

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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WELSH KENNEL CLUB was the last stopping off point for those who had travelled hundreds of miles over the past few weeks, doing a circuit of shows here in the UK. The amount of organisation isn't to be underestimated as some went as far afield as Amsterdam, back in time for Bournemouth and then westwards to Builth Wells. More seem to be joining the ranks of on-site campers either by arriving with caravan in tow or having bought substantial tents designed for comfort – or otherwise, as I heard from one new camper whose puppy took delight in puncturing the mattress and watching the air gradually ooze out of it.

At WKC there was a good entry of 47 waiting for Jeff Luscott, less 7 absent. DCC and BOB went to a delighted Jane Brown with her Soletrader Valentino Rossi (Ch Soletrader Noble Kinsmen ex Soletrader Bumble Bee). Unfortunately Jane could only do a lap of honour in the main ring as Rossi's breeder Gavin Robertson was judging the Hound Group. RDCC was awarded to Teresa Eaton's Debucher Unique (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb ex Fae-Lemon de Chez Chanou Debucher). For the second year running at this show, BCC went to Katherine Bamford's Tangaer Amour (Debucher Quel Chance avec Tangaer ex Putjade Utterly Butterly), again handled by breeder Linda Lewis. RBCC went to Chris Blake & Dianne Reid's Vilauddens Midsummer Madness (Cookie Crunch van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes ex Vilauddens Saga). BP was Lynn Ellingford & Claire Cooper's Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel (Caldewriver Despicable Me ex Kan Trace Back to Afterglow) and BV Jane Brown's Ch Soletrader Louis Vuitton (Gebeba Texas True Grit ex Soletrader Mini the Minx). Katie O'Brien came third in the Junior Handling Association Qualifying Heats (12-16yrs) judged by Katie Bradley. Keith Pursglove judged the Higham Press/dig.biz Junior Stakes and awarded fourth place in the bitch classes to Helen Bamforth's Scarscot In Full Bloom at Helensfield (Stinton Burdock ex Jaclin Too Cool For School at Scarscot). Keith Pursglove also judged the Bannerdown Special Beginners Stakes where he placed Katie O'Brien's Caldewriver Lotsa Trouble (Haliston Didier ex Jayanel Daisy Doo) fourth. To round off the day, as has often happened in the past at WKC, there was just a small celebration for Chris Blake's birthday.

The news at the show that Liz Cartledge had been taken to Hereford Hospital was greeted with concern and everyone wishing her well. She is due to judge PBGVs at Darlington next month. I have heard that she is out of hospital and making progress but, at the time of writing, there is no information about whether she will be able to fulfil this appointment.

There was sad news from America where Mary Walsh has died. She had been involved with showing dogs for over 50 years, first with her Beardies, followed by PBGVs. Mary topped the PBGVCA National three times with Am Ch Chouan Xcept When I Laugh "Laughie", bred in Denmark by Gunner Nyman and Holger Busk. The first time was in 1993 at Scottsdale, Arizona when Kitty Steidel awarded him Best Opposite Sex, and the following year at Windsor Locks, Connecticut, under Pat Gellerman he went all the way to Best of Breed. Astoundingly, in 1995 he did it again and went BOB at Eureka, Missouri, under Dorothy Macdonald. I well remember this 1995 show as Valerie Link's Can/Am Ch Monkshams Hannah TD was awarded Best Veteran, so it was great to be there to see her win.

At the Basset Hound Breed Championship show the same weekend, the first of the Irish Circuit, Ray and Gail Foote's home bred Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb ex Erylan Aphrodite La Belle) went BPIS, followed up by BPIS3 at Irish Hound Association Breeds Ch Show. She was handled by Erin McAulay.

Further afield in Sweden Vivien Phillips was judging at the Basset Club Show, Tanga Hed, where she awarded BOB and BIS to Therese Corneliusson's Ebouirffe Billie Blush (Rainstone Habile ex Rainstone Astre) and BOS and BIS Junior to her Ebouirffe Custommade, who went Best 4-6mth Puppy and BPIS 2 under Phil Freer at the same show last year. BIS Veteran went to Rainstone Astre and Kennel Ebouirffe won BIS Breeder.

The next two championship shows have judges who are not on our Club's judging List. This weekend at SKC there is an entry of 15/22 for Mrs Lorna Binks. She does, of course, have a rather captive audience as there is naturally delight that PBGVs classes have been put on (no CCs) at this late August show. After that, Ron James will be giving CCs at City of Birmingham, where he has a similar entry of 22/23.

The Club Championship Show Schedule and entry form are now on www.bgvclub.co.uk, also on fossedata. The show takes place on Saturday 24 November 2018 at The Sports Connexion, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, near Coventry. If you would prefer a paper version please contact our Show Secretary, Colin Makey on gairside@btinternet.com or 01469 540260. Postal entries close on Monday 29 October, online on Monday 5 November. 2018. Make sure you do your entry in good time as there will be no extension of the deadline. Even if you have never shown your BGV before, you will be very welcome and do hope you will join us for this last celebration of the Club's 40th year.

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