

Horsham & District Riding Club

Lincoln National Championships – Junior Team

LOCATION:	Lincoln	DATE:	13th September 2009
<p>We all arrived at Lincoln on a lovely sunny September afternoon with great excitement. Once unpacked, our riders all went for a ride to settle the horses after the long journey.</p> <p>We all headed over in the evening to walk the course and have a look at the dressage arenas for the next day. Having inspected the challenge ahead it was Hog Roast for supper! Helen Greenwood who had kindly brought Amy Lovell and had come to support the teams announced that it was actually her birthday. To celebrate Helen's 21st we all went back to her tent for champagne and cake!! Then it was off to bed.</p> <p>Morning broke although a little cooler and breezier than the day before, but still a very nice day.</p> <p>First to do her dressage was Georgina Dene on Mr Patchwork who was riding the Novice 25 test which she proceeded to do in great style. Next up was Bradley Weller on Connor who went on to ride a very good Prelim 13. Chloe Barnes was riding her Charlie Bucket who again did a very good Novice 25 test. Then the last of our dressage riders to go was Katie Waples on Kushti, who impressed the judges so much with her Prelim 13 that we think they made a call and had the Red Arrows doing a demo over the top of her while she was doing the test!!</p> <p>Katie went on the win her arena and come home with some very splendid rosettes and sash and very happy parents!</p> <p>We also had a novice show jumping team at Lincoln. The team was made up of Katie Roberts on Colour Code III, Bradley Weller on Connor, Georgina Dene on Mr Patchwork and Amy Lovell on Just Danny.</p> <p>The first round of show jumping was a very colourful and spooky course made up of 12 fences, one of them being a combination. Katie was first to jump and went clear. Next we had Georgina with another clear and then we had Bradly, who although jumped a good round, just had one down. The same went for Amy who was the last of our team to jump.</p> <p>The next round was held in another ring and although this time it was a very plain course, it was very technical which ended up catching out a lot of the horses and riders.</p> <p>The show jumping team ended up finishing on a team score of 24 faults.</p> <p>May I say that it was a great pleasure to be the chef d'Equipe for these juniors who had clearly worked very hard in their preparation for Lincoln. All horses and riders were turned out to a very high standard and I feel they did our club very proud. Watch out next year, we are after the Rugs and the Rosettes!!</p> <p>Niki Roberts</p>			