

Dear All

Summer holidays are fast approaching and for some it will be juggling family holidays, keeping the children occupied, horses fit and shows/events to prepare for and attend. The weather has cooled down for now but it is sure to warm up during August and September and current rains are most welcome to keep the grass growing.

Looking forward, we have finalised our September Showing Show schedule and this is attached for your attention. It has been a long time since we held a combined In Hand and Ridden show (pre Covid) so this year we have "bit the bullet" as they say and put one together. In the morning we will have In Hand Classes followed by the Fun classes and to finish the Ridden classes. As in previous years, we will have an In Hand Championship (following final In Hand class) and will also have a Ridden Championship (following the final ridden class). As our lovely judges are giving up their time for us we do like to ask different people for each of our shows and we do have separate judges for the In Hand and Ridden classes.

For Health & Safety reasons, we will be limiting the number of entries, particularly in the ridden classes to 10. The ridden ring will obviously be quite large as some of the classes will require a short canter on both reins.

Please do not leave your entries to the last minute as we have to make decisions on whether to run a class or not based on pre entries and the minimum number per class will be 4.

For those of you who have not done a Ridden class before, try to walk in on a longer rein, the judge will still be watching. Gather your horse up when everyone is entered and Ridden shows should use most of the ring. Don't be frightened to turn a circle but keep your eye on other people.

Give other people space, you can't show your horse off if you are too close to others. Respect other competitor's space and make sure you are aware of the colour ribbons in a horse's tail. If your horse kicks a red ribbon and a few warnings, are helpful.

You should start by walking forward with a halt in front of the judge - and they should tell you to move off. Individual shows should be a short show of your horses paces – walk, trot & canter, on each rein. If you're going to miss any element of the required show, you must tell the judge.

You should finish with a nice square halt and salute the judge. The Riding club horse should do a small jump (max 2') at some point during the shows.

The Childs pony class will only be walking and trot on both reins as above and no jumping.

Plaiting will not be required on the Riding Club horse/pony classes.

I have attached our Show crib sheet should you be unsure of your attire.

We will have a photographer, Emily Corten, on the show ground and if you do not wish your photo being taken please let the Secretary &/or the photographer know. Photographs will also be taken for the Results Newsletter.

Catering will be provided by The Frying Scotsman who did a wonderful job at our June show so please support them during the day.

For our September Showing Show we would like to invite people or businesses to sponsor a class and your name/business will be shown on future schedules and advertising. The sponsorship amounts to £20 per class which covers the class trophy and rosettes or £40 if you wish to sponsor either of the Championship Rosettes and sashes. Also if you wish, to donate a gift to the 1st place competitor. As a special gesture, if any non member competitor wishes to sponsor a class, they will be allowed to enter classes at the "member's entry fee level".

Please let me know if you are interested in Sponsorship and also if you would like further information.

We do hope that you are able to attend this event and look forward to seeing you in September

Regards

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