

Class: B

Judge: Jane Bint

Firstly let me congratulate Fran, Rhia, Paula and Dave (unfortunately missing) , for all their hard work at putting on the opportunity for competitors to enjoy their "Crufts experience". I was extremely privileged and pleased to be asked to judge class B at the start of this evolving show; as I'm sure it will get bigger and even more sparkly .

With bling in mind and my love of Christmas I decided that would be my theme i.e. Christmas trees as front markers & sparkly wrapped black/ silver presents as the back markers. The retrieves were a knotted tuggie in silver favours; which were also presented and returned in highly bling boxes (kindly decorated by Sheila) which were later offered as a memento of the day. My scent cloths were also made keeping to my silver / black theme and laid in an N pattern.

I must also thank Rob with coming up with the idea of an archway as the entrance to the ring which I must admit I was a bit doubtful of at the start but was very impressed with, as I think it was brilliant , thanks hubby x (not used to you being right lol!)

I am indebted to my very competent team; Jean Everist stewarding and Sheila Huntley on scoreboard. They gave up their day willingly to help me and I'm very happy to have such good friends, thank you so much, I had a great day and it all went like clockwork.

Thanks also to Mark Herrits for stepping in as scent decoy, only a couple of dogs being enticed by him (you've lost your pulling power Mark! haha)

I was slightly bemused by the disappearance of the sample retrieve which was on the table outside my ring and also the scent pattern layout, which was on the score table, but both items were returned whilst we were at lunch!

Just a general note that some teams were understandably affected by the background noise so didn't perform as good as they can do, but I hope you still enjoyed your well deserved moment and I applaud you for still carrying on.

1st Sue Amos with Glenrobin Snow Scape

A new team to me but I was very impressed , all exercises were handled expertly , which at this level is a must in my opinion, I did hear how pleased you were to win and quite rightly so, congratulations.

2nd Lisa Brannan with Touch of Mystical Clubs

This was my "take home dog" I put on my notes; fabby , keen but controlled, great HW position and attention , also great handling, a missed sit position on HW relegated you to second, well done

3rd Jan Morse with Cories Claret

No real hiccups in HW but a few points lost in the sets, another good HW position, a good overall impression, brilliant

4th Sue Amos with Stillrockin Angel Eyes

So admire the quality of this boys work considering Vespa is deaf, (my daughter competed at one time, so appreciate the dedication). This probably explains the anticipation of the drop in SA, well done on two dogs high in the placings

5th Sarah Delany with Vanistica Twelve Night

I've watched this dog before and today they were uncharacteristic mistakes due to the environment I'm sure, a couple of missed sits in HW and a messy retrieve but well placed nonetheless.

ARO 6th Sharon Webley with Boom Bang a Bang

A couple of extra commands today from Sharon which she may have uncharacteristically done due to the noisy environment, well done on winning the RO

7th Tony Morris with Kintonkaiz Blue Zonic

Only lost the RO by a ¼. This huge shepherd knows his job and sticks like glue to Tony's leg, would just like to see "sits" a bit faster and not so thought about. Was impressed with the parade Tony, didn't recognise you, you scrub up well, Excellent

8th Julia Skipp with She's the One

Just bits and pieces overall, but another dog affected by the noise I thought. Well done on getting into the Midlands team

9th Loryn Oliver with Baraway Spotchecka

Not seen your boy before Loryn but loved him, everything there to take you to the top - attitude, position but was seriously worried by his surroundings, good luck

10th Jan Morse with Mr. Darcee My Touch of Class

Unfortunately being 1st in the running order probably didn't help as he didn't have time to settle down, even so you could see the potential, well done, loved the shoes by the way!

At the end of this successful event we were entertained by the talented Mary and teams doing their excellent Crufts routine. Hope this is a regular display as it would be a brilliant crowd puller.

Also last but not least, Keith and Hazel of Pet Needs who generously sponsored the show, which wouldn't be the same without them.

Thanks from myself and team for the kind gifts of our engraved glassware as a permanent display of our day, keep up the good work, Jx