

Horsham & District Riding Club

Hickstead Teams Jumping

LOCATION:	Hickstead	DATE:	1 st August 2010
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This is the highlight of many people's year – the opportunity to jump at Hickstead during the Royal International Horse Show. Although we don't actually get to ride in the main international arena, we do still get to ride on one of the wonderfully manicured grass rings that had been watered (it was soft and actually had green grass in it, a novelty at shows this year!).

We had five teams of three riders taking part, one rider jumps 2'9", one jumps 3' and one jumps 3'3". It is the team with the lowest number of faults across all three riders, and the fastest combined time counts if there are equality of faults.

So with a staggering 99 riding club teams taking part from all round the country, it is highly likely a few teams will end up with three clears so all three riders have to put their foot down and ride against the clock if you want to have any chance of being placed in such a large field.

The time pressure definitely influenced the tactics and poles were dropping with alarming frequency. There was a tricky oxer (spread fence for us non-show jumpers) at fence one, going down hill and away from the collecting ring which caught many out. And the other influential fence was a double of Hickstead planks where many people were racing up hill and flattening over the second part.

Our teams had mixed fortunes, but well done in particular to Jan Allan and Ballymore Roberto, AJ Harwood Stamper and Lousifers Star, Jo Radford Smith and Minita Greenstone, Sonia Marfleet and Bilwood Tomputt, Lucy Kenward and Temple Oracle, Penny Taneborne and Meikle Cantle Lady, and Sam Gates and Trojans Tern, who all went clear. If only we could have got three of these in the same team we would have won !

As it was, Jan Allan and Lucy Kenward, together with Katie Roberts had the second fastest score of 4 faults to take 5th place overall behind the three teams who finished on a zero score. Not bad out of 99 teams !

See the picture gallery for some action shots. Thanks to Ann Black and Marilyn who tried to keep score all day !

Team 1 – total Elim

Isabelle Lee - 4 faults, Jo Radford Smith - 0 , Ros Head - Elim

Team 2 – total 4 faults (5th Place)

Jan Allan - 0, Katie Roberts - 4 , Lucy Kenward - 0

Team 3 – total Elim

Kellie Hounslow - 4, Tiffany Tasney - 4, Anna Gorringer - Elim

Team 4 – total 16 faults

AJ Harwood Stamper - 0, Heather Reay - 16, Penny Taneborne - 0

Team 5 – total 8 faults

Amy Lovell 8, Sonia Marfleet 0, Sam Gates - 0

Max Gayler
Chef D'Equipe