

Ewshot Riding Club Winter Newsletter 08/09

Ewshot Riding Club Committee

Chairman -Julie Jones - 07748528730

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Treasurer - Karen Wellington

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Committee Members:

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Junior Committee:

Laura Watkin

Eleanor Boman

Jodie Douglas-Jones

Dear Member:

We hope that you have had both a successful and enjoyable seasons with your horses and ponies this year, hopefully the weather will be kind to us, so that we can continue to have some fun with our ponies over the winter months.

After Several years of hard work, Sue McSharry has stepped down as club chairman; the Club would like to give a warm welcome to Julie Jones who has taken on the role, and we like to wish her an enjoyable year ahead.

This Year has been a quiet, yet successful year for Ewshot Riding Club. We have run the clear round show jumping all year round and this seems to be very popular and is always well supported. Over the summer the club carried out some maintenance and repair work on the cross country course, which seems to have been a great success.

Past Events

Dressage:

The Club ran two dressage competitions this autumn, which both turned out to be a great success the club would like to congratulate our Dressage Cup Winners:

Junior Dressage Champion : Eleanor Boman with Tara

Senior Dressage Champion: Julie Jones with Tonto

The Right Weight Roadshow

In October we invited the Right Weight Roadshow to Ewshot, and the day proved very informative to all. We also ran a Clear round and all monies were donated to World Horse Welfares Current Campaign – Make A Noise. The Day was a great success and we raised £45 from the Jumping alone, which was gratefully received from the charity (letter enclosed) we intend to hold a day similar to this next year and we hope that it will be better attended by our members.

A big thank you to all those that attended and helped to make the day a success.

Future Events

Clear Rounds and Cross Country 10am-12

We will continue to hold the clear rounds throughout the winter, on the first Sunday of every month (weather permitting!)

Jumps Start very low, and are raised through the morning. If you wish to jump low please be ready to start at 10am

Due to health and safety all those using the cross country course, must wear a body protector and must be accompanied by a person on foot or set off in pairs or small groups. All riders must sign a disclaimer before starting and report back to the committee once finishing. There is no time limit to using the course, and there are a variety of jumps to suit all abilities.

****All monies raised from the Clear round held on December the 7th will be donated to Hampshire Horse Watch****

Christmas Gymkhana / Fun Day!

The Christmas Gymkhana will be held on the 21st December, schedule enclosed, entries on the day only- with lots of fun, prizes, rosettes suitable for all ages and all the family!! Fancy Dress is a Must!!

Winter Show jumping- 18th January

We intend to hold a series of show jumping events throughout the year, members can gain points to compete for the championship trophies that are awarded at the AGM in October.

The first show jumping competition will be held in January, with lots of rosettes and prizes and classes suitable for all abilities. Schedule Enclosed.

Show Jumping Clinic 17th January

This will be held the Saturday before the Show Jumping competition and is open to all members.

This will be run by Amanda Smith, who is currently training for her Preliminary Teaching Exam. The Clinic will be based on jumping a course of jumps and riders will be put into pairs according to ability. Please call Amanda for more information on 07881466044 or complete the enclosed entry form, with your details.

Tack Marking

Hampshire Horse Watch has kindly lent us there tack marking kit, which will be available to use at the clear rounds in December, January and February. The Marker can be used on any type of saddle or bridle, for just donation to Hampshire Horse Watch.

Table Top Tack Sale:

The Club intends to hold a table top tack sale in Februarys, in church crookham, to help raise money for the Aldershot RDA. Look out for posters with more information.

General Riding Club Rules and Information

- Always pass left to left in the warm up area
- Horses that are likely to kick must always wear a red ribbon in their tail
- Body protectors must be worn when using the cross country course and are strongly advised for show jumping
- A maximum of 4 refusals will be allowed at one jump then the rider will be asked to move on (clear round jumping only)
- In the event of a rider fall, the rider **MUST NOT** remount under any circumstances. The horses should be led out of the ring and the incident should be reported to the secretary.
- Any rider seen abusing or over using artificial aids towards a horse will be asked to leave the club immediately and will be banned from future events

Design a Logo Competition!

Ewshot Riding Club needs help from its junior members (or Senior!) to design a new logo that will be used on new rosettes and clothing that we intend to purchase for the new season. The Logo will also be printed on new filler and some new signs for the club.

The logo needs to be interesting and unique but not too detailed. There are some logos below of other riding clubs to give you some ideas.

If you would like to have a go, and then please draw your logo on the enclosed entry form- alternatively one could be created on the computer if desired. The entry's will be judged at the Christmas Gymkhana the so get drawing!! Please bring your design to one of the club events and give to a committee member or alternatively post to: Amanda Smith, 42 Woodlands, Fleet, Hants GU514NX



Please Be Aware that when the weather is particularly cold the arena is likely to freeze over and events will have to be either cancelled or postponed.

If in doubt please call a committee member the morning of an event to confirm the event is running.

We hope to see soon

