

# North East Fife Riding Club Newsletter

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Dressage Show, Balcormo, Sat 27<sup>th</sup> February

BD 2009 Introductory B (Walk & Trot Test)  
BD 2002 PRELIM 7  
BD 2002 PRELIM 10  
BD 2007 NOVICE 20  
BD 2010 NOVICE 24  
BD 2008 ELEMENTARY 42  
Entry Fee: £7 NEFRC Members and £9 Non Members  
**Entries Close Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Go to <http://www.nefrc.org.uk/Events&Schedules.html> for schedule and entry form.

**If you are not planning to compete we need helpers – please call Michelle to offer your services - 01333 730848**

### Instruction

Mon Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dressage with Elizabeth Leslie at Bowhouse
Fri Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dressage with Kay Gebbie & SJ with James Aird at HCC
Mon Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dressage with Elizabeth Leslie at Bowhouse
Thurs Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dressage with Kay Gebbie at Bowhouse
Sun Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	Instruction at Balcormo
Sun Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	XC training with Linda Lucey at Braeside
Thurs Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dressage at Bowhouse
Sat Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	XC training, Strathearn with Sarah Houlden
Mon Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	XC training, Montrave, Louisa Milne Hume
Thurs Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dressage with Elizabeth Leslie at Bowhouse
Sun Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	XC training at Montrave
Sun Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	Flatwork with Kay Gebbie at Balcormo
Thurs Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dressage with Kay Gebbie at Bowhouse
Sun Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	Flatwork with Elizabeth Leslie at Balcormo
Sun Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>	Flatwork with Linda Lucey at Balcormo
Thurs Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dressage with Lauren O'Hagen, Bowhouse

To book a Sunday lesson call Lesley Howatt 01334 653306  
Thursday dressage lessons or HCC lessons call or text Viv on 07711 369803  
For XC training call Rosie on 01337 831968

### Thursday evenings Show Jumping at Balcormo

SJ lessons with Sandra Low-Mitchell take place **every Thursday evening** at Balcormo Indoor School. £15/rider. 6.30pm for novice level, and 7.30pm for >3ft. Please book a slot with Grizelda on 07711 395136

### Introduction to Balanced Horsemanship: Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

6pm at Incharvie. Balanced Horsemanship is run by Joanna Heaton, holder of the Monty Roberts Preliminary Certificate of Horsemanship. Balanced Horsemanship services include: starting of youngsters, loading problems, spook busting/confidence building and preparing for the vet/farrier. The demonstration will include "Join up", long lining and ground work for creating a bond with your horse. £5/ticket and

includes a cup of coffee. For more info contact Joanna on 07742 103815 or email.

[balancedhorsemanship@hotmail.com](mailto:balancedhorsemanship@hotmail.com)

### Wed April 28<sup>th</sup> - Jumps Out (all hands on deck!)

This marks the start of our summer season (!) and needs as many members as possible to make everything run smoothly. Please turn up at Club Field from 5pm onwards.

### NEFRC EVENTING CLINIC – 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> MAY



Most members know about this as we have had a lot of interest in it already. Our visiting coach is Tessa Martin-Bird FBHS, one of England's top equestrian coaches. She is a BHS Fellow, chief BHS examiner and a BD judge and has competed successfully nationally (eg Badminton Burghley etc) and internationally and produced many horses from Novice to International level.

The 2 day clinic will consist of show jumping and flatwork on the Saturday at Pratis and XC on the Sunday at Montrave. There will be an opportunity to have a stable overnight at Pratis and a bed if anyone wants to turn it into a party and stay over (both extra cost but not much)!

Places on the 2 day clinic cost only £100 per rider. There are a few spaces left but not many!

To book your space please send a cheque for £50 deposit made payable to NEFRC to: Grizelda Cowan, The Garden House, Easter Grange, Earlsferry, Fife KY9 1AN. For more information call 01333 330295 or 07711 395136 (but not till after 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb as I'm off on holiday till then!)

**PS At present there are 9 'definites' but only 3 deposits paid – please be warned your place cannot be guaranteed unless you have sent in your deposit cheque!**

### Membership Cards and Syllabus for 2010

Shortly you will be receiving your NEFRC/BRC membership card and syllabus for 2010. These will be sent only to those who have paid their subs for 2010 – so if you know anyone who wants to rejoin but hasn't got round to it yet please tell them – they will not receive this newsletter!

**Mark Todd Selects, 4<sup>th</sup> March** – a special sports horse masterclass for Scotland

BHS Scotland has joined forces with Balcormo Stud to present an historic event that first ran 25 years ago.

In 1984, hot on the heels of his first Olympic Gold at Atlanta, Mark Todd gave a demonstration at Balcormo entitled 'Mark Todd goes shopping' where he was shown a number of horses of all types. He then gave his opinion on his likes and dislikes as sport horses, from all angles; conformation, movement, type, ability, scope, jump, trainability, temperament and suitability. At that time, he purchased a horse called Joint Venture, which went on to event and do dressage at a high level.

Mark, the consummate all-round horseman, returns to Gleneagles on 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm where he will again assess a group of sports horses in what promises to be an evening of insight, learning and fun.

Tickets for the masterclass cost £20 each – buy four and get a fifth free. Tickets are available from Sandra at Balcormo or for further information, please contact: Helene Mauchlen, The British Horse Society, on 01764 656334, or at [h.mauchlen@bhs.org.uk](mailto:h.mauchlen@bhs.org.uk).

### **CENTRAL SCOTLAND HORSE TRIALS QUIZ NIGHT/AUCTION. 6th MARCH CLEISH VILLAGE HALL**

7.30pm All funds to go towards Central Scotland Horse Trials.

Teams of 4 @ £30 a team. Food at half time but everyone MUST bring their own DRINK!!!! For tickets and info contact Sarah Oakden 07789438839

### **CENTRAL SCOTLAND HORSE TRIALS TRAINING DAY SCONE PALACE, MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

With David Gatherer and Les Smith - BE90- Intermediate lessons., £50 for 90 mins with no more than 5 riders in a group. Please email [bhsscotland@bhs.org.uk](mailto:bhsscotland@bhs.org.uk) or go to [www.centralscotlandhorsetrials.co.uk](http://www.centralscotlandhorsetrials.co.uk) for more information and application form.

**Congratulations to Jen Roy**, our favourite boot zip fixer, manky rug mender, bridle and harness maker and now **Champion Saddler!**

At the Society of Master Saddlers National Saddlery Competition held at Saddler's Hall in London where there were over 100 entries spanning 12 classes Jen came away with a first and a second place. In addition she won the most prestigious prize of all – The Bruce Emtage Memorial Plate awarded to best overall entry in the competition. This was for a Tiffany style lamp all in leather including covering the flex & plug (but not the lightbulb obviously). **Well done Jen!**

So if you want your lamps covered you know who to ask – you can contact Jen on 01334 653386 or go to [www.springfieldsaddler.co.uk](http://www.springfieldsaddler.co.uk)

### **Team Jumping**

Well Done to all those that competed for NEFRC at the recent FHPC team SJ. The novice team of Emma Davidson, Ruth Elliot, Niki Stephen and Emma Defew came 8<sup>th</sup>, and the intermediate team of Elaine McAllister, Claire Johnstone, Mandy Peden and Angus Stenhouse came 7<sup>th</sup> (largely due to 2 turbo-boosted jumps offs by Claire and Mandy!!)

There are lots more opportunities for team events in 2010:

21<sup>st</sup> March - Team SJ at Gleneagles  
27<sup>th</sup> March - Team SJ at Auchlishie  
12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> June - Area 22 Dressage & SJ at Philorth, Fraserburgh  
10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> July - Area 22 Horse Trials at Burgie, Forres

These are always good fun, sociable events! If you are interested in competing for the club, please let Emma Willis know.

### **Clipper Blades Sharpening**

Anyone wanting their clippers sharpened can drop them off to Jen Roy's (33 Main Street, Springfield) for collection by sharpening man Cost £5.50 per set.

### **Haylage for Sale**

Large quantity of 2009 made small square bales, Well wrapped and dry stored.  
Very high quality and suitable for the fussiest of horses.  
£5 each, call 07870 136790 (Falkland)

### **For Sale - LUMBACK LAD**

16.2HH Registered Bay Thoroughbred. 11yo. Suitable Hunt, Event, Point to Point etc. This extremely talented horse requires an equally talented rider to realise his full potential. Has evented at Intro and Pre-Novice with previous rider and is now competing at Novice level. Has completed his first Novice at Floors 2009. Extravagant paces, will jump anything, very fast XCountry. Sadly for sale as daughter has no time to compete two horses. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Open class at Auchlishie April 09. Currently roughed off as no rider but very easy to get fit. Please phone 01738 812275 or 07796 134079  
Price: £5,000 OVNO

### **Contributions please....**

All contributions for this newsletter (including 'For Sales') should be emailed to Grizelda – [grizelda@eastergrange.co.uk](mailto:grizelda@eastergrange.co.uk)

### **North East Fife Riding Club Committee 2009-10**

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