

# Horsham & District Riding Club

## Area 13 Horse Trials Team Qualifier

<b>LOCATION:</b>	Coombelands, Pulborough	<b>DATE:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2008
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Another busy weekend of competition for our teams - with the club fielding 4 teams at novice and intermediate level, as well as organising this popular event – thanks to the many volunteers who gave up their time to allow us to take part .

### National Riding Clubs Qualifier

#### **Novice Teams**

This is for teams of 4 riders – best 3 scores to count – at 2'9" level. We had two teams running, the Hippiess and the Hooligans ! The teams all did good dressage scores, with an exceptional performance from Liz Pellett and Zak who scored the best of the day for 23.2 penalties.

Then on to the showjumping, which was a twisting course on sloping ground. The overnight rain had made the corners a bit slippery and horses were losing their confidence as they lost their footing. The good news was that the Hippiess had four clear rounds but unfortunately we lost two of our four team members in the Hooligans as Jane Silcock and Forever Hopeful took exception to the red and white filler for 3 refusals, and Vicky Allen had a fall as Razzle Dazzle lost her footing on landing.

The cross country course was tough but inviting, and the time was going to be hard to achieve. All six riders left, went clear with Liz and Laura Durkin going inside the time, and Jo Radford Smith and Minita (Pegasus) Greenstone getting 10 time penalties for going TOO fast ! The result was a clear win for our Hippiess team, who qualify for Offchurch in August, with individual placings to all four riders, and Laura came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her arena too. Well done to our two first timers – Sam Gates and Jenny Hammond.

#### **Hippiess**

Maggie Whatford – Ross the Boss - individual 2<sup>nd</sup> on 28pens

Jo Radford Smith – Minita Greenstone – individual 3<sup>rd</sup> on 40.9 pens

Liz Pellett – Zak – individual 1<sup>st</sup> on 23.2 pens

Sam Gates – Trojans Tern – individual 4<sup>th</sup> on 41 pens.

#### **Hooligans**

Jane Silcock – Forever Hopeful - Eliminated SJ

Vicky Allen – Razzle Dazzle – Retired SJ

Laura Durkan – Lady A – Individual 2<sup>nd</sup> – 40.7 pens

Jenny Hammond – Ned Kelly – 45.8 pens

#### **Intermediate Team**

This is run over the 3'3" course and sadly there was only ourselves and West Sussex with teams involved. West Sussex were in the lead after dressage but again the show jumping was influential, with only Penny Taneborne and her lovely coloured mare going clear. The cross country had some difficult combinations a few tricky skinny fences which were to test riders accuracy. Jane Silcock went clear on her experienced Don Quixote just picking up 4.4 time pens. Helen Millichamp and Ark Weld went clear plus 8.4 time pens, and Penny and Louise Brown – making her senior team debut, had one run out each plus time pens.

Result was West Sussex first and we were second.

Helen Millichamp – Ark Weld – Individual 1<sup>st</sup> (qualified for the championships as an individual) 47.7 pens

Jane Silcock – Don Quixote – Indiv 2<sup>nd</sup> – 49.2 pens

Penny Taneborne – Meikle Cantley Lucky Lady – Individual 4<sup>th</sup> – 76 pens

Louise Brown – Chester – Individual 3<sup>rd</sup> - 75.4 pens

## **London and South East Qualifier**

### **Novice Teams**

This competition is run over the same 2'9" course as the national qualifier, so we had the Hippiers team, whose scores would count in both competitions and in addition we had the Horrors team. The Hippiers also ran out clear winners of this area qualifier, so will represent the club and Area 13 at Vicarage Farm in Middx on 5<sup>th</sup> October. The Hippiers came 8<sup>th</sup>, with some promising performances from Helen Millichamp riding Jackie Davidge's lovely young mare Jubilee Star, and Amanda Hayward on her bold jumper Alston Clover. Well done also to some late reserves who came in at the last moment – Michelle Mallinder and Joey and Becky Middleton and Fleur de Ria.

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Chef D'Equipe