

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE IN WEATHER – I am writing these notes with the rain hammering down, however at Drifffield the sun shone and a few of us sported red cheeks! Speaking to Keith Pursglove he said his knees were sore as he had been on them praying every night for the good weather since June. It appeared to work with rain only arriving on the last day.

Our judge was Stuart Milner awarding CCs in the breed for the first time. His entry of 17 only had 1 absentee, however a change to the normal trend, 11 of those present were males with only 5 bitches entered. Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren either owned or bred 5 of the 6 main awards. Bitch CC and BOB was Ch/NL Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond, Reserve BCC and Best Puppy Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Best Veteran was their mother Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine (ably handled in the challenges by Clare Butler). Dog CC was Tarmachan Ice Cool owned by Bailey and Yates – this was his 2nd CC. The only non Tarmachan winner was my and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix who picked up Reserve DCC.

In the Stakes classes Ann and Colin Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM was 3rd in the champion stakes under Mrs F Kaye. Finally, at the end of the day "Breagha" (Ice Diamond) was awarded Group 4 under John Walton Haddon.

We now have a few weeks of rest – Belfast is this weekend and although classes are offer there are no GBGV entered. During this quiet time I would appreciate any news!

News about the Breed Appreciation Day – due to the ongoing review of the Judges Competency Framework, we are offering a limited number of places for individuals to undertake the old style "hands on" exam. These places will be restricted to aspiring judges who have previously taken the written assessment or are looking to move on to the A3 list. If you are interested in undertaking this exam, please contact me directly on clairecooper81@hotmail.co.uk or 07855255287 for further details and to book your place.

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