

Scottish Dressage Group
Newsletter September 2015

Dates for your diary

Annual General Meeting provisional date and venue: Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at Stables Bar, Mortonhall, Edinburgh (same venue as last year) 7:30pm. Confirmation of this will be notified to members asap.

Winter Points Competition 2015/2016:

Sundays 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec, 3rd Jan, 7th Feb, 6th Mar

Training:

Sue Petty will be at Cousland Park Training and Livery Centre on Monday 19th October. Please contact Judy Douglas-Miller 0131 449 3972 for more information and availability.

Winter Competitions:

Please note the re-introduction of our January competition in the Winter Points and the change of the 3rd April competition from the Winter Points to be included in 2016 Summer Points Competition with a date change to Wednesday 6th April.

It is intended to continue with the Open and Restricted Sections in both Intro and Prelim Classes as this has worked well for our membership.

Again, it should be noted that tests have been introduced by British Dressage with the same number as previously used eg previously P17 (2002) and more recently P17 (2014).

It is imperative that competitors make sure they use the correct test number with the correct year. You have been warned!

The Committee, after discussion, have decided to introduce a points system along the same lines currently in use by British Dressage. It is hoped that by doing this it will encourage and reward good %'s. This will be effective for the coming Winter Points Competitions. Points will be allocated as follows:

60.00– 61.99% 1 point
62.00 – 63.99% 2 points
64.00 – 65.99% 3 points
66.00 – 67.99% 4 points
68.00 – 69.99% 5 points
70.00 – 71.99% 6 points
72.00% and above 7 points

October 4th 2015

November 1st.2015

December 6th.2015

Intro A (2008)

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Prelim 7 (2002)

Prelim 12 (2005)

Prelim 14 (2006)

Nov 27 (2007)

Nov 28 (2008)

Nov 30 (2006)

Elem 44 (2002)

Elem 49 (2009)

Elem50 (2007)

Med 71 (2002)

Med63 (2002)

Med 61 (2002)

Ad Med 90 (2012)

Ad Med 93 (2004)

Ad Med 85 (2009)

Membership Renewal:

May we remind members that SDG Subscriptions must be paid before the October 2015 competition if competitors are to benefit from the reduced entry fee for members and also for their results to be included in the Points Championships for 2015/16. Please forward your cheques, payable to Scottish Dressage Group, to Sheila Rodgers, 9 Church Hill Edinburgh EH 10 4BG

The Refreshments Honesty Box:

This was recently introduced at our competitions so any income received will help us purchase tea/coffee etc for future competitions. Please make sure if you are using this facility in the future you have money with you to make a donation in order for this to continue. Not everyone has been paying for what they consume and hopefully this reminder will correct any oversight.

Competition Volunteers:

It is imperative that members come forward and volunteer to help at our competitions. We have over 80 members and if everyone volunteered to help on one occasion for a couple of hours we would have more than enough cover.

Please look at the winter points calendar and let Margaret Parker

(maggie.parker@blueyonder.co.uk) know as soon as possible when you can come along to help.

Without our volunteers there will be no competition. To those of you who have already helped, and you know who you are, a huge thank you. The Committee are especially grateful for you being there.

Trophy Update:

SDG have received a gift of trophies from our member Sheila Rodgers. The Committee will be looking at the best way to use all the club's trophies for the benefit of our membership. Details of this will be made available to members as soon as a decision is made.

All trophy winners need to make sure their trophies have been engraved, polished and returned to a Committee Member prior to the AGM.

Committee Update:

The Committee are delighted to advise we have three new Committee Members. They are Sheila Rodgers (Membership Secretary), Claire Watters and Carol Wood. We are always looking for members to join the committee. The Committee meet approximately 3 or 4 times a year, usually within the Edinburgh area. Previous experience is not essential as most tasks are shared and help is always at hand from other committee members.

As with everything your Committee organise for you, we welcome your feedback, both good and bad, in order to improve on what we do in the future.

Website:

Our club website is regularly updated and contains useful information which you might find helpful www.scottishdressagegroup.org.uk.