



Isle of Man Dressage Group

NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Member

Welcome to the Isle of Man Dressage Group 2018 Newsletter - our aim is to keep you up to speed on this year's events, a resume of the 2018 Annual General Meeting and to touch base on a few other topics!

First things first..... massive CONGRATULATIONS to our 2017 award winners!!



Pictured above: Lucy Corlett (Junior Rider under 16), Vicki Hargreaves (Young Rider 16-25 yrs, Manx Bred and Preliminary Level), Helen Squires (Advanced Medium), Ivan Kelly - (Sheila Sabharwal Special Recognition), joint winner - Wendy Barham - (Veteran trophy).

Also receiving awards but unable to attend the presentation were - Susie Clague (Novice level), Claire Bagshaw (Elementary level) and Carla Moss (joint winner of the Veteran trophy with Wendy Barham).

Vicki Hargreaves (Preliminary level), Susie Clague (Novice level) and Claire Bagshaw (Elementary level) were also awarded percentage certificates.

We will continue to present percentage certificates at the Annual General Meeting - these are apportioned to the **three** Isle of Man Dressage Group events and the **two** Glebe events (when judged by an off-Island judge).

Members will have two opportunities at each of the above events - giving a total of ten tests to challenge themselves to obtain the percentages or above, at three different events - percentages to be obtained as follows:-

- 65% at Intro and Preliminary level.
- 63% at Novice and Elementary levels and;
- 60% at Medium and Advanced Medium levels.

This year we will include certificates for BD affiliated members too!☺

We will also be introducing an Intro Level trophy this year!

The Isle of Man Dressage Group will meet the costs for annual trophy engraving. Please take the trophies to: (The Manx Workshop for the Disabled, Old Noble's Hospital site, Ballakermeen Road, Douglas, IM1 4BR) and forward your receipt to our Treasurer, Maureen Callow for reimbursement. **Please be aware trophies will need to be returned by the first week in December 2018 - they can be passed to any Committee member.**

EVENTS IN 2018 - SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS (www.iomdressagegroup.co.uk):

- **Monday 7th May 2018** - (GGH Equitation Centre - unaffiliated + affiliated, Quest classes).
- **Saturday 7th July 2018** - (Kenna Equestrian Centre - unaffiliated + affiliated, Dressage Teams event, Quest and Freestyle classes).
- **Saturday 21st October 2018** - (Conrhenny Equestrian Centre - unaffiliated + affiliated, Quest and short arena Freestyle classes).

Members have asked why we are only holding three competitions during the year?

The reasoning behind this is that there is an equestrian event of some description on most weekends and increasingly, during weekdays. The IOMDG does not have its own dedicated venue and therefore has to diarise its events when venues are available to hire and to try not to overlap with other events. British Dressage will allow the Isle of Man as a whole, a maximum of twelve affiliated events - these are spread between the Isle of Man Dressage Group (three), Ballavartyn (three), the Glebe (two), Conrhenny (one) and Kenna Riding Club (three).

2018 MEMBERSHIP FEES

- £10.00 for riding members
- £5.00 for non-riding, parent guardian and junior members under 16 years of age.

2018 ENTRY FEES (FOR MAY AND JULY 2018 EVENTS)

- £8.00 for unaffiliated classes.
- £18.00 for affiliated classes.

2018 ENTRY FEES (EFFECTIVE FROM OCTOBER 2018)

- £11.00 for unaffiliated classes.
- £21.00 for affiliated classes.

ISLE OF MAN DRESSAGE GROUP - JUDGE TRAINING BURSARY

The Isle of Man Dressage Group are introducing a £400 bursary which can be applied for retrospectively to assist members with travel and accommodation expenses for attending off-Island judge training courses.

ISLE OF MAN SPORTS BURSARIES

Isle of Man Sports will also provide assistance with off-Island judge training and assistance with off-Island competition expenses, applied for retrospectively via the Isle of Man Horse Council. The Secretary of the Isle of Man Horse Council, Ms Rhona Bond can be contacted on 406299 to obtain the necessary paperwork.

CONSTITUTION

It was agreed at the 2018 AGM, that due to difficulty in enlisting Committee members due to other commitments, that the requirement to have 4-6 Committee members be reduced to 2-4 Committee members and the Constitution has been amended accordingly. The updated Constitution will shortly be uploaded on our website page.

At the 2016 Annual General Meeting, it was agreed that future Annual General Meetings would be announced via facebook and website pages rather than via a newspaper advertisement. However, if any members do not have access to facebook or website and are happy to furnish us with a contact number, so we can inform you in this way - just let us know.☺

TIM DOWNES' MARCH CLINIC DATES -

- 16th and 17th March 2018
- 15th and 16th April 2018
- 22nd and 23rd June 2018

Anyone wishing to have Tim lessons must be a paid up IOMDG member. If you would like to be included on the list please contact Mrs Gilbey on 498199.

Please note: A £5.00 fee is applicable to watch any Tim Downes' lessons (rider's groom/helper-exempt) and you must obtain the rider's permission to sit in and watch.☺

SANDRA EDWARDS' CLINIC DATES -

- 1st to 4th March 2018 (inclusive)

Sandra will be providing lessons, confident competitor and one to one development. Also, a social on the Thursday night "Come and Chat Dressage" - how do I start and what happens next... plus anything else dressage. Further details can be obtained from Jane Watney on 424205.

HOW TO JUDGE AND RIDE A TEST - SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2018

Our May 2018 judge will provide an informal talk on the (Sunday afternoon) prior to our event on Monday 7th May 2018. Further details will be available from our website/facebook page(s) shortly.

Further training sessions are also being progressed throughout the year and will be updated in our next newsletter.

Finally.... if you have any horsey news/tips etc., or any ideas of what you would like us to organise (within reason!☺) we will endeavour to do so - this is your Club so please come forward with your thoughts.

Have fun and best of luck for 2018!



Isle of Man Dressage Group Committee