



Lucy Pincus, 12, scores the highest mark of the day to win section A of the novice restricted on Sheepcote Sandmartin

# Youth proves no obstacle to success

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By Ruth Pearce

THE highest scoring competitor at Petplan's Area Festival was also the youngest. Twelve-year-old Lucy Pincus partnered Sheepcote Sandmartin to a unanimous victory in the novice restricted section A with 72.24%, the pair earning a nine for an entry and half circles, as well as several eights.

Lucy has been riding the 14hh home-bred, by Wurlitzer (father David's grand prix ride) and out of a Welsh section B, for three years.

"We felt it was important that she

learnt to make the pony herself and she rides him most days," said mother Serena. "They do showing and workers and have qualified for the combined training finals."

Novice restricted section B winners Karen Beddows and Michael Angelo were contesting their first area festival.

"I've been dreaming of winning a sash for a long time," enthused Karen, who is also aiming to qualify for the novice music at the winter championships.

The Herefordshire rider works as a private groom and backed and brought on the 17.1hh five-year-old British-bred Hanoverian.

Clare Wilson and De Beer's Daytona took novice open section A. The seven-year-old was bought two years ago to show jump and event, and Clare admitted: "I'm going to have to put her up for sale. She'd rather do dressage and I want to event."

Based at the venue and gelded six weeks ago, Alessandro led the section B equivalent under Jo Greenaway. By Sandro B and out of a Polish-warmblood mare, Jo bought the four-year-old as a foal.



Karen Beddows' dream of winning a sash comes true on Michael Angelo

"Buying him was unplanned. I was looking for show results on a local website and pressed classifieds by mistake and saw him," explained the freelance teacher and rider who is also a technical adviser for treeless saddles.

Sam Fish and Cumeragh House

Mac qualified at medium open for the second year running, but are hoping to improve on last year's championship performance.

"We came last. It was windy, and someone scared him to death with a bag by the warm-up before we went in," recalled Sam.

She bought the 17.2hh, bred by Mr W Webster in Staffordshire, by the thoroughbred Pocketed and out of a shire mare, three years ago.

"He has a phenomenal trot, but he's sharp and nervous by nature. You just need to win his trust," added Sam.

Also 17.2hh, former hunter Charlton Blue headed the restricted under Helen Field.

"We bought him just-backed for my husband to bring on and hunt. I started riding him three years ago and only began doing dressage with him originally to sell. He won his first two novices and qualified for the regionals in one go," said the Somerset rider.

The prelim went to Laura Browne on Bonita Honey B, a nine-year-old thoroughbred-Irish draught, who she has owned with her sister for two and a half years.

They were competing in their first area festival and the Worcestershire rider works as a freelance groom.

Bary Hayes and Aderro Odin, the current Petplan medium restricted champions, moved up a level to lead at advanced medium.

"I've had him two years. He had some issues beforehand, but they didn't seem to materialise and we got on like a house on fire from day one," said Gloucestershire-based Bary, who is head of military aero engine operations at Rolls Royce.

Holly Fortin took the open with Hibicus Pavarotti. She bought the Dutch-bred nine years ago.

"He kept his movement when I rode him, even though he was just broken," said Holly, who also finished second at PSG to Joanna Potterton and Donna Eroica.

Joanna, a BHSI, has been riding pupil Sue Chant's mare for four years: "We both share the horse and the aim is to take her as far as she can go." **H&H**

## Results

**Prelim (M Tidmarsh, S Clinch).** — 1 Bonita Honey B (L Browne) 70.22; 2 Springfield Shadow Dancer (G Dyke) 69.77; 3 Carmel (C Clark) 69.09. **nov rest sect A (C Hogg, C Mirylees).** — 1 Sheepcote Sandmartin (L Pincus) 72.24; 2 Vigilant (C Merrett) 69.82; 3 Aza Baba (L Darby) 66.37. **nov rest sect B (S Leitch, D Cole).** — 1 Michael Angelo (K Beddows) 69.13; 2 Millbrook Park Emmanuel (R Beaves) 67.93; 3 Hauptstutbuch Wandall (J Rose) 66.89. **nov open sect A (J Tittley, A Holland).** — 1 De Beer's Daytona (C Wilson) 70.86; 2 Wajade (C Gaskin) 69.31; 3 Melway Precious Rose (C Wilson) 68.44. **nov open sect B (T Cowie, C Mirylees).** — 1 Alessandro (J Greenaway) 67.58; 2 Freelancer (C Collins) 66.03; 3 Will D Beast (A Webb) 65.68. **elem rest (S Leitch, D Scrimgeour).** — 1 Wind Dance (S Cullen) 66.32; 2 Torvanck (C Limbrick) 64.85; 3 Fitting's Essence Of Honey (E Corless)

64.55. **elem open (C Thornton, S Petty).** — 1 Mariquita (D McCafferty) 67.35; 2 Filippo (A Brown) 66.17; 3 Twilight S (S Cox) 66.17. **med rest (C Thornton, A Bennie).** — 1 Charlton Blue (H Field) 63.93; 2 Cool Cruise (D Clark) 63.63; 3 Walk Tall III (A Heard) 63.33. **med open (S Petty, C Thornton).** — 1 Cumeragh House Mac (S Fish) 63.78; 2 Melway Precious Rose (C Wilson) 63.63; 3 Amazon's Grandson (P Nash) 63.33. **adv med rest (S Petty, A Bennie).** — 1 Aderro Odin (B Hayes) 63.38; 2 Winetou (K Forsyth) 61.76; 3 Amazon's Grandson (P Nash) 61.32. **adv med open (S Petty, A Bennie).** — 1 Hibicus Pavarotti (H Fortin) 66.47; 2 Lincoln (A Scott) 62.94; 3 Razzamatuzz VI (S Biggins) 62.5. **PSG (S Petty, C Thornton).** — 1 Donna Eroica (J Potterton) 63.81; 2 Hibicus Pavarotti 63.42; 3 Caratino (C Green) 63.02.

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Jo Greenaway on finding her novice section B winner Alessandro by mistake