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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2009 and a Happy New Year to everyone. Suddenly January is nearly over and we are all starting to look forward to better weather (you never know). Now is the time to get your diaries out and start planning for the coming months!

Payment of Membership

This was due in November last year. If you have not yet rejoined make sure you get your membership forms in to Pat ASAP.

AREA Teams

The club is sending two teams to SNEC on 1st Feb for the Area 1 Novice indoor team show jumping qualifier. Everyone will join me in wishing Gillian Beattie, Jayne Frost, Trish Hunter, Lesley McCulloch, Elizabeth Brown and Natalie Innes all the best. We'll report on their success in the next newsletter (no pressure guys!) Polnoon will also be well represented in the Area 1 indoor dressage qualifier at Ingliston on 28th Feb and there is still a space in one of the teams. If you would like to join the team or compete as an individual please get in touch with Sheona. Also anyone who had entered the Area Hunter Trial last October, your entry still stands and hopefully the competition will run at Titwood on the 5th April. Please let Sheona know ASAP if you can no longer take part.

NB. The Area organizers need volunteers to help at the Dressage Qualifier, especially scorers. So, if you can spare some time – even half-an-hour - please contact Jennifer Rentoul jenniferrentoul@aol.com

Polnoon Annual Events

For the benefit of new members or if you have forgotten from the last newsletter here is another plug for the Polnoon annual events. This year there have been a few changes. For those that don't keep their feet firmly on the ground a pure show jumping show will be run at Maidenhill on June 20th, replacing the annual show. Never fear all you groomers and trimmers out there, showing classes that were previously run then will be merged and enhanced with the ever popular working hunter/sports horse show. This all encompassing mega show will be run at Greenfield's on the 2nd Aug. Lets hope for the same fantastic weather we enjoyed last year. Polnoon will again be hosting the Area 1 dressage qualifiers over the same two day extravaganza, also at Greenfield's on 18th-19th July. Now's the time to start getting your halts square and circles round (hope I got it the right way!) and think about being impulsive and joining in. I'm sure Sheona would love to chef d'equipe 10 teams in the prelim, in between doing entries shepherding judges and trying to remember Santa's dressage to music routine.

There truly is something for everyone and if not, there certainly are jobs for everyone. Helpers always needed and really appreciated.

Area 1 Dressage Workshop 8th February @ Braeface Stud

Fiona Muirhead is running a clinic to help solve problems normally seen in Prelim, Novice and Elementary tests. There are three ways you can be involved:

- 1) As a guinea pig £15
- 2) As a spectator £5
- 3) Have a private session with Fiona £25.

If you are interested contact Jennifer Rentoul through Kilmacolm and Kilallan riding club.

Area 1 Training Day 11th April @ Titwood Equestrian Centre

Show jumping with Aileen Craig and Cross country with David Gatherer. The training is in small groups and is open to all standards from beginners to the more competent. Cost is £50 and if you are interested please contact Angels Mulhearn 01563 850401.

Breeding Course at Braeface Stud 28th February

Braeface Stud are running a Breeding Course on 28th Feb as an Introduction for those interested in breeding and all that's involved. Details on the event list.

Berwick Boundary Ride – 400th Anniversary

Berwick have been riding the bounds for nearly 400 years and have extended an invitation to Polnoon to join in to celebrate the 400th ride. The Ride takes place on Friday May 1st. We meet in the Centre of town, at the parade. This is an approximation of the times. In total it is about a 15 mile ride, which requires a fit horse. Riders start to assemble at 9.00am.

9.30am- The Best Turned out classes are judged. Senior, Junior & Cob.

10.00am - Riders assemble in the Barracks Square for the presentation of the Stirrup cup & rosettes.

10.30 am - Pipe Band & Riders Leave the Barracks Square for the procession down the high street to the Guild Hall.
10.50 am - Riders Leave to ride the boundaries of the town.
12.20 pm - Riders arrive at Gainslaw Hill for refreshments
1.30 pm - Riders Leave the Haugh & congregate for the Games, which usually entail Junior & Senior trotting races & other.
3.00 pm - Riders Return into town
3.00 pm onwards - Lunch in the guildhall.
4.00 pm - Late - Party in the guildhall.

A permit to ride can be obtained for Berwick Borough Council - 01289 330044 or can be obtained on the day. With your permit, you receive all the refreshments, lunch & a rosette. More information will be available on the event list nearer the time.

SCHOOLING NIGHTS

To get a head start, escape the elements and have some fun with like-minded people why not get in training and book some schooling sessions. Polnoon is fortunate to enjoy a great reputation in the area for providing its members with good affordable training; thanks go to Lisa Grant for all her effort and tireless organization over the last couple of years. Kimberly Blackwood has taken up the mantle (under no duress) and has already got the ball rolling. Contact her through the web page "contact us" or on 07525195589. Kim is keen to hear any suggestions from members about trainers, venues etc and would love you to get in touch. So far she has lined up -

FEBRUARY

Thurs 5 th ^h	Liz Love	7pm-7.45pm, 7.45pm-8.30pm, 8.30-9.15pm	£18 session
Wed 11 th ^h	Pauline McKee	7pm-7.45pm, 7.45pm-8.30pm, 8.30-9.15pm	£18 session
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All the above will be run at Southmuirhead and are confirmed and available to book now. All trainers are club members and are happy to teach flat, jumping or both. Kim will be arranging schooling with David Gatherer and Andrew Hamilton at Southmuirhead on Friday afternoons. Dates are still to be confirmed but let Kim know if you are interested. It will be for groups of 2 for 1 hour and cost will be confirmed.

About Our Trainers:

Liz Love (BHSI)

Liz hardly needs any introduction; many members will have enjoyed training with her at schooling nights or being judged by her at club dressage nights in the past. She is a List 5 Dressage judge, trains BD under 21's and is a BYRDS coach. Liz is also the Area 19 pony club test and training coordinator. Liz has bred most of the horses she competes and has produced them to a high level from advanced dressage to one star BE. This takes time and patience! Liz advised that she enjoys giving people the opportunity and support to achieve their full potential by pointing them in the right direction.

It has been said that she is one of the best rider trainers around whilst being wonderfully positive about the horses. In fact if you were riding a three legged donkey she would be sure to comment on his beautiful ears!

Pauline McKee (BHSII)

Pauline, an international event rider and trainer is a qualified BHSII instructor. She has ridden up to 4 star B.E and produced horses to advanced level. Pauline also has the accolade of being chosen to ride on British event teams overseas on 4 occasions. She has worked in Holland and lived in Australia for over four years where she trained with Olympic coach and competitor Heath Ryan. Currently based at Southmuirhead Farm she is enthusiastically producing her two young event horses and looking forward to the coming season. Pauline has a wide and varied client list many of whom are Polnoon members. She is encouraging and ambitious for her clients no matter their level and enjoys seeing them achieve their goals.

Andrew Wilson (UK CC Level 1 & 2)

Andrew is also a well known club member and competitor. Andrew breeds and produces horses and has great experience over the disciplines. He has competed many of these horses at high profile events from Blair Castle to Horse of the Year Show to the Royal Highland Show where he has enjoyed lots of success. Andrew is based at West Kype Farm where he is busy breaking and schooling horses as well as teaching. He has established himself as a respected trainer and coach and has a large and varied client base. Andrew's way of teaching is very supportive, encouraging and confidence inspiring. Kimberley would also like to point out that Andrew's greatest achievement is breeding Voltaire! (watch this space).

CLUB NIGHTS

February 25th @ West Kype Rehabilitation Yard – Talk/demo on equine nutrition @ 7.30pm

More information in next month's news letter and keep an eye on the web page for more up to date info.

March 25th @ Greenfields – Riding Test @ 7pm

Copies of the tests are enclosed with the next newsletter.

The judge is marking the rider rather than the horse in this competition so you do not need to have a 'dressage' horse to compete successfully. They are looking for a correct position and use of the aids. Test 6 is not at all complicated and is just basic movements at walk, trot and canter. Test 8 is a bit more difficult and includes a turn on the forehand and simple changes of leg in canter. Still, you're among friends so why not have a go at 8 instead of 6 this year.

Details/Eligibility:

Class 1 – Intro – Riding Test 6(2003) - for riders that have never been placed in any Dressage or Riding Test competitions (excepting PCRA Club Nights).

Class 2 – Novice – Riding Test 6(2003) - restricted to horses with no more than 5 BD points and riders who do not hold AI or above. The same rider/horse combination cannot compete in this if they have already won it twice.

Class 3 – Open – Riding Test 8(2004) - no restrictions.

Club trophies are awarded to the winners of Classes 2 and 3 provided they joined before the end December deadline, failing which the trophy will be awarded to the highest placed Club Member eligible.

Further details in February.

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Diary Dates 2009

Feb	1st	Area 1 team show jumping @ SNEC
	5th	Schooling sessions with Liz Love @ Southmuirhead
	11th	Schooling sessions with Pauline McKee @ Southmuirhead
	18 th	Schooling session with Andrew Wilson @ Southmuirhead
	25 th	Club night - Equine nutrition @ West Kype Farm
	28 th	Area 1 Team Dressage @ Ingliston House
Mar	5 th	Schooling sessions with Liz Love @ Southmuirhead
	11th	Schooling sessions with Pauline McKee @ Southmuirhead
	18 th	Schooling session with Andrew Wilson @ Southmuirhead
	25 th	Club Night – Riding Test @ Greenfield's
April	5 th	Area 1 Hunter Trials @ Titwood Equestrian
June	14 th	Area 1 Outdoor Show Jumping @ Biggar Show Ground
July	18 th & 19 th	Area 1 Dressage @ Greenfield's

OUT & ABOUT

If you have any results you would like added to 'Out & About', please let Sheona or Clare have details of them. Sheona does try to take a note of any club members' successes which she sees but even she cannot be at every event.

Thelma Black & Maxemico: 4th 1 meter open @ Intro at Rowallan. 1st 1.10m and 2nd 1m open at Ayr RC.

Rosalind Bryson and Craiglawn Bennachie: 3rd Novice 36 @ Greenfield's Dressage

Trish Hunter & Craiglawn Ferdinand: 1st Affiliated P10, 4th Novice 24 @ Rowallan.

Trish Hunter & G West Goldrush: 1st Affiliated Novice 22 @ Rowallan.

Kimberley Blackwood & Myson and Volaire: Supreme Champion rug buyer @ Derby House, 1st Advanced muckerouter and horse slave @ Whitehill Farm.

Joanne McNeill & Inishmore: 1st R Affiliated E 50, 4th Open Affiliated E42 @ Rowallan (Nov), 1st R Affiliated Elementary 58, 2nd Rowallan Scottish Farmer Elementary 44 @ Rowallan (Dec), Reserve performance points champion, reserve equitation points champion at Scottish side saddle.

Sheona McNeill & Santa's Ghost: 3rd Rowallan Scottish Farmer Elementary 42 Q, 5th R Elementary 43, 2nd R Med 71 and 4th Restricted Medium 73 @ Rowallan (Nov), 1st R Med 71, 2nd Open EI 42, 2nd R Med 67 @ Rowallan (Dec).

Leigh Harkins & Capitan Sensible: 4th Nov Combined Training and 5th P13 @ Ayr Riding Club.

Susie Reid & Dramatiste: 2nd Elementary 50, 2nd Intermediate combined training and 2nd intermediate Jumping @ Ayr Riding Club.

MEMBERS ADS

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4 Spaces, Large Stables, Special terms for two or more horses.

All enquires and information contact Natalie Innes - 07809533748