

Novice Area Showjumping Report, Hartpury 1 Feb 2010

Well we started off the New Year with a bang! Starting with the Juniors, Emma and Claire Mealing and new member Katie Nash, even starting as a team of 3 they were fantastic with very few faults. Katie even got her first clear round (Mum Trish in the background crying with joy). The team came 5th and Emma came 5th individually, fantastic result!

Then onto the Seniors, I don't know who was more nervous, me as it was my youngsters' first time indoors or Julie Reynolds who was hoping to actually stay on and get round. Mind you I think it must have been Di Simmonds as she forgot her jacket and bridle, thank god for having my sisters' jacket in the lorry and Lisa Drinkwater for having a spare bridle.

The teams were as follows:

Malvern Madhatters

Di Simmonds and Doris
Tina Price and Chinnor Fantasy
Julie Reynolds and Kesford Springbok
Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker

Malvern Mayhem

Tina Price and Bobo
Lisa Drinkwater and Pip
Camilla Esling and Jake
Steph Woolley and Kings Cruise

All the horses were a bit fresh with Camilla's horse having a whale of a time and Lisa's horse having to be left till the last minute to be warmed up, all of them jumped brilliantly with the Malvern Madhatters coming 6th as a team out of 24 teams and Tina Price coming 4th individually out of nearly 100 competitors, and Dreambreaker doing a spooky double clear.



There was also a first round Top Score class going on with novice and intermediate classes. In this Emma Mealing went into the Intermediate smiling away clocked up a brilliant 940 points, winning the class and qualifying for the second round later in the day.

Emma was on a high as she went into the second round for the juniors, well all had our fingers and legs crossed and she won the class qualifying for the ROYAL WINSOR HORSE SHOW in May, well done!!!

Also in the second round Top Score but in the Seniors class was Victoria Gregg on Auntie Julie's horse Ishandraz, clocking up over 800 points but got piped by the last horse, shame but maybe next year Plum!

We all had a great day with everybody piling back to my Mum's lorry for tea and Lin's lemon drizzle cake, thank god for Chris Esling's spare milk!

For a small club we definitely held our own and if you would like to see the full results visit www.ffrc.org.uk

Well done everyone!

Cindie Bunce