

FFRC's Newsletter

Monthly newsletter jam packed with fun facts, games, information and news!



Welcome back to the newsletter.

By Acacia Ross

Welcome back to the Monthly FFRC Newsletter.

I really hope you all enjoy reading. If you have any ideas on what you want to read in the newsletter, please email at rossacacia2@gmail.com. Without further ado let's get on with the news!

FFRC Open Show incorporating Mercian Team Showing & Dressage – Sunday 14th July 2024

After having to cancel our first show of the year we were very grateful to go ahead with the July show in glorious sunshine!

There was a great turnout to both the Open showing classes and the Mercian Team event. Overall we had 15 Mercian Teams competing and 101 Open entries, so a great turn out!

The Mercian Team Dressage competition was won by our very own FFRC, the team consisting of Susan Vanderstegen-Drake (Ind 2nd Intro A), Sarah Love-Jones (Ind 2nd Prelim 2), Carol Wright (Ind 1st Novice 27) and Amanda James (Ind 1st Novice 28).

The Mercian Showing was won by Malvern Lions, with the FFRC team coming team 3rd. The team consisting of Susan Vanderstegen-Drake (5th Ridden Hunter), Carol Soormally (2nd Riding Club Type), Sarah Love-Jones (7th Coloured) and Lou Burns (1st Veteran). Congratulations ladies!!!

In the open showing we had Suki Ross coming 2nd in the Youngstock and 2nd in the Inhand Mountain & Moorland, Stevie Mills 5th in the Inhand Hunter, 2nd Inhand Veteran and 2nd in Best Gelding, Acacia Ross 2nd in the Young Handler and then going on to be Reserve Inhand Champion and Carol Soormally winning the Ridden World Breeds, winning the Ridden Competition Type and then going on to be Ridden Champion!

Well done everyone!!! And a massive thank you to all that helped set up on the Saturday, helped on the day and then stay on at the end of the day to put everything away! Without people like you we really can't run these events.

We are struggling with volunteers recently and we really do need people to come forward, especially at the end of the day to put away.....a shared load is a lighter load! We do have the last Open Show of the year on Sunday 29th September and I really hope we can rely on you coming forwards to volunteer. Any offers of volunteers to set up on the Saturday afternoon, help during the day on the Sunday or even help take down at the end, could you please contact Chick at FFRCvolunteers@yahoo.com as soon as possible or call her on 07970 826023. Thank you



Carol Soormally & Faside Furst Revolution



Acacia Ross & Benhill Clementine



Sarah Love-Jones & Ace

Area Showjumping Qualifiers

This year we only had one individual in the Senior 90 Showjumping qualifier at Rectory Farm on Saturday 6th July 2024. Kelly Clack & Agherlow Gold made their way to Rectory Farm as individuals in hope of qualifying for the National Championships in Lincoln at the end of August.

Agherlow Gold jumping 3 clear rounds over a very strong course, but wasn't quite quick enough for the winning spot and came individual 2nd. Since the qualifier they have received a wild card for the National Championships on 31st August 2024! Congratulations and good luck at the Championships!



Kelly Clack & Agherlow Gold

FFRC League Tables

The FFRC league tables have been updated from the recent Area Qualifiers and Open Show, Susan Vanderstegen-Drake has now taken over the flatwork league, Kelly Clack & Kayleigh Scrivens are joint leaders of the jumping league and Carol Soormally has flown in to the lead on the Showing league!

All the rules and the current league standings are available at www.ffrc.co.uk/leagues

EVENTS COMING UP

BRC Horse Trials Championships – 3rd & 4th August

This championship is being held at Swalcliffe, Banbury on 2nd to 4th August. This year our Senior 80 Team consisting of Charlotte James, Tracey Kendall, Kayleigh Scrivens and Kelly Clack have qualified and are entered for the Championship which is being held as a 2 day event on the Saturday and Sunday.

BRC Area Combined Challenge Qualifiers – Sunday 25th August

The next Area Qualifier is the Area 9 Combined Challenge which is being held at West Wilts on Sunday 25th August. This event is a round of showjumps leading straight on to cross country (the championships will be held on grass, although the qualifier can be run on a surface).

This year the 70cm & 80cm classes are split juniors/seniors, the 90cm and 100cm classes are mixed and teams are allowed as a mixture of juniors and seniors. For more information is available at www.ffrc.co.uk/area-qualifiers-championships or to enter, please contact Kayleigh on ffrc teams@yahoo.com or 07476 582257.

FFRC Open Dressage & Showing Show – Sunday 29th September

Schedules and online entries will be opening soon at www.myridinglife.com this year we will be running the dressage a little different to include a feedback session from the judge – more information to follow.

As usual we are desperate for volunteers on the Saturday afternoon as well as on the Sunday and Sunday evening to pack away. Any help is always greatly appreciated. Please contact Chick on 07970 826023 or email FFRCvolunteers@yahoo.com with any offers of help.

Future dates for your diary!

Saturday 17th August – South Wales & West of England Regional Championships at Hartpury College

Sunday 25th August 2024 – BRC Area 9 Combined Challenge Qualifier at West Wilts EC

31st Aug – 1st Sept – BRC NAF Five Star National Championships at Lincolnshire Showground

Sunday 8th Sept – Mercian Team Arena Eventing at Gracelands EC, Droitwich, Worc.

Thursday 19th Sept – Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials RC Eventers Challenge

Sunday 29th Sept – FFRC End of Season Open Showing & Dressage Show

5th & 6th October – BRC NAF Five Star Combined Training Championships at Aston le Walls

Sunday 13th October – BRC Area 9 Arena Eventing Qualifier at West Wilts EC

Sunday 10th November – BRC Area 9 Winter Novice Dressage Qualifiers at CCR Equestrian

Sunday 8th December – BRC Area 9 Introductory Dressage Qualifiers at CCR Equestrian

More information on all of the above events can be found on our website www.ffrc.co.uk

*****Volunteers Required*****

We are now actively looking for volunteers for the remaining competitions we are running this year. If you are available to help at any of these events, please let us know as soon as possible so we don't have to cancel!

Sunday 29th September – FFRC Open Show, Frampton Court Estate GL2 7HS

Sunday 10th November – FFRC Open Dressage incorporating BRC Area 9 Winter Novice Dressage Qualifiers at CCR Equestrian, Brookthorpe GL4 0XA

Sunday 8th December – FFRC Open Dressage incorporating BRC Area 9 Introductory Dressage Qualifiers at CCR Equestrian, Brookthorpe GL4 0XA

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