

BISHOPS RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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First I would like to say what a fantastic time we all had at the Championships at Lincoln, the sun shone (slight change from last year!) the wine flowed and the horses all performed well. We had a great BBQ on Friday night courtesy of Mark Gibson, Vicky's dad, who brought along his big BBQ and even supplied a bag of logs for afterwards to burn so we could sit round the camp fire, we did draw the line at singing around it, we even attracted a couple of the opposition in the form of Corinne and Friedl Hutchinson from the South Durham saddle club but we were all feeling friendly. Thank you must go to the Pinkney family who trekked down to support everyone it was much appreciated.

So to the competition side of things Vicky Gibson had a good day being 3rd in her first test and 9th in her second, I was 9th in my riding test. The dressage team finished about midway in the competition but all the horses went well, Tricia got comments from a group of bystanders about how good her rein back was, Richard Pinkney on the other hand said "was he supposed to be going backwards?" Joanne really must educate him on the finer points of dressage!!

Kevin Jones was our sole jumping person, and he jumped a super clear round in the style jumping, but his horse "Belle" was having flashbacks to her days racing in between fences, but as usual Kevin was his cool self and let her get on with it!

The winter league is starting soon with the show jumping on October 24th, lets see if we can get at least one team rallied up to go if not two, then it is the riding test on November 15th which will incorporate the second round of the Windsor Horse show qualifier, along with the normal winter league competition, we are rota'd to steward etc at the winter league riding test at Holmside Park, would anyone willing to help please contact Margaret these competitions cannot run without help, we also need jump judges for the Eventers challenge hunter trial on October 11th also please contact Margaret, number over the page.

It has been brought to the committee's attention by some members to have different instructors coming along to teach if anyone has any suggestions who they would like either E-Mail or ring Lynne or Margaret Ian Brown is willing to come and teach in the new year, he is a dressage judge and BSJA course builder so he will do flat or jumping, Ian has a great sense of humour and is great fun to have lessons off, Gwyneth Lewis is a list one dressage judge she also is happy to teach, other suggestion are Peter Allen for show jumping, Pippa Hann and Emma gibbon who have both taken great lessons in the past, we can do these on a weekend as semi private or group lessons during the day if people wanted so watch this space

A note to the members who are competing at the Eventers challenge you must have your own number bib for slotting the paper numbers into, from now on at all cross-country events you will need your own number bib, you can buy these from the BHS website they are about £8

While on the subject of area competitions you will need to produce your passport with all vaccinations up to date at every competition, even the winter league, if you turn up without it or it is out of date or not filled in you will not be allowed to compete they are going to be very strict on it and any arguing about it with stewards will get the team eliminated. Our club has always been very good with this matter so keep up the good work

The AGM this year will be at "The Punch Bowl" at Satley details over the page