

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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HAVING LOOKED AT MY BREED NOTES for this week last year, I see I was struggling then for something to write about. It is obviously the pre-Christmas lull with just LKA to come this weekend. For this year only, last weekend two Hound shows clashed with South Yorkshire Hound taking place at Elsecar, near Barnsley, and Hound Club of East Anglia at Godmanchester, Hunts. For some, the decision on which show to attend was easy but those living between the two were torn which show to support, as both shows are extremely popular and well run. At South Yorkshire Elise Cartmell had an entry of six, giving BOB to Katherine Bamford's Tangaer Amour (Debucher Quel Chance at Tangaer ex Putjade Utterley Butterley). Meanwhile at Godmanchester Sue Marshall had an entry of 11, with 2 absent, at HC of EA and awarded BOB to our Beaujons Ugly Betty of Monkams JW ShCM (Ch Monkams Jack Sparrow JW ShCM ex Beaujons Tickled Pink ShCM). Jack Sparrow, making an appearance in the ring himself after a long absence, went RBVIS under Alan Mease. Stewards working hard were Chris Hill, fresh from his stint at the club championship show, Geraldine Dodd and Kim Culyer-Dawson.

While minds are now occupied with sending Christmas cards, buying presents, putting up decorations and stocking up with food, BGVC matters are doubtless far from everyone's thoughts but here is a little list for you to tick off things that need doing – and more money to pay out.

Membership dues - Unless you pay by standing order, time to pay your 2018 annual subscription. Rates are: £10 single, £12 joint, £25 overseas, £2 junior (under 17). Renewal form is on the club website www.bgvclub.co.uk Mrs Susan Brundle, Homefield Crescent, Walberton, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 0PX.

Club calendar - it's not too late to buy a calendar for 2018 – contact Sue Marshall on 01245 265828, sue.marshall4@btopenworld.com.

Club Points Trophies Start thinking about claiming for a 2017 Points Trophy by completing one of the forms on the club website www.bgvclub.co.uk/membership-voice-lod.

LOD Payment is now due for your 2018 LOD number/s. Points forms and LOD money should go to Geraldine Dodd, 28 Leaf Road, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 5JH, 01582 865828 / g_dodd@hotmail.co.uk.

Breeders' Directory To be on the 2018 Breeders' Directory and for your kennel to be advertised at Crufts, complete the form in Voice, which will be with you shortly or on the club website www.bgvclub.co.uk/breeders and e-mail/send to me with your payment – Sharnden, Fourth Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex SS17 8HN.

If you pay direct into the club account, please let our Treasurer, Colin Makey, know what your payment is for, especially if for more than one item otherwise he will be sitting there scratching his head, trying to work out what the money relates to.

With exhibitors being encouraged to wear pink at LKA this weekend for charity fund-raising, I can't wait to see it all, especially what the men will be wearing!

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