

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)**

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AS I CYCLED TO WORK this morning wearing shorts in the sun (yes the sun!) it got me pondering about what a difference a day makes, the world looks a better place in the sunshine and with all the daffodils in bloom and the blossom finally on the trees let's hope the winter is finally behind us and we can look forward to the summer show season.

Anyway, Hound Association of Scotland saw an entry of 9 with 1 absentee for Ed Casey. He found his Best Dog and Best of Breed in Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve Best Dog was their Tarmachan Ice Cool Glenariff and Best Bitch was his sister Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. Reserve Best Bitch and Best Puppy was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Independence Day.

In the stakes classes the GBGV were highly respected with Ice Diamond placed 2nd in the Junior Stakes under Irene McManus, Gordon Haran judged the Puppy Stakes where Independence Day was third and the Yearling Stakes where Ice Cool won the Dog class and Ice Diamond was 4th in the Bitch class. Irene McManus judged the Breeders class which was topped by the Tarmachan Hounds.

But then to crown a fabulous day Pam Marston-Pollock judged BIS and awarded it to Fergus! A fabulous achievement. In fact it was an entire French scent hound line up as the PBGV Ch Soletrader Magic Mike was runner up, in third position was the Basset Fauve Whistlewood's Arran Pilot for Shioblam and fourth the Griffon Fauve Hibeck Dino – a first for an import register dog to be placed in the group! Not to be outdone Independence Day was shortlisted in the BPIS competition.

On behalf of these breed notes I send my congratulations to Fiona and Mike for a day of dreams and I hope they have finally come back to earth!

This weekend sees the BGV Club AGM to be held on Sunday 22 April at Dry Drayton Village Hall commencing at 10am. There were no counter nominations for the Secretary post which was due for re-election this term, as such Linda Skerritt remains in post. And, with only 1 nomination for committee and due to increasing the size of the committee last year, there remains 1 vacancy. I hope to see some of you there.

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