

Kilmacolm and Kilallan Riding Club



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Volunteer

“ Spontaneous undertaker of task etc”

The Concise Oxford Dictionary

Our Open Dressage Competition was held at Ingliston on the 1st of March. Alongside this we ran the new British Riding Clubs Qualifier for the Winter Dressage. It was a very busy day with at least 180 horses and hoards of people. We have had many compliments on the smooth running of the day. This is thanks to all those who gave up valuable spare time to help, hence the reason for the quotation. The volunteers created a comfortable and informed atmosphere which was much appreciated by the visiting clubs. The KRC Blue team were 4th, Catherine Moody, Elizabeth Campbell, Victoria Walker and Cathy Lee. In our own competition the winners of the KRC Special rosettes were Gillian Shearer, Grant McDonald, Fiona Malcolm, Andrew Malcolm, Marion Boyle, Debbie Rodwell, and Emma Stewart. There were a number of KRC entries at the Ingliston Arena event where Wendy McLeod came second in the Pre Novice section. Katy Westmore and Esther Knox have had consistent success in the dressage arenas. Hopefully this will continue in the Finals.

Michell Hair has moved up the BSJA ladder again, moving to Foxhunter.....rumour has it , Ingliston will need to raise the height of the wings!! Nicola Smith joins her at this level. Nicola has been a welcome addition to Aileen Craig's lessons....the Ingliston restaurant is usually busy around six o'clock, no doubt helped by the excellent spectator value to be had from these lessons! At Rowallan Caroline Caldwell, Iona Drummond and Thelma Black are all consistently placed in the Qualifiers.

Many have thoroughly enjoyed the pre eventing training from David Gatherer. The cross country training is now underway. Details of this can be found on the SEA web site, under 'events '. We will be having our own training weekend at the end of May. On the Saturday Linda Penman

and Aileen Craig will teach, with the Prelim Group having a day 'Camp' at Clachers. On the Sunday there will be cross country training at Houston with David Gatherer. This is aimed at Pre Novice and above. Please state on the booking form the level you are at. On the 1st of June there is more cross country training at Titwood with David. Priority will be given to novice horses and riders. See the SEA web site, events page in order to download the form or phone Angela Mulhearn on 01563 850 401. This is open to clubs in Area 1 so it is advisable to book as soon as possible.

Our new programme starts in April. We move to the new school at Gryffeside Livery (just along the road from David Gatherer). Willie Baxter and Karen Lodge have worked extremely hard in unfavourable weather to get the school ready on time. Please could you all read the 'Terms and Conditions ' for Gryffeside on their web site: www.Gryffesidelivery.homebase.com .It is a working farm so please take this into consideration. Debbie Rodwell joins our pool of instructors on the 2nd of April, our inaugural visit. Debbie is an AII instructor with many years of experience in all disciplines .Aileen, Linda and Ailsa will continue to teach, along with a visit from Dr Debbie Marsden, the Horse Behaviour specialist. Dr Marsden visited a few years ago, giving valuable insight and helpful suggestions towards the problems we have. Dr Marsden is internationally recognised as one of the world's leading experts in her field. She has the highest level of academic and professional qualifications combined with a lifetime's experience of living and working with horses. More information is available on her web site: www.debbiemarsden.co.uk.

Our first Club Night will see the introduction of a' Prix Caprilli'the fun test is available from the web site or send an SAE to: Jennifer Rentoul, Craigbet Cottage, Bridge of Weir, PA113RX.

As mentioned before, we have a beautiful new Points Trophy. The winner will have participated in the KRC dressage competitions, the competitions run on Club nights , and a Cross Country Competition. Please note the Cross Country track must be at least 80cms and have a recorded optimum time. This ensures those competing under BE rules can lodge a time with the points collector...Evie Cumming (01505 87 3352).

You will have noticed the change of name on the header of this newsletter. From now on the club will be called Kilmacolm and Kilallan. This was necessary in order to proceed with a planning application for our own outdoor school. Please note that all payments for rallies should be to 'Kilmacolm and Kilallan Riding Club'

The 10th of May is the date for Kilmacolm Show. This year we will have a stand. We will have boards displaying the club activities, and the proposed project to build our own school. We will be fund raising for the school and would like donations for an equine orientated raffle. We will have a Climbing Wall, along with a number of other activities. Needless to say we will need volunteers to help man the stand. If you could spare some time, please phone Rhona Campbell on 0141 639 2549.

Please could you all read the article concerning the Utility Warehouse scheme, enclosed with this news letter. This is a terrific opportunity to support the club, with minimum effort!

June sees the start of the Area 1 Qualifiers. Please could we have volunteers for teams for the Novice and Open Dressage, the Show Jumping and The Horse Trials. The Horse Trials are being sponsored by Easibed. There will be a Quaich presented to the highest placed competitor in each section. All those interested phone Catherine Moody on 01505 325757.

A 'Schooling Venue Directions' page has been placed on our web site. We are most grateful to those who lend their schools. I would ask you all to park carefully and to pay particular attention to tidying up at the end of a session.

Have a wonderful summer.

Jennifer

Topical Tip: for the season ahead:

'Keep one leg on one side, the other leg on the other side, and your mind in the middle'. Henry Taylor

For Sale etc.

Saddle etc for Sale: Bridget Lambert : 07932 783 555 is selling a number of items including 2 full size leather bridles, leather head collar and an English made Sturgess Close Contact saddle, medium fit, 16.5, complete with leathers and irons. There is a guide price of £250.00 for the saddle. Phone Bridget for a complete list of items.

DIY Livery Space available at Grange Cottage, Langbank.
Phone Muriel Colquhoun : 01475 540687

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