



ETTRICK FOREST RIDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

October/November/December 2019

Hello Everyone,

With 2019 drawing to a close, we look forward to the next decade, and the new year of EFRA training and competitions. 2020's training dates are out so be sure to get them in your diaries! Below you will find a little round up of winter events, qualifier news, new committee members and the full event list for 2020!

Winter Dressage:

The first leg of our Winter Dressage League kicked off on Sunday 27th October, due to the previous date having to be cancelled due to bad weather. An excellent number of entries, with an extremely impressive 12 members contesting the Elementary class! A win for Laura Sanderson in the intro, Helen and Jenna took the pairs win, with the restricted prelim class being claimed by Lyndsay Allan. Sam Anderson won class 3 and class 4, with Evelyn Anderson winning the novice B class. Louise Clark came out on top in both the elementary and the medium classes. Well done to everyone who took part, and of course, to everyone who gave up their time to help.

We ran the second of our Winter League Dressage competitions on Sunday 17th November. Some of the classes were very closely contested. The pairs class was won by Helen Hermiston and Jenna Pringle by 0.6% - Lyndsay Allan won class 2 from Laura Sanderson by a mere 0.19% but the closest of the day was Evelyn Anderson again winning the Novice B class by 0.5 of a collective mark. Many thanks to all those who helped - Sandra Smith-Maxwell who stood in and judged the Intro, Anne Millar for judging the Novice and Elementary classes, Joyce Grigor for organising and scoring, Carol Allison, Jane Douglas, Jo Swanston and Krista Ainslie for writing, Margaret Hutton, Angie Lowe and Nicky Hall for stewarding Fyannah Thomas scoring and last but definitely not least Jane Aitken dressage sheet runner. Without you all we couldn't have run such a successful day.

We ran our third and final Winter League Dressage on Sunday 8th December - Entries were disappointing compared to the last two competitions. Lyndsay Allan and Fiona Busby both had double wins on the day. Once again many, many thanks to all those who helped - Joyce Grigor organiser, Aileen Firth judging, Jo Arres, Sarah Brodie, Anita Wilson and Laura Sanderson for writing, Krista Ainslie for scoring and refreshments, Sandra Grieve sheet collecting, Angie Lowe (thank you for the yummy cake 😊) and Jane Aitken for doing the coldest job of all - Stewarding. We really couldn't manage without you all braving the cold.

Krista and Jackie

Winter Showjumping:

Sunday 15th October was the first date in our winter showjumping league this season which saw good entries for all of our classes. A super course was built for us by Fyannah 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. The nursery class was won by Rachael Redburn, with Sarah Page and Annie storming round to win the novice class. The intermediate win was taken by Angela Barrowclough and the Open class was won by Fyannah Thomas.

Our 2nd showjumping competition took place on Sunday 3rd November. With some members away representing the club at areas qualifiers, with was pleasing to see that we still had good entries for most of our classes. Again, Fyannah built us an excellent course, and Sam Anderson gave her expert guidance for those in the training class. Wendy Bell beat 9 other competitors to take the win in the nursery class, with Carly Scott and Smithy coming top of the 9 entries in the novice class. Angela took the win in the intermediate, with Cindy Fisher coming top in the open class. Once again, a huge thanks must go to everyone who gave up their time to help this event run!

Sunday 24th November saw the 3rd showjumping competition take place, with good entries in all classes once again. Fyannah's course again tested riders and Sam's tuition was available for competitors in the training class, if that required it. Sam Anderson came out on to take the win the nursery class, with Carly and Smithy battling 9 others to win the novice. Angela won the intermediate, with Jo Swanston and Gransha Lad winning the open class. A big thank you to all who helped at the showjumping today - Sam Anderson, Joyce Grigor, Helen Hermiston, Gill McNeill, Carol Allison, Elma McLaren, Fyannah Thomas and Krista Ainslie - also to those who stayed behind at the end to clear the jumps away. We couldn't manage without you all.

Well that's our Winter League competitions finished for 2019. The fourth and final showjumping was today (Sunday 15th December). The pairs class was disappointing entry wise, but Jane Clark and Claire Hardie certainly pulled out all the stops with their fancy dress, even down to the painted hooves! I would like to thank Anne Millar and Evelyn Anderson for designing and building the course - everybody enjoyed it. Also thank you to Christine Gray and Nicky Hall for getting out to Dryden for 8.30am to help build. Also huge thank yous go to Tricia Lockhart, Jane Aitken and Kirstin Parker for Stewarding and pole picking - it was freezing out there. Thank you too to Sandra Grieve and Chris Hall for judging and writing - another cold job. Karen Gillie for running the Training class, Marita Gibson for organising all the helpers for the showjumping league. Krista Ainslie for catering. Also big thank you to Sam Anderson who came out on her day off to harrow the outdoor school. Last and definitely not least Sam Liptrott for organising the super Dodson & Horrell prizes. If I haven't mentioned someone my apologies, we really appreciated your help.

Jackie and Krista

Area 1 Winter Novice and Intermediate Showjumping Qualifiers:

Two teams represented the club at SNEC on Sunday 3rd November, albeit a wet day, it did not dampen the ladies spirit, the 80cms team of Sarah Brodie and Bob, Moira Forster and Herbie, Katie Simpson and Arthur and Sarah Page and Annie all did really

well and came 3rd, the 90cms team Joyce Grigor and George, Lesley Douglas and Cheekie, Penny Stratford and her lovely mare, Fyannah Thomas and Arneigh all gave their all and came a creditable 6th with Fy coming 5th individually, unfortunately due to horses being injured the 100 cms team could not go but Amy Brown represented EFRA and did really well coming 4th, everyone had excellent help and coaching leading up to the competition from Anne Millar who was also present at the comp to keep everyone going and helped with course walks, special thanks to Evelyn Anderson for supporting us all too here is to the next comp, how lucky are we to have this support! ☺

Sarah B

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

At the AGM in October we thanked Marita Gibson, Jill King, Nicky Hall for all their hard work and commitment over the past few years as they retired from the committee. We welcome the following new committee members; Lyndsay Allan, Kirstin Parker, Carol Allison and Sarah Page, who I'm sure will be a welcome addition to the group. I'm sure they are all looking forward to getting stuck in!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

Most renewals are due now, if you haven't done so already, be sure to renew before the end of January to get the price of £30! Any renewals after 31/01/20 will be priced at £35. Please note, members are asked to complete a helper stint at at least 1 event in the current membership year (2020). Once you have paid your sub, you will be sent out a sheet to indicate which event you are able to help at. If you are able to help at more than one event, then that would be fantastic! Please return these sheets via email or post to Nicola Laing.

If you are unsure as to whether you need to renew, then please contact Sandra Smith-Maxwell.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Diary Dates: 2020!

Date	Event	Venue
21 st Feb	Gettogether	The Woll, Ashkirk

29th Feb/ 1st Mar	David Gatherer Jumping Clinic	ISEC
29th March	*Open Spring Showcross	ISEC
3rd May	*2 Phase Arena Event	St Boswells Mart
30th May	*2 Phase Arena Event with Dressage Classes	St Boswells Mart
7th June	Open Dressage Competition	Kirkseyde, Lindean
21st June	Open Working Hunter Show	Timpendean
5th July	Annual Show	St Boswells Mart
23rd August	Dressage and Combined Training	Riddell
6th Sept	Open Dressage and Working Hunter Show	Kirkseyde
20th Sept	Open 2 Phase Arena Event	Timpendean
4th Oct	Winter League Dressage (1) - Members Only	Stable Life
11th Oct	Winter League Showjumping (1) - Members Only	Stable Life
25th Oct	Winter League Dressage (2) - Members Only	Stable Life
1st Nov	Winter League Showjumping (2) - Members Only	Stable Life
15th Nov	Winter League Dressage (3) - Members Only	Stable Life
22nd Nov	Winter League Showjumping (3) - Members Only	Stable Life
6th Dec	Winter League Dressage (4) - Members Only	Stable Life
13th Dec	Winter League Showjumping (4) - Members Only	Stable Life

*A mini-league will run through these 3 events.

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 ☺