

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE CLUB'S 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS kicked off magnificently last Saturday with a full day of activities at Weedon Bec Village Hall. Judge Anders Tunold-Hanssen (Taglines) from Norway judged the morning open show. Surprisingly the entry was down overall on last year though only by five. With eight absent from the Grands, this left only 11 for him to go over so it wasn't too long before he went on to the Petits, as there were unfortunately no junior handlers entered for Geraldine Dodd to judge beforehand. In PBGVs the absentee rate was also rather high with 9 missing from the entry of 33. From LD, Best Dog and BOB went to Stuart & Joan Puckett's Soletrader Bobs Your Uncle (Ch Taglines Double The Fun with Soletrader (*imp Nor*) ex Soletrader Jessie Jay) with RBD going to the BV Ceri McEwan's Culdaws Diesle from Marunnel (Ch Gemshorn Rocky ex Monkham's Hippy Chick). BB was awarded to the Junior Bitch winner, Phil & Dianne Reid's Fox's Nightmare Jessica Biel at Maudaxi (*imp Rus*), whose sire and dam are both from England (Ch Maudaxi Jimmy Choo ex Twinan Causin A Stir) and from Post Graduate Bitch, Linda Skerritt & Jenna Betts' Monkham's Luna Luvgood (Suton Crepu Visage Love From Roxy to Gemshorn (*imp USA*) ex Monkham's Kiwi JW ShCM) won RBB. BP also went to Monkham's with Beaujons Vagabond at Monkham's (Dk/Multi Ch Petit Heroes Canned Heat ex Beaujons Tickled Pink ShCM)

In the final competition judged by Anders, Bobs Your Uncle had to settle for RBIS behind the Grand, Colin & Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. BOSIS went to Jessica Biel. Our Bond went RBPIS to Vivien Phillips' Debucher Letitia but the PBGV won over the GBGV, Claire Cooper's Ch Debucher Xfactor, for BVIS. Results and photos are on [www.bgvclub.co.uk/2018-open-show-results](http://www.bgvclub.co.uk/2018-open-show-results).



Paul Stallard, with snazzy apron, helping Jan Bishop in the kitchen

It was good to see Judith Robin-Smith sitting ringside. Jenna and I won the lucky catalogue number prize as everyone had a break for lunch. Many exhibitors had already tucked in to egg or bacon rolls early morning but this didn't prevent them from enjoying baked potatoes with the various fillings on offer. Claire Cooper and a hardworking band of committee members and others coped with the non-stop stream of requests, not only for refreshments but delicious cakes baked by Geraldine Dodd and Jan Bishop.

There was a special commemorative fridge magnet for everyone and the all-day tombola was a great success, with plenty of goody bags being won. Both trade stands (Sue Brundle's and Jim Salmon's) were also kept busy.

Early afternoon the hall swelled with other BGVs and various breeds all set to enjoy the special programme of fun events. It was a treat to see so many well-behaved dogs and there were plenty of games for owners to take part in, including a dog quiz and fun classes judged by Dawn Green (Malocomi Tibetan Terriers). Ably assisted by Chris Hill, Fred Ellingford kept the entire day running smoothly, especially the games ranging from Musical Mats, to Catch the Sausage and Best 6 Legs.

A special mention must go to our photographer, Tim Jennings, who did a fantastic job, working extremely hard all day. Tim stood in for Sue Marshall who has been busy at home for some weeks now rearing her litter of GBGVs. I am planning on putting a good selection of Tim's candid afternoon photos in the summer Voice.

The entry for Hound Association of Scotland this weekend is shown as 18 making 40, which I find hard to believe for 6 classes at a non-CC show so I will be interested to see the results. Ed Casey (Moyglass) is the judge.

The next club event is the AGM at Dry Drayton village hall, Cambs on Sunday 22 April, starting at 10am where I think kitchen duties will be somewhat easier than the hard work put in last Saturday.

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