

GBGV BREED NOTES 2017

30/06/2017 WET AND DULL Border Unions were a thing of the past this year with the sun shining brightly all weekend. There were a number of exhibitors over the two days sporting a little bit of sunburn. In fact when I was driving home on Sunday evening the temperature didn't dip below 27 degrees - thank goodness for air conditioning.

Jette Vind Ramvad from Denmark was our judge without CCs and had an entry of 12 minus two absentees. Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren conquered all who came before them winning all five major awards. BD was Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier. BB and BOB was his sister Ch/Ir Ch T Florentine. RBD was her son Tarmachan Nice Over Ice whose litter sister Tarmachan Ice Diamond was RBB and BP.

Not to be content with this, two of the litter mates both had their own successes with Caroline Reynolds' Tarmachan Ice Cool Glenariff winning BP and Puppy Group 6 at Swords International Show in Ireland and Tarmachan Black Ice Owned by Gwen Huikeshoven winning BPIS at the Dutch Championship Club Show. Incidentally the father of this litter Ch/Multi Ch Frosty Snowman went BIS at the Dutch Championship Club Show.

By the time you will read this I'm sure a number of exhibitors will be enjoying a glass of Pimms in the Queen's back lawn aka Windsor - where is the year going?

07/07/2017 AT WINDSOR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Serena Parker judged GBGVs. From an entry of 22, less 5 absent, she found her DCC (his 16th) and BOB in Claire Cooper's Ch Debucher Matisse (Debucher Hors d'Oeuvre ex Frou Frou van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes (imp Ned)), who went on to BOB. BCC (her 8th) went to Fiona Buchanan and Mike Maclaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine (Ir Ch Tarmachan Albanwr ex Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc-en-Ciel). RDCC & BP went to her son Tarmachan Nice Over Ice (sire Frosty Snowman), who went on to top the Hound Puppy Group judged by Jenny Dove. RBCC was won by Colin & Ann Makey's Gairside Good Gracious (Can Can van TTV ex Ch/Ir Ch Gairside Sans Souci). BV was Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM (Aretebleu Burning Love ex Ch Silvamoon Sunflower. One person worthy of a mention was PBGV owner Ann Salmon who, having become the owner of an extremely nice "pet" Grand has been tempted into the GBGV showing, with Emma Jane at Scarscot (Minskuhoff's Diamonds Are Forever avec Braillement (imp Fin) ex Vivienne Westwood).

The long journey down from Scotland was certainly worthwhile for, as breed classes finished, Fiona and Mike followed up their wins with success in Puppy Bitch Stakes, where Nice Over Ice's litter sister handled by Fiona, Tarmachan Ice Diamond, went into first place under Mike Caple, though overall BP of the day went to the Whippet dog.

Kathryn Moulding managed the outing to Windsor as she is still receiving regular hospital treatment for various health problems; and it was good to see Pat and Trevor Mellor. Many will remember Trevor in the ring with Melanter Grandtully at Mellwarrior ShCM, their Grand, and Pat enjoyed being the club show photographer. Now that Pat has recovered sufficiently from long term health issues, she was her usual cheerful self, happy to see old friends and able to move round well in a mobility scooter.

Overseas, in Finland Dianna Spavin was judging at Tuusula show and awarded BOB to Heidi Örling's Fin Ch Debucher Orlando (Ch Debucher Rigole ex Debucher Waspish). Heidi said he was the only exhibit awarded the CQ, the award presented to a dog worthy of the CAC. And in Denmark at the annual Very Special Show, held this year at Karrebæksminde on Sydsjælland, on day one there were just three Grands present with BOB going to Zelina Olesen's Grand Awards Johan Gustavsson (Swe). Other entrants were a du Greffier du Roi Baby Puppy and a Grand Awards Puppy. In the final competition between all the basset breeds, Johan Gustavsson went BIS3. The following day for the VSS only the Baby Puppy was present.

Vivien Phillips has let me know that, on Saturday 1 July, she made the unhappy decision to have Sophie - Debucher Sauve Qui Peut (Debucher Xtrovert ex Debucher Faites Vos Jeux) put to sleep. She was 13½. Sophie was a grand-daughter of two of her foundation sires, Ch Debucher le Barbu and Dehra Esperance de Debucher. Vivien said she was the sweetest bitch and produced some wonderful puppies in her three litters. One was Debucher Gitane, whose progeny formed the backbone of her kennel; and Debucher Greffier became the foundation of Nancy McLean's Ethos GBGV kennel in the States while Ch Debucher Tambour went to Mafalda Marques' do Casal dos Choupos kennel in Portugal. Sophie will go down in history as being awarded the first bitch CC in the UK, which was at Crufts in 2006. She also went to France to the Nationale d'Elevage, where she was 3rd and graded Excellent in a huge Open Bitch class behind two from the Dutch Van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes kennel. One time "nanny" to numerous puppies, she became a house dog sharing her basket with many Dachshund pups.

The schedule and entry form for the BGVC championship show on 18 November can now be seen on www.fossedata.co.uk and on the club website. Judges are: GBGVs Adele Walton Haddon, PBGVs Vivien Phillips, BIS and Junior Handling Linda Skerritt. Stakes: GBGV Rachel Wray, PBGV Mike Caple. Finally, there is still time to send any high resolution photos to Sue Marshall for next year's club calendar. A chance for your favourite BGV to appear in print! E-mail your images to sue.marshall4@btopenworld.com.

14/07/2017 I WASN'T AT EAST OF ENGLAND on Hound day but I believe the sun shone brightly. Ann Makey was centre stage and had an entry of 15 with four absent. Again it was a fabulous day for Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren's Tarmachan team winning BD and BOB with Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, RBD with Tarmachan Nice Over Ice, BB with Oxygene v Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan and BP with Tarmachan Ice Diamond. RBB went to Danielle Machent's Ch Wilmit Gigi With Grandoreille and she also picked up Best Veteran and VG4 our under Jackie Kitchener with Wilmit Eclipse. Many congratulations to all winners.

The show circuit now moves on to Leeds where an entry of 13 awaits Fran Mitchell.

Schedules are out for the BGV Club championship show and are available to download from ww.bgvclub.co.uk, www.fossedata.co.uk or from Colin Makey show secretary.

As always news and views appreciated.

21/07/2017 THERE WAS NO GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW last weekend, however I found myself stewarding at National Working & Pastoral breeds and other exhibitors found themselves shows to attend!

Yvonne Moulton took her Debucher Zamba to Harrogate & District CS and won BOB and Group 2 under Yvonne Pearson. With this win she gained enough points for her Show Certificate of Merit - many congratulations. Pamela and Claire McGregor attended Annandale CS and won BOB and Group 4 with Ir Ch Claela Reaumur ShCM under Ali Morton. Claire also won the Adult Handling under yours truly that day!

Going slightly further afield, Colin and Ann Makey travelled to Dunkerque where they showed litter mates Gairside Good Lord JW and Good Gracious. Both were graded Excellent by French judge Rene Favre with Good Lord gaining the CAC and Reserve CACIB and Good Gracious winning Reserve CAC and Reserve CACIB. The multi titled Frosty Snowman owned by Gwen Huikeshoven and Phil Reid won BIS at this show. Many congratulations to all concerned.

I am just putting together the finishing touches to The Voice magazine, as such it is not too early to start pleading for articles for the next one - this is your magazine not mine!

28/07/2017 HOUND DAY FOR LEEDS was very overcast with one or two showers during the day, but nothing compared with the deluge on the Saturday morning or the Sunday during group judging! Fran Mitchell (Bronia Dachshunds) was centre stage and had 8 present, as unfortunately Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren suffered mechanical nightmares on the way down whilst towing the caravan. Best Dog and Best of Breed was my Ch Debucher Matisse with Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet Reserve Best Dog. Best Bitch was my Ch Debucher X Factor with Res Best Bitch and Best Veteran going to Danielle Machent's Wilmit Eclipse. Best Puppy was Barbara Milton's Ethos in the Cloud with Wilmit who was bred in the USA.

I am sorry to hear from Viv Phillips that Can-Can v Tum-Tums Vriendjes Debucher was put to sleep to save further suffering, he was just shy of his 8th birthday and was top stud dog last year with many of his children being campaigned in the ring still.

Following last week's plea for articles for The Voice magazine, I am interested to hear what you as the readers want to see in there, what size should it be etc. Please answers on a postcard to the usual address.

04/08/2017 AGAIN, the weekend saw no general breed championship show - I remember in days gone by when there were no gaps in the summer months but now with the move of Paignton to early August we have treasured time off (for some!)

Colin and Ann Makey battled across to Alfreton & District Canine Society breaking their van in the process but, with Dorothy Park judging, successfully qualified Gairside Good Lord JW for the Junior Warrant finals being held at Discover Dogs in October. I must also apologise to Zebbie, as I forgot to include last time that he had gained Best in Show under Grant B Carter at Border Counties Hound Club which was held in conjunction with Leeds Ch Show. Many congrats for both wins.

Despite the lull in championship shows, I didn't have a weekend of rest. I joined approx 25,000 other mad cyclists to undertake RideLondon - a 100 mile cycle ride starting at the Olympic Park and finishing down The Mall in front of Buckingham Palace, taking in the Surrey countryside en route. I finished on 5 hours 56 minutes, a feat I'm very proud of. I completed this (and the other mad cycle rides this year) in aid of Great Ormond Street. If anyone still wishes to donate then I'll be at Houndshow and Paignton to take money off you!

11/08/2017 THE BUSIEST WEEKEND of the show calendar has been and gone - I drove over 1100 miles in 4 days! Hounds show saw Wendell Moore take centre stage for the first time. He started judging at approx 1145 after undertaking a decent entry of Longhaired Dachshunds, under dark clouds which held off until the Dog CC was called in when the heavens opened. He awarded the CC and reserve and then there was a mad dash under cover with a bit of confusion as to where the wet weather ring was. As such there was a break between the dog and bitch judging.

From an entry of 24 minus 3 absent he awarded the CCs to litter brother and sister Ch & Ir Chs Tarmachan Cartier and Florentine owned and bred but Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren. Both reserves went to my Champions Debucher Matisse and X Factor. Best puppy was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Ice Diamond. Best Veteran was Danielle Machent's Wilmit Eclipse.

Even though we were second in the ring it was then a long wait until gone 5pm when the group was called. I remember the days when at about 2.30 - 3pm we were all around the BIS ring watching the group. I wonder why it was so late this year. Shirley Rawlings was the judge and she awarded Group 3 to Cartier and shortlisted Ice Diamond in the puppy group.

We then had the mad dash to Paignton whether it was that afternoon/evening or the following morning where luckily we were third in the ring so it wasn't a ridiculously early start. Colin Gillanders was centre stage and from an entry of 19 with 4 absentees Dog CC and BOB was a repeat of the previous day. Reserve DCC was Ann and Colin Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW. BCC was Danielle's Ch Wilmit Gigi of Grandoreille with Florentine picking up the RCC. Best puppy was again Ice Diamond.

Jeff Horswell judged the adult group awarding Cartier Group 4 and Tom Johnston the puppy group awarding Ice Diamond group 3. I'm sure that Fiona and Mike sailed home to Scotland on a high.

For me I find no atmosphere at Paignton with it being extremely spread out. This year tent 2 and the main hall were in use with tent 1 being empty until South West hound judging started. This was a shame as many dogs found it difficult to drive off their rear ends on the slippery floor in the hall. Especially as judging did not commence until 1 pm and we did not have the best of entries.

Ramblings over - news and views welcome.

18/08/2017 AFTER HEAVY DOWNPOURS before the show, those exhibiting on Hound day at Bournemouth were lucky as, despite quite dark skies, the rain stayed away. There were no CCs for GBGVs and Mary Pascoe had an entry of 14, less three absent. Mary has judged GBGVs before at Bournemouth. In 2013 there were only nine entered and then BOB went to the Denny's Debucher D'Artagnan at Janimist. This time the Denny's had to settle for BB with their Debucher Zara at Janimist (Ch Debucher Matisse ex Debucher Heroine at Janimist). BOB went to the BD Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier (Ir Ch Tarmachan Albanwr ex Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc-en-Ciel). Reserves went to Colin & Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW (Can Can V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes Debucher ex Ch/Ir Ch Gairside Sans Souci ShCM) and Fiona and Mike's Oxygene V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes of Tarmachan (imp Nld) (Ned Ch Graffiti vTTV ex Ned Ch Barbabelle vTTV). BP went to their Tarmachan Nice Over Ice (Ch/Europ Ch Frosty Snowman ex Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine). Cartier was later short-listed in the Hound Group judged by Espen Engh, who recently judged PBGVs at Houndshow and is due to judge Fauves at their club championship show on 15 October.

For the second weekend running, after the trek to Exeter for Paignton, the long journey down from Scotland was made worthwhile as, to round off Fiona & Mike's successful day, both their pups Nice Over Ice and Ice Diamond were placed third and second respectively in the Puppy Dog and Puppy Bitch Stakes judged by Chris Bexon. Oxygene also gained a 4th place in the Junior Stakes judged by Bill Browne-Cole.

With WKC taking place today, report next week, there are 11 entered at SKC for Val Jackson and 16 for Sue Hewart-Chambers, who is also judging Petits at City of Birmingham.

Places are now being booked for the seminar/assessment being held at Corley Village Hall, near Coventry, on 22 October. Although predominantly designed for prospective judges, anyone interested in the breed is most welcome to attend the seminar. Details and booking form are now on www.bgvclub.co.uk/diary-dates. Send your booking form with payment to me, Linda Skerritt, Sharnden Fourth Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex SS17 8HN.

25/08/2017 THE SUMMER SHOWS continued to Welsh Kennel Club where Espen Engh took centre stage. The day dawned bright but during the earlier part of judging there were some heavy downpours. However the sun came back out for the afternoon. Although we were second in the ring after Basset Hounds our ring stood empty for quite a time as Espen was judging three breeds in a different ring.

Fiona Buchanan and Michael Maclaren had another amazing day picking up Dog CC, Bitch CC and best puppy with Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine and Tarmachan Ice Diamond respectively. Reserve DCC was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet. Danielle Machent won the Reserve BCC and Best Veteran with Ch Wilmit Gigi with Grandoreille and Wilmit Eclipse. BOB, Best Puppy and Best Veteran were all shortlisted in their groups. Many congrats to all concerned.

Also at WKC Barbara Milton won the BCC with her Dandie Dinmont Terrier Jenny to equal the bitch CC record. Many congrats.

01/09/2017 I WASN'T AT SKC, I was enjoying the rarity of sunshine on a bank holiday weekend in my garden. From an entry of 12, 8 hounds were present for Val Jackson to judge. Once again Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren did a clean sweep with litter mates Ch /Ir Ch's Tarmachan Cartier & Florentine gaining the DCC & BOB and BCC respectively. Res BCC was their Oxygene V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp) and Best Puppy was the dog Tamachan Nice over Ice who was Puppy Group 2 under John Ritchie. Res DCC was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW.

Elsewhere at SKC congratulations must go to Barbara Milton who gained the BCC, BOB and Group 2 with her Dandie Dinmont Terrier Jenny, which makes her the Bitch CC record holder! I am aware that Pam Macgregor had an extremely successful Irish circuit with many wins, I am hoping she will do a full report in time for next week.

Please news and views.

08 / 09 / 2017 WE WERE SECOND IN THE RING at City of Birmingham after the PBGVs. Our benches were close to the ring, however the sun shone through the large industrial doors straight on to them so many of the exhibitors opted to move their Grands out of the direct sunshine. I personally don't like the layout of this show ground as it seems to attract less and less trade stands every year.

On to the judging. Sue Hewart Chambers was our judge and, from 16 entries, 11 were present. Best Dog and Best of Breed with a group shortlist under Luis Pinto Teixeira was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier. They were also Reserve Best Bitch, Best Puppy and shortlisted in the Puppy Group under Mike Gadsby with Tarmachan Ice Diamond. Best Bitch was Danielle Machent's Ch Wilmit Gigi with Grandoreille, which incidentally was a repeat award from when Sue judged us last time. Danielle was also Best Veteran with Wilmit Eclipse. Reserve Best Dog was Hilary Knowles and Julie Metselaar-Williams' Speedy Danda Bohemia Avec Braillement (imp). Best Junior was Barbara Milton's Ethos In The Cloud with Wilmit (imp USA).

15 / 09 / 2017 FIRST OF ALL please note there is a change of judge for Grands at Darlington. The 12 entered will now be judged by Valerie Foss.

There were no GBGV classes scheduled at Richmond Championship Show, although Malcolm Cooper was there with his young dog, Stinton Eau Sauvage. However, I do have some news for you this week and I must apologise to Pam McGregor as she sent the information to me two weeks ago. I have been saving it for a rainy day (that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it!)

Pam writes: My results from Ireland are all with Claela Reaumur (aka Hugo), the only dog I ended up taking, as he was the only one not in season! Clonmel GBGV judge Ms Maribel Sy, Green Star and BOB; Clonmel Champion Stakes judge Mr R McCoy, 1st and subsequently qualified for Champion of Champions event next year in Ireland. Killarney GBGV judge Mr M Mahonen (Fin) Green Star and BOB, then under judge Mrs Marion Finney won Group 6. Limerick GBGV judge Mr J Byrnes, Reserve Green Star, Champion Stakes judge Mrs A Long-Doyle, fourth place. Tralee GBGV judge Mrs C Bollard- O'Callaghan, Green Star and BOB. In addition to this my daughter Claire won the YKC Handling at Paignton and at SKC".

Many congratulations to Pam and Claire for their wins, also a big good luck to Claire who has started a new chapter in her life by commencing at Aberdeen University. I'm sure we will still see you at some shows when your studying allows.

22 / 09 / 2017 DARLINGTON SAW A CHANGE OF JUDGE. We had Val Foss judging rather than Mandy Dance. The change was announced in plenty of time for her name to be in the catalogue. We were scheduled fourth in the ring, however due to the length of time taken to judge the preceding breeds the Afghans were moved in to a different ring and as such we were third in the ring.

There was an entry of 12 with four absentees. Best Dog, BOB and Group 4 under Anne Macdonald was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier. I think this is his fourth group placing this year - many congrats. Best Bitch went to his litter sister Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. Reserves went to litter mates Gairside Good Lord and Good Gracious owned by Colin and Ann Makey. Best Puppy was Fiona and Mike's Tarmachan Nice Over Ice. Best Veteran was my Ch Debucher Xfactor who went on to win Veteran G3 under Patsy Hollings. From memory that is two adults, two puppies and two veterans which have been placed in groups this year. It's great to see the GBGV being recognised in the big ring! Many congrats must also go to our smaller cousin "Magic Mike" on another BIS!

In the stakes classes Nice Over Ice was third in the Puppy Stakes under Mike Gilchrist and Good Lord won the RBOB stakes, again under Mike Gilchrist. Well done to everyone on a fabulous day!

A reminder that the schedule for the club Championship Show to be held on 18 November is on www.fossedata.co.uk and www.bgvclub.co.uk/diary-dates. Postal entries close on 18 October and on-line 29 October. More details to follow.

29 / 09 / 2017 HILARY KNOWLES AND JULIE METSELAR-WILLIAMS weathered the rain at the recent Thame Show and came out with several rosettes. There were no breed classes but their Stinton Au Contraire avec Braillement (Haut de Gamme de l'Emprée avec Braillement ex Kandecx Billy Joe Spears) went Best NSC Hound. Not satisfied with that Braillement Bleu d'Auvergne, born on 9 January this year by Speedy Danda Bohemia avec Braillement out of Braillement Idylle, went Best NSC Puppy, then on to get Hound Puppy G4. The judge for AV and Group was Hilary Tringham (Kushbudar).

On 4 October Vivien Phillips will be going to a Breed Health Co-Ordinator's symposium and one of the speakers will be Dr Holger Volk on Epilepsy, detailing his research for the Royal Veterinary College. Others will be Dr Cathryn Mellersh and Dr Louise Burmeister from the AHT, who will be giving an update on the work into the Give a dog a Genome project. If you have any questions you would like brought up, it isn't too late to contact Vivien on vphillips@btinternet.com or 01442 851225.

Everyone is invited to join the Bassets at their annual Aquadrome walk in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, 8 October, meeting in the car park at 10.30am for 11am. This is a pleasant autumn walk along paths around the large lakes, where you can see many different birds, and various sporting activities, including of course fishing. 21 and 22 October sees the GBGV and PBGV breed booths busy at the annual Discover Dogs Exhibition at London's

ExCeL and on 22 October the breed seminars/assessments take place at Corley, near Coventry. Although places are now full for undertaking assessment, anyone wishing to come to the seminars is more than welcome. Contact me, or the booking form is on <http://www.bgvclub.co.uk/diary-dates>.

6/10/2017 I FELT SORRY for both for the committee of Driffeld Championship Show and Fiona Buchanan, who was awarding her first set of CCs in Grands, as conditions were not great. Due to heavy rain on the previous days the ground had been churned up and parking was not behind the tents as normal which meant a longer walk from hard standing parking, through a mud bath to the entrance of the tents. The ring had muddy parts and puddles but the condition of many was better than on the following day.

As always Fiona had a smile on her face and thanked exhibitors for braving the conditions. DCC (his second) and BOB was Ann and Colin Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW. RDCC went to my and Vivien Phillips' Ch Debucher Matisse. BCC was Amanda O'Day's veteran Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM, and RBCC was a first green card for Yvonne Moul't's Debucher Tosca. Best Puppy was Anne Salmon's Emma Jane at Scarscot. I don't know of any stakes results.

13/10/2017 SOUTH WALES was next on the list for the avid travellers. Sue Virgo had an entry of 12 with some absentees. Fiona Buchanan and Michael Maclaren swept the board with their Tarmachan kennel. DCC & BOB was Ch / Ir Ch Cartier who was later shortlisted in the hound group under breed specialist Vivien Philips. BCC was Ch /Ir Ch Florentine. Res CCs went to the puppy littermates Ice Diamond and Nice Over Ice who beat his sister for BP and went on to PG2 under Stephen Bardwell. Ice Diamond was 3rd in the Puppy Stakes under Stuart Milner. Many congratulations on a fabulous day!

I didn't go to South Wales but travelled over the Irish sea to the two international shows held by the IKC at their purpose built hall just outside Dublin. With only two entered, from Junior BOB both days was Reynolds' Tarmachan Ice Cool Glenariff and my Debucher Ivanka Trumps Jayanel (Lacroix Do Casal Dos Choupos [imp Port] ex Debucher XFactor) was Best Baby Puppy both days. The judges were Salvatori Tripoli (Italy) and Ann Ingram (Ireland).

A reminder that postal entry for the club's 30th championship show close on 21 October, on-line on 29 October. These can be made via Fossedata or if you want a paper schedule please contact Colin Makey, who will gladly post you one. Tel 01469 540260 or gairside@btinternet.com.

20/10/2017 RESULTS OF THE BGVC's October Limited Odd draw are £15 to Mr & Mrs Bradford, £10 to Linda Lewis and £5 to Lynne Scott, who with the amount of numbers held wins more than most. A shrewd lady. If you want to be in with a bigger chance of winning some money buy more numbers. Contact Geraldine Dodd on 01582 865828 or g_dodd@btinternet.com.

Although the Give a Dog a Genome Progress Chart on the Animal Health Trust website shows the GBGV lagging behind on steps to be taken towards sequencing, there is promising news from them that they are on the last stages of identifying suitable BGVs to take part in the epilepsy study.

Vivien Phillips has seen some worrying reports of an increase in Lyme Disease, a common tick-transmitted infection. So, if you are walking your dogs in woodland areas, make sure they have no ticks afterwards, also that you don't have any ticks on yourself. I always carry a tick remover in the car, just in case. Dogs show several different forms of the disease, but by far the most common symptoms are a fever of between 103-105°, lameness, swelling in the joints, swollen lymph nodes, lethargy, and loss of appetite. Although not common, some dogs have developed severe progressive kidney disease. Be safe.

A reminder that on-line entries for our club championship show close 29 October. These can be made via Fossedata. This is a special 30th anniversary show with a gift for every exhibitor, specials and, I am sure, a celebratory cake!

27/10/2017 NEWS OF THE WEEK is that Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW took part in the Junior Warrant semi-finals on the first day at Discover Dogs and was shortlisted to the final ten in his group - many congratulations. That same day at ExCeL, Sue and Nick Marshall set up the breed booths, assisted by Kim Culyer-Dawson who was there early as well, in charge of the Basset booth. A big thank you from the BGV Club for all assistance which was given.

The following day while some helped at the second day of Discover Dogs, other GBGVs and their owners all arrived at Corley Village Hall, near Coventry, to help with the breed seminars and assessments. The day started with a morning session on PBGVs, followed by a short lunch break then on to the GBGVs. Twelve candidates were booked to do the GBGV hands-on but unfortunately two were unable to complete the assessment or see the assessors.

At Midland Counties, Stella Blackmore has an entry of 13/17, no CCs.

3/11/2017 MIDLAND COUNTIES was without CCs and was held on Thursday. Luckily we had a "not before" time of 12 noon so those who were travelling could choose to miss the rush hour traffic. Stella Blackmore (Melantor) had an entry of 12 with 2 absentees. Best Dog with BOB and a group shortlist under Fran Mitchell was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier.

Fiona and Mike also picked up Reserve Best Bitch with Tarmachan Ice Diamond who was beaten for Best Puppy (and the £20 prize money) by her brother Tarmachan Nice Over Ice. Reserve Best Dog went to Pam & Claire McGregor's Ir Ch Claela Reamour ShCM and they also gained Best Bitch with his litter sister Claela Avrille At Eardley.

Entries have now closed for the Club Championship show to be held on Saturday 18 November – there is no excuse if you missed the entries as they were extended by 5 days! Next week I will be able to give you more details about the show. However, having served on the show sub-committee I know there has been a lot of work put in to make this show feel special as it is the 30th Club Championship one.

10/11/2017 THE ONLY SHOW NEWS comes from Danielle Machent who took hers and Barbara Milton's new puppy Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille to his first show at Coventry Foleshill KA where he won Best Puppy NSC and Puppy Group 4. He is just 6 months and is out of Ch Debucher Matisse and Tioga Dot to Dot, bred by Anita Roberts.

The World Show in Leipzig, Germany is currently taking place and I must admit to being hooked on the results service whilst at work. You can access the catalogue on line for free (YES FREE!!!!) and then as the judging takes place it updates with the name of the dog, the grade it has received and any awards it has gained almost instantaneously. I wonder if Crufts will ever come on board with a free catalogue and instant results? At the German Winners Show, where three were entered under Aidan Mckiernan, the results were CACIB dog & BOB Mont Thabor Van De Viersenhoeve from the Netherlands, CACIB Bitch & BOS Dalila Succession of Baron from Poland.

At the World Show the following day (today – Thursday) there were 14 entered for Jacques Goubie. He awarded the CACIB & BOB to Frosty Snowman owned by Gwen Huikeshoven and Phil Reid. Frosty lives in the Netherlands. Bitch CACIB and BOS was again Dalila Succession of Baron. BOB Veteran was Charming Dandy Bohemia from Poland. BOB Junior was Tarmachan Black Ice bred in the UK by Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren but owned by Gwen; and BOS Junior was Rainier Do Casal Dos Choupos from Portugal. I am writing these notes on Thursday afternoon so as yet do not know if Frosty has done anything in the group – update next week!

Excitement in the UK is growing for the BGV Club Championship Show to be held on 18 November at the Sports Connexion. GBGV judge is Adele Walton Hadden who has drawn an entry of 30, with Rachel Wray attracting 8 in the Stakes classes. There are 2 entered in the Junior Handling which will be judged by BIS judge Linda Skerritt in the lunch break. Judging for GBGVs commences at 11am with the PBGV starting 30minutes earlier. As this is out 30th Championship show each exhibitor will receive a small gift as a memento of the day. There will be a themed raffle and any additional donations will be allocated into one of the themes if possible, if food - raffled off on the day or saved for the bumper raffle during our 40th anniversary celebrations next year. There will be a few stalls so please all bring lots of money. See you all there.

17/11/2017 TWO GBGVs have passed away recently. One was Barbara Milton's Ch/Ir Ch Wilmit Domino ShCM (25/05/2007 - 23/10/2017) who was put to sleep to save any further suffering. His sire was Ch/Aus Ch Wilmit Braconnier de Debucher, his dam Wilmit Altesse. Dom was a fine example of the breed and sired several who went on to make their mark in Grands such as Ch Debucher Rigole and Ch Wilmit Fanfare. He gained his three crowning CCs at the BGV Club show 2009, Linda Lewis; Hound Association 2010, Linda Mackenzie and Drifffield 2010 under Pam Marston Pollock. His name will live on in the household as Barbara has his granddaughter Ethos in the Cloud with Wilmit, who she imported from the States.

Another sad loss was Debucher Willow (Niveau Barbillot des Maladières ex Debucher Vaillante) who was also put to sleep on 16/11/2017 when she became very unwell. She was born on 17/2/2005 and was only shown lightly when young, winning Best Puppy at Crufts in 2006, the same year the breed was awarded CCs for the first time. Tragically she had pyometra when in whelp at three years old so never produced any offspring, however she went on to become a much loved member of the family and, as Vivien Phillips says, ruled the roost in the kitchen keeping the Dachshunds and any puppies in check.

24/11/2017 APOLOGIES FOR THE LACK OF BREED NOTES from me last week, a major project at work meant that, before I knew it, it was the weekend! So to finish off the world show results. In the Junior group. Tarmachan Black Ice was placed G3 and in the adult group her father, Multi Ch Frosty Snowman, was placed G2 only by the UK's Beagle Ch Dialynne Peter Piper. Many congratulations to owner(s) Gwen Huikeshoven & Phil Reid and of course Anouk!

We now move on to the Club Championship Show. This was the 30th Anniversary of the championship show and the BGVC committee had put a lot of additional work in to make sure it was an event to remember. There were two banners depicting the club logo one hanging between the two rings and the other where Sue Marshall worked hard all day taking photos. The show secretary's table and raffle table had bunting draped over them, and there were two cakes with a PBGV and a GBGV candle holder with them. At lunch time the cake was cut by Erin Robertson (as Vice President Gavin was sunning himself in Mexico) surrounded by the 4 Officers of the committee and all present were invited to a slice of cake and a glass of Fizz.

Meanwhile at lunch time there were two other parties going on – one for new Ch Debucher Unique and the other to welcome Liusaidh Reid to the world of dog shows as such there was cake and Fizz a plenty!

The two candle holders were able to be won by guessing the weight of the cakes, the GBGV one was taken home by Sue Cole and Heidi Allenby got the PBGV one. The bumper raffle table raised a whopping £193. All exhibitors were given a memento of the day, a 30th anniversary coaster. I can tell you that as next year is the 40th anniversary of the club there are more planning sessions under way for a number of different events. As such please keep your eyes peeled to the website and the Voice.

On to the actual judging. There were 30 GBGV entered less 4 absentees for Adele Walton-Haddon who was giving CCs for the first time in GBGV. To mark this occasion Adele kindly donated pieces of crystal for her main winners which I am sure were gratefully received. She gave the Dog CC and BOB to Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier. They also won the Bitch CC with Tarmachan Ice Diamond (her first). Reserve Dog CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW and Reserve Bitch CC went to the Best Veteran in breed Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM. Best Puppy was Danielle Machent & Barbara Milton's Tioga Lautrec Avec Grandoreille. Best in Show judge was Linda Skerritt and she awarded BIS to the PBGV Ch Soletreader Magic Mike, RBIS to the PBGV Biscuit Crunch V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. BPIS was the PBGV Bonbon Van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes, RBPIS was the GBGV Louis and BVIS was the GBGV Freya. Well done to all winners.

If you have any feedback on the show regarding what was good or not so good please let me know as I will feed it back in to the show subcommittee as we are always looking at ways to improve.

In line with the Club's 40th Anniversary we are again producing the BGV handbook which will be published early in 2018. As such all copy for adverts will need to be with the editor (me) by 31 December 2017. More details will appear in Voice on the website, on facebook and within these notes!

1/12/2017 WE ARE COMMENCING THE QUIET PERIOD of showing now with only LKA to go before the end of 2017, then into 2018 which will bring Boston (who have GBGV classes scheduled for the first time since 2011) and Manchester prior to Crufts. As such those of you who do venture out to open shows need to tell me your wins so they can be publicised. Don't just post them on facebook in the hope I will see them as I often miss them!

So, according to facebook, Pam MacGregor took the trip over to Ireland to Cloghran All Breeds Ch show where Ir Ch Claela Reaumur was Dog Green Star and BOB. Claela Avrille at Eardley was Bitch Green Star and together they were placed 4th in the brace stakes. Many congrats! Danielle Machent took her and Barbara Milton's Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille to Sedgely & Gornall where he won Best AVNSC puppy and Puppy Group 1. Danielle's Ch Wilmit Gigi With Grandoreille was placed 4th in the champion stakes. Fabulous day!

Preparations are now under way for the 2013 – 2017 BGV handbook. To advertise in this publication, you will need to send copy to me by 31 December 2017. The cost is £25 per full colour page with the aim of having the handbook on sale in the first part of 2018. It will be in A5 format and spiral bound, so please be aware of that when drafting your advert.

As ever news and views welcome (especially during these quieter months).

8/12/2017 I WAS JUDGING Tibetan Spaniels this weekend at BUBA, so I missed both Hound Club of East Anglia and South Yorkshire Hound. It is such a shame that both of these shows shared the same day as I am sure many of us would like the opportunity to support both shows.

Starting at South Yorkshire Hound our judge was Debbie Ellrich and she had three present. BOB and shortlisted in the group under Brian Foster was Danielle Machent's Ch Wilmit Gigi with Grandoreille. BP and RBOB was Danielle and Barbara Milton's Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille. On to Hound Club of East Anglia where Sue Marshall was judging and she had a fabulous entry of 14. BOB and ultimately going RBIS under Simon Parsons was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM which was a brilliant early birthday present for Ann!

The last show of the year is at LKA which sees Jessica Holm judging and she has 19, with an entry of 15. I hope you all enjoy your day and all enter the festive spirit. I won't be there as I am at the Winners Show in Amsterdam.

Following on from last week, a number of people have already booked their advert in the 2013 – 2017 handbook. If you haven't already done so, please let me know ASAP. The cost is £25 per page which will be in full colour and deadline for copy is 31 December 2017.

15/12/2017 I WASN'T AT LKA AS I was in Amsterdam for the Holland cup and the Amsterdam Winners show (more about that later), so I missed the snow in England but, my, did I find it in Holland – a country that seems to cope with it so much better than us! I watched in interest the snow posts on Sunday morning of the journeys to LKA, feeling quite happy that I wasn't travelling in it. However, when I left the RAI in Amsterdam to start the long trek home, I started driving into a blizzard which did not stop until half way into Belgium. The roads were completely white and the snow was falling very heavily – it was an interesting journey to say the least, especially when Cindy's satnav had a melt down and sent me through the centre of Rotterdam which was a car park!

Firstly LKA – there were 15 entered with 6 absent for Jessica Holm. I know that there had been an outcry on social media for the committee to cancel the show, it seemed in all breeds that exhibitors made their own decision to travel or not with varied absentee rates.

Jessica found her Dog CC in Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier which makes him unbeaten in the males this year – a massive achievement! Reserve to him was Pam and Claire MacGregor's Ir Ch Claela Reaumur ShCM. BCC (her second) and BOB was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Ice Diamond and Reserve to her was her mother Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. There were no puppies or veterans present.

Over in Amsterdam there were 2 GBGV entered at the Holland Cup under Cindy Kerssemeijer from the Netherlands and she awarded Dog CAC, CACIB & BOB to Gwen Huikeshoven's Multi Ch Frosty Snowman. Later she also awarded him Group 6 and he went all the way to BIS under Jose Homem De Mello, who incidentally gave him his first CC and BOB at the Houndshow in 2016. The other GBGV entered was my Debucher Ivanka Jayanel who was awarded very promising and BOB puppy. At the Winners Show there was 3 entered for Liz-Beth Carlsson-Liljeqvist. BOB was again Frosty, who she later awarded second in the group. Bitch CAC & CACIB was Miss Magic v Tum-Tums Vriendjes. Again Ivanka was awarded Very Promising and BP. I must say I do like the FCI method of judging where they have to grade all the dogs and critique them at the time.

A reminder that, if you would like to advertise in the BGV Club's 2013-217 Handbook, please let me know as soon as possible so that space can be set aside for you.

22/12/2017 IN THE LULL BEFORE CHRISTMAS Colin and Ann Makey travelled over to Belgium to exhibit at the Brussels show. The Brussels Trophy show took place on 16 December, where unfortunately they had the only two entered. Judge Liliane de Ridder-Onghena (Belgium) awarded the CAC, CACIB and BOB to their Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM (Can-Can van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes Debucher ex Ch/Ir Ch Gairside Sans Souci ShCM) with BOS to his sister Good Gracious. At the Brussels Dog Show the following day, once more they were the only two entered under Viera Staviarska (Slovakia), who placed similarly. Despite the lack of competition, Colin and Ann enjoyed the show and the experience of entering the group and there was plenty of celebrating in between with Andy and Lesley Jones who had gone with them to show their Fauves.

Just making it for these notes, an excited announcement from the States where the GBGV will be fully AKC recognised on 1 January 2018. This makes the 11-14 April 2018 National & Regional Specialty Shows & Performance Events extra special events. The shows are being held as part of the Peach Blossom Cluster in Perry, Georgia. National Speciality judging is likely to be judged by Jamie Hubbard, with the Regionals by Robert Hutton, also as yet to be confirmed. For more information go to www.gbgv.net.

Also on 22 December, the Daily Telegraph printed an article on the announcement that, in a bid to end the disturbing trade in animals bred in puppy farms, the sale of puppies without their mother present will be banned. They showed Yvonne Moulton with Debucher Zamba and her litter of 7 week old pups. Although aware that there is still some way to go to prove that the bitch with the pups is actually their mother, Yvonne said she hoped the new legislation would put disreputable websites out of business. As an Assured Breeder, she was concerned to see good breeding standards, where the breeder cares where the dogs are going and what happens to them.

29/12/2017 I HOPE YOU and all your BGVs had an enjoyable Christmas which now seems to be a distant past. My worst present this year was a dose of the Christmas flu which hit me on Christmas day evening rendering me pretty useless. Fingers crossed it will disappear in the new year. Whilst I write these notes heavy snow is falling in parts of the country, whilst others are experiencing heavy rain. Whatever the weather, stay warm and safe!

As these are the last notes of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren on a fabulous year ending up Top Dog with Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Top Bitch with Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine, Top Puppy with Tarmachan Ice Diamond and Top Breeder.

Danielle Machent and Barbara Milton went to Ashbourne & DCS over the Christmas break and won BOB and BP with their Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille.

Boston in January has GBGV classes scheduled for the first time since 2011 and Tim Jones has drawn a fabulous entry of 18. I will see some of you there.

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