



Essendon & Epping Forest Dressage Group

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Letter from the Chair

The winter is officially over- well at least for the club. The Winter Championship was a great success and now the summer series has got under way. Don't forget to look out for reports and photographs in local magazines. The winter league and championship are always highly competitive whereas the summer series is aimed at encouraging people to try out at a higher level or just have a little fun on a summer evening without highly competitive pressures. The summer championship will be on 19th September (please note date change) and we will review the date as it currently clashes with the BD national Championships as they have been changed because of the Pope's visit!

The first set of accounts for the merged club has now been audited and statements are attached to this newsletter. We have a good balance of funds to tide us over any future short term problems and to fund capital purchases like the new club lap top and mobile phone.

Your committee puts on around 20 shows a year and we need a large number of volunteers to help, particularly for the winter series. So I am appealing again for more offers of help including some new committee members. We reward all of our helpers- anyone that helps for ½ a day receives a voucher for a free entry to a class at a club show. We are looking for people with ideas and just a little time to help on the committee, meetings are only around 4 times a year and you get the opportunity to input your ideas into the running of the club. Please don't wait to be asked, either to be a volunteer at a show or a new committee member- contact Laura on 07533825502 or me on 07702023288.

I have been asked to explain the differences between Training Shows and the Test & train day that we will be holding in the Autumn. The Training show is used as a competition so that the two highest placed in each class receive training vouchers to use at club clinics (and receive priority for places before close of entries) and is designed to make riders try out at a higher level than they normally compete. A generous legacy from Mr Jenner of Woodlands Stables enables us to make these awards. Usually each rider in this competition has a slot of 20 minutes but small entries have enabled us to give longer slots in the recent past. The test and train day is like a clinic but with a judge rather than a trainer. Each rider has a 30 minute slot to ride their test and receive help from the judge but there is no competition and riders can choose to ride at any level. I hope this makes it clearer- I'm sure you'll let me know if it doesn't.

The Riding Club team and individual events will take place in July (see article below) and we hope that many people will put themselves

forwards to represent the club. The club finances the entry fees that are paid to the Riding Clubs central office for qualifying competitions together with all fees in regards to any riders who qualify for the finals and only the local fees are paid by the riders so riders can compete at the lowest possible cost. Any rider prepared to ride for the club should be prepared to ride at the finals if they qualify (at Lincoln in September for the team event and at Aintree in October for Music classes). Please also note that the Dressage to Music qualifiers are in 20x60 arenas for the first time this year.

BRC are sending out e-newsletters to everyone who has provided an email address so you should start to receive yours soon, They are in negotiation with dressage anywhere.com to hold online classes which are open only to riding club members. In addition, to retain their charitable status they are looking to distribute some of their excess funds to fund training and marketing to encourage more members. If anyone has any idea about improving the marketing and image of BRC please let me know and I will pass your ideas on to the area rep Lisa Spence. There is likely to be an area Quiz with a National final to encourage non riders to become more involved.

Thank you to everyone who offered Carly Woodgate the ride on their horse for the Royal Windsor RC finals when her own horse became lame- Carly (on Diane Pegrum's veteran Midas) had a lovely day at the show, as did Michelle Loy on her own Pseudonym. We understand that next year the Windsor competition will be a preliminary dressage test which will hopefully make it more attractive to many of our members.

Kim Ratcliffe

Member News

Well done to the EEFDG people who rode for Eastern region at the recent inter-regional team event at the College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe on 22nd and 23rd May. It was a glorious weekend, though the riders did look rather wilted by Sunday afternoon. They had the largest entries yet, including riders from Scotland for the first time. Even better was that Eastern region won overall for the second year running!

Results for our club members:

Alyson Parker 18th overall in Elementary classes out of 48 riders

Emma Wakefield 9th in Advanced Medium/PSG class

Michelle Loy 7th overall in the Preliminary classes out of 35 riders

Louise Clark 8th in the Medium (helping her team to 8th place) & 2nd in the Advanced Medium/PSG Class

And also what a great photo of Louise Clark on the Chiltern & Thames rider magazine front cover sporting her very smart EEFDG saddle cloth after winning 3 Championships at the recent C&TR winter finals

Training Clinics

We have organised some training sessions with three well thought of trainers for members, including subsidised arena hire. All of the clinics will take place at Woodlands, and further details and an entry form are at the end of this newsletter.

Inger Bryant –27th June

Kim Ratcliffe – 18th July

Alison Kenward – Dressage to music - 5th June

Accounts to 14.9.09

The first set of accounts for the combined clubs shows a healthy balance sheet with funds of £8.5k in hand. A small deficit was made for the year but this included writing off some old rosettes that had seen better days! The aim of the club is to break even or make a small profit each year to ensure that we have a healthy future but also to make sure that the members get the best value for money that we can offer in terms of competitions, clinics and team events
Please address any questions you have on the accounts to our treasurer Avril de Solla

Minutes from the AGM are included with the newsletter.

New Committee Members

We are very pleased to welcome 4 new people who have been co-opted on to the committee. They are Lisa Buck, Chris Lamey and Michelle Loy who will share her duties with Christine Dyer. The next committee meeting is in Mid June so if you would like to join the committee or if you have anything that you would like the committee to discuss then please let either Kim Ratcliffe (Chair), Heather Lonsdale(deputy Chair) Laura Vandervleit (Shows) or Rachel Kellett (Newsletter) know before July 18th.

Liaison Qualifier Weekend 10th and 11th July at Lordsbridge

This is the same venue as last year, very easy to find off the M11 near Cambridge. It is on grass, as the Championships are on grass, but there is loads of space and the ground is flat and level, and arenas are watered. ALL the DRESSAGE is being held on Saturday 10th July – this is so the arenas are not cut up by people jumping on them! The classes available are:

JUNIORS (under 18 on 1st Jan 2010)

Dressage - Team of 4 with 3 scores to count, 2 riders to ride a prelim test and 2 a novice. Horses/ponies to have 0 BD points for prelim and up to 124 BD points for novice. There is also a junior individuals competition

and all team members are automatically entered into the individual competition as well.

Junior pairs dressage – for a pair of riders to ride a test at the same time. This is a set RC pairs test and open to horses with up to 124 BD points

Junior Riding Test – teams of 4 with 3 scores to count. All ride a novice level test, but the marking emphasis is on the rider rather than the horse. Horses to have up to 60 BD points.

SENIORS

Senior Open dressage – for teams of 4 riders with 3 scores to count, and for individuals (all team riders are automatically entered into the individual comp). All riders will ride a different test – there are 3 novice level tests and 1 elementary. Horses doing the novice tests can have up to 124 BD points, and those doing the elementary up to 199 points.

Senior Novice dressage – for teams of 4 riders with 3 scores to count riding horses with 0 BD points. All 4 riders will ride the same Prelim test.

Senior Pairs dressage – for a pair of riders to ride a set test at novice level at the same time. Horses can have up to 124 points.

Medium dressage – this is an individual competition for horses with up to 299 BD points riding a medium test.

Senior Riding Test – teams of 4. 2 riders ride a novice level riding test and 2 an advanced level one but don't panic, this is not an advanced dressage test! It is basically between a novice and easy elementary level. Judging is based on the rider rather than the horse. Horses can have up to 60 BD points for the novice level and 124 for the advanced.

Dressage to Music Qualifier Sat 24th July at Sparrows Hill, Newport

All tests are ridden in a 20 x 60m arena and **on a surface**. Please note that if you qualify then the Championships are being held at Aintree, Liverpool (also on a surface) so please only go to the qualifier if you are prepared to travel to Aintree for the Champs should you qualify.

JUNIORS

For individuals only. There are 2 sections, both novice level. One for horses with 0 points and one for horses with 1-124 points

SENIORS

Individuals only, there are 3 classes. Novice dtm with 0 points; novice

with 1-124 points and Elementary for horses with up to 199 points.

There is also a Senior Pairs Dressage to Music class where 2 riders ride the test at the same time on horses with up to 124 points.

I know there is a lot of information to take in, so if anyone has any questions please get in touch and I will try to answer them!

We are happy to enter teams and individuals for any and all of the above, but need to know if you are interested.

Entry fees are split into 2; the Club pays the fees that have to go to the BRC office for preliminary entries and we ask individuals to pay the area entry fee so please bear this in mind. Should you qualify for the National Champs then the Club pays all Championship entries.

PLEASE can anyone interested in representing the Club in ANY of the above get in touch with either Rachel Roberts or myself, preferably by email, as soon as possible. We have a huge membership now and with both of us working full time simply don't have the time to ring round every member, so we rely on you not to be too modest and put yourselves forward!

My email address is emmaequus@btconnect.com and Rachel's is rproberts@live.co.uk

Winter Championships

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone that competed at our championship show, it was a great success and the end of a fabulous winter dressage series 2010. EEFDG would like to thank Mrs Jenner for kindly allowing us to hold our shows at Woodlands Stables and to our valued helpers, the shows couldn't happen without you!!!

The show was hotly contested and the successful winners of Intro B went to Kate Baker on Bay Sadiq with an impressive 65.2%, I'm sure we will be seeing much more of this combination as they move up the ranks. Prelim 19 went to Lindsey Corrigan on Diesel with 66.3%. I am pleased to say the number of juniors entered for this class really made an exciting competition with Chloe Edwards on Just Harrison taking the top spot with 65.9%. The Novice 37 was won by Jacquie Field on JR's Wonderboy with 66.4%. The Juniors class also hotly contested was won by Ria Bejeko-Cowlbeck with 66.07%, well done! The Elementary 58 was won by the very successful partnership of Alison Parker and JJ Malone with 67.5%. The Medium 69 was won by Ann Wilcox on Monet II with 61.2%, the Ad Medium 98 and pick a test class both won by Emma Wakefield on Hiskalot with 65.26% and 66.25%, an impressive double win. The music class which is always a pleasure to watch saw Penny Lock on Benedetto take the top spot with 66.67%. A BIG congratulations goes to EEFDG Supreme champion, Debbie Wisby and Blue Topaz. Well done full results are attached or please see website www.eefdg.org. A big

thank you to all our class sponsors and dedicated show photographer Susan Young.

Classifieds

Horses for sale

Blue topaz

15.2h sec d x chaps reg bay tobiano 8yr old mare. Winner of both prelim winter league classes last time out, she also jumps, hacks alone or in company and is good to shoe clip box etc.

The perfect RC horse £5500 for more details contact Debbie 07967477503

Silverfield Squirrel Nutkin (Thomas)

9 years old Bay p/b arab Show pony 12.2hh. Good to box clip farrier hack out alone and company

Teeth and vaccinations up to date -list of successes below
£4500 ono

Contact Karen Richter 01375 672168
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Showing

Amateurs Reserve champ winter 2010 & Champion summer 2009 & Hocon Reserve Champ Home Produced 2009
Qualified Ponies UK winter champ 2010 and 2009, Equifest 2010 Trail-blazers Showing 2010 & Ponies UK winter champs 2009
Orsett show Champ BPS and Reserve champ unaffiliated ring 2009
Brook farm champ 2009
Thurrock Riding Club Champ and Supreme Champ 2009

Dressage

EEFDG team dressage 2010-2ND in area competition
EEFDG Junior Reserve Champ novice level 2010
Trail-blazers prelim and novice qualified 2010
Byrds Champ show novice level placed 2010

Forthcoming Show Dates at Woodlands

DATE

Wed 30th June 2010

Wed 28th July 2010

Wed 25th August 2010

Sun 19th September 2010

EVENT

Summer series

Summer series

Summer series

Summer Championships

Weds 27th October 2010 Affiliated

Weds 17th November 2010 Affiliated

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