

# Strathearn Riding Club



With the weather improving I hope everyone is enjoying getting out and about with their horses. Things seem to have been very busy with both competitions most weekends as well as lots of training on going.

You'll be pleased to hear that there is lots going on with the club and we are busy organizing a variety of events to cater for those who are looking for competitive outings, those looking for training and something for those who just want to relax and enjoy the company of their horses!

The website is back up and running so please keep an eye on that for regular updates. We are also looking to have a bit of a spring clean so please forward on any news you have or pictures that we can upload to show what you have been up to with your horses, or without!

Also a quick reminder that the riding club combined training takes place at Gannochy this weekend, 23 May so if you haven't got your entry in get in touch quickly and we might be able to squeeze some extras in! Unfortunately due to space restrictions both the dressage and jumping will take place in the arena, but given the (unusual) lack of rain this is

probably a good thing as the ground will be starting to get a bit firm for doing much—typical it is either so wet that things are cancelled or so dry that we complain about the ground. Not to worry, at least we are lucky enough to have the use of the fantastic facilities at Gannochy. Thanks also to Dawn who is getting up early and catering for us with the great Gannochy BBQ and possibly some home baking too so please come along and show your support. Following on from this we also have the Riding Club Show taking place at Strathallan Castle so again check the website for schedules and get your entries in soon—lots of qualifiers for people to compete in.

## May/June 2010 Newsletter

### Currently the next dates for SRC competitions/training are as follows:

23 May— Combined Training at Gannochy

28 May—Ernest Dillon Training at Threapmuir

30 May—Riding Club Show at Strathallan Castle

5 June—hacking (slow paced—venue to be confirmed but likely in Dunkeld Area, about 2pm start)

9 June—provisional XC schooling at Strathearn Eventing (7pm start)

12-13 June—AREA 22 at Philorth (see further article)

20 June—Provisional competition at Gannochy (see website for further details)

23 June—fitness hack (quick paced hack, again probably Dunkeld, 7pm start)

25 June—Ernest Dillon training (venue to be confirmed)

25-27 June—SRC Fun camp at Kinnaird Farm, Cupar (see article for details)

10 July—Team Derby competition at Inchcoonans (£100 first prize!!!!)

18 July—Provisional competition at Gannochy (check website for updates)

23 July—Ernest Dillon Training

15 August—Provisional Competition at Gannochy (check website for updates)

## SRC Show

As you will be aware the SRC Show is scheduled to take place at Strathallan Castle on Sunday 30 May which is fast approaching. Entries are already coming in so please do your best to get your entry in sooner rather than later. This will greatly assist those responsible for organizing the event.

A great deal of effort has been put into ensuring that there is something for everyone ranging from Style Jumping Qualifiers to fun classes. Qualifiers also include classes for coloured horses, working hunters and ex race horses. See Schedule for further details.

There will also be a range of stands and refreshments will be available all day so please come along and support the club and the competitors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jacquie Muirhead and all her helpers for the hours of hard work that go into organizing this event.

# Forthcoming Area 22 Competition

As many of you will be aware the annual Riding Club Area competitions and qualifiers are taking place at Philorth on 12 and 13 June 2010 hosted by Buchan RC.

The following events take place on 12 June—

Novice Team Dressage (all Prelim 12)

Open Team Dressage (tests are Novice 24, 28 and 30 and Elementary 45)

Individual Dressage (chose from any of the tests above and also Medium 61)

Riding Test Teams and Individuals (Riding Tests 11 and 13)

Pairs Dressage (test has not been stipulated on schedule)

Pairs Dressage to Music

Novice Dressage to Music

Elementary Dressage to Music

On 13 June the Show Jumping will take place and classes are as follows:

Novice Team Jumping (1st round approx 80cm 2nd round approx 85cm)

Intermediate Team Jumping (1st round approx 95cm 2nd round approx 1m)

Open Team Jumping (1st round approx 1.10m 2nd round approx 1.15m)

Style Jumping approx 85cm (teams or individuals)

You can also compete as an individual in any of the SJ classes.

Entries are £8 per individual and the club has kindly agreed to pay 1 entry for every member who wishes to compete.

Entries have to be submitted to Buchan RC by the start of June.

**Anyone wishing to take part should send a cheque and details of what they wish to do along with a copy of a valid vaccination certificate to Jennifer Kent, 22 Marshall Road, Luncarty, PH1 3UT asap (before 25 May 2010)**

Any queries to jakent@pkc.gov.uk asap.

If you require stabling please submit request asap as stabling will book up quickly due to the location of this event. Due to distance any team entries will be subject to the required number of people wishing to compete.

Moray RC are organizing the Area 22 Horse Trails which will take place at Burgie on 10 and 11 July 2010. Anyone wishing to take part in this event should also contact asap as entries for this event will close around 10 June 2010. We are hopeful that there will be sufficient interest to enter teams for this

## STRATHEARN RIDING CLUB CAMP 25—27 JUNE 2010

After much searching and negotiating we have finally secured a venue for the very first Strathearn Riding Club Camp. This is in response to demand for places at the formal Area 22 camp always being very much over-subscribed and also to cater for those looking for a less formal, less scary and cheaper alternative! The aim of our few days away is essentially to have fun and be able to spend a couple of days away from home with our horses.

The venue is Kinnaird Farm just outside Cupar where we will be able to use their small XC schooling course alongside several flat paddocks for some dressage and jumping practice.

There will be a variety of stabling and turnout as required, either individual stalls or some barn/cattle court areas for horses which can stay together. Stabling will be on straw with hay provided. There is also the opportunity for people to travel daily

if they wish. For those who don't want to camp for any reason there are several B&Bs locally that the owners at Kinnaird Farm are happy to recommend (obviously these costs are not covered by camp fees!) Wherever possible I will offer to look after horses for those who are not able to stay on site. Stabling/turnout etc will be allocated on a first come first served basis, as will camp spaces.

At present no instruction is booked and we aim to have a schooling weekend with a variety of activities and the opportunity to possibly travel to the beach or go hacking locally. We will set up a dressage arena with judge and some show jumps and probably finish the weekend with a mini competition. If anyone would like instruction I am happy to try and organize this and would be grateful if you could let me know what sort of thing you would like and if you have any preferred instructors. If you want

to just come along and play about and have fun there is no pressure to do anything you don't want to!!

The all important costs are as follows:

£65 for those only requiring turnout

£75 for any stabling requirement

This includes bacon rolls, etc for breakfast, refreshments mid morning and afternoon and lunches Saturday and Sunday. Evening meals are not provided although I would expect that we may visit the local pub 1 night and BBQ for the other but any other suggestions welcomed.

Bookings are now being taken so please get in touch asap to book your space and please provide details if you wish to add instruction which will be added on a "per lesson" basis.

Bookings to jakent@pkc.gov.uk

**As you will have noticed from the forthcoming events page the next month or so looks to be very busy so please keep an eye on the dates and contact me at jakent@pkc.gov.uk for further details on anything you would like to come along to. In addition to this you will also find pictures from the latest day at Lindores on our new facebook page so feel free to add your comments, etc. Please also note the team derby competition at Inchcoonans which looks to be a fun day so if you would like to be part of any teams taking part please let me know—just for fun, nothing to stressful!**

Keep checking the website for updates on all of the above

[www.strathearnrc.org.uk](http://www.strathearnrc.org.uk)