

Jersey Horse Driving Society

Despite wind and rain the field event on 12th June went ahead. Carriage drivers turn out in all weather conditions as horses and ponies need their exercise. The first competition was Take Your Own Line when points are accumulated for each obstacle driven without faults with higher points given for the more difficult. If clear they can then be approached from the opposite direction. With only 90 seconds given a plan must be formulated to reach the highest scoring obstacles in that time. The winners of their respective classes were Rachelle Bownes driving Hermes, Fleur White driving Zodiac and Kieran O'Connor also with Hermes.

The 2nd Skilled Driver was not only a competition on the day for points but part of an overall one as the highest placed driver over three skilled driving events during the season also wins a trophy for either the open, novice or junior class. The team to travel to Guernsey in September for the Inter Insular competition between the two islands was also taken from this event rather than the scheduled separate event as by then both drivers and ponies were wet and the grass was becoming slippery.

The senior team to travel to Guernsey, without their ponies, as they will be driving Guernsey horses and ponies, are Emma Le Marquand (Captain) who had the only clear round of the day, Tom Robinson, David Gallichan and Rachelle Bownes with Zoë Gallichan as reserve whilst the junior team are Kieran O'Connor (Captain) Kim Gallichan and Ellie Carre.

Results: T.Y.O.L. open class: 1, Rachelle Bownes (Hermes) 220; 2, Emma Le Marquand (Pip) 170; 3, June Vibert (Jester) 75; 4, Zoë Gallichan (Cracker) 60; 5, Phil Rondel (Pip) 35

Novice: 1, Fleur White (Zodiac) 90.

Junior: 1, Kieran O'Connor (Hermes) 200; 2, Kim Gallichan (Chino) 175; 3, Ellie Carre (Cracker) 50.

2nd Skilled Driver: Open Class: 1, Emma Le Marquand (Pip) clear; 2, Tom Robinson (Hermes) 15; 3, David Gallichan (Zodiac) 25; 4, Rachelle Bownes (Hermes) 30; 5, Zoë Gallichan (Cracker) 35.

Novice: 1, Jackie Rondel (Pip) 40; 2, Stephanie Rondel (Pip) 70; 3, Fleur White (Zodiac) 100

Junior: 1, Kieran O'Connor (Hermes) 10; 2, Kim Gallichan (Chino) 40; 3, Ellie Carre (Cracker) 70.