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TIME PASSES and it is already nearly a week since the successful club championship show at Ryton-on-Dunsmore. The weather was kind, with just a little drizzle, no fog or hard frost as we have experienced in days gone by. As I was judging, I arrived later than usual and, entering through the side door I thought I was going into Santa's grotto as everywhere was so dark. This was soon explained by finding that preparations had already been made for an Indian wedding reception to be held that evening in the half of the hall which we normally occupy. This included elaborate ceiling drapes which blocked out much of the light. Not to be deterred, the committee had swiftly re-organised the usual layout and made good use of the backdrop of drapes to hang up a 30th Anniversary show banner in front. There is almost too much to mention which made this a somewhat different show from the usual so forgive me if I omit anyone who contributed to making the day a success. Of course, a lot of work had gone on before the show, not least arranging for the special gift coasters to be made for every exhibitor – thanks Sue Marshall, also for the splendid cakes which Kim Culyer-Dawson had baked herself – no, arranged to be made, and the bottles of bubbly supplied by Joan Robertson. The themed raffle was a great success, baskets supplied by Kim, with all committee members contributing to the contents. This I understand raised a magnificent £193.

Kim was on her feet all day doing various jobs including inviting people to guess the weight of the cake before Vice President Gavin Robertson's daughter, Erin, cut it during the lunch-break, guarded by all the club officers. We were on cake overload as there were others in the hall celebrating various achievements. One such person was Cilla Gylen (Krut's), visiting from Sweden to watch the judging. Her good friend, Inge Hansen (Vantans), had brought her over as a surprise to celebrate her 50th birthday and the club presented Cilla with her own special cake and a PBGV candle holder, which Jim Salmon had made to replicate those won for the Guess the Weight of the Cake competition. Sue Marshall was kept extremely busy all day taking photos of the winners and, along with others including Lynn Wood, Claire Cooper, Mike MacLaren and Marion Gerrie who worked tirelessly from setting up the rings and tables, to selling raffle tickets, clearing up after dogs, stewarding, marking up catalogues and not least clearing up after the show, a big thank you for making this one to remember.

On to the results and, in PBGVs, judge Vivien Phillips awarded BOB to Ch Soletrader Magic Mike, handled by Lizzie Greenslade as Gavin and Sara were in Mexico. BOS went to Gwen Huikeshoven & Bensri Sittibavornsakul's Biscuit Crunch van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes (Multi Ch Cappuccino van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes ex Unlimited Ping Crunchy Roll for TTV), handled by Anouk Huikeshoven. Reserves went to Gwen Huikeshoven's & Maree Mard's Vilauddens Magnificent Mile (Boom Chicago van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes ex Vilauddens Zara) and Steve & Lorna Wyllie's Callydena Toffee Bon Bon (Debucher Quel Chance avec Tangaer ex Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM). Best Puppy was also a van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes with the award going to Gwen Huikeshoven's Bonbon (Cookie Crunch van TTV ex Vivace van TTV) and Best Veteran was the 9yr old Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM owned by the Wyllies. The winners all received extra rosettes and gifts kindly donated by Inge Hansen.

During the lunch break I judged a 6-11 years Junior Handling class of two confident girls both handling PBGVs. Best Junior Handler went to Maisie Allenby with Erin Robertson a very close second.

At the end of the day I judged BIS with the competition being between two superb examples of their respective breeds. My decision went to the PBGV over the GBGV breed record holder Buchanan & MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, who I awarded BP to at the start of his show career at Crufts in 2013. RBIS also went to a PBGV, Biscuit Crunch. BPIS again went to a PBGV, Bonbon with RBPIS to the GBGV Machent & Milton's Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille. Best Veteran was Amanda o'Day's GBGV Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM, who at 9yrs old is still winning well.

Stakes classes came after BIS and Mike Caple had 11 present from his PBGV entry of 15. Firsts in Special Junior and Special Open went to litter mates, Linda Lewis' Tangaer Chamlee and Tangaer Charles Bronsen, while Special Junior went to Teresa Eaton's Linphil Kili.