

The Field Spaniel Society Championship Show

Sunday 19th June
Judge, Meg Oliver

This is my second time judging the handling classes for this society and both times it's been a pleasure.

Today, although lacking in quantity, the quality made up for it.

These 3 very talented young handlers were on top form, and as cheesy as it sounds, I wish I had 3 1st places!

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1st, Phoebe Toublic, handled her dog to perfection. Her quiet and unassuming handling won her this fabulous class. Neatest of pattern work. She just simply melted into the background and I found myself watching her dog.

2nd, Calleigh Hird, my notes say, ace handler with the wriggliest puppy! She had her work cut out, but she very calmly handled her young dog calm and effectively. I had to split hairs and today unfortunately I felt Calleigh tended to overshadow. Having said that, I loved the rapport she had with her dog and she reassured her throughout the class.

3rd, Sophie Reece, again handling a young dog. Very smartly presented with lovely neat pattern work. Again I had to split hairs and on the final presentation she let her lead become too slack which looked a little untidy. She also had a lovely rapport with her dog.