

It was a beautiful sunny day (if not a little too hot) for the area horse trials qualifier at Eland Lodge. We had two junior teams entered, one in the novice and one in the intermediate.

The novice team of Lizzie Glover on Toddy, Hannah Toon on Mister Tom, Kayleigh Walling on Spirit of Newleigh and Jessica Tierney on Miss Dolly started the day early with good steady dressage tests and all jumped clear in the showjumping. The cross country was causing a few problems but all jumped well with only Hannah having an unfortunate stop. The team did the club proud by finishing in 2nd place.

The intermediate team of Teri Rudkin on Lord Blake, Eva Carrier on Riding on a Silver Star, Alana Cook on Athlone and Emma Beeson on Wyhey Paddington had to start riding in the midday heat but all produced good dressage tests (especially Teri on 29.5) followed by four excellent clear rounds of showjumping. Teri, Eva and Alana then produced super clear cross country rounds but unluckily Emma was eliminated. However with individual placings of Teri 1st, Alana 4th and Eva 6th the team gained 1st place and qualified for the championships on 6th August at Aston le Walls.

Congratulations to the intermediate team and very well done to the novice team you all rode really well and are a credit to the club!

Jo Bull (Team manager)