

Class: C Dog and Bitch

Judge: Katy Girdler

Well done to Rhia and Fran, who, along with a small team, have grown their initial idea into an obedience extravaganza. This show is getting bigger and better each year. It is an end of year celebration, with dogs and handlers glammed up, and strutting their stuff, enjoying the special atmosphere, and showing just how they qualified.

For most dogs, this is a one-off event in the year, and it is a tricky place for them to work. The heating and air con provide a high level of background noise, and the trade stands and seated audience at close proximity make it quite a test for most teams. With this in mind, I decided to set a conventional, straight forward round, which proved to be sufficiently testing for the dogs under the circumstances.

My team of Carl Thorne, Penny Hirsch and Chrissy Harrison were completely 'on it'! Working like a well oiled machine, competitors were organised by Penny at the scoreboard, collected and brought to and from the ring by Chrissy, and stewarded faultlessly by Carl. My thanks to these three, plus Roy Page, who was innocently watching until pressganged into decoying! -- thank you all. The show couldn't go ahead without sponsors. Much appreciation to Pet Needs, for supporting the whole show, and ObedienceUK.net for sponsoring the C class.

Results

1st GYPTON JUST DELLA of GREYVALLEY. Wendy Birch

Experience showed here. Della is as honest a dog as you could find. She and Wendy worked a great round. Lead after the ringwork, and finished off with a clear scent. Many, many congratulations, a worthy winner.

2nd MOON RIVER. Nicky Murrell

Nicky worked two very strong rounds with her dogs today. River pushed Wendy and Della hard. Another team with a clear scent. Well done.

3rd LUPITOONZ SIMANDCONJO. Connie Handford

Great set exercises, and clean HW. I was delighted that you figured in the top three, well done.

4th IATKA TRI STAR at BISQUET. Jill Grattidge

I always enjoy judging this team. Tanna is a lovely bitch, later in the day I judged two really beautiful boys who turned out to be her pups. WOW!! How proud you must be. Lovely girl.

5th BISQUET DANNA. Lesley Turtill

Hot on the heels of his Mother, this is one of Tanna's beautiful boys! He's a lovely dog to watch.

6th CABALS BLACK PRINCE. Julie Rowlands

Julie ran off with herself to separate her two dogs. She even changed tops between rounds to stay matching with the two dog's collars. Experience won the day. Well done Ricky Rowlands.

7th SARKAM UNANIMOUS DECISION. Julie Rowlands

Mario....Oh Mario! Worked a smart initial round, going great guns until the ASSD down position where he grabbed the opportunity to clean his underwear, in minute detail! ;) Just have to love 'em.

8th DELTAMADOG KNOW IT ALL. Lou Jackson

Tipple is a beautifully trained dog. His inexperience in these situations lead to a SA error, but the quality of the rest of his work still produced a top 10 place. Clearly on his way to great things.

9th PYRUTES HAVEN. Rita Sheilds

I have never judged Rita and Daisy before. She coped well today, a good strong round. Well done.

10th SARKAM MR DAYDREAM at JARYSMYSTIC. Rachael Young

I loved this dog. Second best HW of the day. Missed a DC position which was a shame. Well done.

My thanks to the other unplaced teams. 35 teams entered, 33 were forward. Everyone here today had qualified to take part. Some coped better with the atmosphere than others, but each one did

their best under the circumstances. Some made me smile in particular, and are worthy of special mention.-

Tracy and Vegas Ansell/Caroline and Tangle Eley.... :) I know, I've been there, almost every weekend actually! :) They're special.

Jane and Venice Sutherland...She was on fire. Indoors obviously suits her. The best HW mark today, even with a missed position.

Sandra and Jace Curry/Kay and Tor Allen.... excellent HW, very impressive.

Nick and Kenzie Murrell....Made us laugh, (and gave me a problem to think about!) in scent.

Maybe Young....put in a very good round with a different handler as Rachael was busy with other dogs.

Diane and Lyken Hewitt....looked stunning. Queen of bling.

Well done again.

Katy Girdler