

Horsham & District Riding Club

Area 13 Winter Dressage Team Qualifier

LOCATION:	Brinsbury	DATE:	17 th January 2009
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Seniors

We had 2 Senior teams of 4, competing to qualify for the Winter Championships at Hartpury at the end of March. 2 riders do Prelim tests and 2 do Novice tests, with the best 3 scores counting. The competition in our area is getting tougher each year and there were 9 teams this year, and we won it last year.

The "Hooligans" were - Maggie Whatford and Ross did their usual consistent Prelim test for individual 4th, and Sam Gates and the young Footman Frankie came a creditable 6th. Petra Coughlin and Ockley Eowyn came 3rd in the Novice and Ros Head and Tommy put in a good performance for 5th. This was good enough for overall team 2nd, behind Goring, who go forward to Hartpury to represent the Area 13.

The "Horrors" were – Michelle Mallinder and Joey, who was in a stroppy mood, but still managed to get individual 3rd place. Ruth Burgess and her lovely 4 year old Chestnut Friday were not far behind for individual 5th place in the Prelims. The Novice tests were not so fruitful ! Claire Worskett and Gromit were competing for the first time for quite a while due to injury, and Helen Millichamp and Arkweld were a little too enthusiastic and lost their usual rhythm. Overall the team were 5th.

This is the first team event of 2009 and everyone looked a little rusty after the Christmas break. Other clubs look out – we will be back to our usual best later in the season !
..... No pressure girls !!!!!!!

Juniors

For the first time for a number of years, we also entered a Junior team – (14 to 18yr olds). The format of the competition was exactly the same – Rebecca Murcell and Highcroft Didier won the Prelims with Heather Reay and her lovely coloured mare Lady Boiro 2nd. Bradley Weller and Connor also won the Novice 27 test with Harrie Snelling and Cleo D a creditable 3rd. This was a fantastic start to the Juniors season winning the team competition by a mile ! We look forward to a successful season with the Juniors, with this team setting the standards very high!

If any Juniors or Seniors would like to get involved in teams over the coming months please contact Max Gayler 07818 413058 or Nikki Roberts 07729 132387.