

## Lincoln Report 2014

Two club teams travelled to Lincoln for the BRC Championships on Saturday 6th September. This is probably one of the biggest gatherings of horses in the country with over 1600 horses competing over the weekend. There are 15 dressage arenas and 4 showjumping rings and Scotland was well represented with teams from both area 1 and 22.

Although I say 2 teams in fact only 5 horses and riders travelled to represent us in the Open dressage and Novice showjumping. Due to different reasons only Katie Farnsworth /Killawalla Warrior could make the trip from the original showjumping team. However, Laura Sanderson/Tamarosa and Louise Clark/Coco stood in and jumped to make up a team of 3.



The horses travelled well in Gillies lorry with Clive driving. Click and drag to move

On Saturday morning there was a real east coast haar and it was difficult to pick out horses in the arenas.

Our Open team of Jill King/Arnie, Carolyn Gospel/Willamy Twinkle, Laura and Louise all did reasonable tests with Carolyn winning in her arena. The team finished a creditable 10th.

The showjumping was well built and as technical as can be expected at a championships and our riders did their best on the day but were unplaced.

The open team then turned themselves round and competed in the Team of Four competition which has all 4 horses in the arena at once doing a Novice test with a commander. Having not had a real rehearsal with these 4 horses they did incredibly well and finished 2nd= but their discipline mark was slightly lower so finished 3rd. Photos should be available on the web. As we had the horses packed ready for the journey we were allowed to do the presentation and lap of honour on foot. As can be seen from the photos the girls did well even if they were out of step this time!! Click and drag to move



This was a happy end to quite a stressful time as putting together the teams and making sure we were not breaking any rules , Carolyn lost her phone and Louise had a sick time but better by Saturday morning. Well done girls you were all good team members.

## Showcross Report

On Tuesday evening several members competed at Timpendean in the Show cross. The ground was perfect and the sun shone.

Nursery class was won by Jane Douglas riding Sioux from Janet McRitchie riding Craggyde Cornelian.

Novice winner was Nicola Birkett riding Cruz, 2nd Dark Orange ridden by Wendy Bell, 3rd Fergal with Gilly McKeane and 4th Baillie Boo and Charlotte Bunting.

The Open was won by Marita Gibson on Darkwood Peri beating fellow stablemate Willow Glen with Angela Barrowclough by 1 second! Baillie Boo was 3rd.

Many thanks to Helen Bett and Evelyn Anderson who judged the classes.

## HORSE TRIALS TEAM REPORT

Clubs teams have represented us at Area 1 Horse trials, dressage and show jumping qualifiers.

The horse trials team of Paula Whitson/ Ganton Royale, Rebecca Dun/Rubin Aotea, Joanne Rome/Banaher and Lorna Hogarth/Bart travelled to Ivesley, Durham. Nothing went right, the going was deep and wet and the organisation, lets say, could have been better. So no qualifier this year.

On Saturday and Sunday 12/13th July the Area1 committee ran all the other qualifiers at SNEC.

Our Novice dressage team of Louise Clark/Crème Brulee, Rebecca Dun/Rubin Aotea, Paula Whitson/Ganton Royale and Fiona Mercer/Charlie went as a team. Unfortunately, Louise's pony arrived lame so we were down to a team of 3. However, they still went well and finished 2nd. Individually, Fiona was 2nd, Becca and Paula 5th .

The Open team of Jill King/Mylo, Carolyn Gospel/Willamy Twinkle, Laura Sanderson/Tamarosa and Louise/Coco won their qualifier. Individually in the teams Laura N30 was 1st, Jill 2nd E44, Carolyn N34 3rd and Louise N24 5th. Then in the Individual classes Laura E44 4th Carolyn N30 2nd Becca N24 6th So well done teams.

For the first time in many years we had representatives in the Dressage to Music.

Laura was 2nd and Jill 3rd with Arnie in the Novice. Jill was 1st and was 2nd in the Elementary with Mylo and Arnie so qualifying for the Championships in the winter.

Sunday was the jumping day and we had Becca, Paula, Katie Farnsworth/Wally and Lorna Pate /Millie. They have also qualified for Lincoln in September by being the only team on a zero score. They also competed in the style jumping qualifier but were not in a qualifying position.

Well done to all who have represented the club this year and let's wish them well when they go south for the Championships.

### Dressage Team Report

The dressage team of Jill King/Mylo, Laura Sanderson/Tamarosa, Lindsay Dun/Ruben Aotea replacing Sam Anderson and Lorna Hogarth /Bart replacing Carly Scott competed during the Saturday. Luck was not on our side this year and although all doing well we were unplaced. The club was represented last weekend at the British Riding Clubs Winter Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucester. The teams had qualified last autumn at the Area 1 Qualifiers at SNEC.

However, the Showjumping team of Laura /Tamarosa replacing Tango who had been injured, Lindsay Dun, Sarah Page/Paper Classic and Pam Turnbull/Lennon jumped well to finish on a total of 8 faults. There were 3 teams on 4 faults who jumped off for the 1st place and we were lying 4th= with 8 alongside another 4 teams. The placings are decided on aggregate times in the second round which we then finished in 8th place.

There was great team camaraderie and good fellowship throughout the weekend. Well done girls you represented us well.

Full team news for the summer will be on the web at the beginning of the week.

## EFRA Getogether

The Annual Getogether and prizegiving at the Woll, Ashkirk was a success once again. Everyone who went to it enjoyed themselves, and the Woll always does us well. Numbers were slightly down this year.

Pam Turnbull gave a talk with slide on how she used the Catriona Arres Training Grant she won a year ago. Before the presentation of this year's award Anne Millar gave a talk about the grant.

With our intended speaker unable to come Janet McRitchie stepped into the breach with a fun quiz which had some of us delving into past memories!

There were a few new faces this time and a few usual people missing but It was nice to see new members coming along and meeting other members socially.

Photos will appear shortly on photo page

## Prize Giving

### Medals for Dressage

Prelim (class 2) Katie Jo Nixon : Lara

Prelim (class 3) Katie Jo Nixon. : Chilean Dream / Rhona Young : Morning Rain

Novice class 4 Sec A Elma McLaren : Uist of Torlundy

Elementary class 5 Wendy Bell : Taktiform

Med. Class 6 Wendy Bell : Taktiform/ Delia Job-Player

## Show Jumping

Nursery : Tamzin Baxter - Brundean Saphira

Novice : Wendy Bell - Taktiform

Intermediate : Sarah Page - Paper Classic

Open : Sarah Page - Paper Classic

Wendy Bell with Taktiform won the Jean McAulay cup (combined Dress and S/J) with 53 points.

Catriona Arres Training Grant was won by Paula Whitson

## Winter Championship Team news

2 teams are travelling south at the end of March to compete in the BRC winter championships at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire

A dressage team and a showjumping team with Jill King, Laura Sanderson, Lindsay Dun, Lorna Hogarth, Sarah Page and Pam Turnbull representing the club.

## Report on David Gatherers clinics 24/25 Feb 2014

An excellent 2 days were had by members and others at Dryden for the David Gatherer clinics on dressage and jumping. David is the British Eventing Scottish coach for 18yrs and under and has ridden to 4\* events and dressage to advanced level. He is currently training his own young horse with help from Carl Hester.

David taught for over 11 hours and had full sessions. He worked all the horses in a consistent and progressive way and had riders thinking and discussing the way of going. He pushed them when possible to do some lateral work which is necessary to progress. Everyone asked to be included in his next visit.

Jumping in the afternoon took the form of riding in rhythm, shortening and lengthening strides. Riding straight and curved lines. All in preparation for spring events.

David is back on the 22/23 February for his annual jumping clinic to be held this year at Greenhill. Application forms are on EFRA website and spaces are filling quickly.



## 2013 WINTER LEAGUE DRESSAGE REPORT

Well, I have to admit that I am kinda sad the Winter League Dressage has come to an end! It has been a pleasure to run, I feel I have got to know a lot of members a lot better through them riding as well as helping. I have never had to 'PERSUADE' anyone to help, the atmosphere has been lovely and it has been good fun!

I'd like to thank Chloe Anderson and her team of helpers who has been an absolute godsend providing refreshments for the Judges, Writers, Stewards and Scorers, she undertook this job to help her raise funds for her trip to Malawi next year with the Borders Exploration Group, should any of our members wish to donate, please do so to Sam at Dryden.

We have seen some new faces compete in the league as well as having Judges who we have not seen before, this has gone down a treat, the judges have loved it and praised us for our standard of riding and turnout, telling us that we would all stand our own in affiliated classes, this is wonderful to hear and may encourage some more of us to give BD a try!

I'd just like to say one more HUGE thank you to everyone who has assisted me, the Judges, Writers, Steward and Scorers - these days would quite simply not happen if you were not willing to give up your time, but off course the biggest thank you must go to all the competitors, the camaraderie has been brilliant, its made the long cold days well worth it.

My W/T steed, Dillon, better known as 'Naunton Brook' of Grand National fame is slowly considering becoming a dressage pony, Rene managed to get out of it yet again by having a wee disagreement with the fence, but there's always next year!

Thank you all very much, please put February 9th in your diaries, there is a Dressage competition then at Dryden and it will include RoR qualifiers, and I'd like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, all the best. A.F.

#### REPORT FROM AREA 1 WINTER SHOWJUMPING QUALIFIER

The club was again well represented on Saturday 23rd November at the Area Qualifier which was held at Kingsbarns Equestrian Centre, near Falkirk. It was well run by Glenbrae RC headed up by Grant Turnbull who was a EFRA member and rode in many teams for us several years ago.

We entered 2 teams as we have many competing members who are well up to the task of jumping RC Novice courses. Two teams were selected but as things go accidents and unfortunate events sometimes take over so teams were eventually fixed on Friday night!!

The Teviot team was Laura Sanderson/Tamarosa, Sam Anderson/Craggyde Sapphire, Mhaira Grieve/Jack and Carolyn Gospel/Towla Topper. They all jumped well but had a few fences down between them so were unplaced.

The Ettrick team was Sarah Page/Paper Classic, Pam Turnbull/Lennon, Lindsay Dun/Rubin Aotea and a very late substitute Laura riding Tango in Paris. They all had some luck in running, I have to say, and finished on a total of 8 faults which was good enough to have them finish 2nd and also qualify for the BRC Championships at Hartpury at the end of March.

This was another really happy day with great teammanship and support of each other and a pleasure to be with them. Many thanks to the ground staff-mothers, fathers, partners and nieces for your help! Well done all.

#### BRC AREA 1 WINTER DRESSAGE QUALIFIER.

The club sent 2 teams to SNEC on 2nd November to represent the club at the above competition

The ALE team of Jill King/Mylo, Laura Sanderson/Tamarosa, Carly Scott/Zelena and Sam Anderson/Craggyde Sapphire won the team qualifier with 2x1st places and a 3rd to give them a total of 5 which was 4 points ahead of South Lammermuir.

The ETTRICK team of Delia Job/Player, Rhona Harkness/Morning Rain, Lorna Hogarth/Bart and Paula Whitson also competed but were out of the placings. Delia last to go did a grand job to be 5th.

Well done girls and another trip to Hartpury.

Area 1 Showjumping qualifier on the 23rd November at Kingsbarns, Falkirk. Anyone who would like to try for a team please contact Anne or Fiona.