

EVALUATION OF COURSES BY THE COURSE DESIGNER

Name and date of Event: River Glen August Horse Trials

List the Divisions offered, in the order they were run, stating, if appropriate, different days or different arenas: Intermediate, Preliminary, Training, Novice, Beginner Novice, Starter

Size of arena(s) in feet: 330 x 160

Any Gradient: No

Grass or All Weather: All weather

If All Weather, was there significant time allocated for watering and dragging and was the equipment suitable for doing such? : Yes

Were there any permanent, or semi-permanent, items in the arena, like cross-country jumps, trees, etc.? : No

Is there any other information about the arena layout that I may need to know of? : No

What were the weather conditions on the day (i.e. rain/windy/hot) and did you think this had any effect on the results? Hot and muggy. No

Were there any other circumstances that affected the day (i.e. lack of help, insufficient jump material, etc.) ? : No

Was 25mm cups used for the top poles? : Yes

Where the original posted Times Allowed for each Division changed by the Jury, if so by how much: No changes

Was any of the information or suggestions that I offered, on receipt of your original plans useful, or were there reasons, once on site, not to follow them? : Very useful.

Due to my suggestions, or site conditions, did you change any parts of the course from the original plans you sent me, including distances? Yes. I changed a straight line going through the middle that started with a 2 stride combo to a bending line starting with a vertical to a 1 stride combo.

Also on the original plan I sent I hadn't indicated which jump would be coming out for the Prelim division (maybe I hadn't even decided by then), but liked your suggestion for the #4 to come out and so that's what I did.

Give a brief description of any changes you would make if you had to build the same tracks again or offer any other comments about your courses: I think the course was basically straight forward and ran well for all the divisions. Although the rails down were spread among several jumps, I would try and change the #3 either in placement or design as it seemed to be the nemesis for its fair share of riders. I also might change the distance of the one stride at 6AB for the upper levels to be 25' instead of 24.6.