

Novice One Day Event at Sandhole Farm

We have been blessed with some beautiful weather this autumn and the 16th October was no different. The sun was shining and a lovely day was had by all who attended the RVRC Novice Horse Trials.

Well to all who attended, the xc course's new additions came as a surprise in both classes and The Collins family had certainly been very busy in the 7 days running up to this event to ensure new and challenging fences were installed on both courses in time for the event. Well if Bull Farm is Rother Valley's very own Mini Badminton, Sandhole Farm must be their Mini Burghley complete with the trout hatchery water complex with beautifully carved fences and all sorts of new challenges, and more still planned. Special thanks must go to all the helpers that gave up their time to run this event, especially Ginny and Karen who ran the catering for the event, Sue and Sharon the scorers, as well as Ben Foy and Bernie Collins the course builders and Beth Collins the course designer, and with out too many hick ups the day seemed to run smoothly from a competitors view.

All the hard work paid off with plenty of entries and good competition in all classes. There were some amazing dressage scores and a good standard in all classes. The best dressage of the day went to Claire Walton- Cole on her stunning chestnut horse whose test sheet was a treat to read and one we would all like to aim for. I think i am right in saying he scored 19 !! To you dressage people that is a whopping 81 %! The overall winner and best score of the day went to Kate Ludden and the lovely youngster MHS Minnie who belies her 5 years of age to put up a foot perfect round.

Next year a new open course is planned to run alongside the existing courses, so look out for open days and xc clinics run by the club to get a chance to practise over these super fences.

Class 1 Junior v.novice

- 1st Amelia Cameron-Clarke riding Casper
- 2nd Rachael Lloyd riding Frankie Highest placed member
- 3rd Charlotte Rowland riding Willow
- 4th Courtney Barker riding Twiggy Twilight
- 5th Charlotte Simmons riding Flicker
- 6th Rosie Woods riding Jerry
- 7th Rachael Lloyd riding Laura
- 8th Charlotte Redford riding Lolly

Class 3

- 1st Jessica Morton/Knightswood Wish Highest Placed Member
- 2nd Iola Hughes/Grangeford Boy
- 3rd Joanne Bath/Eager Beaver
- 4th Eden Freeman-Payne/Bets
- 5th Danelle Plowman/Master Dooley
- 6th Katie Kingham/Chocolate Charlie
- 7th Freya Bruce/ Beau Rambler
- 8th Steph Davis/Temple Star

Class 2

- 1st Sarah Vinall/Silverlea Sambucca
- 2nd Samantha Smith/Turndens Velka
- 3rd Kate Jefferies/William Findlay
- 4th Jess Pearce/Serena
- 5th Laura Dorma/Ginger Highest placed member
- 6th Harriet Brown/Dora
- 7th Sally Hill/Hilly Hoof
- 8th Katie Goodsell/Burt

Class 4

- 1st Kate Ludden/Minnie
- 2nd Sasha Cameron-Clarke/Bonnie
- 3rd Claire Walton-Cole/Carerthago Z
- 4th Lynda Cooper/Millie

5th Alex Smith/Silver Wagner
6th Louise Morrison/Little Indian Warrior
7th Rory Newton-Dunn/Corr
8th Julie Gregory/Kilkee

The 'Sonic' trophy for the best score of the day went to Kate Ludden.