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## INDOOR NEWS

### Spring 2003

#### END OF SEASON NATIONAL FINAL

Wow! What a great Finale to great winter season. There was the promise in the air of many a battle royal, we were not disappointed. An entry of seventy competitors over seven classes meant an early start both days and a change in format to previous finals. The many prayers for fine weather were answered, in brilliant sunshine, the Precision & Paces new test written by Bev Huntington (Ball) were driven in the large outdoor arena. Paces Judge was Elizabeth Deen-Sly from Kent, with Sue Squirrel from Bedford watching the Precision. Both worked hard from 8.30am until well gone 4pm, after seventy competitors they certainly deserved the lovely bouquet of flowers kindly sponsored by Lesley Kemsley. Whilst indoors, the delights of Roger Alway's Cones course, complete with the new bridge constructed by Dick Carey and his merry band, awaited!

**The Juniors** kicked started the competition with Amy Broom having the 'pleasure' of being first in the arena. No.13 unlucky for some but not for the Scottish invader, Ollie Dernie (qualified as Novice Pony) who gained a P&P score of just 27.4 with last year's Champion, Phillipa Howe who has been competing in the Open Pony class all season, some six points adrift. The cones course was not a problem to Phillipa and her gorgeous Morgan mare, Priceless. Double clear round. A few dragons lifted their heads for Ollie who slipped to second place with Holly Stiles in hot

pursuit in third after the first two phases of the competition. Phillipa had a clear 10 points lead from Ollie with Holly Stiles, Claire Varley and Robin Hyde Chambers some 10 points adrift, after the first two phases.

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*All the Juniors went like bats out of hell!*

Claire went well in the first but found the second troublesome. Robin and his beautifully turned out coloured cob was a little slower but Holly driving Amanda Well's Rupert was determined to catch Phillipa. Ollie went well but collected a

knockdown in 2 leaving Phillipa well out in the lead after the first two obstacles. Amanda Saville watching her tribe (4 Juniors made the journey with Amanda from Scotland) got very excited and was great entertainment for the stewards working the arena door. Next day, Obs 3 & 4. Holly tried hard to make up points but was less than three points away from Ollie with Phillipa a good 20 points in the lead. Phillipa retained her Juniors Championship for the second year running. Well done to all Juniors, you all had a terrific competition.

**The Novice Horse** was the smallest class, only five competitors. Jan Blumire unfortunately had to withdraw due to her horse being stabled near (not at) a livery yard with the dreaded herpes virus, a very sporting and responsible gestures to all other competitors. David Rockall driving Karen Bassett's lovely horse was in the lead after the first two phases with Jo Munden ten points adrift, followed by Annalie Winter and Stephanie Grey. David drove a little faster than Jo and increased his lead by another 2 points, with Annalie Winter just 5 points behind Jo. David hung onto his lead the next day, Jo chased hard to make up points, but Annalie had a bad last obstacle that kept her in third. Stephanie Gray suffered a bad score in the cones and tried hard but could not make up the lost points to finish fourth.

**The Novice Pony Class**, sixteen competitors, was next. Nicola Blandin, all the way from Jersey, did a great P&P of just 24.8 (winning the best score P&P Trophy) then with just one cones point went into the lead. Anna Sadler driving Anna Grayston's Happy finished on 44.4 with Janice Parker breathing down her neck on 45.6. Obstacles 1 + 2 were driven Saturday evening. Nicola was well in the lead by 17 points but Anna and Ollie Dernie were not going to let her get away. Ollie was slower in 1 but faster in 2, Anna was faster still leaving Nicola with just an 8-point advantage. Sadly Lizzie Ball, who had shown so much promise during the season had to withdraw after the first two obstacles as her pony was feeling the affects of a long journey. Next day, Obs 3 was not kind to

Nicola, which slipped her down to third. Janice Parker emerged from the pack and roared through 3 which pushed her up into second place just 0.44 points ahead of Nicola, close or what! Anna flew into first place with a lead of 5 points, and become the Novice Pony Champion.

Five **Tandems** contested this class. The Tandem class was a dream to watch. Such expertise, precision and yes, elegance. No one even dropped a stitch! Even last year's show jumping leader of Amanda Wells was on best behaviour. Lesley Cox with her rare Eriskay Ponies won the P&P two points ahead of Amanda Wells. Sara Jane Cook five points away in third. Then the dragons of the cones course really had fun, popping up everywhere! Lesley gained another 21 to her score, Amanda 28, Sara Jane 18. Then the expertise and experience of Minty Winn showed up, just 5 to add to her disappointing P&P score due to

having to put a groom down, suddenly a new leader for this class, just 2.8 separated Minty and Lesley, could go either way in the final obstacles phase. Sunday would reveal the outcome. Anne Chambers never recovered from the disastrous cones but turned in some commendable obstacle times. Sara Jane Cook was well on form but threw it all away in the last obstacle. Lesley Cox collected knockdowns in 2, which dropped her down to third. Amanda Wells was consistent throughout all four obstacles and finished a well-deserved second to Minty Winn, the Tandem Champion.

**Open Pony.** All eleven of them, including Lynne Harrington, Fiona Powell, Sarah Howe, Sue Mayes, Amanda Saville just to mention a few. All in this class were capable of taking the title. What a ding-dong this class was going to be! Sure enough it was. Lynne's P&P = 26 – Amanda = 29 – Sarah, Fiona, Sue all on 31+, Sue Bushell 32. Gee! it was close. Whoopee, Cones dragons ahoy! After cones, Lynne was still in the lead. Even after Amanda's pony's dislike of the bridge, was in second, Fiona third with Sarah Clough just a breath away in fourth. All to play for next day Lynne was leading after the first phases, with junior Phillipa Howe in second and Amanda Saville third. Amanda went like the wind in one, found the bridge a bit tricky in 2, flew 3 but lost a couple of seconds in 4 and finished third. Phillipa held onto her second place. Lynne kept her lead throughout the obstacles phase but was very lucky to escape a near turnover. So Lynne, at last, became Open Pony Champion after being so close on at least two previous occasions

**Open Horse**, nine contenders for this crown. Roger Warren's P&P of 29.8 put him in front with Barbara Nadin a couple of points behind then a seven point gap to Mark Hough in third. Once again the Cones dragon had fun. Barbara and the ever-gorgeous Henry completed a good round with just four to add. Roger added thirteen to his score, down to second but hot on his heels was Ian Bertram (who had travelled some 640km in 9 hours from Scotland) just 1.2 separating them. Day Two: Ian Bertram was fastest through 1 & 2 second fastest in 3 but then disaster struck, a turnover in 4 meant retirement. Hilary Hill was no slow coach in any of the obstacles and made up lost points in the cones to come up to third. Roger Warren hung on to his second place, turning in some very good times. Barbara Nadin and Henry fastest in 3 and good times in the other obstacles were once again Open Horse Champions by some 15 points.

**Pair's** class was last. Again with eleven competitors and some very good drivers like, Jacqui Pillinger, Trevor Kimber, Gareth Roberts, Katie Hughes, all prolific winners during the season, another hot class. Rachel Stevens won the P&P (29.4) from Jo Sore by only 2.4 (31.8) with Jacqui and her little British Spotted ponies in third (35.6). Yes, you guessed it; those Cones dragons were busy again. Even after collecting 21 points, Rachel hung on to her lead. Katie Hughes grabbed second from Jo, Gareth was determined not to let the ladies out of

his sight, a close fourth. Jacqui and Trevor were fighting it out for fifth place. Next day the obstacle phase saw some great competitive driving. Jo Sore pulled back some of the lost Cones points, along with some very good obstacle times finishing third. Katie Hughes flew all four of the obstacles to retain her second place. Then there was Gareth Roberts! What can one say? Those little ponies grew wings – their little feet did not touch the ground. Fastest in all four obstacles. Gareth retained his Pair Championship.

**2002 – 2003 STRONGID – P Champion - Lynne Harrington with her Welsh Sec D - Ace.**

Results:

<b>Juniors.</b>	<b>Novice Pony</b>	<b>Novice Horse</b>	<b>Open Pony</b>
1. Phillipa Howe	Anna Sadler	David Rockall	Lynne Harrington
2. Ollie Dernie	Janice Parker	Jo Munden	Phillipa Howe
3. Holly Stiles	Nicola Blandin	Annalie Winter	Amanda Saville
<b>Open Horse</b>	<b>Tandem</b>	<b>Pair</b>	
1. Barbara Nadin	Minty Winn	Gareth Roberts	
2. Roger Warren	Amanda Wells	Katie Hughes	
3. Hilary Hill	Lesley Cox	Jo Sore	

## **International League for the Protection of Horses.**

During the season we have had collection boxes at some of the events, and all competitors at the National Finals donated £5 from their entry fee. Jane Perkins was the only member to come up with any fundraising ideas and worked hard on a quiz for the National Finals but only one person collected the questions! Thanks for trying Jane, your effort deserved more support. The total collected has been rounded up to £500. Thank you to everyone who supported this very important charity. Next year perhaps, with your help, we can double it to £1000.

## **SOUTH EAST COUNTRY SUPPER**

It has become a South East tradition to hold an end of season bash to award the region point's league awards, at Absaloms Farm, near Sevenoaks by the generous invitation of Mr & Mrs Owlett. The following report compiled by Sarah Owlett, who so kindly sponsored the rosettes and arranged the evening.

Once again another successful evening was held to present the Regional Points League awards. Approximately 64 people sat down to a lovely meal created by Mary Owlett. Rob Sims, Sara Howe and myself gave out the rosettes.

This year there was an extra special rosette, donated by Dick Carey, for the person with the most points. The winner was Hilary Hill with 96 points. (We all had a good laugh as it said 'Midlands East' on it, but Dick was going to make sure the right one went to the right person).

We made over £200 on the food which we sent to the Air Ambulance, and the raffle raised £115 for the Pony Fund going to Austria.

Many thanks to all who attended, see you all next year.

Sarah Owlett.

Many thanks to Sarah for arranging the evening. Perhaps other regions held some form of award ceremonies. Room for any reports or articles in the late summer Indoor News for such items. Please send to the IHDTTC address or email please.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

We have been asked to introduce a Family membership; the following subscriptions have been set for next season 2003 – 2004.

(1) Individual £12 (2) Family + 1 (parents + one child) £25 (3) Family + 2 (parents + two children) £30.

A renewal membership form enclosed. Please return with your cheques made payable to: IHDTTC  
BE READY FOR NEXT SEASON, it will not be long coming! Please do not leave renewing your membership until the last minute, as it will create an administration nightmare.

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**The Indoor Driving website** is now up and running with new features and improvement happening all the time. News and views welcome on the Forum page. Visit [www.indoordriving.co.uk](http://www.indoordriving.co.uk) or [www.indoordriving.com](http://www.indoordriving.com) for all the latest news plus news of 2003/4 indoor season.

**NORMANHURST HDT.** Qualifier for National Championship at Windsor (BHDTA) plus Club classes, SAE to IHDTTC for Club schedule.

The Indoor Team wishes you all a successful 'outdoor' summer season and we look forward to seeing you around the country next season.