

Welcome to the March newsletter. How appealing it is to be getting up in the daylight, even if it does mean that muddy ponies are just all the more visible. Spring is in the air, time to come out of hibernation and start looking forward to all 3 days of summer!

Club Nights

A big thank you to our demonstrators Aileen Harvey and Andrew Wilson for an informative and interesting evening at West Kype stables last month. Thanks also to our host Linda Anderson for providing the venue and equine "models" and also Gillian Anderson for her fantastic home baking. Next club night is the rider's test where we are expected to provide our own entertainment. See below for more details.

Teams

We had two teams at Ingliston last month for the Area 1 team dressage qualifier. Despite pretty windy and challenging conditions in the outdoor arena there were some good marks and individual placings (sadly not from me; Sheona very generously described my horse as being at the races!). Many thanks to Gillian, Nicky, Angela (x2), Liz and Suzy for representing us and also everyone else who came along to help and give support.

Next up is the rescheduled hunter trial at Titwood on Sunday 5th April. Team entries stand from October but if you want to take part in a team or as an individual get in touch with Sheona ASAP as there may still be spaces. Also it won't be long until the outdoor Show Jumping in June or until the Summer Dressage which we are hosting in July. It's never too early to let Sheona know if your interested in competing - don't wait for her to come to you!

Festival Association Champions – Spring Show

A reminder that the Schedule for the above, held at S.N.E.C, is now available from the festival web site.

www.festivalassociation.co.uk

Dressage kicks the show off on Thursday 16th April, followed by three jam packed days of showing with classes for everyone. Remember you don't have to have qualified to enter and the organizers strive to create a big event atmosphere so have a look and think about going along.

Core Path Plan SLC

South Lanarkshire Council draft core paths plan gives riders and carriage drivers, as well as other users and land managers, the opportunity to comment on both the content and the proposed extent of the core paths network. Please take the time to look at the plan and comment if you have not already done so by 31st March at

http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/portal/page/portal/EXTERNAL_WEBSITE_DEVELOPMENT/SLC_ONLINE_HO ME/SLC_NEWS/NOTICE_BOARD?SPECIAL_CONTENT_ID=18375

to go direct to the consultation. You can comment in various ways, either on the website, or by post or email. As well as on the website, copies of the document are available to be viewed at main council offices and libraries. Please comment on good routes already included, as well as desired routes, and routes with obstructions on them. This and further info is found on the BHS Scotland website.

Tuesday 24th March in the Fairweather Hall at Newton Mearns and will be a talk by **Fiona McLellan**, MRCVS BVMS who is also a qualified **Equine Chiropractor**. Fiona's passion for horses outwith her veterinary work has clearly had a big influence on her career, and British Driving Society West of Scotland Branch look forward to hearing all about both during her visit with us at the end of the month. Everyone is welcome, as usual, members or not - £4 payable at the door with tea/coffee included. Starts 7.30pm.

SCHOOLING NIGHTS

The schooling sessions continue to be popular and we are running the same cycle of instructors for April. There will hopefully be Andrew Hamilton sessions booked in the next few months too so keep an eye out for these and let us know if you would be interested. To book in to any of the sessions call Kim (07525195589) or contact her through the Polnoon web site (contact us). The date's, times and costs are as follows:

MARCH

Fri 20th David Gatherer (Southmuirhead) 5pm-6pm: 6pm-7pm: 7pm-8pm: 8pm-9pm £TBC

APRIL

Thurs 2nd Liz Love (Southmuirhead) 7pm-7.45pm: 7.45pm-8.30pm: 8.30pm-9.15pm £18
Wed 8th Pauline Mckee 7pm-8pm: 8pm-9pm: 9pm-10pm £18
Wed 15th Andrew Wilson 7pm-8pm: 8pm-9pm: 9pm-10pm £18
Fri 17th David Gatherer from 5pm cost TBC

CLUB NIGHTS

Riders Test @ Greenfields 25th March – From 7pm

Copies of the tests were enclosed with the February newsletter. If you don't have one get in touch and I'll send you one (clarehiggins80@hotmail.com) Remember the judge is marking the rider rather than the horse in this competition so you do not need to have a 'dressage' horse to compete successfully (not sure if that's a good thing!). They are looking for a correct position and use of the aids. Test 6 is not at all complicated and is just basic movements at walk, trot and canter. Test 8 is a bit more difficult and includes a turn on the forehand and simple changes of leg in canter. Still, you're among friends so why not have a go at 8 instead of 6 this year.

Details/Eligibility:

Steward: TBC

Class 1 – Intro – Riding Test 6(2003) - for riders that have never been placed in any Dressage or Riding Test competitions (excepting PCRA Club Nights).

Class 2 – Novice – Riding Test 6(2003) - restricted to horses with no more than 5 BD points and riders who do not hold AI or above. The same rider/horse combination cannot compete in this if they have already won it twice.

Class 3 – Open – Riding Test 8(2004) - no restrictions.

Club trophies are awarded to the winners of Classes 2 and 3 provided they joined before the end December deadline, failing which the trophy will be awarded to the highest placed Club Member eligible.

Cost: £5

Booking: Pre-entry only. Please phone Sheona McNeill anytime to book a place and also phone Sheona on Monday 23rd for your time.

You can only compete in one test although you may be able to go HC in another if there are places.

April 29th @ Maidenhill, Newton Mearns – Marksman, Idyll Art, Shand Show Jumping

This will be run again as a four event competition as it was well received and attended last year. Trophies are awarded to the horse and rider combinations who have gained the most points in their best three out of the four nights provided they joined before the end December deadline, failing which the trophy will be awarded to the highest placed Club Member eligible. The night starts with Clear Round at approx. 2' 3" and the heights will rise gradually throughout the following 3 classes. The maximum for the 1st round of the Open will be 3ft and probably closer to 2'9"

Stewards: TBC

Details/Eligibility: riders must be paid up members of the club prior to the commencement of the class. There are no restrictions on the Idyll Art (intermediate) and Shand (open) but to compete in the Marksman (novice) the horse and rider combination **must NEVER have won 3 firsts in any SJ competitions or have won £5**. You can compete in 2 classes, one of which must be the Idyll Art (excluding Clear Round).

Cost: TBC

Booking: Pre-booking is not required but please note that CR will be for strictly half an hour from 7.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. so be there in plenty of time if you want to ride in the CR first. The Novice class will start promptly at 7.30 and those who have paid for a CR but not presented at the gate will have their fee refunded.

May 13th @ Maidenhill, Newton Mearns – Style Jumping (used to be called Equitation Jumping)

Full details next month

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Diary Dates 2009

March	18 th	Schooling session with Andrew Wilson @ Southmuirhead
	25 th	Club Night – Riders Test @ Greenfield's
April	5 th	Area 1 Hunter Trials @ Titwood Equestrian
	29 th	Marksman Shand 1 st round @Maidenhill
May	13 th	Style jumping @Maidenhill
	27 th	Marksman Shand 2 nd round @TBC
June	20 th	PCRA open show jumping show @ Maidenhill
	21st	Area 1 Outdoor Show Jumping @ Biggar Show Ground
	24 th	Marksman Shand 3 rd round
July	18 th & 19 th	Area 1 Dressage @ Greenfield's

OUT& ABOUT

If you have any results you would like added to 'Out & About', please let Sheona or Clare have details of them. Sheona does try to take a note of any club members' successes which she sees but even she cannot be at every event.

Lois Young & FarneyStar : 2nd Open Affiliated EI42@Rowallan

Susie Reid & Dramatiste: 6th Nov27 team test @ area 1 winter dressage

Liz McKay & Noeriv Sun Maid: 1st P12 team test, 6th p13 sec A @ area 1 winter dressage

Joanne McNeil & Inishmore: 6th aff r EI42, 8th aff r EI 58 @ winter regional finals @ Rowallan

Margaret Munroe & Craigloch Ferdinand: 1st unaff P14@ Rowallan

Angela Mulhearn & Raghill Autumn Shades: 5th Nov 27 team test @ area 1 winter dressage

Jayne Frost & Ramon: 4th intro section 1 @ Ingliston arena event

Natalie Innes & Lenamore Playgirl: 6th Intro section 1 @ Ingliston arena event

Members Add's

16.2hh Bay warmblood gelding 12yrs

Fantastic temperament, hacks alone/in company, done all riding club activities, super all rounder
Contact Debbie for more information 07935097115

FOR SALE contact Jemma Docherty Jemma.Docherty@selexgalileo.com or 07763 754 226

- 17.5" Med/wide fit Black leather show/WH saddle. Only 2 years old, hardly used. Beautifully made with square cantle and leg roll on saddle flaps. Must be seen £400 ovno
- 17" Brown Wintec dressage saddle complete with 2 brackets (blue and black) Excellant Condition £150
- Ladies Mears hacking jacket size 38" Excellent condition. £50
- Size 5 Long leather boots by wheatley. Beautiful boots only worn a handful of times. Cost £380 sell for £60
- Heinigar Clippers complete with 2 sets of blades (blades alone are £30 each) Been well looked after and regularly serviced. £180
- Brown Double bridle F/S flat hunter noseband and brow band. Without bits £40 or with bits which include a KK bradoon £100.

Sadly for sale due to work commitments,

Mikey, a 17hh Irish sports horse.

Rising eight, Mikey has excellent straight, free paces, He is competing up to Elementary in affiliated Dressage, and qualified for and was placed in the Scottish Regional's as a 4, 5 and 6 year old. He has 13 BD points from only a few outings so can continue in Prelim tests for a while if required, where he is rarely out of the top three. Although excelling in dressage, Mikey is certainly a Ridden Hunter prospect given his conformation and way of going. He hasn't done much jumping, mostly due to rider nerves but has schooled over pre-novice fences at Houston and competed in a few unaffiliated SJ and Working Hunter classes. Mikey is fine to shoe, clip and box

and hacks out alone or in company. He is fit and ready to go now and a superb prospect for a relatively experienced rider, particularly someone interested in dressage. This is a very reluctant sale.
Offers around £4,500 Tel: 07793 549925 or 01505 502137