COMBINED TRAINING AREA QUALIFIERS AND CLUB COMPETITION

This year the club's Combined Training competition was run at the same time as the Area 14 Festival of the Horse Combined Training qualifier.

Our team members were able to put their scores from the team qualifier competition into matching club competition classes.

The numbers were greater than expected and Janice Harrison on the gate needed X-ray vision to see where to put the huge number of vehicles.



Flynn Regan & 'Knock on the Head'

In the Area section of the competition, both Senior and Junior teams could not have done better. Many congratulations to winning Junior team members Lydia Sida-Page (Aurigo Anastasia), Flynn Regan (Knock on the Head), Georgia Wright (Pumpkin Pie) and Emma Taylor (Hugo).

Not surprisingly all did well in the linked club classes. Flynn riding 'Knock on the Head' won the club Junior Prelim 18 / show jumps 75cm class and also rode 'Eldorado' into second place in the club Novice 30 / show jumps 85cm class. This

was won by Lydia Sida-Page and 'Aurigo Anastasia' who finished on their dressage score.

New member Annie Howland on 'Blaze' rode as an individual and came fourth in the Junior Prelim18 / show jumps 75cm qualifier. This secured her third place in the equivalent club class.

Much tougher competition faced the Senior teams with ten teams plus individuals taking part.

BBRC Bees comprising of Sam Palmer (Foreigner of the Lowlands), Nicola Colman (Bella Retta), Lucy Frost (Polly Whisper) and Georgie Underdown (Puddingbag Lane) were clear winners. Second to fourth places was a closely fought contest with Carlton A team taking second place ahead of High Fen after the fourth rider scores were taken into consideration.

This team, including Sam and Lucy who are still on a high following their third place nationally at the Indoor Show-Jumping



Sam Palmer & 'Foreigner of the Lowlands'

Championship last month ensures a strong BBRC presence at the FOH Championship this summer.

The club's combined training event had 55 entries which included the Area riders.

Julie Frost on 'Horse Heaven Rambo' won the Senior Prelim 7 dressage but did not compete on the show jumping section. Joanna Maclean riding 'Ruby' was laying in sixth place after the dressage but jumped clear over the 65cm show jumps to win the combined class.

Jasmine Urry riding 'Barney' was in third place in the Junior Prelim 7 class. They then jumped clear over the 65cm show jumps adding just a few time penalties to their dressage score to win the combined class.



Lee Wright & 'Harley

Lee Wright on 'Harley' won the Senior Prelim 18 test and went clear in the 75cm show jumping class to win combined class.

Susannah Close on 'Prince Albert' won the Senior Novice 30 but did not contest the show jumping. Sam Palmer and 'Foreigner of the Lowlands' who were in second place after the dressage went clear over the 85cm show jumps to win the combined class.

Our judges Julie Allen, Rachel Hillier and Carole Futter kept to the ferociously tight schedule for the large dressage classes and saw some really promising tests at all levels.

Many thanks to our excellent scribes Anne Broadhurst, Anne McVicar, and Rachel Platten who stepped to give Anne B a break, having gained a fourth place on her youngster 'Brackary Robin' in the Prelim 7/65cm show jump class.

Marie Mann and Trish Harris manned the show-jumping arena non-stop from 10-4pm, seeing some 85 rounds, while the collecting ring was kept in fine order by Janet and Paul Woolner.

Very many thanks go to our helpers, including Claire Bodmer helping me in the secretary's tent. Janice on the gate all day, and the tireless scorers Sorrel and Alice Bellamy, who also managed to fit in riding a test.

Claire Drewery never stopped all day, dressage stewarding in the morning and scoring in the afternoon when Jane Stone took over. A tremendous effort over a long day, and we were lucky with the weather too.