

JUDGES REPORT

Show: Stoneleigh

Date: 27 May 2019

Class: Level Two

Judge: Claire Stewart

Scribe: Andrea Sykes

Thank you to Rachel, Tony and Claire for offering me an appointment at their very popular, well organised, 'something for everyone' show. The class was held indoors on a hard surface which kept us out of both the rain and sun for the day. Thank you to Andrea for scribing for me, having already given up her morning to judge L1 – very enjoyable company and efficient ring management.

Today's class was of an exceptionally high standard – indeed, my first three places were on 210! Many rounds were a pleasure to watch and everyone handled their dogs kindly and with good encouragement. It feel it was the best class I have judged so far – well done everyone.

I must mention one young lady who was genuinely (and understandably) upset at her dog's inattention (male - bitching?). If you read this, I want you to know that in my opinion you did exactly the right thing by withdrawing and I want to congratulate you on realising that continuing would have not helped you or your dog. Please be proud of your decision and for putting your relationship with your dog and your future rally career first. Don't give up!

In addition to the top six rounds, there were also another 20 qualifiers. Well done to everyone.

1st Place

Samantha Rice with Tollerice Chase 210 1:30:44

Wow! What an amazing round. A happy, attentive dog coupled with excellent handling gave a faultless round. Poetry in dog motion!

2nd Place

Denise Platts with Littlethorn Leaf 210 1:33:53

A stunning round. Dog and handler were accurate throughout and what a happy looking dog. Fab!

3rd Place

Laura Wiley with Moonstyle Mystic Frost Intro. Ex 210 1:37:28

A beautiful round from a clearly very well-schooled and motivated dog. Lovely handling. Congratulations.

4th Place

Sue Brown with Stillmoor Celtic Banner of Delphinia 207 1:21:00

A beautiful round with only the dog's position on one sign costing any marks. Well timed commands and an accurate position throughout the rest of the round though. Very well done.

5th Place

Christine Dunning with Bramley Cott Miss Marple 207 1:41:50

A very lovely round. Completely accurate, just a few well timed additional commands to keep her upbeat. Well done.

6th Place

Julia Sutton-Vane with Spit Fire 203 2:14:20

What a super round and a very attentive dog. Well done.