



Junior Dressage to Music
Area 17 Qualifier
Monday 26th May 2009 at Sparsholt Equestrian Centre

Solent Riding Club Juniors has a very enthusiastic group of Dressage to Music riders who ages range from 7 through to 15 years. They all competed for the club to an extremely high standard and on immaculately turned out ponies at Sparsholt in the Junior Qualifying class with yet again brilliant results.

Once Qualified, they get the chance to go to Addington Manor, Buckingham in October and compete with all the Area riding clubs in the UK who have also qualified. Addington Manor is a fantastic venue with a great atmosphere.

The class is run in 2 sections – 1 for Horses & Ponies with British Dressage Points and 1 for Horses & Ponies with No British Dressage Points.

In the with points section - Sam Bray riding his lovely pony Charm came 2nd.

In the No points section - Tasha Harris riding Fliss, Oonagh McGibbon on Molly and Jamie Bray on Mini, were all just unplaced but, received brilliant scores and should be extremely proud of themselves. You can always rely on the ponies to add extra smiles and laughter on the day with Fliss stopping for a 'call of nature' in the middle of her test, unfortunately, your music doesn't stop with you!! Mini looking in the mirrors at the end of the arena mid test – not sure if she was checking if her plaits were still in place or mistook herself for a lovely looking gelding and had to do a double take!!

Sophie Harris riding Gift – 5th – the 2nd time for this pair competing in DTM
Alice Walker riding Percy – 3rd – (*awaiting confirmation on Qualifying-watch this space*)
Justine Gwynn riding Kate – 2nd – ****Qualified****

I must say a *Huge thank you to..* Sarah Bray for her hours of training, Aly Burgess for her musical talents and Denise Hallion for more training!

Dressage to Music does take hours upon hours of practise but, it is great fun, I would be lying if I didn't say a little stressful at times!! But both ponies & riders enjoy it and most of all the Juniors make it all worth while with their enthusiasm.



From left to right
Tasha, Justine, Sophie, Sam and Jamie(kindly taking care of Alice's rosette in her absence)