

First I would like to thank the BDDC for asking me to judge. Fantastic venue, very well organised but also very relaxed atmosphere which is great for the competitors and judges alike. A massive thank you to my steward Riona Kilbride who was very professional and made all 3 rounds go very smoothly. Thank you to Jenny for organising my lovely gift.

I do hope that people enjoyed the slightly different rounds in Novice and beginners. Handlers had an option to warm the dogs up in a small area before leaving in a diagonal from the start position. While some people took up the opportunity to warm up the dog (toys only allowed) Some didn't mostly because they hadn't been prepared for warming up in the ring but I think it's important that dogs don't learn all the good stuff happens outside of the ring.
On to results.

Novice

1st place no. 8 Ann Marie Haughey this dog has gone from strength and well deserved this win. Well done.

2nd no. 18 Tracy Robertson a beautiful round, Some slight loss of attention but mostly beautiful consistent heel work.

3rd no. 13 Louise and Stan beautiful GSD lovely to watch him work, those reds are just around the corner.

4th no. 16 the lovely the lovely Dexter, again watching a red setter in Novice has to take your breath away, beautiful dog and very competent handler. Well done guys.

5th No. Ann Riordan and Holly. As always a great team. Holly was a little distracted but did manage to do some lovely heel work.

6th No. Tracy and Setanta. Very distracted in some places and made mum work for the 6th place. Great to see such a variety of dogs in Novice.

Beginners results

1st place Marie Rose with a beautiful Lab. He was a little distracted on occasion but definitely a dog to watch coming up the ranks.

2nd no. 13 Louise and Stan a minor hiccup in the stays cost the 1st place but other than that there was some lovely heel work and recall.

3rd Carol and Alex.

It took her a few seconds to get focused but when she did she still has it and performed very well - im talking about the dog and handler!

A little but more focus and that 1st place is yours.

Special beginners

1st No.1 L. Byrne and a beautiful little terrier cross. Lovely dog and great attitude from the handler. 1st to come into the ring and already wearing red so this place was inevitable.

2nd No. 6 Monika and Ceaser. Very hard to motivate but you really gave it 100% effort even if Ceaser thought you had gone mad. Well done.

3rd Karen and Willow.

Willow showed us some lovely heel work when she was focused and mum was more relaxed.

4th Carol and Cas. Won't be in these classes for long. Beautiful little dog.

5th Jennie and Archie. A pleasure to watch this little fella. He likes to stay just under the radar.

6th Deirdre Duffy and Lucy again a lovely dog that can get distracted easy but Deirdre kept working her. Well done.