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RIDER: SAM GRIFFITHS

HORSE:

75 HAPPY TIMES, dark bay gelding, 16.1 hh, 1999, s: Heraldik, d: Hauptstutbuch Mandy,
Breed: Warmblood x TB, *Country of Birth:* United Kingdom
Owners: **Dinah Posford**, Chobham, Surrey, **Juliet Donald**, Hook, Hants., & **Rider**

British-based Australian rider Sam (38) grew up on a small farm near Melbourne and started riding as his mothers' homebred Welsh section B ponies. After gaining a BA in geography Sam took a year out to travel and to earn money took a job with UK based Blyth Tait and then a show jumping yard in New York. On returning to the UK he based himself with fellow citizen Matt Ryan and after three years started his own yard.

Success with Private Colin and Connigar Bay meant that in 2004 and '08 he was short-listed for the Olympic Games and in 2009 he gained his best result ever coming third at Badminton with Happy Times – a German-bred gelding who was originally sold through the Brightwells sales. Last year the combination was selected for the WEG but failed to complete.

Sam is married to British event rider and photographer Lucy and in 2009 the pair moved to a yard on the Dorset-Somerset border. As well as riding Sam enjoys fishing and gardening.

Recent Results

2010 – Boekelo CCI*** 15th Danaan Prince
2010 – Hartpury CIC*** 19th Happy Times
2010 – Chatsworth CIC***W 1st Happy Times
2010 – Belton Park CIC*** 1st Happy Times
2009 – Burghley CCI**** 3rd Happy Times
2008 – Saumur CCI*** 1st Happy Times
2007 – Burghley CCI**** 11th Connigar Bay
2006 – Burghley CCI**** 8th Connigar Bay
2005 – Burghley CCI**** 15th Connigar Bay'
2004 Reserve for Athens Olympics for the Australian team

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2009 – 3rd Happy Times
2008 – 26th Connigar Bay
2007 – Withdrew after dressage Connigar Bay
2006 – 26th Connigar Bay
2004 – 6th Private Colin

