



SOUTH WILTS RIDING CLUB

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear All,

As I write this, the sun is streaming through the office window and I wish I was outside in the fresh air. Since the last newsletter the Committee have been working hard to organise clinics, training and competitions for members and you will see a list included of everything that is on offer. We are also trying out a new scheme for bookings and you will see a sheet of tear-off proforma at the end of the newsletter, the idea being that if you wish to take part in a training session or clinic you will complete the relevant proforma and send it off, with a cheque for the appropriate amount by the closing date. This will give the organiser a realistic view of how many people are interested and if the session is viable. If there is not sufficient interest then the session will be postponed and cheques either returned or destroyed as preferred. We are trying to avoid situations where the organiser finds that she is the only person who turns up to a session and has to then find the cash to pay the trainer at best for travelling costs and at worst for the cost of the lesson as well. Obviously it is sometimes necessary for people to drop out if they or their horses are poorly but I hope that nobody will take it amiss if I say that cancellations at less than 24 hours notice will incur a cost of 50% of the scheduled amount unless there are sufficient people in the group to cover the cost of the trainer. Hopefully, there will be something on offer in May to appeal to everyone and that sessions will be full.

Now read on and see what else is going on!

Mads

INDOOR SHOW JUMPING AREA QUALIFIER

The Indoor Show Jumping Area Qualifier took place at Crofton Equestrian Centre on 5th March and the Club fielded one team comprising Lizzie Butler on TJ, Laura Bishop on Just-a-Mo, Dawn Slater-Bosley on Silent Whisper and Mary Corrie on Maydeane. For a novice course the track was technically demanding and well up to height. Some of the horses also found the arena very spooky! Our team finished the first round on a score of 12 and added another 8 in the second round, finishing on a total of 20. This didn't put the team up in the rosettes but they finished a creditable 8th in what was the first competition of the year.



OUTDOOR SHOW JUMPING AREA QUALIFIER

The outdoor Show Jumping qualifier is taking place on Sunday 19th June at the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show Ground. The classes available are Junior and Senior Style Jumping (individual or team), Junior and Senior Novice and Intermediate Jumping (individual or team) and Senior Open Jumping (individual or team). As ever, the Club will be looking to enter a team/teams/individuals and if you are interested in representing the Club at this competition, can you please contact Mads, saying which particular class you are interested in. You will also need to give her a copy of the description and vaccination pages of your horse's passport which will need to be sent off with entries. Anyone who isn't interested in competing but would like to just be there can also volunteer as each club has to provide 2 helpers per team entered. This covers tack checking, collecting ring steward, pole picking up and so on and is a good way of watching what is usually an interesting competition.

HORSE TRIALS AREA QUALIFIER

This competition is taking place on Sunday 3rd July at Larkhill and is being run by the Bourne Valley Riding Club. The level of effort involved in organising all 3 elements of the event is usually beyond the means of a single club, so other clubs volunteer to take on specific areas of work. For this year's event, South Wilts has volunteered to organise the show jumping phase. For this we will need helpers both on the morning of Saturday 2nd and all day on Sunday 3rd. The Saturday morning session will involve building the course under the eagle eye of a qualified course builder (Tom Tanner) prior to it being available for walking in the afternoon. For anyone who is interested in learning how to build a course, this can be very educational. On the Sunday, we will have to provide tack checkers, collecting ring stewards, pole picker uppers and a runner to take the completed score sheets from the judges station to the scorers. At the end of the day we will also need help to take the jumps down and load the wings, poles etc onto the jump trailer. All volunteers, please let Mads know. We will of course be looking to enter teams and/or individuals for the Horse Trials and again, anyone who is interested in taking part, please let Mads know and send a copy of the identity and flu vac pages of your horse's passport.

DRESSAGE AREA QUALIFIER

This competition is taking place on 17th July at Broadlands. There will be Prelim and Novice classes and Mads will be looking for willing (and possibly unwilling) volunteers nearer the time. Make a note of the date.



GRASS ROOTS TRAINING

You should all have seen an email about the Area 17 Grass Roots Training grant for this year. The Area Committee decided that rather than organising one event for everyone, they would divide both the grant and the Area into 3 and each sub-area would organise their own event. The SWRC is a part of the training organised by the Shillingstone Riding Club which will take place at Stalbridge on 30th April. There is to be an all day session covering the best way to warm up your horse and ride in for a dressage competition in the morning and a warm up for a show jumping competition in the afternoon. The organisers hope that as well as learning something from the session in which you take part, attendees will also benefit from watching other groups being put through their paces. South Wilts had been allocated 6 places but sadly there were only 3 volunteers – I hope that Maxine, Lynn and Jan all have an enjoyable day! (By the way, I will be expecting one of you to write a report on the day for the next newsletter – Mads).

TRAINING SESSIONS

You will see from the proforma that we are offering the usual Jump for Fun with Lisa Hayes at Great Wishford on Thursday 12th May at 1030 a.m. and Thursday 26th May at 7 p.m. Additionally we have arranged another flatwork session with Theresa Tanner at Great Wishford on Saturday 28th May at 1030 a.m. We are also offering something new in the form of a training session dedicated to riders with young or inexperienced horses with Sally Drummond who has just moved into the area but has a wealth of experience bringing on young horses, eventing to advanced level and latterly being involved in paralympic equestrian training. We will run a one-off session in May which will be held at Great Wishford on Wednesday 18th May at 7 p.m. but if there is sufficient interest, we will make it into a regular opportunity. We have also booked Lisa for another Cross Country for Fun session which will be held on Sunday 5th June (location to be advised). Di Burgess will be continuing with her general sessions at Manor Farm and these will be on 19th May and 2nd June at 11 a.m.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Committee have made a start on organising some Club competitions to run throughout the summer and we will be holding the first one which is an evening dressage on Wednesday 25th May, commencing at 6 p.m. We will be holding the competition at the Warminster Saddle Club (with thanks to Debbie Carroll) and are looking forward to lots of entries. There will be 2 arenas running – one will be for a Ride a Test class which involves riding a test (choice of Prelim or Novice as per the Schedule), being marked on it, discussing it with the judge and picking up tips on riding it better, riding it again and (hopefully!) receiving higher marks. There will be a competitive element in that the winner will be the horse and rider combination showing the most improved marks over the 2 tests. In the other arena we will have



a Prelim and a Novice Test as 2 separate classes if there are sufficient entries or as a percentage class if numbers are low. As ever, helpers will be required – collecting ring steward, tack checker, judges writer, runners and so on – so feel free to volunteer if you don't want to ride. The schedule will be available shortly and classes are open to members and non-members.

For future reference, we will be holding a show jumping schooling evening at Warminster on 15th June where competitors can school round a course of jumps with an instructor present – jumps will start small and go up as the evening progresses. On 21st July we will be holding another dressage evening and on Sunday 4th September we will be having a daytime Combined Training competition. Dates in diaries please!!

NAF RIDING CLUB OF THE MONTH AWARD

To qualify for this, a club has to be nominated by members on either www.look4horses.co.uk or by filling in the nomination form in Ridgeway Rider. The more nominations, the better chance the club has of being selected. Given that we are a very small club, the chances are quite small but you don't know until you try! Lots of NAF goodies are up for grabs if we win!!

BE 80 (T) RIDING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

British Eventing have introduced a new class – the BE 80(T) (with (T) standing for Training) – aimed at giving non members of BE an idea of what eventing is all about. The series is being run in conjunction with the BRC and culminates in a Riding Club Championship for which everyone placed 1st or 2nd in each section of a BE 80(T) event is eligible. Day tickets cost £10 for a horse and rider combination plus of course the actual entry fee for the event. All details are on the BE website – have a go and put the club on the map.

BLUEBELL RIDE

Mary Corrie has offered to host a Bluebell Ride in the Teffont area, starting from Farmer Giles Farmstead. The ride is open to members and non-members and will be held during May – please watch the website for the actual date. There will be a £5 charge in aid of club funds which will cover an enjoyable couple of hours hacking in lovely countryside and a cuppa and a bun. Come along and support your club.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due in January for this membership year but cheques are only trickling in. I'm hoping that's due to memory lapses rather than any desire to abandon the club. Can I ask the more forgetful 2010 members to put a cheque in



the post – we don't want to lose you! Having done some research into the membership fees for other clubs in our area I can tell you that £20 is a very cheap rate and we are trying our best to keep you and your horses entertained. On a more serious note, those of you who want to be in teams this year should be aware that all team members are required to be on the BRC database at Stoneleigh a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the submission of preliminary entries and for the outdoor SJ on 19th June, that means 14th May so not far away.

PHOTOS

..... and finally, the website could do with some more recent photos. If anyone has taken any at competitions or training sessions, could they sent them to Sophie who will update the site and make you a star of stage and screen (or at least the SWRC website!).

COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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I would like to attend the Jump for Fun session at Great Wishford on and enclose a cheque for £.....

Closing date 3 days before the session.

Name: Horse:

Send to: Lisa Hayes, 41 Empire Road, Salisbury SP2 9DE
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Name: Horse:

Send to: Sally Grant, Peeko, Orcheston, Salisbury SP3 4RW
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I would like to attend the Sally Drummond training session at Great Wishford on and enclose a cheque for £.....

Closing date 3 days before the session.

Name: Horse:

Send to: Mads Southey, Rookery Cottage, Orcheston, Salisbury SP3 4RP

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I would like to attend the XC for Fun session at on and enclose a cheque for £

Closing date 3 days before the session.

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