



INVITATION TO THE IHSGB

SEMINAR AND GÆÐINGAKEPPNI WEEKEND

7/8TH OCTOBER 2017

The breeding team is pleased to invite you to a weekend packed with activities that will offer something to riders and spectators alike.

Our guest instructor and judge this year will be Baddi (Baldvin Ari Guðlaugsson from Efri-Rauðalæk, Iceland), who is well known to a lot of you.

We kick off on **Saturday morning** with the offer of single or joint (2 people per group) riding lessons. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes including tips for future work with your horse. The lessons are on a first come, first serve basis, so let us know as soon as possible if you want to participate.

Seminar: (Start Saturday 14.00)

Physio: A demonstration with Becca Wyatt, Chartered Physiotherapist who specialises in Equine and Canine Physiotherapy and offers a variety of treatments to help with injury prevention and rehabilitation etc. Becca will show on a horse which areas are prone to tension related problems, how to spot them, how to treat them, as well as a demonstration of exercises to help preventing them.

This will be followed by a **Shoeing workshop** with Andrew Nickalls, self-employed farrier and farrier to the NZ event team. He has won best shod at Badminton and Burghley and has been commended by vets and judges on his shoeing of some of the Icelandic Horse GB team both at MEM and WC2017. The main subjects will include:

Why do we shoe horses, how can shoeing help a horse to find its balance and gaits. We will show an unshod horse and observe its gaits, balance and possible tension in its body whilst letting it run free in the hall – we will then explore how shoeing can help it find its balance. Andrew will demonstrate how he shoes a horse and will answer any questions you might have.

Finally shoeing for competitions and breeding assessments – what is allowed and where can you find the rules?

If you would like to bring your Farrier along, you are very welcome to. **There will be no charge for farriers to attend.**

After a joint dinner **Baddi** will give a presentation about **breeding lines in Iceland.**

There is a charge of £ 25 per person (except farriers) to attend the seminar and we hope to see many of you there, especially also people who cannot come with their horse. Tea/Coffee and cakes/biscuits during the afternoon are included in the price.

Sunday will be our **Gæðingakeppni and timed races day** and we hope to see a lot of new faces this year. It's great fun, so don't miss it!

We will offer the **Gæðingakeppni C-Flokkur** test for novice/intermediate horse/rider combinations again. This test is without the requirement to show fast tölt or pace.

We will also offer catering on Saturday and Sunday during the day and details will follow separately.

Preliminary timetable (subject to change – an accurate timetable will be published closer to the event when we have exact numbers of participants):

Saturday morning:

08.00 Start of riding lessons with Baddi

14.00 Start of Seminar

There will be a takeaway dinner option on offer, bookable on the day. Soft drinks will be available, BYO alcohol.

Sunday: Gæðingakeppni and Timed Runs

We look forward to seeing you and your horse/s in October!