

Area 10 Teams Dressage qualifier at Ardingly on January 15th 2011

We sent 2 teams 1 junior and 1 senior. With fresh horses who hadn't been out for a while due to snow and Christmas, doors banging in the warm up area, and then to go outside to do our dressage test in the wind and rain was quite a challenge for most horses. The Junior team consisting of Laria Collister on Blimey O'Riley, Roo King on Monsal Dale, Jaide Hartridge who sadly had to pull out due to illness, her sister Bryony on Jack the Lad all did brilliantly and came 6th over all and Bryony did really well by coming 2nd in her arena.

What a great start to the year for our juniors - lets hope it continues.

The seniors team featured Michelle Yoe on Johnny Ringo, Sarah Hetherington on Burlington Trintro, Sarah Leggat on Barnicle B and Brenda Hawkes on Otto Extreme also did well by coming 5th overall, Michelle came 2nd in her arena, Sarah Leggat and I came 6th in our arenas. Most of us had times very close together, but Sarah's time was at least 3 hours later so we abandoned her by going home, leaving her to collect the sheets. At least she had the consolation of collecting all the rosettes, so thank you very much. to Sarah!

Brenda Hawkes