

## *Denman Horse Trials, 2020- LPC proudly represented at one of the first events back after COVID*

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Denman Horse Trials was a fantastic first event back for all the Londonderry eventers. Team Seppelt, Millington and Mison performed magnificently excluding a few hiccups. The downpour of rain on Friday and Saturday as well as COVID-19 restrictions added extra obstacles for riders to overcome, however, the Londonderry team tried their hardest and achieved their best.

Tilly Seppelt and GV Anzac executed an amazing 1\* dressage test placing her in 2nd, a flawless cross country maintained her position however, a rail in the show jumping dropped her to third but still an enormous achievement.

Alex Seppelt and Fairview Metallica stepped up to their first 1\* is an accomplishment within itself. Alex completed a beautiful dressage test as always and one rail in show jumping, the cross country was tough for everyone but well-done Alex!

Tara Seppelt and Rotherfield Aviator competed in the EvA95 producing a neat dressage test and show jump round, Tara was sitting 12<sup>th</sup> and after the cross country preserved her position on the leader board. Congratulations Team Seppelt on a successful first event back!

Charlotte Millington and Common Courtesy competed in the EvA80 class completing a wonderful dressage test in the slippery conditions. A smooth show jump round was a huge success but did not prove very helpful after jump 4 of the cross country, where the ground needed a hug, wasn't what we were expecting but something to learn from for next time.

Maddilyn Millington and Stormy-lodge Doodle Bug carried out a beautiful dressage test placing her in 3<sup>rd</sup> in the EvA80 class. Show jumping was proving to be a difficult course for previous riders however, Maddi dominated gliding around the course becoming the first clear round of the 80cm. Cross country was seeming to be the downfall of other riders and Maddi did not want to disappoint, jumping the last jump wrong caused the unfortunate elimination, nonetheless, an exceptional performance.

Annabelle Millington and Rothwell Lovelight were promoted from chief strapper to the rider that kept the Millington team together, doing her dressage test left her in 28<sup>th</sup> place however, an impeccable show jump round and a clear and undertime cross country she came out 8<sup>th</sup>. Well done to the Millington Team and better luck for the next event!

Tess Mison and Burrowa Hermione had a cracker of a weekend competing for the first time. Tess did a lovely dressage test placing her in the top 5. A rail in the show jumping and a clear cross-country course kept her in 4<sup>th</sup> for an amazing end to the first event for Tess and Hermione.

Rosie Mison and Whiskey Jack performed a great dressage test placing 6<sup>th</sup>, a clear and smooth show jumping round was once again spoiled by the cross country, two refusals at a tricky jump was enough to knock Rosie out of the placings, however we all have our days.

Anne Lyell and Burrowa Serena also competed in the EvA80 class producing a wonderful dressage test placing in the top 10. A clear show jump and a few time penalties on cross country Anne still managed to move up four places to 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Team Mison/Lyell for some incredible efforts at Denman Horse Trials.

Well done to all Londonderry eventers at Denman Horse Trails. Additionally, some fellow Zone 19 riders competed including Hannah Turner, Clare Vandewater and Bree Baker from Kurrajong Pony Club.

Hannah Turner competed two horses, Locomotive Breath in the 1\* and Manhattan Express in the EvA95. Hannah completed a lovely dressage test on both horses a clean show jump round and a clear and undertime cross country course on both horses.

Clare Vandewater and Wisteria Lane competed for the first time in the EvA80, performing a smooth dressage test, a rail in the show jumping and a few time faults on cross country Clare should be commended on her efforts on the weekend.

Bree Baker riding Alkira Fromage BB conquered the EvA60 class producing a beautiful dressage test, clean show jumping round and immaculate cross-country Bree came out on top. Well done to fellow Zone 19 riders for their wonderful efforts on the weekend.

































