



## TREC QUALIFIER IN ASSOCIATION WITH MANNMADE GROUP

Photos: Adele Priest

The weekend of May the 21st and 22nd was an exciting weekend in the horse calendar on the Isle of Man. TREC IOM held a Two Day TREC Qualifier Event at the stunning venue of Ballacooiley, Ballaugh thanks to the very kind hospitality of Mark & Sam Hemsall.

Although the weather overnight on the Friday evening was bad we were then blessed with beautiful weather for the remainder of the weekend enabling us to enjoy the beautiful setting at its best.

The competition was a qualifier for the 2016 Balanced Horse Feed National Level 1 Championship and the 2016 SEIB National TREC GB Championships for the Level 2 classes. We were also glad to welcome a couple of UK competitors who had travelled over and hired horses to take part in our competition.

Thanks to our main sponsor - Mannmade Group we were able to make the weekend something to remember for competitors. Enabling us to offer competitors the option to camp along with their horses for the weekend. This was a new experience for a lot of people. Setting up electric fence corrals and then sleeping in horseboxes next to them - or in tents in the beautiful orchard area. On the Saturday evening we were also treated to a Hot Pot supper and a social evening in the Marquee.

The competition consisted of three

phases. The PTV Phase where there are 16 obstacles which are all designed to mimic situations you would find while out riding. The course was set out around the wooded area at Ballacooiley which proved a very enjoyable course with tricky turns and low branches to watch out for as well as nice stretches of grass to canter alongside the bluebells.

The MA 'control of paces' section is where you have to demonstrate a fast walk and a slow canter in a marked out corridor. This had been set out in a tricky curve around a big tree making it quite a challenge to maintain a good canter.

The POR "orienteeing" phase tests the rider's ability to follow a route on a map at a pre-determined speed. The Level 2 competitors tackled this phase on the Saturday splitting their competition into two days whereas the Level 1 competitors completed their whole competition on the single day on Sunday over a distance of 12km around the Ballaugh Currags. The 22km level 2 route saw competitors visit a densely overgrown gorsy greenlane, a narrow sheer descent, a long river crossing & then a gruelling climb of over 300 metres from Sulby Valley to the steepest side of Mount Karrin. A true test of fitness & map skills for all. There were some very weary competitors at the end of the day! Thank you to all the landowners who gave permission for us to pass through their land.



The results of the weekend were as follows:  
Country Warehouse Level 1 Individual - 1st  
Laura Corcoran

Mutlins Boarding Kennels Level 1 Pairs - 1st  
Kathryn Scarlett & Claire Griffin; 2nd Suzanne  
Davis & June Timperley; 3rd Rachel Ranson  
& Lauren Bellamy ;4th Emily Lord & Rachel  
Quayle ; 5th Emma Redmond & Suzanne Kinvig;  
6th Christine Hopkinson & Shelly Bass

Oak Hill Stables Level 2 Individual - 1st Helen  
Grundy ; 2nd Alyson Egan

Miracles Recruitment Level 2 Pairs - 1st Robert  
Thomson & Paula Dowson; 2nd Gillian Newey &  
Zelda Newey ; 3rd Jo Ralston & Freddie Ralston ;  
4th Emily Gaylor & Sean Clarke ; 5th Liz Watson  
& Trish Halliwell ; 6th Lucy Richardson & Sam  
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Winner of Ballacooiley Trophy for highest  
overall PTV & MA Score - Kathryn Scarlett.

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