

Area Winter Dressage 24th Jan, 2010

This years Area Dressage was being held at Hargate Arena, Hilton Near Derbyshire, quite a long journey for our members. But fortunately all the riders had times late morning, which meant no one had such an early start. The journey took approximately 1 1/2 hours, but everyone thought the venue was worth the trip. 3 large arenas surrounded with flags made for a glamorous setting.

Only 4 junior teams and 18 seniors teams took part in the dressage competition.

This event is now 3 years old and our juniors have dominated, qualifying both years, riding the Championships at Hartbury College in Gloucestershire. Last year coming a fabulous 9th in the country. This year we have 4 new junior members, never having represented the club in dressage, and all of them fairly new to dressage. Our senior team had 2 original members who have ridden in the last two years competition ,David Thompson and Diane Finnegan and 2 new members who haven't represented the club in dressage before.

The Juniors Emily Bolton riding Sophie Lockes' pony Mr Dickens got 58.2%, Chloe Locke on Sheer Elegance received a score of 52%, Laura Finnegan on Mahogany Irish Bay got 62.6% and Tessa Ridings on Signet Crescendo received the highest for the juniors with a score of 62.8%, team wise we finished 4th, with Laura and Tessa getting individual 3rd placings and Emily and Chloe getting 4th individually. Well done girls, good job done.

The Seniors of David Thompson on Rustums Grange scored 58.8%, Anna Speirs on Siren scored 51.1%, Diane Finnegan on Silver Curtis scored 57.6% and Val Hosegood scored highest with 59%. Unfortunately none of the seniors were placed individually or as a team.

Diane Finnegan also did the second round of qualifying for "The Royal Windsor" competition, she had to do Riding Test 6, along with 5 other seniors and she scored 52.% gaining 4th place, but unfortunately not qualifying.

Well done to everyone who took part, pleased you all enjoyed the experience, keep practising for June when we have the Summer Dressage competition at Sheepgate Arena, Boston.