

The Jersey Horse Driving Society held it's first Indoor World Cup style event on October 30th at Les Marais Indoor School. With 12 entries forward on a crisp but sunny morning, the competitors had a beautiful day for the event.

Tara Hill, Caroline Le Marquand and Julie Chalker built the testing, but fun course the night before, which allowed the competitors to walk the course as soon as they arrived. Mr Chalker kindly stepped in as Judge and Angela Fenlon was his scribe for the morning, with Ian Le Marquand as time keeper.

Only ponies graced the event, but with a wide range of the native Mountain and Moorland breeds (the smallest being a Shetland and the largest being a Welsh Section C) it made for interesting viewing, with nine sets of cones (and two combinations) and one hazard.

Three classes were held during the morning, the first with the cones set at Jersey scurry width, the second with the cones set at 145cm (UK Indoor Horse Driving Trials cones width) and the same course being driven. The third and final event was with the cones course driven backwards.

Juniors and Seniors both competed against each other, with Kim Gallichan placing in each class – Seniors beware when this young lady joins our ranks! It was great to see ponies being driven by different drivers, with Rachelle Bownes taking the reins of Tara's Shetland stallion Acer. We're still trying to decide who had the bigger shock, especially as Rachelle just pipped partner Tom driving her Lordi to 4th place in class two! Julie Chalker brought out her new pair of Section C's Sparky and Anna and was competing against Tara Hill's Shetland pair who too are rather inexperienced, having only been driving just under a year. Julie took the first class, but with a change of fortunes Tara won both the second and third classes.

Everyone who drove the courses exclaimed how much fun they had had and looked forward to the next event which will be held on December 18th.

Class 1 Singles - 1, Carl Gallichan (Homer) 92.51; 2, Julie Chalker (Anna) 98.87; 3, Lisa Fenlon (Rocky) 99.72; 4, Margaret Littlechild (Maddy) 104.63; 5, Kim Gallichan (Maddy) 106.94; 6, Tara Hill (Fred) 107.25; 7, Tom Robinson (Lordi) 120.95; 8, Rachelle Bownes (Acer) 124.95; 9, Sophie Oliveira (Rocky) 133.87; 10, Leonie Surcouf (Fizz) 139.45

Class 1 Pairs - 1, Julie Chalker (Sparky and Anna) 115.48; 2, Tara Hill (Fred and Acer) 130.88

Class 2 Singles - 1, Carl Gallichan (Homer) 92.53; 2, Kim Gallichan (Maddy) 98.56; 3, Margaret Littlechild (Maddy) 103.85; 4, Rachelle Bownes (Acer) 107.41; 5, Tom Robinson (Lordi) 107.73; 6, Tara Hill (Fred) 111.28; 7, Julie Chalker (114.07); 8, Lisa Fenlon (Fizz) 116.76; 9, Sophie Oliveira (Rocky) 121.47; 10, Leonie Surcouf (Fizz) 126.08

Class 2 Pairs - 1, Tara Hill (Fred and Acer) 122.19; 2, Julie Chalker (Sparky and Anna) 130.90

Class 3 Singles – 1, Carl Gallichan (Homer) 87.72; 2, Margaret Littlechild (Homer) 92.27; 3, Margaret Littlechild (Maddy) 93.62; 4, Kim Gallichan (Maddy) 95.00; 5, Julie Chalker (Anna) 103.83; 6, Leonie Surcouf (Fizz) 108.69; 7, Lisa Fenlon (Fizz) 116.15; 8, Tom Robinson (Lordi) 121.62

Class 3 Pairs - 1, Tara Hill (Fred and Acer) 128.19; 2, Rachelle Bownes (Fred and Acer) 130.86