

# SOUTHERN REGION



## Senior Teams

The Southern region are extremely excited and proud to announce that **Vicki Thompson-Winfield** Olympic dressage rider, trainer and 16 times National Champion will be the Southern Team trainer for 2011.

Team Southern have gone from strength to strength over the past three years with podium places in the last two. In fact the Southern team was only one point away from two teams on the podium at the Home International in 2010. We are determined that in 2011 the sky will be the limit

We have a number of really fantastic training opportunities for those wishing to come forward for selection all designed for every level of rider our sole aim and purpose will be the ongoing development of horse & rider



Please find attached the general selection policy and in addition as follows is the training specific to the Southern Region

## Team Selection

As you will have seen in the magazine we have three dates set aside for selection. These dates are **5<sup>th</sup> March and the 9<sup>th</sup> April** all will take place at Olden Craig Equestrian Centre from **2pm**. We are prepared to set on another date in early March if required. As previously mentioned the format will be that you will not be required to ride a test rather ride movements from the level you wish to compete at. Competition clothing is not required. You are required to bring at least two recent test sheets with you and be prepared to leave them us also if you haven't already done so please complete team application form (attached)

Previous team members do not have to attend these sessions however they do count towards your minimum selection criteria.

Selection will be based primarily on results and your ability to work as part of the team as well as attendance at three British Dressage training sessions. The selection team will be Vicki Thompson-Winfield, Mary-anne Horn, Emma McGurk and Sharon Walker. The cost will be the same as last year, £25 per person cheques payable to British Dressage.

## Training Days & Group Sessions

We have organised two types of training. One will take place every Sunday afternoon and will be a focused specific official training session from 2pm onwards the cost of this will be £45 per rider all senior riders will be invited to come to the training sessions with Vicki.

The second type of session will be a more general type of free schooling. You will ride as a group; the arenas will be open to senior riders from 4pm to 7pm on Wednesday evenings you choose your time to ride however you **must book** by contacting Emma McGurk or Sharon Walker. Vicki will be around and able to assist if necessary, each week you will ride in a different arena to enable your horse to take into account those things that may perhaps be a challenge to him or her for example flags, music and flowers! The cost of this will be just £10 per person. In addition Johann Hinnemann is a regular visitor to Oldencraig & trains Vicki who has said that she would be more than happy for groups to come and observe.

These training dates will commence in March, exact dates will be announced at selection.

We know that we in the Southern region are very proud to wear team clothing so we are very excited to announce that we are working on a fabulous new range of clothing for this season and will have examples for you to see soon - all at reasonable prices!



**We really hope that as many of you as possible come forward to be part of the amazing team that is Southern!**

