

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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ANDERS TUNOLD-HANSEN had an entry of 19 hounds on paper but with 8 absentees, only 11 were present on the day for him to go over. However the GBGV did reign supreme taking BIS and BPIS!

Best Dog, Best of Breed and ultimately Best in Show was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM, Reserve Best dog was their Gairside Ferdinand JW ably handled by Jenna Betts. Best Puppy Dog was Viv Phillips Debucher Kasper. There was a clean sweep in bitches for Viv Phillips with Best Bitch going to Debucher Fifi and reserve to Debucher Letitia who at her first show was Best Puppy and Best Puppy in Show. Best Veteran was my Ch Debucher Xfactor.

The other main awards were – Reserve Best in Show the PBGV Soletrader Bobs Your Uncle, Best Opposite Sex in Show the PBGV Fox's Nightmare Jessica Biel at Maudaxi (Imp Rus), Reserve BPIS the PBGV Beaujons Vagabond at Monkams and Best Veteran in Show the PBGV Culdaws Diesel from Marunnel. Thanks to the photographer Tim Jennings, all the class winners and major winners photos are now on the website!

Following the show there was a brief break so the stewards (and committee members) could have some lunch, where Peter Marks' chilli and Geraldine Dodd and Jan Bishop's cakes went down a storm and on to the fun show. There were 8 classes judged by Dawn Green. Unfortunately I don't have a list of winners but I have never seen as many wagging tails as in that ring, nor have I ever seen so many poor sausage catches in the BGV fraternity. I think they worked out early on in a joint meeting that if they failed to catch the sausage they still got to eat it and then had a number of other chances to "catch" the sausage – very sensible of them in my opinion! Best in Show was an interloper in the shape of Jules Metslaar-Williams' Deerhound, Ash, who won a beautiful sash that I know is pride of place. Everybody needs to put the dates of 21 July and 30 September for the next fundays in Scotland and England in their diary!

It was good to see Judith Robin-Smith enjoying the judging at ringside and for those on social media it is fascinating to see the old pictures of when the BGV show was last at Weedon Bec in 1992!

Our next club event is the AGM on 22 April at Dry Drayton village hall – I hope to see a lot of you there. Hopefully by then we will have seen a little more of that rare yellow thing in the sky that I have heard rumours is called the sun!

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