

'Everything else is a bonus'



Jane Critchley's Donnerouge, by Donatelli, triumphs at prix st georges

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ACCURACY and rhythm won the scantily supported prix st georges (PSG) class for Jane Critchley and her 14-year-old Donnerouge. They were also second in the more competitive advanced medium.

The gelding was the first horse Jane bought after a decade-long riding break. She now runs a livery yard where she breeds and produces young horses.

"When I bought Donnerouge 10 years ago, my main aim was PSG, so everything else he does is a bonus," said Jane. "He's not very good in warm-up situations and gets worried when horses start messing about."

"He had a bad experience in a



Former showjumper Phoenix V is turning to dressage under Ellie Deer

prize-giving as a five-year-old and it really frightened him, so as soon as horses start being naughty, he loses it. I just have to be very aware of others."

The pair, who are trained by Jane's mother and British Dressage judge Felicity Scott, are

working towards inter I and have a PSG wild card for the Area Festival final at Hartpury. They are also off to the regionals at advanced medium and PSG freestyle.

'A dream to ride'

BEST British-bred six-year-old mare Sport Horse Centre Carilla headed both the elementary qualifier and medium 75 under Louise Davison.

Owned and bred by Pat Ruck, the Flemmingh daughter is one of several promising horses bred at the centre and is currently on the World Class programme.

"I wasn't going to compete her this winter, but changed my mind and qualified for the regionals at elementary and medium music," said Louise. "I feel grateful to have the ride on her because she is a dream and so amazing."

The advanced medium went to Kate Byrom and her nine-year-old gelding WS Dominic.

Kate bought the horse two years ago from Henry Boswell, with whom she trains.

"Dominic is working at PSG and, though he can be sharp in the warm-up, he's gaining confidence in the arena," said Kate.

A happy ending

CARRIE ADAMS and Bransby Singing Impresario II headed the novice qualifier open section. Owned by Bransby Rescue Centre, the eight-year-old by Kroenungwalzer was one of five Trakehners rescued in a high-profile neglect case in 2008.

After the horse was rehabilitated, Carrie took him on to compete and act as an ambassador for the charity. The pair are now working at medium.

"Philip York, the charities' chief executive, wanted him to go to a competition home, because he is keen to promote the centre and keep the story of Suzanne



WS Dominic is gaining confidence in the arena under Kate Byrom

Jenkins, who neglected the horses and cost the charity about £120,000, alive," said Carrie.

"He's a super horse and lovely to work with. I'm excited about his future."

The novice restricted section was awarded to Ellie Deer and her sister Millie's former showjumping pony Phoenix V.

"I took over the ride because Millie was doing her GCSEs and didn't have time to compete her," said Ellie. "I trained her to do dressage and we started competing last September."

Ellie and the 10-year-old mare of unknown breeding have now qualified for the regionals at novice and are training at elementary level.

"I'm having a year out instead of going to uni and am enjoying being able to ride and compete," added Ellie. H&H

'He had to be lassoed'



MIKE KHAN's double elementary restricted winner And Some More is enjoying a new career as a dressage horse.

Known for having a bit of a temper, the 18-year-old Irish draught came from a big livery yard where the staff weren't too keen on entering his box.

"You couldn't go in the stable with him because he would corner you," explained Mike. "We used to have to climb out of the

window, and it got to the point where he had to be lassoed before you went in, but he is much better now."

Mike has owned the grey gelding — who could quite easily be mistaken for an Andalusian — since he was seven. The pair have enjoyed showjumping and hunting and only took up dressage a few months ago.

"I decided to take up dressage now that he is getting older and started having lessons with Harry Payne," said Mike.

"I was disappointed with our last outing, so I've been working on getting him more up in his frame. I could really feel an improvement today."



Dual winners Sport Horse Centre Carilla and Louise Davison impress

Results

Prelim 17 (F Scott). — 1, QEG Lux (F Horsepool) 70.77; 2, Tyersal Marguerita (C Anis) 66.92; 3, Brainscombe Francesca (K Arnold-Herrick) 66.73. **prelim 19Q (J Harvey)**. — 1eq, Castleview Larry (J Clark & Hocus Pokus (S Chipman) 68.41. **rest.** — 1, QEG Lux 73.41; 2, Ranscombe Francesca 72.73; 3, Red Megan (Z White) 70. **nov 23.** — 1, Jazz Time (L Garland) 70.56; 2, Trevena (S Hobbs) 68.33. **rest.** — 1, Storm Forces (F Horsepool) 66.48; 2, Pip Squeak (K Robertson) 65.56; 3, Anastazia (L Nazer) 65.37. **nov 39Q (S Smith)**. — 1, Bransby Singing Impresario II (C Adams) 65.86; 2, Anastazia 64.31; 3, Jazz Time 63.97. **rest.** — 1, Phoenix V (E Deer) 64.66; 2, Storm Force 60.69; 3, Millthyme Carina (S Newton) 60.34. **elem 45.** — 1, New Orleans (V Lowe) 66.21; 2, DHI Euro Star (J Shields) 63.62. **rest.** — 1, And Some More (M Khan) 61.72; 2, Schuh Shine (K Harrison) 59.83; 3, Numatin (B Algar) 55. **elem 59Q.** — 1, Sport Horse Centre Carilla (L Davison) 71.25; 2, New Orleans 65.31. **rest.** — 1, And Some More 65.78; 2, Rocco Granata (D Gianvilles) 65.63; 3, DHI Euro Star 65. **med 75Q (J Mead)**. — 1, Sport Horse Centre Carilla 67.84; 2, Retro Hit (H Boswell) 67.7. **rest.** — 1, Blue Chip Forever (J Stevenson) 63.24; 2, Got The Flight (J Clark) 61.08; 3, Rainbow Zest (A Bell) 59.46. **adv med 98Q.** — 1, WS Dominic (K Byrom) 67.63; 2, Donnerouge (J Critchley) 66.32; 3, Masterpiece (R Lovatt) 62.24. **rest.** — 1, TDS Up To You (L Wilcox-Reid) 56.58. **PSG.** — 1, Donnerouge 64.61; 2, Taimaino (J Stoyell) 57.5.