



2010 ARCADIA PONY CLUB SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Sunday 21 February Rural Sports Facility, Mansfield Road, Galston

There wasn't a rain cloud in sight when Sunday morning rolled around so it was full steam ahead with the Sporting Championships.

The grounds were looking great, the grass was green and the first session of sporting events were set up and waiting for eager competitors to give them a go.

After Gear Check we ran through a few rules and details on the day's events then we broke up into age groups. In the past we have used a Team Captain who stays with the group throughout the day so we used this system again and movement between the games went smoothly. They had 10 events to complete for the day so everyone was keen to get started before the weather became too hot.

The Committee decided to open the day up to other Pony Clubs but we only had 3 outside riders enter, two from Woodlands and one from Londonderry. We welcomed Emily, Misty and Gemma to our Competition and I am sure they made some new friends during the day whilst competing.

It was apparent quite early that some of the girls were chasing state qualifying times and runs were done at a blistering fast pace. In comparison the Beginners Group tackled each event with as much enthusiasm and had lots of fun along the way.

The majority of the events were over by lunchtime which by then was very hot, and a game of bob for the marshmallow in the wadding pool was a great way to cool down hot heads that had been inside helmets all morning! Thanks to Sherry, Georgia and Melanie for running this game.

The afternoon session also saw some fast times and it is worth mentioning that Anneliese Reen rode in 10 events and had the fastest time of the day across all age groups in 8 of those events. Rhiannon Mann and Harley had one in 5 Flag and Emily Lambert was fastest in 2 Flag doing it in a shattering 8.4 seconds!

It was good to see so many competitors have a go at Bonfield Bounce; this is quite a difficult event both technical and fast with some jumping as well. After lunch we made some modifications and moved the straw to the side and you could have a go to see how the event is run but you weren't timed. Again it was good to see some of the younger ones taking up this opportunity to practice.

With all the games completed by 2.30pm riders, horses, parents and helpers all deserved a cool drink and the kids had a water fight to really help cool everyone off.

Results for the day are as follows;

Beginners - all received an individual certificate of completion and ribbon for their efforts.

7 & Under

Champion	Tahlia Coleiro riding Glamour
Reserve	Tayla Cromie riding CoCo

8 – 9 Years

Champion	Macy Reen riding Netti
Reserve	Bucky Skewes-Weir riding Bluey

10 – 11 Years

Champion	Chloe Skewes-Weir riding Molly
Reserve	Molly Braetnach riding Colours

12-13 Years

Champion	Sarah Bourne riding Nimble
Reserve	Morgan Taylor riding Kimiko

14-16 Years

Champion	Anneliese Reen riding Roy
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Associate

Champion	Rhiannon Mann riding Harley
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Highest placed Non Member was Emily Lambert riding Ace Factor

9 years and under Sporting Champion was Macy Reen riding Netti

Thank you to everyone who helped with the following; Entries and Registration, measuring out and setup of the events, work in the Canteen, cooking our BBQ lunch, Team Captains for timing and the pencillers who wrote it all down, Scoring, Certificates, Prizes and Ribbons. Those who helped pack the gear away and do a general clean up. As we all know these events take lots of time before the day and then lots of helpers on the day to make them run smoothly. Thanks again to everyone involved.

Helen Lamont & Darlis Reen