

FFRC's Newsletter

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



Welcome back to the newsletter.

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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!

BRC Horse Trials Championships – 2nd to 4th August 2024

This year we had a Senior 80 Team off to the BRC Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe Park. The team consisted of Charlotte James & Toorboy April Eile, Kayleigh Scrivens & Rioja, Kelly Clack & Agherlow Gold and Tracey Kendall and Corraghoe Son. Sadly, on the morning of leaving for the championships Tracey Kendall's horse came in lame but luckily Amanda James agreed to pop Captain on the trailer too and compete him in place of Tracey and Tracey came along for support!



Kayleigh Scrivens & Rioja

It was a really hot weekend at the championships! We had the dressage and showjumping on the Saturday and the cross country on the Sunday. The dressage went well with Charlotte James gaining a cracking 29.7 putting her in to 8th place after the dressage, Amanda James and Kayleigh Scrivens also pulled off some great dressage scores in the 30's.....and then Kelly although pulled off a better score than at the qualifier, it was still not quite what the judges were looking for! But they weren't last....just one from last!

Unfortunately, the showjumping didn't go well for poor Amanda and Captain and they had to retire. Charlotte and Kayleigh jumped a lovely clear to stay on their dressage scores and Kelly just had one down but had climbed up the leader board!

In the afternoon, myself and James Wilson stood in to cover the volunteering for the team – all teams have to provide a volunteer for half a day in order to compete, the teams are eliminated if they do not provide volunteers, so it's really important for the team! Although I think James enjoyed himself being the dressage steward – thank you James! Then on the Saturday evening the team got together for a bbq and then those who had the energy still joined in on the BRC quiz and raffle where Kayleigh won a bottle of champagne!



The cross country on the Sunday was a tough hilly course in the hot weather, Kelly jumped round clear but too cautious taking the long route at a combination which cost them 4 time faults, leaving them on a individual score of 52.2 and individual 25th. Kayleigh made absolutely nothing of the course, going clear inside the time to finish on an individual score of 38.7 which gave her individual 13th place. Charlotte also stormed around the course clear with just 0.8 time penalties for going too fast!!!! But this still ended them on an amazing score of 30.5 and individual 6th place!

The team sadly just missed out on the rosettes coming team 11th, but still an absolutely amazing result!

Well done to all riders and horses, it was great to have a team at the Horse Trials Championships again, you all did your club really proud!



Charlotte James & Toorboy April Eile

South Wales & West of England Regional Championships – Saturday 17th August 2024

This championship is held at Hartpury College each year and is open to those teams who were placed 2nd to 6th in the Summer Area Qualifiers in Area's 9, 12, 15, 18 and 19. Unfortunately FFRC did not have anyone representing the club this year, but each year we as a club cover the dressage scoring for the event to ensure this championship can continue to run in future years. A big thank you to Kelly Clack, Chick Perry and Susie Vanderstegen-Drake who came along for the day and completed the dressage scoring, getting the scores out incredibly quickly and accurately!

Area Combined Challenge Qualifier – Sunday 25th August 2024

This year we only had Rebecca Northover and Ladykillers Lord Sampras making their way to West Wilts on Sunday 25th August for the Combined Challenge Qualifier. This qualifier is run over a showjumping course then straight on to a cross country course. Unfortunately it wasn't Rebecca and Sam's day today but they will be back again soon!



Rebecca Northover & Ladykillers Lord Sampras

FFRC League Tables

The FFRC league tables have been updated from the recent Area Qualifiers, with Rebecca Northover now going in to 8th place in the jumping league, which is still headed by Kayleigh Scrivens & Kelly Clack. Susan Vanderstegen-Drake is still steaming ahead in the flatwork league and Carol Soormally storming ahead in the Showing league!

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

EVENTS COMING UP

FFRC Open Dressage & Showing Show – Sunday 29th September

Schedules and online entries are open now at www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=479839 and schedules are available at www.ffrc.co.uk/schedules

This year we will be running the dressage a little different. We are running a pick your own dressage competition, you will be able to pick from the new BD Intro 2, Prelim 2 or Novice 1 tests. The competition will be judged by BD list 5 Dressage Judge Beth Franz. Once you have completed your test, you will then be given a further 15 mins with the judge to go through some feedback and work on perfecting some elements of the test. Your original test score will be used to place you in the competition. We are hoping people will like the ability to have 15 mins with the judge after the test and find it useful training as well as a competition being ridden in a full championship style arena!

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.

Area Arena Eventing Qualifiers – Sunday 13th October

To be held at West Wilts EC on a surface. Competition consists of a showjumping round followed straight on to portable knock down cross country style fences, finishing with a joker showjump which is set 5cm higher than the rest of the course.

Classes for Juniors & Seniors, Teams and Individuals at 70cm, 80cm, 90cm or 100cm. Horse/rider combinations may compete at two consecutive heights as part of a team or individual.

Entry Fee: £44.00 (Team) or £44.50 individuals

Entries close Friday 13th September 2024 – Please contact Kayleigh Scrivens on 07476 582257 if you wish to compete – more information at www.ffrc.co.uk/area-qualifiers-championships

Area Dressage to Music Qualifiers – Sunday 20th October 2024

To be held at Burrows Court. Junior and Senior Individual only classes in Prelim DTM, Novice DTM (0 Points), Novice DTM (with Points), Elementary DTM, Medium DTM, Advanced Medium DTM and Pairs DTM.

Entry Fee: £40.00 per test, £52.00 for Pairs

Entries close Friday 20th September 2024 – Please contact Kayleigh Scrivens on 07476 582257 if you wish to compete – more information at www.ffrc.co.uk/area-qualifiers-championships

Future dates for your diary!

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 20th October – BRC Area 9 Dressage to Music Qualifiers at Burrows Court

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

If you are able to offer any help we would be greatly appreciative! Can you please email all offers of help as soon as possible to Chick at FFRCvolunteers@yahoo.com