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DEATH OF CHAIRMAN OF BRC NATIONAL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are sorry to learn of the recent death of Laurie Punnett, the Chairman of the British Riding Clubs National Executive Committee. Laurie has been a great leader of the BRC in this voluntary capacity, and his loss at the relatively young age of 61 will leave a gap which will be difficult to fill. The Area 17 Liaison Committee has agreed to make a donation of £100 to a charity supporting research into pancreatic cancer, nominated by his family.

AREA 17 HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER – LARKHILL, SUNDAY 5 JULY 2009

This was another good day for MRC. There was a very supportive and positive team spirit throughout the day from all the Meon crowd, team members and helpers alike working very hard from 0800 until approx 1800, so a long day for all. A particular mention must go to Ewart Wood for his excellent commentary throughout the show jumping phase and to Janet Irving for her stewardship of the show jumping phase, not to forget Lindsay and Andy Berry and also Hannah who worked tirelessly picking up poles. Another thank you to Sue Austen who came and helped the teams all day. (Although Penny Briggs organised the teams she could not be there on the day and Sue Francis Stukings very kindly took on this role.)

Now the team results.

The Novice Team-Kerri Barjum on Over U Go, Jackie Rixon on Colour Me Danny, Emma Bowley on Killagha Thomas Ashe and Chrissy Hughes on Harry- finished in 6th. position, with Chrissie Hughes in individual 10th. place

The Intermediate Team - Barbara Wood on Simply Seamus, Anne Evans on Kilcotty Jim, Ony Rogers on Dollar and Becky Sporne on Grace - finished in 3rd. place, with Becky Sporne winning her section, and Barbara Wood in 9th. place.

The Open Team - Julia Batho on Just Hippy, Debbie Swan on Urban Legend, Helen Vernon on Monaco Finale and Becky Sporne on Semilion - had a walk-over, but they all had to complete the course, which they did in great style. There were also individual competitors and teams from Area 6 in their class, so congratulations to Julia Batho on winning her section, Debbie Swan (4th.), Helen Vernon (5th.) and Becky Sporne (6th.)

So the Open Team and Becky Sporne as an Individual in the intermediate section have qualified for the Championship, the venue for which has been changed to Aston-le-Walls. Well done everyone and the first-timers did themselves proud. Again a happy successful and enjoyable day and thank you to anyone not mentioned who helped.

(Contributed by Sue Francis Stukings)

MRC ONE DAY EVENT RESULTS

We had a very good day at Fair Oak, with excellent entries in all classes. It takes an awful lot of people to run a one day event, so thanks to all of you who helped. Through your efforts, and the hard work of the organisers, Helen Vernon and Fiona Emery, we made a profit of over £2 000, which will make a significant contribution to our team expenses this year.

Results

Class 1:Novice

Section A:Restricted

Arena 1

Jessica Vanassche	Mischief Maker	25.0
Lindsay Berry	Doon Dancer	48.3
Georgina Leavold	Mr Jingles	48.5

Arena 2

Julia Batho	Have Another	27.9
Alexandra Shaw	Bockmer Raffles	29.2
Heather Foss	Anoosh	56.5

Section B: Open

Justine Robilliard	Nazzabee	30.4
Laura GoodyLocklands	Poppies Pride	34.1
Suzanne Hopkins	Culmore Citarles	73.5

Class 2: Intermediate

Section A: Restricted

Arena 3

Martine McCahon	Pentrecoed	37.4
Alison Colton	Woodstocks Morocco	37.6
Jo Fox	Colourfields Murphy	37.7

Arena 4

Jackie Rixon	Colour Me Danny	29.5
Diane Farndell	Ace Of Spades	35.2
Ellie Rudd	Arfa Sixpence	38.1

Section B: Open

L Sims	The Optimist	29.2
Annabel Whittet	Rogan Rum Jungle	30.0
Christine Hughes	Just Harry	38.6

Class 3: Open

James Fisher	Boss III	30.4
Hannah Bown	The Irish Tiger	35.4
Heather Reay	Lady Boiro	37.0

AREA 17 SHOW JUMPING RESULTS

We had another good day at this qualifier. Our Novice team -Sharon Smith, Claire Lewis, Sarah Lewis and Sue Bridgwater- finished 3rd. with a two round total of 12 faults. Our Intermediate team -Keri Barnjum, Jackie Rixon, Thea Gibbons and Helen Vernon- took second place. Our Open team - Barbara Wood, Debbie Swan, Rebecca Sporne and Cathryn Row - won their class, with Barbara Wood also being placed individually first. Our Style jumping team was Andrea Kennedy, Sarah Pook, Helen Vernon and Rebecca Sporne. I'm not sure where they finished, but Helen Vernon won the class, and so qualifies as an individual, and Andrea Kennedy was placed fifth. Well done to all of them, and thanks to Team Manager, Keri Barnjum.

AREA 17 DRESSAGE QUALIFIER RESULTS

Our teams had to make a long trek to Moreton in Dorset this year, but came back with a good haul of rosettes, which made it all worthwhile. Our teams were:-

Riding Test: Carol Alford, Sarah Pook, Jenny Naylor-Davis and Helen Vernon. They won this class, which qualifies them for the BRC Championships in Lincoln. Individually Jenny was second, Helen third and Carol fourth -an excellent performance.

Novice Team: Keri Barnjum, Jenny Naylor-Davis, Tom Naylor-Davis and Emma Bowley. Rather confusingly Novice team members all ride a preliminary test! The team finished fourth overall, with Jenny placed second as an individual, which also qualifies her for the Championships.

Open team: Carol Alford, Sarah Pook, Jane McGibbon and Helen Vernon. In this class Carol rode an Elementary test, and the other members did different Novice tests. When the best three placings were aggregated we were equal fourth, but went down to fifth when the fourth score was used as a tie-break. Still a pretty good result! Individually Helen finished second in her arena, which qualifies her for Lincoln, Carol was fourth and Sarah fifth. Jane McGibbon's usual mount went lame just before the event, and she had to substitute a 12.2h.h pony, who did a nice test to come in seventh! A great effort -well done. Carol Alford also competed in Medium 64, which is an individual class, finishing a creditable fifth. Our thanks to team manager Jan Desty who had a long busy day making sure everyone was in the right place at the right time with the correct gear.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLUB HUNTER TRIALS, 6 SEPTEMBER, IPING

Your schedule for this is enclosed/on the Club website. This is a new venue for us, so its doubly important to spread the word as widely as possible. We also of course need helpers, both on the day before for preparation, as fence judgs and stewards on the day, and to help clear up afterwards. Volunteers please to Penny Briggs tel:01730 892297; email woolmrlodge@yahoo.co.uk. or Helen Vernon, email: hv@commodity.eu.com

BLenheim HORSE TRIALS, 11 SEPTEMBER

We have entered a team for the Riding Clubs Challenge class, which is part show jumping and part cross-country. Our representatives will be Helen Vernon (Monaco Finale), Becky Sporne (Semilion II), Julia Batho (Just Hippy) and Barbara Wood (Simply Seamus). They have all been in winning form this season, and we hope they have a fantastic time at this prestigious event. Supporters welcome.

TRAINING

It seems we have barely completed this Summer's area qualifiers before its time to think about training for the Winter season, which will include the Novice Teams Indoor Show Jumping, Winter Dressage and the Festival of the Hunter Challenge. Details of Show Jumping training sessions are enclosed/available on the Club website. Our Club Indoor Show Jumping will be at Crofton on 28 November (schedules next month), so why not book up for a few sessions beforehand?