

## The Pony Club Endurance Championships 2019

Nick Brooks-Ward and HPower yet again invited the Pony Club to run their Endurance Championships at the HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum UK Endurance Festival at Euston Park, this year in conjunction with the European Endurance championships. What an opportunity this was for our membership to mix with professionals from many nations. Twenty-two branches and two centres provided the qualifiers to take part at this amazing venue where they were spoilt not only by great tracks and amazing facilities, but by the most wonderful atmosphere. Several classes, from 20 to 56 km, were fought over, the major team prize being taken by the Hampshire team and Caitlin Birkitt of the Bedale and West of Yore winning the hard fought Open, which is even more commendable as Caitlin is a Para rider.



The Trot up lanes

The high standard of horsemanship and care achieved by the participants could be seen by the faster times and lower heart rates provided by most of the competitors, proving that this year they had really concentrated on getting their horses fit. What is really encouraging is the large number of young riders who had qualified to ride at the championships. All but one of our entries completed the ride successfully and passed the final vetting, thus being able to receive the outstanding prizes and rosettes that had been organised by HPower.



Two of the New Forest team cooling their ponies down after completing their 40 km.  
A real team effort.

#### Main Results

Open	1st	Caitlin Birkitt	Bedale and West of Yore
	2nd	Ella Pomroy	Eastern Harriers
Senior	1st	Maya Clowes	New Forest Hunt
Intermediate	2nd	Hannah Crocombe	The Curre
	3rd	Charlotte Welch	New Forest Hunt
	4th	Victoria Mason	New Forest Hunt
Junior	1st	Katie Barton	New Forest Hunt
Intermediate	2nd	Alex Powell	Brecon and Talybont
	3rd	Lois Cooper	Bisley and Sandown Chase
	4th	Elizabeth Molyneux	Bedale and West of Yore
Senior	1st	Olivia Rosin	Whaddon Chase
Novice	2nd	Sasha Snell	Whaddon Chase
	3rd	Katrina Rosin	Whaddon Chase
	4th	Paige Taplin	New Forest Hunt
Junior	1st	Amelia Stride	New Forest Hunt
Novice	2nd	Violet Moffat	Hampshire Hunt
	3rd	Ella Weavers	Belvoir Hunt
	4th	Jamie Mangan	Trent Park Equestrian Centre

Teams	1st	New Forest
	2nd	Bedale and West of Yore
	3rd	Area 10
Grassroots	1st	Siobham Shepherd Bramham Moor
	2nd	Isabel Mathews-Clark South Norfolk
	3rd	Isabel Armstrong Waveney Harriers
	4th	Katherine Featherstone York and Ainsty South
Teams	1st	Area 3. The Yorkshire Arrows
	2nd	Waveney Harriers
	3rd	Area 8



Caitlin Birkitt, (Bedale and West of Yore) winner of the Open class, finishing her 56 km.  
Looks as fresh as a daisy.

At the beginning and end of their ride every competitor is encouraged to show correct handling and turn out of their horse/pony and they are judged on their efforts. The following members were the winners of this class.

Open Ella Pomroy (Eastern Harriers)

Intermediate Ella Rogers (Ivel Valley)

Novice Amelia Stride (New Forest Hunt)

Grassroots Lydia Sida-Page (Waveney Harriers)



The best shod pony belonged to Gracie Finn (East Essex)

One of the most sought-after prizes is the Best Condition trophy, judged by the vets on the day and this was won by Katrina Rosin (Whaddon Chase)



Bedale and West of Yore junior intermediate competitors before the first vet gate.

Many thanks to Sue Meadows, Rosemary Attfield and Emma Moffat who were the foundations of this year's championships and yet again to Nick Brooks-Ward, without whom we couldn't have run what is fast becoming one of the highlights of the Pony Club calendar. Let's hope for the same success next year.

Robert Blane Chairman of Pony Club Endurance