

HOOFPRINTS

The Newsletter of the Fife Riding Club



March 2010

Just a brief note to keep you up to date and to remind you of what is coming up at Fife Riding Club

Firstly an update on team jumping. After all the excitement and success at Howe CC we were looking forward to another team outing to Gleneagles. Unfortunately this event was **cancelled** by the organisers who have decided to run a rescheduled Arena Event at Gleneagles on the same day. At the time of writing no alternative date for the team showjumping has been decided so we can't tell you if it will go ahead at all which is a great shame as many members were keen to maintain their winning streak. We'll let you know when we hear anything

At the beginning of February we held a meeting at Howe for anyone interested in team competitions where members were given up to the minute information about Area Qualifiers, options for fundraising etc. We were delighted to see over 30 people come along. Gillian Kettles had organised some fun activities designed to get people working in teams, even with complete strangers – just to prove that teams are fun. A great time was had by all and there is a lot of enthusiasm to get stuck into fundraising for the coming season. A further get together about teams is planned for **30 March at Howe CC** – to which all are invited. Fife has a great record of success at Area and indeed National level but we have let things slip a bit over the last few years. We would like to try to get more members more involved again – so let's see another good turn out.

RACE NIGHT



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Don't forget to support the **RACE NIGHT** on **26 March at the Lomond Hills Hotel, Freuchie!!** There is still time to get a ticket – contact organiser Joe Smith for more information. The tickets are only £8 a head which includes stovies and a **FREE TOTE BET**

Race Nights are great fun – all the thrills and excitement of the real thing! You can place bets, be the owner, trainer or even jockey of the winning horse and pick up lots of prizes. Do, please, try to support this night as it's in a very good cause – proceeds will go to **Pensulo Spirit Charity** in Malawi (see www.pensulospirit.org)

Joe needs an indication of numbers for catering – so if you are coming, please **let him know by 22 March** at latest – his contact number is 01592 784794 or 07946 870085 or email him at joseph@williamsmith.fslife.co.uk. Remember all proceeds to charity – the more the merrier! – bring friends, relatives, workmates etc!!

CRAIGIE HUNTER TRIALS



This could be you!!

The **SPRING HUNTER TRIALS** will be on **18 April** with classes for all abilities – Nursery Novice, Novice, Open, Pairs and Minimus Schooler. This year we will have a **BRAND NEW 2'0" TRACK** – great for nervous riders (or horses). Schedules can be downloaded from our website or send a stamped addressed envelope to Linda Gove 16 Aboyne Gardens Kirkcaldy KY2 6EL .

We will, as always, need volunteers to help us run the event on the day, especially **JUMP JUDGES**. Can you help us? We need people to do half or whole day shifts. Don't worry if you haven't done it before – there will be someone around to keep you right. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day. The income from Craigie keeps the club viable – if we don't run Craigie, we won't be able to offer anything like we do at present and we would be looking at a hefty hike in subs. A successful Hunter Trails is in the interest of every member. Without jump judges, we cannot run the event – so, please, do offer your services. **WE NEED YOU!!** Please contact **Amy** on 07766 130424 or **Linda** on 07740 027427 or **Andrew** on 07967 655691 – *sooner the better*

Work days on site are now under way. Details are on the website but basically we will be meeting every Saturday up to the weekend of the competition at around 10.30. The only exception is the weekend of the Dressage League 4 (27 March) when we will meet on the Sunday instead. Meet at the water jump. Bring old clothes and a packed lunch. Hot & cold drinks will be provided.

Contact Andrew for more info on 07967 655691.

It's great way to get a sneak preview of what the course will be like – and it's good fun.



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WINTER DRESSAGE

Whisper it, Spring might actually be here, at last.

Shona has been stoically arranging then cancelling then re-arranging our Winter Dressage series. The good news is that we did actually manage to run DL 3 on 14 March – what's more we had fantastic sunny weather. The results are posted on our website – www.fife-riding-club.co.uk. Lets hope the good weather holds for the last in the series – **DL4 on 27 March. Get your entries in now!** *[ps remember this will be on a Saturday, not Sunday as normal]*

FURTHER AHEAD

We are already half way through the Club's year and soon to start the "Summer" season. Anyone interested in taking part in the first Weds evening instruction at the Club Field should contact Jenny on 07967 094218. Thereafter, members can sign up for instruction at the Noticeboard



If this is you, training may be beneficial.....

FINALLY

With the summer nights coming we expect to see lots more people making use of our club facilities. A reminder to anyone using the Club Field outwith normal meeting times :- Firstly the club facilities are for the use of **paid-up club members only**; secondly, anyone wanting to use the field for training **must** contact Susan Kerr on 07706 009161 **BEFORE** going to the field. This is for insurance purposes – also Susan will be able to tell you if there is anything on which might prevent you using the facilities e.g. coursebuilding.; thirdly can all members leave the arenas as they are found – if you put out jumps, please put them away after use and please report any breakages to Susan. The use of the field is laid out in the Bye-Laws – unfortunately few riders seem to be aware of the rules. It is intended to post bye-laws, Constitution etc on the website in due course which may help but meantime if you are not sure of what is and isn't permitted please ask Liz or any committee member.

There's loads going on at Fife Riding Club – be part of the action

That's all for now – see you at the Race Night!- or Craigie, or the team meeting – just be there