



ETTRICK FOREST RIDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

June/July 2019

Hello Everyone,

What a great spell of weather we are having, hopefully you are all enjoying being out and about with your ponies. There's lots coming up, so be sure to check the website for regular updates.

WORKING HUNTER SHOW:

The working Hunter Show was again graced with great weather and some of us came away with a Timpendean tan, perhaps the Ice Cream van needs to pay a visit next year, will take a note of this now! ☺

The club's new purchase of Poly Jump WH fences was proven to be a great success and made the building and dismantling of the course far more easier than previous competitions as the jump stands are so light and easy to handle.

Everyone enjoyed the day and it was lovely to see new faces too who sent lovely messages and are keen to become members in the future. There were some lovely horses competing and some new stars for the future within the club to watch out for, congratulations to all of the prize winners. Huge thanks to Mr Tony Hogarth & Miss Sarah Hislop for judging also to Evelyn Anderson, Jackie Aglen, Joyce Grigor, Nicky Hall and Jane Aitken for scoring stewarding, pole picking for all 5 classes, we had over 50 combinations go round the course, which was great, Sarah rode the horse beautifully and going by the smile on her face she would of taken a few home too.

Special thanks to the great members who gave up their time both Saturday afternoons for helping build and take the course down for the next competition which is this weekend.

Many thanks, best wishes

Sarahb x

TRAINING:

Those that had a slot with David Gatherer reported they all enjoyed his exercises and courses, again new faces attended, had a ball and are keen for the next one. Please keep your eye out on the FB page and messages from Anne Millar of future dates with David throughout the year.

HELPING:

Thank you to everyone who has already helped at many club events this year. None of the events can run without our band of helpers. Helping is a great way to meet up with other members, learn how events run and you can pick up lots of tips from judges and trainers. It's amazing how much you can learn when you are there without your horse! We are always looking for more people to help out... and if the venue is the Mart Field the Chippy van comes highly recommended!! 😊

ANNUAL SHOW

Sunday 7th July saw the club run its Annual Show, kindly supported by Dodson and Horrell, at St Boswells Mart field. Entries were good in some classes but a disappointing response to the ROR qualifiers was a pity as we had good judges. The show classes, also judged by Will Goldie and Karen Redfearn, had better numbers and were enjoyed by these competitors. While these were taking place 2 dressage arenas were filled with competitors, doing tests from Intro up to Elementary. Lewis Marshall won 2 classes and many newcomers were in the rosettes, much to their delight. The winner of the beautiful Scott Plummer Rose Bowl for the Elementary was Jane Clark, bearing chairman Evelyn Anderson by the smallest margin.

The Working Hunter Championship was won, for the second year running, by Amy Brown riding Croft Allure, an ex-racehorse who won the Blair Qualifier and the Wares Trophy. Clive Storey, riding Mr Darcy, won the novice class and was reserve champion. Alex Mundell, riding a lovely big 4-year-old Sondercourt Emperor, won the nursery class. Judges Mike Cregan and Katie-Jo Nixon, along with trainee judge Lucy Brown, were complimentary about the standard of horses and riding.

The committee would like to thank Dodson and Horrell, all the judges, stewards and helpers who set up, ran and cleared away. Without them the show, which is the biggest event of the year, would not run so well.

Anne Millar

HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Good luck to Joyce, Jo and Sarah who head off this weekend to the BRC Riding Club Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe Grange, Banbury. They have all trained really hard and we all look forward to hearing how they get on.

Diary Dates: August/September

Sunday 18th August: Open Dressage and Combined Training @ Riddell

Saturday 31st August: Open Dressage and Working Hunter Show @ Kirksyde

Sunday 22nd September: Open Show X @ Timpendean

Well done to the follow club members who did really well at Pallinsburn Cross Country:

Sam Anderson: 1st 80cms ODE

Joyce Grigor: 1st 90 cms ODE , Jo Swanston 2nd 90 Cms and Sandra Smith Maxwell 5th

Brilliant

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 ☺