

Kilmacolm and Kilallan Riding Club



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Volunteer

“ Spontaneous undertaker of task etc”

The Concise Oxford Dictionary

Hello Everyone!

Another year in the life of Kilmacolm and Kilallan Riding Club is underway. The AGM was held in October .The KKRC Trophy winners were:

Points Champion.....Nicola Underhill

Dressage Cup.....Avril Wilson

Anniversary Tankard.....Suzanne Hodgeson

The Kilallan Trophy Mary Pearson

The committee have agreed to continue with the exception of Hilary Baxter , who has embarked upon another degree to advance her career. Hilary has been running the dressage competitions most efficiently for the last two years, and hands over a well organised template to Fiona Hunter...who will be contacting the wonderful band of KKRC helpers in the New Year! Fiona is a very experienced competitor and has supported KKRC for many years The first competition of the year was the Open Dressage. This was well attended and the judges commented on the good standard. Highest placed KKRC members in each section were : Juli McQueen, Fiona Malcolm,Ann Greenway, Andrew Malcolm,David Gatherer, Debbie Rodwell, Morag Sutherland, Julie White, and Hilary Baxter.

On a wild, wet Saturday in November the Ceilidh was held at Houston .Ceilidh Band Clamjafre were in good form, with club members showing a great degree of fitness at times! We would like to thank all those who contributed to a fun evening.

Last Tuesday a number of us met at The Killermont Polo Club for an excellent curry then proceeded to The Weipers Centre. Vet Patrick Pollock gave a very informative talk, and gave us a tour of the facilities

including the state of the art operating rooms. Many thanks to Wendy MacDougall and Gillian Mackie for their help organising this.

The first Area Qualifier has taken place. Our Novice Dressage team of Evie Cumming, Julie McQueen, Morag Sutherland and Laura Wilson had a good day at SNEC with Morag winning her arena and Evie coming 5th in hers. The team finished 8th overall.

Our winter training is going well despite the weather. Aileen Craig's show jumping lessons usually have a waiting list so in the new year Aileen will fluctuate between Mondays and Thursday at Ingliston....she can start earlier on a Thursday (3pm) so please put the earliest time you can come to a lesson on the booking form. You will notice that three of these sessions are open to other BRC members and will start at 3pm. This is Area 1 training and is subsidised. KKRC members can use the KKRC booking form for the show jumping.

The winter pre eventing training sessions, taken by David Gatherer, in Fiona and Andrew Malcolm's indoor school. have proved so popular that in addition to The Braes sessions, there will be two Area 1 days at Muirmill at weekends.. Trisha Harvey is taking these. [The Area 1 sessions can only be booked using the Area 1 booking form which is on the web site.](#)

In February there will be a Riding Test and Style Jumping training day at Muirmill. This is free!!!. Master Judge Sandra Morrisson will be on hand to explain what the judges are looking for. There will be guinea pigs to demonstrate. BRC members can bring their horses or just spectate. The BRC office would like to encourage more people to enter these classes at the Area Qualifiers, so have asked the clubs to run competitions . Riding Tests and Style Jumping are judged on the way you ride, not how the horse is going .Sandra Morrisson will be commenting on Riding Test No 12, and the Style Jumping will not exceed 85cms. Contact Jennifer for a copy of the Riding Test (01505 690563)

There will be a Riding Test class at the next KKRC Open dressage competition on the 3rd March.

On the 31st March KKRC will hold Combined Training at Ingliston. This has proved to be a popular competition, particularly as each competitor has a generous amount of jumping time.

Looking to the future we will start cross country training in April, at Houston, weather permitting. Trisha Harvey will take groups on a Tuesday, with Muriel and David occasionally...dates will follow. We also hope to have Aileen Craig's lessons at Houston. The show jumping lessons will be on a Thursday and will revert to the summer pattern of 30mn individual lessons or 1hr shared.

Our Horse Trials are scheduled for the 26th of May. We received an Award from Awards For All (The Lottery) and purchased new jumps

from Willis Bros, renowned builders of Cross Country jumps. We have purchased corners, arrowheads, curves, and flower boxes The new jumps have arrived and will be put in place as soon as the ground is either dry enough or hard enough!

The web site is running well...Alison King has asked for as many photos/stories / info as possible as this helps to keep things lively! Activities do not have to be equine related! Send your contributions to :windy.farm@yahoo.co.uk Remember to look on the web site for BRC Area 1 training as other clubs will open their activities. The web site also carries general information about other training opportunities. If you have any queries you can send a message to the club through the web site. This year BRC membership cards will be sent out by BRC Headquarters. They should arrive in January. For those still to renew, if you need your card for BD, BSJA, BE membership, you need to renew ASAP. For those of you not familiar with this other disciplines offer discounts to those registering for the first time.

I do hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jennifer

For Sale:

Devoucoux 5 Point (Eventing) Breastplate, full size, hardly used £150.00

ONO

Rambo Duo Rug (Blue), 6'3" used but in good condition £130.00 ONO.

Contact Fiona Muirhead on 07899944162

Useful contacts

Graeme McGill (Branching Out) has salt for sale.....07968105350

James Pearson is a registered rug repairer. Contact James on...01505 850
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If you are struggling to keep your tack in tip top condition because of
frequent drenchings, Carol Whiteford will sort it out for
you..07942930049

Cakes for every occasion...Marie Claire McGhee , the Sugar Craft Shop
will come up with the answer...07974952757

Expert Driving Lessons for what ever the weather throws at you are
available from Jack Cumming on 01505 87 3352

Equine shoes left behind in the mud...more than once?...try Shoe Secure
from Muriel Colquhoun...07836740557

Hooves and Paws (Elizabeth Smith...07940838155) for those times
when you are not around!

Cat's Pyjamas (07809894176) for all designer (and cosy!) items..just
right for Christmas!

Contact Suzanne Hodgson at Natural Weddings for special
[photographs..naturalweddings@yahoo.com](mailto:naturalweddings@yahoo.com)

Howwood Rug Wash will do a mid winter spruce up of seriously muddy
rugs! Susan can be contacted on 07841024292

