



BRC NATIONAL SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS – SEPT 17TH & 18TH

What a proud day, The Rearsby Lodge Junior team competing at the BRC Show Jumping National Championships at Intermediate Level, in the main arena at Lincoln Showground . The impressive course of 16 fences (two doubles, a triple & a water fence), on grass with 80 riders entered, jumping two rounds, our riders, Eva Carrier, Hope Bull, Alex Tordoff and Katie Hurrell were understandingly nervous as they rode their first rounds. Eva had substituted her own horse, and Alex was his new young horse, as the team of four prepared themselves for this Championship which is the largest in the BRC calendar with almost two thousand competitors taking part in a variety of classes over the weekend

Eva, Hope & Katie all jumped a lovely clear round in the first round, leaving them on 3 clears going into the second round on no penalties. The course was then changed, and of course timed for the second round. The team ended their 2nd round on 20 penalties - a few poles down for all for Eva & Alex, which unfortunately put them out of the top 3 positions, but the course had caused a lot more problems in the second round for all the teams, and the Rearsby Lodge Juniors were awarded 7th place, out of the 15 teams, so a pleasing results, with super rosettes in turquoise, a `finalist` plaque, some NAF vouchers & other freebies were enjoyed on the day, including a free glass of pink fizz.

The sun shone all day - we had been so lucky with weather, and got home 11 hours after setting out that morning. Makes me wonder what time those from Scotland, Isle of Man and Cornwall, would have been home! but definitely well worth the experience.

Other competitors of the day were our Junior Style riders, Ellen Machin on Saxelby Merlyn and Bea O` Kelly on Mosstown Rockstar. They both jumped fantastic rounds, with good scores from both, but unfortunately not putting them into the placings. The standard, as ever, was exceptionally high, and both did us proud on the day.

A massive thank you to Ann Spencer (from RLRC committee), who helped all day as ring steward on Arena 1 - where the Intermediate riders were competing. It is always great to see some familiar faces to put us at ease on the day. Thank you of course to the team - Eva, Alex, Hope and Katie who did so well.

Julie Carrier - Junior Team Manager.

The next Show Jumping qualifier is the Indoor NOVICE qualifier at Trent Valley on Sunday 27th November. I will be sorting the teams shortly, so please get in touch asap if you are interested.