

## **COMBINED TRAINING**

The Combined training competition took place on the cub field on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

The day's competition is actually two events in one as those not wishing to take part in the show jumping element of the competition compete at dressage only.

The weather was glorious and the going was excellent due to the recent rain. The dressage took place in the all weather arena.

Juniors were once again few in number but produced good riding.



**Amy Oliver-Squire & 'Shamus'**

Leanne Kelly riding 'Bruno VI' was the only entrant in Class 1, Juniors 14years and under - Prelim 7. She carried her dressage score of 112 through to the combined training class (class 6 show jumps 60cm). They produced a faultless round in the show jumping so finished on their dressage score of 56%.

Amy Oliver-Squire riding her mother's cob 'Shamus' beat Leanne by 5 points in Class 2, Juniors 18 years and under - Prelim14. There were no entrants for the junior combined training class 7.

Amy did however contest Class 3 Juniors 18 years and under - Prelim 18. She was up against Jasmine Harber and 'Redwings Rolo'. Amy scored 168 in the dressage with Jasmine getting 154.

They both went onto Class 8 Combined training with show jumps at 75cm. Amy and 'Shamus' then went clear whilst Jasmine dropped a pole at fence 3, a vertical of blue poles, dropping her score by 4. The final result was Amy first with 70% and Jasmine second with 62.5%.

Remy-Violet Farrant riding 'Sporting Luck' was the only junior in Class 4, Juniors 18 and under - Novice 30. She also completed Class 9 Combined training show jumps 85cm. She scored 60% in the dressage but picked up 8 faults show jumping which reduced her score to 56.92%.

The juniors all seemed pleased with their results and all picked up useful points in the clubs challenge trophies.

The senior sections of the dressage were better supported but the number contesting the combined training was also small.

Seven seniors took part in Class 2 Prelim 14. Susannah Close riding her handsome coloured pony 'Prince Albert' won with an impressive 74.58%. Helen Yallop riding 'Zakanaka' came second with 63.75%.

Six went through to contest the combined training (Class 7 show jumps 70cm). Susannah picked up 8 faults in the show jumping. This reduced her total to 71.25%. But her winning dressage margin was large enough for her to hang onto the lead particularly as Helen also dropped a pole to reduce her own score to 62.08%. They kept second place.

Helen then went on to win Class 3 senior Prelim 18 with 70%. Lucy Frost and 'Polly Whispers' took second place with 69.17%. Neither contested the combined training class (Class 8 Show jumps 75cm). Helen was not eligible as she had already competed in a combined training class and Lucy had entered a later combined training class.

In fact only Emma Hicks and 'Rockley Rocket' entered this class. Emma had finished third in the dressage phase and took her score of 162 forward to the combined training class. They also dropped a pole at fence 3, the vertical of blue poles, collecting four penalties. This reduced their winning score to 65.83% but ensured they picked up a useful 10 points towards the club trophies.

The top places in the senior Class 4 – Novice 30 were closely contested. Sally Payne and 'The Woodcutter' just pipped Ruth Harris (Dan) and Susannah Close (Prince Albert) to first place by one point, scoring 171 to their 170. Ruth and Susannah had identical collective scores so shared second place. Lucy Frost and 'Polly Whispers' finished fourth.

Lucy was the only competitor in the Combined training (Class 9 show jumps 85cm). They went clear in the show jumping so retained their score of 61.54%.



**Lucy Frost & 'Polly Whispers'**



**Sally Payne & 'The Woodcutter'**

The final class was Class 5 Elementary 42. Two riders took part, Sally Payne (The Woodcutter) and Ruth Harris (Dan). This was Sally's first attempt at an Elementary test at a competition but they rose to the challenge winning the class with a very respectable 64.69%. Ruth finished with 61.25%.

The dressage judge for the day was Carole Futter assisted by our volunteer writer Anne Broadhurst.

Amy Jo Rowley and Michelle Kelly ran the show jumping. Ann McVicar acted as dressage steward and caller. Rosemary Rushmer was a very efficient 'goffer' collecting the score sheets. Clare Drewery was the organiser and scorer for the day.

Thank you to everyone that ensured the day was such a success.

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