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# **BERKS AND BUCKS DRAGHOUNDS**

## **Cross Country Team Chase Event** **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

### ***The Chesterton Humberts National Team Chase Qualifier Series***

**AT**

**Cannon Heath Down, Kingsclere, Near Newbury**

(By kind permission of Ian, Emma and Andrew Balding)

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**Please no telephone calls before 6.30pm or after 9.30pm.**

**Emergency Contact during event 0778 628 3037**

**For Internet Entries**  
additional schedules & starting times see

**Web site - [www.bb-draghounds.co.uk](http://www.bb-draghounds.co.uk)**

#### **Directions**

Located on the B3051 Kingsclere to Overton  
Whitchurch road approx 2 miles south of Kingsclere. Will  
be signposted from the A339 Basingstoke to Newbury  
Road at Kingsclere. Map available at the Web Site above

### **Class A – Pairs**

To an optimum (bogey) time, speed 475 meters/minute.

The course is about 5 kilometres with approximately 20 fences at about 3' 3".

**Prizes in kind with rosettes to six places.**

Entry fee £40 per pair.

### **Class B – Novice**

To an optimum (bogey) time, speed 475 meters/minute.

The course is about 5 kilometres with approximately 20 fences at about 3' 3".

Entry fee £80 per team + sponsorship levy.

**Prizes in kind with rosettes to four places.**

There will be special prizes for the following teams:-

- First Berks and Bucks—Riders must be either Berks and Bucks members, subscribers, farmers or their children
- First Juveniles' Team—All Riders 16 years or under
- First Family Team—At least 3 Riders of the Team from the same family (mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, uncle, aunt)

### **Class C – Intermediate (fastest)**

Horses over 14.2 hands. Approximately 30 fences at 3'3" - 3'6".

Against the clock - Riders must have attained their 16th birthday.

Entry fee £100 per team + sponsorship levy.

**Prize - 1<sup>st</sup> £160, 2<sup>nd</sup> £80, 3<sup>rd</sup> £40, 4<sup>th</sup> £20.**

There will be a special prize for:-

- First Berks and Bucks - Riders must be either Berks and Bucks members, subscribers, farmers or their children.

### **Class D – Intermediate (bogey)**

Horses over 14.2 hands. Approximately 30 fences at 3'3" - 3'6".

To an optimum (bogey) time, speed 500 meters/minute.

Riders must have attained their 14th birthday.

Entry fee £100 per team + sponsorship levy.

**Prizes in kind with rosettes to four places.**

There will be special prizes:-

- First Family Team—At least 3 Riders of the Team from the same family (mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, uncle, aunt).

### **Class E – Open**

Horses over 14.2 hands. Approximately 30 fences at 3'6" - 4'6".

Against the clock - Riders must have attained their 16th birthday.

Entry fee £120 per team + sponsorship levy.

**Prize - 1<sup>st</sup> £400, 2<sup>nd</sup> £250, 3<sup>rd</sup> £100, 4<sup>th</sup> £50.**

A free days hunting with Berks & Bucks will be given to all competitors.

### **SPONSORSHIP Levy**

Each **Team** in classes B to E must add £5 their entry fee. This will be passed to the MFHA to supplement the 'Levy fund'.

## **RULES**

1. This event is run under the auspices of the M.F.H.A and as such all M.F.H.A. Rules regarding Team Chasing apply.
2. Each team, except in class A, will consist of a maximum of four horses and riders and at least three horses must finish the course. Teams will cross the start line together and the time of the third horse to finish will be the time of the team. In the event of a tie the fourth horse to finish will decide.
3. When a horse falls during any class, it is immediately eliminated and may not continue on the course. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground, or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself. This does not prevent horses which stumble or refuse, thus unseating the rider, from being remounted to continue.
4. The teams must jump every fence and pass between all flags. Refusals will be penalised by time only but a competitor who has more than three refusals at any one fence or five in total will be eliminated and must leave the course. The team will be disqualified for an abuse of this rule by any individual member.
5. Each team will be given an approximate starting time. Any team missing its correct time may be fitted in at the end if possible.
6. Each team must report to the Collecting Ring Steward ten minutes before their actual starting time.
7. All teams will be given number cloths. Team captains shall be responsible for the collection and the return of these. Competitors are asked to ride in the correct colour and to notify the Secretary of any team changes.
8. Competitors may exercise their horses beforehand only in the area provided, which includes a practice jump.
9. The organisers reserve the rights to: Withhold any prize or cancel any class because of insufficient declared entries; Alter the advertised times; Refuse any entry with or without stating reasons; Alter the course or leave out any obstacle before or during the competition; Eliminate any competitor not adhering to rules; Eliminate any horse they consider to be exhausted.
10. No refund of entry fees will be made in the event of postponement due to bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances but if cancelled, entry fees will be returned less an administration charge.
11. All competitors must wear headgear and a back protector to current British Safety Standards. Anyone mounted must wear a hat.
12. The organisers do not accept liability for any accident, loss, damage or injury to horses, humans or property. All vehicles are parked on the grounds at their owners' risk.
13. It is a requirement that all participants carry Third Party Insurance for not less than £5m. It is also strongly recommended that all participants have Personal Accident Insurance (3rd Party Insurance is covered by Countryside Alliance Membership)
14. **ALL DOGS must be on a lead at ALL TIMES.**
15. The course will be open for inspection on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb between 10.00 and 17.00 hours. GATES WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL 08.00 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. If you think you will be walking the course at the time the course will be locked, please park your vehicle safely and visibly in the lay-by, near the horse box entrance.

### **STARTING TIMES**

Times will be available on 01635 200920 or 0778 628 3037 between 18.30 and 21.00 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. They will also be available on [www.bb-draghounds.co.uk](http://www.bb-draghounds.co.uk) (from 17.00 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb) and on the course (from 10.00 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb)

**No cars are allowed on the course under any circumstances.**