

Backhurst, Dorey & Crane Indoor Trials.
Les Marais Indoor School 29th January 2012

The first of four Indoor Trials had twenty one entries. This year these events are an area qualifier for the Indoor Driving Trials Championships to be held in the UK on 1st April.

Precision and Paces have replaced the dressage test and require two judges to conform to the UK rules, Annabelle Godfray (Precision) and Phyllis Gouedart (Paces) officiated, once the combined scores were correlated the winner of this phase was Rachelle Bownes though Lisa Fenlon was on an equal score Rachelle had higher accumulative marks.

The cones course proved testing and there were a number of cones faults, though quite a few drivers were close to the optimum time it was Margaret Littlechild driving Homer who was awarded the best cones rosette.

In the Obstacle phase Rachelle driving Hermes had a costly little blip in obstacle two which opened the door for Carl Gallichan driving Homer two points faster over the four obstacles. However Rachelle was the winner of the 12.2 and under class as well as the best score of the day.

The Larger Pony Class was won by June Vibert, just recovered from a hip replacement as well as driving a new Fenix marathon vehicle which appeared to be so manoeuvrable that Robin almost took wings! Sheila Vetier driving the dependable Charlie came second.

Max at only his second Indoor event driven by Vincent Obbard and Margaret Robinson were first and second respectively in the horse class and no doubt will gain momentum with experience.

Junior Class winner was Kieran O'Conner driving Hermes to victory and also drove Lordi into second place with Ellie Carre driving the ageless Cracker third.

Five were forward for the Preliminary class, Margaret Littlechild with her other pony Maddie was five points ahead of Rachelle Bownes driving Pocket Rocket.

There was only one pair which was Emma Le Marquand driving Pip and Minstrel.

RESULTS

Ponies 12.2 and under

1, Rachelle Bownes (Hermes) 133.14. 2, Margaret Littlechild (Homer) 142.21 3, Carl Gallichan (Homer) 143.78. 4, Emma Le Marquand (Minstrel) 153.56. 5, Zoë Gallichan (Chino) 156.60. 6, Zoë Gallichan (Pip) 168.10.

Ponies ex: 12.2

1, June Vibert (Robin) 149.57. 2, Sheila Vetier (Charlie) 178.59. 3. John Vibert (Robin) 181.71. 4, Dave Gallichan (Charlie) 186.95.

Horses

1, Vincent Obbard (Max) 270.32. 2, Margaret Robinson (Max) 276.51.

Juniors 1, Kieran O'Connor (Hermes) 144.90. 2, Kieran O'Connor (Lordi) 154.37. 3, Ellie Carre (Cracker) 187.95.

Preliminary

1, Margaret Littlechild (Maddie) 143.76. 2, Rachelle Bownes (Pocket Rocket) 148.38.3, Lisa Fenlon (Buttons) 167.79 4, Leonie Surcouf (Rocky) 184.07. 5, Tara Hill (Acer) 189.21.

Pairs

1, Emma Le Marquand (Pip & Minstrel) 187.63.

Best P & P Rachelle Bownes /Hermes

Best Cones Margaret Littlechild /Homer

Best Obstacles Carl Gallichan/ Homer