

**Foresters Winter Dressage League
Woodlands Dressage Centre
Sun Jan 20th 2008**

This was the 3rd leg of Foresters Riding Club's dressage league and with only this and the show on 17th February left to go, the competition for league trophies is really hotting up! It was lovely to welcome some new members and is always great to catch up with the regulars.

Foresters Riding Club is proud to have some shining young talent, amongst the junior membership and it was certainly in evidence at this show, with many compliments paid by the judges. It was one of our junior members, Rosa Thatcher-Khan who got the show started with a win in both the Walk and trot test (69.52%) and the junior section of the prelim 7 (67%), on Cocoa Flash.

Shari Butchart had a double win, taking both the senior section of Prelim 7 and the clear overall winner of Prelim 17, with more than 70%. This was Shari and Olympic's first outing together, as he was previously ridden by her sisters and represented England, on the young rider's show jumping team. Shari is now planning to event with Olympic this year and has certainly gotten off to a good start!

Jo Foley took first place in Novice 37, on Wendell of Bellhouse and 2nd place on Rosieta of Bellhouse. Both horses are owned and bred by the Bellhouse Stud, near Billericay, where Jo is employed. Wendell of Bellhouse is rising seven, currently competing at novice level having attained 5 points and is sadly for sale this year. Jo also won Elementary 51 on her newly purchased 12 year old eventer, Autumn Dancer II, who has previously competed up to 3 star level. Jo plans to begin this season with him at Intermediate.

Senior members Alison Parker and Heather Raynor had another good day, with a win in Novice 20 for Alison and JJ Malone and Elementary 51 for Heather and the big moving Broadstone Arrow. Much to Heather's relief, rising trot is now permitted at Elementary level!

The freestyle to music was won again by Gill Baker and Odblask, this time with a new arrangement of music, with 2nd place taken by Angela Bishop and Spring Ginger. Angela and Gill went on to perform their pairs to music test, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and judge.

Thank you to Mrs Jenner for allowing us to make use of the excellent facilities at Woodlands Dressage Centre, to our excellent judges and the willing band of helpers, especially our regular collecting ring steward and announcer Pete Hussey and writers Helen Howell and Katy Gosling.

We look forward to seeing you for Team & individual Dressage on 16th March at Woodlands and Show jumping on 24th March at Harolds Park Farm.