

National Obedience Class Finals

Saturday 10th December 2016

Pre-Beginners

Judge: Krysia Wilenczyc Steward: John Young Score: Margaret Pettit

Thank you to the NOCF team for invitation to judge at the Class Finals. The organisation was superb and nothing too much trouble. I was really pleased to judge the pre-beginner class as there is always such a lovely variety of breeds in this class, although inevitably the dog's performance is often affected by the handler's nerves.

There was definitely an air of excitement in the venue and lovely to see the effort that people had gone to in dressing for the occasion.

Sadly the weather wasn't kind and it rained from our very early start to our very late finish. Thankfully the show was held indoors but people still got wet exercising their dogs.

Thank you to John for stewarding and Maggie for scoreboarding. You both did an excellent job, and Maggie looked like a little Christmas elf!!!

We had 35 in our class and everyone gave a good account of themselves. Well done to you all for qualifying. I look forward to seeing you all progress through the classes.

1st Michelle Dakin & TATTY TEDWARD, X-Breed.

This lovely little dog gave a performance of enthusiasm, style and accuracy with very little to mark. Well done.

2nd Ruth Stevens & CADAM LEONORA, FCR.

On equal marks with the winner, another exuberant performance with very few errors. Well done.

3rd Emily Crookes & BORDERPRIDE LOVE ACTUALLY, BC.

A lovely round with just a crooked bum costing the marks in all exercises. Well done.

4th Allison Burrows & RISINGTIDES LADY OPAL, Lab.

Just a little loss of position here and there but a very good recall from this lovely Lab. Well done.

5th Paul Watts & SOARING FRED, X-Breed.

This very tall man and very small dog worked a storming, stunning round. Didn't set off with such gusto in HF, which cost a few marks but once they got into their stride they worked a lovely round of HF as well. Well done.

6th Nicola Marrabla & HERDA RUEMOUR, BC.

A lovely round from this handler's dog, just lost a bit of position in HF which was costly. Well done.

7th Julie Green & OAKCFROFT ABBIE'S DREAM, Sheltie.

A very neat, happy round from this Sheltie, just a few marks lost on position and a little quick off the mark in the recall. Well done.

8th Laura Wiley & MOONSTYLE MYSTIC FROST, ASD.

This Aussie took a little while to settle but then produced a lovely round, just a silly on the finish on

the recall. Well done.

9th Heidi Dixon & LIGHTNING LILLY, Sheltie.

A stunning HOL and clear recall but just sadly got a bit distracted on the HF, which was costly. Well done.

10th Rosalin Founde & LITTLE CHOCOLATE TRIO, BC.

A nice round from this pair with a little loss of position in places and a crooked bum which added up. Well done.

11th Sharyn Hall & GRANDBELGE KROSBY, BSD.

A very bouncy round, creating a few errors and a run-off for 10th place, ending up 11th. Well done to this happy dog.