

*Class: C Class*  
*Judge: Sarah Delany*

Ring Steward: Wendy Birch

Scoreboard: Alison Carey

Decoy Steward: Chris Bush

General Comments:

Firstly thank you to the very hardworking organisers of this special event, Fran, Rhiannon and Paula for yet another fantastic day. As I have competed at this event every year since it started and since I have been lucky enough to win twice and be second and third on other occasions, I was happy to accept the invitation to judge this year and put something back into the event. Thank you for the lovely presents for all the team at the end of the day and for making the whole day run so smoothly.

Many, Many Thanks to my lovely friends who made up my team. Thank you to Wendy for her fantastic stewarding, absolutely perfect all day. As Wendy and I had both been ill in the last fortnight we hadn't had chance to get together to practise the round until the day of the competition but that didn't faze Wendy at all, she is such a professional. Thank you also to Alison, my brilliant scoreboard steward who did a fantastic job keeping the competitors coming as well as managing the scoreboard (it was nice in the new venue to be able to have the scoreboard alongside the ring). Thank you also Alison for making all the retrieve articles for me and putting up with the cold drive (my van heater was broken so it was a cold drive up as it was -3 most of the way!) This was a dream team of helpers who made it so easy for me to just focus on my judging. I was really, really lucky to have you both helping me and I really appreciate your efforts. You were both fantastic and brilliant company for the day.

Thanks also to my Mum, Barbara, who looked after my dogs (including my 15 week old puppy) at her house so I didn't have to worry about them. Thanks to Chris Bush who scent decoyed for me, I hope you enjoyed the time to sit down as I believe you were helping out at the show all weekend.

No. Of Entries: 20 No Ran: 19

1st Handler: Maureen Conlin Lost 15.25 marks

Dog's Name: Jarysmystic Ear Comes Mo

Running order 17

Heel Free 9.5 S/A 1.5 Retrieve 1.5 DC 2 Scent 1.25

Many, Many Congratulations Maureen on winning today. Fantastic heelwork which was a joy to watch with superb handling from you. All set exercises performed well though the scent was a bit heart-stopping at the end. A very well deserved win today.

2nd Handler: Jan Morse Lost 19.75 marks  
Dog's Name: Mr Darcee My Touch of Class  
Running Order 20  
Heel 14.75 S/A 1.5 Retrieve 2.25 DC 0.5 Scent 0.75

Congratulations on being the Reserve Champion today. The heelwork was superb apart from the missed first position and your handling was excellent. Best slow pace and fast pace of the day, a joy to watch. A good round with good set exercises across the board (apart from a little bit of over excitement with the retrieve article). Very well done.

3rd Handler: Jean Queen Lost 20.75 marks  
Dog's Name: Gaytonwood Gigha Breed Golden Retriever  
Running Order 13

Heel Free 14 S/A 2.75 Retrieve 1.5 DC 1 Scent 1.5

Very nice heelwork from this team, nice to see a large Goldie doing such lovely upright heelwork. Good set exercises too including a very methodical scent, made it look easy. So pleased to have another breed in third place at this level. Very well done.

4th Handler: Michelle Verrill Lost 21 marks  
Dog's Name: Sixela Twenty Four Seven WSD  
Running Order 19

Heel Free 13.5 S/A 5.25 Retrieve 1 DC 0 Scent 1.25

Lovely heelwork from this team, very neat and tidy. The only clear DC of the day and good retrieve and scent (we won't mention the handler errors on the Sendaway!). Very well done.

5th Handler: Sharon Webley Lost 21.25 marks  
Dog's Name: Boom Bang-A-Bang OW C EX  
Running Order 8

Heel Free 13.75 S/A 1.25 Retrieve 1.25 DC 4 Scent 1

Lovely heelwork from this team including superb ASSD, the only ones to go clear on all 3 positions. Good consistent set exercises too. Well done on yet another place for you both at NOCF.

6th Handler: Sandra Curry Lost 21.5 marks  
Dog's Name: Westoning Sporty Nike  
Running Order 1

Heel Free 15.25 S/A 2.75 Retrieve 1 DC 2.5 Scent 0

I think Nike could have done with a later draw today as he found it hard to contain

himself in the heelwork. It is never easy going first but you put in a good round and finished with an excellent clear scent at the end of the day. Well done

7th Handler: Louise Healey Lost 25.25 marks  
Dog's Name: Glencymreig Degu OW Parson Jack Russell  
Running Order 12

Heel Free 18.25 S/A 0 Retrieve 1 DC 6 Scent 0

Lovely heelwork from this team apart from the missed position in ASSD. The only clear Sendaway of the day, absolutely text book. Shame about the missed position in DC too as the rest of this round would have had you much higher up the line up. Finished off with another text book clear scent. Fabulous to have this little dog in the line-up at the end of the day.  
Well done

8th Handler: Sandra Curry Lost 27.25 marks  
Dog's Name: Borderlicious Luxury  
Running Order 18

Heel Free 19.5 S/A 4.5 Retrieve 0.5 DC 1.5 Scent 1.25

Well done on getting both of your boys in the line-up today. Sendaway and a missed ASSD position caused most mark losses today but you worked well to get this place.

9th Handler: Pauline Fletcher Lost 29.25 marks  
Dog's Name: Halligalli High Jynx  
Running Order 11

Heel Free 18.75 S/A 5.5 Retrieve 4 DC 0.5 Scent 0.5

I think this venue was probably a little too exciting for this dog today as he was struggling hard to keep himself under control. He did enjoy it though! Well done

10th Handler: Michelle Verrill Lost 32.25 marks  
Dog's Name: Itsjaros No Doubt OW C Ex  
Running Order 2

Heel Free 19.25 S/A 3.75 Retrieve 1.5 DC 5.5 Scent 2.25

Well done on this place and getting both dogs in the line-up.

We had a few scent failures at the end of the day where dogs just didn't get to my cloth and gave up and brought back the decoy having already rejected it several times. However I must commiserate with Wendy Hughes and Miranwiz Master Craftsman on their failure as they did the best heelwork of the day (beautiful to watch) and good set exercises and were well in contention at the time.

Thanks to all the handlers for sharing your lovely dogs with me. Happy Christmas and a great New Year to everyone.