

Red Kite TREC Group hosted the TREC GB Welsh Championships sponsored by Equisafety Ltd at Brynllwelyn in Carmarthenshire on 24th and 25th June 2017



Welsh TREC GB Equisafety Championships 2017

Red Kite TREC Group an affiliated TREC GB Club formed to promote the sport of TREC and to run training and competitions for members and non-members alike hosted the Welsh Equisafety Ltd TREC Championships at Brynllwelyn in Carmarthenshire. The competition covered levels 2 through to level 4 with riders coming from all over the UK to compete.

After what had been a week of sunshine in Wales, it was ironic that the Welsh TREC Championships were hosted in the rain on Llanelli Mountain, but certainly the weather didn't dampen competitor's spirits as over 50 competitors vied for the title of Welsh TREC Champion 2017.

By kind permission of Tim and Vicki Joyntson, Brynllwelyn was the perfect venue to host the Welsh TREC Championships with access straight out onto Llanelli Mountain and a

challenging cross country course for the second day. The competition gave the opportunity to ride across picturesque countryside along a route that has been checked for suitability. The ridden orienteering took place almost entirely off road including both woodland and open access land. Competitors at Levels 3 and 4, being the more advanced levels, were expected to navigate by bearings and find grid references. All classes allowed competitors to gain league points at their level for the SEIB Summer League with TREC GB sponsored by SEIB Insurance. The competition was also a qualifier for the National Equisafety Ltd TREC GB Championships which are being held in September 2017 sponsored by Equisafety Ltd and are the culmination of the TREC calendar in the UK.

On day one of the competition the riders undertook the PCR (Parcours d'Orientation et de Régularité) Despite an overcast start to the day the rain held

off and most competitors completed without getting wet. There were some challenging orienteering moments in the woodland and quite a few of the Level 3 competitors managed to miss a check point completely, meaning they continued without a speed change to the next check point, picking up penalty points. The Traceur Christine Paine had provided a really challenging but interesting orienteering route for all levels, truly fitting of a championship competition.

Day two saw the PTV (Parcours en Terrain Varié) The venue provided some fantastic opportunity to incorporate challenging cross country obstacles as well as some specific TREC obstacles such as the footbridge ridden. Each level had an interesting and varied PTV course which had been very well designed and planned by Technical Delegate Polly Lloyd-Owen to challenge both horse and rider.

TREC cannot exist without the myriad



of volunteers who give their time to help in various ways from judging obstacles, manning checkpoints, providing refreshments and setting up the courses, to undertaking the complex scoring process, managing entries and co-ordinating the competition; so a very big thank you to everyone who gave their time so generously. The committee of Red Kite TREC Group and indeed all the competitors were all very grateful.

After two days challenging competition for both horse and rider there were some fantastic scores and indeed many riders have now qualified to ride in the TREC GB Equisafety National Championships.

Results are as follows

Level 4 Welsh Champion - Sue Leo

Level 3 Individual Welsh Champion - Hilary Barnard

Level 3 Pairs Welsh Champions - Jacqui Kedward & Kathryn Wilding

Level 2 Individual Welsh Champion - Katherine Lougher

Level 2 Pairs Welsh Champions - Theresa Nazar & Pauline Crossland

Red Kite TREC Group also awarded rosettes to the Club Member Champions for the highest placed Red Kite TREC Group Members in each class and these were as follows:

Level 4 - Kate Gillam

Level 3 Individual - Bridget Stein

Level 3 Pairs - Jacqui Kedward

Level 2 Individual - Katherine Lougher

Level 2 Pairs - Pauline Crossland

A further trophy "Lucy's Cup" was presented to Liz Davidson for the best PTV score of the whole competition. Anita Long had presented the Trophy in memory of her mare called Lucy who consistently scored 135 to 145 at TREC Competitions (maximum score rarely achieved is 160). Lucy started TREC at the age of 21yrs following a successful show jumping career.



TREC GB is hosting a grassroots National Equisafety

Level 1 Championships in August near Daventry and the National Equisafety Ltd TREC GB Championships near Wrexham in September.

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Pictured are:

1 Katherine Lougher, Level 2 Individual Welsh Champion - Riding on the PTV

2 Jacqui Kedward - Level 3 Pairs (2 of 2 on PTV) - Footbridge

3 Enjoying the Obstacles

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