

THE BASSET GRIFFON VENDÉEN CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

BREED NOTES 2022 - GBGV

13/01/2022

I will start with wishing you and your hounds a Happy New Year. Apologies for no notes last week but I started the new working year by handing my notice in as I am going to a new job in February so as you can imagine the first week back was a bit manic!

The first Championship show has been and gone and Janet Kay's entry of 14 was depleted by 4 absentees. She found her Best Dog in Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Taramchan Mr Myosotis, reserve to him was his uncle Robert Bailey and Andrew Yates Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool. Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Independence Day JW was Best Bitch with Best of Breed and reserve to her was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Best Puppy was Hilary Knowles and Julie Metslaar-Williams Stinton Solitaire avec Braillment at his first show and Best Special Beginner was Hilary's Arapelo Etoile avec Braillment. Many congratulations to all winners.

In Our Dogs this week there is confirmation of Top Dog and Top Puppy on their points system. Many congratulations to Amanda O'Day with Ch Tarmachan Black lee who she owns with her breeders Fiona and Michael for being confirmed as top Grand 2021 and to Pam and Claiare McGregor's Claela Infinity And Beyond who was confirmed as top Puppy 2021.

Debbie O'Brien has been in contact there are a few BGV calendars left and these have now been reduced to £7.50 plus postage (they can be delivered to Manchester if needed) if you want one please contact her directly at debbie.obrien@btinternet.com

19/01/2022

Final reminders are being sent out to those members who are yet to renew their BGV Club membership and/or Limited Odds numbers. A reminder that these are now overdue and as such pay them quickly, membership secretary and Limited Odds Master Martin Bishop will be happy to help if you have any questions. Ceri McEwan is still struggling to find Grands to assist on the Discover Dogs stand over the 4 days at Crufts so please if you can help let her know. Talking of Crufts, it has been announced that there is a short extension to the close of entries, this now being midnight on 27th January.

I hope you have all been enjoying the bright frosty mornings with your hounds meaning that they are not bringing as much mud in the house as usual. I hope to see some of you at Manchester.

25/01/2022

Manchester saw Eddie Webster award the first set of GBGV CC's for 2022. We were 3rd in the ring behind Australian shepherds and PBGV but still all judging was over and done with by 2pm. Eddie had an entry of 17 which was depleted by 3 absentees which included both puppies. Dog CC was Pam and Claire McGregor's Ch Claela You And I Are A Team, reserve to him was his father Ann & Colin Makey's Ch/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCex. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren & Amanda O'Day's Ch Tarmachan Black Ice WW18. Reserve to her was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Independence Day.

Crufts entries close on Thursday 27th January so remember to get them in quickly. Talking of Crufts Ceri McEwan is still looking for volunteers to man the GBGV Discover Dogs booth on the morning and afternoon of Thursday 10th and the afternoon of Friday 11th March – if you can help please let her know. We now have a big gap until Crufts so if you have any news between now and then please share otherwise there will be no breed notes.

11/02/2022

Crufts entries have been released this week and the overall show entry is down on previous years. Some of this can be attributed to the fact that overseas entries are significantly down maybe due to Brexit maybe due to the uncertainty around travel restrictions at time of entry closing who knows. Marion Hunt has drawn an entry of 12 dogs and 11 bitches making 23. We follow PBGV who have 61 entered and 44 Greyhounds both breeds are being judged by Mark Cocozza. Still on Crufts, Ceri McEwan is looking for GBGV volunteers to man the discover dogs stand on Thursday 10th March. If you can help please reach out to her directly

Vivien Phillips writes "It was with great sadness that we learned on Thursday 3rd February of the death of Houndshow President Shirley Rawlings. Shirley had been in poor health in recent times. She was also President of The National Whippet Association and was a long serving committee member of The Hound Association and it's Secretary for many years. Shirley had awarded CCs in GBGV at Southern Counties in 2008 where there was only one CC on offer (thankfully this idea was abandoned soon after by the KC) BOB on the day and winning his 3rd CC was my Debucher Picobello. The Reserve Cc and BOS was Jessica Holm's Holmchappel Petite Priere. Shirley then judged in 2012 at Paignton and awarded the CC to Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Domino and the Makey's CH Gairside Sans Souci took the Bitch CC. Reserve CCs were The Makey's Debucher Harmonie and the dog Reserve CC at his first show was my Debucher Gauguin who also won Best puppy on the day. She subsequently judged Driffield in 2015 and awarded mine and Claire Cooper's Ch Debucher Matisse and Ch Wilmit Gigi at Grandoreille the bitch CC. Reserves were Ch Tarmachan Cartier and Claire's Ch Debucher Violet Gray.

Her final judging appointment was Best in Show at Houndshow in 2017" At her last appointment she awarded Fergus aka ch Tarmachan Cartier best in show 3.

17/03/2022

Crufts is over and done with for another year — Yippee! It is true, love it or hate it there is no show like it. I for one am grateful that the BGV are always tucked away in Hall 5 as the toilets are always quiet, and there is no queue for a cup of tea.

Our judge Marion Hunt (Bondlea) was third in the ring following Mark Coccoza's judging of PBGV and Greyhounds. I am not sure when we actually got in the ring but it all happened in a blur having waited around all day and then trying to be in 2 rings at once. Marion had no absentees from her entry. She found Her dog CC and Best of Breed in Anouk Huikeshoven's Ch Forget-Me-Not V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes (ATC NLD). Reserve Male to him was Fiona Buchanan and Micahel MacLaren's Ch Macaroni V Tum-Tuns Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp NLD). Bitch CC was Mac's daughter, a first fro Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Special Interest and reserve to her was Forget Me Not's daughter Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Best Puppy was Hilary Knowles & Julie Metslaar-Williams Stinton Solitaire avec Braillment.

Other class winners were as follows

Junior Dog Pam and Clare McGregor's Claelqa Infinity and Beyond, Post Grad Dog Hilary's Arapelo Etoile Avec Brailment, Limit Dog Claire Cooper & Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix. Junior Bitch Claire's Jayanael Peppermint Patty, Post Grade Bitch Robert Bailey's Gairside Special Interest. There were no veteran's entered this year. Many congratulations to everyone.

I will report next week on Discover Dogs.

There have been a number of Covid-19 cases reported following Crufts with some in the BGV community – I hope you are all safe and well.

23/03/2022

As promised last week, this week we recognise those who gave up their time for Discover Dogs these were:

Thursday AM Robert Bailey & Andrew Yeates, PM Martin and Nicole Goodwin

Friday AM Gillian Jenkins, PM Rachel Matthews

Saturday AM Imogen Bonwick (Clark) with baby, PM Karen Bayliss

Sunday AM Amanda O'Day, PM Colin and Ann Makey

I know it was Martin & Nicole's first time and they both said they enjoyed it when I chatted to them on Thursday afternoon. A message from Ceri – if you haven't contacted club treasurer Colin Makey with your bank details please do so and he will ensure payment of your monies.

This weekend is The Hound Association open show GBGV have 7 entered and are last in Ring one after 57 dogs – do remember though that the clocks go forward and judging starts at 9.30am. Whilst we are on open shows, schedules for the BGV club open show are not available to download on the BGV website and online entries are available via Arena Print. Entries close on 14th April (Postmark) and online on 18th April.

01/04/2022

The clocks went forward on Sunday and a few of us exhibitors ventured out to The Hound Association Open show at Ryton Upon Dunsmore. Lorna Binks had an entry of 5 minus 1 absentee. Best of Breed was my Jayanel Peppermint Patty with BOS going to her Uncle Jayanel Ambiorix owned by Me and Amanda Smith. A final reminder that items for the agenda should be proposed and seconded and must be submitted by post reaching the Secretary by 2nd April 2022 at the latest.

If you are attending any open shows please let me know the results.

22/04/2022

Apologies for no notes prior to the Easter weekend, I sat down to do them and then had a minor disaster for which everything else went out of the window so here goes a bumper set.

We start with the results for Hound Association of Scotland. Ray Morland was the judge and from his entry of 10 he had 2 absentees. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Pam and Clare McGregor's Ch Claela You And I Are A Team, Reserve to him was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Mr Myosotis. Best Bitch and Best Veteran was Fiona and Mike's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine and reserve was Pam and Clare's Claela No Looking Back. Best Puppy was Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling owned by Fiona & Mike.

On the same day I stayed a bit more local to home and attended Wellingborough & District Canine Society. Jayanel Peppermint Patty was the only GBGV present for Jenny Miller but went on to win the Hound Group under Danny Cullen and eventually Reserve Best In Show under Bill Brown-Cole.

Pam MacGregor kindly wrote to me with the results of the combined Easter classics shows in Ireland. Day 1 judge Mrs T Pehar Claela Infinity and Beyond 1 st junior dog reserve green star Ch Claela you and I are a team 1st champ dog, green star and Cacib, Claela No looking back 1st open bitch, green star cacib and Bob. Day 2 judge Mrs M Rainey Claela Infinity and Beyond 1st junior dog, reserve green star and pending IKC approval he will now be an Irish junior Champion Ch Claela you and I are a team 1 st champ dog green star and Bob Claela no looking back 1 st open bitch green star! Many congratulations and thanks so much for sending me the results.

Entries have now closed for the BGV Club open show on 30thApril. Our (replacement) judge Dianne Reid has pulled an entry of 19. GBGV will be first in the ring following the AGM. Please watch this space for information on food and drink that will be available on the day.

Any news then please let me know

29/04/2022

Kathryn Moulding has sent me the following report from the "Southern" BGV meet up last weekend:

"Shooters Hill walk

I'd heard that some members wanted to meet up and go for a walk in the London area, so decided to arrange one. Thanks to Yvon ne Golds for the suggestion of Oxleas Woods. Having a car park, a restaurant and disabled access made it ideal. Having not been there before I arrived early, to check out the area and found that there were a lot of the ring necked parakeets in the trees around the car park, said to be left in the area after the filming of 'African Queen'. It was a very busy park, but a very large space to accommodate everyone. It was lovely to see Karen Mayles, her daughter Charlotte & George with Bodie and Kristie made it from Essex, Emma Moore with Rigby and Yvonne, Alistair & Aron with Juno. With several different directions to head off, we chose to aim across the large field of short grass, then followed a path through part of the wooded are at the bottom and looped back up one side of the grass field again, returning to the restaurant. We couldn't have got lost amongst the large amount of cockerpoos, and we had the dulcet tones of Bodie and Rigby as we walked, no-one could

miss us! We finished the meet by sitting with a drink in the sun with the dogs. Couldn't top that!! ("m already planning the next walk in the Hampshire area..... and plan to return to Oxleas Wood too."

Sounds like everyone had a great time.

I hope to see many of you at the BGV AGM and Open show to be held tomorrow (30thApril) remember to bring your own cup for cheaper tea and coffee and cash to buy all the cake.

15/05/2022

Bumper notes this week and apologies for not reporting on the club show and AGM last week. Now the world is opening up work keeps coming first. The AGM from all accounts went smoothly (I was too busy in the kitchen preparing lunch for our exhibitors) I am pleased to report the annual trophy winners as follows:

Top GBGV, Flambeur Trophy: Ch Tarmachan Black Ice WW18, Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren & Amanda O'Day

BOS GBGV, Jaclin Coaster: Ch Claela You And I Are A Team, Pam & Clare McGregor

Reserve Top Male, Gairside Salver: Ch/Ir/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord ShCM ShCEx, Colin & Ann Makey & Tarmachan Mr Myosotis, Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren

Reserve Top Bitch, Milton Cup: Tarmachan Miss Impatiens, Buchanan & Maclaren & Claela No Looking Back, MacGregor

Top Puppy, Debucher Shield: Claeala Infinity and Beyond, McGregor & Jayanel Peppermint Patty, Claire Cooper

Runner up Top Puppy, Hootsmon Tankard: Braillement Callisto, Hilary Knowles

Top Non CC Winner, Jaclin Trophy: Gairside Special Edition, Makey

Top Veteran, BGV Club Tankard:Ch/Ir CH Tarmachan Florentine, Buchanan & MacLaren

Runner up Top Veteran, Jaby Cup: Ch Debucher Violet Gray, Cooper

Top Sire, Debucher Trophy: Ch/Ir/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEx, Makey

Top Dam, Duntech Trophy: Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine, Buchanan & MacLaren

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Crufts 2022 BOS, Duntech Shield: Gairside Special Interest, Makey

At the open show our judge was Dianne Reid (Maudaxi) who had an entry of 19 with 16 present. Best Dog was Colin & Ann Makey's Ch/Ir/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEx, Reserve to him was Arapelo Etoile Avec Braillement owned by Hilary Knowles. Best Bitch and BOB was Ch Tarmachan Black Ice owned by Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren & Amanda O'Day. Reserve to her was Barnara Milton's Wilmit Jugeote. Best Puppy was Hilary & Julie Metslaar – Williams Stinton Solitaire Avec Braillement. Best in Show judge Helen Bamforth also judged Junior handling awaring Best Junior Handler to Erin Robertson and she had 1 GBGV in the puppy walk.

Best in Show was awarded to the PBGV Soletrader Ivy League, Res BIS to Black Ice, Best Opposite Sex to Baujons Vagabond Of Monkhams. BPIS to the PBGV Soltrader Special Effects, RBPIS to the PBGV Soletrader Lana Delray. BVIS to the PBGV Ir Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEx

We then had our first outdoor Championship show of the year and our judge Anders Tunold Hanssen had a fabulous entry of 35 with 3 absentees. We were very late getting in to the ring with our eventual best of breed being escorted to the group ring arriving just as the group was going in the ring. Dog CC was Ch/Ir/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEx who also won the Open stakes under Anthony Allen, Reserve to him was the eventual Best Puppy Stinton Solitaire Avec Braillement owned by Hilary Knowles & Julie Mestlaar-Williams. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Ch Tarmachan Black Ice and reserve to her was Ch Tarmachan Florentine who was also Best Veteran. Best Speicla beginners was Judith Shaw & Ray McVey's Soufriere Artimon who also won Soecial Beginners Group 3 under Martin Sanders, an amazing introduction to the showing world.

Many congratulations to the winners of everything I have reported on here and hope to see some of you at SKC.

27/05/2022

Last weekend saw the first SKC of the year, every time my alarm goes off at 1.10am and I get in the car to drive at 2am I take my hat off to the Scottish exhibitors who undertake these journies week after week.

Graham Hill had an entry of 17 with 1 absent. Dog CC and BOB was Mine and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix, reserve to him was the subsequent Best Puppy Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Tipsy Laird. Bitch CC went to Barabar Milton's Wilmit Jugeote and reserve to her was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Special Interest. Best Veteran was Fiona and Michael's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. Graham last judged at Crufts in 2019 and interestingly "Eric" was his Best Puppy and "Bobby" is the daughter of his Bitch CC winner. Barbara had a great SKC as the following day she made her Dandie Dinmont Terrier "Charlie" in to a champion so massive congratulations.

News filtered through last night that Fiona and Michael have lost their beloved Ch/IR Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel who is the current bitch CC record holder and the Dam of the breed record holder. We were only talking fondly of "Lottie" at SKC reminiscing of her retirement show at LKA under Serena Parker where Lottie decided that she was not going to move and retired herself from the show ring to a massive round of applause. Lottie's achievements in the show ring and through her children and grandchildren are too many to mention but include BOB at Crufts 2010 amd BIS & BVIS at the BGV Club 2014 show and her legacy will continue to live on. Many condolences to Fiona and Michael at this time.

01/06/2022

Bath Championship show took place on Monday 30th May and it was very confusing not being a Bank Holiday as of course this has moved to incorporate the Platinum Jubilee celebrations this weekend. Sue Marshall was awarding CC's for the first time and must have been a very nice early birthday present for her as she celebrated a significant birthday the following day.

Of her 10 entered, 9 were present, Dog CC and best of breed was Pam and Claire McGregor's Ch Claela You And I Are A Team, Reserve to him was his father Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Ir/Bel & Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCex who was also Best Veteran. Bitch CC was the 3rd and crowning one for Pam and Claire's Claela No Looking Back. Reserve to her was Colin and Ann's Gairside Special Interest. Best Puppy was Hilary Knowles and Julie Metslaar-Williams Stinton Solitaire Avec Braillment. Later in the day Good Lord went Veteran Group 4 under Graham Hill. Many congratulations to the winners.

A final reminder that entries close for the BGV Club Show held in conjunction with Border Union Championship show by Post on Friday 3 June and online on Monday 6th June. Online entries can be made via www.arenaprint.co.uk

17/06/2022

Three Counties saw Jackie Hornby judge an entry of 15 GBGV with 4 absentees. She found her Best Dog and Best of Breed in Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCex. Reserve Best Dog and Best Puppy was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Taramchan Tipsy Laird. Best Bitch was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Jugeote and Reserve was Fiona and Michael's Ch/Ned/Int Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond. Later in the day Tipsy Laird was shortlisted in the Puppy Group under Stuart Milner.

This weekend sees Border Union and the BGV Club open show in Scotland. Order of judging commences at 9am with 26 Miniature Long Haired Dachshunds, 15 GBGV and 27 PBGV for Border Union. Following a short break for us to rejig the ring the open show will commence with GBGV (15) followed by PBGV for Imogen Bonick. Linda McKenzie will then judge Junior Handling and Best In Show. I hope to see many of you there.

28/06/2022

Apologies for no notes last week, work got in the way and unfortunately work pays the dog food bills!

We will start our round up with Border Union which saw Ceri McEwan judging 14 hounds, here Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren had an amazing day winning Best Dog and Best of Breed with Tarmachan Mr Myosotis, Reserve Best Dog and Best Puppy with Tarmachan Tipsy Laird and Best Bitch with Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling. Colin and Ann Makey picked up Reserve Best Bitch with Gairside Special Interest and Best Veteran with Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEx

Following a 30 minute break after PBGV judging the BGV Open show commenced, Imogen Bonwick was the judge and had 12 GBGV present. She awarded Best Dog and BOB to Pam & Clare McGregor's Ch Claela You And I Are A Team, reserve best dog and Best Veteran to Good Lord, Best Bitch and RBOB to my Jayanel Peppermint Patty, Reserve best bitch to Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens and Best Puppy to their Clootie Dumpling. Linda McKenzie was the Best In Show judge and awarded BIS to You And I Are A Team, RBIS and Best Opposite sex in Show to Peppermint Patty, BPIS to the PBGV Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect and BVIS to Good Lord. A Good day for the GBGV.

Between Border Union and Blackpool was Cheshire County Show, Debbie O'Brien had 4 entered, BOB was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Jugeote and RBOB was Colin and Ann's Good Lord.

We then moved on to Blackpool where I believe there were some testing weather conditions at times. Colin Ashmore had 10 hounds present and awarded Best Dog & Best of Breed to Mr Myosotis, Reserv Best Dog and Best Junior in Breed to Pam & Clare McGregor's Claela Infinity And Beyond, Best Bitch to their Claela No Looking Back and reserve to Fiona and Michael's Clootie Dunpling who was also Best Puppy. Good Lord was again Best Veteran and gained Veteran Group 4 under Keith Thornton later in the day.

Sue Marshall let me know the results from Eastbourne & DCS Open show, Soufriere Paserelle Bateau got BOB, BP and Hound puppy group 4, Soufriere One Vision JW got RBOB.

A reminder from South Yorkshire Hound Society that their online entries close on 10th July. Richard Bott has 4 classes to judge and the show is supported by the BGV club.

I may see some of you at Windsor.

07/07/2022

Last week saw Windsor with 22 entries with 2 absentees. Sue Cole was judging and she found her main winners as Dog CC, BOB and Best Veteran in Colin and Ann Makey's Ch Int Ch Bel Gairside Good Lord JW Sh.CM ShCEx, Res Dog CC in Pam & Clare McGregor Claela Infinity And Beyond. Bitch CC was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Jugeote and res Bitch CC to Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens with Best Puppy to their Tarmachan Tipsy Laird. Later in the day Tipsy Laird won Puppy Group 2 under Anne MacDonald.

This weekend sees the closing date for South Yorkshire Hound Society. Richard Bott is judging and the BGV Club is supporting the classes.

22/07/2022

We start at East of England where our judge Anthony Allen had (I think) 11 present. I say I think as the results on Fosse Data for this show are not complete and for a long time had a PBGV recorded as Best Bitch! However Nest Dog and Best of Breed was Pam and Claire McGregor's Ch Claela You And I Are A Team, Reserve to him and Best Veteran was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Ir/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCex. Best Bitch was their Gairside Special Interest Reserve was Pam and Claire's Claela No Looking Back. Best Puppy was Sue Marshall's Soufriere Paserelle Bateau. Later in the day our BOB was shortlisted in the group by Liz McKnight.

On to the glorious Houndshow, yes it was warm but nowhere near as hot as last year and yes the following day I was brown! John Thirlwell judged the breed with CC's for the first time and he had 21 present from his entry of 27. He found his Dog cc and best veteran in Good Lord, Reserve to him was mine and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens and res to her was their and Amanda O'Day's Ch Tarmachan Black Ice. Best Puppy was their Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling. In the groups "Patsy" was shortlisted in BIS and Clootie Dumpling was placed BPIS 4 both under Age Gjetnes. In the Veteran Group "Zebbee" was placed VG3 under Jan Pain. A great day for the GBGV.

I may see some of you at Leeds on Sunday

10/08/2022

At Leeds we were third in the ring after BFdeB and PBGV. Our judge elect was Val Jackson and just as we went in to the ring there were a couple of heavy downpours but the rain mainly held off until after judging had finished although it was very humid. Val had an entry of 25 with 1 absentee. Her Dog CC, Best of Breed and Best Veteran was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEx. Reserve to him was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Macaroni V Tum-Tums Vriendjes Of Tarmachan (Imp NId). Bitch CC (her first) was Sue Marshall's Soufriere One Vision JW reserve to her was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. They also won Best Puppy with Tarmachan Tipsy Laird. Massive congrats to "Harry" who went on to win the puppy group under Steve Atkinson.

The week after was South Yorkshire Hound Society where Richard Bott had an entry of 5 all of which were present. He found his BOB in my Jayanel Peppermint Patty and reserve BOB in Robert Bailey's Ch & Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool. Barbara Milton's Wilmit Jugeote won the Open stakes (and money) under Keith Pursglove. We enjoyed the garden party atmosphere at this beautiful venue with Robert's wonderful home made cake!

Lastly was Paignton with a change of judge at the 11th hour after Gavin Robertson injured his leg and ended up on crutches. Heidi Allenby stepped in for his entry of 17 and she had 3 absentees. Dog CC and BOB was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela Infinity And Beyond reserve to hime was mine and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix. Bitch cc which was her third and crowning was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Jugeote. Reserve to her and Best puppy was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling. "Annie" was later shortlisted in the puppy group under Alec Stewart.

18/08/2022

There were 10 GBGV entered under Mary Pascoe at Bournemouth and they were all present. Colin and Ann Makey had a successful day winning Dog CC and Best Veteran with Ch/Bel&Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEx, Res dog CC with Gairside Special Edition and Res Bitch CC Gairside Special Interest. The other two awards were won by Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren, Bitch CC and Best of Breed (her third) was Tarmachan Miss Impatiens and Best Puppy with Tarmachan Tipsy Laird.

During the week was Thame & Oxfordshire County Canine Society, Tim Ball had a good entry of 9 with 8 present. Bob was my Jayanel Peppermint Patty, Reserve Best of Breed was Sue Marshall's Soufriere One Vision JW, Best Puppy and Puppy Group 2 was her Soufriere Paserelle Bateau.

Hope to see you all at Welsh Kennel Club

27/08/2022

The show wagon moved in to the Welsh Valleys for The Welsh Kennel Club. There was a new show layout this year which did mean the show felt much more together than in previous years, however did mean that a number of breeds were scheduled in the buildings rather than outside. GBGV were on the last day and we were under large tents in one of the grassy areas. Vivien Phillips was our judge and we followed her entry of beagles.

Viv had an entry of 15 with 4 absentees. Dog CC (I think his second) and Best of Breed was Anouk Huikeshoven's DK & NL Ch Forget-Me-Not v Tum-Tums Vriendjes, reserve to him was David Hughes, Rachel Pearce and Breeder Barbara Milton's Wilmit Kevin With Demorner. Bitch CC was Kevin's daughter My Jayanel Peppermint Patty and reserve to her was Amanda O'Day, Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Tarmachan Black Ice. Best Puppy was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling and Best Veteran was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch Int, Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCex.

Later in the groups Good Lord was Veteran Group 4 under Patsy Hollings, but the day just got better and better for "Get Me" winning the Hound Group under Bill Brown Cole and ultimately Best IN Show under Kevin Young. This was the first time a GBGV has been awarded BIS at an all breed championship show in the UK so many congratulations to Anouk and Get Me and also Gwen who bred him. I am sure this rounded of a fabulous UK Holiday for Anouk and daughter Soleile. We now move up north to Driffield held at Wetherby Racecourse on BH Monday.

02/09/2022

We were first in the ring at Driffield where Wendell Moore had an entry of 16 with 3 absentees prior to him judging Min Smooth Hair Dachshunds. He found his Dog CC and subsequent Best Veteran in Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShC M ShCEx Reserve to him was his son Mine and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was the recently crowned Tarmachan Miss Impatiens owned by Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren, Reserve to her was my Jayanel Peppermint Patty. Best Puppy was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling and Best Special Beginner was Judith Shaw and Rav McVey's Soufriere Artimon.

In the Groups "Annie" was Puppy Group 3 under Jill Peak and Zebbie was Veteran Group 3 under Ann MacDonald. Many congratulations to all.

Pam McGregor writes in respect of her recent trip to Ireland to enjoy the Circuit "Well what a week in Ireland on the circuit. Fantastic results all days which included making Claela No Looking Back to an Irish Champion (Subject to IKC approval) but the star of the week was Claela Infinity And Beyond who was awarded 3 group placings and a Best In Show and is now also a new Irish Champion (Subject to IKC approval)".

As I write these notes City of Birmingham championship show is going ahead, more news on that later.

14/10/2022

Firstly a question – does anyone actually read these notes? Did anyone miss them for the entire month of September that I did not produce any? Do you want them to continue? Can anyone suggest anything to make them more interesting especially as now we are moving in to the winter months and there are limited shows? In the world of Facebook results and news are pretty much shared instantly by people and I feel that I just regurgitate information that everyone has seen elsewhere...... Does anyone have a particular passion for injecting new blood in to the breed notes?

We will then move on to the results of the October shows. SKC was on 1st October and Diane Stewart Ritchie had 5 present from her entry of 6. She awarded BB and BOB to Robert Bailey and Yvonne Moult's Gairside Special Event with Best Dog going to Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela Infinity And Beyond. Reserves were Robert & Andrew Yates Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool and Pam & Claire's Ch Cleala No Looking Back, there were no puppies or veterans present. Claire McGregor won the YKC Handling at the show qualifying her for Cufts.

At South Wales Kevin Young had 6 present from his entry of 8, Kevin awarded BIS at Welsh Kennel Club earlier this year to Anouk Huiskehoven's DK Ch NL Ch Forget-Me-Not v. Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. Here he awarded Best Dog to Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren's Ch Macaroni V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp Nld), reserve to him was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int CH Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEx, Best Bitch and Best of Breed was my Jayanel Peppermint Patty and reserve was Fiona and Michael's Ch Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Again there were no puppies entered.

Sue Marshall writes "We went to Rugby &DCS Open show on Saturday where Parsnip (Soufriere One Vision JW) won Best AVNSC Hound and Group 4 under judge John Walton Haddon." Congratulations.

This weekend sees Discover Dogs – who knows maybe someone might report back briefly?

26/10/2022

Firstly a thank you to all those who manned the Discover Dogs booth for the GBGV over the weekend, and don't forget to put your names forward to Ceri McEwan if you are interested to assist over Crufts.

Last weekend saw the BGV Club show take place. I was the judge for the Stakes classes and was thrilled with my entry of 12 with 2 absentees. My winners were Special Junior Fiona Buchanan and Muchael MacLaren's Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling, Special Post Grad Imogen Bonwick's Plainville Grand National and Special Open was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Jugeote.

Jenna Betts was the elected judge for the breed and she had an entry of 27 with 5 absentees. She found her Dog CC and BOB in Pam and Claire McGregor's Ch Claela You And I Are A Team, reserve CC to him and subsequently Best Veteran and Reserve BOB was his Father Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEx. Bitch CC and Best Opposite Sex was Fiona Buchanan and Muchael MacLaren's Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling which was her first. Reserve to her was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Jugeote. Best Puppy was Hilary Knowles and Julie Metslaar-Williams' Braillment Miss Wainthrop. There were no Junior Handlers present to be judged. Marita Rodgers was the Best In Show judge and the majority of the main awards went to the PBGV as follows; Best In Show Dianne & Phil Reid's Ch Vilauddens Madnificent Mile (Imp NLD) handled by Lilly O'Brien. Reserve Best in Show was Ch Claela You And I Are A Team. Best Opposite Sex In Show was Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling. Best Puppy In Show was Sara & Gavin Robertson's Soletrader Missy Elliott with Mrs Wainthropp in Reserve. Best Veteran In Show was Lizzie Cadmore's Ch Soletrader Rita Ora with Good Lord In Reserve.

The show was wrapped up and everyone on their way home at a reasonable time. I am unable to make much comment as after my judging stint I was away next door to the Tibetan Spaniel Association Championship show, but as always, the committee appreciate any feedback.

03/11/2022

Midland Counties had an entry of 14 for Brian Foster but unfortunately, he had 4 absent. From the 10 present he found his Best Dog and Best Veteran in Ch Int Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCm ShCEx, reserve to him was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Mr Myosotis. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Jugeote, Reserve to her was Fiona and Michael's Ch Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Best Puppy was Hilary Knowles and Julie Metslaar-Williams' Braillement Mrs Wainthrop.

I hope you and your hounds had a Happy Halloween and none are too traumatised over the upcoming 5th November fireworks. A reminder that these are your notes and unless you give me anything to report on then there will be a hiatus now until LKA in December.

11/11/2022

It was so nice to see pictures of a GBGV group get together on Facebook this week and thanks to Sue Marshall who wrote the following summary:

"A group of us met up at Centre Paws in Norfolk for a 'Grand day out' there were 9 Grands in total, who had an absolute blast off lead. Two hours free running and shenanigans were had by all without any cross words and that was just the dogs! The enclosed field, despite all the heavy rain the country has been subjected to wasn't too muddy. The rain unfortunately did start and became heavier as we neared the end of our two hour slot, the dogs were rounded up, then we all retreated to the cafe. The cafe was very inviting, it welcomed dogs and even had two containers outside, one with clean towels to dry the dogs and one for the dirty towels, very thoughtful. Inside was a varied menu for the humans and also pupcakes for the dogs."

If you have any news please let me know!

15.12.2022

I for one am loving this cold weather – why may you ask? NO RAIN and no mucky feet through the house! I do however feel thankful for the basics that I have a roof over my head, and I can afford to heat the house as many out there are unable.

The last championship show of the year took place at the weekend. This was the last time that LKA would be held at the NEC – yes there are benefits to moving to Stafford, the parking being one of them. However, will the show lose its identity? Only time will tell. And having been at BUBA the week before when there was limited heating, I have to say it was bitterly cold by the time the group went in.

Ann MacDonald was our judge and she had drawn an entry of 25 and on the day there were 7 absentees. We were first in the ring at 9am which meant plenty of time for shopping or chattering. Dog CC (his third) was Mine and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix who can now carry the title of champion. Reserve to him was his sire who also took Best Veteran, Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEx. Bitch CC and BOB was Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren and Amanda O'Day's Ch Tarmachan Black Ice WW18, reserve to her was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Clootie Dumpling. Best Puppy was Hilary Knowles and Julie Metslaar Williams Braillment Mrs Wainthropp.

Fiona had carefully constructed a Clootie Dumpling to share with fellow exhibitors – the nibble I had of Phil Reid's slab was very tasty!

I will report next week on the End of Year awards. If any of you are venturing to any open shows over the Christmas and New Year break please do let me know your results.