

**Welcome** ladies gentlemen and Eskimos to the February newsletter. On the plus side we have been spending a lot less time than usual being stuck in the mud, if a little more dancing on ice.

### AREA Teams

Despite "Minus Baltic" conditions at SNEC on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 19 teams lined up to battle it out to be area 1 indoor show jumping champions. Both our teams jumped super 1<sup>st</sup> rounds, with one clear and one on just 4 faults. The long wait between rounds took its toll on freezing horses and riders but both teams finished on a very respectable 8 faults a piece. Earlier, Gillian Beattie and Tornado took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the warm (!) up class and Suzy Reid and Magnus 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to everyone.

Lesley McCulloch – Bellisimo  
Trisha Hunter- Craigloch Ferdinand  
Natalie Innes- Lenamore Playgirl  
6<sup>th</sup> place team

Gillian Beattie- Tornado  
Jayne Frost- Ramon  
Suzy Reid- Magnus  
Natalie Innes- Benjamin Button  
7<sup>th</sup> place team

Next up is the turn of the dressage enthusiasts at Ingliston on the 28th. So far Ruth Brownlie, Angela Mulhearn, Liz McKay, Clare Higgins, Nicky Suckle and Gillian Dunbar are looking out the long Johns and getting ready to take part. We still need one member to ride a novice or prelim test, if interested get in touch with Sheona now.

**A reminder again that the postponed hunter trial will hopefully go ahead on April 5<sup>th</sup> at Titwood. If you had entered in October your entry stands, please let Sheona know if you can't compete.**

Looking ahead, there has been a change of date for the outdoor show jumping, which will take place on the **21<sup>st</sup> June** at Biggar Show Ground. Greenfields of Avondale is now the venue for the horse trials on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, as well as the Outdoor Dressage which Polnoon is running on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Everyone can take part in club teams and those that do have a great time, buoyed up by their team mates. If you're keen to have a go, see the attached sheet to give you an idea as to what level you should be competing at to be eligible. Teams are mostly about having fun and enjoying competing without pressure but as always its safety first.

### SCHOOLING NIGHTS

Many members have been taking advantage of our almost weekly schooling nights. Horses and riders have been enjoying fun, relaxed and informative evenings and the feedback from all has been excellent. A surprisingly large number of brave spectators have turned out as well (and kindly rug-sat, Kim's champion collection coming in useful for keeping them warm) and been entertained as well as informed. We were in stitches when Pauline asked new-to-schooling Ali if she'd put her stirrups up for jumping and Ali asked "Both of them?" (Ali later informed us she thought Pauline was suggesting they might be uneven!). Ali is a great example of how the schooling sessions can be accessed by all, she, a self confessed tearaway, after 2 lessons has discovered her horse CAN canter a circle and has started talking about outlines and changes within the pace (previously Bailey did FAST, FAST, FASTER and WARPE SPEED). Lessons are filling up quickly, if you want a slot give Kim a call, or come along and be a spectator, everyone welcome. New dates to be added next month.

### FEBRUARY

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Andrew Wilson 7pm-7.45pm, 7.45pm-8.30pm, 8.30-9.15pm £18 session

### MARCH

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup><sup>h</sup> Liz Love 7pm-7.45pm, 7.45pm-8.30pm, 8.30-9.15pm £18 session  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup><sup>h</sup> Pauline McKee 7pm-7.45pm, 7.45pm-8.30pm, 8.30-9.15pm £18 session  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Andrew Wilson 7pm-7.45pm, 7.45pm-8.30pm, 8.30-9.15pm £18 session

All lessons in February and March will be run at Southmuirhead and are confirmed and available to book now. All trainers are club members and are happy to teach flat, jumping or both. Kim has arranged schooling with David Gatherer and Andrew Hamilton at Southmuirhead on Friday afternoons. Dates are still to be confirmed but let Kim know if you are interested. It will be for groups of 2 for 1 hour and cost will be confirmed.

There has been talk about cross country schooling when the better weather comes in. Area 1 has organized a sj/xc training day on 11<sup>th</sup> April at Titwood and on 14<sup>th</sup> May at Hendersyde Park. In addition, we are looking for suggestions or just demonstrated interest in Polnoon running some training days of our own, at the likes of Greenfields, Titwood or Dalkieth. Get in touch with Kim or approach any committee member to discuss

## **CLUB NIGHTS**

### **February 25<sup>th</sup> @ West Kype Rehabilitation Yard – Talk/demo on equine nutrition @ 7.30pm**

Club member Aileen Harvey from Dodson and Horrell has agreed to come and share some wisdom regarding the feeding of our four legged friends. Armed with goodies and the latest credit crunching nutrition ideas she will be demonstrating with the help of some equine volunteers. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available for us owners (do as I say not as I do). Don't worry; no humans will be fat scored in this demonstration! This is another free open night, wrap up and bring your friends for some friendly chit chat and up to date info. If time allows, Andrew Wilson has kindly agreed to give us a show producer's inside guide to clipping, trimming and turnout.

### **March 25<sup>th</sup> @ Greenfields – Riders Test @ 7pm**

Copies of the tests are enclosed.

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. 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:**

**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.

### **April 29<sup>th</sup> @ Maidenhill- Marksman/Shand/Idyll Art first round**

The first round of our club show jumping series.

The style jumping night is expected to be at Maidenhill on the **13<sup>th</sup> May**, followed by a further 3 Marksman Shand rounds on the **27<sup>th</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> June** and **22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Venues for these to be confirmed.

I'm thinking back to the final round of the Marksman Shand last year when we were all complaining that we had to jump with long sleeves, which meant putting on a jumper or jacket, as it was sooo warm. Seems like a different world, there is hope for an end to the deep freeze!

## **OTHER EVENTS**

BHS Scotland and SEBA with support from SEA present "Putting the 'How' in showing" at Gleneagles from 10am-4pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Everyone interested or involved in showing is welcome. The timetable is packed with demonstrations, practical workshops and Q&A sessions. Lunch and tea and coffee will be included. Cost- Adults £15, child under 16 free. For more info contact [H.Mauchlen@bhs.org.uk](mailto:H.Mauchlen@bhs.org.uk) or on 01764 656334

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## Diary Dates 2009

Feb	18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	Schooling session with Andrew Wilson @ Southmuirhead Club night - Equine nutrition @ West Kype Farm Area 1 Team Dressage @ Ingliston House
Mar	5 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Schooling sessions with Liz Love @ Southmuirhead Schooling sessions with Pauline McKee @ Southmuirhead Schooling session with Andrew Wilson @ Southmuirhead Club Night – Riders Test @ Greenfield’s
April	5 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	Area 1 Hunter Trials @ Titwood Equestrian Marksman Shand 1 <sup>st</sup> round @Maidenhill
May	13 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Style jumping @Maidenhill Marksman Shand 2 <sup>nd</sup> round @TBC
June	20 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	PCRA open show jumping show @ Maidenhill Area 1 Outdoor Show Jumping @ Biggar Show Ground Marksman Shand 3 <sup>rd</sup> round
July	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	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.

**Trish Hunter & Craigloch Ferdinand:** 1<sup>st</sup> Affiliated P15, 4<sup>th</sup> affiliated Novice 27 @ Rowallan.  
**Trish Hunter & G West Goldrush:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Affiliated Novice 27, 3<sup>rd</sup> Affiliated Novice 35 @ Rowallan.  
**Angela McKinna & Fergal:** 1<sup>st</sup> Novie 20 @ SDG members  
**Alison Atkinson & Bailey:** Most entertaining @ Southmuirhead Farm  
**Lois Young & FarneyStar :** 1st Rowallan/SF Novice 27 Q, 4<sup>th</sup> Rowallan/SF EI 44 Q at Rowallan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> EI 42 @SDG members  
**Gillain Beattie and Tornado :** 2<sup>nd</sup> warm up @ BRC area1 sj qualifiers @SNEC  
**Susie Reid & Magnus:** 3<sup>rd</sup> up @ BRC area1 sj qualifiers @SNEC