

Riders show promise in FEI challenge

The Barbados Equestrian Association held its first leg of the International Equestrian Federation's Jumping World Challenge on Sunday at the Yorkshire Showgrounds with Indy Jones and Paige Tryhane emerging victorious in their categories.

Barbados did not have any competitors enter the Category A competition, so, unfortunately, were not able to produce a team score. But, riders can compete individually and earn rankings across the region and world within the categories.

The challenge allows riders from worldwide to compete against each other without the expense of travel. With very strict guidelines, the same courses are constructed in each of the approximately 50 countries that participate in the event and competitors must be fourteen years of age to take part in the FEI event.

The competition is split into three categories: Category A with jumping heights of 1.20 - 1.30m; Category B - 1.10-1.20m; and Category C -1.00 - 1.10m. Placings are calculated over two rounds of competition.

In Category C - Round 1, Laura Smith and Little Vegas produced a lovely clear round with the fastest time of 72.57 seconds. Hot on her heels, Candace Jones on Spartan also rode a clear round with a time of 73.83 seconds. In this very competitive class, Paige Tryhane on the mighty Corlato, produced the third clear round, with a time of 74.79 seconds and Dylan Frost aboard Victor had one rail with four faults in a time of 74.79 seconds.

In Category B - Round 1, Indy Jones on Sir Glacken flew to a clear and very fast round of 63.44 seconds with Heather Walker and Soca Kid having an unfortunate rail and refusal to accumulate eight faults in a time of 84.84 seconds.

The dedicated officials quickly got to work



Winner of Category C - Paige Tryhane on Corlato with Judge Shakira Emtage-Cave. (Pictures by Allison Elliot)



Winner of Category B - Indy Jones on Sir Glacken.

with the course change and the competitors started to focus on their new course which would determine the winners.

In Category B - Round 2, Walker aboard Soca Kid got the ball rolling with an excellent clear round in a time of 55.19 seconds over the new course. Jones and Sir Glacken took two rails and eight faults in this round with the second fastest time of the day of 51.55 seconds. With the two rounds combined, Jones and Sir Glacken came out victorious in the Category B competition with eight faults with her time of 51.55 seconds with Heather Walker and Soca Kid in second

place with eight faults with her time of 55.19 seconds.

In Category C - Round 2, going in reverse order to how they finished round one, Dylan Frost and Victor were first in the ring and took two rails with eight faults in a time of 59.03 seconds. Next up was Tryhane and Corlato, who put in a stellar clear round and the fastest time of the day of 47.20, taking all of the inside turns. Candace Jones and Spartan were next to go and also produced a clear round but in a slower time of 58.35 seconds. Last up was Laura Smith and Little Vegas who took an unfortunate rail to end with four faults in a

time of 56.65 seconds.

With the rounds combined, Tryhane and Corlato were the victors of Category C with two clear rounds with her time of 47.20 seconds. Second place went to Candace Jones and Spartan, also with two clear rounds, third to Laura Smith and Little Vegas with four faults and fourth to Dylan Frost and Victor with 12 accumulated faults.

The best turned-out horse was a shared victory between Victor and Little Vegas with 96 points each.

Competition 2 is scheduled to be held on May 19, 2019. (PR)