



South Wilts Riding Club Newsletter

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A very Happy New Year to Everyone.

My apologies for not getting a newsletter out before Christmas - looking after a 7 year old and a 4 year old (children - NOT horses!) in the days running up to the festivities was not exactly conducive to concentrating on anything else.



Here we are at the start of another year which, until the recent Arctic blast, was looking quite promising. It's been a challenging start for horses and riders. I expect most people are in the same boat with unexercised and unfit horses who seem pretty fed up with all this white stuff. However, as I write, the thaw shows signs of starting - the water is running again in the stable yard and tiny areas of green are appearing in the fields.

So let's get 2010 under way. We have a pretty full programme of instruction over the next couple of months with our regular instructors and introducing

Teresa Tanner who will be doing group flatwork sessions. Teresa comes highly recommended by some of our members and she has sent me a short profile printed over the page.

The competitions year is under way and - weather conditions permitting - a senior team will be going to the winter dressage qualifier at the end of this month. The list of BRC qualifying competitions is in the events diary over the page, and a form is enclosed for you to complete if you wish to be considered for teams later in the year. We also have a programme of our own competitions lined up for the summer, and we'll certainly add in some XC training as soon as the weather permits.

As you know, the Club will again be running the Festival of the Hunter Challenge qualifier at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne on Sunday 18th April. Please put the date in your diary as we will need loads of helpers on the day (as well as competitors). Last year we attracted over 200 entries, and would like to do the same this year.

Congratulations to one of our members, Dawn Slater-Bosley, who won her local qualifier in the Ollie Townend Eventers Challenge and then had the courage to travel to the Championship at Aintree where she also won her class. What a fantastic achievement! Enjoy her report in this newsletter.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and successful year.

Best wishes,

Judy

Welcome

A warm welcome to new members who have joined since the last newsletter; Sophie and Lucy Rippa from Westbury, Amanda and Sophie Levine from Warminster, Elizabeth Child from Salisbury, Lucy Matthews from Warminster and Frances Ridley from Salisbury. We look forward to seeing you all.

Events Diary 2010

(*as at 15.01.10)

Wed 13 Jan	Evening Gridwork with Lisa Kimber 7pm	Little Wishford Farm
Thurs 14 Jan	Individual Flatwork with Tracey Crutcher pm/eve	Little Wishford Farm
Sun 24 Jan	Group Flatwork with Teresa Tanner 11.30am	Little Wishford Farm
Wed 27 Jan	Evening Gridwork with Lisa Kimber 7pm	Little Wishford Farm
Sun 31 Jan	Area 17 Winter Dressage Qualifier	Hamstead Marshall
Thurs 4 Feb	Individual Flatwork with Tracey Crutcher pm/eve	Little Wishford Farm
Sat 6 Feb	Area 17 Novice Indoor SJ/ RWHS Topscore Qualifier	Crofton EC
Thurs 11 Feb	Flatwork and Gridwork with Diana Burgess 11am	Manor Farm, Teffont
Sun 14 Feb	Richard Waygood Jumping Clinic (Chilworth RC)	Braishfield Manor
Sun 21 Feb	Jumping for Fun 10.30am	Little Wishford Farm
Thurs 25 Feb	Flatwork and Gridwork with Diana Burgess 11am	Manor Farm, Teffont
Sun 28 Feb	Group Flatwork with Teresa Tanner 11.30am	Little Wishford Farm
w/e 3-4 April	BRC Novice Indoor SJ and Winter Dressage Champs.	Hartpury, Glos
Sun 18 April	Area 17 Festival of the Hunter Challenge Qualifier	Rockbourne
w/e 5-6 June	BRC Festival of the Hunter Challenge Champs	Aston-le-Walls, Oxon
Sun 20 June	Area 17 Horse Trials Qualifier	Moreton, Dorset
Sun 27 June	SWRC competition (details to follow)	Warminster SC
Thurs 15 July	SWRC evening competition (details to follow)	Warminster SC
Sun 1 Aug	SWRC competition (details to follow)	Warminster SC
w/e 6-8 Aug	BRC Horse Trials Champs	Aston-le-Walls, Oxon
Tues 17 Aug	SWRC evening competition (details to follow)	Warminster SC
Sun 5 Sept	SWRC competition (details to follow)	Warminster SC
w/e 11-12 Sept	BRC National Championships	Lincoln

Dates and venues for Area 17 outdoor SJ and dressage qualifiers are still to be decided.

*Please keep an eye on the SWRC website for the most up to date information

British Riding Clubs Rules

These are now available online and can be accessed from the BRC Rules page on the SWRC website, as can the 'flu vaccination regulations.

If you want to compete in any of the Area qualifiers, PLEASE make sure that your horse's vaccinations are up to date - vaccination certificates are likely to be spot checked at any of the area competitions, and BRC operate a zero tolerance policy.

Membership Renewal

Membership subscriptions were due for renewal on 1st November 2009, and are valid until 31st October 2010.

If you have not already renewed your membership, and wish to be considered for any teams, please do so quickly. Members must be on the current BRC list at Stoneleigh at the close of preliminary entries for any competition (usually 21 days before an Area qualifier)

Oliver Townend Eventers Challenge 2009

Braving rain, wind and hail storms at Sparsholt in late November, we took part in the Olly Townend Eventers Challenge, which consists of show and cross country jumps, the winner being the rider closest clear to the optimum time. Much to our surprise, Teddy and I qualified for the final at Aintree. This was much to my husband's dismay as the final was on the same weekend as a rugby match which he was due to go to watch in Glasgow!! Thankfully he decided to come to Liverpool instead.

We arrived at Aintree on the Friday afternoon, after a 4 1/2 hour drive - just enough daylight to take Ted for a walk before bedding him down in one of the racing stables for the night. Our class on the Saturday wasn't till 5.30 so we had plenty of time to take Ted for a walk around the race course, (only on the roads) and watch a couple of the classes in the Lovely Aintree E C. The course didn't seem too daunting although there were a couple of bogey fences, a skinny brush seemed to be catching a lot of people out, and a wavy plank was the other. We had a chance to do a joker class first, all the jumps had points (but none of the cross country jumps were included). They could be jumped from either direction but only twice, and the fastest time on most points won. We didn't get anywhere in that class but I just wanted to get him in the arena for a look around, Our Class B2, was in drawn order, and I was about 18th to go and after watching 4 or 5 go around, with no clears so maybe the course was a bit more tricky than it seemed, and a lot of people were having the first fence down! Ted was much more chilled out about it than me so off we went. Ted gave every fence a decent bit of air, and was nice and bold with all the tricky fences. By the time all 28 riders had finished there were only six clear rounds, so we knew that we would at least get a rosette. We were in total shock when they called us in first place! What a fantastic feeling, and best of all is that we get a day's training with Olly Townend at his yard in Shropshire in the New Year. My hubby isn't quite so excited as he has to drive us again!

It was a really great competition and well worth the drive to Liverpool to ride in such a fantastic arena.

Dawn Slater - Bosley



Congratulations, Dawn and
Silver Mist (aka Ted)

Eventers Challenge
Aintree 2009

Teresa Tanner

Teresa Tanner holds the British Horse Society Intermediate Teaching Certificate (Registered) and the ABRS Teaching Certificate. She is on the British Dressage Trainee Judges List and is a listed BSJA Judge, a Pony Club B Test Examiner and Pony Club Visiting Instructor. She has ridden to Advanced Medium Dressage and (in her younger years!) competed to Intermediate Eventing.

Teresa enjoys teaching a variety of abilities but particularly enjoys helping riders who feel they have 'problems' with their horse and those riders who feel 'nervous' about competing or starting to compete. Teresa holds a Diploma in Sports Psychology and uses this to help all clients in a calm and encouraging manner.

There will be no 'quick-fixes' with this instructor!! Teresa will find you exercises and a plan of work for partnerships so that the relationship between horse and rider becomes happy and relaxed and both end up smiling!

AGM 2009

Eighteen members attended the AGM at Longbridge Deverill. The Chairman summarised the year's activities and thanked all the members of the committee for their hard work throughout the year.

Sally Grant, the Treasurer, reported a surplus for the year of £1144.13, due almost entirely to income earned from running the Area 17 qualifier at Rockbourne and the Combined Training competitions during the summer. She stressed how important this income is in underpinning all other club activities, especially team costs.

Mads Southey presented a report on teams: SWRC had entered junior and senior teams in 5 qualifiers never returning without a rosette.

The Chairman reported that the Club had been asked by BRC to draw up a new constitution during the year. This was done, based on a BRC template and by researching other club's constitutions. The constitution was accepted for the current year and will be submitted for revaluation at next year's AGM.

The Chairman then presented the 2009 awards: Donna Boyd won the Dressage Cup, Camilla Halski won the Combined Training Cup and a special award was inaugurated for the Member of the Year. This was awarded to Maxine Crook.

The committee were re-elected en bloc and the Chairman agreed to serve for one final year.

Under AOB, ideas were put forward for a summer camp, more variety in the summer competitions programme, a biting clinic, a fun ride and the purchase of some new SWRC kit i.e sweatshirts, polo shirts, blouson jackets etc.

Notes: The Constitution is now on the website. Ideas raised under AOB are being investigated and we will try to offer a fun ride later in the Spring. The possibility of a summer camp at Pontispool or Stockland Lovell has been researched and, for the time being, rejected as requiring more "manpower" than SWRC could muster. Other options are still being considered. SWRC kit is being followed up. If anyone would like a copy of the club accounts, please let Judy or Sally know, otherwise, they will be available at the next AGM.

Committee 2009/2010

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