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Events Held:**31st January - 1st Indoor Trials**

The weather for the first of our Indoor trials was certainly wintery, it was nice to see a large number of competitors.

Congratulations to everyone that qualified for the Finals.

Thank you to John & his Committee for all of their hard work and thank you to all the judges and stewards as without you we would not be able to hold these events.

Write up & results enclosed

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Future Events:**28th February - Indoor Trials Championships**

to be held at Les Marais Equestrian Centre, Bel Royal. The Dressage test and entry forms are available on the website and will be available from the canteen.

The Dressage times will be available on the website or by calling John on 861527 Wednesday 24th February 2010, 8-9pm.

Entries close 16th February

7th March - John & June's Drive

Meet at Jardin D'Olivet car park to leave prompt at 1pm. The drive will finish at Les Brulees, Trinity (John & June's house)

20th & 21st March - Training with Caroline Douglas. To be held at the Club Field, St Lawrence Main Road

Caroline Douglas will give lessons on Saturday and Sunday on the above dates. Caroline can teach in all disciplines including driving, cones, obstacles, showing, lunging and ridden or whatever the applicant requires. The charge for this will be £30.00 for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour and this must be paid at the time of booking.

Bookings are required in writing with remuneration and stating the type of lesson required to Phyllis ASAP. Depending on the amount of bookings Caroline will give an Illustrated talk on Saturday Afternoon free to those who are having lessons, and will charge £3.00 for any others interested, venue to be advised.

Please ensure that if you would like to have a lesson with Caroline, you do inform Phyllis ASAP as we are limited to the amount of space available.

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis on 721151.

28th March - Hospice Field Event

To be held at the Club field, St Lawrence Main Road at 10am.

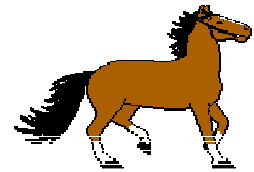
The entry fee for this event will be £10, the entry fee is increased for this event only as all proceeds from entries will be donated to Jersey Hospice.

Jersey Hospice do a wonderful job and have helped some of our members and their family through difficult times. Due to this we have decided to dedicate this event to the Jersey Hospice Care.

Nomination Forms:

Please remember that you need to submit your nomination form before you will be eligible to compete for the Singles and the team challenge trophy.

Forms are available from the website and canteen.



The 39th Anniversary drive was held on the 17th January at the Jersey Horse Driving Club field in St. Lawrence.

Years ago up to 20 horses turned up to celebrate the anniversary by driving in convoy from St. Lawrence to the Weighbridge regardless of the weather, but with so much traffic on the roads the drives are not so well attended these days.

On this occasion five ponies and two horses each with two or three members in their vehicles were driven through the tranquil lanes of St. Lawrence for six kilometers led by the President's wife Beverly Le Marquand on one of the best days for weather so far this year.

Hot punch, sandwiches, sausage rolls, pizza and cakes were welcome refreshments provided by Shirley and Richard Le Marquand at the end of the drive.

Next year the Jersey Horse Driving Society will be planning special celebrations to mark their 40th Anniversary.

Reminders:-

Insurance—please make sure your insurance is up to date and that you are covered for the events you are entering. A copy of your renewal document must be sent to Catherine Peters, The Studio, La Cavalerie, Mont Cochon, St Helier, JE2 3JB to ensure you are eligible to take part in events entered. Without proof of insurance you will not be allowed to compete at any event AND YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY.

You are required to provide a copy of your Insurance policy before you are able to compete at any event. Some renewal documents which have been received do not show the policy start and end date and that the Annual premium has been paid. Please ensure that when you submit your Insurance documents they state that the premium has been paid and the period of Insurance is detailed. **We do not want to see the amount you have paid** but we must have proof of payment. This can either be a letter from your Insurer or if you have a policy with Carriage house then a photocopy of your card will be sufficient.

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine on 07797 745 966.

Please ensure that your insurance renewal states the class that you are covered for. You must ensure that the class is detailed so that we can see which events you are insured for.

Please remember that all drivers and grooms must be fully paid up full or day members BEFORE YOU COMPETE AT ANY EVENT AND PROOF MUST BE SENT TO CATHERINE AS STATED ABOVE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL AND IF THIS IS NOT PROVIDED YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.

Return of Indoor Trials Trophies:

Please ensure that the trophies won last year at the Indoor Trials are returned clean and engraved to Shirley Le Marquand no later than 19th February. If trophies are returned unclean or late a £5 fee will be levied.

Members news

Social Bowling Evening:

We will be holding a bowling evening at Jersey Bowl on 20th March. Please book this date in your diaries. Enclosed are the details of the bowling evening. If you wish to attend then please note that the closing date is 6th March.

Dressage Marking:

For the Indoor trials this season points 11-13 will not count towards your overall score and you will be marked out of 100. In the event of a tie for the best dressage place, points 11-13 will be included in your score.

A special thanks:

John & June would like to thank everyone that helped after their mishap at the last Indoor trials.

Feedback Forms:

Feedback forms were enclosed in the January newsletter. It is important that these forms are completed and returned. If you have not yet returned your form and you do have ideas and comments please return it at your earliest convenience to Emma Le Marquand, Petit Menage Farm, Fountain Lane, St Saviour, JE2 7RL.

Notice regarding entry Closing dates:

Entry Closing dates for all field events and trials will be 12 days prior to the event. Individual dates will be specified on the entry forms.

Entry Forms:

Please remember that entry forms are available online at www.jerseyhorsedrivingociety.com or in the canteen.

After Trials dinner 28th March

There will be a dinner held at the Trinity Arms after the Indoor trials on 28th March. Menus were given at the last Indoor trials but if you have not received a menu and would like to attend, please contact Dave Gallichan on 863749 after 6pm.

If you would like to attend, please reply to Dave by 21st February.

Our thoughts are with:

On New Years Day Catherine shed a few tears
For she had owned Raffles for twenty years.
It was at the age of thirty that he passed away
Her sometimes grumpy Welsh pony coloured grey.
On him Catherine taught Brooke to ride
And in competitions they both did drive.
He came to Jersey at six years old
When to Fay Lindsey he was sold.
Raffles hated to be brought inside
So it was fitting that in the field he died.
To Catherine and Karen who have lost their friend
Our sympathy to them we send.

Possible Michael Peace visit to Jersey

It is possible that we could have a visit from Michael Peace (www.thinkequus.com) at Easter this year and I have been asked to find out what the interest is from local horse owners.

Costs;

Clinic - £47 for Spectators and £180 for him to see your horse

Private visit - £240

Could you please either let me know by e-mailing me at gibus08@hotmail.com if you would be interested, or contact Michael/Susi directly at e-mail address - info@thinkequus.com

Many thanks

Tara Hill