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TOP NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND EQUESTRIAN CENTRE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

LAST Wednesday (May 20) saw the impressive all-new 80m x 40m outdoor arena at The Cabin Equestrian Centre, Keithhall, Inverurie host its first competition – an evening summer showjumping league.

Well over 20 local riders turned out for this first fixture with great spectator support on-hand. Jumping was over an impressive course of BSJA jumps. The evening got underway with clear round jumping moving on to minimus, novice, intermediate and open league classes. This recent event followed in the hoofprints of a two day Andrew Hamilton showjumping clinic at The Cabin with 90 riders taking part.

The Cabin Equestrian Centre owner Fiona Quennell commented: "We were really pleased with the turnout for this first competition. A lot of people came to have a look before they come next time and, as the league will run fortnightly through until September, they'll have plenty of opportunity to compete.

"The surface in the outdoor – by Equestrian Surfaces – is riding better and better as it beds in and the recent rain helped as well. The feedback we have had has been tremendous."

As well as the fortnightly unaffiliated showjumping leagues, the course will be available for hire on Thursdays to enable local riders to train over a full course.

The showjumping league will alternate with a fortnightly dressage league, both on Wednesday evenings. Future dates for evening showjumping are June 17, July 1, 15 and 29, August 12 and 26, September 9 and 23. Meanwhile, the dressage league will run on June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, August 5 and 19, September 2, 16 and 30. Working hunter training shows will be held on June 11, July 9 and July 23.

There is also a full calendar of BSJA shows with two dates for your diary – Tuesday, June 30 and Sunday, July 19 – plus top showjumping trainer Andrew Hamilton will also be at The Cabin Equestrian Centre on a monthly basis with the next clinic on June 9 and 10.

Phase two of this new equestrian facility will get underway on June 1 and will see The Cabin a 67m x 30m indoor arena complete with Turfloat surface, viewing gallery and café area. This will officially open on July 31.

The Cabin Equestrian Centre started in 2006 as a riding school under the direction of Fiona who has over 25 years experience in equestrian related businesses. The Cabin dog grooming salon is also an integral part of the business. It aims to be the North East of Scotland's premier combined equestrian facility.

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Notes to editors:

Accompanying photos show:

- The new 80m x 40m Equestrian Surfaces outdoor arena
- Winners of the 90cm class on Wednesday, May 20 (from right to left): 1 Jessica Stephen on Bally; 2 Lesley Ross on Gerani; 3 Tabitha Baird on Azzaro Van't Hulsbos; 4 Jodie Mair on Misty.

Results from Wednesday, May 20 unaffiliated showjumping were as follows:

Minimus league – 1 Jessica Thomson on Gigha; 2 Rebecca Johnston-Harman on Oscar; 3 Jane Damavan on Noddy; novice league – 1 Jessica Thomson on Gigha; 2 Jessica Thomson on Bobby; 3 Rebecca Johnston Harman on Oscar; intermediate league – 1 Brodie Herd on Lizzie; 2 Jodie Maher on Misty; 3 Jessica Stephen on Bally; 90cm – 1 Jessica Stephen on Bally; 2 Lesley Ross on Gerani; 3 Tabitha Baird on Azzaro Van't Hulsbos; open league – 1 Brodie Hird on Lizzie; 2 Rebecca Stephen on Fleur; 3 Tabitha Baird on Azzaro Van't Hulsbos.