

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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NEARLY A REPEAT of last year's bad weather for LKA weekend but fortunately the storms eased off for Hound day. Even so, there were 11 absent from judge Nick Bryce-Smith's entry of 37. Ch Soletrader Magic Mike rounded off a successful year with DCC, BOB, G1 and BIS. The group and BIS were awarded by Ann Ingram. BCC, her second, went to Chris Blake's Orleans van Tum-Tums Vriendjes at Trezeguet (Imp Nld). Reserves went to Teresa Eaton's Linphil Kili and Claire Cooper & Lyn Ellingford's Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel. BV was O'Brien's Afterglow Despicable Me, BP Gavin & Sara Robertson's Afterglow Party in Paris, who also placed third in the bitch classes for the Memorial Puppy Stakes judged by Espen Engh. And in Junior Handling judged by Sarah Corbett there was a second in both age groups for PBGVs handled by Erin Robertson and Kathryn O'Brien.

Soletrader also won in Finland where Soletrader Just Jazz went BIS4 at the Finnish Winner Show where there were close to 7,000 dogs entered. The judges were Leni Finne (BIS), Paula Heikkinen-Lehkonen (group) and Siret Lepasaar (breed).

In Amsterdam the Holland Cup took place on Friday 14 December. BIS went to Gwen Huikeshoven's PBGV Cookie Crunch Van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. Remarkably, Gwen also won G2 with her GBGV Mingrands Frozen Flakes. PBGV breed judge was Mark Cocozza who had just three to go over, all owned by Gwen.

The entry for the subsequent Amsterdam Winner Show was little better with five for judge Svante Frisk (Swe). Again all belonged to Gwen Huikeshoven. Her Banana Crunch van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes won RBPIS and Meringue Lemon van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes went Best Junior in Show 3. Ch Cookie Crunch van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes had to settle for G2, beaten by Gwen's GBGV Frosty Snowman who went on to stand RBIS behind an Afterglow Standard Poodle handled by Jason Lynn.

For the final Limited Odd Draw of the year, the money goes to Jan Bishop who receives £15.00, Gill Goulden with £10 and Paul Osbourne £5.

News of our former President, Nickie Hunt, is that she is motoring on towards her 100th birthday. She remains very happy despite being diagnosed with dementia five years ago. Husband Bruce, an equally venerable age, says it is hardly surprising that most of her interests are in anything to do with dogs, especially PBGVs.

Christmas seems to have crept up on us. Here we are with only a few days to go and I am sure quite, if you don't have kennels and the constant demands of dogs, you are looking forward to a few days off. Time with our PBGVs is time well spent and hopefully you will find an hour or so to dip into the Winter Voice which has just been delivered. Wishing everyone a happy Christmas, good health and good fortune in the coming year.

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