

## M33/495 Silverlea Scandal 1999

*(Silverlea Spotlight / Silverlea Blueberry III by Silverlea Michaelmas)*

Bred by Joyce Stainer



I purchased Scandal as a two year old and she has been completely home produced. In her younger days she enjoyed a varied career...showed successfully in-hand and under saddle as well as competing in show jumping and x country.

Brought back into work by April my daughter, who was just 9, Scandal taught her to ride. After extensive lessons with Louise Lucas (BHS Accredited Coach) who has competed at HOYS level, a relationship began to flourish and April's love of showing developed. April started showing in the Veteran classes two years ago when Scandal was 25 and April was 12. Since then the pair have notched up many wins and in 2016 they qualified for the VHS Veteran Supreme Championships which was held at Bury Farm...being placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Supreme Final and 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the M&M Supreme, with April also being placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Young Rider of the Year.

They qualified again last year for the finals, but this was sadly cut short when April had a riding accident and broke her leg in two places resulting in an operation. Determined to not let this get her down, April got back in the saddle as soon as possible and has been out competing since the beginning of the year.

Scandal is now 27 and April is 14 and the pair seem to be on top form...already gaining several firsts, qualifying for Sunshine Tours at Hickstead and the VHS M&M Supreme Final at Arena UK. April and Scandal have also qualified through to the second round of the SSADL Olympia qualifier and was absolutely stunned to win out of a strong class of 17 at South of England Show, with some beautiful horses there and Scandal being the second smallest in the class!

April works hard, balancing looking after Scandal and her younger ponies with school work...winning at such a large show makes all the effort worthwhile.

**Susy O'Driscoll**