



## ***JERSEY DRESSAGE CLUB***

### ***NEWSLETTER***

Happy 2016 everyone!

Another year has come around ... 2015 was a busy year for our club but lots more to look forward to in 2016!

Congratulations to all our members to travelled to the UK to train and compete, especially to those who qualified for Winter Championships, Summer Championships, and those who qualified at our Area Festival for the Petplan Finals!

Thank you to all our members and friends who help at our shows, so many of our judges comment on our very efficient scribes and scorers .... your help doesn't go unnoticed! Please keep volunteering your help, even for an hour or so, we can fit you in somewhere!

The list of competition dates for 2016 is as follows:

March 5 & 6 - Les Marais  
April 16 & 17 - Les Marais  
May 21 & 22 - Les Niemes  
June 18 & 19 - tba  
August 20 & 21 - Les Niemes  
Sept 9,10 & 11 - PETPLAN – Les Niemes  
Oct 29 & 30 - Les Marais

We have invited BD List 2 judge and UKCC Level III coach, Tessa Thorne to run a 'Through the judges eye' clinic on 13<sup>th</sup> February at Les Marais. We will have test riding 'guinea pigs' who will ride Prelim, Novice, Elementary and Medium tests, hopefully with common mistakes, Tessa will discuss the tests and how those simple mistakes cost marks. We hope this will be a useful insight into understanding how and why marks are awarded (and lost). There will be a £5 entry to the demonstration to help with our costs. This is open to members and non-members. Tessa will also be available on 13<sup>th</sup> for private clinics of 30mins (JDC members only) at a cost of £40, these are limited and will be on a first come basis.

We will be running a test riding day on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February with Tessa judging, the tests will be the ones demonstrated on Saturday .... can you put into practice what you learned? These tests will not count towards Championship or Points awards so if you want to try a new level you can have a go without moving yourself out of your normal grade.

We have also been awarded a Petplan Area Festival this year! This will be held in September, winners of the classes will then head for the Petplan final at Hartpury in April 2017 which is run alongside the Winter Championships. I am sure those who travelled in 2015 to the finals will agree it is a great experience!

This championship is specifically targeted to the amateur rider and is well within the capability of many of our riders. If you are unclear on how/when/what to qualify please speak to your trainer or myself. Our BD Area Rep – Amanda Heath – will be here the weekend of the 13/14 February so please feel free to ask her any questions you might have. I would like to encourage as many members to have a go at this while it is on your doorstep and you don't have to travel!! Its such a great opportunity, have a go – you never know what you can achieve unless you try!

British Dressage have implemented their new Gold, Silver and Bronze sections which replace Open and Restricted, BD members must ensure they know which section they are eligible to enter, if in doubt you will need to ring the BD office for clarification. Jersey Dressage will continue the Open and Restricted sections this year for unaffiliated classes.

Our AGM will be held at the Farmhouse, St John on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February. We will present our annual points awards at the AGM. Winners for 2015 are:

Walk & Trot	Laura Speller	Zolando
Prelim Novice Rider	Philippa Knight	Manillo
Prelim Junior Intro		
Prelim Junior +	Beth Byfield	Pimms Parade
Prelim Rest	Melissa Morris	Goodwins Pebbly Beach
Prelim Open	Lucy Amy	Romeo
Novice Rest	Lesley Le Vesconte	Silvolas
Novice Junior	Sophie Cawley	My Romeo
Novice Open	Lesley Ropert	Betty Boop
Elementary Restricted	Sarah Gallichan	Roxette III
Elementary Open	Michelle Bruce	Hananza
Medium	Michelle Bruce	Hananza
Advanced Medium	Caroline Leng	Its Aero
Highest Percentage (75.94) in affiliated class	Lucy Amy	Romeo

I would be grateful if our 2015 award winners would return trophies (clean) as soon as possible to either myself, Penny or Debbie so we can have them engraved ready for the AGM.

We lose some of our hard working committee this year - Sarah Gallichan and Sarah Warry. On behalf of all our members I would like to thank them for their hard work for the past years, it was greatly appreciated.

For 2016 Philippa Knight has volunteered to join the committee as Secretary. Some of our committee members have commitments in the UK this year and we need new faces to take on various roles including entry secretary. If you can commit your time to helping the club, please let me, Penny or Debbie know as soon as possible. We will be nominating our new committee at the AGM, without more committee members we simply cannot run the shows.

The AGM is open to all those who were members in 2015, whilst we have the usual formal parts of an AGM to run through, I would like as many members to attend so we can open the meeting at the end for general discussion about the club and how we can improve on 2016.

Following the last show in November, we invited members to a meeting to discuss the Championship show and points trophy allocation. Three options were considered:

1. Have no Championship competition
2. Move the Championship to earlier in the year – potentially September and run alongside the Petplan Area Festival
3. Keep the Championship in November but accept the risk it will not cover its costs.

It was agreed that the Championship would continue but be earlier in the year.

The committee proposed the following Rule changes for the Championship Show and it was agreed by the members present at the meeting:

#### **Juniors**

- *Competitors may compete as a Junior until the end of the calendar year in which they attain 16 years*
- *Juniors may compete in other classes should they wish.*
- *Junior Introductory is for junior members who have not achieved 63% in 3 tests at Junior Preliminary level, by entering at another level they are automatically upgraded.*

#### **Novice Rider**

- *For competitors aged over 16 years who are new to dressage.*
- *Novice Riders must not have passed Pony Club Test C+ or above or Riding Club Grade III or above.*
- *Novice Riders must not hold a BHSAI Certificate or teach for gain.*
- *Novice Riders may not have competed in a Dressage Class above Preliminary or any Show Jumping class where fences were 90cm high (or above) in the first round or have ridden in a Point to Point race under Jockey Club Rules.*
- *Novice Rider competitors may only compete in their classes, by entering at another level they are automatically upgraded. Competitors are subject to upgrading to Restricted Preliminary at the Committee's discretion.*

#### **Restricted Preliminary**

- *For all riders who have not achieved 65% at Novice or above on any horse.*
- *For all riders who have not competed at Elementary or above since 1st January 2006.*
- *Once a competitor has won the Championship at Restricted Preliminary may not compete subsequently in the Restricted section for that level in future years*

#### **Open Preliminary**

- *For all riders who have achieved 65% at Novice on any horse.*
- *Riders who have competed at Medium level or above may compete at Preliminary Open but are not eligible for the Championships at Preliminary Open*

#### **ALL Open Classes Novice and Above**

- *Open to all riders*

#### **Restricted Novice**

- *For riders who have not achieved two tests at 62% at Elementary or above since 1st January 2006 on any horse.*
- *Once a competitor has won the Championship at Novice Restricted may not compete subsequently in the Restricted section for that level or below that level in future years*

**Restricted Elementary**

- For riders who have not achieved two tests at 62% at Medium or above since 1st January 2006 on any horse.
- Once a competitor has won the Championship at Elementary Restricted may not compete subsequently in the Restricted section for that level or below that level in future years

**Restricted Medium**

- For riders who have not achieved two tests at 62% at Advanced Medium or above since 1st January 2006 on any horse.
- Once a competitor has won the Championship at Medium Restricted may not compete subsequently in the Restricted section for that level or below that level in future years

**Restricted Advanced Medium**

- For riders who have not achieved two tests at 62% at Advanced Medium or above since 1st January 2006 on any horse.
- Once a competitor has won the Championship at Advanced Medium Restricted may not compete subsequently in the Restricted section for that level or below that level in future years

The following table shows percentages that must be achieved in two tests during the calendar year to qualify for the championships:

<b>Walk Trot</b>	<i>Junior</i>	60%	<i>Junior Intro</i>	59%
	<i>Novice Rider</i>	62%	<i>Open</i>	64%
<b>Preliminary</b>	<i>Junior</i>	61%	<i>Junior Intro</i>	59%
	<i>Restricted</i>	62%	<i>Open</i>	64%
	<i>Novice Rider</i>	62%		
<b>Novice</b>	<i>Restricted</i>	63%	<i>Open</i>	64%
	<i>Junior</i>	62%		
<b>Elementary</b>	<i>Restricted</i>	60%	<i>Open</i>	62%
<b>Medium</b>	<i>Restricted</i>	60%	<i>Open</i>	62%
<b>Adv Medium</b>	<i>Restricted</i>	60%	<i>Open</i>	62%
<b>PSG</b>			<i>Open</i>	60%

Riders qualifying one horse for both the Open and Restricted sections at the same level may choose which section they wish to compete in at the Championships but may not compete in both sections. Restricted riders may not ride at a higher level in an Open section than they ride in a Restricted section.

Riders who upgrade from Restricted to Open at a given level midseason may carry forward scores gained previously from Restricted sections.

Riders who compete in BD classes at Jersey Dressage events may use those scores for the Dressage Championships, however, they must be full competing members of Jersey Dressage Club and they must compete in the Open section of the relevant class.

## ANNUAL POINTS AWARDS

Points are allocated for the points awards trophies on the following basis:

60.00 – 61.99%	1 point
62.00 – 63.99%	2 points
64.00 – 65.99%	3 points
66.00 – 67.99%	4 points
68.00 – 69.99%	5 points
70.00 – 71.99%	6 points
72.00 +%	7 points

Competitors who have competed at Medium level or above are ineligible for the Preliminary points trophy.

Where competitors compete in two classes at the same level, points will only be awarded for the first class identified as APA. Scores attained in BD Qualifiers are eligible for the points award as long as the competitor is a member of Jersey Dressage, the points will be allocated to the Open Section of the relevant grade

A Veteran Horse award will be given to the horse (exceeding 15 years) acquiring the most points over the season at any level. Members must identify the horse as Veteran on their entry forms, copies of horse passports may be required to verify the age.

A Veteran rider award will be given to the rider exceeding 55 years acquiring the most points over the season at any level. Members must identify themselves as Veteran on their entry forms.

A ROR award will be given to the horse (must have a racing record) acquiring the most points over the season at any level. Members must identify the horse as ROR on their entry forms, a copy of the horses racing record may be required.

A M&M award will be given to the horse (holding a Shetland, Exmoor, Dartmoor, Welsh (A,B,C or D), Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland or New Forest passport ) acquiring the most points over the season at any level. Members must identify the horse as M&M on their entry forms, copies of horse passports may be required to verify identity.

Horses/ponies may be eligible for more than one award eg. Veteran & ROR or Veteran M&M etc.

Just a gentle reminder that memberships for 2016 are now due, forms can be found on the front page of [www.jerseydressageclub.com](http://www.jerseydressageclub.com) website.

Wishing you all a very successful 2016.

Gina & the Committee.