



## TEAMS UPDATE JULY 2011

### BRITISH RIDING CLUBS' NATIONAL DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

Our team members have been sweeping the board qualifying for all the senior and junior dressage BRC championship classes at Lincoln. The seniors will compete on 17<sup>th</sup> and the juniors on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

The Open Dressage team of Sally Catchpole (riding Maximillian Manolito), Annie Denton (Malingold Mercury), Miranda Hodges (Barrister-B) and Jenny Dutton (Jamambo) won their qualifier. Sally won her arena, Annie came second and Miranda sixth individually riding novice tests.

Our senior Riding Test teams were also top of the results table. First were Marion Adams (Kilcrea Rock), Sarah Morley-Boxall (Flying Fun Guy), Caroline Bradshaw (Womble) and Miranda Hodges (Barrister-B). Close on their heels were Catherine Owen (Derrycons Della Mor), Debbie Arkle (Wandering Star), Annie Denton (Malingold Mercury) and Jenny Dutton (Jamambo). Individual places in RT11 went to Catherine (1<sup>st</sup>), Marion (4<sup>th</sup>) and Sarah (6<sup>th</sup>) and in RT13 went to Miranda (4<sup>th</sup>), Caroline (5<sup>th</sup>) and Annie (6<sup>th</sup>).

Rural Riders dressage requires six horses and riders to perform a test together. The ERC team, hoping to defend last year's national title, gave an extremely polished performance to beat Wey Valley Riding Club by seven percent. The successful team consisted of Jenny Dutton (Jamambo), Annie Denton (Malingold Mercury), Sarah Morley-Boxall (Flying Fun Guy), Miranda Hodges (Barrister B), Tracy Negus (Ashling), Heidi Reed (Merchant of Venice) and Penny Jann (Team Manager) commanding the test. Heidi also won her medium dressage test for a chance to defend her national title from last year.

The Novice Dressage team (where each combination rides a prelim dressage test) of Debi Arkle (Wandering Star), Catherine Owen (Derrycons Della Mor), Eddy Phipps (Summer High) and Marion Spencer (Kilcrea Rock) ended up on just three penalties to win their qualifier. Debi won, Catherine came second and Eddy third overall in their arenas.

Mother and daughter pair Nihan Negus (Leybourne Patrick) and Tracy Negus (Ashling) won the senior pairs dressage qualifier. It was only Nihan's second ever dressage test so the achievement was really impressive. The junior pairs test was won by Holly Stuart (Michaelmas Blue) and Isabel Bailey-Collins (Solero Spirit) who were delighted with their national qualification.

The junior team of Katie Patrick (So Sue Me), Holly Stuart (Michaelmas Blue), Freya Lawes (Togher Tourist) and Emma Harridge (Kilva) won both the dressage and riding test team qualifiers. Katie was on top form winning both the tests. All the juniors were a credit to our club.



### LONDON & SOUTH-EAST DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

It was a scorching hot day for the dressage and riding test qualifiers at Bookham Club Field (organised by Chipstead). With the top five teams qualifying for the London and South-East Championships, Elstead qualified a staggering five out of our six teams! The dressage team of Debi Arkle (Wandering Star), Catherine Owen (Derrycons Della Mor), Eddy Phipps (Summer High) and Marion Spencer (Kilcrea Rock) came first and our Purple team came fifth out of 20 teams. Two of our riding test teams ended up on the same penalties in second and third place losing out to Farnham by just one point with another of our riding test teams finishing in fifth position. This years championships will take place at Blue House Farm, Mattingley on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. As ever, thanks to Penny for organising all our entries!