

Scottish Dressage Group Newsletter December 2014

Dates for your diary

Sue Petty Lessons – to be confirmed for 2015

Winter Points Competitions: Sunday 1 February, 1 March and 5 April

Summer 2015 Points Competitions: Wednesday 6 May, 3 June, 1 July and 5 August

Committee Members:

Chairperson – Ros Kirkman

Vice Chairperson – Jacky Chalmers

Treasurer – Hazel Hunter

Membership Secretary – Alison Scougall

Competitions Secretary – Margaret Parker (previously Jacky Chalmers) assisted by Robert Stephen

Training Officer - Vacant

Newsletter Editors – Hazel Hunter and Jacky Chalmers

Minutes Secretary – Alison Scougall

Webmaster – Ros Kirkman

Nicola Mowatt

CWO – Julie Ross (ex- Committee member)

We are always looking for members to join the committee. Meetings take place four or five times a year and are within the Edinburgh area. Meetings are social and fun, as well as productive. Committee members do not always have to hold a position of office eg Secretary, Treasurer etc. Any member interested in joining the committee should contact an existing committee member and can come along to a meeting to see what the committee get up to prior to making up their minds to become a committee member.

SDG Website

Please check club website for important information and updates. We try to keep our website as up to date as possible and it is a useful source of information: www.scottishdressagegroup.org.uk In particular please read the information regarding insurance. **British Riding Club insurance cover is not insurance for individual personal cover.** SDG/Riding Club insurance does not provide personal accident insurance. British Riding Club insurance covers club officials, volunteers, helpers at our competitions. The website also has the latest update on which riding hats comply with the latest regulations. Please check the kite mark etc on your hat with these latest regulations.

Teams

In order for Teams to be considered the club requires a volunteer to be Team Manager and organiser. Anyone interested in doing this should contact a committee member. Teams are something the club would consider and support, however, Team Members must be prepared to fund raise as they will be expected to travel south should their success representing SDG give them the opportunity to do so.

Competitions

Please note competition dates detailed above for Summer 2015 Points. Details of tests will be advised in due course. As in previous years this will be held at Cousland Park Training and Livery

Centre.

Volunteer organisers and helpers are required for all our competitions. If you have volunteered at our competitions in the past.....thank you. Without your help, competitions simply would not take place. If you have not yet volunteered to organise or assist, please consider doing so. A list of organisers' duties is attached with this Newsletter, but contact a committee member for more information. While organisers (we usually have two per competition) are usually involved all day, other volunteers help either morning and/or afternoon; or might only help for a couple of hours. We require writers, stewards and scorers. Guidance and support is always provided and it is a great way to meet fellow club members and their friends. Writing for judges is a great way to find out what judges are looking for and can be very beneficial for when riding your own test.

Please can all cheques for competition entry fees be made payable to Scottish Dressage Group.

Should any competitor have any concern about a competition being cancelled it is imperative they contact the competition day organiser, whose details will be on the schedule/entry form for up to date accurate information. Should you decide not to take part/withdraw from a competition you have entered, please let the day organiser know as soon as possible. This will allow the competition to run efficiently which will be appreciated by everyone else involved in the day's activities eg competitors, helpers, caterers etc.

SDG would like to run a Dressage to Music competition in April 2015 if sufficient interest is shown by members. We will run this on a "pick-a-level" basis ie Prelim, Novice etc. For further information, and expressing your note of interest to participate, please contact the Competitions Secretary using the link on the club website: www.scottishdressagegroup.org.uk.

Annual Subscriptions

For next year any member who has not paid their subscription by the date of the competition will be expected to pay the non-member's entry fee for competitions until their membership is paid. Fully paid up members will be given priority should classes become oversubscribed.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year