



BRC AREA 14 ONE DAY EVENT QUALIFIERS

The Area One Day Event qualifiers were hosted by Finn Valley Riding Club at Poplar Park on Sunday 27th June.

The club was well represented having a Junior Novice team, two Senior Novice teams, four Senior Intermediate riders and one Senior Open rider.

The Juniors were represented by Megan Hutchings and 'Oliver Loughrea', Catherine Whyte and 'Harebell', Sophie Whyte and 'Crinken Connie' and Emily Whyte and 'Galway Harvest'.

Megan and 'Ollie' performed a good dressage test and went clear cross country but unfortunately picked up 16 time penalties. They then added a further 12 penalties to their final score in the show jumping. It was a good performance by the pair and they finished in 13th place individually.

All the young Whyte girls produced nice dressage tests but experienced problems on the cross country course. They were all unfortunately eliminated but they are young riders on relatively inexperienced ponies and have not competed at this level for the club before and will have learned a lot from this event.

Halesworth and District Riding Club won the Junior Novice team competition.

The Senior teams were the BBRC Braves and BBRC Babes.

The Braves were Lee Wright riding 'Total Eclipse', Kate Scott riding 'My Volante', Sandra Morgan riding 'Cordell' and Lisa Haythornthwaite riding 'Mr Wry'.

Lisa and 'Mr Wry' performed a lovely dressage test finishing with 33.6 penalties. They then proceeded to produce a clear cross country round without collecting any time penalties. In the third and final show jumping phase they again went clear. Their final individual placing was a well deserved third.

Lee Wright and 'Total Eclipse' also produced double clears in the jumping phases after a good dressage but added just 2.8 time penalties from the cross country to their total score. This left them in sixth place individually.

Kate Scott and 'My Volante' also had a good dressage test but collected twenty jumping penalties cross country plus 21.6 time penalties. A clear show jumping round saw them finish on a total penalty score of 81.1.

Sandra Morgan and 'Cordell' did not have the best of days and after a good dressage test were eliminated on the cross country.

With Sandra as the discard score the Braves finished in fifth place. Finn Valley won the class and qualified.

The Babes team was made up of Nicole Colman and 'Ginseng', Caroline Hytch and 'Navaho Sunrise Daisy' Michelle Colman and 'Molly' and Sam Palmer and 'Foreigner in the Lowlands' (aka Dangermouse)

They had a mixed set of results. Sam and Dangermouse had the best dressage test of the team and went clear cross country but collected 11.6 time penalties and 4 more in the show jumping. Michelle and 'Molly' went clear across country and within the time but added 12 penalties to their dressage score in the show jumping. Nicole and 'Ginseng' were the only pair to keep a clean sheet in the show jumping phase but unfortunately collected 20 jumping and 2 time penalties cross country. Caroline's was the discard score. She suffered a fall at the fourth fence on the cross country but finished the course and then went on to have a clear round show jumping. Their final team placing was a creditable eighth.

Georgina Bell and 'Norton Renee', Rachael Catton and 'Winston ZH', Bianca Moller and 'KEC Grizzo' and Lucy Frost and 'Polly Whispers' represented the club in the Senior Intermediate competition.

Georgina finished in seventh place after adding 20 penalties cross country to her excellent dressage score of just 25.6.

Rachael went clear cross country but picked up 8 time penalties and 4 show jumping penalties to add to her dressage score and finished in thirteenth place.

Bianca collected several time penalties to add to her 20 jumping penalties cross country and then added a further 4 show jumping and finished in 17th place.

Lucy did not have the best of days and finished in 18th place.

Only two riders entered the Senior Open. One was our very own Georgina Bell (again!) this time on 'Eldorado' and Louise Prowse and 'Pequendo Custard' from Finn Valley.

Georgie was ahead after the first phase when she produced a beautiful dressage test scoring 35.7 penalties. Louise also produced a good test and scored 38.6 penalties.

Both riders went clear cross country but Georgie picked up 0.4 more of a time penalty than Louise. It was all to play for in the show jumping. Louise collected a further 4 penalties in this phase. However Georgie collected 8 and had to settle for second place.

It was an exciting day and the club was really well represented by all its riders. They produced some lovely riding on what was an extremely hot day. They certainly did much better than the England football team!