

Area 16 Horse Trials Qualifier 2011

The Qualifier this year was held at Eland Lodge, as last year, a lovely venue well organized and most professionally run, with prize giving very shortly after the last horse went XC.

Our club was well represented, with Rosemary and Deirdre spending a very long day in the Secretary's tent, almost from dawn to dusk!

We had one Novice Team and one individual. We had originally got a 2nd team of three but 2 horses were unable to compete so we were left with an individual for the 2nd team, this was Rachel Finch on Middy, Rachel was concerned about his SJ as he can be spooky, but in fact he did a v good clear round, but decided to spook at the boat coming out of the water which put her out of contention.

Our team of 4 were:

Alison Hulbert on Yume no Shakara (Gails lovely palamino stallion)

Gail Yeandle on Savannah Springs

Neil Grant on Ragtime Suzie

Lucy Howard on Rushmoor Harriet 2nd

This proved to be a very successful team, we came 2nd only to be beaten by N Lincs with 3.5 penalties between the two teams, so we were all delighted with this result, unfortunately only the 1st team goes to the championships; had there been one other team competing there would have been 2 teams going forward, BUT yet again Neil and Ragtime Suzie were the STARS and with an end score of 29.1, which was his dressage score they won the section and so are off to the championships again this year as individuals, so very best of luck to them both, and many thanks to all the team members for all the effort they have all put into the achievement, and maybe next year we will get the 1st and all go to the championships ! Good luck to Neil and Suzie

Pat Brown