

## Denise Hallion at CDI 3\* Hartpury – UK

Denise Hallion went to her first International Dressage show in July 2008 in Hartpury – UK.

Her report on the shows was that it was such a fantastic experience and learnt a lot in one show. The venue was fantastic and she found it very encouraging to have RSA judge Elizabeth Day at the show. The organisers in Hartpury were so friendly and helpful that she could not have wished for a better place to do her first International show.

Denise talks of her horses at the show

“Santana did the Small tour, and in the PSG got a 59%, he blew up in his walk work (which he never does) and with 7 movements in the walk, it cost us alot of marks. He did all his changes and pirouettes well for his level of experience and had it not been for the walk explosion he would have been well into his sixties. I know that ifs and buts don't make good scores but the electric environment certainly got the better of him. The next day (Intermediate 1) we had exactly the same problem in the walk and he even bucked in his test, he just does NOT BUCK, so once again the scores suffered due to his walk. I certainly have to work at keeping a 'lid on the excitement'. I have changed his feeding program so hopefully he will be more relaxed at our next international at FRYS in mid August. Considering it was my fourth PSG and our first Inter 1 test ever, it went really well from that point of view.

Santana had only started doing his two time changes and full canter pirouettes two weeks ago, I am very proud of our achievement. Jennie Loriston Clarke said that it was the best thing for me to go out and DO it so that we have the first one out of our way and we can now relax work on getting higher marks. She felt we did a good job. It was very necessary in our development programme.’

In the young horse classes, Elizabeth Day was judging the 5 year old International dressage horse, which we won and came second in the 5 year old national dressage horse, we got scores of 79%. Wervelwind is certainly my horse for the future and he has the talent for the job. He coped very well with everything going on around him and he has only just turned five, it was a very good show to take him to for his development.”

Denise is off to the British Dressage Regional Finals with Wervelwind and Santana in the Advanced Medium. She is then off to her next International in Frys – UK.

