

AREA 14 FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE EVENTER CHALLENGE QUALIFIER

We hosted the Area 14 qualifier for the Festival of the Horse at Geldeston on Sunday 14th April. This event was originally supposed to have taken place in October last year but fell victim to the awful weather and had to be postponed.

The competition is a one round competition over a course of show jumps immediately followed by cross country.

We were represented by two junior and two senior teams in the 90 Challenge and one senior pair in the 90 Pairs Challenge.



Laura Leggett & 'Horse Heaven Rambo'

The show jumping course rode well although the ring party were kept busy picking up poles. This was due to the extremely strong gusts of wind blowing them down as much as competitors knocking them down. Many thanks to Jane Stone, assisted by Henry Payne and Laura Leggett for their hard work.

There were very few incidents on the cross country course although the importance of walking the course and knowing where you are going was highlighted as one or two became confused on the route they were supposed to be taking.

Our teams had a FANTASTIC day!

There were four junior teams competing in the Junior 90 Challenge. They were from Carousel and Beccles and Bungay and an individual from Halesworth.

The Junior 'Claret' team was made up of Flynn Regan (Hilltop Holly), Georgia Cattermole (Tullyreavy Legend), Lydia Sida-Page (Harebell) and Laura Amies (King of the Ring).

Flynn and Lydia produced faultless jumping rounds and both finished with just 2 cross country time faults. Georgia also finished on a score of 5.2, these being cross country time faults. As the best three scores counted, the team finished with a penalty score of just 9.2. Once the scores were checked and re checked it was announced that OUR Claret team had won.



Flynn, Georgia & Lydia 3 of the winning Junior team

Our second Junior 'Gold' team was made up of Flynn Regan (Knock on the Head), Tessa Footitt (Smuggler), Laura Leggett (Horse Heaven Rambo) and Laura Aimes (Aquarius Tigers Master).

Flynn again went clear but collect 7.6 cross country time faults this time. Tessa had 20 cross country penalties plus 17.6 time penalties. Laura Leggett picked up 12 faults in the show jumping but was clear cross country and also collected 17.6 time penalties. Laura Aimes unfortunately was eliminated in the show jumping. However their results were good enough to secure them third place.

Flynn with Hilltop Holly and Lydia with Harebell were equal second individually with Flynn taking sixth place individually with Knock on the Head. Jessica Mountain riding 'Rhiannon' from Carousel RC won the individual Junior 90 Challenge.

This was a great start to the season for our new Junior team manager, Helen Regan who said *'We all had a fantastic day. All the Juniors rode really well. I am very proud of both teams. Championships here we come!! I would like to thank the parents for all their help and support on the day'*.

The juniors had set the bar very high for the seniors! However they too rose to the occasion.



Sam Palmer & Foreigner of the Lowlands

(Polly Whispers) and Steve Small (Marcel Midnight Ray) both picked up 4 faults in the show jumping but went clear cross country. They both collected just 0.8 time penalties. Corinne Bullock (Diamond Cruise) collected four faults show jumping and another twenty on the cross country course and several time faults.

However the team were able to discard Corinne's score and once the scoring was complete the 'Bee' team were announced the winners!

Our second senior team the 'Butterflies' also did well finishing in fifth place.

Stacey Lain (Azire) went clear and finished with 14.8 cross country time faults. Emma Grosvenor (Mocha Ice) also went clear finishing with 17.2 cross country time faults. Gillian Feury (Mr Randleton) had 4 faults in the show jumping plus 20 cross country but just 6.8 time faults. The fourth member Kelly Chaston was riding Roisin Dubh a young inexperienced horse. They had 8 show jumping faults and 20 cross country plus time faults but did gain valuable experience for the future.

The seniors competed over the same course as the juniors in the 90 Challenge. There were ten teams competing from High Fen, St Edmunds, Carousel, Halesworth, Colne Valley, Deben, Carlton and of course us.

The 'Bee' team did well.

Sam Palmer (Foreigner of the Lowlands) had a faultless jumping round finishing with 12 cross country time faults. Lucy Frost

The Senior 90 Challenge Individual was won by Sasha Hume riding 'Forever Changing' from St Edmunds RC. Steve Small (Marcel Midnight Ray) were fourth and Lucy Frost (Polly Whispers) fifth.

The club's success did not finish there. Nine teams contested the Senior Pairs 90 Challenge. Steve (Marcel Midnight Ray) and Emma (Mocha Ice) picked up 8 faults in the show jumping. They were clear on the cross country but collected 13.6 cross country time faults. They finished third overall.

Zara Thain and Denise Allcock from High Fen RC won the Senior Pairs competition with a clear round and just 2 cross country time penalties. There were no entries for the Junior 90 Pairs Challenge.

Corinne Bullock the Senior team manager said *'What a day the club has had. I am really pleased with all who attended and supported us. BECCLES AND BUNGAY ARE GOING TO THE CHAMPS IN STYLE ON THIS ONE!'*



The results all have to be verified by the [Steve Small & Emma Grosvenor in Senior Pairs](#) BRC head office but it looks like both the Junior 'Claret' and the Senior 'Bee' teams will be heading to Lincoln for the Championships later this year.

Both team managers would like to thank the rest of the committee and volunteers for all the hard work that went into preparing and running the competition. The big smiles on our team members faces make that hard work worth while.

We had no teams representing the club in either Junior or Senior 100 Challenge classes. In fact there were no junior teams at all just four individuals. Cariad Miles-Taylor (Midnight Warrior) won the class finishing with just 2.8 cross country time penalties.

Ten riders contested the Senior 100 Challenge and just one team from High Fen. Louise Clover (Sea Captain) from High Fen won with just 4 show jumping faults and 2 cross country time penalties.

Congratulations to all our teams. We are VERY proud of the effort you put in to the day. The new hat silks in the club colours looked great on our members. Thank you Claire for sourcing these.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered and worked so hard to make the day a success. There are too many to mention individually but without you all it would be impossible. However a special thanks to Leanne Kelly and 'Bruno' who worked so hard all day collecting the scores.