

Class: Prebeginners

Judge : Annegret Tack-Benton

Ring Steward: Sue Flight
Scoreboard: Louise Williams

Firstly, I would like to thank Fran Bush and her team for the invitation to judge at one of my favourite shows each year since you started this event for all of us obedience folk. To say it came as a surprise would be an understatement, I opened a message quite late on a Sunday evening, and couldn't get to sleep that night, I was so excited...

I instantly knew who I would ask to be my A-team for stewarding and score boarding, after all they had the Green Carpet experience and I am so grateful to Sue Flight for guiding our handlers round the ring. And of course, Louise Williams for keeping them coming in and keeping all the scores in order as well as sorting my Run Offs out for me. My Worcester Dog Training Club dream team, smart and efficient, they even kept smiling when I had to break it to them first thing in the morning, that I had left my blingy outfit at home.... So BIG THANKS to my son Daniel, who I had to wake early on his day off and ask him to come to the rescue, I had my bling with just minutes to go before judging was to start.

A big thank you must go to the organisers of this fantastic event. Their hard work and dedication for all of us to have a great day deserves all our thanks. Between them they organise, set up, being jack of all trades on the day, and then they take it all down after we all have had a great day.

I would like everyone to support the NOCF for future years by both entering and telling everyone what a great, exciting day the NOCF is for all of us.

I set a round for all dogs to show off their abilities and at the same time to be challenging enough to do justice to the occasion.

As you would expect from a class of dogs who qualified through the season, the standard was good.

The atmosphere at the venue was a little tricky for some dogs but positive and supportive handling got the best out of all the dogs.

Now for the happiest people of the day:

1st Tanya Carter and Super Sammi Squideman, XB

Sammi is such a character, small in body but huge in attitude and I was so pleased to award him this place today. Kept a nice consistent position and produced a clear recall.

Lost 1 ¾ marks

2nd Janet Ledger and Pepsanner Carn Brae Castle, GR

Charlie is a stunning prospect for the future and like most Goldies I have met, he was good for a surprise. He decided to leave Janet during an about turn to investigate bit of pipework but was soon back to his original job. Without this, the order would have been

different
Lost 2 marks

3rd Rebecca Ford and Sunset Warrior, Whippet

Monty was the Whippet I have seen working in Obedience and he gave a really good account of himself, helped by calm and quiet handling despite some nerves in the handler.

Lost 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ marks

4th ARO Rowena Steady and Tooralie's Just The Tonic, SSD

Toes held a nice steady position apart from a few blips, when his sensitive side took over. Together we managed to settle him back into his work and I am pleased to have him in my line up

Lost 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks

5th Lorraine Fleet and Fensever Scout

Scout had the same marks as above dog after his ring work but performed slightly less well in his run off.

Lost 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks

6th Elaine Stentiford and Maibe Connie Constance, XB

Connie and Elaine started off really well but Elaine probably lost her confidence a little just before HF and this unfortunately filtered down to Connie. I am pretty sure; you will soon overcome this and take higher places at open shows

Lost 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks

7th Laura Baillie and Janjelly Black Diamond XB

This little girl was very excited to be in the ring today and Laura handled her really well. Unfortunately lost the run off with above dog

Lost 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks

8th Alison Durman and Germal Galaxy Bubble, BC

Zara gave a credible account of herself today and with a bit more commitment in her HF could easily have been higher up the line.

Lost 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks

9th Jane Caisley and Astra Bell Bella, BC

Bella took a little to settle into her work but then produced some nice stretches of heel work both on and off lead.

Lost 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ marks

10th Stephanie Murray and Just Bay At Elsanna, BC

Stephanie had two dogs entered and this little girl was the better one today, naughty anticipation in recall cost a higher place today.

Lost 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ marks

One handler who really made our day once all the presentations and all photo shoots were done: She came to find me and my team to thank us again for the day and asked us to sign her catalogue so she'd have a memento for the day. Made us feel like celebrities. Thank you Elaine.

Writing this report, made me realise, that it would have been so nice if I could have looked through my catalogue to get pet names or breeds of all dogs from their profiles, so please people submit your profiles for the next NOCF.

Annegret