

Class: Novice Part 2

Judge: Emma Hughes

Sparkle, Glamour, Glitz and Bling was the order of the day with some fantastic teams of dogs and handlers strutting their stuff having earned their place to compete this year. The NOCF team put on another super event so thank you for the invitation to judge and for organising another fabulous day. This event can only go from strength to strength and the work that has gone into it is exceptional.

My Sparkly Team :- Jo, thank you for being my steward and giving up your chance to work Kymba. Thanks mum for being the scoreboard, keeping the competitors flowing and helping me with the gift bags. You both looked fantastic and I am so glad that we all got to go together and work as the 'Hughes Dream Team'!

I have to start by saying I was completely blown away by the smaller dogs in the class today. They were absolutely incredible! Easily some of the best dogs I have ever judged.

Emese and Bertley Blackbird
Chris and Pendledean Pretty Woman
Eleanor and Evaraven Sophie
Sue and The Alkie Boy
Clare and Blue Sapphire Glow

You all must be so proud of your dogs. They are a credit to you and your trainers and I was overwhelmed by their style, attitude, drive, motivation and position. Just BRILLIANT!! You deserve all your success with your lovely dogs. Any theory that little dogs can't work close or maintain position was blown right out of the water today. Well done to you all and I'm sorry I could not hand out more awards for you.

So, my 5 that got through to the novice run off were:-

1 - number 47 Emese Kovacs and Bertley Blackbird. I am so sorry I had to put you

through a run off for this place. What can I say about your boy other than he has the WOW factor, he is a star and I loved him. What I witnessed from him was total commitment, style, attention, accuracy and enjoyment all rolled up into one little corgi package. It is clear you both have mutual love for each other and that shows through in the ring. Well done on winning the class and then going on to become reserve finalist.

2. - number 34 Louise Spenceley and Kingsfarm Black Caviar- A beautiful collie, that flowed around the ring making everything look effortless. I am sure this boy has some wonderful seasons in obedience ahead of him. Fantastic handling and lovely to watch. Sorry you had to do another round with him. I'm sure he didn't mind as he seemed to be enjoying himself so much anyway. Well done on your place. Next year I have a feeling that he will be up there in the top class or beyond...

3. - number 55 Debbie Back and Debaks Notaff Ahkenkolli. Rodney is a class act Debz. He has everything you could need and more. He tried his heart out for you today. He is super keen, super motivated and just lovely to watch. I love the way you handled him and rewarded him at any opportunity. You made me tired just watching you whizzing around that ring! Fabulous!

4 - number 58 Christine Bowles and The Onerio. This little girl certainly enjoyed her time in the ring. She showed such attitude and commitment to her work. She had a lovely straight back on the straight heelwork and turns were executed maintaining straight angles. This together with fabulous set exercises secured her place. We had never met before this competition and afterwards when you told me how much Poppy had endured before she was rescued by you and her journey to where she is now it made it even more of a pleasure to have met you both. It is clear how your patience and dedication has paid off and I take my hat off to you Christine. A super team.

5th - number 48 Sue Monk and The Alkie Boy - what an absolute super star! A lovely, happy round and a true partnership. I think both myself and Jo turned to each other after the round and just said "WOW". Well done on your place today.

Well done to everyone that entered today. I wish I could have given more awards

because you are all stars. I wish each and every one of you all the best in the coming obedience seasons and will look out for you all at the shows.

Emma xx