

# Equestrians compete in World Challenge

The second leg of the International Equestrian Federation's (FEI's) Jumping World Challenge was held yesterday at the Yorkshire show grounds.

The Challenge allows riders from all corners of the world to compete against one another without the costly 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 and placings are calculated over two rounds of competition.

Barbados did not have any competitors enter the Category A competition, so unfortunately Barbados will not be able to produce a team score. But, riders can compete individually and earn rankings across the region and world within the categories. Competition 1 was held in early April.

In Category C - Round 1, Dylan Frost and horse Victor were first in the ring, but had four rails to end with 16 faults in a time of 78.00. Candace Jones were next in and took one rail to finish their first round with four faults in a time of 77.84 seconds. Laura Smith and Little Vegas took charge

Heather Walker during her routine on Soca Kid. (Picture by Alison Elliot)



to produce a lovely clear round in a quick time of 71.18 seconds and last in the ring was Paige Tryhane on Corlato who also produced a lovely clear round in 76.55 seconds.

In Category B - Heather Walker and Soca Kid were the lone competitors in this class, with their usual rivals, Indy Jones and Sir Glacken being out of the

competition due to sickness. Walker and the spirited thoroughbred collected four faults in a time of 74.94 seconds.

With a course change, Category B - Round 2 was the first course. Walker aboard Soca Kid took an unfortunate two rails in this round to end on a total combined score of 12 faults in a time of 60.01 seconds.

Category C - Round 2, Dylan Frost and Victor were again first in the ring and took one unfortunate rail, but with a far improved round to end the competition with a total of 20 faults in a time of 59.70 seconds. Candace Jones and Spartan attacked round two with great determination and produced a fabulous clear round to end the competition with her four faults from round one in a time of 55.32 seconds.

It was then down to the final two competitors, both coming into round two with no faults. Laura Smith and Little Vegas produced an excellent and very fast clear round of 52.44 seconds to leave all of the pressure on the final pair of Paige Tryhane and Corlato. Tryhane and Corlato, left the pressure at the in-gate, took taking every inside turn imaginable to produce a stellar clear round in a time of 48.79 seconds.

With the rounds combined, Paige Tryhane and Corlato were the victors of Category C with two clear rounds with her time of 48.79 seconds. Second place went to Laura Smith and Little Vegas also with two clear rounds, 3rd to Candace Jones and Spartan with four faults and 4th to Dylan Frost and Victor with 20 accumulated faults.

Dylan Frost's Victor emerged as the best turned-out horse for the second competition in a row. (PR)