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# South Wiltshire Riding Club

Affiliated to the British Horse Society



July 2016



## Chairman's Report

Well, what a fantastic start to the summer. I never dreamed I would be saying this but the South Wiltshire Riding Club are the **2016 Festival of The Horse Champions!** The Senior team were the well deserved winners of the 90 Challenge at Aston Le Walls. We also had a junior team to represent us in the Novice Combined Training at the same championships. It was hugely exciting and I was really proud to see the club get a brilliant write up in Horse and Hound and Ridgeway Rider.

Since then we have had another successful outing to the BRC Horse Trials, where once again the Senior 90 team were victorious and qualified for the Championships at to be held at Swalcliffe in August. We also had Roy Southey qualify as an individual for the Senior 80 Championship.

Our 'Have A Go Dressage and Evening Dressage' had a fantastic turnout and I was really pleased to see so many of our members taking part. The Evening Dressage had so many entries that the last few competitors were almost competing in the dark! So well done to those of you who came out in the middle of the night to take part!

On the social side we had a very interesting talk from Helen Rennie – an Equestrian Performance Coach on 'How to overcome competition nerves'. I'm sure that everyone who attended could definitely recognise one of the mind sets in themselves, I know certainly know which mind set I fall into!

Just to finish off we have had a flurry of new members this quarter, so welcome to you all and I hope you enjoy the club and everything it offers. I look forward to seeing you all at the various activities.

Our little club is really thriving – **onwards and upwards!**

[www.southwiltsridingclub.org.uk](http://www.southwiltsridingclub.org.uk)

## TROPHY POINTS UPDATE

At the Halfway Point the scores are currently:

### Mads Southey Trophy

- 1st Lucy Watling
- 2nd Sorcha Goody
- 3rd Alice Stone

### Junior Team Trophy

- 1st Sorcha Goody
- 2nd Chloe Haskell
- 3rd Rosie Bacon

### Senior Team Trophy

- 1st Donna Boyd
- 2nd Shauna Cameron
- 3rd Aloysia Daros

### Junior Dressage Trophy

- 1st Chloe Haskell
- 2nd Bertie Large
- 3rd Lucy Watling

### Senior Dressage Trophy

- 1st Sarah MitchellSheppard
- 2nd = Lottie Green = Fiona Scott

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- 1st Ros Coombes
- 2nd Jesse Gibbons
- 3rd Laura Roberts

## New Members

A warm welcome to all our new members who have joined us recently, in fact I know some of you have represented SWRC in teams already! So please enjoy everything that the club has to offer.

Daniella Flinton. Gillian Cumming. Sibille Stevenson. Martine Kemmish. Geoffrey Davies.

## SWRC Clothing

We have a range of clothing available to buy on the website and it has proved very popular with an excellent uptake by members. It gives everyone a sense of team spirit and pride to be wearing the clubs colours (Navy or Red) and it is now unusual to go to an event without spotting an SWRC member in 'team clothes'.

## Social Evening

We had a brilliant evening at The Rainbow on The Lake pub listening to Helen Rennie on her talk about how to overcome competition nerves. Helen is an Equestrian Performance Coach and author of the book Transform Pressure to Power. We all decided quite quickly where we fitted in and there were lots of questions. So, because we had such interest we are hoping to invite Helen back to talk and work with smaller groups so she can give more individual attention to people. Please keep an eye on the Facebook site for more details.

## Instruction and Team Training

The regular Di and Sarah lessons continue to be extremely well supported. These lessons are on the Website Calendar and regularly advertised on the SWRC Facebook page and can be booked through Alice.

Extra XC, SJ and Dressage sessions are fitted in around regular instruction and these are also very popular.

These lessons are always a good way of meeting other members and everyone is very friendly and we are always delighted to see new members.

## ***A big 'thank you' to our sponsors:***

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## Competition News

Members have been out in force competing in various BRC Qualifiers and Championships and bringing home rosettes and silver by the armful! Everyone concerned in these team efforts deserve a big pat on the back and a heartfelt thank you from us all. Every competition is truly a team effort from instructors, competitors, helpers, family and not least the brave (and sometimes not so brave!) effort of our horses and ponies who perform to the very best of their ability.

Festival of The Horse Senior 90 Championship Winners : The Qualifiers at Tenantry were cancelled due to bad weather and we were all disappointed that we would not be able to go the Championships. The BRC had to ask clubs to choose teams based on previous performance and we were lucky to be able to put forward a strong 90 Senior team and also a Junior Team who represented us in the Novice Combined Training. The junior team were not so lucky this time at the Championships but all agreed it was great experience. On the other hand the Senior 90 Team were victorious and became the Senior 90 FOTH Championship Winners. This also resulted in a brilliant write up in the Ridgeway Rider and Horse and Hound, fame at last!

Below from L-R Donna Boyd on Rinus Star, Roy Southey on Moyriesk Cotton Hope, Shuna Cameron on Yarlbank Hawthorn and Alice Stone on Adamstown Lady



## Moreton Horse Trials Qualifier Moreton Equestrian Centre

Another fantastic day for SWRC - a great turnout of 14 members competing at Moreton Horse Trials! A great effort from Sheri, Charlie, Jesse and Emma with lots of PB's for 80 white team.

Individual placings for Loysi (5th), Sally (6th) and Roy (2nd) alongside a double clear from Alex made for a wonderful team 3rd for the 80 blue team.

Then following their recent championship success it was another win for the senior 90 Team this time with Zoe, Alice (6th), Donna (4th) and Shuna (3rd). Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe Park Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August here we come again!!!

Well done to you all and thank you to all the SWRC helpers and supporters.

## Evening Dressage & Clear Round Jumping Warminster Saddle Club

These evenings have proved so popular that we were worried that head torches may have to be issued to get everyone through! Competitors have the choice of dressage on grass or surface and can then have a go at CR jumping, or just enter dressage or just come for CR Jumping. Whatever you choose it is always a friendly evening and if you have come straight from work there is food available. It must be a good evening as we often get new members joining on the night.



## Competition News

### Summer Dressage & Riding Test Qualifiers at Pinkmead 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Another lovely day out with SWRC - well done to all our competitors and thank you as always to the amazing support team.

Results;

Junior prelim team = 2nd with individual 3rd for Lucy Watling on Sam, 3rd for Tom Dyer on Bobby with an incredible 71.5% and 2nd for Sorcha Cait on Twiggy.

Senior prelim team = some good results but unfortunately no team placing. Well done to Daisy Weir and Sam, Emma Loader and Shooter and Sal Shepherd and Pablo with a special well done to Aloysi Daros and Sky finishing in individual 6th.

Senior open team = 6th for Alex Hubbard on her borrowed steed Mister Roo, 5th for Donna Boyd and Fred, 4th for Billie Stevenson on Samantha and 3rd for Sarah M-S on Bailey with overall team 6th.

*Sarah Mitchell-Sheppard.*

*Tom riding Bobby with his adoring fans Lucy, Sorcha and Daisy!*



### Have A Go Dressage (HAG)

The two HAG dressage events were held at Manor Farm Teffont, and despite not being the kindest of days weather wise there was a great turnout. These events are always popular as they give competitors a chance to ride a dressage test and then have constructive feedback from the judge and then they ride the test again with hopefully some improvement!

This is an ideal introduction to a dressage competition without the pressure but just as useful to the more 'seasoned' competitor.

### Show Jumping and Style Qualifiers at RAC Saddle Club Bovington on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

Nobody was more surprised or delighted than the 80/85 team when they realised they had come first, with individual 4<sup>th</sup> Jesse and 5<sup>th</sup> Sheri! Now on to the National Championships in Lincolnshire on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you to Alice and Loysi for helping on the day.

L-R Sally Williams, Jesse Gibbons, Sheri Start and Martine Kemmish.



These are the lovely rosettes and trophy for the winner of the RoR Riding Club Challenge.



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## Diary Dates

### SWRC Programme for 2016

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Combined Training at Warminster Saddle Club

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Junior Show at Manor Farm, Teffont Magna, Salisbury

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Show at Manor Farm, Teffont Magna, Salisbury

**Please remember to check the website and Facebook pages for details of all events and shows.**

**Everyone is very welcome not just members.**

**Schedules, entry forms, times and results are on the website and also FB pages**

## Exciting Future Plans

Following a very lively committee meeting where we decided not to take on too much, we appear to have plans for much more! No dates are finalised but here is a rough idea of future events, so please keep checking Facebook and the website.

Monthly **Clear Round Jumping** at Downlands over the winter months.

A **Championship Show** in September for everyone who has been placed in a competition this year.

**Eventer Trial** for 2017

**Grand Open Day in Spring** 2017 A fun and informative day for all the family.

A **Baby!** Yes a **baby!** Our very own Sarah Mitchell-Sheppard is looking forward to the arrival of her first baby in October and we all wish her well.

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