

Para-Dressage Newsletter

September/October 2011



Dear Riders, Coaches, Parents and Judges

The FEI SA champs have come and gone. Once again we would like to thank everyone involved and also our riders. As spring is in the air and summer on the way we would like to urge all riders to make sure their horse's flu vaccines are up to date. Also take all precautions necessary to prevent African Horse sickness as the season approaches.

Other Shows & Show results:

Results: Well done to you all!

(If you want your scores included in the newsletter then you must send them to me - it's your responsibility)

CPEDI 3* Hartpury – UK (15 – 17 July 2011) Left out in previous newsletter

Anthony Dawson (Grade 2) riding Middlemarch

Overall placing: 9th

Received Best rider U21 Award

Highest Scoring Foreign Rider on a Borrowed horse

GHS - 18 Sep 2011

Marion Milne : Grade 1B 80.91%, 78.26% - Baron

Breda Netherlands CPEDI 3* - Oct 2011 (By Philippa Johnson)

Dear All

The CPEDI Breda is a new competition which forms part of the Breda Paragames, this is the first year that they have included Equestrian to the sports list, there are 25 different sports and up to 2500-3000 participants. The organizers of the equestrian sport received double the amount of entries that they were expecting, with 18 countries taking part! Unfortunately for the organizers the weather didn't play along with it raining heavily for all three days of competition! Friday was the first day of the competition, Verdi and I had unfortunately drawn first to go at 8:00 in the morning. We arrived in a down pour to find Verdi's stable flooded, Chris went scouting around, and landed up finding a free stable which was luckily dry!! My friend who was plaiting was clever enough to have a miners light on her cap so that she had enough light, just as she finished we lost all the lights in the stables! Working with a black horse in a very black stable is interesting to say the least. Verdi landed up doing a brilliant test and we lead up until the second last horse! We were 2nd in the Team Test with 68,13% out of 18 horses.

Saturday for the Championships we were the very last horse to go in the evening, unfortunately by the time we did our test Verdi was completely fed up with being wet and decided to take exception to something on the long side and just made himself stupidly strong. We finished 5th with 66,08%. Because the number of entries were so high, the organizers had decided that they would combine the first and second day scores and take the top 60% of each grade to ride the musical freestyle. So we made the cut! Having learned from our mistakes the night before Sunday Verdi went on to do an incredible musical freestyle and we finished 3rd with 72,50% out of 12 horses.

Philippa

Results:

Philippa Johnson - Grade 4: 68.13%, 66.08%, 72.05% - 2nd, 5th, 3rd – Verdi

Anthony Dawson - Grade 2: 63.97%, 64.66%, 67.67% - 11th, 8th, 5th – Middlemarch

CDN Zandhoven (Able bodied) 23 Oct 2011

Philippa Johnson – M10 : 64.42% - 2nd

London 2012 Paralympics:

The following riders that Qualified with a score above 65% as per SASCOC criteria at the FEI 3* is on the shortlist with Philippa Johnson:

Marion Milne Grade 1B

Wendy Moller Grade 2

Anthony Dawson Grade 2

Picture of the month:

This month we have a picture of Philippa Johnson on Verdi. *Due to the file size I can only include one picture of a rider at a show, therefore I will select a new one every month.*



Until next time happy riding!!

Wendy

PS. Feel free to contact me if you have any tips, funny horsy stories or anything you would like to add.