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Happy New Year to all RRC Members, have you already broken your New Year's resolutions yet?



Happy New Year to you all, I hope you are all looking forward to 2009, and all the RRC events we have planned for you.

Recap on recent events As you can see, the photographs are of our intrepid dressage competitors who attended the Dressage at Stocklands in December. Nathalie reported that the outdoor arena was being replaced, and that the competitors had to warm up in groups of 4 in the indoor arena. Although it was not the ideal scenario, they did the best they could under the circumstances. The new Intro A test has proved to be very popular, so keep a lookout for a repeat later on in the year as an extra class.

Results are as follows:-

Class 1 - Intro

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sally Alexander  
*Jack Daniels*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Ashurst  
*Lady Penelope*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sinead Stephenson  
*The One'n Only*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Harris  
*Abbey May*
- 5<sup>th</sup> Gemma Borwick  
*Golans Discovery*
- 5<sup>th</sup> Michelle Smith  
*Tosh*

Class 2 - Prelim 13 (Novice)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Raven  
*Dewi*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie Jones  
*Red Baron*

Results cont/d

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sinead Stephenson  
*The one'n Only*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gemma Borwick  
*Golans Discovery*

Class 2 - Prelim 13 (Open)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Sims  
*Maerdy Guinivere*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie Jones  
*Caenant Catrin*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Evans  
*Dougal*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Denise Ashurst  
*Dream Catcher*

Class 3 - Novice 20

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Jones  
*Caenant Catrin*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Sims  
*Maerdy Guinivere*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Denise Ashurst  
*Dream Catcher*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ellie Jones  
*Red Baron*
- 5<sup>th</sup> Pat Evans  
*Dougal*

Fun Ride from Rudry

We held our RRC fun ride from New House Farm between Christmas and New Year on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December. The weather was freezing, but we had a late rush of entries, making in the region of 30 amazing riders, who braved the elements and made over £200 for Jenny McGregor's horse charity. At this time of the year and in light of the credit crunch, every penny makes the difference.

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## RRC Ride cont/d

We had our last riders roll up after 12.00 noon, and they had only been there a few minutes, when one horse was seen to be whizzing around the paddock amongst the trailers, closely followed by another trying to catch it! Apparently it had broken it's bridle when it was attached to the trailer (Not quite "a la pony club rules"), they managed to buy another one from the agricultural supplies next door and eventually set off with instructions and map in hand, assuring me they knew the area well. Some hours later, Sally Alexander had a phone call from them asking if they should be at the Travellers Rest Pub on the Wenallt !! By this time they should have been at least at the Maen Llwyd Pub in Rudry. They eventually returned just before dark, and rounded off the day with sandwiches provided by Pat Evans, and hot soup. The day was made worthwhile by little Tara Davies, who thanked me for a lovely day, although she & Gran had got lost even before they reached Rudry mountain, they looked blue with cold, but as only youngsters can, she made my day by telling me that it was the best home-made soup her had ever tasted. (She's my favourite).

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please find enclosed, your British Riding Club membership card which you may find helpful to obtain certain benefits. You may be asked to produce the card at RRC events to prove membership.

## Forthcoming events:

### Showjumping at Sunnybank EC

By request, we are holding 2 indoor showjumping competitions at Sunnybank, the first of which is on **SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**, where we will have all the benefits of a large modern arena, with outdoor facilities for warming up. This is not a cheap venue, so to make it pay, **Please, Please** support your Club so that we can use it again. We made horrendous losses at Pencoed last year, so we have listened to your comments **SO DON'T LET US DOWN**. A refreshment Bar will be available from Terinna and her husband David.

### AREA TEAM SHOWJUMPING

This will be hosted by Riders 2000, and held at Alps Court on **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> February**. We are sending a team, so "*lets be having some support*" from Members. Our Team manager this year is Nadine Marsh, who it there to help and guide our competitors. **GOOD LUCK FOLKS !!!!!**

### TRAINING

Would you please note that Pat Evans is our regular contact for training, please ring her for details of any ongoing training. At the moment Pat has arranged some showjumping lessons at Sunnybank. Nadine Marsh has had several enquiries about lessons, but she is only responsible for arranging specific training for the Showjumping and Dressage teams.

### WEB SITE

Paul Waterfield does a fab job of maintaining our web site, so keep looking on there for new items and links to other sites that may be of interest to you. Remember, you can use the site for advertising your horses, tack etc **FREE OF CHARGE**, so make the most of a good thing.

### HOLIDAYS - ADVERT

I have received a leaflet from Pilton Moor Stables, Rhossili, Gower, which outlines riding holidays in the Gower. If you are interested in finding out more, the web site is [www.piltonmoorstables.co.uk](http://www.piltonmoorstables.co.uk) and their telephone no is :01792 390554. At this time of the year, it's nice to look ahead to holidays, especially if you can take your horse, and it's not too far away.

Look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events,

Anne Lamerton