

EGCC NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS REPORT....

Firstly, may I say that I hope all members are well and coping with being in lockdown. This has been a very trying time for everyone with all of the restrictions that have been implemented... Which might I add are fully understandable, and entirely necessary.

Our committee would like to express that we have been really concerned about the welfare of you all, we understand that some of you may have lost your jobs, some may have lost their businesses or been severely affected by the Covid-19 restrictions. This is why we have decided (as per our Facebook and website posts), to offer free memberships for all existing members from 01/03/2020 to 01/03/2021 and any lapsed membership from 01/12/2020.

To those that have paid their memberships; in time, *you will be refunded*, but we ask you to please be patient as the process can be quite involved. Nominate will refund directly to you in the same method in which you paid. Please rest assured that you will receive a full refund for these fees, however it may just take a bit of time.

All current members, when you receive an email to notify you that your memberships are due please log in to nominate or follow the link from your email, update any necessary information and proceed to renew. It will show a zero balance due and your membership will be renewed free of charge. Please note that this applies to current members only, NOT new members. Also, please remember that if memberships lapsed from 01/12/2019, it is only those that were current members in 2019 that this offer applies. To simplify the refund / free memberships – If you have paid your memberships AFTER 1/03/20, you will be refunded. If you have already paid your memberships, you will not need to pay until AFTER 1/03/2021 – then after 1/03/2021 memberships will return to the normal fee. EG. Someone that has paid their membership fee in Feb 2020, will have a “zero balance due” in February 2021.

To say the year so far has been disappointing is an understatement, but we will all pick up where we left off... Eventually! We did have a great year planned for the club with some big and exciting events and wonderful prizes from our generous sponsors. It will all depend on when we get the “all clear” to go ahead with competitions and hopefully we will still be able to run some of the big events for 2020.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook to receive updates on upcoming events!



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PRESIDENTS REPORT cont....

We are extremely grateful to have the tireless support of our amazing sponsors, and we thank them for their patience as we wait to get the go ahead to run events for this year. Rest assured we will provide you with the best events as soon as we can, whether this will be in 2020 or whether we look to a huge year of fantastic competition in 2021.

I would also like to take this opportunity to explain why we have chosen not to go down the road of "Virtual Competitions" for EGCC Dressage and Showjumping. I personally have serious doubts for a number of reasons but mainly, UI believe that it cannot possibly be an even playing field, as many riders do not have access to a reasonably good arena with clearly displayed markers and a decent surface. Not only that, but there is no way to govern that said rules are adhered to and I feel this would make the competition unfair. There is still a lot of behind the scenes work to run such an event, and to charge a fee to enter such an event would just not be right. As per the virtual Showjumping, I just cannot see that being performed in a safe and fair environment so as a result we have made the decision that we will not be doing that either.

As I am sure you are all aware, by now some restrictions are being lifted so fingers crossed we do not have a second wave of infections. There will be light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully very soon so on that note... Please stay well and happy training! We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Jenny Dyson Holland
EGCC President



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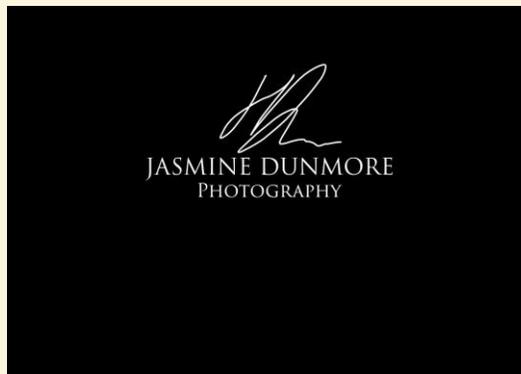
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Jasmine Dunmore Photography



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