

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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I WASN'T AT MANCHESTER ON HOUND DAY but I am aware that the conditions of the car park got worse as the weekend went on. You do feel sorry for the committees of championship shows who put so much work into organising the event and then they get struck by weather they can't predict and all some exhibitors can do is moan. Maybe these exhibitors should go on a general championship show committee to see what work goes in to it?

Enough of my mulling it over. Manchester had 9 entries with 8 present for Alan Curry to assess. Colin and Ann Makey had a good day getting BD & BOB and BB with litter brother and sister Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM and Good Gracious. Reserves went to Danielle Machent and Barabara Milton's Tioga Lautrec With Grandoreille and Barbara's Wilmit Independence Day. Zebbie was later shortlisted in the hound group under Tom Johnston. In the Puppy stakes under Tim Ball, Lautrec was shortlisted to the last few and Independence Day was placed 5th. Many congratulations to all and of course to Sara Robertson and Wendy Doherty who gained BIS with Magic Mike.

I am still working on the BGV handbook, so please for those of you who haven't already sent it I need your copy by 31 January. I am currently undertaking the seemingly endless task of compiling the major awards from all general Championship shows for the previous 5 years. Maybe someone would like to start compiling these going forward in readiness for the next handbook?

Schedules are now out for the BGV 40th Anniversary year open show which is to be held on 7 April at a new venue this year – Weedon Bec Village Hall, just off the A5 in Northants. Judge for the two breeds is Anders Tunold-Hanssen (Norway). There is a reduced entry fee for veterans (dogs and not owners) with a fun "afternoon" planned once judging has finished. Schedules are available to download from the BGV Club website or from Colin Makey.

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