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Happy New Year!

I hope that you have all had the chance to recover from the Festive activities & Are all now ready to start a new driving season. A Calendar of events was issued in the December Newsletter & is also available on our website:
www.jerseyhorsedrivingociety.com.

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Events Held:

Boxing Day/Bank holiday drive 28th December:

Thank you very much to Vincent & Gillie for their kind hospitality and lovely refreshments afterwards.

Write up enclosed

Future Events:

31st January - 1st Indoor Trials to be held at Les Marais Equestrian Centre, Bel Royal.

The Dressage test is 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 27th January 2010, 8-9pm.

Entries close 19th January

14th February - 2nd Indoor Trials 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 10th February 2010, 8-9pm.

Entries close 2nd February

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.

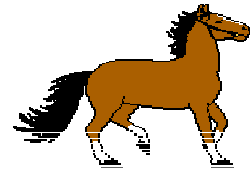
Entries close 16th February

Feedback Forms:

Feedback forms were enclosed in last month's 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.



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.

Membership subscriptions are now due, members need to be fully paid up before they can compete at any event. Any person that has not paid their subscription before 31st January 2010 shall not be eligible to vote or stand for election next year. Subscription tariffs are as follows:

Senior Driver: £27 Non-Driver: £15 Junior Driver: £13

Family membership:

£50

1 senior, 2 juniors

1 senior, 1 junior, 1 non-driver

£60

1 senior, 2 junior, 1 non-driver

2 senior, 1 junior

£70

2 senior, 2 junior

Please send your subscriptions to Mr P Rondel, Les Chevaux Noirs, Route du Petit Port, La Moye, St Brelade, JE3 8HH. Cheques made payable to JHDS.

A special thanks:

Ian would like to thank the Social Committee, Shirley & Madeline for all their hard work at each event throughout last season. He would also like to thank everybody who helped the Social ladies last year.

New member:

Welcome to Kirsty Gilmour who has recently joined the Club as a Junior Driving member. We look forward to seeing you at the events this year.

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. Further details will follow in the next newsletter.

Honorary life members:

The President and the General Committee have made Mrs Karen Osborne and Mr Richard Le Marquand Honorary Life Members.

Both of these Members have dedicated a lot of their time and effort to the JHDS and we are very grateful to them.

Rule book amendments:

There are a couple of amendments that have been made to the Rule Book so enclosed is an amendment page. Please ensure that you place this page in your Rule Book as the updated rules are effective immediately.

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.

Bank Holiday Drive

The traditional Boxing Day drive by invitation of Vincent and Gillie Obbard was held on Bank Holiday Monday. It was perfect weather for the first outing of the season, being sunny and crisp and not too cold.

The drive of decorated vehicles was led by Vincent and Gillies' novice horse Max. It takes a good horse to lead on his first ever drive, and it is not often that a horse that was hunted on Boxing Day is placid enough to pull a carriage two days later. Vincent led the drive through picturesque St. Clement and Grouville lanes to emerge on the coast road. Of the five turnouts the smallest was Ellen Littlechild's grey Welsh pony, Homer, and the biggest Margaret Robinson's hackney Gemma. Sheila Vetier drove her cob Charlie and John Vibert his grey Fell pony Jester.

After the one and a half hour drive hot refreshments were served in Samares Manor whilst the horses were provided with comfy stabling. Fun prizes were awarded as follows:

1. The cleanest pony-----Homer
2. The pony pulling the most passengers-----Jester
3. The pony with the smiliest face-----Charlie
4. The prettiest mare-----Gemma
5. The best behaved novice-----Max

Our thanks go to the Obbard's who always give the Jersey Horse Driving Society members such a warm welcome.

For Sale:

Jersey 5 panel Van with 'trolley' carriage (the heavier of the two types produced) - one of probably only half a dozen left in the Island. Comes with shafts and would be able to be driven from a heavy weight 15.2hh upwards (I drove an 18.2hh Clydesdale in it). Could be fitted with a pole for pair use. One of the most complete vans to have been sold in the last decade as comes complete with picnic rails, a pair of hay ladders and a pair of barrel rails. More photos available. Could deliver to the UK if required. £2,450 o.n.o - Contact Tara Hill on (01534) 854733.

