

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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WITH NO CCs, SOUTHERN COUNTIES saw an entry of 21, less 2, for Leila Tarabad. This is now one of those shows where, all to the good, the list of winners is getting longer and longer as it now includes a Best Junior and Best Special Beginners. It seems this latter class has replaced Good Citizen at many shows but it is somewhat of a mystery to many. There has been recent speculation in quite a few breeds that people are overqualified for entering. It's unclear, of course, whether they are deliberately flouting the qualification requirements for entry or just don't understand them as the definition "For owner, handler or exhibit not having won a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate" is certainly open to interpretation. Maybe at some stage the KC will feel the need to clarify.

BD / BOB went to Jane Brown's Soletrader Valentino Rossi with RBD to Phil & Dianne Reid's Maudaxi Oddjob. BB was Chris Blake's Orleans v Tum-Tums Vriendjes at Trezeguet (imp NLD), now a champion, and RBB Claire Cooper & Lynne Ellingford's Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel. BP was Lynne Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks, Best Junior Dalgarno's Legoland Amazine Grace (imp Rus), BV Jane Brown's Ch Soletrader Louis Vuitton and Best Special Beginners Moore's Afterglow Dough Ble Impact, who later went fourth in the Hound Special Beginners Group judged by Jacqui Ward.

The constant breeze over the Club's Southern fun day at Walberton, West Sussex on Sunday 2 June was a godsend, keeping the temperature bearable for hounds and humans alike. There was an introduction to scenting hosted by Puppy School Chichester, Mad About Dogs agility, fun classes judged by Jackie Hornby, things to buy, eating, meeting old friends – both human and canine – and making new ones. Organiser Kathy Moulding says "I'd like to thank everyone who attended the BGV Southern Funday near Arundel on Sunday. Thank you to my helpers, judge, training instructors and agility team for all your support and help in making it such a successful day!! My prayers were answered with the wonderful weather. I had several lovely comments from our regulars and newcomers too". Winners of the three agility classes were Maisie the Cocker, Daisy and Jasper, Bloodhound. The fun classes winners were: Puppy – Jan Bishop's PBGV Ina; Prettiest Bitch – Shelley's Sprocker Lucy; Handsome Dog – Elaine's Bleu de Gascogne Coco; Golden Oldie – Clive's PBGV Missy; Best Rescue Bella; Waggiest Tail – Florence Dalmatian; Child and Companion – 17mth old Jacob with Hollie the Collie; Quickest Sit – Julie's Sprocket Bella; Fancy Dress – Claire's PBGV Tatty; Dog The Judge Would Most Like To Take Home – Emma's Jasper Bloodhound. BIS went to Emma Watson's Jasper Bloodhound, Best Puppy to Jan Bishop's PBGV Ina, Best Veteran to Clive's PBGV Missy and Best Junior Handler to Jacob.

Sue Brundle was there with her Hound on Heart stall, and Martin and Jan Bishop, Kim Culyer-Dawson and Tim Jennings helped make the day a success, with Tim's candid photographs once again giving everyone lovely memories of the day. The next Club fun day takes place at the other end of the UK in Scotland on 20 July. For details contact Claire Gilluley 07810 702280 / claireallen2612@hotmail.com or Gail Foote 07541 891977 / rymndft@aol.com.

Half way through the year and June's LOD winners are Mr & Mrs Jarvis with £15, Mrs D Simpson £10 and Mr & Mrs Cocks £5. And, on the show front, Three Counties takes place and the French Nationale d'Elevage at Oléron, between Nantes and Bordeaux which has attracted a good number of seasoned travellers from other European countries, including the UK.

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