

NEWSLETTER



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2010



*Happy New
Year!*



NEWS

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COMMITTEE CHANGES

FAREWELL & THANKS TO;

Louise Brown

Louise has sadly decided to leave RFRC committee this year to make time for other pursuits, such as cycling and running. Louise has been a member of the committee for many years and has been actively involved in the success of RFRC activities and events.

Over the past few years, Louise has taken on the responsibility of organising all Senior Team activities for the club, and many of you will have had contact with Louise in this role. During this time, RFRC have had many team successes, often qualifying for and being placed at BRC championships.

It is not an easy task to undertake, encouraging team participants, persuading members to take part in order to make up a team of 4 and sorting out contingency arrangements when dealing with last minute withdrawals.

Many thanks to Louise for volunteering to be part of the committee for so long!

Clare Goldsmith

Claire joined the RFRC committee last year and has been heavily involved in riding club activities during this time, ensuring supplies are available at the correct time, helping at events and with the preparation and clearing of the show ground.

Claire has made the decision to take some time off as a committee member in order to concentrate on things closer to home. We do, however, look forward to welcoming Claire back on the committee sometime in the future.

Many thanks to Claire for her effort over the past year!

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Welcome to **Danielle Marcus** and **Emma Wright** who have both joined the committee this year.

They both attended their first committee meeting at the beginning of December and, not only were they **not** put off, they both volunteered to take on a 'job'. Danielle has agreed to take on the role of Club Training Co-ordinator, a job that will most definitely keep her on her toes and very well occupied! Emma has volunteered to assist Jonathan as secretary at show jumping events this year.

Good Luck to both Danielle and Emma!

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ROLE CHANGES

Ben Franklin has kindly offered to take on the Senior Team Manager role for RFRC. Ben is probably not as familiar with club members as Louise, so will not be aware of those people who participate in Team events. This being the case, please ensure that appropriate entry forms are completed and returned to Ben for any event in which you would like to compete.

As well as training for the horse and rider, unmounted training sessions will be arranged for members this year. These training sessions will be organised by Rosemary Batten with the help of Danielle Marcus. All other roles will remain the same for 2010 with the exception of Member Points, this task will be taken on by Elaine Harton alongside processing memberships.

2009 TROPHY AWARDS

Following the awards, an error has been identified with 2 runner up positions. Clare Ludeks & Fiddlywood Homer was joint the runner up for Junior Showing award and not for Combined Training as previously indicated. This subsequently means that the Junior Combined Training Runner-Up will have changed, this is now awarded to Chloe Miles on Hill Billy Boy. A prize will be forwarded to Chloe as soon as possible.

Apologies for the error and congratulations to both Chloe and Clare!

DRESSAGE – 20TH DECEMBER 2009

Unfortunately, following the first really successful dressage show, the next show, planned for 20th December, had to be cancelled due to bad weather conditions. Please ensure that competitors check our website before any event, whether during the winter or summer, as any cancellations will be notified on the *News Page* - www.rfrc.org.

All further dressage events will be going ahead as planned, but please remember that it is winter, and there was significant snow fall last February, it is vitally important to check that the competition has not been cancelled before setting off.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

As a result of some BRC updates, some changes have been made to the RFRC constitution. These include a change to the age of Junior members from 17 years on 1st January each year to 18 years. Also, a requirement to have a specific plan to detail what would happen to any club finances in the event of the riding club being disbanded. During the AGM, this matter was voted on and any outstanding finances will be given to charity.

All constitution changes are detailed in the 'Members Handbook' which will be distributed to members as soon as possible.

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PLANS FOR 2010

The committee have already begun to make plans for RFRC events in 2010. Provisional dates for shows have been agreed and will be announced once the venue availability has been confirmed. We will also be organising another Le Trec and Pleasure Ride as well as planning some dates for unmounted training sessions to help improve horse management and welfare skills for RFRC members.

The annual quiz and easter bingo will be going ahead again this year, dates for both these events will be announced soon.

In addition, RFRC would like to increase the number of members who participate in BRC Area activities. To encourage new competitors, Ben Franklin and Antonia McKinnon-Wood will be organising a date to run a 'Team Talk' evening.

There's lots on the agenda for 2010, so it's set to be another exciting year for RFRC members!!

HELPERS

I am currently looking for people to help with the Winter Dressage Series at Moulton College. Please get in touch if you are interested in helping at this. Stewards, writers and scorers required.

Saturday 9th January 2010

Saturday 6th February 2010

Saturday 20th March 2010

These will count as help in the new membership year.

The members list including the dates people have volunteered for will be on the Website. If you helped but are not listed please let me know.

Thankyou

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VOLUNTEER PLEA FROM THE COMMITTEE

In addition to the usual helper message from Elaine, the committee would like to support her with the very difficult job, and stress the need for helpers. Running a winter dressage programme is a new venture for the riding club and in order to ensure that these events are successful we do need members to volunteer to help please.

Please consider offering your support if you can, as it does mean that anybody who helps during the winter will not need to worry about helping all summer!

AREA

2010 AREA QUALIFIER DATES

Any confirmed qualifier dates are now available to view on our web site, RFRC entry forms will be made available for each event nearer to their date.

Any additional information about BRC events can be found on their website, this can be accessed from our Area Events page. The BRC website has recently been updated and is now much easier to navigate and find any information you may be looking for.

BRC MOVES WITH THE TIMES!

Having recently updated their website, British Riding Clubs are currently working on producing an 'electronic newsletter' that will be emailed to those members who have supplied an email address. As RFRC is an affiliated riding club, all our members are also BRC members, and are therefore eligible to receive a copy of this newsletter.

We currently hold a limited number of email addresses, so if you would like to receive this newsletter please email your address to us, rfrcl1email@aol.com For those members who have already supplied your email address, please email us or contact Elaine Harton to let us know if you **DO NOT** wish your email address to be passed on to BRC.

NEXT AREA QUALIFIER

NOVICE INDOOR SHOWJUMPING QUALIFIER

Manor Farm EC, Huntingdon on Saturday 20th February 2010

SENIOR & JUNIOR TEAMS

THIS IS A TEAM EVENT ONLY - TEAMS OF 4

Each team member will be required to jump two rounds.

ROUND ONE	80cm
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