



HOOFPRIENTS **March 2022**

A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

After a long, drawn-out winter it's great to see the days are getting longer and at last the sun is shining – not long now until we get the club's summer programme up & running!

A summary of our busy syllabus is included below, and you can also see it online at our club website. Go to www.fife-riding-club.co.uk – or just Google “Fife Riding Club” where you will find lots more useful information about everything from dress for competitions to finding copies of dressage tests or what to do about using the club field.

New members always have lots of questions. In almost all cases, the first person you should contact is the Club Secretary, **LIZ GLASGOW** on 01592 754809 or email her at frc-secretary@outlook.com. For queries about payment of **SUBSCRIPTIONS**/invoices etc – Contact Club Treasurer **ANDREW THOMSON** on 07967655691 (after 8.00pm please) or email at frc-treasurer@outlook.com;

If you want to use the **CLUB FIELD** for private training/exercise you **MUST** contact **TRICIA GARNETT** at least 24hrs before you plan to visit. She is on 01337 860331/07752581642. Tricia maintains a diary and will be able to advise if the club facilities are in use when you plan to go. She is also the point of contact if any problems with accessing the field gates.

For specific Club training/competitions/shows contact the **EVENT ORGANISER** in the first instance.

For the most up to date news, it is also worth going to the **FIFE RIDING CLUB MEMBERS FACEBOOK** page if you do social media.





We also have a **FIFE RIDING CLUB OPEN SHOWS** **FACEBOOK** page (open to non-members) and a **FIFE RIDING CLUB FLOG IT FACEBOOK** page.

To enter club-organised meetings such as Wednesday Night training, shows, competition etc you will usually be directed to **clubentries.com** where you will be able to get more info and download schedules etc.

Another useful source of information is the **British Riding Club website** which has updates on latest news and where you will find helpful training videos; you can also download a copy of the current BRC Handbook which contains a wealth of info about competition rules, dress codes, permitted tack etc etc.

Hope this helps!

LOOKING AHEAD

Opening Night – Wednesday 6 April 2022

Hack, Chat, Coffee and Cake!!

To kick off our summer season, why not join us at the club field from 5.00pm to take advantage of the hacking routes available from the field with friends and other members? (Approx. 1 hour) Then after, enjoy a hot drink and some cake! If you haven't been out on the bridlepath before, this is your chance to find out what lies on your doorstep! If you want company, some members have volunteered to lead you round the route. Members can go off in small groups or individually, with the last horse leaving about 6.30pm to ensure all get back before the light starts to go. If you don't want to bring a horse, you could always go out on foot if you fancy.





This will also be a chance to catch up with fellow members and be updated on the syllabus for the summer. Plus, we hope to have some club merchandise available to try on to order or purchase. More details to follow...

TO GIVE US AN IDEA OF NUMBERS PLEASE GO TO THE CLUBENTRIES PAGE AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.

<https://www.clubentries.com/fiferc/index.php>

The rest of the month is focussed on training – a chance to get you and your horse back into shape for the rest of the season. Our first Open competition is the Open Mini Cross Country on 24 April. This is great fun – all the thrills of cross country but with knock-down fences.

Throughout the summer we also run Dressage and Showjumping Leagues – the first will be Showjumping League#1 on 27 April with the first Dressage League on 11 May. These leagues cater for all abilities from Beginners upwards – so do give them a go. Our first Open Showjumping Show will be on Sunday 15 May with classes starting from 45cm.

All these competitions and shows only run with the help of volunteers. We are lucky to have some “regular” helpers but we can always do with more. If you would like to help out on foot, why not get involved by lending a spare hour of two? Contact the event organiser or look out for news on the Facebook page.

Talking of help, we will need to do some tidying up and repairs at the field soon (once the ground dries out) – so we will be looking for help then– dates will be advertised when confirmed. They say many hands make light work – so the more the merrier!





Trailer Safety Talk with Robby Nicol - Saturday 23 April 2022

Robby of RSN Trailer Services has kindly agreed to come to the club and give us a talk on trailer safety. Many thanks to Fiona Soutar for organising this.

This event is free to both members and non-members, but booking is required so, please book through Clubentries.

<https://www.clubentries.com/fiferc/index.php>

Robby will talk about the routine safety check you should make on your trailer, how to spot potential problems and what is covered in a trailer service.

Given the change coming into effect making it that we don't need a separate trailer license this may be very helpful for some of you.

There will be lots of opportunities to ask questions!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRC 2022 Summer Syllabus

As some of you very observant folks may have noticed our syllabus for 2022 has been put up on the club website. It's nice to be starting this year without the Covid Guidance of last year!

April:

Wednesday 6	Opening Night
Wednesday 13	Instruction
Wednesday 20	Instruction
Saturday 23	Trailer Safety Talk
Sunday 24	OPEN MINI CROSS COUNTRY
Wednesday 27	Showjumping League 1





May:

Wednesday 4	Instruction
Wednesday 11	Dressage League 1
Sunday 15	OPEN SHOWJUMPING SHOW
Wednesday 18	Instruction
Wednesday 25	Showjumping League 2

June:

Wednesday 1	Instruction
Wednesday 8	Dressage League 2
Wednesday 15	Instruction
Sunday 19	OPEN ARENA EVENT
Wednesday 22	Showjumping League 3
Sunday 26	OPEN DRESSAGE SHOW
Wednesday 29	Instruction

July:

Wednesday 6	Dressage League 3
Wednesday 13	Instruction
Sunday 17	OPEN MINI HORSE TRIALS
Wednesday 20	members Mini Cross Country

August:

Wednesday 3	Dressage League 4
Sunday 7	OPEN ARENA EVENT
Wednesday 10	Instruction
Wednesday 17	Showjumping League 4
Sunday 21	Letham Gymkhana
Wednesday 24	Closing Night





Other Dates for Your Diary

May 21-23	Area 22 Camp Auchlishie
June 4-5	Area 22 Qualifiers at Brechin
June 11	Area 22 Dressage to Music (TBC)
September 10-11	Scottish Riding Club Championships

OTHER MATTERS

FRC Fund Raising Prize Draw Lottery

Andrew Thomson, our treasurer, has been running a lottery on clubentries where you pay £20 and your name is entered in 10 draws (£2 per draw) for your chance to win £100 each month.

So far Angela Seymour-Jackson, Lorraine Napier and David Henderson have all been lucky winners!

If you or a family member or friend fancy taking part please follow the link below:

<https://www.clubentries.com/fiferc/showschedule.php>

BRC Membership Cards

Once upon a time it was your club secretary that was responsible for issuing membership cards, and then BRC Head Office took over that role and took charge of posting out a card to everyone. Now they have decided to issue membership info to everyone digitally. You should by now have had an email from them with details of your current membership. If not, please let Liz know. We might add that Linda Gove (Chair) is one of the members who has yet to hear from them!

We look forward to seeing you all at the club field soon!

