

## Novice Part 2

Judge Lou Jackson

Steward Stephanie Evans

Table Gillian Durkin

Many thanks to Dave Banks for your invitation to judge at this very first Class Championships. Wow, what a day! It was special from start to finish, a great atmosphere with everybody making a huge effort to be fun and 'blingy'. Nothing was left to chance by the hard working organisers, Fran Bush, Rhiannon Mulrenan, Paula Foakes and Dave Banks. The fruition of 18 months very hard work was nothing short of spectacular. Well done, you did an amazing job.

Thank you for the beautiful engraved glasses for myself and my team, a lovely memento, thanks also to our class sponsors Norton Rosettes.

As always my mates, Stephanie and Gill pulled out all the stops to help me. Thanks girls, what would I do without you?

Our competitors were a lovely bunch, well done to all of you because by qualifying to get here you have already shone in this class. The best on the day were:

**1st Mrs Wendy Wheatcroft. GR. Carishill Iago.**

A stunning dog with great attitude and drive. Heelwork marks lost mainly for some hand contact (a very tall dog) and a little inaccuracy from the back end. Great recall and retrieve. Wendy and Jethro also won the run-off with Part 1 to become The Novice Champions. Many congratulations.

**2nd Mr John Clark. W/S Saartjie Highland Thistle**

Only half a point separated this team from the winners. John motored round the ring, turning when told and maintaining the pace through the turns. Crabbing and swinging out on the turns were the main faults in hw. But otherwise, a lovely overall picture. A very pleasant team and won the run-off to take 3rd place overall. Well done.

**3rd Mrs Sue Cotton. GR. Wild Foggy Marsh.**

A great team with a lovely relationship with each other. Sue's smile for Bradley says it all. A dog getting stronger and stronger in his work. Shame about the naughty retrieve when Brad decided he wasn't going to give it back. Well done.

**4th Mrs Betty Isles. W/S Saartjie Rose at Weatherile.**

A lovely team who came in and got on with the job, a lovely little bitch (Rosie that is!) many congratulations on your place, Betty.

**5th ARO Mrs Linda Hughes. BC. Highland Celtic Mist.**

A very neat little bitch, well handled. But for a bit of a hissy fit at the end of HOL would have been much higher up the line up. Congratulations.

No 6th place unfortunately but would have been:

**Julia Skipp's W/S Zak of Skipaway Tdx.** Well done on your original round but hard luck for losing the run off, Julia.

Thanks everyone for entering under me and this is one event I will be putting in my diary for next year , it would be lovely if I could take my Mr T along with me.

All the best , Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year to you and your dogs,

Lou Jackson.