

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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AT BOSTON, the first championship show of the year, Ceri McEwan was the judge. With three absent from her entry of 21, she awarded Best Dog to Tim & Deborah Bartley's Erylan Zeus Roi des Dieux (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb ex Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle) and RBD to my and Jenna Betts' Beaujous Vagabond of Monkham's (Multi Ch Petit Heroes Canned Heat ex Beaujous Tickled Pink ShCM). Best Bitch, BOB and subsequently G3 under Pam Mottershaw went to Ch Soletrader Judigarland (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike ex Soletrader Jitterbug). RBB was my and Jenna Bett's Monkham's Memphis Belle (Beaujous Vagabond of Monkham's ex Monkham's Luna Luvgood). Joan Hutchings' Tangaer French Romance (Nykarth Okie Dokie at Tangaer ex Ch Debucher Sybelle avec Callydena) was BP.

In a wonderful gesture, Boston had a collection to help those affected by the Australian wildfires. Fees from Spectator Dog entries swelled the money donated in the box on the secretary's table. With plenty of chatter amongst the various breed owners at the grooming area, it was good to see Rose Phillips ringside, visiting from Turkey. She is our BIS judge for our open show on 4 April. Only the day before I had heard that Geraldine Dodd was in hospital so everyone at the show was concerned and wishing her well.

In the Breeders competition with only two present judge Richard Kinsey awarded 1st place to Foote & McAulay's PBGVs.

The full programme for the PBGVCA National has now been announced and, as usual, there will something for everyone over the course of a week from 14-21 April at Wilmington, Ohio. Naturally this makes a wonderful vacation for anyone with a camper van who is obsessed with PBGVs or for enthusiasts visiting from overseas. Much of the show is for Agility Trials, scent work, obedience and rally, Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog testing. Other than Good Citizen, these are all activities we do not get involved in here in the UK. The Welcome Party take place on Wednesday 15 April, followed by a Royal Canin seminar on nutrition and breeding. Interspersed with various buffets and dinners, the main events for the remainder of the week are Regional Sweepstakes on Thursday 16th with Rodney Jones as the judge and Regional Specialty & Junior Showmanship, judge Jon Cole. Saturday is a full day with Jan Zigich is presiding over Judges' Education, and the National Sweeps judged by Susannah Cooper, followed by the National Specialty & Junior Showmanship, judge Michael Canalizo. Afterwards there is the AGM, banquet and auction.

Geraldine Dodd, now out of hospital and recovering at home, has sent details of the January LOD winners: first prize of £15 goes to Phil Reid, £10 to Tracey Presswell and £5 to Kay Ainslie.

There are 25 PBGVs entered at Manchester today (Friday) for Fran Mitchell, giving CCs for the first time. After the gale force winds at Peterborough last weekend, the weather is still dismal at the moment but let's hope travel conditions remain tolerable.

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