



Isle of Wight Hunt

MOUNTED ORIENTEERING

Sponsored by

WENTWORTH KITCHENS

Bank Holiday Monday 25th August at Blackwater Mill Farm

**By kind permission of
Mr & Mrs M Purcell**

This is an orienteering event, the object of which is to ride to various checkpoints using the Island's public bridleways and roads within an allotted time frame. The competition being divided into two categories; 'HARES' being the faster, fit horses ridden by experienced riders with good local knowledge. The 'TORTOISE' section is aimed toward the more 'leisurely' rider.

The checkpoints have varying point values. The winning rider/pair in each class will be those gaining the highest points in the shortest time, time penalties will be deducted from the checkpoint score for every minute over the allotted time. The checkpoints themselves will be placed on Bridleways around the Island. There will be a stamp at each point with which to mark your card to prove you have gained that point.

The checkpoints will be published at 10am on the morning of the event and available to view throughout the day. However the value of the checkpoints will only be provided when you collect your points card and the clock starts ticking. You have from 12am to 2pm to start. We would recommend that you spend some time prior to starting by familiarising yourself with the positions of the checkpoints and to bring a map unless your knowledge of the Island is particularly good.

Entries close at 5.30pm on the Wednesday prior to each event. **NO LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted. Changes of horse or rider must be given at the start.

The entry fee includes refreshments at the finish.

CLASS 1: HARES

Solo or pairs, riders any age, **TIME ALLOWED: 3 hours**

CLASS 2: TORTOISES

Solo or pairs, riders any age, **TIME ALLOWED: 4 hours**

ENTRY FEES: £15 per rider

THE RULES

ALL RIDERS SHOULD READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING RULES

1. Horses and ponies may only enter one Class.
2. All horses and ponies must be at least four years old.
3. Stallions must have a red white and blue ribbon in their tail.
4. Novice horses should have a green ribbon in their tail.
5. Horses known to kick should have a red ribbon in their tail.
6. Hard hats conforming to the latest safety standard, with harness fastened, must be worn at all times when mounted.
7. Riders are advised to wear body protectors.
8. All competitors compete at their own risk.
9. Competitors may not ride in more than one class.
10. When on the course, competitors must obey instructions from officials at all times.
11. Neither IW Hunt, The Sponsor or the Landowner accept any liability for any injury or damage to any persons, animal or property..
12. The organisers reserve the right to refuse admittance without assigning a reason.
13. The official times are final.
14. The results will be posted once all riders have returned. Any objections to the results must be made in writing within 15 minutes of the results being posted with a deposit of £20, to be returned if the objection is upheld.
15. Any complaints must be made in writing with a deposit of £20, to be returned if the complaint is upheld.
16. Any person arguing with or berating an official or behaving in a manner which is considered prejudicial to the good name of the Hunt will be asked to leave the event.
17. Riders MUST keep to public roads and bridleways only and not enter private land. All gates must be left as found. Officials will be on the course to ensure these rules are adhered to and may disqualify any rider failing to do so.
18. Solo competitors must act as such and not ride with another. If you think you have been followed, please report this to an official. Start and finish times will be scrutinised for this reason.