

Area 1 News : October 2009

The 2009 Qualifiers have been completed, thanks to the organising clubs and congratulations to Kirsten McPhilips and Susan Terris Weir who came back from the Horse Trials Championships with a 4th and a 9th. Ettrick Forest Riders came back from Lincoln with a plethora of rosettes! They won the Open Dressage, the Team of 4 Dressage, and The Pairs Dressage. They were also 4th in the Riding Test and, 5th in the Style jumping. This is an amazing result, congratulations to all.

On the down side , we have had to cancel the Hunter Trials for the third time, despite getting permission from HQ to run in September...in the hope the weather would be better. We are planning a fourth attempt late in March 2010. Headquarters are permitting us to re open the entries, so please put this date in your diaries NOW!!

Your Area committee are only too aware of the plethora of outings available to you all. We seriously do request you support the Area Qualifiers. No one is immune to rising costs....the Qualifiers are in the same boat, the break even level rising every year. If you have views /ideas, please let us know.....come to the

AGM, 22nd November, 1pm at The Cartland Bridge Hotel, Lanark....afternoon tea at close of proceedings.

The 2010 Qualifiers are underway, the first being the Winter Dressage. This will be run at Sandyflats (RDA Summerston), Milngavie, Glasgow on the 15th November. The host club is West of Scotland. The Indoor Show Jumping will be held on the 7th February 2010 at SNEC and will be run by Glenbrae.

7th November is the date for the Horse Welfare Conference at Oatridge. There is a full programme (on SEA web site), and the cost is £5.00 including lunch. Please contact Marjorie Norrie (details on SEA web site) to book tickets.

Health and Safety is around us and something we have to pay attention on a daily basis. We have organised workshops and would like two people from each club....you may bring others!....to attend. We will set up these workshops at a venue which is approx 45mins from each club. We will provide sandwiches, tea/ coffee. When you are contacted, please liase with the organising club. See the attached note. We are organising an Equine Specific First Aid Courses, which will be run by Leven First Aid. Each course requires a minimum of 5 people. The Area will contribute £5.00 to each BRC member on the course, therefore a cost of £30.00 will give a 3 year certificate and handbook. Depending on the location, there may be travelling costs involved, which we will try to help with.....so please could I (jenniferrentoul@aol.com / 01505 690563) have some volunteer clubs to help set this up.

A new Horsecwatch scheme has been launched in Strathclyde. This will be rolled out across the regions. It is possible every club will be contacted. Go to www.horsecwatchstrathclyde.co.uk for more information. It has been well received by the BHS, and many other equine organisations.

On 23rd November , list 4 judge, Fiona Muirhead, will take ‘What the Judge would like to see’ sessions at Ingliston. Please state clearly on your form what you would like to practice.

In the New Year, on 16th January, there will be training at SNEC with Andrew Hamilton, Les Smith and Linda Penman. This was most successful this year. There will also be BSJA training with Aileen Craig, at Ingliston on 8th February and 15th March. Andrew Hamilton will be teaching at Hindshaw in February and March. Please check the SEA web site for contact/booking details for these events.

Regards,

Jennifer