



THE BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

BREED NOTES 2021 - GBGV

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I AM WRITING THIS when the majority of the country is in lockdown again. However I wish you and your hounds a happy new year and, as more people get the vaccine, I hope to see many of you in 2021.

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I AM WRITING THESE NOTES when a large proportion of the country has snow, yet here in Northamptonshire we have rain, rain and you guessed it more rain. Many of our favourite walks are now just mud and it certainly is making it a very different lockdown from the last one. Firstly some messages from our Club Secretary which I am sure many of you will have seen elsewhere. "Life for Paul Osbourne has been challenging over the past 15 months in particular. It has unfortunately led him to decide to stand down from his role of Chairman of the BGV Club, a position he held for 5 years. We should not underestimate the huge contribution Paul made to the Club, his sound advice and swift, solid decision making. 2021 sees Sue Marshall's 25th year of involvement within the Club and she has now stepped into the position of Acting Chairman. She sees the Club and its facebook group as an important means of communication about all aspects of our breeds, especially for those not involved in the show world, and is looking forward to the time ahead. Secondly due to the continued situation with the pandemic, the BGV Club Committee has reluctantly made the decision to postpone the Open Show planned for 17 April. With vaccinations now under way, hopefully things will ease over the coming months and we will attempt to mount the show later in the year". This week I should be reporting on Boston, the first championship show of the year where GBGV classes were resumed in 2018, having lost them after 2011. Tim Jones judged 17 hounds that year with Best Dog and Best of Breed being awarded to Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet, Reserve to him was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Best Bitch was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare ShCM and Reserve Colin and Ann's Gairside Good Gracious. Best Puppy was my Debucher Ivanka Jayanael.

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IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO OUR DOGS you will have seen that they are doing a breed feature on the Basset Griffon Vendéen in a forthcoming issue. If you wish to advertise, there are reduced rates so please contact pamelacoulbert@btinternet.com or 01803 712280. Last weekend would have been Manchester so off in the time machine we go. 10 years ago Mary Pascoe judged the breed without CCs and, from an entry of 11, 9 were present. She awarded Best Dog to Gill and Paul Clark's Plainville Tout Ca Parce Que, Reserve Best Dog to Watsham's Homchappell Survivant. Best Bitch and Best of Breed went to Colin and Ann Makey's Ir Ch Debucher Harmonie, Reserve was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Altesse, who was also Best Veteran. 2014 Dianne Reid had an entry of 14 with 1 absentee. Best Dog was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve was Danielle Machent's Debucher Xtravagant. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare, Reserve to her Tim Jepson and Steve Jones' Claela Avrille At Eardley. 2017 Moray Armstrong had 4 hounds present. Best Dog and Best of Breed was my Ch Debucher Matisse, Reserve was Malcolm Cooper's Stinton Eau Sauvage, who was also Best Puppy. Best Bitch was Danielle Machent's Ch Wilmit Gigi with Grandoreille and Reserve was my Ch Debucher XFactor. Finally we stop at 2019 when Manchester became a representative show and thus we gained CC status there. Gavin Robertson had an entry of 24 with 2 absentees. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM, Reserve to him was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet. Bitch CC was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Independence Day JW, Reserve to her was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch Gairside Good Gracious. Best Puppy was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Macaroni Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan and Best Veteran went to my Ch Debucher Xfactor.

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WELL FINALLY the endless month of January is over and the nights are slowly getting lighter. Unfortunately Covid seems to not want to go anywhere soon and WELKS which was the first general championship show to cancel due to the pandemic last year has announced its cancellation for the 2021 show. I for one am now getting bored of the constant rain and mud. If I want to take the dogs in the fields for a run then I am resigned to having to fully bath them when we return, however with the cold snap due for about four days in the next week hopefully they will be frozen enough in order to keep clean for a few days. I can only hope. Limited Odds Draw results for February are in and congratulations to Lee Harrison with £15, Sue & Terry Cole £10 and Dianne Reid £5. There are still numbers available and if you are interested then please contact Martin Bishop.

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AGAIN VERY LITTLE TO REPORT THIS WEEK. I hope you and your hounds have stayed warm in this cold snap and enjoyed the snow if you had any. I have loved seeing the pictures on Facebook of some of the walks being undertaken. The joys of having puppies in the cold snap is they are desperate to go out then five minutes later huddle by the door telling me they are cold! The BGV world has lost one of its greats – I will leave the obituary for the PBGV notes but I feel it is important to acknowledge the death of Ch Soletreder Peak A Boo. Jilly did so much to promote the BGV and show dogs in general. To Gavin, Sara, Oliver, Erin and Wendy we send our sympathies.

12 / 3 / 2021

I AM WRITING THESE NOTES on Thursday 11 March with a strange feeling knowing I should have spent weeks preparing the dogs for the Greatest Show on Earth as today was scheduled to be Hound Day. I love and hate Crufts in the same amounts but nothing takes away showing your dogs to the public on that green carpet and to me really kicks off the new show year. As yet we have still not had confirmation that the show scheduled for July will take place and it is hoped we will know by the end of the month. The most recent casualty of Covid-19 is City of Birmingham. I am now getting lost with all the moves, I am sure it will become clear eventually. So I will delve through the Crufts Archives..... The first results I find are from 2000. Jeff Bunney had an entry of 39, with 5 absentees. The largest class was Post Graduate Bitch with 11 entries, Open bitch had 10. He awarded best Dog and Best of Breed to Vivien Phillips' Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve to him was Vy Mochan's Melantar Fetlar. Best Bitch was Val Jackson and Peter Marks' Duntech Bavard and reserve to theirs Tina and Lou Parker's Duntech Cadeau avec Kantilou. Best Puppy was Jessica Holm with Holmchappell Hellion. 2001 saw Yvonne Dean judge an entry of 40, though the website does not show absentees. Best Dog and Best of Breed and Reserve Best dog were a repeat of the previous year, however by this point Barbu had his Dutch Ch title and was owned in partnership by Vivien Phillips and Jolanda Huisman. Best Bitch was Jessica Holm's Holmchappell Going Dutch, Reserve to her was Trevor and Jean Turner's Debucher Ulation of Jayantees. Best Puppy was Fitches' Holmchappell Hellzapoppin. In 2002 Vivien Phillips judged 21 and again unfortunately there are no absentee figures. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Jolanda Huisman's Dutch Ch Jugeote Du Greffier Du Roi, Reserve to her was Melantar Tout A Lou owned by Fiona Buchanan, who also gained Best Puppy. Best Dog was Jan Pain's Ravensbeeche Bayeux, who Vivien Phillips subsequently awarded a first CC at the

Club Ch show 2008. Reserve to him was Trevor & Pat Mellor's Melanter Grandtully at Melwarrior. 2003 saw John Hiddes judge an entry of 47 (26 of which were in Post Grad and Open Bitch), with 9 absent. Best dog and Best of Breed was again Dutch Ch Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve to him was Stella Blackmore's Melanter Nizefella. Jessica Holm won Best Bitch and Reserve Best Bitch with Holmchappell April Fool and Holmchappell Going Dutch. April Fool was also Best Puppy. We had a German judge in 2004 in the form of Horst Kliebenstein. He had 45 entries with 3 absent. Best Dog was Elaine King's Kandecx Elvis On Stage, the rest of the awards went to Gwen Huikeshoven, Dutch Ch Surcouf De L'Oustal Viel was Reserve Best Dog. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Dutch Ch Sacree De L'Oustal Viel and Reserve to her was Triomphe V Tum-Tums Vriendjes. Best Puppy was Jessica Holm with Holmchappell Pinot Blanc. Jim Makin judged an entry of 51 with 5 absentees in 2005 awarding Best Dog and Best of Breed to Dutch & Ger Ch Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve to him was Mellor's Melanter Grandtully at Melwarrior ShCM. Best Bitch was Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren's Melanter Tout A Lou of Tarmachan, Reserve to her was Jessica Holm's Holmchappell Pinot Blanc. There was no Best Puppy. 2006 saw the first set of CCs ever awarded to the GBGV and the honour was bestowed on Jessica Holm. She had an entry of 30 with 1 absentee. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips and Jolanda Huisman's Dutch/Ger Ch Debucher Le Barbu who of course went on to be the first Champion in the breed. Reserve CC was Husiman & Lammers' Rigolant Du Greffier Du Roi. Bitch CC was Vivien Phillips and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Sauve Qui Peut, Reserve was Smith's Debucher Pret A Porter. Best Puppy was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Willow. Thirty-eight entries awaited George Johnston in 2007. He awarded Dog CC and Best of Breed to Karen Bayliss and Jessica Holm's Homchappell Grand Miracle, Reserve DCC was Sue Birney's Silvamoon Sunrise. Bitch CC was Sue Court's Silvamoon Miss Tiggywinkle, Reserve Jessica's Holmchappell Petite Priere. Best Puppy was Jane Quinn's Tarmachan Flocon De Neige. Colin Gillanders 2008 entry of 48 was depleted by 3 absentees. He awarded the Dog CC to Vivien Phillips' Wilmit Braconnier de Debucher, RDCC again was Silvermoon Sunrise. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Jessica Holm's Ch Holmchappell Petite Priere, RBCC to her was Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren's Tarmachan Arc En Ciel. Best Puppy was Elaine King's Kandecx Lemon Meringue. 2009 Marianne Nixon had an entry of 40. She awarded Dog CC and Best of Breed to Jan Pain and Michael Lewis' Ravensbeech Bayeux, his second CC. RDCC was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Domino. Bitch CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch Gairside I'm Still Waiting ShCM, RBCC was again Arc En Ciel who now had the title of Ir Ch. There were no puppies present. Vivien Phillips judged again in 2010 and her entry of 28 was depleted by 3 absentees. She awarded the Bitch CC and Best of Breed to Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren's Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel ShCM. Reserve BCC was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Sans Souci. Dog CC was Gwen Huikeshoven's Barpapapa Van Tum-Tums Vriendjes, RDCC was Karen Bayliss and Jessica Holm's Holmchappell C'est La Vie. Best Puppy was Bush & Hargraves' Plainville J'Aimerais. I will go through the remaining results next week

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I WILL CONTINUE MY LOOK BACK in to the archives of Crufts. Jeff Horswell judged in 2011 and his entry of 36 was depleted by 4 absentees. This was the day where Gwen Huikeshoven swept the board winning all four major awards. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Eur Ch Barbabell van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes, Reserve BCC to her was Montreal van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. Dog CC was Tarmachan Albanwr and RDCC was Dutch/Lux/Eur Ch Jour De Noel van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. Best Puppy was Debucher Unison with Eardley owned by Tim Jones and Steve Jepson. 2012 saw Mark Coccozza judge an entry of 33 with 1 absentee. Bitch CC and Best of Breed again went to the Netherlands, this time to Jolanda Huisman and Jessica Holm's Ch/Ned Ch Holmchappell Bien En Vie, Res BCC again was Dutch in the shape of Gwen's Eur/Ned Ch Barbabell van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. Dog CC (his crowning one) was Tim Jones and Steve Jepson's Debucher Why Not with Eardley, RDCC was Karen Bayliss and Jessica Holm's Ch/Ir Ch Holmchappell Grand Miracle. Best Puppy was Gill and Paul Clark's Plainville Femme Fatale. Linda Skeritt judged in 2013 with an entry of 36 with 8 absentees. Again Best of breed went to the Netherlands, this time to Jolanda Huisman and Mylou Konings' Ned/Fr/Int/Eur/BC Ch Xpreszo Du Greffier Du Roi, who won the Dog CC. Reserve to him was Gwen's Ir Ch Tarmachan Albanwr. Bitch CC was Iva Raic's Black Majesty Farandole from Croatia, RBCC was Tim Jones and Steve Jepson's Gairside Farfalu for Eardley. Best Puppy was Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren's Tarmachan Cartier (who Linda ultimately gave a CC to later in life). 2014 had Gavin Robertson in the centre of the ring, his entry of 38 had 4 absentees. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve to him was my and Vivien Phillips' Debucher Matisse, who was also Best Puppy. Bitch CC was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare ShCM and Reserve to her was Black Majesty Saint She Ain't owned by Iva Raic. The Reserve CC bitch unfortunately met an tragic accident on the way home from Crufts when the people transporting her stopped for an exercise break and the bitch slipped her lead and ran in to the road. Jan Pain judged in 2015 and her entry of 32 had 4 absentees. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claella Beauvoir Sur Mer, Reserve to her was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare ShCM. Dog CC was Gwen Huikeshoven's Ned/Lux/Eur Ch Graffiti van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes, Reserve to him was Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier. Best Puppy was Gill and Paul Clark's Plainville Dernier Piqueur. Jill Peak judged an entry of 41 less 4 absentees in 2016. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Gwen Huikeshoven and Hanna Leinonen's Dutch/Fin/No/DK/Nordic/Eu Ch Hocus Pocus van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes, Reserve to him was Jolanda Huisman's Palomino Du Greffier Du Roi – interestingly the first 3 in Open dog this year were not from the UK. Bitch CC was Danielle Machent's Wilmit Gigi With Grandoreille. Reserve to her was my Ch Debucher Violet Gray. Best Puppy was Nikki and Jane Denny's Debucher Zara at Janimist. 2017 was an exciting year for the GBGV with our first group win at Crufts when Graham Hill awarded Euro Ch Frosty Snowman owned by Gwen aHuikeshoven nd Phil Reid the Hound Group. Earlier in the day he had been awarded Dog CC and Best of Breed by Dianna Spavin from an entry of 33 with 3 absentees. Reserve Dog CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW. Bitch CC was Gwen Huikeshoven's & Iris Reijkerkerk's Miss Magic van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes, Reserve Bitch CC was again my Ch Debucher Violet Gray. Best Puppy was Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren's Oxygene V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes of Tarmachan. Linda Lewis judged in 2018, from an entry of 33 with 5 absentees. Dog CC and Best of Breed was again Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve to him was Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Bitch CC was a repeat of the year before in Miss Magic van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes, Reserve was Gwen Huikeshoven's Tarmachan Black Ice. Best Puppy was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Independence Day. 2019 Graham Hill judged and entry of 33 with 4 absentees. Dog CC and Best of Breed was again Ch/Ned/Dan Ch Frosty Snowman, Reserve to him again (for the third year!) was Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Bitch CC was Wilmit Independence Day JW, Reserve to her was Tarmachan Black Ice now owned by Fiona Buchanan and Michael McLaren. Best Puppy was my and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix. Best Veteran was Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM And finally, the last major show we attended, Crufts 2020, was judged by Zena Thorn Andrews with an entry of 25 less 3 absentees. Dog CC and Best of breed making him a Champion was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet. Reserve to him was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claella You and I Are A Team, who was also Best Puppy. Bitch CC was Tarmachan Black Ice now owned in partnership with Amanda O'Day, Reserve to her was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claella No Looking Back. Best Veteran was my Ch Debucher XFactor. Twelve months on, here's hoping for a little normality soon!

26 / 3 / 2021

WELL HERE WE ARE one year on from the first lockdown and I think there is a tiny light at the end of the tunnel (well I sincerely hope there is). Show cancellations and movements have been coming in thick and fast and I for one have lost track of which show is when. We are still awaiting an update from Windsor as to what is happening with their show following the horse show moving to the same weekend. Then there is Crufts, there is to be an update at the end of March as to whether the show will go ahead and in what format. Our scheduled Crufts judge is from Portugal so it will also be interesting to see whether this is changed bearing in mind travel restrictions that may still be in place. Any news or views as always very acceptable.

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YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATIONS of two upcoming events of the BGV club. First is the notice of the electronic AGM. A full electronic report will be given on 23 May. Nominations are now open for Chairman, Secretary and Committee Members and should be received by POST by the Secretary by 18 April 2021. Extraordinary relaxation of procedures is allowing for scanned and emailed signatures, rather than originals to accommodate receipt of final nominations. The second is a virtual dog show which was announced in the EVoice. Lots of fun classes with some great prizes donated by Luna Bobs. The surprise judge is awaiting your pictures, please email them to BGVPhotocomp@outlook.com by 26 April.

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AND WE ARE BACK. After a break of 68 weeks where we all saved an incredible amount of money, discovered new hobbies and became that little bit older, Southern Counties was the first general championship show since Crufts 2020. I have to take my hat off to the committee as they had obviously spent many long hours planning the show and of course all eyes were on them. Exhibitors were advised to take a lateral flow test before setting off to the show and masks

were to be worn when the judge was going over your dog. The rings were spacious and had a small marquee over the judges and steward's table offering a little shade. There was a wide variety of tents and umbrellas set away from the ring with plenty of space and you could still see the ring from most vantage points. Unfortunately we had a change of judge (as with a lot of breeds) due to travel restrictions but Marita Rogers stepped in and enjoyed her day judging us. Dog CC (his first following a RCC at Crufts 2020) was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela You And I Are A Team, Reserve Dog CC was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Macaroni v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes Of Tarmachan, Bitch CC (her second after gaining her first at Crufts 2020) was Tarmachan Black Ice, owned and shown by Amanda O'Day along with her breeders Fiona and Mike. Reserve Bitch CC was her litter sister Fiona Buchan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ned/Int Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond. Best Puppy was Brailment Callisto owned by Hilary Knowles. There were no Juniors entered, and Best Veteran was Pam & Claire McGregor's Ir Ch Claela Avril At Eardley. Just prior to Southern Counties The Royal Cheshire County Show held a three day open show. Best of Breed there was David Hughes, Rachel Pearce & Barbara Milton's Wilmit Kevin With Demorner. Show entries are now coming in thick and fast as there are so many shows to pack in to a shortened schedule., I get paid on 25th of every month and between 25th June and 24th July there are 6 championship shows with entries closing. Show schedules are coming out much later than normal meaning budgeting and spreading entries out a bit is becoming slightly more difficult. My bank account certainly took a hammering yesterday – so much so that my debit card was blocked due to suspicious activity! As always enjoy your dogs.

2 / 7 / 2021

FIRSTLY APOLOGIES – in the excitement of reporting the first show results in 16 months I missed out an important fact. Apologies to Amanda O'Day, Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren for not reporting that Tarmachan Black Ice WW18 was Best of Breed at Southern Counties. I promise I have written 100 lines of I must do better! Over this weekend (1-4 July) it should have been Windsor which is one of my favourite shows but alas that fell not to Covid-19 but to a rearranged horse show at the same venue. The next show is East of England where Richard Bott has 16 GBGV entered without CCs. Two days before Hound day at this show they are holding an all-breed open show. Anthony Allen is our judge there and he has 6 entered – not bad for a midweek open show. Now that the shows are starting again if any of you do venture out to open shows please let me know your results so that I can report them here.

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THE SUN SHONE ON EAST OF ENGLAND THIS YEAR as tent city moved to Peterborough. East of England held an open show two days before Hound day at the main championship show and Anthony Allen had 6 entered with 4 present. Best of Breed was Colin and Ann Makey with Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. This gave him his last point for his Show Certificate of Excellence. Many congratulations for being the first BGV of either variety to achieve this. Best Puppy at her first show was my Jayanel Peppermint Patty who enjoyed watching the formation of Chinooks that went overhead during judging. Friday was the championship show and Richard Bott had an entry of 16 with 12 present. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela You and I Are A Team. Reserve to him was his father Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord. Best Bitch was Yvonne Moul's Zamdilsa Trick Or Treat and reserve to her was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Gracious. Best Puppy was again Peppermint Patty. Many congrats to Pam and Claire McGregor as they were shortlisted in the Hound group under Sigurd Wilberg later in the day. Yvonne Moul's great few days at East of England (she also gained Best of Breed with her Dandie Dinmont Terrier Meg) were marred by two bereavements in her family and I am sure you all join me in sending love and best wishes to her and Darren during this sad time. This weekend sees the Houndshow at Stafford. Tim Jones is our judge with 24 Grands entered. I hope to see many of you there.

23 / 7 / 2021

WE CERTAINLY BAKED IN HEAT AT THE HOUNDSHOW at the weekend. I am not sure what the temperature rose too but there were a number of exhibitors, judges and stewards who were affected by it. Luckily though I did not hear of any dogs who had adverse effects. I am not sure how he did it but our judge Tim Jones kept his jacket and tie on for the entire time he was judging. He was a replacement judge for Rudi Smits and this was announced in plenty of time prior to entries closing. His entry of 25 was depleted by 7 absentees. Dog CC (his first) was Wilmit Kevin With Demorner owned by David Hughes, Rachel Pearce and his breeder Barbara Milton. Being a lockdown baby this was only Kevin's third show. Reserve Dog CC to him was Robert Bailey's Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool. Bitch CC, also a first, was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela No Looking Back and Reserve to her was my, Lilly and Katie O'Brien's Jayanel A New Chapter. Both these bitches were sired by Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord. Best Puppy was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela Infinity And Beyond. Many congrats to Pam and Claire not only on these results but Claire graduated from The University of Aberdeen with a 2:1 in Applied Mathematics! After judging a large number of GBGV and PBGV exhibitors gathered for a drink and some cake to toast the late Fred Ellingford and celebrate PBGV Ch Afterglow Agnes Gru Avec Jayanel gaining her title the week before. Thank you to all of you who joined us in this toast. This weekend we move to Leeds where Howard Ogden is giving CCs for the first time. Looking at the entries across the board they seem to be lower than the last few championship shows. The weather however is supposed to be a bit cooler. I hope to see some of you there.

6 / 8 / 2021

LEEDS TOOK PLACE at Harewood House. They had advertised in their schedule no gazebos or tents would be allowed stating there would be plenty of space for everyone and indeed there was. There were large marquees devoid of benching to shelter us from the weather and all rings were outside so that stewards' and judge's table could be under the marquee in the event of rain. I do wonder now if we have seen the end of benching? Howard Ogden was judging our breed with CCs for the first time and we were third in the ring following the Basset Fauves and the PBGV – a truly French extravaganza! His entry of 18 was marred by 3 absentees. He found his dog CC (his first) in Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Mr Myosotis. Reserve to him was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Bitch CC (her second from two consecutive shows) was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela No Looking Back. Reserve to her was Amanda O'Day, Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Black Ice WW18. Best Puppy was my Jayanel Peppermint Patty. On to Bath where Barbara Milton had an entry of 20, less 4. This was her second time awarding CCs. We were lucky with the weather as there were heavy showers the morning before but by Sunday afternoon it had dried off and the rain forecast for Monday did not arrive thankfully! The caravan site was a bit boggy in patches but overall the work that the committee had done on the showground over the years paid off and the ground itself was reasonably dry with the shortest grass of the shows this year! Higham press has recorded that the Minor Puppy Dog was absent – but he was definitely there! Continuing their fantastic run, Dog CC (number two) and Best of Breed was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela You And I Are A Team – both he and his sister are now on two CCs. Reserve CC was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Mr Myosotis. Bitch CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Gracious. Reserve to her was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine who was also Best Veteran. Best Puppy was my Jayanel Peppermint Patty. Later in the day Flora took a well deserved Veteran Group 2 under Dr Ron James. Many congrats to Pam and Claire for gaining 2nd place in the Puppy Dog stakes also under Dr Ron James. Shows and entries are coming thick and fast – our next stop is Paignton where Jeff Horswell has an entry of 12. Maybe there is no surprise that we have lost CC status at this show from 2024, the others where we have lost them are Bournemouth, Southern Counties and Driffield. The most surprising there to me is Southern Counties as that has typically always drawn a good entry. We do however gain one further set of CCs at a second Breed Club show from 2024. News recently broke that Midland Counties Championship show has been cancelled this year – is this an indication of things to come for indoor shows? I would be interested to hear your views.

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TO ME getting to Exeter for Paignton feels like driving to the end of the Earth. I think it is because there is no scenery on the M5 past Bristol plus all the holiday traffic. This year we were on with Utility breeds rather than on our own as such there were much more people and a better atmosphere. We were second in the ring following Basset Fauves and Jeff Horswell had an entry of 12 with no absentees. Bitch CC was Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren & Amanda O'Day's Tarmachan Black Ice WW18. This was her all-important 3rd CC, having gained her first at Crufts 2020 under Zena Thorn Andrews and her second at Southern Counties from Marita Rogers. This is Tarmachan's 8th UK champion – many congrats to all involved. I look forward to the celebrations! Both Reserve CCs went to Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren with litter mates Tarmachan Mr Myosotis and Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Dog CC and Best Puppy was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela Infinity And Beyond – at 7 months and 5 days does this make him the breed's youngest CC winner? I am sure my avid readers can tell us!

Following judging we were all welcomed to a Fauve party where Heidi Allenby and Jacqui & Antonia Leech were celebrating their latest champions made up at Leeds. There was cake and alcohol a plenty! This weekend again we head south. to Poole this time for Bournemouth where Ann Makey is awarding CC;s for the first time. I may see some of you there.

20 / 8 / 2021

APOLOGIES FOR THE LACK OF NOTES LAST WEEK – being at Bournemouth one day more than planned and then having to fit a week's worth of work into three days meant some things had to give. What it does mean however is a bumper set of notes today! Bournemouth started wet and a bit breezy but did dry up by the time judging had commenced, although the breeze stayed for the majority of the day. Ann Makey was giving CCs for the first time and sadly her entry of 17 was depleted by 8. Dog CC, his third, and Best of Breed went to Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela You and I Are A Team. All three CCs have been won this year, his previous two under Marita Rodgers and Barbara Milton. Reserve Dog CC was Robert Bailey & Andrew Yates' Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool. Bitch CC (number 4) was the newly crowned Ch Tarmachan Black Ice owned by Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren and Amanda O'Day who shows her. Reserve BCC was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela No Looking Back. They also won Best Puppy with Claela Infinity And Beyond. Having viewed the forecast for Blackpool and with a bitch in season I decided to stay at home and undertake a 10 mile training run for the Great North Run in 3 week's time! With no CCs Ann Ingram had an entry of 11 with 3 absentees. Best Dog was again Claela You And I Are A Team, Reserve BD and Best Puppy was Claela Infinity And Beyond, Best Bitch Claela No Looking Back and Reserve Best Bitch Barbara Milton's Wilmit Jugeote. "Olly" went Puppy Group 3 under David Shields so many congratulations. This weekend we head back north to Wetherby Racecourse for Driffild where Anita Roberts is giving CCs for the second time. Travel warnings are being given out due to a music festival happening not far from the showground so make sure you give yourselves plenty of extra time. Entries are due to close for Hound Association of Scotland, the dual SKC show, and Border Union. I am sure I am not the only person who is getting a headache about travel plans for the week of shows in Scotland. I am also very intrigued as to how SKC is planning on running two championship shows in one day. Am I wrong to think they are trying to overachieve? Views welcome.

3 / 9 / 2021

HOUND DAY was definitely blessed by the weather gods at Driffild, with both the previous and following day being overcast, blustery and a lot cooler. Anita Roberts was awarding CCs for the second time. She had no absentees from her entry of 18. Dog CC was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Ch Debucher Bizet, Reserve to him was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Macaroni V Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp). Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Fiona MacLaren, Michael MacLaren and Amanda O'Day's Ch Tarmachan Black Ice WW18, with Reserve going to Barbara Milton's Wilmit Jugeote. Best Puppy was my Jayanel Peppermint Patty (handled by Liz Millward), with Best Veteran going to her mum Ch Debucher Violet Gray. At the show BGV Club Chairman presented Bizet (along with Ellie and breeder Vivien Phillips) the salver for winning Best of Breed at Crufts 2020. Entries have now closed for the BGV Club open show which is being held on Sunday 12 September in conjunction with South Yorkshire Hound. Tina Parker has attracted 10 GBGVs and there are 35 PBGVs entered under Michael MacLaren. The Breed Appreciation Day is now being advertised for aspiring judges, this will be held on 17 October. Please contact me for further information and booking form. Alternatively, the booking form can be found on the club website <https://www.bgvclub.co.uk/diary-dates>. There are no championship shows this coming weekend so if anyone has any news please let me know.

17 / 9 / 2021

RICHMOND HAS NO BREED CLASSES so I was hoping for a later start being in AVNSC but alas we were first in at 9am (which did mean I was finished in plenty of time to watch the PBGV judging!) There was only one GBGV entered that being my Jayanel Peppermint Patty. She represented the breed well gaining Best Bitch and Best Puppy under Simon Parsons and 3rd in the Minor Puppy Bitch stakes under Marion Sargent. The BGV Club held its open show in conjunction with South Yorkshire Hound Society and I hear from a number of people the venue was beautiful and it was overall a very enjoyable day. Please if you have any feedback about the partnership show feed it back to your committee. First in was the SYHS classes, Lesley Cooper was the judge and she found her BOB in Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Ir/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM, Reserve Best of Breed was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare. "Zebbie" was later shortlisted in the BIS competition under Debbie Ellrich. The BGV Club Grand classes followed and Tina Parker had 8 of her entry of 10 present. Best Dog and Best of Breed was again awarded to Zebbie, Reserve was Robert Bailey and Andrew Yates' Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool. Best Bitch and BOS was Wilmit Jugeote with her mother Independence Day going RBB. There were no puppies entered. Best in Show was judged by previous BGV Club chairman Paul Osbourne and he awarded BIS to Good Lord and Best Opposite Sex in Show to Jugeote. He also judged the Junior Handling and awarded BJH to Maisie Allenby. I am disappointed to have missed such a "Grand" Day Out but the experience of the Great North Run was second to none. The course was slightly different this year so we did not end up by the sea in South Shields and the new course was hillier than normal (it didn't seem that hilly!) I completed the run in 1 hour 53 mins and 43 seconds. My official time was 1 hour 54 and 22 seconds as I had to wee at 9km and I was not doing a Paula Radcliffe! This weekend we descend on Ripon racecourse for Darlington where Bert Easdon is judging us giving CCs for the first time. Good luck to everyone who is there.

25 / 9 / 2021

FIRSTLY I NEED TO APOLOGISE for the gremlins in last week's notes and apologise to Ch Wilmit Independence Day JW who was Reserve Best of Breed at South Yorkshire Hound Show and not her mother Fanfare who I wrongly reported. Having watched the weather forecast all week for Darlington and packed every type of clothing possible for the rain that was forecast but it was a pleasant surprise to wake up on Sunday morning to see the forecast had completely changed to no rain! Having Hounds on the same day as Utility breeds is extremely busy for me and this resulted in me seeing no GBGV judging (apart from the two classes I was in). I also saw very little of the GBGV people, although it was good to see Paul and Imogen (now Bonwick) Clark watching the judging. Bert Easdon was judging both PBGV and GBGV with CCs for the first time and his GBGV entry of 21 had 3 absentees. Dog CC (Number 4?) was Pam and Claire McGregor's Ch Claela You and I Are A Team, Reserve to him was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Ch Debucher Bizet. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan, Michael McLaren & Amanda O'Day's (handling) Ch Tarmachan Black Ice WW18, Reserve to her was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Best Puppy was Pam and Claire's Claela Infinity And Beyond. According to Higham there was no Best Veteran awarded but I can only assume it was the winner of Veteran Dog (as there were no bitch veterans present) which was Pam and Claire's Int & Ir Ch Claela Reaumur An Ch 19 ShCM. We move on to Birmingham National which is completely confusing me as I am thinking it should be May and not September. Martin Sanders is judging us for the first time with CCs and we are first in the ring at 9am. It is disappointing how slowly the critiques for our breed are coming this year, I believe there have only been two published in the dog press: Leeds and Blackpool. I do know that Bath has been sent to them but not yet published. Hopefully we will have some more soon.

8 / 10 / 2021

APOLOGIES for their being no breed notes last week. I had two mammoth days at work and then drove North for a week's annual leave on the "Scottish Circuit". I am actually enjoying being back at work now for a rest. We will start at the beginning, Martin Sanders was judging us at the delayed Birmingham National for the first time with CCs. He had 18 dogs entered and all were present. He found his Dog CC in Robert Bailey and Andrew Yates' Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool which was his third and crowning CC. "Bert" is Robert and Andrew's first champion so many congratulations to you both. Reserve Dog CC to him was his nephew Tarmachan Mr Myosotis owned by Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren. Bitch CC and BOB was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens (her second I think) and Reserver went to Amanda O'Day, Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Tarmachan Black Ice WW18. Best Puppy was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela Infinity And Beyond. We then move on to the Scottish circuit starting at Hound Association of Scotland. Here Lesley McNaughton judged all the French breeds and her entry of 12 was all present. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Mr Myosotis, Reserve to him was Colin & Ann Makey's Ch/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Best Bitch was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela No Looking Back handled on this occasion by Claire who was making a rare appearance in the show ring and having a break from her studies – good to see you Claire. Reserve Best Bitch, Best Puppy and Best Junior was my Jayanel Peppermint Patty. Best Veteran was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine who later went Reserve Best Veteran In Show under Jill Peak. The following day SKC held two championship shows together, I am still not sure how they pulled this off. The "May" show had CCs and Jill Peak judged an entry of 14 with 1 absentee. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan

and Michael MacLaren's Macaroni V Tum-tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp Nld), Reserve Dog CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Bitch CC and Best Veteran was Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine and Reserve BCC was Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Best Puppy was Claella Infinity And Beyond. Later in the day Macaroni won the Hound group under Dianne Cook and came back to represent the breed in Best in Show on the final day. SKC "September/October" had Dr Ian Gabriel judging an entry of 11 with no absentees. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Good Lord, Reserve to him was Mr Myosotis. Best Bitch was Miss Impatiens and Reserve Best Bitch was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Gracious. Best Puppy was Peppermint Patty. We then moved on to Border Union held at Kelso. When the sun shone it was pleasant, when it didn't I am not saying anything. Here Karen Powney was judging and from her entry of 13 she had 1 absent. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Good Lord, Reserve to him was his son, Pam and Claire McGregor's Ch Claella You And I Are A Team. Best Bitch was Florentine who of course was Best Veteran and Reserve to her was Claella No Looking Back. Best Puppy was Peppermint Patty. Final preparations are underway for the Breed Appreciation Day to be held on 17 October and don't forget to enter the BGV Club show!

15 / 10 / 2021

HAVING THE WEEKEND AT HOME was very refreshing following the "Scottish Circuit" and allowed me to catch up not only with house work but also admin work for the upcoming BGV Breed Appreciation Day. There are 15 candidates booked on both the GBGV and PBGV sessions but not all doing both. A spreadsheet's dream! Entries closed last week for the BGV club championship show, we have a fabulous entry of 30 for judge Jette Vind Ramvad from Denmark, and 13 entered in the Stakes Classes under David Bell. The Stakes Classes will commence at 9am, PBGV breed judging not before 10am and GBGV judging not before 11am. There will be a lunch break within which Junior Handling will be judged. Best In Show, Best Puppy In Show and Best Veteran In Show will be judged by Colin Gillanders once breed judging is completed. We will be sharing the hall with the Midland Lhasa Apso Association championship show. We have been informed that the catering hatch in the hall is now not being used, however there will be a catering van outside the building which will serve hot and cold drinks and food.

22 / 10 / 2021

LAST WEEKEND saw the BGV Club hold another successful Breed Appreciation Day for the Grand and Petit. Interestingly this year there were more people for the GBGV assessment than the PBGV. Michael MacLaren (Tarmachan) spoke on the GBGV, followed by the exam and then an informal hands-on session with live models - Fergus, Flora, Zebbie, Cheeky, Gracie and Patty. Huge thank you to my kitchen helpers Geraldine Dodd and Robert Bailey for serving a delicious lunch and lots of cake. This was followed by the PBGV presentation delivered by Vivien Phillips (Debucher). A huge thanks from me and the club to everyone who gave their time on Sunday to help us deliver this event. Tomorrow (23 October) we have the BGV Club Championship so all results will be reported next week. Safe travels to everyone, I will be thinking of you all on my 18 minute commute to the show venue. I hope to see you all there.

29 / 10 / 2021

THE BGV CLUB SHOW appeared to go without a hitch. There was a slight change to the ring plan this year allowing cages to be alongside all four sides of the rings which I felt opened it up a little bit. Prior to judging starting all officers and committee present at the show gathered in the ring for a few moments' silence and reflection for Fred Ellingford who is still dearly missed by many. Judging commenced at 9am with David Bell judging the stakes classes, The Junior class was won by my Jayanel Peppermint Patty, Post Graduate by Barbara Milton's Wilmit Jugeote and Open by Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. We then had a break until 11am when the main judging by Jette Vind Ramvad commenced. Dog CC and BOS was won by Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCex CW19, Reserve to him was Amanda Smith and my Jayanel Ambiorix who is his son. Bitch CC and Best of Breed went to Colin and Ann Makey with Ch/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Gracious CW19. Reserve was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine who was also declared Reserve Best of Breed. Best Puppy was Jayanel Peppermint Patty. There was a short break at lunch time (called at 12 noon) which fell just after the Dog CC was awarded. During this break Erin Robertson won Best Junior Handler under Colin Gillanders. There were copious amounts of cake available from Robert Bailey and Geraldine Dodd so any diets went out of the window. Grand judging finished just before Petits and then we were on to Best in Show judged by Colin. He found his winner in Jane Brown's Ch Soletrader Valentino Rossi. The Best Opposite Sex PBGV Soletrader Cotton Candy then challenged Good Gracious for Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex in Show with the awards going to Good Gracious. Best Puppy in Show again went to the PBGV, Soletrader Ivy League with Patty in Reserve. Best Veteran in Show was Florentine with Reserve going to the PBGV Claire Gilulley's Ir Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCex. All judging was completed by 3.30pm so the majority of exhibitors were able to commence their journeys home in the daylight. We now have a long break from shows until LKA in December so please (I am begging you here) if you have any news let me know.

24/11/2021

Apologies to all for the lack of breed notes over the last few weeks it was due to the mixture of very little news to report (apart from self bragging) and life getting in the way. I am sure you have now seen from other arenas as to the update regarding the club website and I am looking forward to seeing that develop over the near future. Additionally club publications are well on the way, Debbie O'Brien has been working hard producing the calendar (limited copies are still available so get in quick if you want one) and final copywriting is taking place for the Winter Voice magazine. Last weekend saw the return of Discover Dogs since Crufts 2020, it was on a smaller scale as a number of the competitions that normally take place did not due to a lack of qualifications during the year. There did not seem to be as many stands as previous years and it was definitely quieter on footfall. This was I feel better for the dogs as there was a steady stream of people all day rather than previous crushes. The BGV stand looked amazing - huge thanks to Ceri McEwan to setting it up, there were no information leaflets but there were QR codes set up around the stand that allowed people to access the breed information, much better for the environment! The Grand Basset was represented by Jane Goffin with Bentley and Clive Evans with Filou on Saturday. On Sunday was me and Patty in the morning and Hilary Knowles with two of hers (I didn't take their names - sorry Hilary) in the afternoon. Thank you on behalf of the BGV club for everyone who gave up their time to promote our wonderful breed. Please if anyone has any news let me know as we head to the longer winter months.

8/12/2021

A few of us have ventured out to open shows in the last few weeks. Firstly Pam MacGregor took her and Daughter Claire's show team to Perthshire open show and under Elsie Moyes Ch Claella You And I Are A Team was BOB and Hound Group 2. I took Jayanel Peppermint Patty to Burton on Trent Kennel Association and under Marion Sargent she won BP AVNSC and Hound Puppy Group 1 this repeats her success earlier in November where she gained Hound Puppy Group 1 at Coventry Foleshill under Heidi Allenby. Sad news from Yvonne Moulton her tells me her Zamdilsa Trick Or Treat passed away after a short illness which turned out to be cancer of the Colon. "Ivy" was BPIS at Houndshow and subsequently top GBGV puppy in 2018. It is always sad to lose a dog but especially one so young so hugs to Yvonne and Darren. This weekend sees the last show of 2021 at LKA, good luck to those going and I hope to see some of you there.

20/12/2021

The last Championship show of the season was LKA, when I arrived there was a confusion as to where the GBGV benches were as they were not next to the PBGV benches or the Basset Hounds. After accosting an LKA official who also couldn't find them and a radiocall to Danco who looked confused when they arrived we eventually found them next to the Staffordshire Bull Terriers! GBGV were third in the ring after Basset Hounds and PBGV and judging finished with plenty of time to party prior to the group (but more on that later!). Rod Price was our judge and he last awarded CC's at SKC May in 2019. Dog CC was Mine and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix with the res dog CC awarded to Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Ir/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW SHCM SHCex, Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Amanda O'Day, Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Tarmachan Black Ice W18, reserve to Fiona and Michael's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine who was also Best Veteran. Best Puppy was Claire and Pam McGregor's Claella Infinity & Beyond. Interestingly Dog CC & Res Dog CC was Son and Father and Bitch CC & Res Bitch CC was Daughter and Mother. I will report on the "Top Awards" for the year next week. Now on to the Party - in true LKA style the corks started popping and this year the "bash" was hosted by Robert Bailey celebrating the gaining of Bert's title otherwise known as Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool. Robert had backed an amazing booze fuelled Christmas cake iced and decorated with Bert's pedigree. To go with this was the best looking

Pavlova I have ever seen. A great way to end the 2021 Show season. At Oakengates open show on Sunday 19th December Wilmit Kevin With Demorner was best of breed and Group 3 under Andrew Whitfield Roberts. Kevin is owned by Rachel Pearce, David Hughes and his breeder Barbara Milton. Well the final thing is to wish you, your families and hounds a very Happy Christmas (Boris dependent!)