



Lucy Pincus and Sheepcote Sandmartin on their way to victory.

Lucy and Spike lift national title

DRESSAGE rider Lucy Pincus, from Bartestree, won a prestigious national title on the first day of the Dressage Deluxe national championships at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire.

Riding her mother Serena's seven-year-old 14.1hh gelding Sheepcote Sandmartin, she headed a field of 27 finalists to win the Centaur Biomechanics Preliminary Championships with a score of 70.45 per cent.

"He felt a bit tense at the start of the test but he coped well with atmosphere," said the 13-year-old. "It's our first nationals and I'm absolutely thrilled with him."

Pincus and Sheepcote Sandmartin, known as Spike at home, have enjoyed a great year as they also won the novice restricted area festival championship in the spring.

Describing the Sheepcote Wurlitzer-sired pony Pincus said: "He is quite forward and sharp but is very kind to deal with generally."