



TEAMS UPDATE APRIL 2010

BRITISH RIDING CLUBS' NAF FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE QUALIFIER

The format of the Festival has undergone many changes with the introduction of the Festival of the Horse Challenge last year. This competition is designed to be a test of a horse and rider's ability to negotiate a show jumping course together with a piece of hunting country at a fair hunting pace. The course consists of a series of show jumps followed by a cross-country phase, which includes some dressing fences.

There are four challenge classes and Elstead members have qualified for all four! Elstead qualified for both senior and junior novice team challenge and pairs challenge at the British Riding Clubs' Festival of the Horse which will take place on 5-6 June at Aston-le-Walls, Northamptonshire. Senior members Jenny Dutton (riding The Snowman), Dan Shean (Colonel Cody), Samantha Morris (Derrycoms Della Mor) and Marion Spencer (Kilcrea Rock) won the novice qualifier, with Jenny and Dan finishing second in the senior pairs challenge. Scarlett Florenzo (It's B'cos), Freya Lawes (Bunowen Jewel), Katie Patrick (So Sue Me) and Sarah Dick (Cruise Alooze) won the junior challenge qualifier. Scarlett and Freya won the junior pairs challenge qualifier and will defend the title they won in 2009.



AMTRUST UNAFFILIATED CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW

Four Elstead members have qualified from the second round to compete in the AmTrust Unaffiliated Championships at the Royal Windsor Horse Show 2010: Scarlett Florenzo - junior novice top score, Suzanne Hopkins - senior novice top score, David Catchpole - senior intermediate top score, and Sarah Morley-Boxall - senior riding test.

NAF NOVICE INDOOR SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WINTER DRESSAGE

Elstead juniors had a very enjoyable visit to the BRC Winter Team Dressage & Show Jumping Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire over the Easter weekend. Christopher Milton (Pentrepod Emperor), Charlotte Smith (Heidi), Holly Stuart (Rosehip Syrup) and Katie Patrick (So Sue Me) finished a very creditable 10th in the BRC Winter Team Dressage Championship on Easter Sunday, with Christopher individual 9th in the BRC HI2 arena. Charlotte, Katie and Christopher were joined by Scarlett Florenzo (It's B'cos) in the show jumping championship where they finished just outside the placings but gained valuable experience in a very large class of 28 teams.

