



TREC South West Newsletter November 2009

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The Chairman's Message

Unfortunately, I start this newsletter with some very sad news. Heather Lucas, chairman of the Mercia TREC Group passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly last week. For those of you who knew Heather she was a great ambassador for the sport and had a wealth of knowledge that will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

On a much brighter note this newsletter brings you our exciting winter program and also some early dates for next year so that you can mark them in your diary and have something to look forward to as we head in to the dark and muddy months ahead.

As our 2008/2009 season draws to an end I must remind you that our AGM is on Friday 13th November at the Haldon Diner, just off the A38 at Exeter (Plymouth-bound). Please come and join us and let us know your thoughts and ideas for next year. We will also be holding a table top sale and although there will not be a quiz like last year – you will be asked “to do” something! It's not hard but should be fun. It is also the ideal time to renew your membership and come and join the committee.

What's Happened

Charity Trec at Dittisham.

For those riders that did make the journey to the South Hams the weather was totally fantastic. The POR route was stunning as it made its way along the Dart estuary and over the rolling countryside.

It was really good to see some new faces, and despite some hiccups during the day I think that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our very grateful thanks go to Mr and Mrs Wotton who allowed us use of their field for parking and PTV. They have also generously said that if anyone would like to ride the route in the future they are

happy to provide parking. Please contact Julie for details.

The winners of the event were:
Level 1 Pairs Jade Brooks and Sophie Walke
Level 1 Ind. Vicky Clink
Level 2 Pairs Gerry and Yolande Eldridge
Level 2 Ind. Rebecca Harris

Full results can be seen on the website.
The day raised £250 for the Devon Air Amulance.



Val and Jenny “IN” the map room



Jacqui and Anne at the finish



Rebecca Harris on the POR



Fiona and Karen on the POR – with dogs!

TREC Dates for Your Diary.

November 13th - AGM We will once again be using the Haldon Forest Diner just off the A38 (southbound) meeting to start at 8pm.

Once again the diner is staying open especially for us. If you would like to eat before the meeting please let Julie Joseph know by Monday 9th November. Please bring your own alcohol if you require any – soft drinks are available to purchase There will be a table top sale (10% of takings going to the club) Please bring anything you would like to sell, preferably horsey, clearly marked with who you are and how much you would like for the item.

There will also be an opportunity for you to use your grey matter – in a team - for a fun “competition” I can’t say more now or I would give the game away. This is your opportunity to come and have a say on how the club is run an even get on the committee.

Winter Indoor Dates :

November 15th – Cheston Equestrian Centre, South Brent this competition will include a training POR ride on Dartmoor. Due to the cost of hiring both indoor and outdoor schools – and also not knowing if the outdoor school will be completed by November there will be limited warming up facilities. We will try and ensure that all your classes run together. This will mean that you will have plenty of time for the POR.

Jan 10th – Duchy College, Stoke Climsland

Feb 14th – Bicton college, East Budleigh

Also includes a POR ride on Woodbury Common.

Mar 13th – Cholwell Equestrian Centre, Lewdown. Please note change of date

We are still waiting conformation from the Cornwall TREC Group that they would like to join us again in the South West Mini league.

There dates are

Dec 5th at Polean, Polynt nr Looe

Jan 17th Chiverton, Truro

Feb 21st Lakefield, Camelford

Full details www.cornwalltrecgroup.com

There will be 3 awards in the mini league series; Open, Newcomer and Speed class with champion and reserve champion rosettes being awarded in each section. There is no additional entry fee but you must compete at least three different venues plus help for ½ day over the winter. You can get someone else to do your helping for you – just be sure to let us know.

Maggie Robertson has kindly agreed to give £25 BHS voucher to the winner of the Newcomer class.

TSW DATES FOR 2010

April 11th. Affiliated POR only Competition at Treborough Common, Exmoor. Schedule on website very soon! L1, 2 and 3 Ind and pairs – the ideal warm up to the season.

May 29th-31st Championship Qualifier competition – Over Stowey, Quantocks

All levels – overnight social – lots of fun!