BAGMOOR ONE DAY EVENT



CAROL WOOD WITH HONEY IN THE CONES
WINNER OF THE DRESSAGE & OPEN CLASSES PLUS OVERALL POINTS WINNER OF THE DAY
WITH RICHARD MOXLEY, WINNER OF THE GROOM OF THE DAY AWARD ON THE BACKSTEP.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to change the venue of our July event from Finningley to Bagmoor, which was a shame but could not be helped.

Apart from the odd shower the day stayed dry!!! You all know the tune ~mud mud glorious mud~ etc, well, due to the recent deluge, we should all have glowingly radiant complexions if you get my drift. There was more water on the tracks than in the water obstacle. Most of our Stewards tried a spot of Rally Driving through the woods in order to get to their obstacles due to the previous nights' rainfall!!!!

Richard was kept busy escorting Stewards to their obstacle in his Jeep, whilst they followed in their cars, in case they got stuck!!!

Further dampness managed to hold off until later in the afternoon - a passing shower !! Everyone concerned appeared to have a good day regardless, with a couple of competitors awarded the prestigious E due to a little verbal assistance noted by diligent stewards!!! You know who you are te he!!

For this event we welcomed Sarah Skelton as our Dressage Judge.

The event was a full One Day Event, with Dressage, Cones and a Marathon with 4 Obstacles. The ground is very sandy and (supposedly) drains well. The cones course was driven both on left and right rein with a slalom a third of the way through, which caught a few competitors out!! There was only one clear round of the day, Mike Lawson, who unfortunately lost his way at one point and had to ask his stepper for assistance, thus earning himself a place in the prestigious E Club!!!



NIGEL PATRICK & WOODIE IN THE CONES



CHRISTINE LYTE & TESS IN THE CONES

The marathon was 4.5 kilometres along sandy woodland tracks. There was a water splash which was sadly depleted due to the recent dry spell but was sufficiently muddy enough to ensure that everybody who went through it had plenty of pony, harness and carriage cleaning to do on their return home!!!!

As in the previous competition at Eagle, both the Novice and the Open Classes were closely fought.

Jayne Hayes with Dylan were leading the Novice class by 3 penalties from John Gadsby and Jess as they went into the marathon. Whilst John had the faster speeds through the obstacles, Jayne only attracted 2.1 event time penalties as opposed to John's 12.9, giving her a win by 6.48 penalties, leaving John in 2nd place and Clare Golland in 3rd.



JAYNE HAYES & DYLAN AT THE WATER



JOHN GADSBY & JESS AT THE WATER

Kelly Wilson and Orla went into the Marathon just one point ahead of Carol Wood and Honey. Kelly had the superior speeds over Carol in the first 3 obstacles, Carol did manage to take the fourth obstacle but it was Carol's return to the finish with only 2.37 time penalties that saw her take 1st place by 3.82 penalties. Third place went to Nigel Patrick and Woodie with Sue Lawson with Sal in 4th.



KELLY WILSON AND ORLA AT THE WATER



SUE LAWSON & SAL AT THE WATER

WINNERS

Novice Class - Jayne Hayes

Open Class - Carol Wood

The Overall Winner of the day, awarded to the competitor with the least penalty points on the day was Carol Wood.

The Rosette for the Best Dressage Score went to Carol Wood

The award for Best Groom of the Day went to Richard Moxley who stepped for Carol Wood

As always we cannot run these events without the people who give up their time and day to course build and steward, many thanks to all.

The day ran so well we managed to get away early, which is rare, how ever there was plenty of harness, carriages and clothing to clean on the return home.

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