

BVRC Team News

2022 Qualifiers & Champs

Winter Novice SJ Qualifier, Moreton EC – Sunday 20 27th February

We originally had lots of interest for this Qualifier and entered two 70 teams and an individual plus one 80 team and an individual. Unfortunately, with the leftovers of Storm Eunice still lingering, the event had to be postponed a week which reduced us to one team at each height plus a 70 individual with a total of only 5 people. Unfortunately, one of the team, riding another team member's other (young) horse had a fall jumping the day before so no chance to re-build their confidence beforehand. The loss of nerves all round meant that they were unable to complete the first round of the 70 so pulled out of the 80 team. It was not to be our day for BVRC though the 70 team achieved 4th place helped largely by a very good performance by Jenny Allan and Redhill Corporal. Kay Pogson was the only rider to complete both classes as the others all withdrew for various reasons. Lucy Knight was delighted with the 3 rounds that Cruising Boro completed at their first Qualifier.

70 Team – 4th

Rider	Horse
Shoncee Goosey	Bruce
Jenny Allan	Redhill Corporal
Lucy Knight	Cruising Boro
Kay Pogson	Something Special II
70 Individual	
Theresa Harlieb	Calcourt Alaska

80 Team – W/D

Rider	Horse
Kay Pogson	Something Special II
Shoncee Goosey	Bruce
Theresa Harlieb	Calcourt Alaska
Lucy Knight	Cruising Boro

Winter Intermediate SJ Qualifier, Moreton EC – Sunday 6th March

We entered a 90 team and a 100 team with only 3 names for each, but with Gemma Leggatt happy to be a 4th rider in the 90, as well as riding in the 100, and me considering making the 4th 100 rider, it was considered to be worth the risk. Thankfully, Hannah Tweedy re-joined the Club at the last minute to ride in the 100 team, meaning that I could complete the 90 team.

It turned out to be a particularly stressful event for me requiring a massive effort to concentrate the mind on the SJ courses. Unbeknownst to me, my Equi-Trek trailer had had a blow out somewhere around Blandford Forum. About 5 miles later, shortly after turning off the A35 dual carriageway, a horsebox caught up with me and started flashing furiously and I managed to pull into a God-given long lay-by right there! Amazingly, the horse box was driven by fellow team-mate Sue Hodgson and the trailer that pulled into the lay-by behind me was another teamie, Natalie Baird. How lucky was I?!!! So, with Sue's lorry parked beside my car protecting my side ramp and Natalie parked behind me, we safely transferred Dubai from my trailer into Natalie's for the final 3 miles to Moreton. Once there, I had to juggle contacting Equine Rescue Services [I can't rate them highly enough!] then dealing with the various agents, walking the course, doing "Chef" duties, getting ready and warming-up – I really struggled to think of what I needed to do – and competing. Quite exhausting!! Despite several members jumping at this height for the first time competitively, the 90 team were 2nd of 5, with Natalie 3rd individually. A great effort all round.

The 100 team did even better by winning (out of 2 teams), with team members filling the top 3 spots! Fantastic effort by Lynn Mead individually 1st with the only double clear (only faulting in the Jump-Off), Gemma Merritt 2nd and Hannah Tweedy 3rd. They qualified for the Championships at Bury Farm on Friday 22 April. Brilliant!!

90 Team – 2nd

Rider	Horse	Rd 1	Rd 2	JO	Place
Natalie Baird	Porter Boy	0	0	0	3 rd
Rosie Beer	Tullibards Love is the Drug	0	0	4	
Sue Hodgson	Tierneys Boy	21	0	R	
Susie Pool	Dubai	0	4	0	

100 Team – 1st

Rider	Horse	Rd 1	Rd 2	JO	Place
Gemma Merritt	Grovine Class Act	0	4	0	2 nd
Lynn Mead	Mexico's Mission	0	0	8	1 st
Ian Spalding	Rockhill Girl	4	4	4	
Hannah Tweedy	Pendan Nevada	4	0	4	3 rd

2022 BRC Arena Eventing Championships, Aston le Walls – Friday 11th/Saturday 12th March



Frances & Snoopy

The 80 team competed with all the original members which is an amazing achievement in itself! Although Nicola Scivier was warned as reserve for the 90, she had said she would need one week's notice. Sadly, when Sophie Clotworthy's horse got an abscess, it was too late



Emma & Socks

for Nicola to join us so the 90s competed as a team of 3. The 80 team all put in good rounds to come 5th of about 17 teams. Ness Martin did



Kay & Minnie

an exceptional round and was 2nd individually of about 100 competitors. After a scare with blood trickling down Dubai's nose before warming up, Susie had 2 down in the SJ but clear XC including



Danielle & Paso

the Joker with just 0.8 time penalties. Danielle did a brilliant clear with 2 time penalties for being too fast then Katie had the Joker down for 6 penalties plus 2.8 time. This proved good enough for 3rd place, with Danielle individually 8th.



Susie & Dubai



Katie & Bea



Ness, Freddie and all their goodies!

Ian Spalding had been invited to help make up an Area Team for the AE 100. He had the only clear SJ phase but faulted on the XC phase. The Team came 9th, so another good result.



The 90 Team: Danielle, Katie, Susie

80 Team – 5th

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>SJ</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place</u>
Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	4	0	6.8	10.8	
Kay Pogson	Something Special II	4	0	7.6	11.6	
Emma Cory-Wright	Mister Socks	0	0	3.2	3.2	
Vanessa Martin	Helsington It's For Free	0	0	0	0	2 nd

90 Team – 3rd

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>SJ</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place</u>
Susie Pool	Dubai	8	0	0.8	8.8	
Danielle Storer	Pasodoble	0	0	2	2	8 th
Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	0	6	2.8	8.8	

Winter Intermediate Dressage Qualifier, Crofton Manor EC – Sat 19 Mar

We entered 2 teams and 4 Prelim 14 individuals by riders also in teams. Kim Male in Prelim 14 achieved the best points of the team members and was individually 6th but neither team was well placed. Julia Croombs, as an individual in Prelim 14, won and qualified for the Champs. Sadly, most of our riders were towards the bottom of their classes but poor Theresa was bolted with by Shoncee's young horse and was eliminated in her team test, having already done her individual one.

Combined Training Qualifier, Sparsholt – Sun 3 Apr

We competed with one team and one Prelim/75 individual, plus a very last minute Novice/85 individual. Emma Cory-Wright was lucky enough to get a late entry, the night before the Qualifier (!), when organising Club NFRC were happy for her to fill the lot of a withdrawal. This required payment of a late Pre Entry, which is done online to BRC. Emma competed as an individual in Novice 30/85 SJ and achieved a 6th place. The team was 4th with Frances Hall 6th in Prelim 7/75, Vanessa Martin 4th in Nov 27/85 and Catherine James and Sportsfield Dusty did an excellent test with clear SJ to win Nov 30/85 and Qualify for the Champs as an individual.

Combined Challenge Qualifier, Moreton EC – Sun 10 Apr

We entered 1x 80 team plus Ian Spalding as individual in the 100. Shoncee Goosey had to pull out a few days before having contracted Covid but Vanessa Martin nobly stepped in. There were very mixed rounds but the team managed 6th place. Vanessa posted our best score with 12.8 penalties (15th) and Janet Burnett was the discard score having had a run-out XC. Having jumped a good clear SJ, sadly Ian passed the wrong side of a flag at the water complex and was eliminated. As there are 0.4 penalties for every second over OR under the Optimum Time and stopwatches are not allowed, it is very difficult to produce a low penalty score, especially up and down the step hills at Moreton.

Winter Intermediate SJ Champs, Bury Farm EC – Fri 22 Apr

The BVRC 100 Team qualified at Moreton Equestrian on 6th March for the Winter Intermediate Show Jumping Championships. There were only a couple of teams in the Qualifier so the team headed for

the Champs unsure if they would make the cut against the other teams qualifying throughout the UK.

The Championships took place at Bury Farm Equestrian on Friday 22nd April and Lynn Mead and Ian Spalding travelled up on the Thursday afternoon and overnighted at Bury Farm either staying on-site or at a local B&B. Gemma and Hannah travelled up very early on the Friday morning. Gemma was amazing and even fitted in a BVRC Committee meeting on the Thursday evening – what a saint!!

The weather was perfect for the Championship and we all had an early start to get the horses smartened up and re walk the course. The first round was outdoors over a big but relatively straightforward course, not that anyone thinks the Championships is ever easy. At the end of the first round:

Gemma Legatt was on an unlucky 4 faults.

Hannah Tweedy was on 33 which was most unlike Pendan Nevada, so we put it down to him having driven up that morning and still being a bit stiff from the long drive.

Ian Spalding and Lynn Mead were clear.

The 2nd / 3rd rounds were indoors only about 30 minutes later, over a much more technical course. There were 10 jumps in the 2nd round followed immediately by another 5 in the jump off (3rd round). This included a treble and a couple of doubles as well as related distances. The exciting element was that the indoor round was televised live on Horse & Country TV and riders were able to purchase the recording of their round afterwards. Gemma was unfortunately eliminated putting the pressure on the remaining 3 riders to go clear. Ian next, went clear putting him into second place at this point of the competition. Lynn picked up 10 faults and Pendan Nevada redeemed himself for Hannah with a respectable 4 faults. So for the final score we dropped Hannah's first round and Gemma's second round so with Ian's score having been dropped in the Qualifier, this left Lynn as the only score counting for the whole competition. It's never nice to be the discard score but when everyone takes a turn it feels like it's a real team effort and everyone's scores are helping the team.

Now the wait was on for the final results and, as faster times were clocked up in the jump-off, Ian's 2nd slowly dropped down and we were starting to think we might be out of the rosettes. The team scores are far more difficult and can't be worked out until all team members have jumped, so we kept our fingers crossed. When the final results came in Ian had managed to hang on to 9th individually and the team were also 9th having discarded their worst scores.

A big thanks to all the team and to Susan Wheatley (Ian's wife) who stepped in to cover the helping duties of Dressage Writing on Friday afternoon in order to free up the Team to concentrate on the competition. That was after a night duty as an A&E Doctor – even more of a saint!!

Ian Spalding & Susie Pool

Winter Intermediate Dressage Champs, Bury Farm EC – Sat 23 Apr

Julia Croombs travelled up on the day with Kim Male in support to compete as an individual in Prelim 14. Sadly, she just missed out on a rosette with an 11th place when there were two on =9th. There were some very close scores so not much in it at all.

Combined Champs, Aston le Walls – Sat 21 May



Sadly, Catherine had to withdraw the morning of the Champs due to illness so was unable to represent BVRC as an individual in the CT. Ian Spalding had again been invited to join an Area 17 Team, this time for the Senior 100 Combined Challenge with 2 NFRC riders and one from Solent RC. They achieved Team 3rd and the same placing in the All 4 Scores to Count competition. Well done Area 17.

2022 Area 17 Horse Trials Qualifier, Moreton EC – Sunday 19th June

Senior 80 Team – 5th

Rider	Horse	D	SJ	XC	Total	Place
Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	25.2	4	0, 8.4	37.6	13 th
Fran Harper	Corabbey Tiger	33.5	0	0, 21.2	54.7	
Lucy Knight	Cruising Boro	29.7	4	0, 11.2	44.9	
Emma Cory Wright	Mister Socks					

Senior 90 Team – 3rd

Rider	Horse	D	SJ	XC J, T	Total	Place
Hannah Tweedy	Pendan Nevada	31.0	0	0, 0	31.0	6 th
Sophie Clotworthy	Bailey's Spirit	30.7	0	0, 0	30.7	5 th
Susie Pool	Dubai	34.5	0	0, Lots!	Discard	Last!
Vanessa Martin	Helsington It's For Free	35.5	0	0, 0	35.5	12 th

Dubai and I were in the 90 Team with Sophie Clotworthy, Hannah Tweedy and Vanessa Martin. They were all good combinations so I was just there to make up numbers and be the discard score and I did consider swapping to the 80 team when they went down to 3 but decided to stick with it.

Moreton is not a happy place for us; Dubai has dumped me between the Start and the first fence and we've been eliminated for too many cumulative stops. After walking the course, I felt there was



nothing she would like about it though we should at least get over the first as they have moved the start so that Fence 1 is jumped towards the warm-up. Another issue was the lack of rain and the ground at Moreton firms up and Miss Super-Sensitive might not like landing on it though with a change of farrier and plastic shoes, that is now less of a problem. Before I'd even done the Dressage, I confirmed a previous thought that I would hang up Dubai's XC Boots after this event.

Although given times, a running order and riding in teams, the XC steward was simply creating an order based on when people gave him their number. As I hadn't realised and warmed-up before confirming my presence, that created even more stress on my part. However, it did mean that I knew my mates had all completed with good clears before I started and I seriously contemplated not going. In the end, I decided to see what happened and ride for a stop/nap EVERY SINGLE STRIDE! Amazingly, we actually jumped round clear albeit 3 minutes over the 5 minute Optimum Time. Dubai gawped a LOT, only managing a trot most of the way from F2 to F3 and it was only when I reflected back, I realised that she hadn't napped at all – WOW! Nearly sitting on her butt napping the opposite way to her usual spin, at Larkhill a couple of weeks earlier may have shaken her, so perhaps she's decided it's not a great idea, that and me riding with my hands about 2 feet apart to



1Fran & Tiger. Photos by Dorset Photo Events

I wasn't able to see much of them or support them, having my own issues to deal with but they seemed to look out for each other. Thanks go to Danielle Storer who had her introduction to Chef d'Equipe duties for this event and did much of the admin leading up to it. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to come on the day as she intended having contracted Covid! Other than that, it was a good day with rosettes all round.

keep her down a straight channel!! We also trotted down a 1:10 hill and when I saw the next rider catching up, I pulled out of the way and waited where I had one straightforward fence before the water complex. XC Boots not hung up just yet. My reliable team mates did a great job all finishing on their dressage scores and we came away with a Team 3rd.

The 80 Team of Frances Hall, Fran Harper and Lucy Knight achieved a creditable Team 5th.



Susie Pool