



IMGA AUGUST NEWSLETTER



We have just finished 3 weeks of International competition in France, Ireland and Wales.

World Teams in France saw 14 nations participate in a wonderful spectacle of Mounted Games at La Bonde. An unforgettable Opening Ceremony at Gisors Castle and a great arena at La Bonde made this a memorable World Championships. It was great after a couple of years absence to welcome riders from New Zealand, Australia and the United States. All these riders performed really well on their borrowed ponies with the outstanding performance being Australia U18s getting a 5th place and Gemma Vanderydt being voted number 2 rider in this age category. France convincingly won both Opens and U18s with Paul Barreau and Maxime Papin being voted best riders.

We then moved onto World Pairs in Ireland with 2 great arenas at Millstreet. Cooler temperatures meant perfect conditions for our ponies. Traditional Irish hospitality meant all riders, parents and supporters had a fabulous time. Full results later in this issue.

Europeans at Broomes Equestrian Centre in Wales was well attended by Individuals but teams from mainland Europe stayed away because of increased costs of travel due to Brexit. Only Italy joined Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland and England. It was a huge effort by Italy to participate with 4 teams and a dozen Individuals and it made the Championship have a true European atmosphere. Well done to Italy!

World Individuals at the end of August and Nations Cup in September are our next 2 Championships.





CHARITY ORANGE

DAY



For the first time, IMGA organised a charity day held at our European Championships in Wales in aid of a local charity. This year's charity was the Welsh Air Ambulance and riders, parents and spectators were encouraged to wear orange on the Saturday to show support for this worthwhile charity. T shirts were supplied by X-Zony and hats were for sale. Thanks to the volunteers who helped sell these. It was great to see so many people wearing orange to support this charity so pertinent to horse riders. £1087 was taken for the charity. Looking forward to next year's charity day (where there will be a couple of hundred orange bucket hats available).





WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



This years World Team Championships was held at La Bonde in France. France dominated this competition throughout all of the heats and went on to take the gold in both age groups. Paul Barreau and Maxime Papin were then voted best riders in the competition .

A special mention also goes out to the riders from Australia, New Zealand and USA for their high standard of riding on borrowed ponies.

Gemma Vanderydt was voted number 2 rider in the Under 18 age group.

A thank you must go out to everyone who lent ponies to these riders, and giving them the opportunities to be competitive when so far from home.

The World Team Championships also held its 6th rider competition which Englands Elenor Wheeler took gold.



The Results



4th IMGA World U18 Team Championships Saint-Denis-le-Ferment - France		
A Final Part 2		
France		77
England		64
Australia		52
Italy		61
New zealand		42
Ireland		45
Germany		43
Belgium		44
Total Scores after A Final Part 2		
France		159
England		135
Italy		133
Ireland		101
Australia		94
Germany		84
New zealand		83
Belgium		74
B Final Part 2		
Switzerland		44
Austria		40
Sweden		24
Denmark		33
USA		37
Total Scores after B Final Part 2		
Switzerland		90
Austria		85
USA		70
Denmark		60
Seden		53



36th IMGA World Open Team Championships Saint-Denis-le-Ferment - France		
A Final Part 2		
Germany		71
Belgium		39
England		58
France		70
Italy		63
Sweden		39
Ireland		51
Switzerland		35
Total Scores after A Final Part 2		
France		145
Italy		127*
Germany		127*
England		125
Ireland		109
Belgium		89
Sweden		74
Switzerland		61
B Final Part 2		
Norway		36
Denmark		36
Australia		32
Austria		37
USA		38
Total Scores after B Final Part 2		
Denmark		81
Norway		74
USA		72
Australia		69
Austria		63



PG SPORTS UK

The One Stop Mounted Games Shop



Proud Sponsors Of:



& Proud Suppliers to:



pgsportsuk@hotmail.com

www.pgsportsuk.co.uk



Also Find Us On



Games equipment • Games Reins • Support Boots • Reflexes Fencing • Therapy • Supplements

RIDER INTERVIEW

BY Beatrice Ghezzi

Dove vivi? Where do you live?

Vivo in Italia, in un piccolo paese in provincia di Torino.
I live in Italy, in a small town in the province of Turin.

Cosa fai? What do you do?

Al momento sono una studentessa dell'Università di Torino dove frequento un corso che mi permetterà di insegnare alle scuole secondarie e lavoro presso il circolo ippico dell'alba come istruttrice di equitazione.

At the moment I am a student of the University of Turin where I am attending a course that will allow me to teach in secondary schools and I work at the Equestrian Club of Alba as a riding instructor.

Quando sei stato coinvolto per la prima volta nel Mounted Games? When did you first become involved in Mounted Games?

Ho iniziato a praticare equitazione all'età di cinque anni, il metodo di insegnamento è stato quello ludico che tra le diverse discipline prevede il Pony Games. Ho iniziato le gare di pony games nel 2008. Dopo qualche anno, ho preso parte al challenge peter dale, che posso dire è stata la mia prima competizione internazionale di Mounted games.

I started practising horse riding at the age of five, the teaching method was the playful one which, among the various disciplines, includes the Pony Games. I started pony games in 2008.

After a few years, I took part in the Peter Dale Challenge, which I can say was my first international Mounted games competition.

Cosa ti piace di più dei MG? What do you like most about Mounted Games?

Come tutte le discipline equestri il legame che si crea tra cavaliere e cavallo è qualcosa che ti fa avvicinare a questo sport e difficilmente te lo fa abbandonare. Credo che lo spirito di squadra sia sicuramente un punto di forza dell'MG.

Like all equestrian disciplines, the bond that is created between rider and horse is something that makes you approach this sport and hardly makes you abandon it. I believe that team spirit is definitely a strength of MG.





Qual è la tua gara preferita? E perché? What is your favourite race and why?

La mia gara preferita sono i campionati europei. Lo spirito di squadra che si crea non solo tra i cinque atleti della squadra e i loro pony ma anche con tutti gli atleti della nazionale è veramente forte e unico.

My favorite competition is the European Championships. The team spirit that is created not only between the five athletes of the team and their ponies but also with all the athletes of the national team is truly strong and unique.

Che consiglio daresti a un nuovo pilota di MG? What advice would you give to a new Mounted Games rider?

Probabilmente gli direi di godersi ogni gioco di ogni gara a cui parteciperà, perché ognuno di essi gli darà la possibilità di crescere.

I would probably tell him to enjoy every game of every race he takes part in, because each of them will give him the chance to grow.

Raccontaci del tuo cavallo preferito di tutti i tempi. Tell us about your all time favourite horse.

Questa è una domanda molto difficile, sarei indecisa tra Evita una pony argentina che mi ha aiutato moltissimo a crescere tra la under14 e la under17 e Linsy la mia attuale pony. Entrambe mi hanno portato a ottenere splendidi risultati ma quelli con Linsy li ho sudati molto di più.

Linsy è una pony olandese che ho acquistato nel 2015, i primi due anni sono stati molto difficili visto che lei aveva paura di avvicinarsi anche solo a un paletto o a un cono, con l'aiuto del mio istruttore Andrea Piazza siamo riusciti a farle passare molte paure. Le prime gare sono state un vero disastro, ma il campionato italiano individuale del 2017 è stato per lei la svolta: da qui sono state davvero tante le soddisfazioni.

This is a very difficult question, I would be undecided between Evita an Argentine pony who helped me a lot to grow between the under14 and the under17 and Linsy my current pony.

Both have led me to great results but those with Linsy have sweated a lot more.

Linsy is a Dutch pony that I bought in 2015, the first two years were very difficult as she was afraid to approach even a pole or a cone, with the help of my instructor Andrea Piazza we managed to spend many fears. The first races were a real disaster, but the 2017 individual Italian championship was the turning point for her: from here she was really satisfied.

Quali altri interessi hai oltre MG? What other interests do you have apart from Mounted Games?

Mi piace molto viaggiare, tra le varie opportunità che il mounted games ti dà la possibilità di viaggiare in diversi stati e incontrare molte persone è la mia preferita.

I really like to travel, among the various opportunities that Mounted Games gives you the possibility of traveling in different countries and meeting many people is my favourite.





Tack Top Tip



By Maragret Welsby



The notion that you can use sweat marks to evaluate saddle fit may sound like an old wives' tale, but it's not. Sweat patterns can indicate poor saddle fit long before rubs or soreness occurs. Changes in fitness and soundness can affect saddle fit. After you pull a saddle off your horse, inspect the sweat marks on his back and the saddle pad. You want to see symmetry—mirror images along both panels of an English saddle and the bars of a Western one. A lone dry patch might indicate “bridging”—a place where the saddle doesn't come in contact with the back—meaning other areas are subject to increased pressure. If a saddle fits well, there will be no sweat along the horse's spine because air circulates freely in that space. No properly fitted saddle of any type rests on a horse's vertebrae. The saddle pad will also have a clean, dry line down the center. (Of course, in hot, humid weather, the entire pad and your horse's back may be soaked with sweat due to slow evaporation, so interpret what you see accordingly.) Even if you've used the same saddle on your horse for years, it's wise to regularly take note of these sweat patterns. Changes in fitness and soundness can affect saddle fit, and lopsided sweat marks may be the first sign that an adjustment or replacement is needed. If you suspect a problem, talk to your veterinarian or a saddle fitter.





WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS



This years World Pairs Championships were held in Milstreet Ireland. This time it was England who dominated the competition, winning every age group! Although many mainland European riders weren't able to make the journey across to Ireland the competition still had a very international atmosphere with riders from Australia, New Zealand and United States all competing at extremely high startards on their borrowed ponies. A special mention to Joe Garnett who has now won this competition 4 times, and his partner Mitch Lyons who has won it 3 times.



24th IMGA World Pairs Championships (Under 12)
Millstreet - Ireland

Final Scores After Session 4

1	Aaron Kelly		& Poppy Doran		203.5
2	Hazel Lucey		& Dawn Ladd Finn		137.5
3	Joseph Doherty		& Grace Mangan		123
4	Lola James		& Bonnie James		119
5	Adam Beirne		& Charlotte Weld		115
6	Sarah Schofield		& Robyn O'Reilly		94
7	Alice Jones		& Amelia Bannon		74

9th IMGA World Pairs Championships (Under 15)
Millstreet - Ireland

A Final Result

1	Jayden Knight		& Taryn Barker		64.5
2	Millie Wildbore		& Hannah Williamson		54.5
3	Charlie Gallacher		& Poppy Latham-Hill		50
4	Alex Anstis		& Heidi White		43
5	Margot Le Foll		& Julie Athenoux		38
	Grace Wallis		& Ava Castleton		38
7	Aoife O Connor		& Flavie Chevrier		37
8	Lily O Reilly		& Max O Reilly		33

B Final Result (based on semi final scores)

29th IMGA World Pairs Championships (Under 18)
Millstreet - Ireland

A Final Result

1	Luke Grimshaw		& Dan Agnew		52
2	Billy O Connor		& Valentine Duverger		48
3	Caleb Schofield		& Ruth Schofield		48
4	Sophie Godfrey		& Polly Turner		36
5	Niamh O'leary		& Daragh Phelan		35
6	Cora Quigley		& TJ Cubitt		33
7	Cormac Byrne		& Joy Furlong		27
8	Sophie Barker		& Archie Gubb		0

30th IMGA World Pairs Championships (Open)
Millstreet - Ireland

A Final Result

1	Mitchell Lyons		& Joe Garnett		59
2	Leo Kieran		& Jake O'Connor		50
3	Owain Jones		& Stevie Kieran		50
4	Jenny Edwards		& Sophie Grimshaw		49
5	Sadie Lock		& Livvy Lock		44
6	Ross Crowe		& Sadie Hyland		39
7	John Hamilton		& Courteney Wray		36
8	Niall Hughes		& Marie Louise Hughes		32

B Final Result (based on semi final scores)





Referee Quiz



13. In Bang a Balloon, rider 2 misses all the balloons :

- a) Rider 2 must go back and burst at least one balloon before continuing
- b) Rider 3 can burst 2 balloons to compensate for rider 2 missing
- c) Rider 2 must go back and burst at least 2 balloons as a penalty

13. Dans le jeu des Ballons, le cavalier 2 rate tous les ballons:

- a) Le cavalier 2 doit retourner et éclater au moins un ballon avant de continuer
- b) Le cavalier 3 peut éclater 2 ballons pour remplacer le cavalier 2 qui a raté
- c) Cavalier 2 doit retourner et doit éclater au moins 2 ballons comme pénalité.

14. Five teams stand on the start line for Hula Hoop. One team notice that they have the hatband on the wrong rider and change it

- a) The team is eliminated
- b) The team is not eliminated

14. Cinq équipes sont sur la ligne de départ pour le jeu du Pneu. Une équipe remarque qu'ils ont le bandeau sur le mauvais cavalier et ils le change

- a) L'équipe est éliminée
- b) L'équipe n'est pas éliminée

15. When collecting the mug from pole 4 in the 3 Mug Race, the 4th rider accidentally throws the mug high into the air and catches it 5 metres further on :

- a) The rider may continue without elimination
- b) The rider must return and go around pole 4 again
- c) The rider cannot correct this and will be eliminated

15. En prenant une tasse du piquet 4 dans le jeu des 3 Tasses, le 4ièmecavalier jette accidentellement la tasse en l'air et la rattrape 5 mètres plus loin.

- a) Le cavalier peut continuer sans élimination
- b) Le cavalier doit retourner et tourner autour du 4ième piquet encore une fois
- c) Le cavalier ne peut pas le corriger et il sera éliminé



ASSISTANT REFEREE



COURSE



In order to maintain our high standards of refereeing, IMGA is asking that all Assistant Referees at IMGA competitions to have passed Assistant Referee training.

This means that from January 1 2022, all Assistant Referees will either have to have passed the Assistant Referee in-person course within the last 3 years or to have passed the online Assistant Referee course which is now available.

This online course has training and a set of questions. Typically it would take about 4 hours which can be done over several sessions if you prefer.

To access the course:-

Go to the following link:

<http://training.eventsecretary.com.au/imga-training/login/index.php>

Click "Create New Account"

Complete the details.

You will receive a confirmation email. Click the link.

Once confirmed Click Site home.

Then click IMGA Assistant Referees 2021

Then click Enrol me.

Don't forget to select your nationality on your profile!

If you have any queries, please contact Warwick Slade:-

imga.ass.refs.training@mounted-games.org

**Anyone certified before Jan 2019 will
need to take the course**





EUROPEAN TEAM/INDIVIDUAL



CHAMPIONSHIPS



This years europeans may have seemed a little different this year due to the lack of teams, however David Brooms Event Centre in Wales didn't disappoint and provided the usual atmosphere of Europeans. The Two arenas meant there could be an individual competition in every age group as well as the famous team competition. The Team competition was again dominated by England as they again went on to win every age category.



U12



U15



U18



Opens

England almost took the gold in all four individual categories too as they won under 12, under 15 and under 18. However French rider Colin Verdelhan and his pony star put an end to Englands winning streak by finish 9 points ahead of the reserve champion Lucas Courtaillac

Individual Results

Under 12 Champion-Abigail Strange

Under 15 Champion- Sienna Williams-Ward

Under 18 Champion- Benjamin Connell

Open Champion- Colin Verdelhan



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS



ROYAL WELSH

The famous Royal Welsh was as always held in Builth- Wells at the The Royal Welsh Agricultural Show. This years teams were Wales, Ireland, England, United, Luxembourg, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and We Hope from France. It was Wales who took the Victory in front of the home crowd after 2 sessions. Due to the record breaking temperatures the organisers chose to not ride all 3 sessions in order to protect all horses and riders! Team Wales this year was, Dione Walters, Will Walton, Gabriella Jeny, Sam Hopkins and Owain Jones.



X-ZONY SHOW

The X-Zony show this year was a great success. It was lovely to have to many international riders over to compete against one another. There were riders from Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Ireland, France, England, Scotland, & Wales! Some people very kindly lend riders ponies, but it was even better to see riders bringing their ponies from overseas to compete here. The show ran 4 ages groups, from U12-Open. The U12/U15 & U18 took part in 2 qualifying sessions followed by one long final, and the Open, which was seeded, took part in 3 qualifying sessions followed by a final. The venue, Arena UK, located in Grantham boasts a huge 8 lane all weather surface which is fanatic for the riders & ponies to compete on. The winners of the U12 were Central Warwickshire, U15 Northumberland Red, U18 Northumberland Red.who took home the Jazz memorial trophy, and Open were Sussex, who took home the wonderful Clive Jones memorial trophy.



NISSE CUP

This year was a very special year for Nisse cup as it was the first one organised after Nisse passed away in April after a battle against cancer. Its Alleby organising the competition every year and has been since the competition started around 2010. Nisse wanted to create his own competition and it's been one of the biggest shows in Sweden since then. By selling t-shirts and having a lottery stand the organisers managed to raise 22.000 Swedish kroners for the cancer fund in Nisses name.

It's a competition run in 3 sessions followed by finals with teams from Sweden, Norway and Denmark. It's held in Gothenburg at a venue called Gothenburg Horse Park. The Swedish Open team won the Open class and the Sweden u18 team won the u18s class 2022.

