

## **Brechin Castle Equestrian Update**

Firstly, apologies (senior moment!), and many thanks to the eagle eyes, who spotted the mistake in the last update. The David Gatherer Clinic is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April – not 24<sup>th</sup> March!

Well the cross country course is slowly drying out at BCE but not quickly enough for our liking! The course will now be closed until after the ODE on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April. However we are able to use parts of the Showfield and plan to have our first event, a Natural Fences Competition this Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. The competition will start at 11am with heights 1ft9 -2ft9, enter on the field. In case of bad weather, please check the website or text me for cancellation, before you set out.

As a preparation for the Working Hunter Competitions at our Spring Show on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, we are running a W/H training day with Fiona Hirst on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This is in place of the JumpCross competition which had to be cancelled due to the ground conditions. Entry forms for this can be downloaded from our website shown at the end of this update.

**The BCE Spring Show schedule** is now on the BCE web site (in Calendar of Events - May) and we will be posting out schedules to all the competitors who pre - entered last year's show. If you would like a copy sent out to you by post, please contact me, details below. I've attached a copy of the schedule to this email for your reference.

We are launching **The Brechin Castle Equestrian Members Club**, which gives members the benefit of discounted entries to Unaffiliated Dressage, Showjumping and Natural Fences Competitions. The Spring Show entries, JumpCross Training and Facilities hire will also be cheaper for Members. Members may also hire the Showfield stables during any of our events at a reduced rate. Members will also get a complimentary cup of tea/ coffee and a roll on the Spring Show day before 9.30am! Membership cards will be numbered and the Member who gets lucky no. 25 will receive 1 free entry into an Unaffiliated Dressage, Showjumping or Natural Fences Competition plus a chocolate Easter Egg! All details are on the attached entry form.

Regards

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