

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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EARLY MORNING RAIN didn't dampen spirits at Bulth Wells where South Wales KA show took place under cover. Rings were spread out in six separate buildings and, while exhibitors in the main hall where group judging later took place were cosseted with warmth, BGVs drew the short straw of being in a building that became increasingly colder as the morning wore on. Replacement judge Helen Bamforth had just one absent from her entry of 26. From LD, DCC went to Linda Lewis' Tangaer Bryntelych (Ch Taglines Double The Fun with Soletrader ex Tangaer Roulette). Her choice for BCC and BOB was Lynne Scott's Overbecks Kathy Tere, also sired by Double The Fun, dam Soletrader Ain't Actin Up at Overbecks ShCM. Both Reserve CCs went to Phil & Dianne Reid with Maudaxi Nick Nack and Fox's Nightmare Jessica Biel at Maudaxi. Again both had the same sire, Ch Maudaxi Jimmy Choo with Nick Nack's dam Ir Ch Trezeguet Treacle Sponge at Maudaxi and Jessica Biel's Rus Ch Twinan Causing a Stir. BP was Claire Cooper and Lynne Ellingford's Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel (Caldewriver Despicable Me ex Ir Ch Kan Trace Back to Afterglow). Having judged a slightly smaller entry of Grands in an adjacent ring, I was able to see the last few classes of PBGVs before Helen Bamforth and I returned to the welcome Judges Room, which must surely have been the warmest place on the entire Royal Welsh Showground. Although the day remained chilly, by the time exhibitors were leaving the showground the sun was shining over distant hills, certainly making this venue rather special. I took the opportunity to visit Diana Sadler before driving home the next day. I had not seen her for a couple of years so it was good to chat and catch up on all the news.

The European Dog Show is taking place now in Warsaw, together with the 80th Anniversary Jubilee Show. For the EDS there were 30 PBGVs entered for Barbara Larska (PL). From Champion Class Males BOB went to Rus Ch Aldia Billi Bom (Empereur du Parc des Chaumes ex Irma Podkoldernik Jadowity), bred by Irina Antipova, owned by Olga Agapova. BOS was the winner of Junior Class Males, Black Majesty Secret of Legoland (Black Majesty Hollywood ex Black Majesty Get Off Of My Cloud) bred by Iva Raic, owned by Tatiana Zaderenko. BP and BPIS3 went to Switherland Aldia Crusader (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike ex Irina Podkoldernik Jadowity) bred by Phil Freer, owned by Irina Antipova. BV was Nightdream Ricky Martin (Mirepoix's Sid Vicious ex Nightdream Isadore Ducasse), bred by Sirkka Sundstrom, owned by Kristina Bergstrom. More news of the Anniversary Show results next week.

October's Limited Odds Draw winners are Sue Birney with £15, Teresa Eaton £5 and Carol Jacob with £5, which Geraldine Dodd says she has very kindly given back to the Club.

The more perceptive of you will have noticed that I have changed my email address to outlook. I have in fact been on outlook for a year or so with my AOL emails being redirected. However a few weeks back AOL went berserk on me and 78,000 emails later I was sinking under messages, most of them American junk. Like a horror movie, they were replicating themselves around 30 times each and arriving in droves in my outlook inbox. My son-in-law finally rescued me from the nightmare, disconnected the forwarding link and spent some time cleaning it all up. I still receive emails sent to monkhams@aol.com and endeavour to check once or twice a day.

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