

## NATIONAL OBEDIENCE CLASS FINALS

The Norton Rossettes Novice Final

Held at the Kennel Club Building Stoneleigh

14th November 2015

Judge – Steve Frazer

Ring Steward – Jen Wyatt

Scoreboard and silver tray carrier – Dawn Cox

Great Show, Great organisation. I think the NOCF team got it so right this year. Can it get better in future years? Personally, I think they will struggle to better this one, but I'm sure they will have a few tweaks here and there and maybe add something new!!!! No pressure. Very well done!

Jen Wyatt and Dawn Cox switched roles for the Novice Final run off. Jen stewarded and Dawn looked after the scores and carried the silver tray! Thanks Girls, I could not have asked for any more commitment from both of you.

Just to clarify what the Novice final was all about. There was a Novice part 1 and 2. The first judged by Kay Reynolds and the second by Emma Hughes. Well done to both judges on producing such worthy finalists. The first 5 in each part went forwards into the Novice final. This consisted of a full round run off between the two first placed dogs, and then the two second placed dogs etc etc. The round consisted of a standard type novice recall, H on L and HF starting on the diagonal and back on the diagonal, a diagonal right turn and then into a standard heelwork pattern for the rest. There were a few handlers who didn't walk a straight line and also had variations in the normal pace on the straights and the turns!!!! My steward asked for the dumbbell to be thrown in a diagonally right direction which all teams did. Some handlers helped their dogs into the present which showed off their handling skills and the other dogs knew their job sufficiently to be able to cope without much help at all. Either way that was fine and generally the exercise was completed well.

Unfortunately the 9th and 10th placed dogs did not run-off but well done on your respective places gained in your original Novice rounds.

### Results:

1st Place Susan Mcmanus with Rebelicious O'Grady. Very well done on winning the final. This was a solid workmanlike round. I got the impression you were waiting a little on some turns but overall this team displayed a very accomplished Novice performance. Congratulations.

2nd Emese Kovacs with Bertley Blackbird. This little dog has so much attitude and obviously enjoys this obedience game of ours! You did what I call penguin turns which I felt inhibited your super dogs performance a little, which in itself is not markable but the overall picture would improve with a more flowing approach imo. Having said that, you deserve so much credit for producing this little dog in the way you have. Very envious. Super. More good results are sure to come in 2016.

3rd Place and winning the run off with the 4th. Louise Spenceley with Kingsfarm Black Caviar. A good round from both of you. Handled the situation very well. Accurate dog and good handling keeping to your straight

lines and getting on with turns. Very well done.

4th Place Samantha Rice with Tollerice Aivazoff. Good attention from your dog is what is needed in this game and your dog did not disappoint. On this occasion there were lapses in accuracy but overall this team's performance provided a very pleasant picture. Well done.

5th Place Debbie BackDebaks Nottaff Ahkenkollie. The energy this handler put into her dog when entering the ring was just awesome and it continued into the round. It made me tired just watching you. Your dog responded brilliantly. Non stop for the whole round. Just got on with it. Well done.

6th Place Chrissy Harrison with Jacob Osbourne of Neath. This dog looks as if it is difficult to control. Just wants to get on with it. Unfortunately, this caused a bit of forward work and crabbing. On today's showing this was too costly to win the run off but on another day who knows. Well done on this place.

7th Place. Carol Hale with Tumulusregis Odysseus@Vanellus. I think I was panicking more with the number mix up than the handler. She just shrugged it off and came in and produced a stunning round. Your dog showed just the right amount of commitment without been over the top and just looked as if it knew exactly what it was doing. Very neat and tidy handling helped this dog with every aspect of the test. Lovely! Well done.

8th Christine Bowles with The Onerio Looks a young dog with lovely work. I was impressed with this partnership. Something or other spooked this youngster and the handler coaxed her to overcome her anxiety and get on with the job. Well it worked and you completed the round. Must have had a positive effect on your canine partner in the way you handled the situation. Good for the future. Well done

9th Sue Monk with The Alkie Boy . Well done on your place in the original round

10th Sheila Rodger with Briabar Taylor Made. Well done on your place in the original round.