

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)**

**18 / 1 / 2019**

I LEFT FOR MANCHESER in a flurry of snow which was settling but too heavy. By the time I reached Stafford the sun was shining, however the parts of roadway which had not had the sun on them had a very icy glaze over the top.

Gavin Robertson was our judge and we got into the ring not long after 11am following 39 Basset Fauves. As such anyone with a French hound fancy could just sit by the ring and get their fill as PBGV followed us. From an entry of 24 there were 2 absentees. He found his DCC (number 5) and BOB in Colin & Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Zebbie headed up quite a family affair as his sister Ch Gairside Good Gracious was Reserve BCC, his children Jayanel About Time Too and Jayanel A New Chapter won both puppy classes. However Best Puppy came from Junior Dog in the form of Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren's Macaroni v Tum-Tum-s Vriendjes of Tarmachan (imp NLD). BCC was a first for Barbara Milton's Wilmit Independence Day with RDCC going to Ellie Harris & Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet. Interestingly the last time Gavin judged GBGVs he gave both Indy's parents the CC at Crufts. BV was my Ch Debucher XFactor.

Colin Makey was handing out schedules for both the Houndshow with Ann Makey judging and the BGV Club open show with Sue Marshall judging – please remember to enter both.

We now enter the lull of no championship shows so please can you tell me any news or anything interesting that can go in these notes.

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