

ISIS DRESSAGE GROUP NEWSLETTER

ISIS TRAINING CLINICS

SERENA PINCUS - Please phone Dedi Leech on 01869 - 350300 to find out when Serena will be coming to Heathfield next.

DANIEL GREENWOOD - Dan's next clinics will be on Thursday, November 13th and Friday, December 5th at Grange Farm. The cost is £35, which offers a discount for Isis members. Please contact Jane McWilliam, preferably by email (see contact details in committee members' box on page 5) for details and to book.

LORNA GEORGE - Lorna comes to Hill Farm, Witney, each week. The cost is £25 for a minimum of 45 minutes, plus £10 for hire of the school. Please phone Caroline Ogden on 07867 - 520762 for further details.

JOHN LASSETTER CLINIC November 23rd

There are places available in this twice-yearly event organized by Libby Saugman and held at the New Yatt RDA centre. Sessions are individual and last 45 minutes. Please call Libby on 01993 - 868 367 for details.

BRC DRESSAGE TO MUSIC, ADDINGTON OCT 4TH - 5TH

Our two Isis qualifiers did really well at the last BRC dressage final of the year. On the Saturday, Sarah Morgan and Small Fortune placed 6th in the elementary championship – a notable result, as Dibley clearly had got out of bed on the wrong side and was determined to make things as difficult as possible for Sarah! Only excellent riding by Sarah coaxed a decent test out of Dibley to a lovely orchestral compilation for a score of 314.5. Isis member Sue Odom riding for West Oxfordshire and coached by Pam Walker rode a super test with Water Boatman for 3rd place on 326.3.

The ‘best turned out’ section of the quadrille selection for Olympia took place in the afternoon – absolutely amazing! Horses in intricately-embroidered body stockings with decorations on legs and tails, riders in incredibly complex costumes! Later in the evening the ‘ridden’ part took place, which we could not stay to watch. None of my favourite teams made it through to Olympia – the green caterpillars with great bug eyes, the fiery flame fairies, and the Rydel High guys and gals! (Not having any skill with a needle, that is one competition I will not be encouraging Isis to attempt!)

On the Sunday, in the novice without points section, Sally-Anne Barton rode a lovely, forward test to her Isabell Werth piano-based music to finish on the same score as the winner, 246.5, but a slightly lower artistic mark placed her second. Sadly, the mounted prize-giving had to proceed without horses when Nicola Nicholls’s winner, Fabio, who had traveled up from Taunton that morning, suffered a bout of colic in the lorry park.

Dibley was in a much better mood in the novice with points section, and produced an accurate and attractive test to a Herb Alpert selection for 247 points and fifth place in the hottest class of the championship.

Hala Bentley

THE POINTS LEAGUE

So far this year there have been four shows – Hill Farm in March, Crown Farm, Rosehill, and the recent Hill Farm show - which will count towards the annual league trophies. The results from the Hill Farm October show are not available yet, so these are the point scores before that show. With just one more show to go, there is still plenty to play for in most of the categories!

In the Prelim Restricted section, **Alison Rivers** and Tango lead on 14 points, with **Ginnie Halliwell** and A Golden Promise close behind with 12 points. **Lauren Basson** and Orbital Express have 10, while **Karen Nunwick** (Urioso) and **Suzanne Morgan** (Francesca) have 9 each.

In the Prelim Open section, **Debbie Mason** and Jumpin’ Jack Flash are currently well clear on 20, while **Tiggi Bentley** (Wizard E) and **Sheena Grierson** (Coustou) have 6 points and **Lesley Long** (Bailey) has 5.

The Novice Restricted race is led by **Clare Newstead** (Ellare Flare Molly) with 16 points, followed by Urioso and **Karen Nunwick** on 12. **Sarah Howard** (Lochinvar) and **Emma Queralt** (Quisisanna) have 10 points each, while **Maggie Beresford** (I See You Sydney) has 9 points, **Catarina Eriksson** (Braveheart) has 7 and **Sally-Anne Barton** (Blakes Thicket) has 6.

The Novice Open leader at present is **Sue Odom**'s Waterboatman with 11 points, followed by Pepper (10), Our Martine (9), and Wizard E (6), all ridden by **Tiggi Bentley**. **Lesley Long** and Bailey have 5 points.

In Elementary, **Sheena Grierson** (Legal Light) leads with 10 points, Sue Odom (Waterboatman) has 7, while **Sally-Anne** (Blakes Thicket), Mary Smith (Independence Day) and **Pam Walker** (Thompson) tie with 6 points each.

The Medium competition is led by **Pam** and Thompson with 6 points, followed by **Sheena Grierson** and Clever Cloggs on 5 and **Fiona Smith** and Dzjaro on 4.

(Combinations can't win in consecutive years at the same level, a rule which may have a bearing on the final results.)

Will the current leaders retain their places after our Christmas show, or will YOU have overtaken them? Don't forget to get your entries in early!

CHRISTMAS SHOW – HOME FARM, CHELTENHAM

You will find a copy of the schedule for our last show of 2008 with this newsletter. Home Farm is a great new venue and we hope to patronise it again – so please let us know what you think of it after the show. The venue is new, clean, and well-looked-after, the indoor and outdoor surfaces are excellent and the staff are very friendly. There is a first-rate cafeteria which has been commended for its good food!

Home Farm is a couple of miles from Cheltenham racecourse and travel directions are to be found on the venue's website,

www.homefarmequestriancentre.co.uk/contact_us/maps_directions.html

We hope to be offering mulled wine and mince pies as usual, and there will be prizes and rosettes for the best fancy dress, so get into the spirit of the season early and give it a go!

HELPERS

New members won't know, and others may need reminding, that if you help at Isis shows you earn points which give you free entries. One point per hour – and three points is one free entry! Please contact the show secretary before the day. Writers, stewards, scorers and score-collectors are always needed!

BRC AREA 18 TRAINING DAY – NOVEMBER 30TH

The Unicorn Equestrian Centre, 9.30am – 4pm.

Application forms for ‘guinea pigs’ and spectators were sent out with the September newsletter for the Area 18 annual training day. In the morning, Henriette Anderson will be holding a master class and Major Richard Waygood will give instruction on the new Team of Four dressage test. He will hold a grass roots dressage clinic for prelim riders approaching novice in the afternoon and the 2007 Olympia finalists, the New Forest Pony Enthusiasts, will perform their quadrille.

The cost is £15 – to book if you have mislaid the forms, please contact Carolyn Andrews, Stable Cottage, Kempsford, Fairford, Glos GL7 4EQ tel. 01285 – 810010. Please note that tickets must be purchased before the event, and only Riding Club members may attend. No dogs are allowed, and the correct hat must be worn if you are riding!

Guinea pig riders are still needed for the Team of Four and grass roots classes.

NEWS FROM BRITISH DRESSAGE

QUALIFICATION FROM DECEMBER 1ST

Unsurprisingly, last year’s new rules regarding qualification for the Regionals at Novice to Medium have changed, as entries for non-qualifiers have plummeted. Now you will qualify by winning two qualifiers or one qualifier and two non-qualifiers. Advanced Medium qualification is unchanged – you must win one qualifier. At Preliminary level, two wins in qualifiers are now required.

FREESTYLE QUALIFIERS

Qualifying scores have been increased:

Novice Restricted – top two non-qualified combinations with at least 65%.

Novice Open – top two non-qualified combinations with at least 66%.

Elementary Restricted – top two non-qualified combinations with at least 64%.

Elementary Open - top two combinations with at least 66%.

Medium, Advanced Medium, PSG – top three non-qualified combinations with at least 63%.

TESTS FOR QUALIFIERS

Prelim – 13, 14, 15, 19.

Novice – 30, 36, 37, 38.

Elementary – 49, 50, 53, 57, 58.

Medium – 71, 73, 75.

Advanced Medium – 85, 93, 98.

NEW TESTS FOR 2009

Introductory B (walk/trot test) (short)
Introductory freestyle (short)
Prelim freestyle (short or long)
Novice 34 (short)
Novice 35 (long)
Elementary 49 (short)
The FEI Junior Preliminary Test will become Advanced Medium 85

DELETED TESTS

Prelim 17, Novice 32, Novice 33, Advanced Medium 86.

PRIZE MONEY FOR FIRST PLACE...

...must now exceed the entry fee(!)

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ADVERTS

FOR SALE

4 year old 16.1hh brown gelding by Diamond Hit out of a Jazz/Zaire mare. Mare (Schwarzkopf) competing at PSG and training at home at Grand Prix. Backed by Sandra Biddlecombe. £15,000. Contact **Christian Kwek** (07775 - 558109) or **Gillian** (07766 - 001481).

Black Albion SLK Dressage Saddle, 17 1/2 inches, wide fit, very good condition. £800 ono. **D. Maundrell** 01235 – 768039

Ariat Half Chaps Smooth chocolate brown leather XXS calf fitting, Hardly used, cost £87 new at Christmas - £40. Tel: **Claire** 01993 - 840827

Ideal VSD Saddle 17.5", Wide fit, brown, bearing strap fitted to stop movement. vgc £250 ovno **Ideal, Highland and Cob (H&C) VSD Saddle** 17.5" Wide fit, brown, Excellent condition. £475 ovno **Dressage saddle by Kay Humphries/Barry Swain** supplied by Norton and Newby 17.5", Wide plus (can be altered to fit by maker) brown with brown serge ½ panels, large knee rolls which can be positioned for best rider position. Excellent condition £700 ovno **All have been lovingly cared for and used on a 15hh cob. Please call 07775 581089 or email tobytrotters@btopenworld.com for more details or pictures**

Double Bridle Bits Weymouth KK 140 mm with aurigan mouthpiece and stainless steel cheeks. Bradoon KK ultra 145 mm with aurigan mouthpiece and stainless steel cheeks. Both from Inchs and hardly ever used - £218 new, accept £100! **Black Albion Dressage Saddle** Style Ultra - Wide - 17.5 inch £200 For more info contact **Tor Smith** on 07813 265538 or tor21.smith@btinternet.com

WANTED

Wanted: small mare as companion to in-foal dressage mare. Lovely home for quiet, gentle, probably elderly person able to live out without suffering from laminitis. Or have you an in-foal mare who needs company? We are open to ideas. Please contact **Tiggi** on 07775 661522 or **Hala** on 01865 243796.

