

BRC AREA 14 ONE DAY EVENT QUALIFIERS

The BRC Area 14 One Day Event Qualifiers were hosted by Finn Valley RC at Poplar Park on Sunday 23rd June.

For the first time the competition had an 80cm class which was open only to seniors.

The club had one team, the 'Butterflies', entered in this new class. It was made up of June Hall (Merrick Fergus), Lee Wright (Pumpkin Pie), Stacey Lain (Azire) and Corinne Bullock (Diamond Cruise).

There were six teams in the Senior 80cm class.

Lee Wright rode a great dressage test and went clear in both the show jumping and cross country picking up just 0.8 time penalties on the cross country to finish on a penalty score of just 26.8. This would have given her first place until it was realised that due to a previous competition entry in 2012 she was not eligible for the class.

However despite this set back the other team member's results were still good enough to retain third place overall.

Corinne Bullock had an excellent day having clear rounds in both show jumping and the cross country and adding just 2.8 XC time penalties to her dressage score of 32. This secured her second place individually and qualified her and Diamond Cruise to the ODE Championship.



June Hall & Fergus (library picture)

June Hall also went clear in the jumping phases. Their careful XC round meant they picked up 54 time penalties to add to her dressage score of 40. This was an excellent result for June at her first Area competition.

Stacey Lain experienced some problems in the show jumping picking up 16 penalties and as a result 7 time penalties. However they went clear in the XC and picked up just 15.2 time penalties to finish on a total penalty score of 84.2.

St Edmunds RC won the class with a team score of 110.4 with Colne Valley RC second with a team score of 136.6.

We were represented by the 'Bee' team in the Senior 90cm class. This was made up of Steve Small (Marcel Midnight Ray), Emma Julian (Little Irish Magic), Lucy Frost (Polly Whispers), Billie Fobbester (Bullet Man).

Things did not go well for this team as Emma was eliminated at the first water jump and Billie's horse was forced to retire midway through the course. This meant we did not have the necessary three scores for the team competition.

However Lucy Frost went clear in both the show jumping and cross country and finished on her dressage score of 41 which gave her fifth place individually.

Steve Small finished the dressage on a very respectable score of 37.5 but picked up a further 4 penalties in the show jumping. He went clear in the cross country without time penalties so finished on a penalty score of 41.5 which gave him sixth place individually.

Carleton RC won the class on a team score of 109.5 and Finn Vallet RC came second with a team score of 128.6.

In the Senior 100cm class we were represented by Sam Palmer (Foreigner of the Lowlands). After a good dressage test the weather turned for them and they were show jumping in a torrential thunderstorm. They collected 12 jumping faults and 7 time penalties show jumping but jumped clear across country but picked up a further 22.4 time penalties. They finished on a score of 77.7.

We had a single club member representing us in the Senior 100+ class. This was Sophie Whyte (Sporting Gambler).

After a good dressage test Sophie was in fourth place. She went clear in both the show jumping and cross country picking up just 0.4 XC time penalties. This moved her up to third place individually.

As there was no club team entered in the 100+ class the first four riders in this class are eligible to make up a team to represent the Area 14 at the Championships. This includes Sophie with Georgie Underdown (El Dorado II) and Georgie Wood (Ashley VII) both from Carleton RC (first and fourth respectively) and Shirley Stagg (Possibilities) from Finn Valley who was second.



Junior 90cm winning team
From right to left Charlotte, Georgia & Laura
(Flynn had to leave early)

We were represented by just one Junior team at the ODE qualifiers and they competed in the Junior 90cm class.

The team was made up of Charlotte Cattermole (Wise Dennis), Flynn Regan (Hilltop Holly), Laura Leggett (Horse Heaven Rambo), Georgia Cattermole (Tullyreavey Legend).

Charlotte had a great day. After the dressage she was in equal second place with 33 penalties. Completing both the show jumping and the cross country without adding to this score meant that she held on to this and was beaten by just 2.5 penalties when Olivia May (Milford Chocolate Buttons) of St Edmunds RC also finished on her dressage score of 30.5.

Georgia Cattermole was in eighth place after the dressage but emulating her sister she too went clear in both the show jumping and cross country but picked up just 0.8 XC time penalties. This gave her a total score of 38.8 and pulled her up into third place.

Laura Leggett performed a good dressage test and finished with a penalty mark of 34. She too jumped clear in the show jumping and cross country phases but added a further 17.2 XC time penalties to her score. However this secured her fourth place.

Flynn was not having the best of luck with this competition. 'Hilltop Holly' was a last minute replacement for Flynn's other horse who unfortunately suffered colic on the run up to the event.

They started with a decent dressage test and went clear show jumping. On the cross country course however 'Holly' pulled a shoe off and a girl cannot be expected to compete without a decent pair of shoes to wear and was eliminated.

However the other team member's results secured them first place and we have another team qualified for the Championships!!

They are now all training hard in preparation for the Championships which take place at Swalcliffe Park in Banbury, Oxon on 2nd August. We wish you all the very best of luck.

Well done to everyone that took part and represented the club so well. Special thanks to Rosemary Rushmer and Debbie Shields who went along as volunteers. The club are duty bound to provide volunteers at Area events if they have teams competing. So without you two the teams would not have enjoyed the success they did. Thank you.