



ETTRICK FOREST RIDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

October 2018

Hello Everyone,

Are we all enjoying the first week of early dark and getting back into the winter routine? There's still plenty of time to get involved with the Winter Leagues, especially with the addition of the new Pairs League.

WINTER LEAGUE DRESSAGE (1):

The first winter league dressage on Sunday 4th October was a complete success, with a very large entry of around 66 tests throughout the day! Huge thanks to all the helpers, judges and organisers as without you guys we wouldn't be able to run these fun and friendly events. The team did extremely well to keep everything running smoothly and to time! After writing for the first two classes, which is always educational hearing what the judge has to say about all the different horses, movements and tests I kept cosy with my snow suit and hot water bottle! (Highly recommend both especially on a chilly day! 😊)



Then it was our turn to get ready for the novice test and time to strut our stuff! We produced a rather pleasing test, almost hitting the 70%, which is a new goal for Rosalin and I. We were a fraction off, earning a very respectable 69.64%, which put us in 1st place! Rosalin really is a fantastic pony who does an amazing job for Stable Life but also has lots of fun competing regularly at pony parties!

Natalie Crombie

A huge thank you needs to be given to everyone who gave up their time and helped out, from stewards to scorers, judges to writers, especially Aileen Firth, who came early to write for more classes than she was meant too, as we were a person down! Thanks again!

WINTER LEAGUE SHOWJUMPING (1):

Sunday 14th October was the first date in our winter showjumping league this season which saw big entries for all of our classes. A super course was built for us by Fyonna'h Thomas, which really encouraged

riders to use their corners and pick up the correct line to each fence. The jump off course was certainly a good test of steering! Once again, a big thank you to all those who helped out either judging, writing, stewarding or pole picking.

Those who entered the training class were given help and guidance if required, under the watchful eye of Sam Anderson. By the end of the class there were lots of happy horses and smiling faces!

For the rest of the classes there was an extremely competitive yet friendly atmosphere. It was very pleasing to see so many entries, hopefully this carries on throughout all of the winter league fixtures. A competitive Nursery class, of 14 entrants, saw Sandra Grieve jump 2 excellent rounds with Frenchie to take the win.

The Novice class saw an entry of 13 combinations. Stiff competition ensued, with lots of clear rounds achieved meant the jump off was very influential! Krista Ainslie's Wrdeg Major Gibby "hot-hoofed" it round to take the win, followed closely by Sandra Smith-Maxwell and Stormion.

An entry of 14 were forward for the Intermediate, which contained some of our more established combination, as well as others trying out this height for the first time at the Winter League. Christine Gray and Ettrick Diva jumped a super round and made the jump off look effortless to take 1st place. Following closely on their heels however were Joyce Grigor and Essenside George. A day for the Greys!

Finally the Open, with 2 entries forward, saw some super riding from both combinations. Both Christine and Katie Rourke jumped fantastic rounds and went clear, which meant the class winner came down to jump off times! Once again, Christine and Ettrick Diva produced a flawless performance which saw them just pip Katie Rourke and Valentino to take the win.



One final thank you needs to go to everyone who helped us clear up at the end - I think the jumps were tidied away in record time!

Krista Ainslie

WINTER LEAGUE DRESSAGE (2):

Another successful Winter Dressage League took place on Sunday 28th October with each class being very competitive. We were lucky enough to have Les Smith judge all day for us, giving every



competitor something to work on, alongside very positive comments. We also held our first pairs competition, which was taken seriously, with a few giggles in between. I would like to thank all members who came and helped run this day as it was cold and long but these events couldn't be run without you.

Nicola Laing

ROR SUBSIDIES FOR TRAINING ORGANISED BY EFRA:

ROR have agreed to subsidise training sessions organised by EFRA, including David Gatherer and Sarah Rodger. To claim your subsidy of £10 per training session please send your name, your horse's racing number and their ROR number to Sandra Smith-Maxwell. (Your horse does not need to be competition registered.)

MEMBER NEWS

- *Congratulations to Caroline Redpath whose Highland Stu came 4th at HOYS and was highest placed Highland gelding! Fantastic achievement!*

- Massive well done and congratulations to Amy Brown and Kasilia who went down to Aintree and WON the RoR Racing to Hunting Challenge Final!!!!



Please let me know via pm or email if there is any news you'd like to share for the next newsletter. It doesn't have to be anything huge either - the small goals are just as important!! ☺

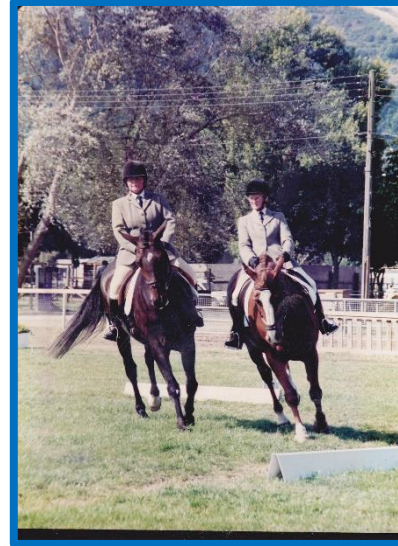
PAIRS DRESSAGE TROPHY:

The pairs dressage has now been brought into the winter league, with the addition of a lovely prize in memory of Jackie Aglen's Just Bertie and Alison Buchanan's Kerry Cumlate (both home bred, by the same sire - Pride of Meath).

Together, Bertie and Cumlate were unbeaten at the Area Qualifiers in pairs dressage, with them going on to represent the club at the Championships at Malvern three times. In 1998 they came 3rd, an amazing 1st placed followed in 1999 and finally a 2nd in 2000. Unfortunately the foursome were unable to compete in 2001 due to the outbreak of foot and mouth. Bertie and Jackie qualified again for the 2002 Championships, this time with Heather Busby and Mr Beaujangles, however were unable to make the trip due to an outbreak of strangles nearby.

Jackie, Alison, Bertie and Cumlate also went to the Caledonian Championships where they succeeded in seeing off the competition and came home with 1st place! These four were definitely a force to be reckoned with!

The pairs trophy is a fitting tribute to two very much loved horses who sadly died within 2 months of one another. If ever there was a time to have a shot at pairs dressage then now is it to be in with a chance of being the first recipients of this!



HELPERS:

If anyone is available to help, even for a couple of hours, at any of the dressage competitions then can you please get in touch with Nicola Laing as she still has some positions to fill. Remember these events cannot run without member volunteer support as well as competitors!

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Diary Dates: November/December

Sunday 4th November - Winter League Showjumping (2) - Stable Life

Sunday 18th November - Winter League Dressage (3) - Stable Life

Tuesday 20th November - Sarah Rogers at Timpendean or Kirksyde

Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th November - Area 1 Winter Novice and Intermediate Dressage Qualifiers - Morris Equestrian Centre

Sunday 25th November - Winter League Showjumping (3) - Stable Life

Sunday 2nd December- Winter League Dressage (4) - Stable Life

Sunday 9th December- Winter League Showjumping (4) - Stable Life

Sunday 16th December - Area 1 Winter Novice and Intermediate Showjumping
Qualifiers - Morris Equestrian Centre

I'll be looking for member contributions for the next edition of the newsletter, hopefully the end of December, so if anyone wishes to have anything included then please feel free to email it to me on khill053@hotmail.com. Thanks in advance. ☺