International Side Saddle Show & Polish Champions

The Polish Side Saddle Championships combined with an International Side Saddle Competition took place on the 1st and 2nd of October in Lewada Zakrzów. Side-saddle riding in Poland has been growing in numbers over the last decade, and 24 riders from three countries (Great Britain, Czech Republic and Poland) took part in the event. The two-day competition consisted of 16 tests.

Virginia Bulawa – Dziarmaga Polish Jumping Champion (left) and Aleksandra Adamczyk Polish Dressage Champion (photo Rozalia Bachula)

 We are proud to have hosted 4 riders from abroad. On the Friday before the competition Mr Roger Philpot amazed us all with his saddle-fitting skills, followed by a seminar on side-saddle attire, turnout and jumping techniques later that evening. Present throughout the whole three days were very special guests from the Czech Republik – Ramik Side-saddle team and Saddlery. Side-saddles of their make were pronounced fine by the master himself, Mr Roger Philpot. The Polish Side-saddle Championships were held in both Dressage and Jumping. Larysa Sadlos won the Polish Junior Dressage Championship and the Polish Dressage Champion title went to Aleksandra Adamczyk for the *third* year

running. Virginia Bulawa-Dziarmaga won the Polish Jumping Championships for the third year running too. Other classes at the show consisted of Open Equitation, Freestyle to Music, Historical Costume, Concours d'Elegance, Novice class and a Champagne Challenge.

The Open Equitation class affiliated to the Side-Saddle Association was held in Poland for the first time ever and was judged by Mr Roger Philpot. The first prize went to Aleksandra Łuszkiewicz (pictured below) and Karolina Frankelova from the Ramik Side-Saddle Team won Best Turn Out.

The riders from abroad acquitted themselves extraordinarily well with Elizabeth Rogers coming second and Karolina Frankelova coming third in the International Adult Intermediate Dressage.

Aleksandra Łuszkiewicz