

RIDING BY THE SEAT OF YOUR PANTS [AND THEN SOME]

Into the ring on the left rein at trot,corto,jog,gait,in we flew [well the champions from all the other ridden hunter,Spanish,lusitano,paso fino,and gaited classes did]Tim and I just ambled in as normal ,thinking damage limitation and defensive driving.What excitement the judge was firmly ensconced in his little square in the middle of the ring and we were put through our paces extend the pace then up a notch to canter, then up again to extend the canter we were flying [well the Morgan with the long tail was]our horses thought that it was great fun spectators were whooping and screaming and throwing things in the air.The Morgan was placed supreme ridden champion a fine specimen all high stepping and glistening.Much to our amazement Tim was called in as reserve supreme ridden champion and I was awarded a special as the judge liked my horse too .

This put the top hat onto an already enjoyable and educational day.We had arrived at 9am and rushed into the arena as I had entered the in hand Appaloosa which was class 5 we had been warned that classes only took 5 minutes to be judged yes they were right he flew through each class very decisively. We had chosen to come to this show as something different but also because it had an array of baby classes .We had Sheryl the youth rider on our baby horse CA INVITE A PARTNER she placed 2nd he was a star.

Next class was Concours D'elegance we entered the ring resplendent in our authentic native American regalia the spectators had never seen anything like it the judge had all sorts to look at top hats ,Spanish flourish and us partner was wearing a full mask and looked very scary we were placed 1st and 2nd , next a quick change as Tim was riding Partner in the limit pleasure he placed 1st in that class.Next came western pleasure and horsemanship we met up with an old friend Roger Parkes and the 3 of us were asked to extend everything again[good job that I had glued my hat on with hair spray].Tim beat me in the pleasure and horsemanship but then I beat him in the western championship[he reckoned his horse tripped in a rut].

This show was good fun and I recommend it to people as a first show as the people were friendly and relaxed well out of the ring anyway, any horse is welcome and there are lots of classes. If you want your horse to remain dead slow this may not be the show for you.

SHOW DETAILS

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