



Elstead Riding Club



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Secretary's Report

The Club has had another very busy year.

At the end of the year the Club had 134 riding and 9 non-riding senior members and 65 junior members – a total of 208 members which is an increase of 10 from 2008.

Open events included three show jumping, one jump cross, six dressage, the spring and autumn shows plus three fun shows including the charity show which this year raised £500 for World Horse Welfare.

With the exception of the Fun Show on the first May Bank Holiday which made a record amount, entries to most open shows were a little disappointing in comparison with previous years.

As well as the open events, there were two members only evening dressage events plus several clear round jumping sessions. Regular instruction with Brian Hutton and Tracey Lawson continued throughout the year as well as three sessions of instruction with Lesley Hill. These included a 'have a go' training day which we were able to provide at low cost thanks to a donation from the Area Training Grant. On the social side there was a quiz last January and a Summer BBQ.

Elstead's teams have continued to do well. Congratulations to everyone who has represented the club during the year – a total of 55 members (41 seniors and 14 juniors) and thank you all for being such a great crowd to be at team events with.

Special congratulations to our junior pairs champions:

First Freya Lawes and Scarlett Flourenzo won the Junior Pairs Eventers Challenge at the Festival of the Hunter at the beginning of June, and then at the National Championships in Lincoln in September, Holly Stuart and Emma Harridge won the Junior Pairs Dressage Championships.

Elstead has retained both the Foss Trophy for the Club in Area 11 with the most points in teams and the Natasha Trophy awarded to the most successful club at the LSE Championships. British Riding Clubs has produced a league of how clubs do at national championships and we are pleased to report that Elstead came a very creditable 23rd out of 216 clubs that qualified for national championships.

Finally thank you to everyone who has helped at events, with tidying up the club field and also at team events – without you support we cannot run the club.