

Winter Trec update

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the intermediate class with Jenny Plastow in second, and Yolande Ifold dominated the open taking the top three spots. Impressively she also took first place riding Farley Jambo, her late husband's 27 year old veteran.

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The very first of the RS Tor winter trec series kicked off on 5th October to the delight of the Devon riders who attended. This was the first competition in the country to be run under the new rules set out by Trec GB who are the new governing body of the sport after taking over from the British Horse Society.

The new rules were easy to get used to and riders at the lower levels benefitted from the fact that some of the obstacles now have easier dimensions which resulted in some very high scores.

There were three affiliated classes in the event, newcomers, intermediate and open. Suzy White and Cherry were the first winners, taking the newcomers class with Anna Ames in second. Gina King and Doblun won

There were fun classes on offer too. The starter class aimed at horses and riders who have never competed in trec before was won by Helen Prentice with Glenda Bailey hot on her heels in second place and the pairs class was won by Jenny Palstow and Anna Ames with Gina King and Julie Brand in second place. The most fun class of the day was arguably the top score class which was based on the show jumping principle where riders can pick their own course and try to score as many points as possible in three minutes. This class was won by Kathy Whitehead.

As part of the new sponsorship RS Tor are nominating riders of the month where selected riders will have the opportunity to use an RS Tor for one month. The first rider of the month was young rider Faith



Anderson from Bovey Tracey. Faith started competing "properly" in trec earlier this year when she came seventh in the level two pairs championships of Great Britain riding her grandmother's pony Brimble, a 20 year old Welsh section D who has competed in trec for many years. Faith has come a long way with the pony and is hoping to be selected for the young rider team when she is old enough.

The second south west trec winter event took place on 2nd November at Coxleigh Barton. Helen Prentice and her Morgan horse Celeste got the day off to a good start when they won the starter class. This was followed by the affiliated newcomers class, the largest class of the day, which was won by Quantock based Vanessa Warren riding Domino.

The fun pairs class saw Vanessa Warren team up with event organiser Gina King to win the pairs ahead of Helen Prentice and Yolande Ifold. The latter pair were riding horses that were mother and daughter, probably a first in the sport.



The other two affiliated classes saw another win for Vanessa Warren in the intermediate who finished ahead of Julie Brand and Smilie, and once again Yolande Ifold took the top three places in the open. This time Monnington Showbiz finished just ahead of Farley Jambo.

