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EVEN THE PONY WORE PYJAMAS! – Competitors in the fancy dress event at Sevenoaks Riding Club annual show, held in Duke's Meadow, on Saturday. Left to right: Anthea May, Susan Pattullo, as Father Christmas, and Jerry Hickman, a Red Indian.



SEAN AND SALLY WELLBAND ON "Sarah" gained first prize in the fancy dress parade.

Sevenoaks Riding Club hold open show

Successful event in Knole Park

The outstanding feature of the annual show held at Duke's Meadow, Knole Park, on Saturday, was that the organisers ran to the timetable from start to finish – a commendable achievement.

This was the first open show held by the Riding Club and it was staged as a revival of the Sevenoaks Horse Show which was a feature of Sevenoaks life before the war. As a result of Saturday's event the show will be repeated annually.

Lord Sackville's generosity in allowing the use of Duke's Meadow, has given the show one of the loveliest settings imaginable and the spectators on Saturday were treated to a show worthy of its surroundings.

YOUNG RIDER'S SUCCESS

Miss Leonie Harris, who recently scored a string of successes at the Knockholt gymkhana, did extremely well to tie for third place in the open jumping.

This was Miss Harris's first venture in open jumping classes. She is only 15 years old and she was competing against experienced riders on a course of 10 jumps, including a double, laid out by Captain Peter Wolfe-Taylor.

Young Joe Stuart-Smith also followed up his successes at Knockholt by carrying off the open juvenile jumping. In this class there were two jump-offs before the leading places could be decided, but the second jump-off,

after the jumps had been raised, proved decisive, for Master Stuart-Smith got the only clear round on this occasion.

There was an excellent "activity ride" given by members of the West Kent Hunt branch of the Pony Club. This event was organised by District Commissioner Mrs. Charrington, and proved as fascinating as ever in the precision and unison of both riders and their mounts; the perfection of their drill would have done credit to a cavalry regiment.

There was a parade of the West Kent Foxhounds which excited much interest but the piece de resistance was the children's fancy dress, which attracted 34 entries.

This event was won by Sean and Sally Wellbrand on Sarahas circus bareback riders. In second place was Winifred Bennett, a young Ross House entry, on Tim.

DOUBLE SUCCESS

Mrs. Peter Caslon's entry Friar's Charm won the lightweight hunter class from Mrs. Fane Gladwin's Scamp and Miss Ann Dowley's Free and Easy, a recent Dublin winner, was placed third, while Merry Boy, owned by the White City International Show, and Edenbridge Show winner Major Worthington gained the reserve rosette.

Mrs. Caslon followed up her success in the lightweight class by winning the heavyweight hunter class with Moonstone, with Mr. Haldin's Baritone, ridden by Mr. Sam Marsh, second. Mr Masters' Bambridge gained third place.

There was an interesting innovation in the local handicap timed touch and out jumping, the fences being raised according to a horse's winnings. This event was finally won by Miss Ann Hewitt on Improver with the Hon. Mrs Money-Coutts on Russet in second place.

Judges were Mr. W. B. Rodgers, Mr. I. R. M. Haley, Major R. E. Field Marsham, Mr. C. W. Hickman, Mrs. A. E. Piper, Lt-Colonel J. E. Hance, Miss M Burgess, Mrs. J. Tilling, Mrs. W. H. Ballantyne, Mrs. E. Carter Brain, Mr. J. R. N. Waters, Mr. A. V. Epps, Mr. H. Buckland, Mrs. I. R. M. Haley.

RESULTS

Best turned out horse or pony: 1 Miss Betty Howlett on Rowlands Knight, 2 Miss Angela Coleman on Imagination, 3 Mr. David Edwards on Napoleon, 4 Miss Rosemary Charrington on Brigadoon.

Lightweight hunter: 1 Mrs. Peter Caslon's Friar's Charm, 2 Mrs. Fane Gladwin's Scamp, 3 Miss Ann Dowley's Free and Easy, 4 Major Worthington's Merry Boy; special rosette to member of Sevenoaks Riding Club Miss Elizabeth Leake's John Peel.

Heavyweight hunter: 1 Mrs. Caslon's Moonstone, 2 Mr. Haldin's Baritone, 3 Mr Masters' Bambridge, 4 Mr.Leney's Colinghayes; special rosette Mr. Edwards' Napoleon.

Juvenile hunter: 1 and special rosette, Miss Valerie Spike's Reverie, 2 Miss R. Charrington's Gay Divorce, 3 Mr. P. F. V. Cazalet's Mothecombe, 4 Miss Brierley's Pedlar.

Best child rider [13-16 years]: 1 Miss Brierley on Pedlar, 2 Miss Leonie Harris on Carnival, 3 Miss Rosemary Charrington on Gay Divorce, 4 Miss Amanda Mumford on Stardust.

Best riding horse: 1 Mr. Sam Marsh's The Governor, ridden by Captain P. Wolfe-Taylor, 2 Major Worthington's Merry Boy, 3 Mrs. Worthington, Knave of Hearts, Mrs. Keating, reserve and special rosette, Brigadoon Miss R. Charrington.

Best pony: 1 and special rosette, Dandy Boy, Miss M. Palmer, 2 Miss R. Charrington's Craven Puzzle, Miss B. Wood, 3 Miss Jasper, Miss E. Hickman, 4 Clandboye, Miss Sally Wellband.

Best child rider [12 and under]: 1 Miss Elizabeth Hickman on Columbine, 2 and special rosette J Patullo on Shaun, 3 J Harrison on Nutmeg.

IN FANCY DRESS

Children's fancy dress: 1 Sean and Sally Wellband on Sarah, 2 Winifred Bennett on Tim, 3 David Taylor on Black Satin, 4 Elizabeth Waters on Molly.

Open juvenile jumping: 1 Joe Stuart-Smith on Bob, 2 Miss M. Brierley on Pedlar, 3 Edward Cazalet on Mothecombe.

Open jumping: 1 Miss Nesfield on Thomas, 2 Miss Burgess on Little Tradesman, 3 Miss Leonie Harris on Carnival.

Local timed touch and out handicap: 1 Miss Ann Hewitt on Improver, 2 the Hon. Mrs Money-Coutts on Russet, 3 D Owen on Red Slipper.

Novelty jumping: 1 Miss Gillian Corsellis on Tanner, 2 Miss R. Charrington on Grasshopper, 3 Miss Amanda Mumford on Stardust.

Bending race: 1 Miss Nan Dalton on Marine, 2 Miss M. Turner on Craven Puzzle, 3 Miss Jane Woolf on Springtime.

Obstacle race: 1 Susan Barker on Nobby, 2 Miss Thelma Purdy on Champagne, 3 Miss M. Palmer on Dandy Boy.

Musical Chairs (under 14): 1 G. Harland on Joe, 2 S. Barker on Nobby, 3 B. Wood on Craven Puzzle; (14 and over) 1 Anne Crow on Headache, 2 Miss Waters on Angeline, 3 Jane Woolf on Springtime.