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Welcome to your first newsletter of the new season

Here we go again! The start of a new RRC year, with lots of new and exciting events which we are organising with you in mind, together our old favourites requested by the members.

OUR AGM took place on the 28th October, in the Rhiwbina Sports Club
It was an excellent turnout, where

prizes were given to the winners of our annual Dressage & Showjumping points award scheme, members and guests took part in a quiz and tucked into a buffet.

The Committee

Rebecca Harris, Ruth Stones and Ceri Byrd stood down from the committee, we thank them for the sterling work they have done for Rhyddid RC over the past few years. The remaining committee members were voted back en block, together with 2 new members Bev Raven and Kate Dowdall. We welcome them onto the committee, it's good to have a few new faces with new ideas to join the establishment.

The Winners:

Congratulations to all the prize winners, their hard work, support and dedication paid off and the results are as follows: -

Level 1 SHOWJUMPING

1 st	Jacob Denham	Rosedale Vision
2 nd	Jessica Hockridge	Ruby
3 rd	Ellie Jones	Caspar
4 th	Vicky Evans	Lunar Legend
4 th	Harri Morgan	Murphy
6 th	Ellie Jones	Pixie

Level 2 SHOWJUMPING

1 st	Anna Raven	Cracker
2 nd	Tracey Creedon	Jacob
3 rd	Anna Raven	Tia Maria
3 rd	Ruth Stones	Lolanita
5 rd	Carly Chambers	Charley
5 th	Eleanor Lane	Whizzie

Level 3 SHOWJUMPING

1 st	Helen Greenwood	Titan
2 nd	Chris Holbrook	Double Dee
3 rd	Jessica Hockridge	Jay's Dream
4 th	Tara Davies	Folly

Level 4 SHOWJUMPING

1 st	Ellie Jones	Red Baron
2 nd	Vicky Tabener	William
3 rd	Sophie Furlong	Solo
4 th	Sally Alexander	Jack Daniels
4 th	Rebecca Harris	Rockafella
4 th	Ruth Stones	Scott Free

Level 1 DRESSAGE

1 st	Ellie Jones	Caenant Catrin
2 nd	Denise Ashurst	Dream Catcher
3 rd	Alexis B-Wilkes	Springtime Valencia
4 th	Sally Alexander	Jack Daniels
5 th	Tara Davies	Querida
5 th	Anna Raven	Cracker



RHYDDID RIDING CLUB
A club for horse lovers
from 8yrs to 80 yrs

Hacking, Dressage,
Showing, Show jumping,
Cross country
Trec, Training, Lectures,
good company and all
round Fun!!!!

Level 2 DRESSAGE

1 st	Pat Evans	Dougal
2 nd	Debbie Booth	Touch Lucky
3 rd	Claire Richards	Sully
4 th	Nadine Marsh	Alamo Knight
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Level 3 DRESSAGE

1 st	Lisa Thomas	Simpli Nikki
2 nd	Anne Clark	Roving Chieftain
2 nd	Caroline Davies	Querida
4 th	Claire Richards	George
5 th	Pam Jordan	Mr Ben
5 th	Rebecca Sims	Maerdy Guinivere

MEMBERSHIP is now due for the forthcoming year at a cost of £18 for current members and £18 plus a joining fee of £2 for new members. Our new membership secretary Jean Marchant is awaiting your form. She will distribute the Year books within the next week or so as soon as your form is returned (and when I have run them all off the printer!).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The RRC Dressage is to be held on the 7th December at Stocklands, St. Fagans, and as it is the first on the series of four, we are starting off with a new **Intro Prelim** to encourage those who need to take the plunge!! Have a go - you are among friends.

CHRISTMAS FUN RIDE

We have arranged a "jaunt" to clear the head after Christmas in the Rudry/Lisvane area, a gentle stroll of approx 7 miles, (unless your frisky horse decides otherwise!) You can come alone, or bring a friend, to start any time between 10am & 12 noon. A rosette will be given to all competitors, Light refreshments will be provided upon Your return. I need to know approximate numbers so please return the form in the book by Monday 22nd December. I look forward to seeing you on the day.

NOVICE INDOOR TEAMS

Nadine Marsh has offered her services as chef d'equipe for the Area 15 Showjumping and Dressage to be held in February 2009. If interested please contact her on (029) 2076 1781, a meeting will be held in December to answer questions and meet other interested parties and arrange training

Last year, an observation was made by a parent that the teams competing for RRC in the Area 15 novice indoor qualifiers felt that they had little information and support and did not know each other, so this is why the meeting to be arranged via Nadine. She will clear up all the questions on passports, Dressage tests, showjumping heights eligibility of horses or ponies and costs. The entries have to be at Riding Clubs HQ early in **January**, so register your interest, and see if this is for you, there is **NO** obligation, just come along.

RIDING & ROAD SAFETY

We are considering running a Riding & Road Safety course and Test in the spring of 2009, we think that it is an important part of being a responsible horse owner. If you are interested in finding our more, please contact Anne Lamerton on 07960 330 908

GRADE TESTS, EQUITATION AND HORSE WELFARE EXAMINATIONS

The riding Clubs movement promote the taking of both junior & senior examinations which are informative and good fun to take. This is also a good way to exempt yourselves of part of the BHS stage exams which are very costly. The grade tests etc are only about £10 to take and can save a fortune! Tel **Anne Lamerton** if interested.

To all the yellow bellies - the equitation exams can be taken without jumping - worth a thought?

POINTS MAKE PRIZES

Don't forget to register your horse/pony for points, if you don't register, you can't WIN There will be double points on the last competition of the series, and points for introducing new members

SPARE A THOUGHT

For those horses and ponies that through no fault of their own have been abandoned or given to rescue organisations such as Jennie McGregor's Society for the Welfare of horses and ponies. The credit crunch is already biting, could you help out by giving a small donation, or buying a pack of Xmas cards for £2.50? An open day is to be held at their HQ near Monmouth on 7th December, Maggie King will be pleased to receive any unwanted little nick-nacks to sell on their behalf (078051 120 942)

NEWS

Congratulations to our own Sally Alexander and Jack Daniels for winning the final of the Shires Welsh Novice show-jumping at Sunnybank. Did I detect a little tear as the rosette was presented? Sally also won lots of "goodies" and had her photograph in the Welsh Rider magazine.

AND FINALLY

Keep checking www.rhyddid.org.uk for more information