

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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PBGV ENTRIES FOR THE CLUB OPEN SHOW are 27, plus 5 NFC, for our judge Fiona Buchanan (Tarmachan). These follow 15 GBGVs (plus 7 NFC) in the ring which will start to be judged by Sue Marshall (Soufriere) shortly after the end of the preceding AGM, so probably around 11am. Although there are no Junior Handling entries, there will be a break between the two breeds during which Judith Robin-Smith (Willowbrae) will preside over the Baby Puppy Walk.

The usual baked potatoes and delicious fillings will be on offer and our catering manager, Claire Cooper, has been asking whether anyone attending would prefer a sweet potato. Let her know on 07855 255287 or clairecooper81@hotmail.co.uk. Bacon rolls will also be available early on.

The death occurred earlier this month of Donna Moore's husband, Donnie, of the M&M PBGVs in America. Handler Janice Hayes wrote "He was the backbone to Donna and my M&M PBGV dreams. His support for the past 13 years never wavered and for that I will forever be grateful. He was the man that did everything for his girls". Janice's most recent win was the day after the 19 March funeral at Redwood Empire Kennel Club in Vallejo, California where, from an entry of 750, GCHB M&Ms Calamity Jane went BIS under Mr Alberto Berrios. I am sure Donnie would have approved.

Back in the UK, still fit for more after Crufts, a few travelled to Ireland for the Celtic Winners Show and St Patrick's International shows. Gail Foote said Tilly (Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune) won the Bitch Green Star and went BOB both days. Her mother Phoebe (Erylan Aphrodite La belle) was awarded Reserve Green Star and Reserve BOB, also won the CACIBs on both days as Tilly was too young. Tilly also won Best Junior Bitch starting her Irish junior title and gained junior Celtic Winner '19 and Celtic Winner titles too. She added that the girls were beautifully handled as ever by Erin McAulay and, although the only ones entered in the breed, they received some lovely comments from the judges. Breed judge at the IKC Celtic Winners was Ken Sinclair and at the St Patrick's Mrs R Lochs-Romans.

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