

Welcome to the April newsletter. Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin...

Calling all members lost in cyberspace!

For some of you this may be the first newsletter you have received naturally along with everyone else. Many apologies if this is the case, hopefully we have now managed to stream roller out any technical faults that have caused some members to drop mysteriously off the mailing list. If you know of any member still not receiving this much sought after publication then please ask them to contact Pat. Thanks for your continued patience with this matter..! As a result of the above, the deadline for members joining to be eligible for club trophies has been moved to the end of March. Pat can also be contacted if you'd like your BRC membership card posted out to you, or alternatively collect it at any club night.

Liz Love DVD Night on Biomechanics

This informal evening was so well received we have decided to run it on a bigger more interactive scale. It is hoped that the DVD and discussion can be incorporated into an event where you can bring your horse and be coached through putting the theory into practice. Probably it will not go ahead until the end of the summer, but keep it in mind and let us know if you have any ideas on how we can make it as successful as possible. In the mean time it may be feasible to run the informal version again, let a committee member know if you'd be interested.

Beach Ride and BBQ

At the mere hint of sunshine its time to look forward to this annual event at Irvine beach. As always we meet in the Magnum overflow car park. Show up and ride whenever you like, Jayne and co will have the fires burning and raring to go from 7pm. Bring your own burgers etc, but drinks, sauces, rolls will be provided for tiny contribution to funds. This is an open event, the more the merrier so bring along a friend, four legged or otherwise.

Support Our Sponsors

Over the years the club has been very fortunate to have had great support from a number of sponsors. Without their generosity many events would not be able to run to full capacity and those much sought after trophies would not be nearly as dazzling! With the summer shows nearly upon us and particularly in these cash strapped times we'd like to encourage our members to support our sponsors where they can.

Area Horse Trials @ Greenfields of Avondale

Despite being widely publicised as being held on the 4th July, I have been assured the correct date is **Sunday the 5th July**. (No one is to inform my horse, he currently thinks it's the 4th and that I'll be too busy at a wedding to take him. If he finds out he'll just get *another* sick note!) As you may know, Greenfields are running their own horse trials the previous week. At the moment the current advice is that as the course will be different it would be possible to compete in both. However you cannot train on the course 6 weeks previous to the area qualifiers so be careful if you are intending on going along to any schooling sessions at the venue. Any updates on this will be published in upcoming newsletters or on website. Alternatively speak to Sheona when entering. Which brings us nicely on to...

Polnoon Teams

The Area Show Jumping is nearly upon us. Sheona is looking for a novice team which is game to try and retain the title won at Lincoln last year so get in touch with her soon. Anyone wishing to take part in a team is welcome. If you missed the info sheet in the Feb newsletter explaining what sort of level you should be competing at to correspond with the BRC classes, let me know and I'll get you a copy.

March Club Night

Many thanks to Kate Henderson and Barbara McIntyre for their help with the rider's test night. Also to Sheila McKenzie for judging and the Gillilands for Greenfields

SCHOOLING

The schooling sessions continue to be very popular and we now have to run a waiting list when demand exceeds supply. So the advice is to get your name down quickly. The working procedure is that your space will be confirmed on booking and your time will be allotted no later than 48 hours prior to the session to enable groups to be as evenly matched etc as possible. David Gatherer lessons are always over subscribed, congrats to Kim for emotionally bribing him into giving us four sessions last time! Normally we can only run three sessions as is the case this time on the 24th April. Kim has been collecting names interested in having a lesson with David since before he confirmed his dates, as requested in earlier newsletters. She is currently trying to accommodate everyone; if she doesn't manage to squeeze you in this time make sure you're on the list for next! As always she is keen to hear suggestions if you've any trainers you'd like the club to try.

Our goal is to offer affordable, accessible training for everyone and we are in the fortunate position of being able to subsidise this. However, if people cancel at the last minute and their space cannot be filled in time, the club is considerably out of pocket, meaning the pot dries up for everyone. Please keep this in mind when booking/canceling. If insufficient notice is given (48 hours) without exceptional circumstances the club would expect the fee for the lesson to be paid unless the space can be filled. This is in everyone's best interests.

APRIL

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| Wed 22 nd | Andrew Wilson | Southmuirhead | 7pm-8pm: 8pm-9pm: 9pm-10pm | £18 |
| Fri 24 th | David Gatherer | Southmuirhead | 5pm-6pm: 6pm-7pm: 7pm-8pm | £23 |

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| Thurs 7 th | Liz Love | Southmuirhead | 7pm-7.45pm: 7.45pm-8.30pm: 8.30-9.15pm | £18 |
| Wed 13 th | Pauline McKee | Southmuirhead | 7pm-8pm: 8pm-9pm: 9pm-10pm | £18 |
| Wed 20 th | Andrew Wilson | Southmuirhead | 7pm-8pm: 8pm-9pm: 9pm-10pm | £18 |

CLUB NIGHTS

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

This is now a four round competition. 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 of March 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"

Steward: Thelma Black

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: £5

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 (£3).

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

There is a trophy for the winner of classes 2 and 3 to be presented at the annual dinner, provided they joined before the end March deadline, failing which the trophy will be awarded to the highest placed Club Member eligible.

There will be a speed class at the end of the evening if time and the light allows.

This is a competition where style is taken into account as well as jumping a clear round. Details are as follows:

Objective – is to encourage riders to adopt a correct jumping position and to ride their horses with sufficient impulsion to maintain a balanced and rhythmical pace.

Judging – each obstacle will attract a maximum number of marks to be given for the rider's position, presentation of the horse to the fence and correct style of both horse and rider, both over the fence and on landing. The judge may award up to 20 marks for the rider's position on the flat.

Riding the Test – having saluted the judge, the competitor must canter, including a change of rein, until given the signal to start. After completing the course the competitor must continue to canter, on the same rein, until the signal to leave the arena is given.

Penalties – knocking down any part of an obstacle, including the wing, 2 marks. First refusal on the course – 2 marks, 2nd refusal on the course 6 marks, 3rd refusal on the course – elimination. Elimination is also incurred for a fall of the horse or rider, taking the wrong course, failing to salute the judge, commencing before the signal to start has been given or for leaving the arena before the second signal. **This is a great way to get written feedback on your jumping technique if nothing else so if you've not tried it give it a go!**

Judge: TBC

Steward: TBC

Details/Eligibility: riders must be paid up members of the club before commencement of their class.

Riders can only compete in one EJ class but can take part HC in another if they wish.

Class 1 Intro – neither horse nor rider to have ever competed BSJA, British Eventing or at RC Area Qualifiers. Riders not to have any BHS qualifications. Height of fences approx 2'3".

Class 2 Novice – Horses not to have won any BSJA money in the last 5 years and riders not to have BHSAI or above. Height of fences approx 2'6".

Class 3 Open – height approx. 2'9".

Saddlery & /equipment – only snaffle bridles may be worn. Only one nose band, either cavesson, flash or drop. A whip between 18-20 inches may be carried. No martingales, side, running, draw, check or bearing reins are allowed. Market Harboroughs are not allowed. No Spurs. Bandages and boots may be worn.

Booking: No pre-booking required – just come along on the night.

Cost: TBC

Riders Test – results

Class 1 - Intro

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| John McIntyre | Calamanco | 134 | 67.00 | 1st |
| Alison Smith | William | 133 | 66.50 | 2nd |
| Linda Smith | Corrie | 132 | 66.00 | 3rd |
| Shirley Craig | Copper | 132 | 66.00 | 4th |
| Ann Boyd | Allbrite | 129 | 64.50 | 5th |
| Charlotte Morison | Faprete | 126 | 63.00 | 6th |

Class 2 – Novice

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| Angela McLean | Oakley | 143 | 71.50 | 1st |
| Nicky Suckle | Mr Rochester | 137 | 68.50 | 2nd= |
| Gillian Beattie | Tornado | 137 | 68.50 | 2nd= |
| Ruth Brownlie | Tarquin | 135 | 67.50 | 4th= |
| Gillian Dunbar | Anasazi | 135 | 67.50 | 4th= |
| Claire Higgins | Yashi | 129 | 64.50 | 6th |

Class 3 – Open

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| Joanne McNeill | Inishmore | 145 | 72.50 | 1st |
| Angela Mulhearn | Raggithill Autumn Shades | 137 | 68.50 | 2nd |
| Susan Fairfield | McCallum of Millfield | 134 | 67.00 | 3rd |
| Angela Mulhearn | Pepsi | 132 | 66.00 | 4th= |
| Sheona McNeill | Santa's Ghost | 132 | 66.00 | 4th= |
| Veronica Martin | Butler | 132 | 66.00 | 4th= |

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Diary Dates 2009

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| April | 29 th | Marksman Shand 1 st round @Maidenhill |
| May | 13 th | Style jumping @Maidenhill |
| | 27 th | Marksman Shand 2nd 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 venue TBC |
| July | 5 th | Area 1 Horse Trials @ Greenfields of Avondale |
| | 18th &19th | 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.

Thelma Black & Hovis: 2nd Intermediate SJ @ Ayr Riding club.

Thelma Black & Maxemico: 3rd Rowallan/Scottish Farmer Prelim Qualifier @ Rowallan.

Gillian Dunbar & Anasazi: 3rd Intermediate Combined Training @ Ayr Riding Club.

Shirley Craig & Copper: 3rd Novice Novice SJ and 3rd Novice Novice Combined training @ Ayr Riding Club.

Jayne Frost & Ramon: 1st Intermediate combined training & 6th Elementary 43 at Ayr Riding Club.

Leigh Harkins & Captain Sensible: 4th ex racers @ Ayrshire Riding club.

Natalie Innes & Playboy: 2nd Warm-up Prelim & 1st Rowallan/Scottish farmer and 2nd Unaffiliated P4 at Rowallan.

Natalie Innes & Benjamin Button: 3rd Rowallan/Scottish Farmer qualifier @ Jumps.

Angela McKinna & Fergal: 1st Restricted Prelim, 1st Restricted Novice to music and 6th Rowallan/ SF Novice Final.

Joanne McNeill & Inishmore: 1st Rowallan/ Scottish Farmer Elementary 44, 1st Rowallan/Scottish Farmer Medium 63 @ Jumps, 1st RCH, 3rd Show Hunter, 3rd Turn out at NARC.

Sheona McNeill & Santa's Ghost: 1st Restricted Medium 63 and 3rd Restricted Medium 73 @ Rowallan. 1st RH and 3rd RCH @ NARC.

Laura Smith & One Step Beyond: 1st ex racers, 2nd RCH @ NARC. 1st ridden hack, 2nd Ridden Ex race horse and Ex race horse reserve champion at Ingliston Grand Slam

Lois Young & Farney Star: 1st Affiliated Novice at Rowallan.

Carol White & Verona: 1st Novice Novice @ Ayr Riding Club.