

## Welcome to the September newsletter....

Firstly apologies to everyone for the lateness of the last newsletter. This was due to my own personal circumstances and had nothing to do with the rest of the committee or club. Sorry for any inconvenience it caused.

### Club Nights

**September 30<sup>th</sup> - Pairs Dressage and Pick a test**  
See details below

**October 6<sup>th</sup> Bring and Buy @ West Kype Farm**  
Some members have expressed an interest in having a club bring and buy sale. This will commence at 7pm and run until around 9.30. Home baking, teas and coffees will be available. Bring your own table, pitches £5 per person. It's an open night so bring your friends too and grab a bargain or discover how much money has been lying around in your garage or tack room!

**November 11<sup>th</sup> - AGM @ Buck's Head Hotel Strathaven**

### Membership

Just a reminder that the 2008 membership expires on the 31st of October. The fee for next year will remain at £25

### Schooling & Training

Kim has been working on getting schooling nights up and running again for the autumn/winter session. Schooling will take a similar format as last year and will mostly be held at Southmuirhead. Dates have not been finalised as of yet, but get in

touch with Kim if you want to provisionally express an interest.

### Teams

Thanks and well done to everyone who represented the club at area competitions this year. Special congratulations go to Jayne Frost and Ramon, who won the Area 1 intermediate horse trials and qualified for the finals. For anyone who hasn't heard, poor Jayne and Ramon (as well as Angela and her dogs and a specially purchased caravan) made the long trip south only to be disallowed from competing. This was due to a very slight discrepancy with Ramon's 'flu vac schedule. As a club we are hoping to make some petition to BRC concerning the rules regarding vaccination. In the mean time it does emphasise how vigilant we must be about when our horses are vaccinated if we are hoping to compete at British level.

### Club Jumps

Despite the weather letting us down towards the end of the summer, the jumps did enjoy a fair amount of use. The re-appearance of the sun has given them a very brief reprieve, but they will soon be packed away for the winter. Thanks again to everyone who sponsored jumps, to all the volunteers who helped move them from show to show, and especially to Linda Anderson for giving them a home for the summer and for her never ending hospitality. Next year the jumps will be used for the most part at club events only. This is due to their design and the fact they will not hold up to the physical strain of being moved around frequently.

## **CLUB NIGHTS**

**September (Wednesday 30th) – @ Maidenhill  
Fun Dressage Night – Pairs and Pick-a-Test**

There will be two classes – Pairs Dressage and Pick a Test – but the emphasis is on FUN so those members who do not usually 'do dressage' can come along and have a go.

### Details/Eligibility:

**Pairs - BD and RC rules in respect of tack, horse and rider eligibility etc will not apply to this class so everyone can try it.**

The official description for pairs is enclosed with this newsletter but, although the judge will mark it as a normal test and return the score sheet to competitors for interest, the actual placings will be decided by three criteria only:

- How well matched were the horses/ponies (including temperament with each other)
- How pleasing was the overall presentation and composition of the test
- Were all the compulsory movements included

In case you have not seen a Pairs dressage test, the idea is for two horses to perform a free style test as a pair. This means that they perform the movements mostly side by side but can separate at times. There are few compulsory movements and it is up to the competitors to invent as interesting a test/pattern as possible – as in dressage to music. Sheona is, as usual, our local expert and you should give her a ring if you want some further advice. However, remember that this is meant to be a bit of fun, so don't worry about having to make it too complicated. A few basic movements performed smoothly and in harmony will be better than a difficult pattern which does not quite work out. So that you have absolutely no excuse for not doing this we are making it easy for you this year. You do not even have to think up your own pattern as we have made one up for you and it also is enclosed. You can use it as it is or alter it a bit or just make up a completely original one yourself.

Everyone who entered last year had great fun and the judge was most impressed with their efforts.

**Pick a Test - Tests to choose from are P7 or N27 or EI44**

In this class competitors can choose which test they ride from a Prelim, a Novice and an Elementary. It will be ridden as one class and placings will be decided on overall percentage scores.

**In this case BD and Riding Club rules will apply in respect of acceptable bits, tack etc and competitors cannot ride a test under their affiliated BD level.**

**Stewards:** TBC

**Eligibility:** Riders must be paid up members of the club before commencement of the class. For other rules see descriptions of the classes.

**Booking:** Please pre-book for this by phoning Sheona at any time. Ring her on the Monday preceding the class for times.

**Cost:** £6 for the night. Maximum of one entry in the pairs plus one Pick a Test per rider unless there are extra spaces.

**MEMBERS' ADS**

Sharer required for genuine Riding Club horse.

17hh Clydesdale x TB mare 14years young, loves competing, hacking, schooling will do absolutely anything for anybody. Totally genuine 110% confidence giver gentle and genuine will do Dressage, Showjumping, Xcountry, WH in fact anything. Has done all the teams to championship level – Lincoln & Offchurch - competed at BSJA and BE (3rd first run!!) qualified twice for the intro regionals will take you round an intro no problem will hunt all day long with a child or OAP. Has given me a lovely youngster. I have had her since she was 3 months old, she has never belonged to anyone else, she just needs someone else to enjoy her as I am struggling to give her the time and attention she deserves... Anyones ride a total sweetheart...

I have a trailer that can be used (she prefers that to the wagon.. but she will go in my wagon) and she must be kept at the present yard in Strathaven. Financially we can discuss what arrangement would be best for us both.

If you are interested in sharing Toots call or Email her mum Lisa on. 0777 564 5400

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And I can send you loads of pictures (she even has her own web site!!)

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**Diary Dates**

Sep	30 <sup>th</sup>	Fun dressage @ Maidenhill
Oct	6 <sup>th</sup>	Club open night- Bring and Buy @ West Kype Farm
Nov	11 <sup>th</sup>	AGM @ Bucks Head, Strathaven

## 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.

**Ann Boyd & Albrite:** 5<sup>th</sup> unaff P19 @ Rowallan

**Ros Bryson@Craiglaw Bennachie:** 2<sup>nd</sup> P4 & 1<sup>st</sup> Nurs. Nov Combined Training @SDG/KKRC,Sandyflats

**Gillian Dunbar & Anasazi:** 1<sup>st</sup> 60cm, 4<sup>th</sup> 70cm @ Ayr RC

**Margaret Dunbar & Marvellous Mavis:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 60cm, 1<sup>st</sup> 70 cm @ Ayr RC

**Trisha Hunter & Craigloch Ferdinand:** 10<sup>th</sup> P19 @ Scottish Regionals

**Trisha Hunter & Nikki:** 1<sup>st</sup> training ODE @ Ayr RC

**Lynne McDonald and Cuthelron Envy-me:** 1<sup>st</sup> in hand hunter yearling @ Perth

**Angela McKinna & Fergal:** 1<sup>st</sup> Restr aff nov music & 4<sup>th</sup> R.Aff Nov 22 @ Rowallan

**Joanne McNeill & Inishmore:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ridden Hunter, 1<sup>st</sup> turnout, 1<sup>st</sup> Show H & Champion horse @ Chapleton, 1<sup>st</sup> rest Aff El 48, 3<sup>rd</sup> Restr Aff El 42 @ Rowallan

**Sheona McNeill & Santa's Ghost:** 1<sup>nd</sup> RCH , 2<sup>nd</sup> RH & Res Horse Champ @ Chapelton; 1<sup>st</sup> Restr Aff Med 63, 2<sup>nd</sup> Restr Aff Med 75, @ Rowallan

**Roxanna McNeill & O B Busy Boy:** 4<sup>th</sup> RCH, 4<sup>th</sup> SH @ Chapelton, 1<sup>st</sup> SH, 1<sup>st</sup> RH, 2<sup>nd</sup> turn out @ Strathkelvin RC

**Margaret Munro & Craigloch Ferdinand:** 2<sup>nd</sup> R..Aff P19 @ Rowallan

**Janine Ryan & Easy as Pie:** 2<sup>nd</sup> trad coloured cob, 2<sup>nd</sup> nov ridden coloured horse @ Scot. Reg Champs

**Carole White & Wildegrande:** 10<sup>th</sup> Rest El48 @ Scottish reg. finals. 2<sup>nd</sup> Res Aff El 42. 5<sup>th</sup> Res El 57 @ Rowallan