

Horsham & District Riding Club

British Riding Club National Championships Show Jumping and Dressage

LOCATION:	Lincoln	DATE:	8 th September 2007
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We had our largest contingent ever, travelling to Lincoln for the National Championships. With teams qualified to represent Area 13 in – Open Dressage, Novice Dressage, Riding Tests, Intermediate SJ, Novice SJ and Style Jumping. But interestingly only 2 team members who were part of the successful winning teams from last year, so this shows the strength in depth we now have in our club. This is a prestigious event held at the wonderful Lincoln showground, where there are 12 dressage arenas, 4 showjumping arenas and over 900 competitors !

It was a great weekend with terrific weather, just as well as we were camping, and brilliant team spirit. While we did not win any team competitions this year we did come home with one national individual champion – Laura Durkin and her lovely 5 year old mare Lady A won the Senior Riding Test by a mile with a score of 83.5 %. Congratulations also to Ros Head who came in at the last minute as reserve and was 2nd in her Elementary Dressage test.

The dressage teams at Open and Novice level, and the Riding Test team finished mid table with individuals scoring in the late 50's or early 60's, which reflected the fact that many were first timers at Lincoln and the atmosphere got to a few making for some tense horses !

The Show Jumping teams had a good day with the Intermediate team finishing 10th on 25 faults, behind the winners – Downslane RC on 12 faults. This was a 2 round team competition over a 3'3" - 3' 6" course, where the best 3 scores count in each round, so clear rounds were few and far between. Penny Taneborne did particularly well with a clear in the first round and 4 faults in the second.

And same 4 riders did even better in the Style competition, finishing 8th behind Findon RC. This is a one round team competition over a 2' 9" course, where the rider is judged on how they ride the course and their riding style.

Hayley Dumbrell qualified as an individual in the Novice Show Jumping, but was unplaced on a 2 round score of 16.

So congratulations to all the teams and individuals :-

Intermediate SJ and Style Jumping team

Laura Durkin – Chaldo

Ros Head - San Sauve Prince

Penny Taneborne – Meikle Canty Lucky Lady

Helen Greenwood – Skylark Millie

Open Dressage Team

Gill Brown - Vino

Laura Durkin – Canny Lass

Marilyn Turner - Copperfield Graffiti

Ros Head – San Sauve Prince

Novice Dressage Team

Linzi Wiseman – Webster

Lucy Lempiere – Golden Sovereign

Laura Durkin – Lady A

Helena Evans – Golden Lily

Riding Test Team

Helena Evans – Golden Lily

Helen Greenwood – Skylark Millie

Gill Brown – Vino

Laura Durkin – Lady A

Novice SJ Individual

Hayley Dumbrell – Eclipse