

Dear Members,

Autumn is now upon us which heralds our popular ODE over Brooksby's immaculate BE course (with smaller jumps of course for the Novice section)!

Enclosed with this newsletter are a number of schedules, namely the ODE on September 27<sup>th</sup>, and the commencement of the popular Open Indoor Winter Dressage Challenge – the first of which will be on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**In addition to our published schedule of events we are holding a Charity Show on November 29<sup>th</sup> which we are calling 'Derby Day'**, with all proceeds being split between the Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance and ACE (Animal Care in Egypt). As some of you may know ACE is a charity close to my heart after I stumbled upon them when trying to find The Brooke, whilst in Luxor. We have supported the Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance for a number of years and will continue to do so for the future.

A schedule for the indoor show at Brooksby College on November 29<sup>th</sup> is enclosed for your perusal, and I hope you will come and support our 'Derby Day' event. We have decided to ring the changes by including a few cross country type fences within the course to provide a new challenge for our members.

Also enclosed is our schedule for the ever popular **Christmas Show on December 13<sup>th</sup>**, and we hope members will join in the fun with our festive mane and tail competition, which was spectacular last year. We had ponies competing with actual fairy lights in their manes! So the gauntlet has been laid down – can you match or even better that? We look forward to seeing your efforts.

**One important addition to our indoor show jumping shows is that we will now have 2 arenas to warm up in.** We appreciate the small indoor school does not provide sufficient warming up time for the 'jumpers', and have agreed with Brooksby College that we can also use their outdoor ménage for these two competitions. Due to Brooksby requiring the outdoor ménage for the first couple of hours on a Sunday morning, both warm ups will not be available until 11 a.m. I am sure having both arenas will be much appreciated by our show jumpers.

**Hannah Kirkhill**, 22, a past member of Rearsby Lodge Riding Club has made the headlines recently when she represented Great Britain at the Eventing World Cup qualifier in Poland. Hannah riding Temple Bridge travelled over with Mark Todd and came 15<sup>th</sup> out of 31 competitors. Hannah's name can be found on many of our Rearsby Lodge trophies, and she has represented the riding club at many team events.

Hannah is also competing at Blenheim Horse Trials on Temple Bridge, and all of us at Rearsby wish her the very best of luck.

Riding Clubs provide the grass roots experience for competitors in all disciplines. It is where we make our mistakes and learn for the future, and it is very satisfying to see young people, such as Hannah when they go on to compete at such a high level.

Jess Butler also an ex Rearsby Lodge Riding Club member who has had much success in eventing circles, has just joined Oliver Townend at his yard. No doubt Jess will have a busy time ahead of her working for 'the man of the moment'!

Beatrice O'Kelly riding Highmead Politician qualified for the Royal International Horse Show in July in the Pretty Polly Show Hunter Pony class not exceeding 133cm. Beatrice from Woodhouse Eaves came 5<sup>th</sup> at the championships.

Tessa Spencer on Miss Scarlett has qualified for the Horse of the Year Show in October in the Working Hunter Pony Class, not exceeding 153cm. It was only a few years ago that Tessa was competing in the novice showjumping team at Hartpury, before moving up to the Open showjumping team – and now HOYS.

\*\*\*\*\***Team Reports**\*\*\*\*\*

**Dressage Team Report**

What a day to remember for the twenty-two Rearsby members who competed at the Area 16 Qualifier on 4<sup>th</sup> July at Sheepgate Equestrian, Boston, Lincs. With temperatures soaring into the 80's the judges kindly allowed riders to compete in shirt sleeves. The two hour journey which involved taking a diversion off an already diverted route (this is fenland!) and start times shortly after 10am caused a slight panic for those first to go in the Open. Needless to say the Rearsby Rompers Open Team of Georgina Sim on Dazzling Stone, Joe Davey on Oscar Award, Anna Barradell on Elektra VII and Jane Carruthers on Black Warrior did not produce their best tests, and three of them also went wrong despite having the test called! The Rearsby Ravers Open Team fared better with 3<sup>rd</sup> individual in E48 for new member Liz Buxton on the homebred Brams Hatti, and a win for Jane Wisher on Constant Star in the N30. With team mates Becca Smith on Serious Intent and Caroline Harvey on Toppa the Oscars the team came 7<sup>th</sup> just out of the rosettes. Jane will compete at the National Championships at Lincoln as an individual.

We then had a little breather and were able to set up the picnic tables ready to share our provisions. Sheepgate has a canopy over looking the outdoor surfaces and we were able to eat, watch and keep cool before the madness started - from 12.15pm to 2.15pm we had 30 tests being ridden in four arenas! Some of the drama returned for a couple of riders, but mostly our scores were over 65%, the best being Kate Leonard with 71% in P13 and Hope Bull 69% in N25. All the Senior Novice teams rode in Arena 1 so we had to wait until 4pm to find that the Rearsby Roses team of Julie Armstrong on Deep Secret, Claire Atkins on Prince Wexford, Kate Leonard on Hidden Diamond and Cheryl Billson on Optional Extra had won and qualified for Lincoln. Kate took 3<sup>rd</sup> individual and Julie and Claire were joint 5<sup>th</sup> individually. Not far behind them were the Rearsby Rubies team of Tracey Wilson on Glucksmax, Fiona Horwill on Lord Lovat, Tara Robinson on Murphy's Mob and Cheryl Billson on Millhouse Mallabay in 4<sup>th</sup> team place.

The Rearsby Royals Junior Team of Hope Bull on Castlebar Connor, Teri Rudkin on Lord Blake, Beatrice O'Kelly on Monkshorn Bubbly and Chloe Gunn on Oaklawn Gypsy were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on the day – but having found an error in the scores, the organisers retrospectively awarded them first team place and qualification for Lincoln. The Rearsby Regals Junior Team of Katie Hurrell on Petrula, Katie Pearson on Thomas, Beatrice O'Kelly on Highmead Politician and Eva Carrier on Samara were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. The juniors also had a fistful of individual rosettes, Hope 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chloe 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Teri 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Beatrice 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and Katie Hurrell 5<sup>th</sup>.

In the Senior Pairs Dressage, Jane Wisher on Constant Star and Caroline Harvey on Toppa the Oscars reluctantly accepted the 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Both ladies will be keen to reveal the interpretation of the test requirements by the Sheepgate judge to anyone who cares to ask!

We had two members making three entries in the currently 'out of favour' Riding Test

competition and Cheryl Billson took 5<sup>th</sup> individual on Millhouse Mallabay. In the Dressage to Music, Rearsby had 12 individuals and one pair. Members have been preparing and practising since February, and they only have this one competition to showcase their display. Becca Smith and Serious Intent were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senior Novice (with BD points) using The Jacksons Rockin' Robin, ABC and I'll Be There, the judge commented that her choice was 'rather appropriate'. The Drama returned for Anna Barradell on Elektra VII, who went wrong and then ad-libbed extremely competently, but this was disappointing for them. Tracey Wilson on Glucksmax performed the most amazing sitting trot work to Obladee Obladah and looked stunning throughout.

Then it could only happen to Kate! One minute from the end her CD stopped playing so Kate Leonard and Hidden Diamond finished their routine in silence rather than to the big band finale from Glenn Miller. This was so disappointing but the judge said she had seen enough to award the marks which gave Kate 3<sup>rd</sup> place on 69.4%. Joe Davey on Oscar Award cantered into 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 71.6% using Roy Orbison's Ooby Dooby for that pace. Julie Armstrong on Deep Secret rock and rolled to Showaddywaddy and shared 5th place with our music mentor, Jane Carruthers on Black Warrior who chose Sca tracks. Jane had only put her CD together the day before, which is not what she has been telling everyone since February!

Tara Robinson had the perfect partner to her Country & Western medley in Murphy's Mob, and can't wait for the chance to be able to ride it again. Claire Atkins on Prince Wexford rode the most perfectly timed routine including 'Hey Ya' to take 4<sup>th</sup> place on 66%. Hope Bull on Castlebar Connor was the only junior to compete, but nevertheless rode a beautiful test to music from 'Spirit' and scored a superb 75%.

In the Elementary competition, Georgina Sim on Dazzling Stone rode her American swing compilation into 1<sup>st</sup> place. Liz Buxton on Brams Hatti took home another 3<sup>rd</sup> rosette, this time with her classical routine which included music from the TV programme The Apprentice. Our pairs to music duo of Jane Wisher on Constant Star and Caroline Harvey on Toppa the Oscars were unopposed and will join Georgina, Hope and Joe at Addington for the Dressage to Music Championships on 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October.

Some members have expressed an interest in the RC Quadrille competition – this is judged at the Addington Championships on the Saturday afternoon for costumes and in the evening for the performances – if you are interested please arrange to attend with your notebooks (there is so much to see) and we can progress the idea in the autumn.

In November when I volunteered to be a team manager I had no idea that I would make so many new friends and would be sharing your successes at the Championships. I must say a huge thank you to the dressage squad for their hard work, and not just the riders – but their horses and ground crew; to our trainers Jane Carruthers and Jane Peberdy; to our hosts Di Poyser, Josie Barradell, Liz Wilson, Julie Armstrong, Amanda O'Kelly and Amanda Morgan; and especially to Liz Atkins for her enthusiasm and encouragement throughout. Qualifying for the Championships will keep us busy during August and September, then as the nights draw in it will be time to think about preparation for the Area 16 Winter Qualifier which Rearsby Lodge will be hosting at The Hargate Arena in January 2010.

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### **Junior Novice Team Win Horse Trials Qualifier!**

Yet again the long trip north to Epworth on a lovely sunny day reaped rewards for the clubs juniors.

The junior novice team of Eva Carrier on Samara, Imogen Greaves on Guinevere, Isobel Machin on Tuborg and Jess Higley on Meg were the eventual winners and will now go to the championships at Offchurch on Friday 7th August. Individually Isobel was 2nd and Eva was 4th.

Hope Bull on Castlebar Connor also qualified in the Junior Intermediate and Kayleigh Walling on Spirit of Newleigh were placed 5th.

Many thanks and well done to all the other juniors who made the trip. Teri Rudkin, Steph Lawton, Jessica Cokayne, Hannah Toon and Hollie Sharpe. Despite some problems everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

**Jo**

***Junior Hunter Trial Team Manager***

### **Senior Horse Trials Qualifier**

Two teams made the long journey to Epworth on the 11<sup>th</sup> July. The intermediate team comprised Carolyn Chapman on Here's Ross, David Selby on Daisy and Natalie Mulligan on Mei Fleur. The novice team consisted of

Becky Littlefield on Sunkist Avalon, Julie Hibbert on Please Call Me, Kelly Hibbert on Mariday and Gill Argyle on Agamemnon.

The Intermediate Team all performed good tests, David and Natalie had 1 stop each in the showjumping, then went clear cross country. Carolyn and Ross did a double clear finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her arena.

The novice team did differing tests, clear show jumping and just time faults cross country. This resulted in the team being placed second overall.

Becky and Sunkist Avalon won the Novice qualifier individually and qualified for Aston le Walls, where despite the dreadful weather and shortened course went clear on cross country day.

My thanks go to all the team members for all their commitment and preparation for the qualifier, which resulted in the best placing we had achieved in a number of years. A special thanks to Carolyn, Ross and Aggy for enduring a 15 hour day for the sake of my teams.

**Gill Argyle, Senior Horse Trials Team Manager**

## **Senior Show Jumping**

On the 25th of July at Eglemoor near Lincoln RLRC took one open individual, 2 intermediate teams with one individual and one novice team to the Area 16 SJ Qualifier. Team 1 which comprised of myself Rob Walker, Alex Lloyd, Sara Aspinall and Jo Bull unfortunately were outside of the rosettes in seventh place and sadly the intermediate individual Katie Dutton was eliminated. Intermediate Team 2 which comprised of Sarah Gibson, Kate Hollin, Tessa Spencer and Natalie Mulligan came so close to qualifying in 3rd place and Fran Bull as the open individual unfortunately had a stop and a fall but both are ok after the tumble. But the day had a great finish to it because the novice team comprising of Alex Lloyd, Sara Aspinall, Becky Littlefield and Natalie Mulligan Qualified for the finals in September at Lincoln County Showground. So congratulations to the novice team and lets hope they can repeat the performance from Eglemoor (No Pressure!!!!). Overall it was a good day for RLRC and even though not all the results went our way I think everyone enjoyed being there and Taking part. The next campaign is in November at the indoor SJ Qualifier and is run as a novice competition, so anyone interested please get in touch, and finally just a very big thank you from me to everybody that came to help, watch and take part, also we were the loudest club there when it came to cheering!!!

***Rob Walker***  
***Show Jumping Team Manager***

## **Junior Style Jumping Team Win**

Our junior style team of Hope Bull on Castlebar Connor, Teri Rudkin on Lord Blake, Imogen Greaves on Ginny and Ashleigh Harvison on Stormbreaker are on their way to Lincoln. Yet again there was a lot of discussion on how to ride this class and it paid off as all four members rode beautifully. Individual placings went to Teri Rudkin 1st and Hope Bull 2nd. (Apologies to the other members if they did get placed but as I was told they had won I was running to drag Les away from his tea to call an ambulance. Jessica Cokayne had parted company with Miss Dolly quite heavily and needed a trip to hospital. Luckily she was discharged later that day just a bit battered and bruised. (Sadly she and mum missed a ride in the air ambulance as it was busy).

Hope Bull will be having a very busy day at Lincoln as she was 2nd in the Junior Open Show Jumping and so has also qualified for this.

The other members of the open team Teri Rudkin, Isobel Machin and Jessica Cokayne rode very well but were not placed.

The Junior Novice Team of Ashleigh Harvison, Imogen Greaves, Emma Burton and Jess Higley were placed 4th. (Again as I was dragging Les away from his tea I missed the result and so don't know about individual placings).

Many thanks to you all for going. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and will go again.

***Jo Bull***  
***Stand in Team Manager***

