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Newsletter February 2010

Welcome

Welcome to all our members. I hope the snow isn't causing you too much disruption and you're all coping with it okay? February has been a very busy month in terms of area 5 events. We had the team dressage and indoor show jumping qualifiers as well as having a club night at the Lygon Arms. March appears to be just as busy. We have two more Riding Club competitions and there is a flat lesson taking place at Pittern Hill Stables.

Upcoming Area 5 Events

The following riding club events are taking place over the next couple of months. All those who are interested in taking part please contact Wendy Skrypczuk (07530 651744 or email: wendy@ettingtonkinetonrc.co.uk)

Please can you let Wendy know ASAP if you want to compete in the Hunter Trial qualifier at Milton Keynes as the entry has to be in 3 weeks prior to the competition.

Date	Event	Venue	Type
14 March	Mini Dressage + RWHS Qualifier	Moreton Morrell	Points/Qualifier
28 March	Team Hunter Trial	Atherstone RC	Points
Sunday 11 th April	BHS TREC	Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex	
Friday 16 th April	Jumping Lesson	Pittern Hill Stables	Club Event
Sunday 18 th April	Festival of the Horse Challenge	Milton Keynes E C (Buckingham RC)	Qualifier
Saturday 24 th April (TBC)	Riding Test & Style Jumping - Juniors	Princethorpe Schools (Stoneleigh)	Qualifier
Saturday 24 th April (TBC)	Riding Test & Style Jumping - Seniors	Princethorpe Schools (Stoneleigh)	Qualifier

Skittles Evening

The skittles evening went ahead at the Lygon Arms, Chipping Campden. The night was well supported with a large turnout of our members. This was great to see, as this hasn't been the case in recent years. There was quite a rivalry between team captains James & Mike, with much heckling and good natured ribbing going on throughout the night. James team came out on top (we was robbed) in the end, but I do think there was a bit of suspect scoring going on!!!! Tony South was top gent player and Gail Jackson was the best scoring lady. A great time was held by all and I for one can't wait for the next club night.

Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier

This took place at Solihull Riding Club. The weather was foul to start with, but happily that cleared up. The club put one team forward. These were; Wendy Skrypczuk who rode her new horse Silver Mistress (Fly). Katie Skrypczuk riding Pink Lady. Tracey Harvey with Prince Libro and Mike Turner rode Lady Tipperary. Wendy, Katie and Tracey jumped clear in the first round and Mike had one down. This left the team on a score of 0 faults for the first round. In the second round Katie and Tracey rode blinders to finish on 0 faults for the two rounds. However; Wendy and Mike didn't fair so well. Wendy & Fly had 16 faults which might sound disappointing, but was pretty good considering Fly's a novice to this sort of event and behaved impeccably throughout the day. Sadly Mike & Tipp retired. The team finished unplaced but Katie and Tracey managed to finish 3rd and 5th individually. **Well done to you both!!!!**

Team Dressage Qualifier

This took place at Moreton Morrell College. The club managed to put two teams forward. The teams members were; Emma Payne, Stephanie Mitchell, Mike Turner & Vanessa Jenson. The other team members were; Emma Payne, Hannah Drury, Wendy & Katie Skrypczuk. Neither team managed to qualify for the championships; however Emma Payne did manage to finish 6th on Sweet Satisfaction and 5th on Torrison. Well done Emma!!!

Honourable mention has to go to Wendy. To say she had control problems in the arena was an understatement.

Witnesses at the scene were heard to say 'I've never seen a dressage test ridden that fast before'!!!! Poor Wendy. It didn't help her cause that Katie, her loving daughter, kept laughing at her instead of reading the test. I think Katie had to walk home after!!!!

Xmas Show results

Sorry this is a bit late, bit of an oversight on my part. Never mind. See attached for Xmas show results.

Membership Fees

Sorry to keep going on about this, but the membership fees are now long overdue. Could you please send a cheque to Claire as soon as possible. Blank forms are available from the clubs website. www.ettingtonkinetorc.co.uk

Please send to:

Claire Walton
49 Ettington Close,
Wellsbourne, Warwickshire
CV35 9RJ

The membership fees for 2010 are:

£18 - Annual Membership Seniors (17 and over);

£12 - Annual Membership Juniors (8-13);

£12 - Annual membership Associate (14-16)

£12 - Social Membership.

New Members

E.P.K.R.C. would like to welcome new members Hannah Drury and Amy Newcombe. Welcome to you both. Hannah has already represented the club at the area 5 Dressage qualifier. Hopefully it won't be too long before Amy is competing for the club. Good luck to you both for the upcoming year.

Table Top Sale

This event is a possibility in the spring. It will more than likely be held at Blackwell village hall either at the end of April or the beginning of May. First thoughts were to have a tack sale, but it was decided we might get more visitors if we had more of a general sale. Any ideas of how this event should be run, what should be included in the sale, etc is more than welcome. Email Mike with your ideas mike@ettingtonkintonrc.co.uk

BHS TREC

BHS TREC is a relatively new sport that has been operating in the UK for roughly ten years. It is designed to test a horse and rider's ability to tackle everyday obstacles that they may meet whilst out riding.

A full outdoor BHS TREC competition comprises of three sections

- Orienting phase – a rider must find their way using a map
- Control of paces (CoP) phase - The rider asks the horse to canter as slowly as possible followed by walking as fast as possible
- Obstacle (PTV) phase - obstacles that might be faced out on a hack such as jumps, bending, travelling under low branches and mounting.

The BHS runs a Winter Series, suitable to be held in an arena, which encompasses the control of paces and obstacle phase meaning riders don't need to jump or read a map!

There is a team competition taking place at Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex on the 11th of April. Entries will cost £40 per team and riding clubs may enter more than one team. The competition will follow the format of the indoor winter series. Anyone interested in taking part please contact Wendy Skrypczuk.

And Finally...

If anyone would prefer to have the newsletter emailed as to having it posted can you please let me know? I don't mind posting it, but this does cost the club money so for those of you who don't mind having it sent electronically you can save the club a little bit of money. Please email me so I can verify your address. (mike@ettingtonkintonrc.co.uk)

Cheers Everyone

Mike