

Novice Indoor Team Showjumping - Norton Heath - 30th January

Juniors

Two Tendring Junior novice, indoor showjumping teams had a very early start on Saturday 30th, competing at Norton Heath for the qualifier to go on to Hartpury in April. We were all at Norton Heath by 8am and it was freezing. Tendring Tigers were Becky Ivell, Sam Hughes, Hannah Gibbins and Helen Chambers. Tendring Flyers were Eloise Hall, Sam Green, Sophie Dutton and Chelsea Weavers. Tendring Tigers all had double clear rounds with Tendring Flyers doing similarly well in the second round but not so lucky in their first rounds. There was only one other team with double clears so Tendring Tigers had to jump off for first place. With amazing fast times but unfortunately a pole down we finished on 4 faults - Billericay Reds - having the advantage of going second knew they only had to go clear to beat us - which they did - the good news was that both first and second places go on to the championships in April - Good luck.

Helen Chambers also qualified to go onto Royal Windsor as an individual in the Top Score competition which didn't take place until 6pm - fantastic riding and good luck to Helen at Royal Windsor. Becky Ivell came second in her Top score competition so well done to her. Tendring flyers came 3rd in the friendly intermediate/open - with them being quite a young team these could be the ones to beat in the future!

Helen Chambers came first in the individual novice and Sam Hughes came 4th. A great day was had by all with everyone bringing home a rosette.

Seniors

It was a very cold and very long day - especially for the Juniors - at Norton Heath on Saturday, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves despite this. It was very well run by ERCLC who kept everything running smoothly.

Our Novice team consisted of: Owen Dewberry on L'Harkin About, Becky Robinson on Shadowman, Lyndsay Salmon on Murphy, Christine Punter on Mollies Son

Becky went clear in the first round, with the others having poles down, in the second round Becky and Lyndsay went clear, with poles down for the other two. The team therefore finished on a total score of 20, which meant they finished in 2nd place, which was an excellent result. Becky done us proud in her first competition as a senior and finished 4th individually, so well done to her. She also won the Senior Novice Top Score, so will be going off to the Windsor Horse Show, another excellent result and good luck to her for that.

The Intermediate/Open team consisted of
Natalie Daines on Millenium Master, Gail Jeffrey on Riva Phoenix, Christine Punter on Little Madam

As this was a friendly it was run as a two phase competition, and even though we were a rider short, we still finished in 2nd place so an excellent result and very well done to you all. Nat finished 1st individually, as Sid was on his best behaviour in that round, but unfortunately decided to have a bit of a moment in the Top Score, and finished in 3rd place, though I know if he had kept all four feet on the ground he would easily have won!

Thanks to all the team members who braved the cold to represent the club in their new area.