

Both Meg Palmer and Margaret Thompson took part in "Teams of Three" competitions in the fifties and sixties, which ran at several prestigious horse shows and were open to riding club teams.

Margaret recalls that they were initially marked on turnout; cuff-links not shirt buttons, matching button-holes, spurs and garter-straps in identical positions and, of course, the soles of boots were polished and spotless. The horses were ridden in double bridles. The team performed a display in unison which usually included jumping together.

Royal Windsor Horse Show



16th May 1959, Ring 1, the Royal Windsor Show. Ann Crawford (Jemima), Ann Jacob (Afton) and Meg Palmer (Melody) came 6th in Teams of Three.

In 1963 a rosette for fifth place in Teams of Three at Royal Windsor was presented to Margaret Thompson by Queen Elizabeth II.



Royal International Horse Show, White City
(left) Margaret Thompson's rosettes from Teams of Three in the The Royal International Horse

Show at White City; fourth in 19863, fifth in 1964 and 1965.

(below left)In 1963, Rosemary Charrington, Deirdre Robinson and Margaret Thompson were third in Teams of Three at The Royal International Horse Show, held at White City.

(bottom) : Deirdre Robinson, Margaret Thompson and ??? at The Royal International Horse Show, White City in 1964 or 1965.



Ascot Jumping Show, 1964



At the Ascot Jumping Show on 14th August, 1964, Sevenoaks Riding Club won the Dobson Challenge Cup for Teams of Three. Pictured (above left) are Meg Palmer riding Halloo and Margaret Thompson riding Winter's Moon, two of the team.