



Louise Pavitt and the Brendon Studs Don VHP Z 6 year old winners



Nicky Boulter and Old Lodge's Super Trooper de Ness with John Youngs

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A close second in 2009 with Oz, Laura Renwick went one better on Parvati De Breve to secure her second Horse and Hound Foxhunter title.

"I was calm on the first half of the track, but saw a long stride to the vertical across the middle, and thought 'Right, I'm off now!'" said Laura, 2007 Foxhunter titleholder with Limelight De Breve.

Course-designer Kelvin Bywater's long, technical track tested with unexpected turn-backs and switches of direction to achieve six clears.

"Parvati is easy and has a good, switched-on brain" said Laura, who bought this Dollar De la Pierre daughter from the same stud as Limelight [they aren't related] "This win tops her year."

When Scott Brash rang Robert Whitaker regarding selling Waterstone II, Robert acquired the Silverstone sired seven-year-old for owner Mandy Hall based on his results. Just weeks later, the purchase was rewarded with the seven and eight-year-old title.

The class was full of International prospects, with John Whitaker's Olympic hopeful Argento (second) and Voss (fourth); and two owned by Old Lodge – last year's winners Nicky Boulter on Super Trooper De Ness (third) and 2009 Foxhunter champion Bruce Menzies on Sultan V (fifth).

However, Waterstone's ground-eating stride grabbed the title by 0.89 of a second.

"He's straightforward, careful and competitive" said Robert.

Two eight-year-old sons of new WEG champion Vigo D'Arsouilles made winning returns to HOYS. Old Lodge's Super Trooper De Ness – 2009 seven and eight-year-old champion – took the grade C with Nicky Boulter while Chauvinist, the 2008 newcomers titleholder, claimed the young riders for Dan Neilson.

Nicky and the scopey Super Trooper, who returns to stud in November, took third in this year's seven and eight-year-old.

"I didn't go crazy – I was saving him for this" said Nicky, who has jumped the stallion sparingly this year. "It's been his last growing-up year, in 2011 we'll be knuckling down with the big boys."

Posting the only jump-off clear in the six horse decider, Dan Neilson was crowned young riders champion on Chauvinist.

"He finds it easy" said Dan.

Louise Pavitt collared the six-year-old title with Brendon Studs Don VHP Z.

"He was fabulous" said Louise, about the Diamant De Semilly Son, who has had his first crop of foals born this year.

It was a last-minute decision to jump here because Don VHP's connections thought the arena's tight confines wouldn't suit, and the only preparation was at Patchetts five days before.

"They hadn't put the flowers out and the only time he's jumped indoors is at our local Royal Leisure, but he wasn't fazed" said owner Shirley Light, who has nicknamed the big stallion 'The Beast'.

"He's wild at first but it is all show. In fact, the jump-off track was so long, he was looking for the Shell garage before the last two fences!"

Already crowned with three six-year-old titles at the

Welsh Masters, British Showjumping/Scope Festival and Arena UK Festival, fast-rising star Molly Malone earned the Tri-Zone newcomers championship for Anthony Condon.

Two decisive turn-backs and a final gallop to the last saw victory snatched by 0.19 of a second from Georgie Crumley's Strijder.

"She covers the ground and is careful, I knew I could gallop to the last" said Anthony, who has ridden the Kannan daughter bred by Keith Doyle since March following her purchase from Sian Price.

Notably, the top three were British-bred. Strijder, by Shearwater Oliver and bred by Ben Maher, took second and third went to Mark Turnbull's homebred, Ahorn nine-year-old Ursula XII.

Galvanised by 'go-faster' cheers, Di Fairclough's exciting round on Limerick, a 10-year-old daughter of Limerick, claimed the British Showjumping amateur classic in a 10-horse jump-off.

"I'd worried she'd refuse to go down the entrance tunnel, but she dragged me through the curtains before they'd opened!" said British Showjumping coach Di, who last competed at HOYS in 1996.

A replacement hip operation and pinned shoulder in the past three years had sidelined Di, but now she's back in the saddle – "and I've bought another by Limerick to produce."

"The pressure was enormous because slow or fast, if I faulted, I'd be sixth"
Laura Renwick on her final draw in the grand prix.



Lucy Higginson presents the Foxhunter trophy to Laura Renwick & Parvati de Breve



Di Fairclough and Limerick Amateur winners



Anthony Condon and Molly Malone V Tri-Zone Senior Newcomers winners.