

claimed third spot in open intermediate (OI) section J with the white-faced Mr Potts.

Two for Townend

TWO of the three OI sections went the way of Oliver Townend.

Karyn Shuter's ex-racehorse Black Tie II, who is out of the same mare (Deebee Lady) as William Fox-Pitt's 2011 Burghley winner Parklane Hawk, made it two wins from two when he added another win to his Oasby triumph a fortnight earlier.

"He's come out better than ever this year," said Oliver of the 13-year-old. "He's not a world beater, but he's a real trier and a classy jumper."

Oliver's second winner came in section I with Stephen and Victoria Hazeldine and the Mitchell Fox Group's Cavalier Two For Joy 10-year-old Skyhills Cavalier.

"He's not straightforward — he's quite a hot horse, but he has all the talent," continued the 2009 Badminton winner, who overtook long-time leaders Michael Owen and Bradeley Law at the final flag fall.

Christopher Burton scored an emphatic win in the third OI



Oliver Townend takes the spoils in two OI sections on Skyhills Cavalier (pictured) and Black Tie II

section with the eight-year-old Wild Duchess — a third victory from just four starts.

"She's the perfect horse — there's nothing she can't do," said Christopher, who has Philip Kolossa's mare on his yard to sell.

Winning For Fun

IT is a rare sight to see William Fox-Pitt with his foot down at a one-day event, but he let the throttle off more than usual on the super classy Henton For Fun. They took the top spot in intermediate

section H, adding 11.6 time-faults to a dressage score of 28.2.

"William said he gave him a super ride, so we're really excited to be taking him back to Tattersalls for the CCI2* — he was second in the one-star there last