

Horsham & District Riding Club

London and SE Regional Championships

LOCATION:	Ardingly	DATE:	16th October 2010
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These Area Championships bring together the champions who have qualified from the local counties i.e. Sussex, Kent, Surrey, Berkshire and Oxfordshire, in all three disciplines – Showjumping, Dressage and Horse Trials.

Horsham were well represented with teams in all the above disciplines, plus the Riding Tests. Teams are made up of four riders, and can include one junior, with the best three scores to count.

Dressage

This is at prelim level, and our team of Jackie Lambert, Pam Nixon (individual 9th place), Toni Bovis and Jane Winslow (indiv. 5th place) put in some solid performances in some pretty awful weather, as the wind and rain lashed across Ardingly showground, but were not placed as a team.

Riding Test

The same four riders braved the elements again for their riding test but apart from Jane Winslow who was 8th individually, we missed out on the rosettes this time against some tough opposition !

Horse Trials

This is run at novice level, being 2'6" to 2' 9" but the course at Ardingly was not particularly challenging so the competition was biased towards those with good dressage scores. Sonia Marfleet had an exceptionally good dressage score of 25 and was clear showjumping but Thomas was a very naughty boy and napped on the cross country to pick up some time penalties which saw them drop from 1st to 4th individually in their arena. Jan Allan (our galloping granny) was also on form and came home clear inside the time for individual 4th place in her arena. Tiffany Tasney, riding her husband's lovely coloured Another Artist also put in their usual dependable performance for individual 6th. Katie Roberts was doing so well until a slip up between fences on the XC course, lost their concentration and went on to pick a few jumping and time penalties. But this was good enough for the team to take 5th position.

Showjumping

Our team of Kelly Hounslow, AJ Harwood Stamper, Louise Hamilton and Ann Black jumped two rounds at 2'6" and 2'9". The course was quite twisty being in the rubber surface ring where space was tight. This suited our nippy little horses and they jumped well to end the competition on just 4 faults, but with quite a few teams finished on zero this put us in 8th place. However AJ and Kelly had jumped double clears so were in the jump off for individual honours where AJ and Just Louis, her 6 year old bay gelding "pocket rocket" pulled the performance of the day out of the bag and finished clear in the fastest time to become overall SE Regional champions! Well done !

Many thanks to all those who offered help on the day as willing club volunteers representing Horsham. It was much appreciated.

Apologies there are no pics from this event to go with this report as the weather was **** !!!

Max Gayler
Chef D'Equipe