

“JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE EVENTING TEAM WIN AT THE 2010 BRITISH RIDING CLUB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS”.



Eva Carrier, Teri Rudkin, Emma Beeson & Alana Cook (Above).

That`s how it ended...here is the full report.

The Rearsby Lodge Junior Horse Trials Team above, qualified for the Championships on June 20th at Eland Lodge, winning the British Riding Club Team Qualifier for Area 16. The Championships from Teams all over the British Isles was held on Friday 6th August at Aston-le-Walls.

We were fortunate that all four riders and horses who had qualified were available and fit to ride the day of the Championships, although a reserve was on stand-by to ride, and a mention must go to Isobel Machin , who also put the training in before the big day, but unfortunately for her, she did not get to ride, but came along to support the Junior Team on the day (a massive thank you to her too).

The team had also been SPONSORED by Style Equitation, so before the Cross Country Phase got underway we took some photos of the Rearsby Lodge merchandise.



As Team Manager on the day, I had been required to `help out` for 3 hours (as do all clubs), so we had requested `pole picking` in the Show Jumping ring, so all the team `mums` took a 3/4hr stint doing this, and it became obvious some of the jumps were causing some problems.

Teri, Alana and Emma all ended their dressage on scores in the early 30`s, and then all FOUR went on to jump clear round the show jumping. We were all very excited about the cross-country, but nervous at the same time, as the course was the biggest challenge yet to date (the mums thought anyway), quite technical in places, with some tricky `asks`. The Air Ambulance had already landed once, and the course was on `stop` again – due to a rider in the water with her body protector `air bag` gone off. (The Junior Novice also being run on Friday, before the Intermediate commenced).

Teri was the first rider on the course for the Junior Intermediate section. We watched from the fantastic viewing bank, which at Aston-le-Walls, you can nearly see the whole course if you stand on this bank. Teri, as ever made it look easy and she gave Eva and Alana some good advice on jumping lines, speed and the water combinations, as Teri ended on CLEAR, with no time faults to add.

Eva was next to go. She had chosen to take a different line through the `tree seats`, which I was nervous about (fretting mum!), but she jumped a fabulous clear, again with no time faults. At this point Eva was busy washing her horse off and unplaiting etc. totally oblivious that she was going to be team winners, and would be required for a mounted presentation later on. A large crowd, the Rearsby supporters and Alana`s dad took to the viewing bank in