

Team Apollo News February 2010

Team Apollo is busy getting ready for the 2010 season which starts with Stafford ODE on 14th March. Buffy & Dan are aimed at this event and preparations are going well, with Buffy show jumping each week at Solihull, doing the British Novice (BSJA) and both horses going to the race horse gallops to get some fast work in.

Salvadore has qualified for the Regional Finals at Novice level and will go to Addington Manor on Saturday 20th February to compete at this level. So, more news on his results next week.

Leo the Lion has gone off for some serious event preparation, at the event yard of Team GB and Olympic rider, Jeanette Brakewell, in the hope she can 'sharpen him up' for me. He will stay with Jeanette until she has competed him once or twice for me at BE90 level. Once this has been completed we will decide on his future as an eventer and as a stallion!!!

Duke is having a bad period at the moment and we are now re assessing his drugs and whether to inject his knees to help alleviate his arthritis. The trouble with him is that we never really know whether its laminitis, arthritis or his Cushings that is causing his discomfort. Hopefully we can make him well again, and I will up date you all in the near future.

The Centre is busy and I have two unbroken four year old horses in for breaking, producing and selling on in the Spring. This is challenging yet rewarding as I haven't done any babies from scratch for a while. We have had them three weeks and I have sat on them for the first time this week – more news soon as long as I don't break anything

The Show Jump and Dressage series starts in earnest in April of this year – please see the News and Events page for the details and dates.

Lewis is running a dressage course to help riders prepare called 'Dancing on Horses not Ice' and I have started a popular Show Jump Course entitled 'Strictly Come Show Jumping'. Again see the News and Events page for details.

William Scott our new staff member is also running a MEN ONLY lesson starting March 2nd called Dads at Dusk – so for all you men out there wanting to give it go now's your chance – ring Will for more details on 0121 311 1601

More news at the end of March !!!