



After the winter league competitions were finished we had to wait till March before we started the season with David Gatherer's Jumping clinic, which was very well attended and as usual David catered to all standards of horse and rider with every one coming away from the weekend full of enthusiasm and looking forward to putting what they had learned into practice. They did not have to wait long as our Spring Show X was two weeks later, it was just as well we were holding it at ISEC as the weather was not very good. The entries, although down a little on the previous year, were still good and we ran five classes starting at 65cm through to 1.05mtr.

Once again Anne Millar said we could hold an outdoor Show X at Timpendea. If we ran it at before Floors horse trials it would benefit those who were getting ready for the trials. It was held on an evening through the week, as finding a weekend free was a nonstarter, it would have been nice if the weather had been a bit warmer, especially for some of us who had to stand outside to judge it. That night we ran three classes 75cm, 85cm and 95cm; the course was by no means plain sailing and threw up some unexpected problems which resulted in very few clear rounds.

The weather was a lot kinder to us at Kirksyde for our dressage and in the afternoon both judges agreed that the riders could take their jackets off. This was much appreciated by some of the competitors who still had tests to ride, and with some spectators sitting on the hillside watching the tests it had a very relaxing feel to the day; we were also lucky to have sponsorship for our classes with the winners of each class receiving a money prize thanks to the generosity of Elliot Henderson and Border Physio.

Our next outing for the club was a Working Hunter competition at Timpendean. Again we ran five classes trying to cater for all. We started at 60cm, this was a real baby class, unfortunately there were not a lot of takers for this which

was a pity, but some entered for both the first two classes and the difference in the confidence of the horses was amazing, our two judges were Katie Jo Nixon ride judge and Gavin Millar for confirmation. They both did a great job and were very pleased at the standard of horses. Thank goodness we were not holding it the day before as while we were trying to build the course the heavens opened, which sent our build team scurrying to the back of the trailer for shelter.

Many thanks to all those people who have turned up either to help build or put away, there is certainly nothing glamorous about those jobs but someone has to do it. Any of you who have enjoyed competing at our club, and have

not so far helped may I just remind you there are still some competitions coming up this year that you could help at, please don't be shy, we let anyone help us.

Sadly we are having nothing at Riddell this year but we have managed to persuade Anne Millar to hold a Show X at Timpendean. Evelyn and George Anderson have said they will host the combined training on the same day as the Working Hunter in September.

We have had mixed results from team competitions. Carolyn Gospel and Louise Clark both qualified for the Winter Intermediate Dressage Championships at Rockrose Equestrian Centre. Our 2 showjumping teams also went well and both finished in the placings at the Winter qualifiers at Morris Equestrian.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough takers for the Summer competitions at Morris as there are such a lot of other competitions including horse trials etc. going on. Hopefully we will get teams together for the winter qualifiers again at SNEC and Blue Ridge.

The Annual show was again a happy day for many and running with the Connemara's Show works well as they produce the tents, lunch for the judges and the Red Cross cover. Entries were a little down but so are many at local events. The WH qualifier was won by Clive Storey on Masquerade; Clive always supports our show so was a worthy winner. Maxine Bremner and Yon Dora won the RoR points prize.

