

NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2009



DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

RESTRICTED PRELIM CHAMPION

LUCY BARWELL WEDGEWOOD

RESERVE

CAROL JAMES PALAIS

OPEN PRELIM CHAMPION

LAURA GOODMAN JEMIMA PUDDLEDUCK

RESERVE

KIRSTY BALL TANGO

OPEN NOVICE CHAMPION

TONY NEAL BIRCHWOOD SLIPSTREAM

RESERVE

REBECCA MILROY JEEVES

ELEMENTARY CHAMPION

ASHLEIGH PITTAMS FRANKIE

NEWS

All the very latest news and info is updated on the website as it happens. www.rfrc.org

RFRC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all our 2009 Champions and Reserve Champions, as detailed on the front page.

The championship show is a fitting end to the summer dressage series once again. Sadly, the turnout this year was significantly less than that of 2008, though this may not have changed the results. The committee have discussed some possible reasons for the poorer attendance, and have concluded that the main reason is possibly due to the date of the event in October. This being the case, the date of next year's championship will be brought forward and may possibly include a show jumping championship as well, though this is still under review.

Of course, it is difficult to understand the exact reasons for any change in attendance at any RFRC activities, so it would be very helpful if members could give us some feedback either by email or talking to any committee member.

WINDSOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Are you unsure of whether to enter the Windsor Riding Test or Top Score Jumping Qualifiers this year? Perhaps the chance of winning a fantastic prize will make your mind up to have a go!

In 2010, all 6 RWHS British Riding Club Champions will win a 5 day trip to the 'Horse Capital of the World', Lexington USA! This includes flights, transport, hotels and meals for each Champion as well as tickets to the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games 2010 in September. As if that's not enough, during their stay the lucky Champion will take centre stage at an special equestrian evening at the Lexington Civic Centre where they will be presented with their Champions' trophies.

RFRC will be running first round RWHS Riding Test Qualifiers at Moulton on 8th November and 9th January, however the jumping qualifier has not yet been agreed, details will be made available as soon as practical. There is no need to have a superb dressage horse to enter a Riding Test since the test is marked on the performance of the rider, rather than the horse.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity, get your entry in now!! Further details of how to do this, and entry forms can be found from www.rwhs.co.uk or www.britishridingclubs.org.uk. As there has been a number of queries about how to obtain a copy of Riding Test 6, required for this competition, a copy has been included with this newsletter.

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BRITISH RIDING CLUBS NATIONAL EQUINE FORUM

This event will be held at Hartpury College on Sunday 22nd November from 10am to 4pm and is looking set to be a great day out with a lecture demo by William & Pippa Funnell and a Dressage to Music 'How to' session with Sara Green to name just a few, as well as a number of trade stands.

It costs £10 to BRC members and £12 for non members with a 20% discount for parties of more than 15 BRC members. Further information available from the RFRC website or www.britishridingclubs.org.uk

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2010

RFRC membership runs from 1st November each year to 31st October in the following year, so this means that membership fees are now due. RFRC are very aware that many people do not have as much disposable income as they used to, and for this reason membership fees will **remain unchanged at £22 per annum.**

For this membership year, there are added benefits to renewing your membership early; in order to qualify for members' discounted entry fees at our Winter Dressage competitions at Moulton and to enter the Winter Dressage and Show Jumping Area 7 qualifiers. Additionally, for the first time ever, we are offering an additional **£2 off** the usual fee for any member who renews their membership at the AGM and presents the coupon below. This offer is for current members only.

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HELPERS

Thank you to all the people who have helped on multiple occasions this year. I would particularly like to thank **Roger Batten, Julie Cant, Laura Goodman, Anne Goodwin, Danny Price and Wendy Smith.** These people have helped at 3 or more events. I'd also like to thank **Gerald Rebhan** for his extensive help behind the scenes, moving equipment around etc.

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 out; stewards, writers and scorers are required.

Sunday 8th November Sunday 20th December

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

Elaine Layram Tel: 01933 664174 Mob: 07977869454

MEMBER POINTS

Please find below the final list of member points for this year. The only exception to this are the points to be awarded for the Elementary Dressage classes held on 3rd May 2008, the results still need to be confirmed. An updated list is now available to view on the website.

NAME	HORSE	Dressage	Hunter Trial		Area	
			N	O	C	T
Kathryn Carr	Flagment Patrick		1			
Karen Henderson	George		4			
Jo Rhodes	Tiger Lily		3		1	
Jo Warner	Hatherley Dexter			4		
George Whittaker	Diamond Inn		2			
Chloe Miles	Hill Billy Boy			3	3	
Sarah Holdford	Crunchie	4				
Elaine Moore	Ballykashell	3				
Carol James	Palais	2				
Laura Goodman	Jemima Puddleduck	4				
Christine Duggan	Flash Harry	3				
Lucy Barwell	Wedgewood	3				
Sally Myers	Zin Zan	1				
Rebecca Milroy	Jeeves	4				
Louise Brown	Son of Glen					1
Jonathan Canty	Flash Harry					1
Sally Myers	Taxman				1	

Points detailed in this issue are those that were awarded at the following events **ONLY**;

Area Eventer Trial 11th October
Hunter Trial (Classes 4 & 5 only) 27th September
Dressage 3rd October
(Non-championships classes only)

AREA

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Apologies to Jo Warner and Louise Brown for neglecting to include their National Championship results in the last newsletter. They both achieved great results and contributed to the team's performance as well.

Open Dressage Individual

Louise Brown Bartz 9th

Intermediate Show Jumping Individual

Jo Warner Hatherley Dexter 7th

Congratulations to you both!

FESTIVAL OF THE HUNTER – EVENTER TRIAL QUALIFIER

This was previously the BRC Hunter Trial qualifier, however, from this year the format has been changed to become an eventer trial. This means that there is a cross country course and a show jumping course to complete. RFRC only had one senior team who competed, all of whom gave a great performance.

SENIOR NOVICE TEAM

4TH

Individual place

Sally Myers	Taxman	7th
Jo Rhodes	Tiger Lily	19th
Jonathan Canty	Flash Harry	7th
Louise Brown	Son of Glen	15th

2010 QUALIFIERS

Here is the latest information about some of the Area Qualifiers in 2010.

Sunday 31 st January	Winter Dressage	Bury Farm
Saturday 20 th February	Winter Show Jumping	Manor Farm
TBC (<i>Probably May</i>)	Dressage	Wittering
Sunday 13 th June	Horse Trials	Milton Keynes
Sunday 18 th July	Style & Show Jumping	Earls Barton
Date TBC in Oct	Eventer Trial	Carlton (<i>tbc</i>)

Aspley Guise Riding Club will be organising the Dressage to Music qualifier next year, however, the date and venue have not yet been set, further information to follow.

RFRC have had some really great results at both Area Qualifiers and Championships this year, so why not have give it a try yourselves next year, you never know what might happen!

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WINTER DRESSAGE QUALIFIER

Bury Farm, Slapton, Nr. Leighton Buzzard on Sunday 31st January 2010

SENIOR & JUNIOR TEAMS

THIS IS A TEAM EVENT ONLY - TEAMS OF 4

2 to ride PRELIM (NO BD Points permitted)

2 to ride NOVICE (MAX 124 BD Points Permitted)

Dressage tests will be confirmed as soon as they have been confirmed.

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 2'6"

ROUND TWO 2'9"

Teams who qualify for either dressage on show jumping, will go on to compete at Hartpury Championships. RFRC entry forms for both of these qualifiers are available from the website, so take the plunge and have a go!

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