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## ***THE CHAIRMAN'S WORD***

*The first newsletter of 2016, so let's look forward to what is planned for this year.*

*July will be a very busy month with the World Team Championship in Ireland, and the European Championship in Germany. Then in August we'll have the World Pairs Championship in Denmark, and the World Individual Championship in Wales. A lot of people are working very hard to ensure the success of these championships.*

*Because these championships are close together in time, but far apart in distance, it's important that the welfare of the participating ponies is taken very seriously.*

*In the past, in similar circumstances, the number of ponies "tying up" has been much higher than when the championships are more evenly spread out. So take precautions for the sake of your ponies and their ability to carry you successfully through a competition.*

*Make sure they're fit for the season and do your homework on how to prevent "tying up". Be aware that they won't be ready to compete at World Championship level only 10 minutes after unloading from a three day journey. Take it steady, and bring them back gently into top condition.*

*Look after them well and give them the care and attention they need, and I wish you and them success during 2016.*

*There's one big change in IMGA policy this year which I'm sure will be appreciated. The 2016 edition of the official Rule Book is now available to consult and/or download on the IMGA website ([www.mounted-games.org](http://www.mounted-games.org)), and there's no charge. More than 500 downloads have already been recorded, but for those people who prefer to have the usual printed book tucked safely into a back pocket, that will also soon be available for sale as usual.*

**Keith Martin**  
**IMGA Chairman**

# **COMPETITION RESULTS**

## **JANUARY & FEBRUARY**



### **Royal Berkshire Pairs Part 2, England – January, 9th**

#### **MINIS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Aimee & Bella O'Hara
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sam Hopkins & Jessica Smith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Molly Matthews & Grace Sinclair

#### **U14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Danielle Olliffe & Izzy Lynch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Isaac Brett & Joe Pink
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mia Marshall & Bella O'Hara

#### **U17**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dione Walters & Emily Norton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lili Antcliffe & Ben Hopkins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lizzie Boher & Megan Gurton

#### **OPEN**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlie Sutton & Olli May
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rory & Jack Capel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gabriella Jenvey & Harry Willis



### **Indoor Winter Pairs Part 1, Denmark - February, 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Maja Due Paarup & Jens Holm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sophie Peters & Nanna Mosberg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Alberte Hellenberg & Stine Omsted



## Royal Berkshire Pairs Part 3, England - February, 27<sup>th</sup>

### MINIS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Aimee & Bella O'Hara
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hannah Garret & Ellie Dawson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Molly Matthews & Grace Sinclair

### U14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Brigitte Boher & Millie Scott
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – (After run off) Chloe Woodley & Elysee Williams-Ward
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dani Olliffe & Isabelle Lynch

### U17

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Lizzie Boher & Megan Gurton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brigitte Boher & Millie Scott
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Imogen & Charlotte

### OPEN

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Lauren & Chloe Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Charlie Sutton & Olli May
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sammie Palmer & Sam Stansfield

# **UPCOMING COMPETITIONS**

## **MARCH & APRIL**

<b>MARCH</b>		
<b>WHEN ?</b>	<b>WHAT ?</b>	<b>WHERE ?</b>
February, 29 <sup>th</sup> to March, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Horse of the Year Show	New Zealand
March, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Pairs	Tullnerbach - Austria
March, 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>	Challenge Grand Ouest Corné	Etrier de Corné Corné - France
March, 11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	U12 and U17 Swiss Team Trials	Pont de Vaux – France
March, 12 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grovefields Pairs	England
March, 18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup>	U14 and Open Swiss Team Trials	Pont de Vaux – France
March, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Winter Pairs – Part 2	Middelfart – Denmark
March, 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Pairs & Individuals	New Forest Showground Brockenhurst - England
March, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Denbighshire Pairs	Tyddyn Farm Mold – Wales
March, 24 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Göteborg Horse Show	Göteborg – Sweden
March, 25 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup>	Individuals and Easter Cup	New Zealand
March, 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	All Ireland Team Championship	Stradbally – Ireland
March, 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dorset Friendly	New Forest Showground Brockenhurst – England
March, 26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tria Games Pairs	Poney Club de Buisseret Gouy-Lez-Piétons – Belgium
March, 26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Dale Challenge Istres	Centre Equestre le Deven Istres - France
March, 27 <sup>th</sup>	Greater London North Pairs	Gracelands Equestrian Center Droitwich Spa – England
March, 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pairs Competition	Lower Austria

<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>WHEN ?</b>	<b>WHAT ?</b>	<b>WHERE ?</b>
April, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grand Ouest Challenge La Bonde	Domaine Equestre de la Bonde Saint Denis le Ferment - France
April, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Royal Berkshire Friendly	Grovefields Farm Hampton Lucy - England
April, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	U12 and U14 Irish Team Trials	Queally's Field Kildare - Ireland
April, 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Championship	Shropshire & West Midlands Showground Shrewsbury – England
April, 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	U17 and Open Irish Team Trials	Millstreet Cork - Ireland
April, 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	Challenge Grand Ouest Etrier Vitréen – PMG Tour	Etrier Vitréen 35505 Vitré - France
April, 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pairs Competitions	Austria
April, 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	Individuals & Pairs Competition	Gutau - Austria
April, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Swiss Team Championships – Leg 1	Bätterkinden, Berne Switzerland
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tria Games Team Challenge	Poney Club de Buisseret Gouy Lez Piétons - Belgium
April, 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Dale Challenge – La Scuderia	La Scuderia Cavaglia - Italy
April, 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nordic Team Championship	Vallensbaeck - Denmark
April, 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	English Championships	Newark & Notts Showground Winthorpe, Newark - England
April, 24 <sup>th</sup>	OMG Cup – Leg 1	Sweden
April, 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pairs Competition	Vienna - Austria
April, 30 <sup>th</sup> and May, 1 <sup>st</sup>	International Pairs Competition	Equivallée 71250 Cluny - France

For more information on the International Events Calendar, please check the following web link  
<http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/events/2016/allcomps.html>

## **IMGA PROGRAMME 2016**

<b>WHEN ?</b>	<b>WHAT ?</b>	<b>WHERE ?</b>
July, 11 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> World Team Championships OPEN &amp; U17</b>	Millstreet Equestrian Center, Millstreet, Cork, Ireland
July, 26 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> European Championships</b>	Lumühlen, Germany
August, 1 <sup>st</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> World Pairs Championships</b>	Vallensbæk Ridecenter, Vejlegårdsvej 135, Vallensbæk, Denmark
August, 15 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> World Individual Championships</b>	David Broome Event Center Chepstow, Wales
To be decided	<b>IMGA Annual Meeting</b>	Belgium

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## THE INTERVIEW

### FABIAN PIGEOLET

**For this first interview of 2016, we have decided to ask a few questions to a Belgian referee and competition organiser: Fabian Pigeolet.**

**Hi Fabian! Thank you for accepting this interview. Could you tell us when and how you discovered Mounted Games?**

Hi Sean, thank you for thinking of me for this interview. I discovered Mounted Games 9 years ago, I was looking for a riding school for my daughter Morgane and we landed at the Buisseret Pony Club. There was a Mounted Games demonstration that day and my daughter told me: that's what I want to do! In September 2007, she started playing games and I discovered this sport, in the first place as a parent, then as arena party and finally in 2008, we attended the European Championships in Verden (Germany).

**Your family and you have this passion in common. What do you like in this sport?**

First of all, unlike what we thought about horse riding, it's a team sport even though our children like pairs and individuals. We really enjoy meeting people and the many exchanges during national and international competitions. You still have fair play in competitions. It's a passion that we share as a family, each one of us has its own role in our little organisation (laugh)

**You're now a recognised international referee, how did you get there?**

After 3 years at competitions, I wanted to get involved in refereeing. Firstly, as an assistant referee, for about 3 years. Then I passed my national referee certification in Belgium (2012). Finally, I did my IMGA referee certification in 2013. My first invitation to referee came from abroad, for the Grand Ouest International Challenge in Corné (France), followed by La Bonde (France). In 2014, I got the chance to referee the World Team Championships in La Bonde and the World Pairs. In 2015, I refereed the Open age group at the European Championships and a few sessions at the World Individuals.

**You were part of the organising team of the 2014 European Championships in Belgium with the Bepoclas committee, can you tell us more about this association? What's its role?**

As you've mentioned it, I was part of the organising committee of this fantastic experience which was also a great human adventure. We managed to involve 60 volunteers every day, some of them had nothing to do, at the start, with Mounted Games.

After this event, some members of the organising committee got involved in the Bepoclas association which aims to promote Mounted Games in Belgium. As an example, the games equipment bought for the European Championships is made available freely to the different riding schools and/or riders in order for everyone to train in the best conditions with equipment in compliance with IMGA rules. During competitions, the Bepoclas association provides a commentary box with a sound system, a camera, a laptop... Always aiming to promote Mounted Games, we organise an international competition at the Ghlin Wallonie Racecourse so that Belgian riders who don't have the chance to ride abroad can discover another aspect of the discipline. Last year, teams from 9 different countries took part in this competition.

**You're an international referee, a competition organiser, a parent of riders... Which means that you attend a lot of competitions: what are your goals for 2016?**

As always, my daughters and I have many goals : the Grand Ovest International Challenge, The Grand Tournoi (French Championships), the World Pairs for my daughter Laurine and Rosie Wheeler (English rider), the British Pairs for my daughter Morgane and Quentin Castel (Belgian rider), the organisation of the Bepoclas competition in Ghlin on October, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> with, I hope, many nations attending. A last wish, let's be mad: becoming national trainer one day!

**What have been your best 3 moments in Mounted Games?**

The European Championships 2014 (2 years of work), Laurine's bronze medal at the U12 Individual Masters (we had been training for 6 months) and Morgane's two World Pairs semi-finals (U12 in 2010 and U 17 in 2013).

But my best memory has to be when I was training my two daughters playing together at the Belgian Triagames Pairs Challenge in 2015, they got the bronze medal in the U17 age group.

**When you are not in a Mounted Games arena, what are your other occupations?**

I train some riders, I also give refereeing courses to future referees and assistant referees for the Wallonie Bruxelles Equestrian Ligue. Other than that, I like to go to bric-a-bracs with my family.

**Thank you for answering all our questions! We wish you, and your family, a successful year.**

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

You would like more information on the International Mounted Games Association or you have a question for an IMGA Officer? It's very simple! All you need to do is to send your questions to the following e-mail addresses:

For general enquires and information:

<http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/site/contact.html>

IMGA Help Line:

<http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/site/helpline.html>

Thank you for reading this Newsletter! We would like to remind you that this document's purpose is to facilitate the transmission of information throughout the World of Mounted Games.

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