

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)**

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I SAY IT EVERY YEAR, but Scotland is a long way away! SKC had 14 hounds which had been depleted by a few absentees for Rod Price to judge. Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren had a successful day (even though Michael was at home fixing the van!) winning DCC, BCC and BOB. DCC was a first for Macaroni V Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan with Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond taking Best of Breed. Reserve Dog CC was Ir Ch Gairside Ferdinand JW ShCM owned by Colin and Ann Makey who was also Best Veteran. In Bitches it fell to the newly crowned Ch Wilmit Independence day owned by Barbara Milton. Best Puppy was Amanda Smith's and my Jayanel Ambiorix who also went Puppy Group 2 under Steve Hall. Interestingly Rod Price's Dog CC this time was sired by his Dog CC from the last time he judged (Tarmachan Cartier) and his Best Puppy this time was out of the Bitch CC the last time he judged (Debucher XFactor) something he was pleasantly surprised about.

Andree Weymouth proudly wrote to me to tell me that Sidney aka Soufriere Now I'm Here at Woolybassets won AVNSC Junior and went on to Best AVNSC Hound at Coventry and District Kennel Association Open show under Louise Tope.

Current standings in the Top Dog and Top Puppy rankings are out. Current top dog is Ch Wilmit Independence Day JW and current Top Puppy is Jayanel Ambiorix.

This week also saw the KC AGM which again (as in recent years) had a number of "controversial proposals" being made. The biggest one to affect me personally is the postponement of the JCF. As we go to press the Breed Education Coordinators have been told that we are to continue with business as usual and we are awaiting updates!

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