

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER Bath has always scheduled the Hounds on Bank Holiday Monday, however this year as it had received the status of an all-breed show and thus having to rotate its dates we found ourselves on the Sunday which really confused us. Sitting outside the cider tent the day before in glorious sunshine you could start to think that summer was round the corner, however Hound day at Bath reminded us of the changes in British weather as it was bitterly cold, blowy (at times the gusts of wind were quite strong) and a strong drizzle. Thank goodness for the in/out tents that were provided. In typical British weather style, by the time the groups were in the sun was shining and it was a very pleasant end to the day.

We were second in the ring after Sue Cole had judged her entry of Irish Wolfhounds, poor Sue had dressed for the British Spring weather of the previous days, but luckily she had a thick coat with her! Dog CC (number 2) was awarded to Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Macaroni v Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (imp NLD), Reserve DCC was Danielle Machent and Barbara Milton's Ch Tioga Lautrec With Grandoreille. Bitch CC and BOB was Ch / Bel Ch (and now INT CH) Gairside Good Gracious with Res BCC to Barbara's Ch Wilmit Independence Day JW. Best Puppy was my and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix with Best Veteran going to Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM.

Whilst Michael was holidaying in Bath, Fion went off to Holland where Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier and Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond picked up the CACs making "Fergus" a Dutch Champion. Colin and Ann Makey proudly told me that the International Champion certificates had arrived for litter mates Gairside Good Gracious and Good Lord. Congratulations to all of you!

Mid-week saw Amanda O'Day judge at Reading show held on the Newbury showground and from what I could see was an attraction for those who are spending time in a caravan at Bath and Southern Counties. I see that Ch / Bel / Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM was awarded Best of breed and Group 3.

Good luck to you all at Southern Counties, please don't forget me being stuck in India... Sue Marshall enjoy your birthday cake and make sure you save me some!

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