

National Obedience Class Finals
The Ain't Misbehavin' Clothing
Pre – Beginner Final
Held at the Kennel Club Building Stoneleigh.
14th November 2015

Judge – Steve Frazer
Ring Steward – Dawn Cox
Scoreboard Steward – Jen Wyatt
Chief Steward – Richard Kebble (More like Chief sweet pincher lol)

Last year, I was a competitor at this competition and thought the whole event was brilliant from start to finish, so when I was invited to judge this class and the Novice Final I jumped at the chance. Thanks to the NOCF team for the invitation and for all your hard work in pulling this event together. Thanks also for the gift I received. I think, this year, the atmosphere and support the competitors showed towards each other was even better than last. Long may it continue.

Thanks to the sponsors of this class. Your support was really appreciated. I believe the Ain't Misbehavin' Clothing stall was well attended by competitors and visitors.

What would I have done without my ring team today? They both showed a very professional approach to their tasks and at the same time laughed with the competitors and helped them to keep their nerves under control. I had lots of feedback on this so very well done to Dawn Cox and Jen Wyatt.

Without exception, all the competitors had a great attitude towards their canine partners. You had all proved yourselves prior to this show by accruing the required amount of points, so this event was the icing on the cake.

We had all sorts of dogs, from the little toy dogs to the large rotties, from the dogs where the atmosphere was just that little bit too much, to the ones that took it all in their stride. All the handlers were sympathetic to their dog's needs.

Congratulations, I was thrilled to judge you all and had a fantastic day!

Results:

1st Place. Patricia Murphy with Saredon As Time Goes By,
I don't often say brilliant about a team but this round was "BRILLIANT". This little dog gave you everything you asked for despite your nerves. Your handling just completed the picture. Very well done.

2nd Place. Lindsey Parsons with My Apsolute Star. Great team. To improve, just make your turns a little sharper. Overall, I just loved this pairing. Your little dog

just wanted to get on with it and you handled the situation and nerves really well. Very well done.

3rd Place. Joanne Borg with Sunshine Gail. Another team that worked well enough to stay ahead of the rest in your own right. I think you did really well to gain this place in a class that has to be one of the best Pre – Beginner classes I have judged. Very well done.

All the following competitors were hot on the heels of the top 3 with not much to choose between you all.

4th place Marie Gibson with Daisy Dibble. Very well done on this place. The Heel Free was slightly expensive but you managed a clear recall which helped to give you this well-deserved place.

5th Place. Sally Partridge with Red Stubble Lord Gem Merlot. The Heel on Lead and Heel Free were on a par with each other and lost just a half on the recall. This was a good overall performance. Very well done.

6th Place. Miranda Humphreys with Menorah Millie. Another good performance keeping this team ahead of the rest of the class. Very difficult to split you with the 2 teams above. Placings could easily be reversed at future shows. Very well done.

7th Place. Suzy Dadley with Ziggy Rose. Hey! This is how things turn out sometimes. Your dog just couldn't keep its nose off the smelly floor in the run off, but at least your original round was good enough to give you the chance of a higher place. Very well done.

8th Place. Helen Soloman with Lets Jet to the Party. You have got to be pleased with this performance. A clear recall in the original round would have had you running off with the above teams rather than for 8th and 9th. That is how close it was at the top. Another day, another show, as the saying goes. Very well done.

9th Place. Karen Pearson with Bambraque Bellaraine. Your clear recall came to the rescue to compensate you for slightly expensive Heel on Lead. The margins were very close from 4th place so there shouldn't be a problem in gaining higher places on another day.

10th Place Roxie Paine with Mad Miss Maddy. Won the run off for this place so well done on keeping it together. A clear recall in the initial round helped to keep you in the places so well done.

11th Place. Julie Froggatt with Jues Nemesi. So close but so far! No disgrace in gaining this position. The marks from 4th to 11th places ranged from 7 to 8 points.

So close!!!! Well done.

Thanks to all the competitors in this class for your entries, we had great fun and banter throughout the day. Great competition, great show, great organisation and great company. ONE SUPER DAY! What more can I say!!!!
Steve