

RIDING CLUB TEAMS – DID YOU KNOW

There are area competitions for all disciplines and the winners qualify for the Championships in that year. The Hunter Trials usually take place in October for the Championships in Northants the following May. The Dressage, Riding test and Show Jumping are locally in May / June for the Championships at Lincoln in September.

The Horse Trials are in May / June for the Championships in August at Offchurch, Warwickshire.

In February the Novice Indoor Show Jumping and Dressage is often at the Duchy College and Finals are at Hartbury College in April.

There are Novice teams for the less experienced and Intermediate and Open teams for those who are more confident and compete regularly at unaffiliated and affiliated events. Please make yourself known if you are interested.

I know those members who have been team members have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being part of a team with the support that comes from each other and the trainer. Even if you do not wish to be mounted please consider helping with training of a team, which also can be fun and rewarding.

Key dates for 2010

Indoor Dressage and

Showjumping Championship 10th – 11th April 2010 at Hartbury

Festival of the Hunter 5th -6th June 2010 at Aston-le-Walls, Warwickshire

Horse Trial Championship 6th-7th -8th August 2010 at Offchurch, Warwickshire

British Riding Clubs Championship 11th – 12th September 2010 at Lincoln

SHOW JUMPING TEAMS

There are two qualifiers held every year, the winter one being just Novice teams and the summer one for Novice, Intermediate and Open.

The heights are:

Novice	-	1 st round 80cm	2 nd round 85cm
Intermediate	-	1 st round 95cm	2 nd round 1m
Open	-	1 st round 1.10m	2 nd round 1.15m

The ultimate aim is for the teams to qualify for the Championships, but above all we want people to have fun and enjoy being on the teams. It's a great way to make new friends, and jump well built courses at different venues

If anyone is interested in being on a team for 2010, please either speak to me at the AGM or contact me on 07890 968231.

Don't worry if you haven't been on a team before, several of the members of teams this year hadn't and not only did well, but also enjoyed it.

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