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Wishful thinking!

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Hello everyone,

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you all had a lovely time over the festive season and that santa visited you and your equines.

I had two days where I did absolutely nothing and then I spent the rest of the festive fortnight stripping, filling and painting.

The extension to our house is nearing its end and I will hopefully be able to get back on a horse again. I have turned mine away for the last few months to concentrate on the extension so hopefully 2010 will see me riding more.

You must have some lovely photos of your horses in the snow—please send me some to put in the next Newsletter—go on send me something!

Saraloo

DRAFT EVENTS DIARY FOR 2010

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 thought was that we should be putting on events that we are able to cope with.

We would like to put on a 'camp' just for members - please if you are interested can you email me at saraloomenagerie@talktalk.net
If we get enough interest then we will look at the viability and organise one.
Its up to you.

BLACKDOWN HILLS RIDING CLUB

AGM

DECEMBER 3RD. 2009

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THE CATHERINE WHEEL PUB HEMYOCK

Many thanks to the faithful few that came along to the AGM, it was lovely to see you there.

All full committee was elected including those that had to stand down. There are no new committee members this year.

After the AGM business was finished a lovely gentleman came along and gave a talk about SSAFA . This is the national charity helping and supporting those who serviced in the Armed Forces, those who used to serve and the families of both. Their website is www.ssafa.org.uk in case you would like to read more information. The talk was very interesting and we have decided to support SSAFA as our charity this year.

We would like to wish all our members a good, healthy year. Hopefully we will see a few more of you at our events.

The weather has been quite dramatic recently so you must have some lovely photos of your horses in the snow. Choose your favourite and send them to me at saralooismenagerie@talktalk.net and I can put them in the next newsletter. I would love to be able to put a page aside for a collage of winter photos.

Get snapping!!!!





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 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 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.

Dressage Winter League Event 1 – RESULTS

CLASS 1 - Walk Trot

Name of Rider	Name of Horse	Score	Result
Michelle Conybear	Vienna	85	1 st .
Sarah Laver	Buckland Sylvester	80	2 nd .
Jacqui Sparks	Red	80	2 nd .

CLASS 2 - Prelim 4

Name of Rider	Name of Horse	Score	Result
Sue Marshall	Georges Boy	142	1 st .
Kathy Card	Mr T	139	2 nd .
Pat Etherington	BiBi Lou	132	3 rd .
Sophie Hall	Rosie Future	125	4 th .
Helen Mitchell	Patients	123	5 th .
Sarah Leaver	Buckland Sylvester	120	6 th .

CLASS 3 - Prelim 14

Name of Rider	Name of Horse	Score	Result
Paola Dalle Mulle	Mr Grant	150	1 st .
Tricia Budd	Just Gem	149	2 nd .
Kathy Card	Mr T	147	3 rd .
Sophie Hall	Rosie Future	135	4 th .
Xanthe Smith	Lara	132	5 th .
Pat Etherington	BiBi Lou	132	5 th .
Sam Tolley	Bandantbe	125	6 th .

Class 4 – Novice 20

Name of Rider	Name of Horse	Score	Result
Tricia Budd	Just Gem	138	1 st .
Xanthe Smith	Lara	134	2 nd .

Report

Due to adverse weather conditions the original date of November 22nd for the first event of the winter dressage league was postponed to the 29th. We were hoping for better conditions but the weather persisted all week and come Sunday many were wondering if it was to go ahead. Originally we had 37 entries but many decided to opt out in favour of the dry warmth of their firesides.

Those that braved the weather (and braved it they did) encouraged their horses to behave and produce their best against the rain and the wind. There were very few that were able to come down the centre line without a wobble.

I was very lucky and spent all day tucked up in Gary's warm truck (thanks Gary) with the dressage judge. I was the writer for the dressage judge. If anyone would like to have a chance to write for a judge then please ring Joy Brown and tell her - it is great fun, the judges are helpful and don't leave you and you will be amazed at how much you can learn from watching others especially if you have a judge sitting next to you.

We have more events to come, the first being on February 21st . Lets hope the weather improves for this one. If you would like to have a go then fill out the form on page 7 and send it off to Joy Brown. We can take a few entries on the day but you must ring Joy beforehand to check availability of spaces.

Good luck everyone, we will keep you posted with the results of further events for the league in future newsletters.





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**EXPERIENCED GROOM REQUIRED
FOR FOUR HOURS A DAY,
FIVE DAYS A WEEK**

TO CLEAN OUT, RIDE OUT AND TURN OUT

**PLEASE RING GARY ON
07711223485**



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.