



Braintree Riding Club

Newsletter No. 13

At this time of the year I would normally be writing an end of season report, wishing you all a good winter and say how much we are looking forward to the new season in 2010!!

This year, our end of year report is slightly different! Yes, we again have had a very successful season following our move to Bluegate Hall at Great Bardfield. Harvey and his team have made us very welcome.

During the year we have run our dressage shows, although not quite as many as in previous years, together with monthly show jumping shows. We once again held our annual show where we had over 100 horses competing. This year we were lucky enough to be sponsored by AM Safety Specialists Limited of Rayne, who very kindly ensured that each and every one of you who competed went home with a lovely blue and white starred rosette.

Linda ran her pleasure ride in September starting out from Bluegates and, although the ground was hard compared with last year when we were all sloshing around in liquid mud, it was well attended and everyone had a good time.

As usual, emphasis was made to members that they must keep their eyes on the Club's website, as this is where you find the very latest news and fixture list.

On 16 October we held the presentation of awards that are given annually to people either nominated by the Committee or for points awarded during the season.

The winners for 2009 were – Best Senior – June Hunt, Best Junior - Tasmin Doll, Most improved show jumper – Rebecca Coy, Most improved dressage horse – Chelsey Rowe, Most improved horse – Karen Barlow – Young.

The good news is that the Club is going to continue to run events through the winter months at our new winter venue, BlackBrook Stud in Great Horkelesley, Colchester. It may sound a long way from Braintree, but it's not, and it is a good journey from Braintree. The ground there is super. Just like riding on sand, so don't be put off if the events are not held on a surface. And the surroundings are beautiful.

Do please support the winter programme or we may lose the venue, and I don't want to sit around in case someone may turn up!!

Linda is taking a sabbatical for a few months (although if I get stuck and need help she will be there!). You deserve a well earned rest, so take the opportunity Linda! It may not be too long before I shout that I need some extra help!

If there are any members out there who would like to help at any event, stewarding, writing for our judges or whatever, please email me and let me know.

Have a good winter, hope to see you all soon.

Jacqui & Linda
Braintree Riding Club
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