



TEAMS UPDATE JUNE 2010

BRITISH RIDING CLUBS' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - NAF FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE

Elstead Riding Club pair, Freya Lawes (riding Bunowan Jewel) and Scarlett Flourenzou (It's B'cos) became National Junior Pairs Champions for the second consecutive year at the British Riding Club's Festival of the Horse Challenge. These championships were held in Aston-le-Walls in Northamptonshire on 5th and 6th of June. This competition was introduced in 2009 and is designed to test a horse and rider's ability to negotiate a series of show jumps followed by a cross-country course, which includes fences that have to be jumped side by side as a pair. Freya and Scarlett negotiated the particularly testing course with style to finish on just 10.6 penalties beating the second placed South Warwickshire pair by nearly 7 penalties. Retaining their national title was a fantastic achievement for the two young riders.



The presentation arena was not short of other Elstead Riding Club members who beat stiff competition from 23 other Riding Club Areas across Great Britain to receive prizes at these championships. Senior pair, Jenny Dutton and Clara Jollands finished second by a narrow margin, riding their matching pair of grey horses, The Snowman and Old Blue Eye. Jenny and Snowy were also placed individually sixth out of 107 competitors, with a well ridden double clear round. The junior team of Freya, Scarlett, Katie Patrick (So Sue Me) and Sarah Dick (Cruise) were placed sixth. Penny Jann, Team Manager said, 'It was a great weekend and our most successful yet at this particular championship'. Elstead Riding Club will be celebrating the success of their riders in July when they are holding a Barn Dance and Barbeque to raise funds to support future team events.



The senior team of Jenny, Clara, Marion Spencer (Ready to Land) and Sam Morris (Derrycons Della Mor) all got round safely but the team were not placed.