

West of England Border Collie Club – Open Rally – 14th October 2017

Level 1 Part 1 – **Judge: Claire Price. Scribe: Michelle Rodgers**

Thank you to Becky Collier and the WOEBCC committee for inviting me to judge L1P1 at your show, also to Pam Collier for looking after us so well. Thank you to Julia Bodsworth for your guidance as CRS. A huge thank you to my super scribe & chaffuer Michelle Rodgers – you were a great help today, not only getting me there & home but also in your efficiency as a scribe. I look forward to returning the favour when you're judging.

To my class, well done to all that qualified. To those that didn't quite make it today. I'm sure once you're more familiar with the Rally exercises your time will come.

1st Wendy Baxter – Dialynne Quintus – Beagle 198

Lovely to see a Beagle working so well and with so much enthusiasm. Just watch to make sure they're with you as you move on from stations, as main points losses came in these transitions. Well done!

2nd Callie Mather – Bluehollow Moondaisy – SS 194

Lovely animated round from this team with just a few point losses mainly stemming from the dog being nervous of being walked in to, after a little handler wobble in the cones. Well done!

3rd Alison Williamson – Chilli Peppa at Willowyarde – Xbreed – 188

A very nice speedy round from this team – unfortunately that speed brought with it quite a lot of jumping rather than walking at a number of stations - which was costly. Well done!

4th Daniel Woodcock – Cotsdean Nell – BC – 187

You should be very proud of the round that you put in as a substitute handler who hadn't even walked the course! My scribe & I weren't convinced that Nell was going to work for you to begin with, but you calmy and patiently handled her to work a good round, mainly losing points around lacks of attention. Well done!

5th Margery Lee – Loki Mischief Maker – WSD – 182

A very nice round from a lovely team with just a few of the big costly errors such as the handler knocking over a cone. Well done!

6th A White – Decoymans Piper Snowman – NSDTR – 179

The working bond between this team was an absolute delight to see – such a happy enthusiastic worker. Pretty much all errors were down to lack of handler knowledge of the exercises. Once they are learnt, this team will be getting some very high scores. Well done!

Special mention goes to Joanne Craig Howling Mad Murdoch of Ace

I just wanted to say well done on how well you handled Murdoch's leaving the ring – remembering to reward his return so well, rather than get frustrated with him, will hopefully mean it won't happen again. In the round, he did show some flashes of real potential – so keep training & having fun with him and it'll soon all come together.

I look forward to seeing you all around the Rally shows in the future.