

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)**

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NEWBURY SHOWGROUND HOSTED SOUTHERN COUNTIES as usual. Some newer exhibitors may not know that Southern Counties used to be one of our CC shows but they were last awarded in 1995, when Ben Reynolds-Frost gave top honours to Ruth Bumstead's Dehra Lambeau of Baldslow and Anne Mackenzie's Wakelyns Watchful. After that, the KC removed two sets, the casualties being Southern Counties and WELKS. At that time, the show was held at Ifield, spectacularly under the Gatwick flightpath so the move to Newbury was welcomed by those whose dogs preferred a quieter life.

This year's judge was Dr Ian Gabriel who had two absent from his entry of 19. From Veteran class BD went to Jane Brown's Ch Soletrader Louis Vuitton with RBD going to the Puppy Dog and BP Ceri McEwan's Marunnel Orinoco. BB and BOB went to Oliver & Erin Robertson's Around Zlightly Different with Soletrader and RBB to Chris and Debs Blake's Vilauddens Midsummer Madness. Both bitches are imported from Sweden.

In the YKC Members Stakes Hound, Tim Ball awarded first place to Erin Robertson with Around Zlightly Different with Soletrader and, in the Hound/Toy Veteran Stakes judged by Patsy Hollings, Ceri McEwan gained 4<sup>th</sup> with her Culdaws Diesle from Marunnel.

Once again there seems to be a spate of PBGVs diagnosed as suffering from pancreatitis. Although only 5 cases were reported in the Club's 2016 health survey, this must be weighed up against the low return rate. If the Club doesn't get to know of every case, it doesn't have the weight of evidence behind it to push for research. Now that we have a Clinical Information form available for any owner to complete, there is no excuse for not helping the breed that you love. This form can be found on [www.bgvclub.co.uk/surveys-seminars](http://www.bgvclub.co.uk/surveys-seminars) and a copy is in the newsletter.

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