Thankyou Fran and team for my invitation to judge Beginners at the fantastic NOCF of 2017, what a brilliant day we had. Big thanks to my granddaughter Kaydie and to Becca Williams, these girls are age 9 and 12 and what a fantastic job they did as steward and scoreboard, thankyou girls.

Hope all competitor's enjoyed the day as much as we did. I judged some lovely teams, the standard was a bit mixed but on the whole I was pleased to see good positive handling. Results as follows.

1st Mr J Parker with GSD Conquell Urs. Truly exceeded every expectation I had for this class. The best round I have seen in a long time. Neo and Justin graced the ring and left me speechless, quiet confident handling, leaving me nothing to mark other than 1/2 on retrieve, and believe me I absolutely scrutinized this team. Well done Justin and Neo a most worthy team, I wish you much luck in 2017.

2nd Beth Carol and Le Voleur Noir. Another cracking team, my comment on my sheet, beautifully controlled another team to watch out for.

3rd P Murphy and Saredon As Time Goes By. Yet another confident team, nosey retrieve being costly today and a twitchy present, good luck

4th A Chapman and Dancing Tiny Tara. Full sets, unfortunate tight lead spoiling HoL adn loss of position in HF taking points today. Fantastic sets well done 5th ARO G Painting with Jarymystic Quickfire. Across my sheet I have super attitude, and this lovely girl certainly had that by the bucket load. Minor faults today I'm sure Evie will soon move up from this class

6th K Wiggins and Tiger Bear Prince Fudge. Another dog with great attitude and superbly handled, sits costly today both HoL, HF and CP on Rec, such a shame Fagan dropped his dumbbell relegating you down the line up. Super round Keelagh keep it up

7th L Parsons and My Apsolute Star. Sets costly today for Lindsey and Jasper an overall good round

8th J Byard and Lilly La La. Sort Lilly's sits out Jayne, they let you down today, deviation in retrieve took points also, small faults, I'm sure you will sort - good luck 9th L Ince and Decoymans Piper Edwards. Troy a little loose on turns today and anticipated his finish on retrieve, well worthy of his place in the line up good luck 10th J Shore and Redaurora Golden Dream. Well done Jackie you worked so well on Rec present, would have been a different story without that hiccup. Best of luck. Just out of line up after r/o with above 4 dogs G Bonnel with Sheltysham Short Serenade at Cinlock. Jade slightly out of position today and anticipated on recall, I'm sure on another day these faults will be ironed out.

Thank you all for making our day enjoyable and the best of luck to you and your dogs.

Shirley bowlas.