

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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BATH SEEMED TO HAVE ALL EXTREMES OF WEATHER. I stewarded on the Sunday (day before Hounds) and at about 9.45am we had the mother of all thunderstorms directly above us and the heavens opened. Rain was pouring off the tents and the loud thunder did put some of the dogs (but mainly the handlers) off, and puddles soon formed. However by 1pm the sun was cracking the paving flags and the ground soon dried out. Hound day greeted us with a heavy mist which soon lifted, however the sun didn't break through causing the day to be rather humid.

Sue Ergis had an entry of 9 hounds and we followed the PBGV and BFdeB in the ring so the French hound enthusiasts didn't have to move far. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve Best Dog Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. They also picked up Best Bitch with Gairside Good Gracious. Reserve Best Bitch was Fiona and Michael's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. Best Puppy was Hilary Knowles' Reggaedog Frodo (imp Svk) and she also got Best Special Beginners with Anya Hindmarch Avec Braillement. Anya was later placed 4th in the Special Beginners group under Jean Lawless – many congratulations. A special mention must go to Sara Robertson and Wendy Doherty for getting Best in Show with Ch Soletrader Magic Mike which was a repeat of his win the weekend before in Scotland.

Good luck to all of you at Southern Counties, I will be thinking of you wall whilst I am at work.

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