

Welcome to the April newsletter

Quick- saddle up and get riding- summer is here! Who knows, it could be snowing next week. But for now I'm giving thanks for the end of the mucking out season 09-10.

Special Vet Education Evening and Open Night

This will go ahead on Wednesday 14th. This is now full. If you have booked a place and cannot make it, please phone Jayne (07710 315588) so that a reserve can be included. Our thanks to Ross and the team at Avondale in advance of what should be a very informative and enjoyable evening

Schooling

Andrew Wilson and Jill Grant are provisionally booked for April and May. Lessons will only be run if spaces can be filled- so if you want to come along you must get in touch with Kim and register your interest. She is more than happy to take suggestions or requests for different days, times, formats etc so if you have a great idea for club schooling share it!

Summer Dressage Show

As most of you are aware we are again hosting the Area 1 Dressage qualifiers along with our own dressage show on the weekend of July 3rd and 4th. Organisation is well under way, again please be thinking about coming along and helping on the day. Contact Sheona if you think you can lend a hand.

Teams

The next team event is the show jumping area qualifiers on the 20th June at St Boswells. We are hoping to get novice and intermediate teams together in the next few weeks with the view of organising some team training in the middle of May. If you have never been on a Polnoon team why not make this year the year you give it a go? Qualifying for the finals is a huge buzz- most of us mere mortal riders will never get the chance to compete at such a big show and winning really is a dream come true. But even if your team doesn't win or qualify, being part of the squad is great fun and, with all the support and encouragement from your fellow riders, you will probably find you achieve more than you hoped for. If you want more information on being part of a team get in touch with Sheona. She has faithfully chef d'equip-ed Polnoon teams for years and is the font of all knowledge. See attached 2010 team sheet for more details.

CLUB NIGHT

April 28th @ Maidenhill, Newton Mearns – Marksman, Idyll Art, Shand Show Jumping

This is the first leg of the 4 part competition.

Trophies are awarded to the horse and rider combinations who have gained the most points in their best three out of the four nights provided they joined before the end December deadline, failing which the trophy will be awarded to the highest placed Club Member eligible. The night starts with Clear Round at approx. 2' 3" and the heights will rise gradually throughout the following 3 classes. The maximum for the 1st round of the Open will be 3ft and probably closer to 2'9"

Stewards: TBC

Details/Eligibility: riders must be paid up members of the club prior to the commencement of the class.

There are no restrictions on the Idyll Art (intermediate) and Shand (open) but to compete in the Marksman (novice) the horse and rider combination **must NEVER have won 3 firsts in any SJ competitions or have won £5**. You can compete in 2 classes, one of which must be the Idyll Art (excluding Clear Round).

Cost: TBC

Booking: Pre-booking is not required but please note that CR will be for strictly half an hour from 7.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. so be there in plenty of time if you want to ride in the CR first. The Novice class will start promptly at 7.30 and those who have paid for a CR but not presented at the gate will have their fee refunded.

ANNUAL EVENTS

20th June Annual Show Jumping show @ Maidenhill
3rd and 4th July Two Day Dressage Show incorporating Area 1 qualifiers @ Greenfields
1st August Working Hunter and Showing Show @ Maidenhill

Diary Dates

Apr 14th Club night- Vet Talk at Strathaven Veterinary Centre
Apr 28th Club night- S.J @ Maidenhill
May 26th Club night-S.J @ West Kype Farm
June 20th Annual SJ show @ Maidenhill
June 30th Club night- SJ @ Maidenhill
July 3rd/4th Dressage Show inc area qualifiers @ Greenfields
July 25th Club night- SJ @ TBC
Aug 1st Working hunter/ showing show @ Maidenhill
Aug 25th Club night-SJ @ TBC
Sep 29th Club night- Fun Dressage
Oct 27th Club night- Dressage
Nov 13th Dinner Dance @ Shawlands Hotel

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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.

No-one seems to have been out and about at all last month! Hope to see lots of good results again next month!!