

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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**ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO BREED CLASSES AT WELKS** there was a good representation of Petits in the Not Separately Classified classes. Of the 17 actually present, seven were PBGVs. The judge was Tim Ball and he awarded Best NSC Hound to Robertson & Doherty's Ch Soletreder Magic Mike. Having gone RBIS there in 2017 and BIS last year, he had to settle for Hound Group 2 this time round under Jan Pain. This is one of the few championship shows where there is no competition for Best Puppy in Show, however they continued this year with awarding group placings for Special Beginners, newly introduced last year. In YKC Members Stakes judged by Mark Walshaw, it was a 4<sup>th</sup> for Charlotte Dalgarno with Vencharno Mojito.

Elsewhere the shows in Scotland attracted some. At Drongan & DCS, Marion Sergent was the PBGV and Group judge. With just one class, she awarded BOB to Foote & McAulay's Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune, also giving her top place in the Hound Group. The following day a back-to-back (Falkirk & DCS and LKA of Scotland) attracted a good turnout of Petits with an entry of 10. At both shows BOB went to Foote & McAulay's Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning Avec Erylan ShCM. And, Lorna & Steve Wyllie's Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM celebrated her tenth birthday in style by going Best Hound Veteran at the Falkirk show.

Condolences to Lesley Cooper who has lost Jayanel A Rising Star (Ch Debucher Mioche ex Tangaer Janvier at Tanafei) at the age of 14. One of Star's wins was RBCC at Houndshow in 2009, a spectacular show for all the wrong reasons where it poured with rain so we were moved inside to a tiny, dingy ring, then judging was delayed when a lighting fixture exploded and shattered glass everywhere.

And, in America, the death has been announced of Shirley Knipe. Shirley was a retired California teacher. Her greatest love was dogs. With Debbie Perrott, she founded Hootwire Kennel where they successfully bred, raised and trained German Shepherds, German Wirehaired Pointers, Bassets Griffons Vendéens and, latterly, Italian Spinonis with much success.

In 1984 Barbara Galbraith imported Wakelyns Noblesse from Ann and Sandy McKenzie. Despite only having one litter when bred to another of Barbara's imports, Wakelyns Javelot, she produced Lacebarks Lydia, born 6 July 1988. Lydia went into joint ownership with Debbie Perrott and Shirley Knipe and she became one of the top winning, top producing bitches in the breed's history at that time and the foundation of many American kennels. Along with Debbie, Shirley was also one of the early people to import the GBGV into the States and was active as a member of GBGVCA Board of Directors for many years.

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