

Horse Trials Championships at Aston le Walls 6/7 Aug .2011

We were asked to compete this year as North Lincs had a problem with one of their Team, which in fact eliminated them from competition and we, being 2nd at the Area 16 qualifier, were asked to represent area 16, so off we all went,

There was (and always is) a great deal of preparation in getting horses fit for a 2 day, when roads and track, steeplechase and XC are involved on the 2nd day. Our team worked hard and deserved the results we had, our Riding Club was truly represented by those present and at home, instruction had been given by Peter Hales and this paid off with the excellent test that Suzie and Neil produced gaining a dressage mark of 27.9.

I was most grateful to Audrey and Rosemary for their driving and taking me on the 2 days to the event, this made the job easier and not so tiring, thank you to both of you. Sue Beech was the club representative to help at the horse trials, and she very kindly gave her time to collect scores in the show jumping arena on day 1 and was there again helping Gail and Neil on day 2.

This year was a particularly busy event, as it was the British turn to host the *CIC* European Championship, with many countries across Europe represented (CIC stands for Concours International Complet- a french term, meaning a competition for all disciplines.

On our first day, we had dressage and show jumping, our team was:-
Gail Yeandle on her lovely stallion Yume no Shakara (Sam)
Neil Grant on the truly wonderful mare Ragtime Suzie (Suzie)
Lucy Howard on her amazing pony Rushmoor Harriett 11 (Flossy)
they all did very good tests,
Sam had a score of 36.3 and 1 show jump down
Suzie had a score of 27.9 and also 1 show jump down
Flossy had a score of 34,2 and was clear show jumping

Day 2, and they had roads and tracks, steeplechase and the XC course. They all went extremely well all had no penalties on roads and tracks or steeplechase, all were clear on the XC. Time penalties were virtually nothing, with 0.8 for Sam, 1.6 for Suzie and 0 for Flossy,

So we were in a good position, at the end of the 2 days, Neil came 2nd in his Arena and so was presented in the Main Arena, with his rosette, he also came 5th in the under 25 yrs. section. The Team gained a 6th Place, very well earned and extremely well done being 6th out of a field of 27 teams, our club was well represented and truly worthy of competing at the championships. We were disappointed that the team placings, below 3rd, were not asked to attend in the Main Arena for the prize giving, we all felt that this should have happened as there were rosettes to 10th place, instead we just collected the rosettes from the Secretary's tent, quite a let-down after a 2 day event with so much work by and from everyone involved. We were all delighted with the results and I would like to thank the team for all their very hard work in preparing for this event and hope they enjoyed the competition as much as I did, thank you to you all and all your lovely horses, looking forward to being there again in 2012

Pat

