

Welcome to the February newsletter

Has anyone been dedicated and actually done much riding this year? Unfortunately there doesn't seem to be much to report this month!

Area Hunter Trials

We are still looking for team members to compete on the 28th March at Titwood. The Novice course is a max of 2'9 (though average 2'6) and open max 3'3. Phone Sheona URGETLY to take part. Cost £25

Special Vet Education Evening and Open Night

This is your chance to see a vet without paying the bills! Ross Symme from the Avondale practice in Strathaven and a vet from the Whyper centre have been approached to speak to us about current issues in equestrian medicine. The night will be held at the new Avondale practice on either the 14th or 21st of April. It should be a worth while night so pencil it in your diaries now.

Schooling

There has been definite hibernation going on out there. Schooling has had a natural lull whilst people get horses back into work etc. The proposed dates

still stand - if you are interested contact Kim and she will get the ball rolling again

Summer Dressage Show

This will be here before we know it. Have a think about taking part in any of the teams and speak to Sheona if you want to play. Or phone her up to volunteer your services as a helper on the day. Running the show is a huge undertaking and many hands make light work. The earlier you get your name down, the more likely you are to get your pick of the jobs so save the organisers some more grey hairs and sleepless nights and sign up soon!

Area Horse Trials

It looks as if the Area will be running Novice and Intermediate Horse Trials Qualifiers this year after all. The earlier newsletter and the current Scottish Equestrian mag state that there will be neither. However, many members will have received an email announcing that they will run a t Tynningham. Let's hope this is correct as it would be a shame if Area 1 clubs did not have a chance to qualify.

The Open class will be at Eglinton alongside the BE Event.

CLUB NIGHTS

March- Wednesday 31st @ Southmuirhead Farm

Riders test

The first night of the year to start clocking up club night points! Remember in riders tests the judge is marking the rider rather than the horse so you do not need to have a particularly 'dressagey' 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, as always you are 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). Note change for 2010- **NO AIs- registered or unregistered**

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.

You can only compete in one test although you may be able to go HC in another if there are places. Phone Sheona to enter by Monday 22 March 01355 260497

April 28th @ Maidenhill, Newton Mearns – Marksman, Idyll Art, Shand Show Jumping

This is the first leg of the 4 part competition. More details next month.

SCHOOLING

The time table for 2010 Mar.

Anyone interested in the lessons listed below contact Kim.

Wed 10 th Mar	Andrew Wilson	Southmuirhead	from 7pm
Wed 17 th Mar	Jill Grant	Southmuirhead	6x30min private lessons from 6.30pm

ANNUAL EVENTS

20th June	Annual Show Jumping show @ Maidenhill
3 rd and 4th July	Two Day Dressage Show incorporating Area 1 qualifiers @ Greenfields
1 st August	Working Hunter and Showing Show @ Maidenhill

Diary Dates

Mar 10 th	Schooling @Southmuirhead with Andrew Wilson
Mar 17 th	Schooling @southmuirhead with Jill Grant
Mar 31 st	Club night- rider's test at Southmuirhead
Apr 28 th	Club night- S.J @ Maidenhill
May 26 th	Club night-S.J @ West Kype Farm
June 20 th	Annual SJ show @ Maidenhill
June 30 th	Club night- SJ @ Maidenhill
July 3 rd /4th	Dressage Show inc area qualifiers @ Greenfields
July 25 th	Club night- SJ @ TBC
Aug 1 st	Working hunter/ showing show @ Maidenhill
Aug 25 th	Club night-SJ @ TBC
Sep 29 th	Club night- Fun Dressage
Oct 27 th	Club night- Dressage
Nov 13 th	Dinner Dance @ Shawlands Hotel

Committee Contacts

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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. (yep - Hibernation!!!)

Thelma Cowan & Pixel - 3rd Intro A at SDG open show: 2nd P18 at Greenfield Winter League: 1st Aff P15 and 1st Aff P19 at Rowallan: 1st P18 and 2nd E50 at Ayr RC CT, and 2nd Aff P12 at SNEC.

Thelma Cowan & Hovis- 1st accumulator 2nd Int SJ @ Ayr RC

Gillian Beattie and Tornado: 2nd Row/SF P13 Q, 2nd Row/SF Nov28Q

Sheona McNeill & Santa's Ghost: 2nd Row/SF Med 64Q, 3rd R.Aff Med 64@ Rowallan (Dec). 1st R.Med 64, 1st R.Med 64, 1st R.med 73, 3rd R.Med 71 @Rowallan (Jan)

Members Adds

For Sale: -

7'3" rhino stable wug, brand new, £60.

Falcon Event saddle 17 1/2" med/wide fit, havana leather, in great cond, £350.

6'9" weatherbeeta stable rug in good order, one small catch on it only. £15

7'0" rhino lightweight turnout, good order. £25

7'0" weatherbeeta heavy landa freestyle combo turnout, 2 small catches on it, £25

7'0" mark todd combo under stable rug, small tear only at strap area. £20

6'0" horseware insulator rug, tear has been repaired. £15

6'3" 400gm ripstop stable rug, as new, £20

Equilibrium net relief x-l horse with 2 spare nets, once worn, undamaged and clean. £25

5" vulcanite pelham, 6" mullen mouth pelham, 6" vulcanite pelham, 6" loose ring french link snaffle.

Call Roxanna 07732696826

Wanted: -

Very small safari saddle for small Shetland and small child. Call John McIntyre 07967194904