

MAY FUN DAY

The first Fun Day took place on the club field on Sunday 19th May.

The dressage was popular with the Training and the Open Percentage classes both being particularly well supported.

Jo Maclean riding 'Sir Rocco' rode an excellent Prelim 18 to win the Open Percentage class with a score of 66.25%. Second place went to Susannah Close and 'Prince Albert'. They were tackling the Novice 30, venturing into new territory for the partnership and finished on a very respectable 64.6%

The judge for the day was Jane Bourne.

The show jumping was also well supported. Riding over courses designed and built by Jane Stone, assisted by her husband Kevin everyone appeared to have fun. The Fun Days are intended to encourage members to compete in a fun and friendly atmosphere. The early classes are particularly aimed at building confidence.

It seems that thanks to our wonderful volunteers who help run these events we are achieving this aim. Amy Jo Rowley, a new member sent us this comment after the event –

'A huge, huge thank you to the two lovely ladies doing the show jumping at the Funday. Due to their support and encouragement Bugsy and I had a wonderful time and achieved a major breakthrough in our ongoing partnership.'



Jane Powell and 'Pravda' enjoyed success in the Open 45cm and the Restricted 60cm Show jumping classes. They also took fourth place in the Senior Utility league scoring 93 points out of a maximum 120 available. Proving versatile they also picked up a 3rd and a 6th in the dressage.

Imogen Sheldrake and 'Sparkle' also had a successful day winning both the 60cm Against the Clock and the Restricted 75cm classes.

Imogen Sheldrake and 'Sparkle'

It was good to see Julie Frost back jumping a few fences with the ever reliable 'Horse Heaven Rambo' and they secured 2nd place in the 60cm against the clock just 0.03 seconds slower than Imogen.

Davina Cattermole and 'Hugo Boss' still have what it takes and eased round the Open 70cm class to take first place. They then revved the engine up and produced a fast, faultless round in the Open 75cm against the clock. Lucy Frost and 'Polly Whispers' took second place with a clear round but nearly 4 seconds slower than Davina.

Alison Mann and 'Herma' also showed class when they took first place in the final two classes of the day. In the Open 85cm they were fast and faultless finishing on a time of just 41.33 seconds. Second went to Megan Duffield and Chico who were also clear but with a time of 54.58 seconds.



Alison Mann & 'Herma'

In the Open 95cm Alison and Herma collected 8 faults but won on time as Georgia Cattermole and Legend, the only other partnership daring to enter this class, also picked up 8 faults and were 3 seconds slower.



Every effort to win!

The Gymkhana was split in to two sections for the juniors – Mini Juniors with the tiny tots and the Juniors with the more mature junior members.

The Mini Juniors was almost a family affair with Helen, George and Friedrich Morris competing against each other plus Daisy Frost. All had great fun and their adult assistants were well exercised.

Just two ‘mature’ Juniors battled against each other with Georgia Cattermole and Legend just edging ahead of Leanne Kelly and Bruno VI in the placings. However Leanne obtained her ‘revenge’ when she won the Junior Utility class scoring 88 points beating Georgia and Legend by 3 points.

Becky Brooks and Acorn came third with 84 points.

Three senior members came forward to compete in the Gymkhana. Davina Cattermole and Mr Sea won three of the four classes and came second in the other. Ruth Harris and Dan had a mixed result. They won the Canter, Walk, Trot, were second in the bending, third in the Ride and Run but retired in the Go Fish. Sue Stock and Pandora picked up two seconds and two thirds and had great fun. She posted this comment on the web site -

Just wanted to say thank you to all the committee and helpers for such a lovely day yesterday at the Fun show, I had my first ever go at Gymkhana games and Utility, was great fun and looking forward to the next show in August!

The Senior Utility class was won by Jo Maclean and Sir Rocco. They scored 97 out of the maximum 120 available with Susannah Close and Prince Albert coming second with 95.

As always we are greatly indebted to all the people who give up their time to set up, run and tidy up after these events. Without you competitions just couldn't happen.

If you could lend a hand at any of the events please do contact us. We really need more people to come forward to help even for just half a day at various events. It can be fun and informative. Just contact us via the contact link on the web site.



Daisy & Julie Frost go fishing