



Just-So Winter Dressage Series The Arrow Riding Centre, Darenth, Kent 21st February 2010

February's dressage show found us enjoying a much warmer day than we had for the January show but we could have done without the heavy rain showers!

It was really good to see yet more new competitors joining us, though we did have quite a few withdrawals due to lameness and vehicles that wouldn't start!

The Prelim 13 class was judged by Chrysta Sparks. This class had good entries and it was eventually won by junior rider Tia Ratty riding Queensdale Campari with a very good score of 77.1%. Regular Just-So Competitors Victoria Perry riding Mente G and Laura Cherry riding Shannon Greystone took 2nd and 3rd places both of whom scored over 70%

The two Novice classes were light on entries after the withdrawals, however the standard was good. Novice 24 caught out a couple of competitors as it was the 2010 version being ridden this time rather than the 2002 test, but they regained their composure and still got through the test with a little help from a quickly mustered reader!!

As the Novice classes were small, Fiona Carlin judged them both for us and the eventual winner of Novice 24 was Sue Duff riding Roo with 66.2%. Sue had travelled from Essex to compete with us and was one of our 'new' competitors. Victoria Jackson riding Charlie and Sarah Hetherington riding Jigsaw came 2nd and 3rd respectively with 60%, only being split by their collective marks.

Victoria Jackson went on to win Novice 27 with a healthy 67.5%, with our resident photographer (and Victoria's sister!) Anna Jackson coming 2nd riding her homebred veteran Caspar. 3rd place went to Sarah Hetherington on Jigsaw who was just 1 mark behind Anna.

We had a few more veterans entered in the classes this time, all of which qualified for the Veterans Dressage Regional Championships in September.

Competition for the Points Championship of each of the three sections of the Just-So Winter Dressage Championships and the Overall Points Championship is now really hotting up, with final placings hinging on the last competition of the series on the 14th March!

Full results of all classes and the Championship Points League Table are available at www.just-soequestrianevents.dacel.co.uk as are schedules for forthcoming shows and events, the next of which is the Pre-Season Showing Lecture/Demo on the 6th March at The Arrow Riding Centre.

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