

Jersey Horse Driving Society

The second driving trials of the season held on 18th July were based at Broughton Lodge, St. Mary, home of Ivor Barette. It was a new venue for the club and the eight kilometer cross country course which stretched as far as the cliffs above Devil's Hole provided competitors with a minimum of roadwork as there were so many paths and tracks round the fields thanks to permission given by the kind landowners. The drivers may not have had time to appreciate the scenic views as penalties are added when the course is not completed in the given time. Six obstacles were negotiated by competitors and judged not only for their correctness but for time taken to drive each one. Julie Chalker driving Sparky, the winner of the Best Marathon and Rachelle Bownes driving Hermes both won their classes and were the only two to complete the course with no time penalties. Sheila Vetier driving Charlie came second to Julie in the larger pony class whilst the other classes had only one competitor in each. Unfortunately Margaret Robinson driving Gemma retired early on in the marathon course.

Phyllis Gouedart who is usually a competitor took the task of dressage judge putting Rachelle Bownes driving Hermes into first place and in joint second place were two turnouts which have not competed regularly. John Vibert driving his calm Fell pony Jester drove a steady test in the Preliminary Class as did Ivor Barette with his young pair of Gelderlanders Billy and Rudi which have only recently been brought over to Jersey.

The final section of the day was the cones course with faults and time penalties added together to give a win to Julie Chalker, whilst Carl Gallichan driving Sparky for the first time won the grooms cones with Laura Vetier driving Charlie and Kieron O'Connor driving Hermes both very close behind. A separate competition was run concurrently for competitors not wanting to drive the full marathon course in the form of Indoor/Outdoor trials. Both Emma Le Marquand and Zoe Gallichan drove Cracker and Chino as a pair with Best Dressage going to Zoe whilst Emma won Best Obstacles and Best Cones.

Results:

Ponies 12.2h.h & under: Rachelle Bownes (Hermes) 151.50

Ponies ex. 12.2h.h. Julie Chalker (Sparky) 154.70; Sheila Vetier (Charlie) 330.00

Horses: Margaret Robinson (Gemma) retired.

Multiples: Ivor Barette (Billy & Rudi) 598.70

Preliminary: John Vibert(Jester) 554.70

Grooms Cones: 1, Carl Gallichan (Sparky) 23.30; 2, Laura Vetier (Charlie) 24.10; 3, Kieron O'Connor (Hermes) 25.20; 4, Sophie Oliveira (Billy & Rudi) 86.80; 5, June Vibert (Jester) 94.00.

Indoor/Outdoor: Emma Le Marquand (Cracker & Chino) 156.70; Zoe Gallichan (Cracker & Chino) 212.80

