

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE GODS MUST KNOW our championship show is this weekend as there has been a distinct change in the weather. Colder, windy, rain and even some frost and snow in parts. A few of you are travelling to near Ryton the day before the show, some are falling out of bed in the hours of darkness, so I hope you all have a safe journey.

Although the main reason for the day out is of course to show our dogs, this is also a golden opportunity to settle up where annual payments are due to the club: membership subscriptions - see Martin Bishop; Limited Odds Draw – see Geraldine Dodd; 2019 calendars – see Sue Marshall; Breeders Directory 2019 – see me. And, if you would like your kennel name embroidered on the new club table cloth for £15, see Joan Robertson.

I am sure both Geraldine Dodd and Kim Culyer-Dawson will have plenty to tempt you to buy, either via the raffle or from items donated to the club by Rose Phillips, who will be at the show. Pre-orders of the club logo and breed design mugs that Kim will have available have far outstripped the original run so the cottage industry has been busy making more to ensure you will all be able to collect on the day.

Don't forget there will be specially designed, colourful leads on sale too, also purses. And, with trade stands there, remember to bring any scissors etc that need sharpening or take the opportunity to stock up on dog bedding. Our stalwart, Jim Salmon, will also be there with his wonderful array of breed related items which are always so popular, a great opportunity to buy or order Christmas gifts.

During the day Joan Robertson will have her album of photos from the Steventon fun day for all to see and she will be handing over a cheque to the Peek a Boo Trust, part of the proceeds of that day. There will also be a piece of cake for everyone, our last celebration of the 40th anniversary of the BGV Club 1978-2018.

Oh, of course, there is the judging to look forward to as well! Spare a thought for the hard-working committee who will be there at the crack of dawn to set up the rings, tables and everything else needed and to the stewards who will be on the go all day once judging gets under way. Last, but not least, Sue Marshall will be in her photographic area, waiting for you to bring your winning dogs over to be recorded for posterity. If you win a class, take them to her as soon as you can straight afterwards as this will ease her job. If you are in the following class as well, remember to go as soon as convenient. Do not leave it until after the end of judging as she will then be busy taking photos of the main winners.

All in all, a busy day is lined up, not forgetting the Stakes classes to follow with a bumper entry thanks to generous donations made by Phil Freer and Gavin Robertson which helped to swell the prize money available.

At Eurodogshow and Benelux Winner in Kortrijk, Belgium, with only her two PBGVs entered, Charlotte Dalgarno picked up two BOBs for Vencharno Mojito and a BOS for Nykarth Magic Moment. Both she and Fiona Buchanan, who had won Group 6 at the Benelux Winner show with GBGV Cartier, had most unpleasant journeys home. Charlotte suffered from the choppy seas and Fiona the hordes of protestors that gathered at the channel tunnel, with around 30 men in balaclavas and masks shining torches into her van. Dog showing is not for the faint-hearted so thankfully both eventually got home safely.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday.



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