

## **ALMOND RIDING CLUB Summer update July 2019**

### **Your Club Matters!!**

#### **Catch up.**

Almond's Open Showing Show ran earlier this year in April to try pick up more entries which did work to a degree but by the time the show date came round we were clashing with other showing shows running on the same date. It wasn't our busiest showing show but our entry numbers were much better than last year especially for the horse classes. Congratulations to everyone who came along to strut your stuff! Thank you to Lynne Denholm for organising judges and a special Thank you to Mark Saddler and Mark's dad Pat for doing A FANTASTIC JOB ORGANISING THE CAR PARK WITH MILITARY PRECISION!!

May Working Hunter Day with Linda Lucey was another good day of training and WH competition followed by dressage afternoon. Linda's WH courses are a work of art, great to jump around and her trailer packing skill is amazing! All results are on Almond website.

#### **\*\* Change to JULY dates \*\***

This year there has been an explosion of new venues including several livery yards running their own competitions and training clinics popping up everywhere.

This means there is a fantastic choice of activities for all riders and horseowners these days, no matter what your chosen discipline is, almost every weekend, Saturday and Sunday there is a choice of venues to compete or train.

However this is taking its toll on the entry numbers for all venues, clubs and events - even for affiliated competitions as some recent facebook posts show there have been other shows being cancelled due to low entry numbers. Last Thursday's SJ evening sadly only had 6 entries.

Due to dropping entry numbers at recent club days especially during the peak showing and eventing summer season and also now coming into holiday time, the committee have decided that we have to cancel the July club day scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> July at SNEC. Although June club day was a really good day for those who came along to ride and enjoy the lessons and competitions – not to mention the very yummy baking stall and chatting over a cuppa we lost over £500 on the day because SNEC hire costs approx £1100 per day at weekends. If you are keen for your riding club to survive please support club events regularly and not just as an option when nothing else is running.

#### **Alternative dates for July.**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July – evening SJ at SNEC** schedule and entry available online

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Training day at Coxhill Livery** including Patrick Print Polework lessons, flatwork lessons and test and teach sessions to practise test riding and get score sheets back. Intro upwards Schedule and entry available online.

**Next Full Club Day at SNEC will be Sunday August 11th**

#### **Area1 Summer Qualifiers 2019 6<sup>th</sup> July Dressage Teams – Morris**

We have 9 riders going forward to the summer qualifiers next weekend. Prelim team – Carolynne Denholm, Karen Young, Lyndsay Rutherford, Pamela Mailler. Individual prelim - Fiona Brown and Open team – Jennifer Surgeon, Kirsty Scotland, Hannah Young, Joy MacLean. Official helpers Karyn Hynd, Sarah Johnsen. Team chef duties Lynn Taylor and Linda Penman.

GOOD LUCK everyone – see you on Saturday. (times will be available on Thursday evening)

## **HELPERS**

Our events always rely on members volunteering to help out so our events can run smoothly.

Helping is a great way to learn from trainers and judges while writing, scoring, stewarding on the day. If your horse is off or you are sadly horseless at the moment it is also a great way of still being involved and active within the club and a chance to meet up for a chat with fellow members!

**Thank you** to everyone who has been helping at events this year we have been able to cover all the helper slots fairly well.

#### **Linda Penman**

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## **2019 CLUB Dates and other events**

### **JULY**

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Harry Payne clinic SNEC

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July** AREA1 Dressage qualifiers Morris

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July** Evening SJ at SNEC

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> July** Mini Club Day at Coxhill Livery

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> August** Club Day at SNEC

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Xmas Party!!