



## ***JERSEY DRESSAGE CLUB***

### ***NEWSLETTER***

Happy 2014 everyone!

I can't believe 2013 is already done and dusted, a very busy year for our club but lots more to look forward to in 2014!

Congratulations to all our members to travelled to the UK to train and compete, especially to those who qualified for Winter Championships, Summer Championships, Internationals and Petplan Finals! We do have a wealth of talent for a small island.

Your committee has been working hard this year to ensure all your competitions are enjoyable and offer enough opportunities for all our members. As always, thank you for helping run these shows, we do try and keep our help requests to a minimum and with running our tests outdoors it does mean we need less help to open doors etc. For any of you who have been on a committee, I am sure you will know the thankless task of finding helpers for each show. I would like to help the committee by asking you to volunteer as much as possible. We have added tick boxes on the membership form – members who can accommodate our judge(s) and members or friends able to scribe for a few hours over the weekend. These are the two areas of help we have to fill to enable our competitions to run. As part of our rules, members are required to help if they compete but if we can create a 'preferred list' for the various areas we need help, I hope it will relieve our committee of the hours of phone calls.

Those of us who are British Dressage members will have been aware of BD launching a new competition 'TeamQuest'. This is a new initiative from BD to allow lower level competitors and those not registered with BD to compete as a team and submit scores to a league table. BDs directive is that these competitions cannot be run alongside affiliated dates and must be short arena and only up to Novice level. JDC could only therefore run these TeamQuest competitions at a separate event. Given we have to bring judges over and hire our facilities the cost of running TeamQuest will probably prove prohibitive.

We would like to follow BD's idea and run our own version of TeamQuest for Jersey. We would like to offer our members to ability to form their own teams, up to four members - three of which scores can be submitted to the league. Teams can be comprised of competitors riding at WalkTrot/Prelim/Novice and Elementary (any combination thereof). Team scores will be made up of the highest three percentage scores added together. Equal percentage places will be split on the combined collective totals of the three riders.

Entries will remain as is, on an individual basis, with classes being run in the usual manner and there will be no extra charge for competing in these teams. Those members who elect to be in a team will have their scores also taken as part of their Team and added to a league at the end of each show.

This team event will run from March to November. Suggestions are welcome as to how we decide the winner - this will probably depend on the number of teams but either run a Final at the November show with the top three teams riding off or present a winning team prize in November? Please let any committee member know your thoughts on this, if there isn't enough interest we cannot run a league. Ask your friends or stable companions if they would be interested. We will make a final decision at the AGM in January and it will be your opportunity to give us your feedback on how you think it should be organised.

We have also been awarded a Petplan Area Festival this year – the first time in Jersey! This will be held in September, winners of the classes will then head for the Petplan final at Hartpury in April 2015 which is run alongside the Winter Championships.

I have attached information on how to qualify for the Petplan area festival. 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. 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!! It's such a great opportunity, have a go – you never know what you can achieve unless you try!

The list of dates for 2014 is as follows:

1 & 2 March – Les Marais (Indoor Arena)  
5 & 6 April – Les Marais (Outdoor Arena)  
3 & 4 May – Les Marais (Outdoor Arena)  
26 & 27 July – Ocean Stables  
23 & 24 August – BSJA  
13 & 14 September - BSJA  
18 & 19 October– Les Marais (Outdoor Arena)  
8 & 9 November – Les Marais (Indoor Arena)

Our AGM will be held at the Somerville Hotel on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We will present our annual points awards at the AGM. Winners for 2013 are:

Walk & Trot	Amber Sahai	She's Flash
Prelim Novice Rider	Sarah St George	Santos
Prelim Junior Intro	Jemima Finlay	Angel
Prelim Junior +	Tilly Nolan	Million Dollar Girl
Prelim Rest	Natalie Dimond	Holme Grove Charleston
Prelim Open	Kerry Huelin	Ogano v/h Blokenhof
Novice Rest	Kerry Huelin	Ogano v/h Blokenhof
Novice Junior	Tilly Nolan	Million Dollar Girl
Novice Open	Sarah Gallichan	Roxette III
Elementary	Sarah Gallichan	Roxette III
Medium	Lauren Phillips	Hot Chocolate
Advance Medium	Nicky Maddox	Clover Chief
Highest Percentage (75.94) in affiliated class	Alison Vautier	Paolo

We loose some of our hard working committee this year - Kelly Moulin, Sarah Gallichan, Gina Romeril and Bella Parajon. 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 2014 Kelly Moulin will take over memberships, Carol Robinson-Gaye has volunteered to join the committee as Secretary and Jenna Brennan has also volunteered to join and will assist us all with finding helpers for the shows. We will be nominating our new committee at the AGM.

The AGM is open to all those who were members in 2013, 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 2013. It will also be a good opportunity to discuss TeamQuest and how to qualify for Petplan!

Just a gentle reminder that memberships for 2014 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 2014.

Gina & committee.