

Rhyddid Riding Club Newsletter

Doesn't time fly by, here we are half way through the membership year, don't worry though, as there's still lots of action left...

Firstly, a **huge** thank you to all those who attended the extremely successful Charity Auction in aid of SWHP on 24th March 2009. A massive £1185.00 was raised which left Jennie McGregor speechless. This would not have been possible without the many pledges and donations which were very appreciatively received. If you have any suggestions for future fund raising in aid of SWHP please contact Maggie King, who is always looking for innovative ideas to raise money for a most worthwhile cause.

Recap on recent events

Sunnybank proved a popular venue for the showjumping event held on 25th April. Hopefully all the showjumping lessons paid off!

Class 1 2ft

1st	Sue Thomas	Red Baron
2nd	Sinead Stephenson	Oliver Twist
3rd	Ruth Stones	Will
4th	Tracey Creedon	Jacobs Quest
5th	Liz Hooker	Jimbo
6th	Michelle Hicks	Bonnie

Class 2 2ft 3ins

1 st	Anna Raven	Tia Maria
2 nd	Sinead Stephenson	Oliver Twist
3 rd	Tracey Creedon	Jacobs Quest
4 th	Liz Hooker	Jimbo

Class 3 2ft 6ins

1 st	Jamie Lee Knight	Crosswell Scarlet
2 nd	Rebecca Harris	Abbey May
3 rd	Anna Raven	Tia Maria
4 th	Zoe Jenkins	Storm
5 th	Terinna Pesci Griffiths	Riverdale Classic
6 th	Denise Ashurst	Dreamcatcher

Class 4 2ft 6ins Fun

1 st	Ellie Jones	Caenant Catrin
2 nd	Rebecca Harris	Abbey May
3 rd	Jane Groves	Tim
4 th	Terinna Pesci Griffiths	Riverdale
5 th	Zoe Jenkins	Storm
6 th	Jamie Lee Knight	Crosswell

Class 5 2ft 9ins

1 st	Ellie Jones	Caenant Catrin
2 nd	Jane Groves	Tim
3 rd	Zoe Jenkins	Storm
4 th	Rebecca Harris	Abbey May

Not even the weather could hold back the competitors who braved the elements to support the dressage held the 8th March. However, at the dressage held on 3rd May at Alps Court, Wenvoe attendance was low. We unfortunately had to move this to a week earlier due to the date clashing with Badminton. In future, newsletters will be published every two months and will notify members of any changes in dates of events that we have to reorganise. If anyone does not receive a newsletter and they are aware that other members have, please notify the Membership Secretary as soon as possible.

Results as follows:

Dressage 8th March 2009 at Alps

Class 1 – Prelim 1

1 st	Ellie Jones	Chance in a
2 nd	Gemma Borwick	Golans Discovery
3 rd	Ruth Stones	Willem
4 th	Eleri James	Mr Po
5 th	Nicola Jordan	Jigsaw
6 th	Nan John	Tess

Class 2 – Prelim 10

Novice

1 st	Nadine Marsh	Duchess
2 nd	Denise Ashurst	Dream Catcher
3 rd	Nan John	Tess
4 th	Sinead Stephenson	One n Only
5 th	Gemma Borwick	Golans Discovery
6 th	Nicola Jordan	Jigsaw

Open

1 st	Lisa Thomas	Chester
2 nd	Claire Richards	George
3 rd	Graham Hosgood	Madison
4 th	Pat Evans	Dougal
5 th	Penny Ashurst	Lady

Class 3 – Novice 27

Open

1 st	Lisa Thomas	Chester
2 nd	Ellie Jones	Caenant Catrin
3 rd	Jane Groves	Jim
4 th	Isabelle Brown	Milkshake
5 th	Graham Hosgood	Madison
6 th	Pat Evans	Dougal

Dressage 3rd May 2009 at Alps

Class 1 – Prelim 12

1 st	Nan John	Gwynfaes (Tess)	1 st	Pat Evans	Dougal
2 nd	Sally Alexander	Cany	2 nd	Denise Ashurst	Dream Catcher
3 rd	Denise Ashurst	Lady Penelope	3 rd	Penny Ashurst	Lady
4 th	Vicky Williams	Ted	4 th	Chris Holbrook	Double Dee
5 th	Mary Hole	Taylor Made	5 th	Carole Wheeler	Bouncer
6 th	Ellie Lane	Ellipsis	6 th	Nan John	Gwynfaes

Class 2 – Prelim 13

1 st	Ellie Jones	Caenant Catrin
2 nd	Denise Ashurst	Dream Catcher
3 rd	Graham Hosgood	Madison
4 th	Chris Holbrook	Double Dee
5 th	Pat Evans	Dougal
6 th	Helen Greenwood	Titan

Forthcoming Events:

Showjumping 1 to be held at Sunnybank on 25th May, this was postponed from February due to the Arctic conditions we had at the time. Following a suggestion from the last showjumping event, we are introducing a new 1ft 9ins round. We are hoping this will encourage all those members that have taken advantage of the showjumping lessons recently to have a go for real. To cater for this new round we are reducing the time allowed for the clear round down to half an hour. Please note that refreshments are available. Sunnybank proved very popular a month ago and we hope you will continue to support the Club again.

Unfortunately the **XC Fun Day** which was to be held at New House Farm, Rudry on 31st May is postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. We will let you know as soon as we have a new date for this.

Summer Show (Inc Showjumping 3) to be held at New House Farm Rudry on 14th June, Hopefully the sun will come out and a fantastic day will be had by all. Don't forget this is a great chance to get in some extra practice for the Trec competition later on in the year. If you know of any sponsors who will be willing to sponsor this event please get in contact with Maggie King.

Showjumping 4 to be held at New House Farm Rudry on 5th July, this is the last opportunity to collect those all important points for your showjumping declarations.

Advance notice: Due to unprecedented demand we will be reintroducing the Intro A at the dressage to be held on 13th September at Alps Court Wenvoe

Training, Pat Evans will continue to organise the showjump training at Sunnybank on the last two Mondays of the month and the flatwork training with Nick Coles please call Pat and not Terinna or Nick for lesson availability.

Final notes

Please, please can you ensure that you do not leave your horses unattended whilst tied up outside to the horse box, this is now illegal, but unfortunately was observed at the last dressage event.

Good luck to all members at the forthcoming events and let's hope the sun shines down

Rhyddid Riding Club committee