

Redtail Ridge hosted our first ever Eventing Derby on August 1, 2009. The competition ran as a combined test with the added twist that the jumping phase (usually held in the sand ring) was contested in the meadow below the house and included both stadium and cross-country fences! The day was sparkling sunny blue with a bit of a breeze – atypical for August but very beautiful and welcome.

Attendance for the Derby was a bit shy so the show committee opted to score the competition as a “percentage” class. That is, each participant competed at their respective level (from Very Green to Novice) but instead of awarding ribbons for each level, one set of ribbons was awarded with first through sixth awarded beginning with the low penalty score and working upward. This allowed us to run the show even with smaller than usual attendance.

Dressage took place in the sand ring with the scores running between lower 30's to mid-40's. Our guest judge, Mimi Combs was encouraging but accurate with her written comments and remarked that she thought everyone was suitably mounted and working well. After the Dressage Phase, Anne Claire Christiaen and her horse *Java Jive* led the field with the low penalty score of 31. Close behind was Tara Williamson on *Lena's Lucky Badger*, Jennifer Wilkes on *Bold Winter Diamond*.

The jumping phase ran very well and ended up altering a few placings. However, all competitors finished well; pleased horses and smiling riders.

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Division</u>
1. Jennifer Wilkes	<i>Bold Winter Diamond</i>	33.0	VG
2. Martha Slamer	<i>Loughins Journey</i>	34.0	N
3. Martha Slamer	<i>Woodchuck Ridge's Nainsi</i>	35.0	N
4. Kalista Miller	<i>Parxet</i>	36.8	BBN
5. Autumn Grogan	<i>Moonshine</i>	40.0	VG
6. Kasha Burroughs	<i>Bee Bop</i>	43.0	BN