

INFO - TEAMS

The British Riding Clubs organisation is split into a number of different geographical regions. The south and west of Scotland, of which Polnoon is part, is Area 1 out of 22 areas covering all of Britain. The Riding Clubs movement runs a number of official competitions (Dressage, SJ, Riders Test etc) for which each Area holds a qualifying competition between all the clubs in that Area. A number of teams and individuals qualify at those competitions to take part in the finals which are held at Lincoln Showground on the 1st or second weekend in September. Horse Trials, Hunter Trials and Dressage to Music Finals are at other venues.

The competitions are intended to provide opportunities for all Riding Club members, from the most novice to the most experienced, to represent their club. You do not have to be competing at a high level to be able to take part.

Polnoon has done particularly well recently, with many teams taking the long trip to Lincoln and everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves, representing the club at such a major event. Whilst we obviously like to be successful and do try to enter our 'best' team for the qualifiers, we have also always taken the view that as many members as possible should have the chance to represent the Club, if they want to. As long as a member / horse are reasonably capable of performing at the required level and are willing and able to travel to the finals, if they are on a qualifying team, then we are happy to enter a number of teams for each competition. Team members have to pay their own entries for qualifiers but the club will try to help out with costs, if a team qualifies for the Championships.

Sheona McNeill is in overall charge of organisation of teams although Chef d'Equipes are appointed for each individual competition.

If you are interested in competing on a team, you should contact Sheona McNeill as soon as possible, so that she knows you are available. She will also take information from the membership forms but do not rely on this, if you are keen to have a go.

Do not be shy about contacting Sheona, any other committee member or Chef d'Equipe, if you would like to be involved. Please do not feel that you 'are not good enough' – you are probably a lot better than you think and there is a range of competitions, so that everyone competes against others at the same level. Being part of a team is great fun and makes the competition something different from the usual. If you do feel unsure about taking on the responsibility of being a team member, you can compete as an individual but still be part of the 'Polnoon Team' on the day.

QUALIFIER COMPETITION DATES AND DETAILS - 2011

Competition	Restrictions	Level	
Novice Team Dressage	Horses: no BD points Riders: no qualifications higher than BHSAI Only group 7 & 8 BD	Prelim tests	Sunday 29 May 11 Stewarton Livery, Stewarton
Open Team Dressage	Horses: 124 BD points or less for Novice test 199 BD points or less for Elementary 299 BD points or less for Medium (individual only)	Novice or Elementary tests	Sunday 5 June 11 Rozelle Park, Alloway,
Riding Test	Horses: Test 11 & 12 – Max 60 BD points Test 13 & 14 – Max 124 BD points; Riders: Test 11 & 12 – No BHSAI or above Test 13 & 14 – BHSAI & BHSII allowed	This is a test of the rider rather than the horse. The judges are looking for a correct position and use of the aids	Sunday 29 May 11 Stewarton Livery, Stewarton
Style Jumping	Horses: Max £175 BS winnings Riders: up to BHSAI	Judged over 1 round of fences up to (85cms). Style is taken into account as well as faults.	Sunday 19 June 11 Drymen Showfield Drymen
Novice SJ	Horses: No BS winnings. Not placed 1-6 in Pre Novice horse Trials	1 st round: (80cms) Raised for 2 nd round and jump off	Sunday 19 June 11 Drymen Showfield Drymen
Intermediate SJ	Horses: Max £175 BS	1 st round: (1m) Raised for 2 nd round and jump off Horse/rider combination should be jumping British Novice/Discovery	Sunday 19 June 11 Drymen Showfield Drymen
Open SJ	Horses: no limit on BS winnings	1 st round: (1.10) Raised for 2 nd round and jump off Horse/rider combination should be jumping Discovery/Newcomers	Sunday 19 June 11 Drymen Showfield Drymen
Novice Horse Trials	Horses: No BE points; not placed 1-6 in BE 100; not to have completed BE 100 in current year; not placed in top 10 at previous RC Championships	Fences up to (85cms) Horse/rider combination should be jumping Intro level horse trials	21 May 2011 Brechin Castle Angus
Intermediate Horse Trials	Horses: Not placed 1-6 in BE 100; 5 BE points	Fences up to (1m) Horse/rider combination should be jumping Pre Novice level horse trials	21 May 2011 Brechin Castle Angus
Open Horse Trials	Horses: no limit on BE points	Fences up to (1.10m) Horse and rider should be competing at Novice level horse trials	21 May 2011 Brechin Castle Angus
Hunter Trials	Horses: Novice - No BE points; not placed 1-6 BE 100. Open: max 20 BE points	Novice – fences approx (85cm) Open –fences (1m)	TBC