

SHOW held at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, Nr. Kenilworth on Saturday 9th December 2017

CLASS B (DOG & BITCH) – The ARDEN GRANGE Class B Final

Ring Steward: James Prince

Scoreboard Steward: Mavis Mills

31 Entries 27 Ran

For the very first time I was invited to judge at the National Obedience Class Finals in 2017 and it was an honour to be asked to judge Class B (Dog & Bitch) which was sponsored by Arden Grange.

This special show was organised by Fran Bush, Rhiannon Mulrenan, Paula Foakes and Chief Steward, Dave Banks and the organisation was first class throughout. We had breakfast on arrival and a lovely hot meal at lunchtime and some special Penny Banks cakes with drinks at the end of judging. There were many more people working away in the background to make this special show the success that it is and my thanks go to them as well, every one of them including the “Manx” girls who directed us to our parking places after their own long journey from the Isle of Man. It was very cold with snow in the air and on the ground. The dedication from these people was superb so give yourselves a big pat on the back and accept thanks from everyone. All these things combined to make it a really lovely day and I feel certain that the competitors appreciated the hard work which everyone put in.

This also includes, of course, all the judges, stewards and scoreboard stewards. James Prince was my steward and he was excellent as was Mavis Mills on the scoreboard, they certainly made my day.

And so to the results. We had some really good rounds some of which made big mistakes which put them out of the running while others did training rounds which will hopefully give their dogs confidence for the future.

1st – Fran Godfrey with Kingsfarm Brazen In Black At Sunbridge – losing 6 points

A lovely round from this team who lost little throughout, just minor faults here and there. Well done and good luck for the future.

2nd – Sue Flight with Jezzaddy It's Teazel Time – losing 6½ points

Again a really good round with very little to choose between this team and the winners. An excellent performance and I'm sure they will go far.

3rd – Jane Pottle with Astra Kanga – losing 7 points.

Very close to the leaders and little to choose between them.

4th – Jan Morse with Cories Claret – losing 8½ points.

Heelwork was good but sendaway was a little costly today, but nevertheless a good round.

5th- Susan Amos with Stillrockin Angel Eyes – losing 9 points.

Sendaway cost a higher place but nevertheless a really good round. Won run-off from:

6th – Wendy Coles with Simmovon Heaven In Entirely- losing 9 points.

Very little to choose between 5th and 6th and it could go either way on another day.

7th – Chrissie Skelly with Borderlair Chocolat Ruffle B Ex - losing 9½ points

Scent was a little more costly but nevertheless a good round.

8th - Louise Healey with Glencymreig Degu – losing 11½ points

Heelwork and scent cost most of the marks but good luck for the future.

9th – Hazell Williamson with Vakeranti Massechusetts - losing 13 points

Sendaway was costly but a lovely dog and should progress.

10th – Wendy Birch with Coolpawz Just Joey Of Greyvalley = losing 13½ points.

A young dog who will no doubt make his presence felt.

Judge - Bronwyn Bartley