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My little veteran

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Hello everyone,

We have some interesting events organised for the coming year. For the first time we are supporting the Veteran Dressage Society and will be including some veteran classes in our winter dressage league -so if you have an oldie at home dust him or her off and get out there. Make it a year to remember - attend our events and join in.
NOW READ ON.

DRAFT EVENTS DIARY FOR 2009 /10

NOVEMBER 22ND. - WINTER DRESSAGE LEAGUE

DECEMBER TBC - RIDING CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

JANUARY -

FEBRUARY 21ST. - WINTER DRESSAGE LEAGUE

MARCH 21ST. - WINTER DRESSAGE LEAGUE

APRIL 18TH. - WINTER DRESSAGE LEAGUE
TBC - OPEN SPRING SHOWING SHOW @ NEWHALL

MAY - EXPRESS EVENTING

JUNE -

JULY - SHOW JUMPING

AUGUST - TRIP TO GATCOMBE

SEPTEMBER - COMBINED TRAINING

As you can see there are a few gaps and we hope to fill them soon. We are not holding an open show this year as it requires too many helpers and we just don't get the support. We have just had our pre AGM meeting and the common theme was that we appear to be putting on events for non members. We have tried to put on a variety of events for the members but we do not get a decent enough uptake to warrant it viable our only option is to open it up to anyone.

BLACKDOWN HILLS RIDING CLUB

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THE CATHERINE WHEEL PUB HEMYOCK

EVERYONE WELCOME

The following committee members have to step down from the committee this year namely: Theresa Butcher, Sara Llewellyn and



OPEN UNAFFILIATED DRESSAGE LEAGUE COMPETITION 2009 / 10

**To be held by kind permission of Gary and Jacqui Sparks
at**

'The Gallops' West Buckland Nr Taunton

Including for the first time Veteran Qualifier competition in March

Sunday November 22nd.
Sunday February 21st.
Sunday March 21st.
Sunday April 18th.

Light refreshments will be available.

Each competition will be held in an outdoor arena.

Please check the prospective weather conditions before hand and only ring the show secretary the evening before to check the event is going ahead if the weather is in doubt.

In the event of a cancellation the event will be carried over to the next convenient date and all entries will stand.

Late entries on the day will be taken at the discretion of the secretary.

You do not have to enter only the league – you may enter an individual event if you wish with the possibility of being placed. So come along and have a go.

The 'Cassie Shields' will be awarded to the winner of the senior and Junior league and a special rosette awarded for winner and runner up.

Entries for each event to : Mrs Joy Brown, Hidon Mead Cottage, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3TJ. Tel: 01823 680012.

This year for the first time we will be including Veteran classes please see the rules page for information

CLASSES:

Sunday November 22nd.

Class 1 Walk and Trot – Pony club test D

(open to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 4

Class 3 Prelim 14

Class 4 Novice 20

All entries in by November 16th. to Joy Brown (see front cover for address)

Please ring for times between 7pm and 9pm on Friday November 20th.

Sunday February 21st.

Class 1 Walk and Trot – Pony club test D

(open to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 1

Class 3 Prelim 10

Class 4 Novice 27

All entries in by February 15th. to Joy Brown (see front cover for address)

Please ring for times between 7pm and 9pm on Friday February 19th.

Sunday March 21st. Veteran classes to be included at this event (please see rules for details)

Class 1 Walk and Trot – Pony club test D

(open to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 7 (Veteran Qualifying class)

Class 3 Prelim 12 (Veteran Qualifying class)

Class 4 Novice 28 (2008) (Veteran Qualifying class)

All entries in by March 15th. to Joy Brown (see front cover for address)

Please ring for times between 7pm and 9pm on Friday March 19th.

If declaring an entry for a veteran class please write on entry form which section you are entering, either -

(Pre Veteran 15 – 19 yrs) (Veteran 20 – 24) (Veteran Plus 25 +)

Sunday April 18th.

Class 1 Walk and Trot – Pony club test D

(open to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 13

Class 3 Novice 34 (2009)

Class 4 Dressage to music – freestyle open to individuals or pairs.

(performance to last between 4 to 5 minutes timed from the first halt to last halt.)

All entries in by April 12th. to Joy Brown (see front cover for address)

Please ring for times between 7pm and 9pm on Friday April 16th.

**BHRC WINTER LEAGUE DRESSAGE
ENTRY FORM**

Name

Address:

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Tel No:.....

I hereby agree to abide by the show rules and conditions

Signature.....Date.....

Class	Veteran Classes	Date	Name of Horse/ pony	Name of rider	BHRC No.	Fee

RULES

THE COMPETITION WILL BE RUN UNDER BRC RULES FOR DRESSAGE

All classes are open to adults and juniors

Entry form should be sent to the Show Secretary (Joy Brown) together with the correct fees £7.00 per class BHRC members £8.00 per class non members. Cheques to be made payable to The Blackdown Hills Riding Club.

Late entries for classes will incur a £1 surcharge per class and are at the discretion of the secretary.

Points system – 1st. = 6points, 2nd. = 5points, 3rd. = 4points, 4th. = 3points, 5th. = 2points, 6th. = 1point.

Rosettes will be awarded to 6th. place, with a special rosette to the highest placed BHRC member. The 'Cassie Shields' will be awarded to the riders (one senior and one junior) with the most points accumulated over all classes in the four dressage events.

No responsibility can be taken by the organisers for any accident to competitors, horses, spectators or property. Competitors will be expected to abide by any Health and Safety rules on the day (to be posted up on the day)

The judge's decision is final.

All competitors will be expected to wear the current and correct riding hats.

No refund of fees after the closing date

Please remove all droppings and leave the car park tidy

2010 Veteran Horse Dressage Championships

Competitors do not need to be a member of the Veteran Horse Society to take part in the dressage series, but would need to register with the society should they wish to compete in a regional final. Membership applications should be submitted within 14 days of an area qualifier and are available via the website or from the show secretary. (sue.veteranhorsedressage@googlemail.com) All regional finals will be held in late August and September 2010, the National Final will be held during October (exact date to be confirmed)

If you wish to enter any of our Veteran Qualifying classes in March then please declare your interest on the entry form. There will be special rosettes and qualifying cards for each class.

BICTON ARENA: SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2009

After months of organisation, course designing, going from few entries to too many entries, panic over having people jumping before their dressage and jumping into the wee dark hours of the night, and many, many, headaches our day had finally arrived, were we ready for this we all said.....well its too late now.....

After arriving at Bicton and setting out our secretary's area, running through the xc/sj arena to make sure nothing had been changed overnight, or poles knocked down, we were ready to roll. Competitors started turning up at 07.45 ready for the new style competition and looking forward to their day. Walk Talkies were in full use, as both me and Sarah were running from one arena to another. Trade stands were turning up and getting themselves ready, judges were equipped with their lunches and drinks and sent to their designated posts ready for their first competitor.



The dressage arena's were laid like a lawn, (well in one field anyway, the other one was like a mine field) Me and Sarah had trouble banging in the dressage letters the night before - its amazing what you can find in amongst trees, a lonely brick came in very handy...(thanks, have to go to Joy with her string and hooks) I think we got the hang of it all once we had come to do the second one. We were also holding a Dressage Qualifier so the arena's had to be perfect. We seemed to take a long time on that arena although it was the first one we did and the first one Joy had done for a long time with her string and bucket routine

The dressage classes and qualifying dressage classes went very well. There were a few entries from our Riding Club, all received from the judges and writers, good feedback and comments, with three of our members going through to the championships at Stockland Lovell in October, these were, Rebecca Turner (Prelim), Sophie Hall (Novice) and Ginny Whales (Novice), good luck to them all for October, they did brilliantly.

Competitors were coming thick and fast, and our commentators and judges were ready in the commentary box ready to start the first competitor in the main arena. We were all a little nervous as we were not sure how the ponies would find the course, but to be honest we did not need to worry as the ponies flew around without a care in the world and the children were finishing the course with a big grin on their faces.....they loved it....

The commentary (very kindly done by Richard Goody, who did a tremendous job all day) was very good with all the competitors and easily got his head around the penalty points awarded, so thank you Richard, job well done.

The scores were coming in thick and fast and I found myself huddled on a table in front of the main arena doing the scoring and putting results up on the boards. I was here, there and everywhere. Theresa and Sheila were adding up the scores on the xc/sj sheets, I was double checking the dressage sheets so it was a very busy time.

Throughout the day, we scored over 100 competitors through their dressage and xc/sj and although we had a few eliminations (which in hindsight was a good thing as we would of never finished in daylight), we had so much good feedback.



So many people seemed to love the new combination of xc/sj together, being able to jump in the main arena is every riders dream, many people wanting us to hold another competition and some people giving us ideas or comments for our next one.

All in all, and although after a delay in the dressage we did finish a little later than we would have wanted, everyone left us very happy, thanking us for holding such a brilliant event, stating how well laid out everything was, the facilities, the helpfulness of all the stewards, and riding club helpers, even though a long day, they all loved it and look forward to another one.

I would like to say, that an event like this is not organised easily, a lot of work behind the scenes is undertaken. I would like to give my thanks to:

Sarah, who worked very hard to sort out the dressage classes and qualifying classes, judges, writers, and also helped me with my side of the event

Theresa, who again worked very hard with both myself and Sarah behind the scenes, numerous emails, meetings etc undertaken, was a great help on the day as our Secretary and scorer. I must say I think the night we all got together to sort out the times will go down in history as the most brain aching night ever....oh and me dying.... (poor Claire was suffering with Bronchitis)

Many thanks Sheila, for organising the food for all our judges and helpers, and what lovely lunches they were. She also found time to help Theresa with the Secretary's role, as well as helping me score, and keeping me calm

Thank you Joy, for not only helping me and Sarah set up the dressage arena's on Saturday but also for being a dressage writer in the afternoon and I think even doing her little bit in the commentary box.

Thank you very much Richard, what a commentator, (for someone who does not really like doing the job, it was a job well done), lovely comments given to all our competitors over a long day, and very appreciated, thank you very much and look forward to you doing it again next year Richard Norman - what a star, he was our score collector, dressage arena put downer, and by my mistake put-er upper, he worked his little cotton socks off all day, so again thank you very much.

Sara, again had many jobs, helped Theresa and Sheila with the Secretary's bits, was a writer in the commentary box, was also a natural 'walks talky' calling for Norman, my god her voice does carry.....the worrying thing was that Norman knew exactly whose voice it was....

Our helpers/stewards.....Trish for being our xc/sj steward for the whole day and helping to change the courses in between, thank you so much, you managed to get everyone through before it got dark, (and also for sorting out all our rosettes for the day)

Bex, for getting up early and being a writer for Claudine in the dressage qualifying classes, Yazz for also getting up early and together with Sophie and her new Fiancé, Andee, Sarah, and Dave Newcombe for being our arena party all day, sorting out fallen poles and complete jumps in some circumstances, and changing the courses throughout the day. It was a very long day and we appreciate all the help you gave. We had loads of good comments, no problems and no accidents.

Thanks go out to everyone for all their hard work before and during the event, here's looking forward to our next event in 2010.



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Your Horse Live

Polden & Bridgwater Riding Club have coach trip
to
Your Horse Live
at
Stoneleigh Park on Saturday 14th November.

Coach leaves Bridgwater Sainsburys at 7am and will return
leaving Your Horse at 6pm.
Tickets are Adults 25.00 and Children 18.50 - coach & entry

For more details ring Kim on 01278 683626.
To book send cheques made out to Polden & Bridgwater RC
to
Kim Ursell, 2 St Michaels Court, Church Road, Bawdrip,
Somerset, TA7 8PA
with your name and contact details.

For details of Show see www.yourhorselive.com



Have a go Dressage To Music

After our dressage to music event in April, (with very few entries!) several people have said to me that they would have loved to have entered but although they have their favourite music, and a floor plan worked out, they have no idea of how to put the music tracks together. I have a solution, because that is the easy bit! All you need to do is give me 3 or 4 tracks of your favourite music, detailed instructions on how long you want each track and I will put together a CD for you to use, **free of charge!**

I will need something like this:-

20 seconds intro. music

5 seconds silence for your halt and salute

Then approx. 4 minutes 30 seconds of instructions. For example:-

1 minute "Phantom of the Opera"

1 minute 15 seconds "Meatloaf"

45 seconds "Abba"

1 minute "Thriller"

30 seconds "Phantom of the Opera"

Final halt and salute

I can use part of a track so, for example, I can put in the last 30 seconds of a track, or cut out the first part of a track.

Then the rest is up to you! Instrumental music is best as it is sometimes difficult to cut lyrics, although it can be done. You do not have to canter and except for your first and last halt at X you can ignore the markers! So come on everyone, this will be the last year we hold dressage to music unless we get more entries. If you can walk and trot you can do DTM and it is far more fun than ordinary dressage and if you go wrong, no one knows. Charlotte and I put 2 circles into our pair's routine because we were ahead of our music and the judge commented on how smooth our moves were!

This offer is only open to members of BHRC, I will make a CD for anyone but at a cost of £5 to cover my time and the CD.