

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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THIS TIME NEXT WEEK Crufts preparations will be in full swing. I will be at the NEC decorating the BGV breed booths for Discover Dogs which will be manned by a number of BGV owners over the four days. Of course we will be showing on Saturday 9 March but there are so many other competitions happening around the show so I hope people will keep me informed.

Last Saturday a few of us had a day trip to Newark & District Canine Society where Linda Ward was judging the breed and the group. Best of Breed went to Barbara Milton's Wilmit Independence Day. Indi later went on to Group 2. Best Veteran in the Hound group went to my Ch Debucher Xfactor, which meant a long wait for BVIS.

Also on Saturday Sue Marshall let me know that she and Parsnip, aka Soufriere One Vision, had enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at Essex Top Dog making up part of the team from South West Essex Canine Association. Although she was not placed Sue writes that she showed her best and felt it an achievement to have been there. Parsnip is the first GBGV to qualify and take part in this event – so a proud owner and breeder she should be!

Don't forget that entries for our club open show close the weekend after Crufts and, with the AGM taking place on the same day before the show, an announcement has been made about the judges' ballot for this year.

JUDGES NOMINATIONS 2019 FOR OPEN SHOW 2021 AND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2022

Before last year's AGM the Judges Sub-Committee reviewed procedures and trialled a different method of selection of judges. In addition, in view of the uncertainties surrounding contracting of UK judges during the implementation phase of the Judges Competency Framework, a decision was made to select overseas judges for our 2021 championship show. As has always been done, a shortlist of names for the open show 2020 was produced by the Judges Sub Committee to be voted on and results were announced at the AGM.

While this worked well, with the Judges Competency Framework still evolving the Judges Sub-Committee undertook to continue reviewing procedures. The move not to contact every A and B list judge beforehand for availability is a sound one. This cuts out one stage in the selection process where in the past judges' expectations have been raised unnecessarily when many didn't make the short-list. It also avoided the exorbitant costs of a full member postal ballot where the majority of ballot papers were not returned. The next stage has remained as it always has, where the JSC are best placed to decide who would potentially draw a better entry for the Club and pass the recommended short-list on for the ballot. Last year we vested the final decision from the short-list in the committee. To move this forward and again involve members, this year the final vote will be made by those present at the AGM.

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