

Dressage at Hickstead

NEWSLETTER

Incorporating Friends of Dressage at Hickstead

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Reflections on a Wet CDIO

Looking back it is strange to think that we should ever have approached the two summer shows taking it for granted that the weather was the one thing, on the basis of the previous years, that should have given us little or no trouble. It just shows how complacent the human being can become in the face of an easy ride.

On the evening of Thursday 19 July we were contemplating the end of a fresh summer's day, having enjoyed some good sun and moderate breezes. The effect of the rains of late June were fading and the ground was beginning to dry out. All looked reasonable for outdoor sports after the boggy mud of June.

Early on Friday morning the rain sounded a first opening salvo, with machine gun clatter on the roof. Where I was, at Bisley some 40 miles away, by 8am it was impossible to see across the open rifle ranges as the stair-rods persisted. By mid-day there was a lake some 600 yards square on the normally quick draining sands of Century range, with folks paddling and one or two intrepid canoers.

At Hickstead the torrents were filling the arenas and the first imaginings of the potential effect on the coming week's CDIO programme were dawning. As the next two days passed reports were arriving that some of the Judges would be marooned in the Gloucester area for a while, trapped by the floods that paralyzed the area. The question at the weekend was not how much of the Hickstead programme could be salvaged, but whether anything could go ahead at all.

It was against this wet background that some swift decisions had to be made. It was imperative that the ground was given as much time as possible to dry out for the sake of the car and lorry parking alone.

The Dressage Masters finals on the Monday and Tuesday of the July show were, inevitably, a casualty. The team spent much time on the phone contacting everyone involved. With some good fortune and a drying wind plus a healthy dollop of good old British fortitude, Dane and his

team were able to complete the set-up of the arena, tradestands and public areas through sheer hard

work in some very difficult conditions.

So, in a nutshell, every spectator who attended later that week owes them a hearty vote of thanks.

Come the day, the international arena looked magnificent in its new lay-out and fully dressed state. Reports from those who were lucky enough to spend time in the Hospitality and Prix St Georges suites were complimentary about the revised facilities.

Dane and the organising team have asked us to thank everyone for their understanding of any short-comings that there may have been as a result of the weather. The lorry park was a quagmire but they dragged 'em all in and they dragged 'em all out. Since the end of the show some essential ground-works have been done in that area to make the entrance firmer and wider.

CDIO Results

The full results of the show can be viewed on the dressage at Hickstead website. Go on to www.dressageathickstead.com and click on results in the left hand column, then use the central scroll bar to track through through the results until you come to Hickstead CHIO & Dressage Masters Championships.

Click on that and take your pick.

Dressage Masters' Results

The Dressage Masters finals were re-arranged to take place on 4 & 5 August. We have set out a summary of the Dressage at Hickstead champions and reserves later in this edition, but they too can be viewed in full on the website.

Preliminary Dates for 2008

Preliminary dates for the affiliated and unaffiliated series in 2008 are listed below. At this early stage we have to give the usual warning that there may be changes. The DatH website will carry news of any changes as and when they are made.

Copies of the affiliated and unaffiliated schedules will be available from the DatH office in due course. Please ensure that you have sent a stamped addressed envelope marked 2008 Unaffiliated "Schedule" (C5 size preferred) to the office should you wish to receive a copy.

Dressage at Hickstead Champions for 2007

Championship Class	Champion	Reserve
Dressage Masters League Finals - 4 & 5 August		
Junior	Melissa Beer Celestial King (63.75)	
Pony	Gemma Read Pretty Woman 3 (65.92%)	Emma Jenkinson PSE Bon Jovi (64.61%)
Novice	Charlotte Charnick Tallents Quest (69.29%)	Mark Ruddock Showmeister (68.93%)
Elementary	Sharon Edwards Del'asti (67.97%/110)	Dorothy Taylor Floriston (67.97%/108)
Medium	Charlotte Dujardin Fernandez (72.43%)	Caroline Adby Absolute Taboo (67.97%)
Advanced Medium	Charlotte Dujardin Fernandez (69.74%)	Daniel Timson Edelstein
Small Tour PSG	Nikki Crisp Pasoa (70.33%)	Linda Hoad Parac (66.50%)
Small Tour Int I FSM	Nikki Crisp Pasoa (71.38%)	Linda Hoad Parac (67.88%)
Int II	Lizzie Murray Madonna (68.54)	Sarah-Jane Emslie Masterplan (66.22%)
Large Tour Int II	Carole Parsons Giddy (70.75%)	
Large Tour GPB	Carole Parsons Giddy (67.22%)	Ruth Gibson Ferrari (52.08%)
Dressage at Hickstead Unaffiliated Finals		
Prelim	Claire Randall Viquino (71.46%)	Amanda Fenton Alex (69.79%)
Novice	Sarah-Jane Cox I Should Co-Co II (67.26%)	Claire Randall Viquino (66.13%)
Elementary	Jenny Watson Spirella (70.52%)	Ricardo Prado Novaes Tia (70.17%)
Medium	Amanda Francis Phoenix USA (66.38%)	Samantha Buckley Mr Flashman (64.29)
Adv Medium	Lissy Baldwin Foxham Bella (66.06%)	Janice Green Easter Mistral (62.58)

Congratulations and thanks to all our winners, to everyone else who took part, and to all those who supported the competitors.

Friends' Membership Renewal for 2008

The membership form for 2008 is set out on the back page of this newsletter. Either tear it off or photo-copy it, fill it in and return it. If you have received this by email, print out the back page and do likewise. The year will be something of a milestone for us, it being the tenth year that we have run Friends. In that time the membership has steadily risen from around the 100 mark up to the current level just below 200. Of course we had a bumper year in 2003 when we benefited from the interest in the European Dressage Championships. We have a hard core of Friends who renew year after year, but it is interesting and gratifying to discover new names each year to replace those who fall by the wayside – if that is what those that disappear do.

Should you find anyone struggling upon their backs in the ditch at the wayside, like an upturned tortoise, hoist them to their feet and point them back in this direction!

Dressage at Hickstead 2008 Schedule of Shows (Provisional)

Unaffiliated	Affiliated Dressage Masters' League
Wed 16 April	
	Sun 20 April
	Thurs 1 May
Sat 3 May	
	Fri 16 May
Sun 18 May	
Sat 31 May - Sun 1 June SE Championships	
	Sun 8 June
Wed 11 June	
	Thurs 26 - Sat 28 June Premier League 28 June Dressage Masters' Semi-Finals
Wed 9 July	
	Mon 21 - Wed 23 July Dressage Masters' Finals Thurs 24 - Sun 27 July CHIO International
Sat 16 August Includes SE Side-Saddle Championships	
Wed 27 August	
	Sat 30 August
Sat 6 September DatH Championships	
Sun 14 September	

Our Sponsors

As always, Dressage at Hickstead owes a debt of gratitude to all the sponsors. To put on any of the shows costs money: sponsorship, whether by way of financial support or through the provision of prizes, is an essential contribution to the process for which DatH and the prize-winners are always grateful.

Dane and the Hickstead Team enjoy working with all the sponsors and offer them their thanks through these columns. We also hope that sponsors benefit from their contact with the participants and the spectators at each of the shows.. We hope that we will see them all again next year in a continuation of the part-

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Friends of Dressage at Hickstead

What you get for your membership:

- three newsletters per year (roughly February/March, June and November) notifying items of interest and keeping you up-to-date with progress towards the National and International Dressage at Hickstead shows
- car parking and dressage show-ground access at the national show in June
- car parking, dressage show-ground and dressage grandstand access at the international show in July
- advance notification of the draft programme for the international show
- options to purchase additional Friends' memberships at beneficial prices for your use, or family use, or as gifts for

others

- if you are an active competitor or owner, reductions on entry fees for the Dressage at Hickstead Unaffiliated events during the 2008 season.

All this is for the basic subscription of £40 per membership (discounts for multiple memberships purchased at the same time – see application form below).

Stuck for a Christmas Present Idea?

Why not give someone a Friends' membership for 2008 as a Christmas Present? Simply include their name and address on your renewal form or send us a completed membership form in their name with the appropriate payment, and we will send you a certificate in their name for you to give to them at Christmas. Mark it clearly "Christmas Present" and we will give it special attention. We will then put them onto the mailing list and send them a membership card and newsletters. What could be simpler? Act now: remember that the Christmas post does tend to take that little bit longer.

Contact Points

Dressage at Hickstead Office (all entries, queries etc for unaffiliated and affiliated shows)
Secretary, Dressage at Hickstead, Bolney Park Farm, Broxmead Lane, Bolney, West Sussex, RH17 5JR.
Tel: 01444-882150 & fax 01444-882151

Friends of Dressage at Hickstead

Friends of Dressage at Hickstead, Yew Tree Stud Farm, Harbolets Road, West Chiltington, West Sussex, RH20 2LG.
Tel/fax: 01798-813159. Email <guv.bastille@ntlworld.com>



Friends of Dressage at Hickstead - 2008
Membership Application/Renewal

Fore-name	I wish to pay by VISA / MASTERCARD (not Switch)
Surname	to Dressage at Hickstead
Address	Card No
.....	Expiry date:
.....	Please debit my card with the sum of £.....
.....Post code	Name on card:.....
Tel. Fax.	Cardholder's signature:
Email:	Please write your email address clearly showing all stops, underscores etc.

Or, I enclose my cheque for £..... Signature

Please make cheques payable to "Dressage at Hickstead".

Please send my Friends' Membership for 2008 (circle):

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| "Friend" (£40.00) | "Friend" & Partner or 2nd Friend (£75.00) | Family (£120.00*) |
| | (each additional "Friend" £35.00) | (2 adults + 2 children under 16) |

Please list the names of all those covered by Friend & Partner or 2nd Friend, or family membership:
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Complete and return this form by 31 March 2008 to: Friends of Dressage at Hickstead, Yew Tree Stud Farm, Harbolets Road, West Chiltington, West Sussex, RH20 2LG.

[I understand that 2008 membership of Friends entitles me to access to such facilities as may be provided by the Dressage at Hickstead organisers for Friends at the Hickstead Dressage arenas at the two principal summer shows only, as advised through the Friends' newsletter. I also understand that Friends must produce their membership card when asked to do so by any official of Dressage at Hickstead. Friends of Dressage at Hickstead is run by volunteers on behalf of Dressage at Hickstead.]