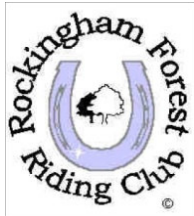


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**MARCH
2010**



*RFRRC success at first Area qualifier for
2010*

**Senior Dressage Team qualify for National
Winter Championships at Hartpury in April**

All team results inside.....

Easter Bingo

(Date Correction)

Monday 29th March

Raunds Football Club

7.30pm for 8pm start

Come along to a great fun evening for all the family!

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2010 SHOW SEASON UPDATE

All dates for the 2010 show season have now been confirmed as detailed in the February newsletter, and included on the RFRC calendar this month.

As previously advised, there has been a number of changes to the programme, and now that a number of the schedules have been agreed, some of these changes can now be confirmed.

- **Dressage** – the number of different tests used for dressage shows has now been significantly reduced. At all the evening events the same tests will always be used, and for Sunday events the same tests will be used. In this way, members will be able to review their progress and hope to see improvements by the end of the season.

An Elementary test will also be included at both evening and Sunday shows.

A Walk & Trot test will only be used on Sundays, due to the very low number of entries experienced for this class.

At the Championship Show, tests will be performed on 20x40 arenas and will also be tests that have already been used at either an evening or Sunday event.

- **Show Jumping** – Following feedback from members and clarification of the 'jump off' system used at evening jumping events, the process has been amended as follows;

Evening jumping will use a '*single phase*' system where the jump off section will be included as a 'timed section' as part of the first round.

*However, previously competitors have not been able to complete the timed section unless they have jumped clear up until that point. **All competitors will now complete all of the first round, including the timed section, unless elimination has been called.***

The only other amendment is the inclusion of a 2'9" jumping class in the novice ring, this class will only be included if time allows at evening events. Additionally, RFRC member points

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will **not** be awarded for the class. The reason for this change is, once again, due to member feedback. Genuine 'novice' competitors who would like to jump higher fences find the thought of competing in the Open jumping ring rather daunting. The inclusion of this additional class will, hopefully, give competitors more confidence to eventually move up to Open classes.

- **Arena Eventing** – Although this event did not go ahead last year, some amendments have been made following member feedback.

A 2'0" height class has been added, although a dressage test option will not be included at this height.

Additionally, all dressage tests will now be changed to BD tests rather than BE tests used for eventing.

- **Combined Training** – This has now been organised on a Sunday and as previously stated, a full Sunday Dressage show will run alongside. ***Please be aware though, entries for each must be completed separately on the correct entry form.***
- **Championship Show** – A dressage championship show has now been running for the past 2 years, so from this year, a show jumping championship will run on the same day.

Qualification will be required for the dressage championship as has been the case previously; scores of 58% or more at all levels, both open and restricted, it is open to RFRC members only who **must** enter at the highest level they have qualified.

There will be no qualification criteria to enter the show jumping championship. However, the championship is open to RFRC members only. There will be a 'Novice' and an 'Open' championship class.

Championship classes include the completion of 2 show jumping rounds. Both rounds have a time allowed, specified on the day, if eliminated in the first round the rider will not be eligible to complete the second round. The second round will include a timed section, also specified on the day. The winner of the class will be the best first round and the best second round within the time allowed and have the fastest, clear timed section

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Included with this newsletter, members will be sent a Dressage schedule and a Show Jumping schedule as both disciplines are included in the first summer series show in April.

All of the afore mentioned schedules will be available to view on our website within the next 2 weeks, together with additional entry forms were relevant. All other schedules will be complete in the very near future, and distributed to members in plenty of time before each event takes place.

The Summer Show, Le Trec and Pleasure Ride schedules will all be available in the very near future.

Although the weather currently feels like the arctic, spring is around the corner and it is less than 2 months before our first show of the season! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this event and all out future events this summer.

HELPERS

Thank you to Jemma Cowley and Vicky Elliot-Rose who both helped at the Dressage at Moulton on Saturday 6th February. Thank you also to the Judges and the members of the committee.

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

Saturday 20th March 2010

In April the outdoor season gets started with Dressage and Show Jumping and it gets really busy in May. Please check the website or the list with this Newsletter for what's on and get in touch early with your volunteer stint.

Thankyou

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AREA

Dressage Qualifier – 31st January 2010

This was the first Area Qualifier to take place this year, 3 senior teams were entered and one junior team. Unfortunately, 2 of our senior competitors, Louise Brown and Laura Goodman, did not make it to the competition venue as a result of a lorry breakdown. Consequently, one of the senior teams could not be included in the qualifier and the 2 remaining competitors, Judith Potter and Lucy Barwell, had to compete HC, even so both produced excellent results.

Despite this RFRC teams gave a fantastic performance with great team and individual results.

Test	Rider	Horse	Score	Place
OAK	Team Placed 1st			
BRC H12	Sam Williams	Palmar	73.68%	1 st
BRC H12	Christine Duggan	Flash Harry	63.68%	2 nd
Nov 25	Jonathan Canty	Romario	72.80%	1 st
PINES				
BRC H12	Jade Fitzhugh	Bobby	52.10%	9 th
BRC H12	Sally Myers	Lachstone Zin Zan	49.47%	10 th
Nov 25	Vicky Shewell	Beau	66.40%	2 nd
Nov 25	Tracey Manning	To be Brief	59.20%	11 th
HC				
Nov 25	Judith Potter	The Poltergiest	68.40%	3 rd
Nov 25	Lucy Barwell	Wedgewood	62.40%	4 th
JUNIORS				
ACORNS	Team Placed 2nd			
BRC H12	Sophie McKinnon-Wood	Maximillion	66.31%	3 rd
BRC H12	Taylor Ransley	Delores	49.47%	8 th
Nov 25	Isobel Simons	Huff & Puff	58.00%	4 th
Nov 25	Ashleigh Pittams	Frankie	64.80%	1 st

Only the winning teams go on to the winter championships at Hartpury in April. Congratulations to the Senior Qualifying team; Sam Williams, Christine Duggan and Jonathan Canty.

Show Jumping Qualifier – 20th February 2010

Only one Junior Team competed at this qualifier and a great performance was given.

Rider	Horse	Result
Sophie McKinnon-Wood	Rusty	Team Placed 4th
Taylor Ransley	Tiny	
Isobel Simons	Huff & Puff	
Lucy Warner	Pickles	

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