

**Winter Dressage Qualifier
&
2nd Round Qualifier for Royal Windsor
31st January 2010**

Solent Junior team for the Winter Qualifier on a very cold & frozen day were:

Alice Walker on Wotton Superman – Novice 25
Carly Jackdon on Trewithian Parc Hawthorn – H12
Justine Gwynn on Kilncopse Eclipse – Novice 25
Kiera Rollison on Braeburn Surprise – H12

In the past we have been spoilt with venues close to home, with Crofton & Sparsholt nearly on our doorstep. This time we had to travel with a 92 mile round trip. We had been warned to view the venue - Hamstead Growers Equestrian, Newbury as “work in progress”? The parking was not on the usual surface you would expect, but luckily the ground took along time to thaw out, so most drove out easily?

The arenas looked good and the judges certainly had good viewing positions, as they sat in their judges boxes up on a bank which looked down over the arenas. The arenas’ were still a little frozen and although no frost was visible, they did sound hollow as the horses rode on them, and I think this did make a difference on the day.

Alice had an early start from home as she was the first team member to ride, they came a creditable 3rd in their Novice class.

Kiera was next to ride but Brae had other ideas after starting a very promising test, and they sadly decided to retire as Kiera had jarred her back.

Justine also riding the Novice test was 2nd in her class.

Carly was the last team member to ride and also came a very creditable 3rd in her class.

Overall position 4th place for Solent Stream.

Justine rode Riding test 6 in the 2 round Qualifier for The Royal Windsor Horse Show, and came 3rd. Once again this class was won by a Junior member from the Isle of Wight Riding Club with a winning score of 78.5%! although Justine didn’t qualify for Windsor this time, she has a few years to keep trying to reach that score?

Although not ideal weather or venue conditions, it has to be said that we all made the best of the day and ALL the Junior Team members were a credit to Solent Riding Club on the day for their performance. So therefore you should each receive a top score of **79.5%**(1 point higher than IOW) **Well Done Solent Stream.**

Thank you to Leanne for carrying out word perfect calling duties, Claire for keeping all the ponies numnahs warm ready to go on their backs! Sarah who although not feeling very well made the journey to give support, Denise Hallion and Nikki Cross for their training & encouragement.

Karina