

Epping Forest Dressage Group
Report 24th & 25th February 2007

The club had a busy weekend with an Inger Bryant Clinic running on Saturday and the final Club winter qualifier and open show on the Sunday.

Inger Bryant was, as always, informative and intuitive, with her deep seated knowledge and appreciation of the horse she helps you understand why he is going in a certain way and gives you the key to improving the performance. As a first time judge, Inger is happy to teach at any level and always imparts plenty of practical tips to remember too.

We had the pleasure of the indoor facilities at Woodlands for the Clinic using the excellent new surface, however, on the Sunday both the Indoor and outdoor arenas were in use and the weather was not very kind. Some Competitors were luckier than others and we all felt for those trying to compete in a deluge of water!

It was a very successful show for our young horses with five qualifying for the young horse championships in the Prelim 18 class alone. The standard was high throughout the show and this was reflected in the scores achieved.

The Music class had a family entry with Rachel Roberts and her Daughter Natalie, the music was entertaining and again the standard was high, we are one of the few clubs to run music classes at unaffiliated and affiliated shows, the class is always popular with spectators and interest has been shown in having a music clinic – watch this space!

The club will hold two affiliated shows in March on Wed the 14th and Sun 25th then the final show of the winter series will be the Winter Championship held on Sunday 15th April at Woodlands. For those Members who have qualified for the Equestrian Monthly championship as well they will have another championship to go to at UnexTowerlands on the 10th June. Our thanks to Equestrian Monthly for their support.

Well done to all our qualifying Competitors and our grateful thanks as always to Mrs Jenner and Val for the excellent facilities at our show venue, Woodlands. Thanks also to Susan Young for the fantastic photos and for helping the novice sound technicians set up the music equipment!

Heather Lonsdale

