

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEAM MEMBERS

Rearsby Lodge Riding Club fall within Area 16 of the British Riding Clubs, and this year we hope to send teams to all the qualifiers, which are as follows –

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January Winter Dressage Team Qualifier at Hargate Equestrian Centre, Hilton Derbys.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Festival of the Horse Qualifier, at Epworth, Lincs.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, Dressage Qualifier, Sheepgate, E.C., Boston, Lincs

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> June Horse Trials Qualifier at Eland Lodge, Draycott in the Clay, Derbyshire.

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July Show Jumping Qualifier, Eagle Moor E.C., White House Farm, Eglemoor, Lincs

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, Novice Show Jumping Qualifier, Trent Valley. E.C. Southwell, Notts.

Notes for all competitors wishing to take part in team events are –

### ***Flu Vaccination Certificates***

British Riding Clubs are very hot on this one! You must take your certificate to every qualifier and the championships, where it will be checked. If your certificate is out by 1 day only, you will not be allowed to compete, and your team will become a team of 3.

**You must send off your certificate to your team manager ASAP to be checked.** If you do need to re-start, you can compete with the initial 2 injections only. Team Managers would prefer to do this checking, as soon as possible. Please do not leave it until the deadline day for your form and cheques to be received to let them have this vital information.

Your Team Managers are there to help you with any queries you may have – especially when it is your first time representing the club. So if you have any queries, no matter how small, please give them a ring, or email. Alternatively you can contact myself – Ann Spencer on 01509 880104, or email [the\\_spencers@live.co.uk](mailto:the_spencers@live.co.uk). Further contact details can be found on the club website – [Rearsbylodge.com](http://Rearsbylodge.com).

## Entries

We have to send off entries for the qualifiers approximately 4 weeks before the relevant event. This is why we require your cheques and completed forms 4 weeks before the competition.

If for whatever reason you cannot compete after being entered, if we can fill your place with a reserve rider, we will refund your monies.

Any team or individual that qualifies for one of the Championships, we will pay in full the cost of the entry fees.

## Not sure if you are up to it??

Rearsby Riding Club endeavours to send as many teams as possible to qualifiers. We do not have the policy of only sending one 'best team'. Riders gain important knowledge and confidence competing at different venues against other riding clubs within our area, and we wish to promote this opportunity.

The first year you represent the club you may not be fortunate enough to qualify for one of the Championships. However you will gain much experience, and often the following year you may go on to compete at a Championship event against teams from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and sometimes even the Isle of Man cross the water to the mainland!

## Help at Qualifier and Championship Events

All qualifiers are run by riding clubs within their relevant area, and for this they require help. Rearsby ran the Winter Dressage Qualifier at Hargate, Hilton in January 2010, and 18 people comprising committee members, friends of committee members! Plus members of the club ran this event.

**When we compete at qualifiers, the organising riding club need help from each of the competing clubs, so that the event can run.** This maybe 1 or 2 people, per club for half a day, to be a ring/tack steward, or pole pick. Team Managers often have the difficult task of finding someone to help on the day, and this is not easy. However we all appreciate without help events cannot run, **and if we do not provide help we run the risk of being eliminated on the day.**

I have been a Team Manager myself, and have had to help out at a qualifier, with 2 daughters competing at the same time. I appreciate how difficult it can be, but we all have to do our bit. Often sharing a help can be the best way – i.e. ring stewarding for a couple of hours, then being taken off by another team member or mother, while you compete, or need to warm up and watch your off spring! **So please, if bringing supporters, - mothers, fathers, boy/girlfriends, offer a couple of hours supporting the event.**

Many thanks for reading and – Good Luck Competing in 2010

