## **BECCLES & BUNGAY RIDING CLUB ONE DAY EVENT**

The One Day Event took place at Geldeston Hall on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Competitors came from as far as Essex and Cambridgeshire to take part.

There were six classes running over three different courses with jump heights of 70, 85 and 95cms. The dressage judges were Jackie Patchett, Marcia Fenwick and Jess Mace.

Class 1 was for junior riders 16 years and under, over the 70cm course. This was won by Taylor Booker, aged 15yrs from Essex riding 'Shiloh Star'. They jumped a double clear in the show jumping and cross country phases adding just 2.4 cross country time penalties to their dressage penalty score to finish on 34.4 penalties.

The best placed member was Amy Oliver-Squire's riding 'Shamus'. They had a good dressage test picking up just 38 penalties and added just cross country time faults for being 13 seconds over the optimum time finishing of a total score of 43.2 to take fourth place.



Lee Wright & 'Harley' winners of Class 2

Class 2 was over the same course and was restricted to any horse and rider combination not to have won a One Day Event. This was won by club member Lee Wright riding Mandie Bradley's beautiful young grey 'Harley'. They scored just 23 penalties in the dressage. They jumped clear in both the show jumping and cross country but picked up time penalties in both jumping phases to finish on a score of 30.4.

Class 3 was the Open 70cm class. Liz Crowe from Bury St Edmunds riding 'Handsome George' jumped clear in both show jumping and cross country but added time faults from the cross country to her excellent dressage score and finished on 37.2 penalties. Holly Molloy and 'Dartford Boy' were the best placed club members. They took second place when they added just 6 cross country time penalties to their dressage score. Just 0.8 time penalties or two seconds separated the top two places.

Class 4 was the Restricted 85cm class and attracted the highest number of entries and was split into two sections.

Section A was won by Pip Davis riding her ex racehorse 'Cathedral Rock' who had won £30,000 as a National Hunt hurdler. Since retiring he has taken to his new life and has qualified for RoR Challenge at Royal Windsor Horse Show next year. They produced a good dressage test, jumped clear in both show jumping and cross country but not surprisingly added 0.8 cross country time penalties for being too fast.

The club's senior team manager Corinne Bullock and 'Diamond Cruise' took second place. They were 0.5 of a penalty behind the eventual winner after the dressage. They too went clear in the jumping phases.

However they were even faster round the course and finished 27 seconds under the optimum time. This gave them 4.8 time penalties and relegated them to second place.



Corinne Bullock & 'Diamond Cruise'

Section B was won by Lucy Hicks and

'Oranco'. They added 4 show jumping penalties and 5.2 cross country time penalties to 'their dressage score and finished on 44.2 penalties. Emma Grosvenor, a club member, riding 'Mocha Ice' was one of the few who finished the day on their dressage score but this left her just 0.3 behind Lucy Hicks and she had to settle for second place.

Class 5 the Open 85cm was a very close contest between two regular club competitors Time became the deciding factor.



Wendy Lowe riding 'Maggie May and Lucy Frost riding 'Polly Whispers' finished the dressage with just 0.5 penalties between them. Both were clear in the show jumping and cross country. Wendy was within the optimum time and finished on her dressage score of 34.5 taking first place. Lucy was 21 seconds under the optimum time and picked up 2.4 time penalties which took her final score to 36.4 and second place.

Wendy Lowe & 'Maggie May' winners of Class 5

Class 6 was the Open 95cm. Club member Flynn Regan had a very successful day.

Riding Georgie Underdown's 'El Dorado' he produced one of the best dressage tests of the day. They then jumped clear in both show jumping and cross country but added 2.4 cross country time faults for being too fast and finished on 26.4 penalties to win the class.

Georgie Underdown has evented 'El Dorado' up to 1\* eventing. In June this year she started to help Flynn with his new horse in preparation for the BRC National Championship ODE and realised his talent as a rider.

Georgie said 'When we returned from the champs I told him to come and have a sit on 'El Dorado' to get a better understanding of a horse's way of going on the flat. He

clicked with him straight away and although 'El Dorado' looks straight forward he is very hard work to ride. The plan is for Flynn to event him and I will do dressage with him'.

Flynn also rode his own ex racehorse 'Knock on the Head'. They finished on their dressage score of 39 and took third place. Abi Jacobs riding 'Jays Ghost in Cavalier' took second place.

As always we are very grateful to everyone that helped out on the day. There are too many to name individually but without you we could not run competitions.



Flynn Regan & 'El Dorado' winners of Class 6

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