

2013 NEWS

2013 AGM

At the recent AGM, the John Payne Memorial Shield was presented to Delia Job with Player for gaining the most points from club competitions over the past year. Rachel Shiell with Nicozetto was presented with the Riddell Estate 'Pitmedden Wilco' Salver for the most points gained from the two Riddell competitions. Afterwards members enjoyed a glass of wine and a presentation was made to Chris Hall to mark her retirement as Treasurer after 12 yrs (and even longer as a committee member!).



EFRA WINS HT CHAMPIONSHIP

The event team who qualified for the BRC Championships travelled to Swalcliffe Park Equestrian Centre, Banbury, Oxfordshire on Thursday to compete in the BRC 100 3 day event.(Long Format)

The team of Carly Scott/Zelena, Cindy Fisher/Hookys Dash, Delia Job/Player and Carolyn Gospel/Willamy Twinkle did a marvellous job by leading from the dressage right through to win.

It was a terrific achievement to win as 20 teams came forward from all over the British Isles to try to win this prestigious event. We started with a trot up to make certain all horses were sound and fit to run on Friday morning. The girls looked really smart in their pink EFRA polos and the horses looked fit and well and all passed.

Dressage in the afternoon when they all did lovely tests to finish in the lead on 92 penalties. Saturday dawned a little cooler but soon the sun was up with another hot day in prospect. XC was over very undulating ground with a roller coaster course and fences well up to height and difficulty especially the 2nd and 3rd last which were 2 carved lion skinnies topped with brush on a left turn with 3 strides between. This caused the most trouble but our 4 girls jumped it copy book to keep them in the lead. But first they had roads and tracks of 20mins, 6 steeplechase fences in 2mins and then another 25mins of roads and tracks before vetting for soundness and heart rates(horses not riders!!) Then off on the cross country.....

Sunday morning saw another trot up by 9am and then ready for Showjumping. The course looked smaller than last year but caused quite a lot of dropped poles. Carly jumped a great round but had the last fence down, Cindy's mare was tired as she had had a problem on Monday and had not had her last piece of work but tried her hardest and had 2 down. Carolyn also jumped her usual lovely round to have 4faults. Delia just kept kicking her little grey who rubbed at least 3 but luck was with her to jump clear! By this time my calculations had dropped us to at least 3rd but when the results were announced that we had won-- well it's a wonder you didn't hear us in the borders.



REPORT FROM EFRA SHOW ON 7TH JULY 2013.

With a new venue of John Swans Auction Mart the club ran its annual show in the most glorious of weather. A record entry was received with 99 horses entered in a variety of classes from Introductory dressage to Blair Castle Working Hunter qualifier. The ground had a good covering of grass which helped horses on the firm ground.

The Scottish Connemara group ran their show alongside EFRA and this was a great success for both clubs. Sharing the working hunter and showjumping rings worked well with lots of space for rings and warming up.

Jane Hollands and Vicky Russell judged the Working Hunter classes and found their champion from the Novice class who was Woody ridden by Clive Storey. Player ridden by Delia Job won the Blair Castle qualifier from a strong class of 15 and stood reserve champion to Clive. Clive was also 2nd in the qualifier with his prolific winner Masquerade.

Full results can be found on results page

AREA 1 SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER REPORT

We were represented at the BRC Area 1 Show Jumping Qualifier run by Lothians Riding Club at Stobs Farm, Gorebridge on Sunday 16th June.

The Novice team of Pam Turnbull/Lennon, Lorna Hogarth/Bart, Wendy Bell/ Taktiform and Fiona Hutcheson/Stobswood Cheeky Charlie all jumped 2 good rounds to go into the jump off with 3 double clears. The jump off course was very twisty and caused some trouble. However, our girls went well again and were beaten into 2nd place by only points of seconds. Fiona Hutcheson was less than 2 secs. behind the winner to be 5th individually. Lothians who seem to have strong grip on this class won again to go south for the Championships.

There was quite a problem keeping the Intermediate team together as lameness and other problems occurred. We were down to 3 members by Sunday morning but they all performed really well to finish 2nd team. Sarah Thomson/Mickey Bow, Lyndsey Millar/Charlie and Delia Job/Player all jumped clears rounds then an unfortunate 4 faults in the 2nd round made us think they were out of it. However, the Almond club were also on 4 faults so the girls had to jump off against the clock and with some bad luck we finished 2nd with Lyndsey also finishing 2nd individually.

Well done the girls and it was good to have some new faces in the teams. This was a really happy day and Lothians made a good job of running it. This is their last year so the Area qualifier will have to move for 2014

AREA 1 DRESSAGE QUALIFIER REPORT

The club ran the BRC Area 1 dressage and riding Test qualifiers on Sunday at the Mart, St. Boswells when clubs competed to qualify for the British Championships at Lincoln in September.

Clubs from East Kilbride and Castle Douglas competed against more local teams from Edinburgh, East Lothian, Berwickshire and of course our own club.

The weather was excellent as it was cooler for the horses and riders and some rain on Saturday night gave the ground a little more give. 4 arenas were in use all day and everyone thought the setting was excellent.

Selection of teams is always a conundrum with everyone having their own plan for the season. However, after lame horses and Kirkley Hall put many out of the equation our girls did well and selection proved that we have strength in depth.

The Riding Test team of Elma/Anique Juno, Sam Anderson/Craggyde Sapphire and Carly/Zelana although only 3 in team they were the best and won their qualifier with Sam 1st in her arena, Elma 2nd and Carly 4th.

Sam and Elma were joined by Fiona Hutcheson / Stobswood Cheeky Charlie to come 3rd equal in the Preliminary teams having been placed 3rd, 3rd and 4th. After equalising!!?? scores they were awarded 6th rosettes.

The Open dressage teams ran last in the day and our team of Wendy/Taktiform, Delia/Player, Carly/Zelana and Alison Buchanan/ Come C were well placed individually 1st, 2nd and 2 4ths to come second to a strong South Lammermuir team.

Wendy also competed in the Medium qualifier and was 2nd to Joan Lauder and Udolin.

Well done to them all and we wish the qualifying teams the best of luck at Lincoln. Thank you to all who helped to make this day welcoming and running on time.

HORSE TRIALS 26 MAY REPORT

The Horse trials run on the 26th May at Timpendean attracted good entries and ran on the 2nd best day of the year.

A Grassroots dressage and jumping class was run first and was won by Janet McRitchie riding her young Connemara Corrie. Fiona Mercer was 2nd on Midnight.

Class 2 which was a horse trial attracted 8 entries. Competitors rode a BE 90 test then jumped round showjumps of 65cms and XC of 60cms. This class was well won by Elma Maclaren riding Anique Juno from Rhona Harkness and Morning Rain with Ashley Hogg on Spongebob in 3rd.

Class 3 attracted 12 entries who rode a BE test then Showjumps of 85cms and XC of 80cms which included combinations, skinnies and a trakhner and was well ridden although some of the skinnies caught out one or two. The winner was Fiona Hutcheson on Stobswood Cheeky Charlie from new member Joanne Rome and Banaher and in 3rd Lindsay Dun riding Rubin Aotea.

Many thanks to all who helped on the day. Money was raised to help subsidise Stabling costs when the teams go south.

HORSE TRIAL AREA 1 REPORT

The club had a successful weekend at Hunwick Farm , Durham running 2 teams and 2 individuals at the Area Horse Trials qualifier.

The BRC 100 team of Cindy Fisher/Hookys Dash ,Carolyn Gospel/Willamy Twinkle, Carly Scott/ Zelena and Delia Job/ Player lead by 5 marks after dressage, they kept up their lead in the showjumping and cross country to still finish 5 marks ahead of the South Lammermuir team and Peebles team 5 marks behind them.

The girls did well as the ground conditions were very firm and stoney in places which made each phase difficult especially as we have been working in mud for most of the last year!

Carolyn was 2nd individual, Cindy 5th and Delia 7th.

The 2 individuals were Sarah Thomson/Mickey Bow were a good second and Shelley Johnston/Soneva Gill 8th in the 90 class.

Louise Clark/Coco, Lindsay Dun/Rubin Aotea, Carolyn Gospel/Gowler Topper and late substitute Laura Sanderson/Tamarosa represented us in the 80 class and were there really for the experience and for the future. However, they came up trumps and with a bit of luck they also managed to win from North Lammermuir team.

Louise was 2nd Individually and Lindsay 3rd.

TEAM NEWS

The EFRA Team which went to BRC Championships at Hartpury College at the weekend finished in a respectable 12th place from 32 teams. In bitterly cold conditions the team of Lindsay Dun/Rubin Aotea, Carly Scott/Zelema, Laura Sanderson/Tamerosa and Jill King/Milo all did decent tests and were rewarded with some individual placings too. Laura was 8th, Jill was 10th and Lindsay and Carly just out of the placings in their arenas.

I was delighted with their performances as this was the first time these horses had competed at such a big event. They all travelled well and we had excellent stabling for the horses, lovely Bed and Breakfast for us, Stuart who helped with everything and Alistair who drove and is always such a help too. We did miss Fiona!!

The standard was definitely higher again with many "Dressage" horses now to the fore. Our girls all rode well and kept Ettrick Forest flag flying for us..

Well Done.

SHOWCROSS 17th MARCH

After an uncertain start due to the snowy weather the Spring (!) ShowCross at Haughead went ahead with only a handful of withdrawals. On completing the show jump course, competitors then went against the clock over the XC style fences. With so many fences in the arena a few members needed 'sat nav' !! See website for full results.

Many thanks to Steph Robson for building the course, to Jim Jeffrey for judging it and to those members who helped on the day.

ANNUAL GETOGETHER

A very sociable evening was enjoyed by EFRA members and friends at the recent Annual Getogether held at the Woll golf club. It was good to see lots of new faces as well as some 'weel kent' ones!!

After an excellent meal the winter league winners were presented with their awards by club chairman Fiona Busby. See results page for details. Team Training officer Anne Millar then announced Pam Turnbull as this year's recipient of the Catriona Arres Memorial training grant. This grant is awarded annually to a member who has through training and competition progressed their horse and themselves.

After the raffle, the 'finale' of the evening was the Fun quiz!! Did you know that a staple is made up of a crown, legs and teeth?!!!

