

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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THE HOUND ASSOCIATION held its Houndshow with Anita Roberts awarding CCs for the first time. When we arrived we found our ring (and the PBGV ring) in complete darkness as there seemed to have been a fuse blown in that part of the hall. A man arrived with his ladders and a toolbox and the lights came on and off and on and off and on and off and then on, in order to allow judging to commence. Judging was then halted at 10am for approx. 5 minutes for for them to undertake further work for the lights to continue to be on for the rest of the day.

Back to judging. Anita Robert's entry of 27 was somewhat depleted by 7 absentees, the majority being bitches. She awarded Dog CC, Best of Breed and Best Veteran to Fergus – Ch./ Ir / Ned Ch Tarmachan Cartier who picked up CC number 36. Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren also collected BCC number 9 for Ch / Ned Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond, and bred Reserve Dog CC Tarmachan Ice Cool, owned by Bailey and Yates (apologies gents as I am rubbish at names so please do remind me of your first names!) Reserve BCC was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Letitia handled by Ellie Harris. Best Puppy at her first show was Karen Bayliss' Arapelo Fontainebleau and Best Special Beginners was Miss Rutter's Tu Vois Bien Du Greffier Du Roi.

Later in the day Ken Sinclair took centre stage and shortlisted Fergus in the Best in Show competition and placed him 4th in Best Veteran in Show. Colin and Ann Makey won the Veteran Stakes with Ir Ch Gairside Ferdinand JW under Jenny Startup.

My roving reporter Sue Marshall wrote to me "We went to the East of England Ladies Kennel Society Open Show where Parsnip (Soufriere One Vision) was Best of Breed under Penny Sands. It was a new venue for the society at Huntingdon racecourse as they had previously used Wood Green On arrival there was a massive queue of traffic for a car boot sale but thankfully we had been issued yellow car park passes so the parking marshalls could wave us out of the queue. We had a quite a distance to drive after we left the queue on a bumpy gravel road then we were directed to park behind the trees – OK if you were the first to arrive but a long walk if you were later. The rings were massive (dare I say too big) and weren't utilised fully by the smaller breeds. There were moans and groans by some about the length of the grass which was a fair point if you were showing a short-legged breed as they got lost making it difficult to assess movement. There were only two ladies' loos so some waiting at times but, on the whole, the society did a good job with their new venue. Not sure how it would have been had it rained though..." Thank you Sue – keep up the good work!

This weekend sees the BGV fun day in Scotland on Saturday run by Claire Gilluley. From Facebook I see there are lots of good prizes to be won. Additionally, if you read these notes before 9pm on 18 July you will still have a chance to bid on some great auction items in aid of the cause.

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