. casino and headline entertainment. More information on the event as and when it becomes available.

July's LOD winners are Lynne Scott with £15, Joan Puckett with £10 and Nigel Ansley-Young £5.

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