

BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN (PETIT)

I would like to thank the BGV Club Committee for inviting me to judge and for their wonderful hospitality and thanks to all the exhibitors who allowed me to judge their hounds. I am grateful to have had the assistance of my efficient stewards Tina Parker & Chris Hill.

MPD (0)

PD (0)

JD (2,2)

PGD (2,1) 1 Skerritt & Betts' BEAUJONS VAGABOND OF MONKHAMS A really nice type, nice head with correct eye shape, good ear shape with fold. Straight front, nice feet, strong in shoulder. Super topline, & tail carriage. Very harsh coat, beautifully presented. **RBD**

LD (2) 1 Reid's MAUDAXI ODDJOB Good size, correct head proportions, nice dark eye, ears of correct length. Good sternum, correct lay of shoulder, ribs could be rounder, nice harsh coat. 2 Eaton's LINPHIL KILI larger type, nice masculine head although would prefer darker eye, preferred the front of 1. Good spring of rib and depth of chest, nice firm topline, showed well.

OD (5,2) 1 Reid's MAUDAXI NICK NACK Lovely masculine head of correct proportions with darkest eye, good sternum, good length of neck into well placed shoulders, nice topline and tail set, well-muscled which showed on the move which won him **BD**. 2 Gilluley's HALISTON DIDIER ShCM Nice head, good stop, prominent occiput, good length of neck into well laid shoulder. Good feet. Good ribbing, strong over loin. Correct length of tail. 3 Hunt's SOLETRADER BUZZ ALDRIN AT BONDLEA.

MPB (1) 1 Skerritt & Betts' MONKHAMS MEMPHIS BELLE Super cute, lovely head and eye shape, good length of neck, lovely straight front, good sternum, nice tight elbows, well ribbed. A really lovely compact hound with attitude in abundance, a bright future I'm sure. **BP**

JB (2) 1 Ellingford & Cooper's AFTERGLOW AGNES GRU AVEC JAYANEL Good head with nice dark eye, good sternum, correct lay of shoulder, well ribbed, super harsh coat, nice topline and tailset, would prefer her slightly shorter in length otherwise a lovely example. 2 Moulding's NYKARTH PERFECT MOMENT Nice type of bitch, biggest eyelashes with lovely dark eye. A little nervous today, correct bend of stifle. Sympathetically handled.

PGB (4,1) 1 Wood & Vind Ramvad's BEAUJONS VELVET Nice size although carrying too much weight, very feminine, nice head with dark eye, correct ear length and fold. Good feet. Lovely spring of rib, nicely balanced throughout. 2 Gilluley's CALDEWRIVER LEGALLY BLONDE OF BALLENCREIFF Taller frame than 1. Super straight front, pleasing head, correct eye shape, would prefer slightly darker eye. Good topline into tailset, correct bend of stifle, moved well. 3 Reid's MAUDAXI PINA COLADA PARFAIT.

LB (4,2) 1 Reid's FOX'S NIGHTMARE ZETA JONES AT MAUDAXI (Imp Rus) Super head, very feminine darkest of eye, good length of neck into shoulder, nice tight elbows, very balanced throughout, tail correct length and carriage, good bend of stifle, hocks well let down, moved with conviction. 2 Wood's BEAUJONS WHISPER Head of good proportions, lovely length of ear with correct fold. Really good layback of shoulder, nicely rounded ribs, good harsh jacket, correct bend of stifle. Would like to see her carrying a little less weight as she is a really nice type. **RBB**

OB (4,1) 1 Osbourne's BRAEGO GLADYS AYLWARD ShCM really super type, very feminine, lovely head with soft expression, nice sternum. Good lay of shoulder, nice tight elbows, well ribbed. Excellent topline, tailset and carriage, excellent harsh coat. Good bend of stifle which clearly showed on the move. **BB** Just pipped the dog for **Best of Breed** on overall shape & balance. 2 Skerritt & Betts' MONKHAMS LUNA LUVGOOD Another very nice bitch, different type to 1. Sweet head with lovely expression and dark eye. Good ear set and length. Good sternum. Nice length of neck into good shoulder. Nice topline which she held on the move. Correct tail length and carriage, super temperament. 3 Reid's FOX'S NIGHTMARE JESSICA BIEL AT MAUDAXI JWW18 (Imp Rus).

VB (1) 1 Wood's BEAUJONS TICKLED PINK ShCM 9yo full of enthusiasm. Good head, correct length of muzzle, good ear set, well placed shoulder, would prefer her a little more compact, good length of tail and carriage. Really moved well for her age. **BV**

At the end of the day the Best in Show was to be decided by Sue Marshall GBGV judge and myself. I asked for the referee to be called in as I felt that it was the fairest thing to do. Many thanks to Judith Robin-Smith who awarded BIS to Ch/Bel Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Reserve Best in Show was Braego Gladys Aylward ShCM. Best Puppy went to Tioga Opihr, Reserve BPIS Monkham's Memphis Belle, Best Veteran to Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM, Reserve Best Veteran in Show Beaujons Tickled Pink ShCM.

Fiona Buchanan (Judge)