

Area 1 News : April 2011

My goodness! Time flies...no more so, than when we are able to get out to training and competitions. I do hope that your equine partners are behaving and delivering the results that you deserve after a hard winter beset with challenges! Cross Country training is the main activity just now....many thanks to the clubs who have opened theirs to all. I would also like to thank the owners of the training facilities as they are so accommodating.....we have a great whiz round, however if it was not for the care and attention to the ground and the jumps, we would not have the fun!

Attention to training does reap rewards.....Ettrick Forrest Riders have returned from the Winter Championships as Champions!

Congratulations to the participants, and to Anne Millar and Fiona Busby who give up so much of their time to fine tune their team members.

The 3rd April was to be the date for the first 'Fun Area Team Dressage and Show Jumping'.....washed out by torrential rain. This was a great disappointment as 20 teams had entered. We have decided to run this alongside the Area Novice Dressage Qualifier on the 29th May...schedule coming shortly.

Clubs are reminded that Membership Cards must be produced at all training events , and at the Qualifiers. Clubs are also reminded that it is a tremendous help to the organisers of the Qualifiers if vaccination documents are sent prior to the competition.

This year we have accepted Area 22's invitation to join their Horse Trials. The venue is Brechin, on the 21st May. As usual clubs will be expected to help at the event. Clubs should also remember that the Preliminary Entry date has reverted to three weeks prior to the event. Last year, BE agreed to downgrade some horses...if you are in this position and are intending to compete at a BRC Qualifier, you will need to have your horse downgraded by Head Quarters. Please contact your club Chairperson to organise this.

Easter is almost upon us...as is Badminton! Best wishes to Esther Knox and Binks who are off to the grassroots Championships!

The grass has come through early, so I hope your steeds are not too cheerful, and you thoroughly enjoy all your outings!

Jennifer