

BACKHURST, DOREY & CRANE INDOOR DRIVING TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Les Marais 28th February 2010

The Backhurst, Dorey and Crane Indoor Driving Championships went ahead despite the severe weather forecast, there were inevitably some withdrawals however the weather improved, a large lake had developed at the entrance to the school which was an added challenge.

The dressage phase was judged by Penny Lee and though there were some close scores last to go was Beverley Le Marquand with the only pair Pip and Minstrel to win this phase and the pairs class, the latter also won the small pony class from his stable companion.

The Cones course was so twisty that competitors had difficulty in getting close to the optimum time, the nearest was Beverley with Minstrel which rounded off a very successful day for her.

The obstacles had an added gate to negotiate, lowest score of the day went to Julie Chalker driving the Welsh sec: C Sparky who flew round the obstacles in great style winning the large pony class, groom Polly Johns ably assisted on the backstep leaning expertly through the turns. Julie has won both qualifying classes. One had to feel for Ellen Littlechild three drives with different ponies just couldn't "get her eye in" and was frustratingly below her usual form.

Margaret Robinson with the Hackney Gemma was the sole competitor in the horse class and had some fairly good times in the obstacles.

Three juniors were forward and no one could have predicted the outcome, Gemma driven with confidence by Kim Gallichan was the winner by the narrowest of margins from the diminutive Ellie Carre driving Chino all credit to her for coping so well as the youngest driver, unfortunately Josh Baudains had an extra 100 penalties for going through a wrong gate.

Carl Gallichan driving Homer had a one point advantage over Emma Le Marquand driving Miffy who shows much improvement at each outing, Zoe Gallichan came in third driving Chino in the Preliminary class.

The Consolation class was a win for Tom Robinson driving a more relaxed Lordi who had a good dressage test and was one of the only five clear in the cones.

Results Ponies 12.2 & under

Champion	Beverley Le Marquand	Pip	100.20
Reserve Champion	Beverley Le Marquand	Minstrel	101.72
3 rd	Ellen Littlechild	Homer	121.94
4 th	Rachelle Bownes	Hermes	209.93

Horses

Champion	Margaret Robinson	Gemma	138.06
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Juniors

Champion	Kim Gallichan	Gemma	178.04
Reserve Champion	Ellie Carre	Chino	178.25
3 rd	Josh Baudains	Hermes	311.43

Ponies ex:12.2

Champion	Julie Chalker	Sparky	98.26
Reserve Champion	Sheila Vetier	Charlie	128.44
3 rd	June Vibert	Robin	136.36
4 th	Ellen Littlechild	Jack	141.30
5 th	John Vibert	Robin	147.07
6 th	Laura Vetier	Charlie	159.69

Preliminary

Champion	Carl Gallichan	Homer	124.68
Reserve Champion	Emma Le Marquand	Miffy	125.23
3 rd	Zoe Gallichan	Chino	151.65

Consolation

1 st	Tom Robinson	Lordi	104.50
2 nd	Ellen Littlechild	Bart	125.27
3 rd	Margaret Littlechild	Bart	255.33

Best Dressage Beverley Le Marquand Pip & Minstrel

Best Cones Beverley Le Marquand Minstrel

Best Obstacle Julie Chalker Sparky