

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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THE SUMMER CONTINUED FOR EAST OF ENGLAND where luckily there was a bit of breeze blowing through the outdoor tenting. The rings were large with plenty of shade and the majority of the grooming areas were also in the shade under tenting. The committee had placed a number of paddling pools or large buckets around the showground to be able to dunk the dogs in once they had finished. I always think it is a shame here that the BIS ring is indoors where it appears much duller.

Steve Jepson (Eardley) had a good entry of 16 over 5 classes with 11 present on the day. Best dog was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM, Reserve Best Dog Danielle Machent and Barbara Milton's Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille. Best Bitch and BOB was Danielle's Ch Wilmit Gigi with Grandoreille, Reserve Best Bitch and Best puppy Vivien Phillips' Debucher Letitia who was short listed in the Puppy Group under Glenn Davies. Best Veteran was Danielle's Wilmit Eclipse.

I see from one of the GBGV groups on Facebook that Jolanda Huisman posted that Mr Hubert Desamy had passed away aged 98 years. He was the grandson of Paul Dezamy who created the "type" of GBGV that we mainly see in the ring today. Our condolences to his family.

Anders Tunold-Hanssen's open show critique is now on the club website. This weekend sees the Houndshow on Saturday with notices already going out that all judging will take place indoors due to the excessive heat – a bold move by the committee. They have also communicated a zero tolerance on dogs in cars, so please if you do have to bring additional dogs with you visit the secretary's office to register them as spectator dogs. Then on Sunday I will be attending the KC Breed Education Coordinator (BEC) training day as the BGV BEC – I will give you a run down on both in next week's notes.

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