



ETTRICK FOREST RIDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

August/September 2019

Hello Everyone,

What a great spell of weather we are having, well, until this week!! We do hope you have enjoyed a productive summer with your horses and ponies. Alas the nights are closing in and mornings too, however, it's time to start planning your winter outings so you've got something to look forward to!

Important Info - Please Read!!!

Following a British Riding Clubs advisory committee meeting in June 2019, a proposal was accepted by them to ensure all riding clubs run their membership year from 1st January – 31st December.

This has been a requirement for newly affiliated clubs for some time and will now be a requirement for any riding club affiliated to BRC going forward (us).

The changes will take effect from 1st January 2020, we will need to adhere to this new requirement by that date.

Therefore, it is proposed that your current membership will now be extended to the 31st December, with BRC covering the insurance for the extended period.

Due to this change and to make it easier for the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer we will be bringing forward a motion at the AGM to change our current financial year which, at the moment, runs from 1st October to 30th September, to coincide with the new membership year.

Please send any comments, queries or objections to jackieag@tiscali.co.uk or eve.a@btinternet.com .

Many thanks

Thursday 24th October – AGM in St Boswells Village Hall (Lesser Hall) at 7.30pm

NAF Five Star National Horse Trials Championships:

After having run 3 Horse Trials teams at the BRC qualifier at Forgandenny Farm, Perth in April where we did well, we decided to send the 90cms team to the Championships in August. We were then informed that Laura Sanderson had also qualified as an individual with Percy in the 80cms, that was great, except her competition was on Friday as a one-day event and the team were to do a 2 day event. Laura would travel down Thursday and the

team on Friday, with Dressage and show jumping on Saturday and Roads and Tracks and steeplechase on Sunday.

There were quite a few changes to be done before we reached there, the original team of Kelly, Joyce, Jo and Sarah Page looked good however, things don't always go to plan and from the outset Kelly was unable to go so Sandra with Stevie said she would go. So that was fine!! After some outings it was thought that Sarah should take China as Candy wasn't just quite herself☺

Sorry this is a bit of a long story, but you should know what we went through!!!

At the last minute, Sandra was devastated as Stevie was not quite right and it was decided he couldn't travel. SO because I had made the 2 changes allowed, we were left with 3 in the team!!!!!!

After much deliberation it was decided that we should go regardless as we had missed out last year and Fiona and I felt they had a good chance of doing well.

THEN on the Tuesday Percy was lame and wasn't going to be fit to go! Unbelievable! Laura was beyond devastation and the Friday morning Sarah Brodie, who was going as our helper/groom and steward of the roads and tracks had a poorly horse so she too could not go either! Arrrrhhhhh Horses!!!

Anyway, off we set on the Friday and all went well with travel and stabling etc. Evelyn and Jane Douglas came with Fiona and I went with Evelyn, who did all the driving.

Fiona helped them all with their dressage; Jo did a nice test, Sarah was good with a 22 and Joyce a PB

Huge thank you Fiona! ☺

The show jumping caused a fair amount of trouble. Jo jumped clear, Sarah sadly had a blip which completely knocked her out of contention (completely out of form) and Joyce and George jumped round for 4 faults.

Sunday was a lovely day and very warm. After much thought overnight it was decided that as a team, we were not in contention each girl could do what they thought best, for Jo and Joyce a placing and for Sarah an educational round.

Jo and her little pocket rocket stormed round clear and finished in 7th place! A massive achievement and we are all very proud of them, just fabulous.

Joyce and the gentle giant George went clear too, and also passed the vet inspection after roads and tracks. They set off round the extremely hilly course, where they did accrue some time faults, but still finished in the top half, massive well done as this combination have gone clear around every 90 cms track they have entered! What an achievement for them both! Sarah and China had a lovely school and are raring to go for their next outing together, huge well done to them all.

I think it was well into Monday before they were all home but thank you all for your part in this. Special thanks to Evelyn Anderson for being the chauffeur for the weekend and to the Gillies box driver who was Sarah B for the weekend, most appreciated.

Report by Anne Millar

TRAINING:

David Gatherer is back on 17th October and 10th November. Please contact Anne Millar - spaces filling up fast!!

Fiona Busby is starting her weekly training sessions on Tuesday 1st October. Alternate weeks at Cavers, Nr Denholm 11-12 noon and Dryden 12 noon. £10 per person. **Please** telephone on Monday evenings to book 01387 380511 or 07974 550010

RIDDELL OPEN DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING:

The open dressage and combined training @ Riddell, which was due to be held on Sunday 18th August was moved to Dryden due to the wet weather we had had that week. Thanks to all who helped and who came along to Dryden to participate.

DRESSAGE AND WORKING HUNTER SHOW:

On Saturday the 31st August, EFRA held their Dressage and Working Hunter Show at Kirksyde. The event went well, despite the weather, where we saw rainy drizzle turn into thundery downpours! In spite of this, the judges Mrs Heather Stirrat and Mrs Jacqueline Jell managed to judge the tests, while Liz Donnan and Claire Marshall judged the WH classes. It seems everyone had a good time, even though it was slightly damp. Huge thanks to George and Evelyn for allowing us to use their venue and to Dodson and Horrell for donating their generous prizes.

ARENA EVENT @ TIMPENDEAN:

Our arena event took place on Sunday 22nd September and saw us welcome some new faces and lovely horses along to compete at Timpendean. Hopefully some of these people will become new members in the future. Congratulations to all who were in the prizes, and again our thanks go to Dodson and Horrell for their prizes. A special thank you to Fy Thomas for her expert videoing of some rounds, as well as to Mr and Mrs Millar for allowing us the use of their fabulous facilities. Finally, a huge thank you to all

of those who gave up their time to help on the day and before the event, we couldn't run these events without you! Full results can be found on the facebook page and website.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR CROSS COUNTRY PHASE:

Please Remember:

Only a "Jockey Skull" of an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface, having no peak or peak type extensions may be worn for any XC phase. Noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front, not greater than 5mm, smooth and rounded in nature are permitted. It must also comply with the 'Protective Headwear' criteria and be tagged as set out above. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Diary Dates: October

Sunday 6th October - Dressage Test and Teach with Fiona Busby - Stable Life

Sunday 13th October - Winter League Showjumping (1) - Stable Life

Thursday 24th October - EFRA AGM - St Bowells Village Hall (Upper Hall) - 7.30pm

Sunday 27th October - Winter League Dressage (2) - Stable Life

If anyone would like anything included in the next newsletter then please feel free to email it to us on khill053@hotmail.com. Or sarah.brodie123@btinternet.com

Thanks in advance Krista and Sarahb x ☺