



Ayr Riding Club – 2016 BRC Competition report

2016 was a busy year for Ayr Riding Club for riding club teams.

February 2016

The Intermediate Dressage Qualifier took place at Rockrose Equestrian on Sunday 6th March 2016. Well done to our dressage team of Thelma Cowan, Margaret Montgomery, Vicki Hamilton and Elizabeth Laurie for braving the elements on the day as it was snowing when Julie and Isabel arrived at the venue and the temperature never got much above freezing. This was a long day with poor Vicki not riding till after 6pm. Our team was not placed, however Thelma was placed 6th in both her warm up test and team test (elementary).

July 2016

The organisation of the summer qualifiers took place shortly after this which took place at Morris Equestrian Centre on the 9th and 10th July. We managed to fit in some team training prior to the dressage qualifiers under the expert eyes of Lady Fergusson and Angela Mulhearn. Those in the jumping teams were encouraged to attend the Aileen Craig lessons. We had 5 dressage teams and 4 jumping teams entered. This was a very successful weekend for the Club with one of our novice dressage team, "Ayr's Above the Ground", consisting of Eleanor Pottinger, Julie Hanna, Sharon Urquhart and Catherine Lorimer winning the competition and qualifying for the National Championships at Lincoln. Eleanor and Julie also won the pairs competition. The open dressage teams were placed 4th and 6th. There were lots of good individual placings too. Most of all it was great to see so many members representing the club and having a fun day.

The showjumping day was another success for Ayr Riding Club. In the Style Jumping Team "Ayr Elegance" consisting of Caroline Vance, Fiona Drummond, Sarah Inglis and Valerie Sneddon won the competition and Elizabeth won the Style Jumping 85cm as an individual. The novice show jumping team "Ayr O'Nautics" consisting of Caroline Vance, Stephen MacGregor, Sharon Urquhart and Lorna Wright came 5th and Caroline was 4th individually. One of our intermediate teams "Ayr Elevators" consisting of Vicky Murdoch, Valerie Sneddon and Elizabeth Laurie won the competition.

Thanks to all our members for helping out on showjumping day as this was organised and ran by Ayr Riding Club.

September 2016

The National Championships took place at Lincoln on the 10th and 11th September. Unfortunately a few of our qualifying team members were unable to attend so we had the novice dressage team, pairs dressage and Valerie rode as an individual for the style jumping. Lincoln is another story in itself, however Ayr Riding Club had more success – 8th out of 25 teams in the novice dressage with Sharon 2nd in her arena and Julie 3rd in her arena and Eleanor and Julie came 6th in the pairs. Valerie rode a fantastic round in the style jumping. The weather conditions were horrendous.

October 2016

The winter novice dressage qualifiers took place at SNEC on the 9th October. The team consisted of Isabel Forsyth, Amy Gould, Valerie Sneddon and Julie Hanna. The team was not placed, however it was a great fun team day out.



Gail Smith provided excellent team training prior to Lincoln and the winter dressage qualifiers which was very beneficial.