

Area 14 Senior Team Showjumping

Wix 27th February 2011

Team representatives: Jill Hillyard on A Close Shave
 Abi Jacobs on Heritage Moonman
 Jess Mace on Medicine Man

I am sure I am not alone in being very thankful that the weather was a vast improvement on that of Saturday as I drove to Wix to be official team reporter for the Senior Showjumping Team.

And, it was lucky that there was a team at all as only three were able to attend on the day and Jess's horse got a bad case of cold feet when it came to the time to load. Thanks to Lorraine Eve for her successful (if a little unconventional) loading methods, all arrived safely.

Jess did a lovely clear round in the warm up class and was fast enough to claim 3rd place.

The team event consisted of ten teams and Deben Black were sixth to go. Jill was first to go for the team and lead the way with a great clear round. Abi followed with another and anchor-woman Jess followed suit - a great position for round two.

The second round started and it was obviously not so easy as poles were falling everywhere. However, Jill's Shawn knew the way by now and decided it was definitely a jump off! He enjoyed every minute and came back clear again. Abi's Moonman was definitely not hanging around either, but left all the poles up. Jess was also super speedy, but had one very unlucky pole down. The team finished on 4 faults. Only two teams had a clean sheet, so they jumped off for 1st and 2nd. Then the wait to see where the rest were placed....

Deben Black were the fastest team on 4 faults, so they finished a very creditable 3rd in qualifier and 3rd in Area. Well done to all who competed and helped, and a special thank you to Lorraine for taking Badger and getting bitten for her trouble and breaking down on the way home.... Just hope that Jess cleaned the lorry out for you!!

By Jess Zampi



Jill Hillyard - A Close Shave



Abi Jacobs – Heritage Moonman



Jess Mace – Medicine Man



😊 Well done Deben – 3rd Qualifier & 3rd Area 😊