

## **Scottish Dressage Group – Newsletter April 2016**

### **Competition Update**

We have finally reached Spring and I'm sure everyone is glad to see the back of what has been a long and extremely wet winter!! As you are all aware we have had to cancel a couple of our shows this winter season. In February, this was due to a lack of entries (probably due to the horrible weather) and a lack of volunteers. Additionally, we also had to cancel Decembers date due to adverse weather warnings from the Met Office and on the advice of Police Scotland who advised against any unnecessary travel. We also understand there was a clash with a couple of dates with dressage at Rockrose – dates will be under discussion by the committee for this year's winter points season, to avoid this happening again. We will be holding our final winter points competition in April and will soon be starting our evening summer points league. To run these, we will need members to help write, score and steward – these events cannot run without volunteers! If you are free to help at any event in the future, please do let us know – we can work this around your competition times if needed and even an hour of your time makes a huge difference to us!

Our final winter league competition will now take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April. This was scheduled for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, however, unfortunately the arena at Cousland had been double booked in error. Hopefully as many of you as possible will still be able to make it for the last chance to tally up league points. The schedule has now been e-mailed around members and will be on the website shortly.

Summer league dates are as follows and entry forms will be emailed round and on the website in due course:

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

### **Committee News**

Margaret Parker has recently resigned from her role as SDG Competition Secretary. The club would like to thank her for all her effort and commitment, ensuring our events have run so smoothly over the last year.

We are now in need of help to cover or fill the competition secretary role – preparing and sending out schedules, planning times for shows, setting up/clearing up secretary's office, recruiting volunteers/judges, supervising the smooth running of shows etc. If you feel there is anything you may be interested in helping us with, or you may be interested in joining the SDG committee, please contact one of us for more details. The committee meet up around

6 times a year to plan our events and it is a great way to meet others who share a passion for the sport. It is not essential to have a specific 'role' on the committee, we all help and support each other whenever required.

### **BRC Intermediate Dressage Qualifier – Rockrose Sun 6 March**

We were delighted to be able to put forward an SDG team and several individuals at the BRC area 1 dressage qualifier at the start of March. Well done and a huge thank you to everyone who took part and represented SDG on the day, as well as all our members representing other clubs.

There were 12 hours of tests and classes were large and of a very high standard. We are delighted that we had placings and qualifications for the championships at Bury Farm at the end of April. Very best of luck to those making the long journey down south for the finals!!:

- Joan Lauder and Udolin – 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Medium individual (Qualifier)
- Rachel Jackson and Donderry Gee Jay – 1<sup>st</sup> D3 junior individual (Qualifier)
- Sorrel Feather and Opposite Reflection – 1<sup>st</sup> D10 junior individual (Qualifier)
- Claire Scott and Vinny Star – 6<sup>th</sup> D10 senior individual

The committee members present at the qualifier had a great time catching up with all the riders and it was lovely to see that everyone had a great time. This was the first time SDG have sent riders to a BRC event for a number of years. We would really love to carry this on for years to come!! If you would like to be considered for part of an SDG dressage team or as an individual rider in the future, please email Claire at [clairewx@hotmail.com](mailto:clairewx@hotmail.com). We will keep you up to date when the next qualifiers are announced later in the year.