

It was with great pleasure that I accepted the GSD Club of S.A 's invitation to judge their Obedience on the Sunday of the June Show and Trial weekend! Being invited to also judge the Saturday Show, made this an especially exciting double event for me.

My thanks to the committee and members for the opportunity to adjudicate at your trial, and special thanks to my Stewards Gillian and Duncan, and all helpers.

UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT

350 * OC TCH Vanharley Quadrille AZ ADX JDX TSDX ET HT - Exh: Howard P & D
Sire: *Iwan vom Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)
Dam: *Vanharley Tramps Harmony AZ Bdr. Mrs. D.Colson

Motivated work on the Seek Back scoring 28/30, marred only by a crooked sit. Zeroed for Positions in Motion calmly executed, but failed the SIT, handler exhibited an interesting variation using "YES!" as the Heel command after PiM. Could set trend maybe? This lovely mature bitch, like her owner/handler a seasoned campaigner, showed some confusion on the Scent Discrimination, Judges' Scent, but remained very willing to work throughout the rest of the test. Bad luck on the day, competing two days at a major event, can be very trying. Scored 38

OPEN CLASS

1st Place

358 Azurebright Dartanya CD Exh: Jacob Mrs. C.
Sire: * Nilson vom Wildsteiger Land a Z H neg (Imp Gmy)
Dam: Azurebright Cheyanne Bdr: Mrs. R. Smalbil

What a pleasure to judge this team with the dog exhibiting very motivated work, missing one down, but otherwise a lovely performance of heeling. Well performed Stand Free for Examination, with good positioning throughout gained full marks, never lightly given. The Drop on Recall was performed like greased lightning, for 27/30. Retrieve on the flat was fast and beautifully executed gaining full marks, with the Retrieve over Solid Jump scoring a 5 point deduction with the dog being distracted, hesitating, then performing with alacrity and his usual speed. The active working exercises were completed with a lovely Broad Jump ending in a slightly crooked finish, with the passive 3 min Sit Stay and 5 min Down Stay gaining well deserved full marks. On count back, this team was able to gain the coveted first place in Open Class. Well done!
Scored 180

2nd Place

356 Darkknight Quskade CDX Exh: Mrs. I. Hanegreefs
Sire: *Ch Astasia Heico AZ Hneg
Dam: *Adelora Sasha AZ Bdr: Darkknight Knls

This team was a pleasure to judge with its exhibition of very motivated heeling, fast and accurate in the main, with only an occasional slight loss of position, always with good recovery. 24/30. The Stand for Examination was marred by careless positioning at the start, leading to a loss of 2 points. On the Drop On Recall the dog performed smartly, then when commanded to drop, stopped, waited a moment and then dropped, earning the dreaded substantial deduction, but completed with good front and

finish.24/30. Stylishly performed Retrieve on the Flat somewhat marred by the distant positioning on the Present gained 18/20 with this little flaw repeated in the Retr. Over Jump, 28/30, and also in the Distance Control, 18/20. Full marks for the stay exercises completed the test.

This was overall a very worthy performance gaining 2nd place on countback, well done! Score 180 VG OPEN CLASS cont...

3rd Place

353 Azurebright Jai CDX

Exh: Jacob Mrs. C

Sire:*Vondoussa Guns N Roses

Dam:Azurebright Cheyanne

Bdr: Mrs. R.Smalbil

This lovely team started off with some nice heeling, but then the motivated dog fell victim to fatigue perhaps, and lagged somewhat. 16/30. Stand Free for Exam. Scored full marks, with a smart taking up of position, standing with four feet in a row, a confident leaving of the dog who stood steadily during the examination, and the handler's confident return and good positioning completed the exercise successfully. Drop on Recall scored 26/30 losing points for jumping up at handler with unbridled enthusiasm, a charming fault! Retrieve on the Flat was executed fast – some points given away, somewhat distracted. Motivated work exhibited for the Retrieve over Solid Jump, where the happy little jumping up on the finish cost 2 points. Smartly executed Broad Jump, with a very minor deduction for a crooked sit on the finish, 19/20 and flawless Sit and down stays gave this happy team a creditable pass under rather trying conditions. Scored 174

355 Glenraco Wild Holly A Z CD

Exh: Mrs. J.Roffey

Sire: *Ch Unox von Aducht a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)

Dam: * Glenraco Wild Rose A Z CD

Bdr: G Johnston

This lovely bitch was really not in the mood for heeling today. Her performance was marred by lagging, sniffing the ground, generally accepted to be a calming signal used to lessen the stress of the handler, and showing difficulty in performing positions, completely missing the downs. Nice and steady on Stand for Examination gaining full marks. Drop on Recall started with a crooked sit, steady stay, fantastic Recall but then disaster – she failed to drop! For the Retrieve on Flat, she failed the sit for the lead in, but then showed a lovely fast and motivated retrieve even though crooked return. No sit for the lead in featured again in the Retrieve over Jump where she chose not to jump on both occasions. Another zero led to withdrawal from the stays, to give others a better chance, a nice touch of good sportsmanship!
Scored 46

352 *Volkriss Hi Octane AZ CDX

Exh: Mrs. C. Begbie

Sire:*Sing.CH.Nitro von Tronje a Z Hneg (Imp Sing)

Dam:*Volkriss Monte Verdi AZ

Bdr: D.Berry

This dog and handler team were not in sync for the heelwork, and with some lagging, missed positions and lack of concentration unfortunately could not show their work to best advantage. 19/20 for Stand Free for Examination, but a handler error and bad luck led to a zero for the Drop on Recall. Substantial deductions on the Retrieve on Flat with motivated work marred by a little detour to the jump, followed by zeroing on the next exercise for walking around said jump, led to a withdrawal of this team, from further competition. Seemed a little fatigued.
Scored 44

NOVICE CLASS

366 Wiesenland Dark Raider CCD Exh: J & A Barr
Sire: Scherzar Eil Elwah
Dam: Ch Wiesenland Royal Velvet Bdr: Mrs. DL Gunn-Scarcella

My winner of, and only qualifier in Novice Class, started their team work with a lovely heeling routine equaled only by one other on the day, and beaten by none! It was neat, motivated, with just minor imperfections. 32/40. Full marks for Stand for Examination, and the best Recall to date, the perfection marred only by a slightly crooked finish, 38/40, and the slightest movement forward in the Change of Position, 28/30 completed the active exercises. For the 1 Minute Sit we had a minor deduction for fidgeting 28/30 and full marks for a steady 3 minute Down Stay.

This gained a very pleasing qualifying card and the trophy!

Congratulations and well done!

Scored 186

361 Djenuen Blowdifino ET Exh: G.Milne
Sire: *Ch Gigolo vom Elzmündungsraum a ED Hneg (Imp Gmy)
Dam: *Djenuen Zpiffy Chick AZ Bdr: Djenuen Knls

This lovely dog was just not able to settle down to work. No score gained for the heeling. Good work in the Stand for Examination however, gained the desired full marks. The work on the Recall was lovely and fast, with a minor point deduction gained for crookedness. 36/40... Lovely Change of position for full marks gained by this very promising team, with the dog standing perfectly straight, showing four feet in a row with the handler, confident leaving and smart about turn to face the dog, clear command/signal and accurate down from the dog, a smart return and good placement back at heel position. Full marks also for the 1 min., Sit and 3 minute down stay completed the routine. Would have loved heeling them again! Scored 156

367 * Dual CH (T) Killara Winter Solstice AZ CCD Exh: P & Mrs.D Howard
Sire: * Ch, Orrinshir Elton John AZ ET
Dam: *Dual Ch (T) Killara Padraign A Z Bdr: Ehh.

Another very pleasing performance from a conscientious heeler who gained a creditable score of 30/40 with only minor deductions for slight imperfections, such as forging and positioning. Still panting from her success in the Open Bitch ring, conformation, the beautiful bitch watched her step, and was handled well for a perfect score in Stand for Examination, but lacked concentration in the Recall exercise where she incurred two substantial deductions for failure to sit, and finish. She redeemed herself with a perfect score for her Change of Position performed with confidence and style, in spite of the rather strong command. She gained full marks also in her 1 minute Sit Stay, but then zeroed in the 3 Min down. A dog and handler team, always a pleasure to judge. Scored 144
NOVICE CLASS cont...

362 *CH Tauorn Navarre AZ Exh: Ms. S Pilgrim Handler: B. Fielder
Sire: *Ch Gigolo vom Elzmündungsraum a ED Hneg (Imp Gmy)
Dam: *Tauorn Krystal Shimmer AZ Bdr: Ms G Wellman

This dog was very reluctant to work, very concerned with all the excitement nearby, and gained 19/40 for the first exercise, Heel Free. Stand for Examination saw the dog very slow and reluctant to move with the handler, standing 2m behind him. Recall, absolutely no teamwork possible today. The dog was upset, needed a 2nd attempt to start and lost points for crooked sits. Showed a very good Change of Position gaining 29/30, well done! Withdrawn. Scored 93

360 Kasron Quality AZ CCD Exh: Stocks V & H
Sire: *Sing.CH.Nitro von Tronje a Z Hneg (Imp Sing)
Dam: *Kasron Hollywood AZ Bdr: Mrs. S.Molloy

This team did not enjoy the work today, starting with the dog heeling wide, lagging, and overall not being attentive to the handler. 10/40. I felt a lot better for them in the well executed Stand for Examination where we saw smart positioning and calm demeanor gaining a well deserved perfect score. Disaster for the Recall, but then a bright note, showing that there is great potential, was found in the Change of Position which scored full marks with very good attention and prompt response to the command to drop. Graciously withdrawn from further competition. Scored 70

363 Vomkogelberg Germanicus Exh: JW & M Hartshorne
Sire: *Ray vom Fichtenschlag a ED SchH III Hneg (Imp Gmy)
Dam: * Baccara Sterling Bird Bdr:SeidlJ & DeLucia Mrs J

A willing worker that showed great promise in his heelwork incurring just minor deductions for poor positioning leading to slight lagging, then some forging and interference with the handler at different points of the heeling pattern. Overall, my equal best heeler in Novice Class on the day, gaining 32/40. Stand for Examination lost two points for poor positioning. The exercise requires a smart beginning with handler and dog standing in line at the start, a little care with this will lead to full marks! After this very promising start, disaster struck in the Recall, where the dog sat glued to the ground. Withdrawn from further competition, the previous day's winner could rest on his laurels. Scored 60

364 Leppsdorf Benedetta Exh: Ms N & Davis & C May
Sire: Leppsdorf Thera AZ
Dam: *Leppsdorf Serita AZ Bdr: Miss L Hume

Sometimes competing two days in a row can take its toll. This team gained 2nd place on the Previous day, but sadly, in my ring today, there was too much fatigue and lagging to qualify. 19/40. There was a glitch in the Stand for Examination where the dog anticipated the stand command losing a mere 2 points, but then missed the Recall entirely. Withdrawn. Scored 47

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG CLASS

371 Iniff Anzac Spirit AZ Exh: J.Poole
Sire: *Ch Kwint vom Juerickstall a ED H neg (Imp Ndl)
Dam: *Iniff Cool Charm A Z Bdr: Iniff Knls

This team showed some very exciting work and are off to an excellent beginning! Yes, today

They are my class winners, earned not only by being the only qualifier, but with their smooth and very lovely work! Heel on Lead showed minor imperfections, occasional slight interference and a score of 25/30. Nice!! Full marks for a well executed Stand for Examination, confident and self assured. The Recall should have gained bonus points, after seeing a flawless performance, a smart forward and halt, a steady sit and smart Recall, I called an extra order – Finish! OOPS! Rounding the performance off with a steady 1 min. sit and 2 min. down stay, with 2 lovely Stand In Dogs, we saw a happy winner!

1st place and the lovely trophy!

Scored 95/100

370 *Glenraco Wild Witch AZ

Exh:G.Johnston

Sire: Ch. Unox von Aducht a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)

Dam: *Glenraco Wild Rose AZ CD

Bdr: Exh

With all the excitement of the show and trial, this beautiful bitch put in a creditable Heel on Lead performance, with only minor imperfection until she had problems with the downs. Gained 20/30 for heeling. In the Stand for Examination, we achieved no stand, so gained no scored. The handler took it all in good cheer, and when her Wild Witch required a second command on the Recall, she good naturedly smiled – Come or stay! Ah well, you win some, you lose some! Great potential! Withdrew from competition. Scored 20

372 Djenuen Triple Treat

Exh: Ms. L Milne

Sire: * Ch. Sannjesa Crusty Demon A Z

Dam: * Djenuen Zpiffy Chick A Z

Bdr: Djenuen Knls

What a day! What a start to the heelwork!! On lead of course, but desirous only of chasing birds, then being inattentive, there was slight forging, some interference with the handler, and then, all of a sudden, after dropping below the qualifying mark, there was absolute focused attention, and she worked like a charm! In the heeling!! Zero for Stand for Examination and the Recall.

Did not work the stays. Nevertheless we saw that this team has great potential also! Scored 14

WINNER OF WINNERS!

What a pleasure to have these two worthy winners back in the ring for the final test!

With some very smart heel work and only minor deductions, both teams scored well, with

The Novice dog leading by one point on the Heelwork in spite of missing a position, but on the Recall, the Open Class winner required a 2nd start, and ended up four points behind the Novice.

After two creditable performances with each dog showing some stunning work in spite of the glitches, the winner was Exhibit Number 366, the Novice Dog! Congratulations and well done!

This concluded my judging of a very exciting two day assignment of show and trials judging, where my thanks must go to the helpers and very efficient Stewards on both days! Thank you all!

For my triallers: you win some, you loose some, but keep up the good work, and may you all keep striving for, and find yourself, in the winning circle!

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