

# Petersfield PC Mounted Games Competition

## Seniors - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Having only been practicing for the past few weeks today was the first opportunity for our newly formed Mounted Games Teams to take part in a competitive competition. Petersfield PC was our hosts at their regular venue in Eashing, Surrey.

Our Senior Team was up first and taking part were Kitty Addison, Holly Fletcher, Kitty G-D, Serena Kullich and Oliver Shone. There are 8 different games and up against 11 other teams the competition would be run in two heats of 6 with the top three in each heat progressing to the final. A point is awarded to each team that completes their heat with additional points for those teams that make the final - 6 points for first down to 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup>. Any team who didn't correct errors in their heat would be eliminated and not score a point. Our goal today was to try and complete all 8 games successfully and hopefully finish with 8 points!



First up was "Bending" and for some unexplained reason at the first change over Holly's pony Polo just would not move - something that had never happened in practice! After brave persistence by Holly she won that battle but unfortunately this found the team finishing the heat in last place but we scored a point! We didn't fare any better in the second race "Bottle" again finishing last. The third race was "Old Sock" and due an infringement of the rules at a change over between both Kitty's the team was eliminated. In races four "Rope", five "Stepping Stones" and six "Two Mug" the team came very close to qualifying for the final finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in all three races.



Next up was race seven "Pony Club Pole" which is one of the longer races and one where speed and the ability to vault on your pony is a major benefit, something which our team has yet to master but

they are working on it! This resulted in a last place heat finish but still scoring that valuable point. The eighth and final race was "Five Flag" which has proved quite successful in practice but on this occasion the team finished in 5<sup>th</sup>.

Overall a great effort and team performance by all five members and judging from the smiling faces an enjoyable one too! It has certainly opened their eyes to the standard required to be successful at mounted games but the team spirit is already showing and it is clear they are looking forward to the next competition on the 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Congratulations!



