

# Scottish Dressage Group Newsletter July 2014

## Dates for your diary

**Dressage To Music** – Sunday 7 September (entry form accompanying this Newsletter).

**Charity Dressage Competition** – Sunday 28 September. This is *not* an SDG event but is being run by Ci Henderson on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support. See below.

**Lungeing Demo** by Ci Henderson – Wednesday 17 September 7pm (booking form accompanying this Newsletter).

**Winter Points Championship** – Sunday 5 October, 2 November, 7 December, 1 February, 1 March, and 5 April.

Carla's Kitchen will be attending our Winter Points competitions. Please support Carla's Kitchen. Her food is delicious. If we don't use it, we will lose it!

All these events take place at Cousland Park Training and Livery Centre by kind permission of Ci Henderson

## Annual Subscription £20

Membership renewal forms will be emailed out shortly, and should be returned by 1 October 2014. While we don't like losing members, if you know that for whatever reason you are not going to rejoin SDG for the 2014/2015 year, please let our Membership Secretary, Alison Scougall, know as soon as possible as this will enable her to notify people on the waiting list that they can join – we have a waiting list of 18 potential members, many of whom would like to be able to enter our 5 October competition as a member of the club. Alison can be contacted on [al-bob@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:al-bob@tiscali.co.uk)

## Rule Change

Intro/Prelim 2014/2015 – with immediate effect if entering Intro **and** Prelim classes, Intro must be ridden HC. This is as a result of some disquiet among members that the current ruling is difficult to police, and inexperienced riders and young horses are meeting unfair competition in the Intro class, and are not getting the encouragement they require.

## Macmillan Cancer Support Charity Dressage Competition

Ci Henderson, whose Cousland Park Training and Livery Centre yard has been host to SDG competitions for many years, is holding this event as a charity fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support - Ci is passing on all income from the event to the charity. It should be a good day with coffee, tea and home baking (all contributions welcome!) available to sustain you throughout. Schedules with more information will be available towards the middle of August both by email from [couspltc@aol.com](mailto:couspltc@aol.com), or by post (please include a SAE) from Cousland Park Training and Livery Centre, Cousland Farm, Nr Dalkeith, Midlothian EH22 2PD.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

The Committee are presently working on this and making very good progress. Information on what is planned should be available soon by email to members.

## **Teams**

The Committee are again looking at the feasibility of having teams represent SDG. The result of these findings will be advised to members in due course but in the meantime, any members who would like to get together to do team dressage should check British Dressage Team Quest at [www.britishdressage.co.uk/competitions/teamquest](http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/competitions/teamquest).

## **Photographer**

We have invited an amateur photographer to come to our winter competitions to take photographs of participants. More information about this, and the service provided, including charges, will be made available before the Dressage to Music competition in early September. Information will also be posted on the club website.

## **Competitions**

Results for all the 2014 Summer competitions are now available on the club website, along with the final placings in the Summer Points Championship.

## **Tony Westbury**

Due to Tony being very busy at The Commonwealth Games, SDG events are on hold for the time being. He is still in contact with SDG and any developments will be notified to members by email.

## **Gyrotomics**

We had six notes of interest - sadly this was not enough for this to be taken forward. Rhona's details are on her website [www.edinburghbodytonic.co.uk](http://www.edinburghbodytonic.co.uk) if you wish to contact her direct.

## **Committee Resignation**

Aimee Gardner has resigned from SDG Committee with immediate effect. May we take this opportunity to thank Aimee for all her help during her time as the club Training Officer and Committee Member.

## **Finally**

Check your club website [www.scottishdressagegroup.org.uk](http://www.scottishdressagegroup.org.uk) as it is regularly updated with useful and relevant information for our membership.