

Sandringham Club Event & NQ - 27-28 June

*by kind invitation of Her Majesty the Queen
The Sandringham Estate, Sandringham, Norfolk, PE35 6EN*

This year our club event at Sandringham includes novice qualifier classes and it takes place over the weekend of the national competition.

This event is a useful stepping stone for any driver with aspirations to "go national" one day and all our competitors enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the club stable field. We use our own dressage arenas, cones course and six of the national obstacles (so you can compare your times). Because the national competitors drive the obstacles on Saturday, club competitors may come and walk the obstacles from Thursday but may not bring horses on site until Friday. Catering is available on-site, near the main (national) dressage arena. We are planning a Saturday evening get-together for club competitors, our officials and volunteers.

It's a good idea to steward or groom at this event before having a go yourself because the obstacles are very long and difficult to remember and the marathon loops between the obstacles are rough and tiring for the horses. Everyone is welcome to come and help in any capacity or to join the spectators, of course.

Electric fencing is allowed in our stable field: please use it with consideration for others. Kindly take all your domestic rubbish away with you to keep our costs down: bin bags can be provided. The Estate is very particular about the condition of the ground, so please leave your stable area immaculate and clear all horse waste and bedding before you leave – even the last heap of droppings, please!

If you wish to park in the national stable area, you must pay a surcharge to the organisers of the national event. National competitors are welcome to park in the club area provided they book in advance and there is space.

Competition A: Dressage - Saturday

Pre-novice, novices – arena 80 x 40m; open classes – 100 x 40m

Pre-novice: BHDTA dressage test pre-novice (2008)

Novice and small pony: BHDTA dressage test novice (2008)

Open singles classes: **BHDTA 1a (2009)** (or BHDTA Novice (2008), FEI 7a (2007) or FEI 9 (2008))*

Open tandems: BHDTA 1a (2009)

Open pony/horse pairs: **BHDTA 1a (2009)** (or FEI test 10/8b)*

Open horse four-in-hands: FEI test 8a

Open pony four-in-hands: FEI test 10

*Pre-novice and novice classes have standing presentation judging before their dressage. *Please indicate clearly on your entry form which dressage test you wish to use otherwise 1a is presumed.*

Competition C: Cones obstacles - Saturday

All classes will drive the same cones course of up to 20 cones obstacles, times adjusted according to the recommended speed for each class. Please go to the cones course immediately after your dressage.

Competition B: Marathon - Sunday

Three sections, maximum 15kms with 6 obstacles, including water.

Closing date: Wednesday, 16 June.

Entry fees, all classes: £75 (EACDG and MDTG members); £99 (non-members) Enter online or by post to Mike Watts, Ivy Cottage, Boot Street, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6PB. Cheques payable to **EACDG Ltd**