

## **Team GBR Non-Olympic News June - December 2008**

### **Teams announced for Junior World Trophy Austria 2008**

2008-08-01

From a starting point of 23 children who came forward for the selection process, 8 have now been chosen to represent England and 5 for Wales at the Junior World Trophy, Austria 2008.

British Young Drivers and the BHDTA between them, held 4 training and selection events where the children were taught new skills, were able to practice techniques and try out the unique marathon format of the competition. Team Trainer, Anna Grayston (former National pony 4's champion) said, "I am really impressed with the schooling the children have put in between training clinics and the improvements they have all made in the last few months."

#### English Team

Class 6 (17-18 years) Mark Bell, Rosanna Walter- Symons and Frank Campbell (Harriet Bradford- non travelling reserve)

Class 5 (15-16 years) Charlotte Snow, Katie Bell and James Gambs (Amber O'Neil non travelling reserve)

Class 4 (13-14 years) Clare Campbell and Michael Hodgson

#### Welsh Team

Class 6 (17-18 years) Emily Ham and Alice Pritchard

Class 4 (13 -14 years) Alice Stables

Class 3 ( 11 – 12 years) Fleur Snow

Class 2 ( 9-10 years) Jay Snow

Two of the selected drivers, Frank Campbell and Rosana Walter-Symons are currently part of the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS), a scheme they joined through the British Equestrian Federation and were the first TASS awards to be allocated to a non-Olympic Equestrian discipline. TASS is a Government funded multi-million pound scheme with the overall aim of assisting Britain's most talented young athletes who wish to optimise the effectiveness of their sport and academic programmes.

Chef d'Equipe, Sara Howe (International Individual Bronze Medallist, Pony Singles 2007), is working hard to finalise the travel arrangements for all the competitors. Sara commented, "Team members come from all over the country so it is thank heavens for e-mail, and also big thank yous to our feed sponsor Baileys and equipment sponsors Charles Owen and MacWet. The show ground at Stadl Pura, Austria opens on Monday 21 July and competition starts on Thursday 24 for 4 days. The young drivers are very excited and it is a huge honour for them to represent their country."

Caroline Douglas was the third member of the selection team and has assisted with the training and Sydney Smith has been a terrific source of advice.

Young drivers have been fundraising since November 2007, Frank Campbell (British Young Drivers committee member) said, "We would like to thank everyone who has helped us raise funds and given their time to the project, we are very grateful for all the support we have received. The HDT Development Trust has also awarded the team £1000 which we are very pleased about."

More details of the competition can be found at [www.jwt08.com](http://www.jwt08.com) Any further offers of sponsorship will be welcomed, for more information please contact [campbells@ramsland.plus.com](mailto:campbells@ramsland.plus.com)

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### **Joanne Eccles finishes 5th at FEI World Vaulting Championships 2008-08-08**

British vaulter Joanne Eccles finished a well earned 5th place in the senior individual female final at the FEI World Vaulting Championships in the Czech Republic and was one of the youngest riders in the competition.

Joanne, 19, from Tillicoultry in Scotland, and her father John's WH Bentley, scored 8.173, putting her behind Nicola Stroh of Germany, in first, Sissi Jarz of Austria, Anja Barwig, also of Germany, and Swiss rider Marion Graf.

Her sister Hannah, 16, finished 8th in the junior class and the senior and junior teams came 10th and 5th respectively.

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### **Fourth in the World for 'Best British Reining Team Ever' 2008-09-17**

Celebrations in the British camp ran long into the night at Italy's Manerbio facility after Team GB came fourth in the world at the FEI World Reining Championships.

16 nations, including defending champions USA, battled it out for the prestigious FEI medals in the first ever dedicated World Reining Championships event outside of the World Equestrian Games (WEG).

Reining is sometimes compared to advanced dressage at high speed. The Championship competition comprised a dramatic 'run-in' pattern with riders entering at the gallop down the centre of the 80 metre main arena before sliding some 15 to 25 feet to a stop. Team GB's riders David Deptford, Tammy Greaves, one of the youngest competitors in the event at just

20 years, Francesca Sternberg and Doug Allen carded great scores just failing to win the team bronze by a wafer slim margin.

Doug Allen, last to go for Team GBR, rose to the occasion and delivered a career best score of 223 riding palomino Quarter Horse stallion Jac Little Sunrise, almost enough to win us a podium position.

The success of the British team echoed the thoughts of Andrew Finding, Chief Executive of the British Equestrian Federation, who only last week on hearing of Doug and Francesca's gold medals at the recent AQHA European Championships, commented: "It is essential that British Reining and its international riders target achieving similar successes in other FEI sponsored events. I look forward to hearing positive results from Italy. In working together we must ensure that our reining athletes are competitive to medal level as they prepare for the World Equestrian Games in 2010."

Chef d'Equipe Adam Heaton was thrilled with the result "I have spent the past weeks working with four of Great Britain's best reiners. As a result of yesterday's success we are now firmly established on the global map reining wise - we were beating the Germans for most of the competition, we beat the Belgians, we beat the Swiss, we beat Canada, we beat France and we beat the Netherlands. Hell, Doug beat all the Americans!

This week our team, in the words of the German Chef d'Equipe, was 'the best British team ever' and I won't argue with that."

For more visit [www.britishreining.co.uk](http://www.britishreining.co.uk)

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### **Endurance GB Young Riders finish fourth at European Championships 2008-09-30**

The Endurance GB Young Riders Team have achieved 4th in the European Team Endurance Championship. 5 riders represented their country and four completed successfully.

This was a definitive team effort - Chefs from other European Nations were heard to say that 'this course should be a 6\* not a 4\* Championship'!!

Our horses had a very good start with Skye Horse Transports careful transportation of the Team. The course was a true test of fitness, concentration and good horse management, all three of which had to be achieved to complete this very tough mountainous course which was also very rough underfoot .. Chris Pell (Team Farrier) an essential member of the Squad Management Team has a bag of shredded pads to show why 'padding up' for these competitions is so important. It was very impressive watching our riders out on course riding carefully and sensibly, following their ride plan and supported throughout the day by the dedication, support and cheerfulness of their crews.

Derek Grantham's input to this competition was extremely generous and contributed hugely to the horses well-being and ability to compete satisfactorily at this level. Derek's practice facilitated at least two of his Veterinary Team to be in Oviedo throughout the two week stay in Oviedo.

Gavin Schofield's, (Equine Postural therapist) input enabling the horses to use themselves optimally even when muscles were tiring was another crucial ingredient in their success.

Rosemary Attfield (Chef) is to be congratulated as she has done excellent research for this competition and gave the riders a clear understanding of how they could be successful. She has worked tirelessly over the last eighteen months to prepare riders and horses and organize the whole trip. All of the work she and the riders have done during the year and their willingness to work as a team produced a much improved result.

Congratulations to the team - Kay Counter on Cheeky Charlie, Carri-Anne Dark on Elmstead's Poloistique, Beth Langley on HS Ametista, Sarah Rogerson on Gryphon and Abbi Tennant on Chador. Sadly Sarah and Gryphon did not complete but both she and her family were tireless supporters of the others for the rest of the competition. Congratulations to the crews and thanks to all those who gave up their time to support the Team.

This is the best result the Young Riders have had in a Major Championship for some years (they were fifth of the European Nations in the last World Championship) particularly as they were very close to challenging for medals this time out. We are determined to improve on this performance in the World Championships next year in Hungary.

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### **Joanne Eccles receives invite for CVI\*\* Paris 2008-11-27**

Top international British Vaulteer, Joanne Eccles has been invited to CVI\*\* in Paris on the 6-7th December 2008. The event is invite only from the French Equestrian Federation.

Joanne has had a very successful year - winning 2 CVI\*\* (Leipzig in Germany & Ermelo in Holland) followed by 5th at the World Championships in Brno, culminating in 5th on the World Rankings and been unbeaten in the UK.

The competition is the French equivalent of Olympia and this is the first time an international vaulting competition has appeared on the programme.

To follow the action see:

<http://www.salon-cheval.com>

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### **Eccles sisters produce a 1st and 5th in Individual female class in Paris 2008-12-08**

Joanne Eccles (19) has won the CVI\*\* in Paris held at the 'Salon de Cheval Show' at Porte de Versailles, Paris.

She produced two foot perfect freestyle rounds, lunged by her father and trainer John Eccles, vaulting on her fathers 'WH Bentley'.

Hannah Eccles (16) received a late invite and also competed on WH Bentley, lunged by John Eccles and finished 5th.

Both girls were really pleased with their performances, and this marks an end to the 2008 vaulting calendar.