

Backhurst, Dorey & Crane Indoor Trials, Les Marais 31st January 2010

The first indoor trials had to contend with extremes of weather, sunshine in the morning, snow in the afternoon! However it did not deter the enthusiasm of the twenty eight competitors with resulted in the closest of margins ever to determine the placings.

The day started with the dressage phase kindly judged by Mrs Jane Sebire, There were three on a score of 27 Beverley Le Marquand with Minstrel also with her pair Minstrel and Pip and Julie Chalker with Sparky, so to the collective marks at the end of a test decided the winner which was Minstrel who went on to win the small pony class who remarkably was on a equal score with Beverley's other pony Pip. Ellen Littlechild driving Homer in third whizzed through the obstacles in one of the fastest times, as was Rachelle Bownes with Hermes.

The time for the cones course was difficult to achieve for some, though Julie with Sparky made it look easy to win this phase and to cap her day was equal on time as Homer through the obstacles with the lowest penalties of the day. Second in the large pony class was Ellen with her other pony Jack, who has been gaining experience in England. In this class John Vibert suffered a broken shaft in obstacle three, help was quickly at hand to release the pony with no harm done.

There were two horses, one the Hackney mare Gemma driven by Margaret Robinson and making his debut Max driven by Vincent Obbard who went obligingly well and will improve with experience at each outing.

It was good to see four juniors forward, Josh Baudains driving Hermes a remarkable young horseman easily won this class and also competed with his new driving pony TJ (who is also a good jumping pony) his cousin young Ellie Carre was second with the schoolmaster Cracker and was quickest of the four in the fourth obstacle. Third was Kim Gallichan driving Gemma who is no easy drive, however went clear in the cones and had respectable times in the obstacles.

There was eight competitors in the Preliminary class, Emma Le Marquand was delighted to win this with Miffy which she purchased last year as a raw recruit to her yard, point two of a second behind was Carl Gallichan with Homer though he had all to do catching up on his dressage mark as Homer is mostly on full speed!

Rachelle Bownes brought out her novice pony Bobby who seemed to take all in his stride as well as going another round driven by Tom Robinson. The quick change behind the scenes for those with several turnouts was appreciated by the organisers as there were virtually no hold-ups.

Beverley's pair had a six point advantage over Emma Le Marquand's pair of Chino and Cracker who go quite well even they are not a matched pair.

The first three in each class qualify for the championships, the next event is in 14th February at the same venue

RESULTS

Ponies 12.2 & under

=1 st	Beverley Le Marquand	Minstrel	93.3
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3 rd	Ellen Littlechild	Homer	96.1
4 th	Rachelle Bownes	Hermes	96.2
5 th	Tom Robinson	Lordi	136.9

Horses

1 st	Margaret Robinson	Gemma	129.2
2 nd	Vincent Obbard	Max	212.9

Juniors

1 st	Josh Baudains	Hermes	88.7
2 nd	Ellie Carre	Cracker	132.6
3 rd	Kim Gallichan	Gemma	153.7
4 th	Josh Baudains	TJ	157.4

Ponies ex: 12.2

1 st	Julie Chalker	Sparky	74.0
2 nd	Ellen Littlechild	Jack	94.7
3 rd	June Vibert	Robin	113.2
4 th	Sheila Vetier	Charlie	114.1
5 th	Laura Vetier	Charlie	119.2

Preliminary

1 st	Emma Le Marquand	Miffy	107.5
2 nd	Carl Gallichan	Homer	107.7
3 rd	Zoe Gallichan	Chino	110.6
4 th	Lisa Fenlon	Rocky	111.8
5 th	Fleur White	Zodiac	119.2

Pairs

1 st	Beverley Le Marquand	Pip& Minstrel	91.1
2 nd	Emma Le Marquand	Cracker & Chino	97 .6

Best Dressage **Beverley Le Marquand /Minstrel**
Best Cones **Julie Chalker /Sparky**
Best Obstacles **Julie Chalker /Sparky**