



Goring & District Riding Club

Newsletter



Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2010. 2009 was a busy year for us with lots of events taking place and we hope to continue to keep you occupied and your new diary full.

We really look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our AGM; we're sure the recent snow would've slushed away by then.

For Dressage, we need to draw your attention to a new rule and some of the old ones, so do read the article further on to familiarise yourself.

As always, we hope you find our Newsletter interesting and helpful and feel 'involved' in your Club!



If you have anything to be included in the next issue please contact Jennifer Cranford on 01903 267737 or 07905 370198 or email jennifer_cranford@hotmail.com

Riding Club Annual General Meeting (AGM)



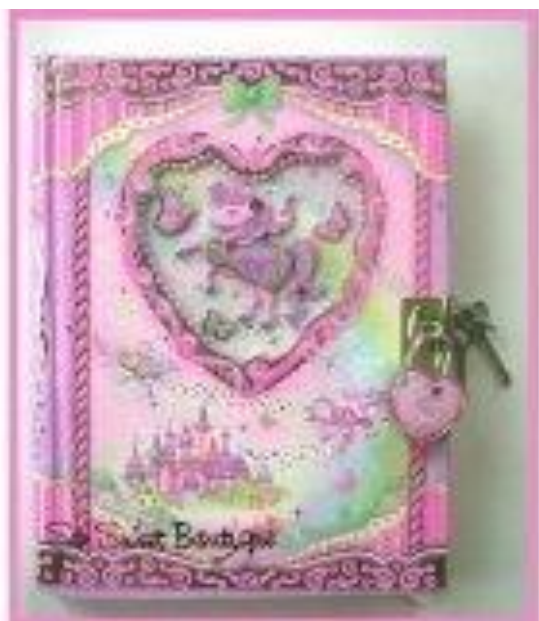
Everyone is invited to our meeting on Friday 15th January at 8pm, Clapham Village Hall. If you've not been to our AGM before and don't know what to expect, this is some of what happens ...

- we go through the notes from the last AGM,
- answer any questions or general queries,
- go through our forthcoming events,
- thank yous and awards— you may have won something..., and
- mingle, munch and make a cheque out for your 2010 Membership.

We have some Team Events coming up at both Junior and Senior level; Dressage at Brinsbury on the 20th February and Indoor Show Jumping on the 14th February where we need Junior and Senior Teams. The AGM would be a good opportunity to let Janet know if you'd like to take part in a Team Event.

2010 Dates for Your Diary

- Fri 15th Jan:** Annual General Meeting at Clapham Village Hall. All members welcome plus anybody who's interested in joining. *They'll be a buffet too!*
- Sun 24th Jan:** Winter Dressage Series at Ferring Country Centre (postponed from the 17th Jan due to the snow)
- Fri 5th Feb:** Fish & Chips Supper plus Quiz Night or Bingo at Clapham Village Hall
- Sun 7th Feb:** Winter Dressage Series at Ferring Country Centre
- Sun 14th Feb:** Area Show Jumping at Sands Farm (Junior & Senior Team members needed)
- Fri 19th Feb:** Fish & Chips Supper plus Quiz Night or Bingo at Clapham Village Hall
- Sun 28th Feb:** Winter Dressage Series at Ferring Country Centre
- Sun 21st Mar:** Winter Dressage Series at Ferring Country Centre
- Sun 11th Apr:** Winter Dressage Series Championship at Ferring Country Centre
- Sun 9th May:** In-hand Show
- Sat 19th Jun:** Combined Training (a new event for our Club!)
- Sun 20th Jun:** Show Jumping Show
- Sun 11th Jul:** Open Show
- Sun 15th Aug:** Fun Show
- Sun 5th Sep:** Hunter Trial
- Sun 26th Sep:** Hunter Trial
- Sun 10th Oct:** Eventers' Challenge



Chairman, Jim Lee's Diary (ha ha ha)

Dressage Rules

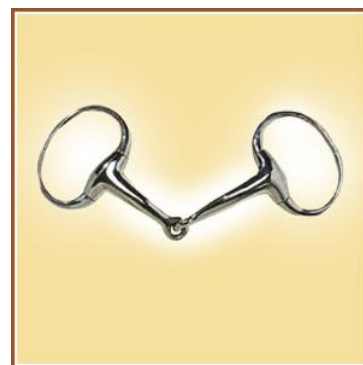
Of all the equestrian disciplines, Dressage probably has the most rules so here's a quick reminder of some of them. If in any doubt, details can be found on British Dressage's website for free!



A **new rule** for 2010 is that **Gloves** must be a light colour; there's always been the rule that you should wear gloves, but it's new to specify that they must be a light colour. Many of the tests require a 'give and retake' of the reins and therefore lighter gloves make this movement easier to observe and mark. However, all through your test, the judge wants to be able to see your hands! Particularly after Christmas you may not want to spend a fortune, so pick a pair of pimply ones at your local tack shop for about £2. They look smart, wash well (essential!) and have good grip!

For your horse or pony, a **Snaffle Bit** is essential; no other bits are allowed until you get to Elementary level where a Double Bridle maybe used. To further complicate things, your snaffle must fit one of the following configurations:

- ✓ Ordinary snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece
- ✓ Ordinary snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece (French Link)
- ✓ Ordinary snaffle with jointed mouthpiece with Lozenge
- ✓ Ordinary snaffle with jointed mouthpiece
- ✓ Racing snaffle (D ring)
- ✓ Egg-butt snaffle:
 - a) without cheeks
 - b) with cheeks
- ✓ Other type of snaffle with cheeks
- ✓ Snaffle with upper cheeks only
- ✓ Rubber, leather or plastic snaffle jointed or unjointed
- ✓ Unjointed snaffle
- ✓ Hanging cheek snaffle



Your **Bridle** must have a **Noseband**. Either a drop, flash or cavesson noseband must be used with a snaffle bridle. Drop nosebands and flash straps must lie in the chin groove. Grackle or Mexican nosebands are not permitted (except for Eventing). Nosebands must not cause discomfort.

Even when warming up, the equipment rules apply; except that your horse may wear boots and bandages, but not for the actual test. If you're unsure about any equipment, please check with the event organiser and you'll be fine!