

LRA.

22 June 2019

Level 2 part 1

Judge Marney Wells scribe - Moira

Thanks to Carolyn and the LRA for asking me to judge Level 2 at their first Rally competition. It was held at one of the best venues I have ever been to – the Glenda Spooner Farm near Somerton – and attracted a good entry. Huge thanks to my amazing scribe, Moira; she was efficient, helpful and friendly to one and all and even managed to keep me under control for the whole morning.

We had some lovely teams in the ring with that most enjoyable part of Rally, a complete variety of breeds and types of dog. I just love that!! Several of the competitors told me it was their first competition and that they were very nervous, then went on to do some excellent work. They must have a very exciting future ahead of them with their super dogs.

We ended up with some very worthy qualifiers – well done one and all. Those of you who didn't qualify should all be very pleased with the way you handled the round. Keep at it and remember to keep the leads loose!!

Thanks to Sarah for doing the Chief Steward job so well and thanks to the LRA for the lunch and gift – both much appreciated.

Judging report from LRA, 22 June.

Class: L2 part 2 (34 entries) & L6 (16 entries)

Judge. Sue Garner

Scribe L2 Andrea Sykes, L6 apologies I didn't get the name

I was happy to support this West Country Rally Competition held in a super venue. Indoors out of the very hot sun! The day was a full one as I stepped in to add L6 to my day, I do hope your back improves soon Rachel.

My Level 2 class was after lunch and I would say that a number of the dogs were definitely flagging by then so unable to show their best efforts. There was still a good number of qualifiers where the faults were generally minor in nature. Quite a number were competing for the first time, so I hope you had an enjoyable day whatever the outcome and went away having learned more and wanting to train you dogs further ready for another day.

The ones gaining Excellent qualifiers were;

1st, P Dowden with SPIRIT OF THE LEVELS, 200pts. A sweet little dog, well handled with only very minor errors.

2nd, M Collins with CAMA Z JIRKOVA DVORA, 200, but a slightly slower time. Very nice round with one very expensive error knocking you off the top slot.

3rd, J Shukman with DAISY DELIGHTFUL, 199pts. A few lapses in attention proved costly here, otherwise very nice.

4th, J Pidduck with PEATBROOK BLACK DIAMOND, 198PTS. Another with very few but costly errors.

5th, J Young with KENQUARTZ CREAM TEA, 196pts. Super execution of the bonus exercise, best of the class.

J Clarke with LOVEHAYNE BELINDA, 195pts. Tight lead causing the main loss of points here. Otherwise very little to mark.

R Banfield with DLEATOR SPRING IS IN THE AIR, 194pts. 8 points lost on the bonus proved expensive and what was otherwise a very good round.

A White with PULFURHUND TITANIA, 193pts. Most of the round was excellent but three exercises were the main areas of points loss.

V Bamber with OTTERWYN'S ANGEL, 191pts. Super left turns/manoeuvres, but a tight lead and lapses of attention lost points.

M Collins with INDIAN SUMMERHAZE, 190pts. Knocking a cone proved expensive as it then put them both off for the next exercise too. Otherwise a good round.

The following achieved qualifying scores. Errors that frequently occurred were loss of position, lack of attention, addition cue and tight lead.

J Cobb with CH TRELOWEN VERYAN TO KNYTSHALL 189PTS

J Mayo with MADIGAN MO CHAILIN BEAG, 188pts

J Turnbull with FAITHFUL FLO, 188pts

G Davies with KILNHURST CARIAD, 185pts

A Peers with FENMAN FAITHFUL FRIEND, 185pts

M Johnston with DEEKS MY BOY, 183pts

G Watton with GRACIE OF GREYLAKE, 183pts

P Somerset with SOMERVALE INTO THE BLUE, 183pts

G Lawrence with LAETANS THE TINKER, 181pts

D Cameron with IXIA PICKLE, 180pts

J Guscott with IZZIE BUSY LETS GET DIZZY, 179pts

S Cuckson with TILLY TITTLE TATTLE, 178pts

Class: Level 6

The L6 class was in the morning and benefited from a large ring and the cooler part of the day. For the most part the exercises were well executed, a few losses of position and quite a few inadvertent addition cues from some. Otherwise a good standard with just silly mistakes taking their toll.

Those gaining qualifying scores were;

1st, K Girdler with GWYNION SINEAD FOR PASHAMATTS, 204pts. The whole round was accurate and very well handled, with most exercises clear. An extra step on the right turn back up 2 steps was a genuine but expensive error.

2nd, G Lawrence with TAYLOR MAID FOR BEKKIS, 202pts. A high standard of work all round, but would appear to lack confidence at times.

3rd, S Main with JAZZ THE JOKER, 200pts. Losing 6 points on the Bonus was expensive on what was another almost faultless test.

4th S Jack with STORMLAKE BROOKE, 199pts.

5th, S Main with ASTRA TAM, 196pts. Both dogs work very well.

S Jack with BROOKES LITTLE MERMAID, 194pts.

J Sutton-Vane with BOTTLESFORD FIRELFY, 190pts.

C Harrison with WRIGGLEIKAWORM AT PASHAMATTS, 187pt

D Moxon with AMBERSLADE KANSAS, 186pts

W Baxter with DIALYNNE QUINTUS, 185pts