



South Wilts Riding Club

Newsletter

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New Year – New Chairman - New(s) letter.

First of all can I just say that as your new Chairman I will do my best to ensure that the club delivers what the members want. The Committee will be looking to provide a range of activities that suit the various interests of the members, with training sessions and club competitions but I hope that if anyone has anything new that they would like to propose, the Committee will be happy to consider it.

I am sure that everyone will want to join me in saying a big Thank You to Judy Nathan through this newsletter. Those of you who came to the AGM will know that we made a small presentation to Judy and her husband Stephen who has always been a willing (!) volunteer. I subsequently received a lovely note of thanks from them and want to put it on record that she will be a hard act to follow!

Anyway – more information inside so read on.

Regards,

Mads

WINTER LEAGUE DRESSAGE

The Area 17 Winter League Dressage competition is being held at Castle Farm, Middle Wallop on Sunday 30th Jan. The club has entered one senior team of 4 – the requirement is for 2 members to ride a Prelim Test and 2 to ride a Novice Test. This is always a difficult competition because in general both horses and rider haven't done a lot over Christmas and the bad weather that we've had has made trying to exercise horses even more problematic. Nevertheless we are fielding what I hope will be a successful team with Geoffrey Davies riding his own Postlebury Dexter, Mary Corrie riding Liz Rawlingson's Betsy (*who has a complicated Welsh name that I'm not going to attempt*), Millie Halski riding Roy Southey's Mediflor and Sarah Mitchell-Sheppard riding Roy Southey's Diamonds Sure Thing. The result will be on the website shortly after the competition.

TRAINING

This year we are intending to offer flatwork sessions with Teresa Tanner, general (flatwork and jumping) sessions with Di Burgees and Jump for Fun (courses and grid work) with Lisa Hayes. As soon as the weather improves we will also be looking to provide some cross-country training. It's all in hand as dates are agreed; we will be putting them on the website, so keep checking! Maxine Cook will be taking names for Teresa Tanner sessions, and Judy Nathan will be in charge of Di Burgees. If accessing the website is a problem, I'm sure they won't mind if you phone them to check on dates and arrangements. However, we have the first Lisa date agreed and a Jump for Fun session will be held at Great Wishford on Saturday 5th Feb starting at 1030. If you would like to come, let Mads know and Lisa is prepared to offer one or two sessions, depending on the take-up.

**Don't forget 2011 membership starts on 1st
January 2011!**

The annual subscription for 2011 is £20 (£18 for juniors aged 12-17) with a £1 reduction for each family member residing at the same address.

COMPETITIONS

As usual, the Club will be entering teams into the Area Qualifier competitions and we are hoping to maintain our record of never leaving a qualifier without at least one rosette! Readers of the newsletter will already know that not only were our teams placed in every competition they entered but that we qualified for the Championships in 2 disciplines with an individual in the Junior Festival of the Horse SJ/XC competition and a senior team in the outdoor SJ.

Let's see what we can do this year!

Mads will continue to be the Team Manager so if you have a burning desire to be in any of the teams – Dressage, SJ, XC and Horse Trials – then let her know.

Up to date photocopies of horse passports (identification page and full flu vac record) will also be gratefully received as they have to be sent away for checking the entries to aid the administration on the actual day. Those of you who have suffered it before will know the Riding Clubs undertake 100% check on flu vacs for each competition! The first competition of 2011, the indoor novice show jumping is approaching fast (February) so we'll be giving some thought to teams very soon.

Committee 2010/2011

There have been a few changes to the membership of the committee and the new team with their particular responsibilities is shown below:

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