



National Quiz Final 15th April 2018

The National Quiz Final returned to Addington Manor Equestrian Centre again this year, along with the Dengie Winter League Championships. A total of 29 teams competed from across the country, with 18 Branches and 11 Centres taking part.

The quiz consisted of 10 rounds of questions on the following topics; The Pony Club around the world, Name that System; e.g. Circulatory, Digestive, Cause & Effect; Conformation, Alphabet Soup; General equine knowledge, What is this? – Points of Horse & Skeleton, Pairs Round; Diseases, Individual Round; Tack Room, Abbreviations e.g. TPC = The Pony Club, Before & After e.g. Show **** Worm = Show Ring Worm, Picture Round; Venue & Event.

Following a short Team briefing, the quiz got under way led by our Quiz Master, Sha Starr, Trustee. Teams battled it out the first five rounds before breaking for lunch.

After the lunch break we split the teams into their junior and senior pairs. The seniors went off to do their individual practical round, identifying a range of items normally found in and around the tack room. The juniors stayed where they were for the Pairs round, Diseases. They then swapped over and the juniors went to the practical round and the seniors went back in for their pairs round.

The Branch competition was hotly contested, and we went into the lunch break with East Cheshire steaming into the lead by 9.5 points and a total of 127.5, Cumberland Farmers South were vying for second place on 118 and the Quorn Hunt going for bronze on 117. Sadly it wasn't to be for the East Cheshire Team as the Quorn piped them to first place by 2 points! And by the end of the competition the Quorn Hunt, consisting of Libby Perkes, 10, Anna Veasey, 12, Molly Tarris, 14, Iola Chapman, 16, with a total of 274.5 points were declared the winners, closely followed by East Cheshire on 272.5 and the West Lancashire County team came in 3rd place with a total of 267 points.

In the Centre competition last year's winners, Finchale View Riding School, were in the lead by the interval on 126 points, very closely followed by the team from Lavant House Stables on 125.5 points. The team Finchale View Riding School team, consisting of Esther Walker, 12, Abbie Hughes, 13, Mia Tait, 14, and Lauren Craggs, 24, three of which were part of last year's winning team, kept up their form to clinch the top spot on an outstanding 284 points. This was 8 points ahead of Lavant House who came in second with 276, and 9.5 points clear of the winning Branch team, Quorn Hunt. Triley fields maintained their third place position after the lunch break and finished the competition with 260.5 points.

The home made displays were exceptionally good this year with West Lancashire County Branch winning first place with a spectacular rosette shaped collage.

Very special thanks must go to Beewear for providing the prizes of Saddle Pads, Reflective Tabards and Shopper bags with Hoof Picks & Hoof Oil Brushes.

I would also like to thank Ruth Walker and Anna Goodley for composing the questions, Clare Boardman, Stefanie Brazier and Vicky Kangurs for providing the practical round items, Sha Starr being our excellent Quiz Master, Andrew Brown, Marty Bibby, Victoria Hargreaves and Lucy Stammers for being our scorers on the day. The day would not have been possible without the help of all involved.

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