

Strathclyde Dressage Group

Newsletter

April - May 2010

Competition Results

February Members' Competition.

The latest members' competition ran at Ingliston Equestrian Centre in February. Unfortunately, due to the weather in the days before the competition, there were a number of withdrawals on the night. However, the competitors who arrived reportedly enjoyed themselves immensely and had a successful evening. Some travelled quite a distance to be there so many thanks to the helpers for the night, Ailsa Gilchrist and Ros Bryson. Without their support these competitions could not run. There is only so much the committee can do!

Class 1 Prelim 10 Judge Muriel Colquhoun

Number	Horse	Rider	%	Place
140	Centre Stage	Marion Reid	52.7	1

Class 2 Prelim 13 Judge Ailsa Gilchrist

Number	Horse	Rider	%	Place
140	Centre Stage	Marion Reid	62.9	1
147	Pepsi	Angela Mulhearn	60.4	2
148	Chamois	Ruth Brownlie	59.6	3
175	Dock Coppers Girl	Alan Middleton	57.08	4

Class 3 Novice 25 Judge Muriel Colquhoun

Number	Horse	Rider	%	Place
140	Centre Stage	Marion Reid	61.6	1
148	Chamois	Angela Mulhearn	52	2

Class 4 Elem 44 Judge Ailsa Gilchrist

Number	Horse	Rider	%	Place
2	Frits	Alison Morrissey	63.6	1

Class 5 Medium 63 Judge Ailsa Gilchrist

Number	Horse	Rider	%	Place
2	Frits	Alison Morrissey	59.65	1

Schooling

Ailsa Gilchrist

Every second Tuesday evening at *Greenfields*. Cost £30.50 for 45 mins. Tel. Nesta Gilliland on 01357 440296

Every second Thursday at *Greenfields*. Cost £22 for 30 mins. Tel. Jane McGee on 01698 886111

Riglaw, weather permitting, fortnightly. Cost £20 for 45 mins. Tel. Frances on 01505 850279

Schooling cont

Ailsa Gilchrist

Waterside every second Wednesday morning, contact Angela McKinna on 01560 480516 or 07789 997854.

Sandyflat Jen Coffey also organises schooling with Ailsa at Sandyflat. This is open to SDG members at a subsidised cost. Each session will be on a Saturday, private lessons, - £30.50 per lesson. The dates are as follows: - 10th & 24th April, 8th and 22nd May .To book please contact Jen direct: e-mail jcoffey@uk.ey.com or mobile 07939 527394

Yvonne MacFarlane

Yvonne will be at Greenfields on Saturday 24th April. Please ring Nesta for details.

Points Series Update

A big thanks for your continued support at shows. Here is the current leaderboard.

Name	Total
Jennifer Rentoul	12
Sheila McKechnie	9
Ros Bryson	6
Gillian Sleight	6
Isobel Forsyth	4
Alasdair Drummond	3
Katie Drummond	3
Inez Wait	3
Shaun Sands	3
Allan Arnott	3
Thelma Black	3
Meron Reid	3
Mags Dean	3
Amanda Fergusson	3
Pat Bell	3
Lesley McLauchlan	3
Judy Wickman	3
Marion Reid	3
Linda Porter	3
Angie Black	3
Mary Pearson	3
Ailsa Gilchrist	3

SDG Competitions

Due to difficulty in obtaining venues during winter weekend days, SDG for the first time ran a members' competition at Ingliston Equestrian Centre in an evening at the end of February. The organisational difficulty is exacerbated by numerous other dressage competitions being held in the area at the same time so the entries for this first evening show were lower than we had anticipated. It is hard to say whether this was due to the event being on a Friday evening, because of the adverse weather leading up to the competition, because there was dressage going on elsewhere, or for some other reason. In order properly to determine if there is a demand for weekday evening events we would like to hear from the Membership - either via a committee member or by email via the website.

The Committee does not foresee securing weekend day venues next winter being any easier and hence your views would help our planning for late autumn onwards.

What to wear - horse and rider

Basically our competitions are run under BD rules. At *members' competitions only* the horse may compete wearing brushing boots if required, otherwise the rules must be complied with. Again, at *members' competitions only* the rider must wear correct hard hat and boots otherwise as warm and sensible as you like.

New tests, old tests

Please remember to learn the correct test as some tests have been updated this year and some have been deleted. The new ones relevant to most members are:-

N24 (2010) short arena

N39 (2010) long arena

E40 (2010) long arena

E45 (2010) long arena

The deleted ones are N25, N26 and E48

SDG Dates for your Diary

18 April 2010 (Sunday)

**Members' Competition, all day,
Sandyflat.**

The schedule has been sent out but if you have mislaid it you can download it from the website. As this is an all day competition we need at least six helpers (writers and scorers) for part or all of the day. Please contact Glenys (01505 842419) if you can help.

26 Jun 2010 (Saturday)

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Open competition, all day, Rowallan

8 August 2010 (Sunday)

**Summer Open Show, all day, Eglinton
Park**

Two saddles for sale

An Albion Legend k2 dressage saddle 17' medium and an Albion Selecta 17.5 med/wide, both black leather. I can be contacted on 07731171323 or email lorrainewilson015@gmail.com if anyone is interested. They are attractively priced as I need to get new saddle for new horse.

To keep up to date, remember you can look at our website, which is looked after by Alan Arnott. The address is www.sdqnews.co.uk. You can also email us with any comments, photographs or suggestions at info@sdqnews.co.uk

AGM

The AGM is on Monday 26th April at Hags Castle Golf Club (just off on the M77) at 7.30 for 8 pm. **We would like to add a few new faces to the committee; if you are interested in helping please contact Hazel (01698 810958) or Glenys (01505 842419) even if you can't attend the AGM.**

New Members

Four new members joined in March; welcome to Kelly Colquhoun, Juli McQueen, Alison Murray and Jenny Smith.

Subs due

The annual sub of £18 is now due (this has not gone up). The form will be sent out with this newsletter and is also available from the website. It should be returned to Angela Mulhearn (her address is on the form).