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South Wiltshire Riding Club

Affiliated to the British Horse Society



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Spring Newsletter

Well Spring is well and truly here but quite unusually not much rain! I am saying that in a whisper because we would like some rain but only at night in sensible quantities. If it pours down now, don't blame me! I have started this newsletter about 3 times and then thought, no, I will wait for the results of the next event but of course the events are coming thick and fast and I will never get the newsletter out – so here it is!

I haven't asked Donna to write a forward because she is just so busy either working or competing (very successfully) on the lovely Fred and George. So I thought I would start by saying a big 'thank you' to all our members for all your support and help either by competing, helping, supporting and generally taking part in all the club has to offer, as without you there would be no club.

Lessons are well subscribed and I know that the Instructors always say they enjoy teaching everyone and getting to know our members. It is during these lessons that members get to know each other and can often be heard saying that they didn't think they would have achieved so much if they hadn't had the support of the others.

So if you are new to the club or the area and want to get to know people come along and enjoy one of the many lessons we have on offer.

Sheri

Welcome to New Members

Mary-Anne Geikie-Cobb. Alexander Gillman. Sophie Mauleverer. Andrea White. Emma Mills. Isabella Wakeford. Hayley Yeo.

We hope you enjoy the club and have received your welcome pack. Please keep checking the Website and Facebook page to keep up to date with everything that is available.

Competition News

Well the competition news is just a joy to report as everyone has been doing so well – and so busy! Full details of all the results are on the website and I will just give the winners in this letter otherwise the newsletter will be like a book!

Winter League Show Jumping Championship Sunday 5th February at Tidworth Equestrian Centre

This was our first SJ Championships and we had a fantastic day. We had a busy night before the show setting up the course and trying to get it done before it was dark as we were too mean to put on the lights!

The show was a great success and was well attended by members and non- members. The lovely Jayne Parsons provided the catering which meant everyone was very happy as Jayne definitely bakes the best cakes around!

Keith Markillie took pictures all day, picked up poles (and the odd rider!) and is always a fantastic support and sponsor, pictures available at www.kwmgalleries.co.uk



Ben Burgess and Lily
90/95cm Champions

Martine Kemmish and Tilly
70/75 Champions



Tom Dyerand PJ 80/85cm
Champions



After our own Championships things got very busy and SWRC entered Senior and Junior teams in:

BRC Novice/Intermediate Winter SJ Qualifier at Moreton Sunday 19th February. Final Team Placings: Juniors 1st, Senior 80 Red 5th, Senior Blue = 6th, Senior 90 7th, and Individual 3rd for Alice Stone on Pippa.

Following on from their win at Moreton the Victorious Junior team then went to the **BRC KBIS Novice Winter Championships at The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe 2nd /3rd April**. Unfortunately there were no ribbons to bring home but they had a fantastic experience. Thanks very much to KarenLee who was the designated helper.

Next it was the **Festival Of The Horse (FOTH) Area Qualifier Combined Training at Redenham Park Sunday 9th April**. The weather was beautiful and we entered 3 Senior teams and 2 Junior Individuals. There were highs - Red team 4th, Blue team 7th and an Individual 5th for Martine on Tilly, 3rd for Loysi on Sky and 4th for Donna on George. Donna then went on to win on Fred and Lucy came first on Cassie which meant that they both have a qualification for the FOTH Championships in May.

There were lows as Tom Dyers first horse went lame in the dressage and then he had an unfortunate fall in the Show Jumping which left him feeling a bit bruised and battered but still smiling.

Festival of The Horse Challenge Qualifier

Last but not least we come to the **FOTH Challenge Qualifier Sunday 23rd April at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne**. Again we were lucky with the weather and it was a beautiful day. In fact the weather has been the complete opposite to last year when it had to be cancelled due to being waterlogged. This year the ground was hard and very dry and resulted in some people having to pull out of the competition.

SWRC entered Junior and Senior teams along with Individual entries and they didn't disappoint!

The Junior 80 team stormed into first place and will go to the Championships in May, they also had individual placings for Kate Greenall 2nd, Lucy Watling 3rd and Chloe Haskell 7th.

For the Seniors: Red 80 team were first, followed by Blue team 3rd and White team 4th.

Individual placings in the 80: Ruth Dresman 2nd, Alexander Gillman 5th and Roy Southey 6th.

Senior 90 team finished in joint second place.

Individual placings in the 90: Sally Williams 1st and Donna Boyd 6th

We really could not have asked for a better start to the season and thank everyone that has either, competed, supported or helped in any way.

Special thanks to **Agricultural Engineers Ltd** who are very generously sponsoring our team prelim entries. Also a quiet unsung hero is **Jan Mitchell** who processes all our team entries and payments and makes sure everyone's paperwork is in order and vaccinations up to date. This is a HUGE job with so many members entering competitions and it is thanks to Jan's tireless work behind the scenes that everything happens! As if that weren't enough, she also attends nearly every event supporting us all but especially Sarah and Tyler.

Talking of team entries, for those of you who are not sure how it all works here is a quick explanation

How the Team entries work

To enter a team into any BRC competition the club has to put forward a team in advance and pay the Prelim entry fee. This is always paid by our club and ensures the team place and is non-refundable. Then, each team member has to pay their own entry fee.

If the team is lucky enough to qualify for the championships, the club then pays the whole entry fee.

As you can imagine the team entries get quite expensive and this is where some of your membership money goes.



We wish all our members good luck in future competitions

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Other News



Here we have our future riding club members having fun at the Wilton Hunt Shetland Meet

Bea Stone on Pippie who is owned by the World Horse Welfare.

Darcie Kemmish on Popeye.



Coming up Soon

Salisbury Plain Fun Ride on Saturday June 10th, members only. This will be a lovely relaxed guided day from approx 10 – 2pm. There will be a picnic lunch provided by Jayne Parsons.

Tickets: £15 each. More details and confirmation to follow so keep checking FB and the Website.

A few members took advantage of a reduced cap of £30 to ride with the Royal Artillery Hunt on Salisbury Plain in March kindly arranged by Martine Kemmish.

Champagne is always a good way to start!

L-R Sheri Start, Martine Kemmish, Charlie Laree.

Members Website Page

If there is enough interest we thought we would dedicate one of the pages on the website to you! You can send in photo's and a small write up about you get up to with your horse/pony, it doesn't have to have anything to do with the club. If you email: sheristart@hotmail.co.uk with something you would like to share or let everyone else know about then we are waiting to hear from you. This is a tentative experiment which may or may not be popular. All pics need to clear and for you to be happy for me to put them on the website – nothing rude please, only horses can be naked!

Instruction

Instruction is going very well and is obviously paying off judging by the results in recent competitions. Di, Sarah, Julia and Tammy all provide top class instruction covering weekdays, evenings and weekends.

Di Burgess recently took a group to Wickstead Horse Play for some Arena XC training, which everyone enjoyed as it is always nice to go somewhere different. Closer to home Tammy Weal held an Arena XC lesson at Hill Top equestrian on her usual Monday evening. Both Di and Sarah have also taken members to Downlands.

Sarah M-S continues to be busy with teaching at SMS and also regular South Wilts lessons. The Junior Team have already taken part in one championship and are now heading to the FOTH championships in May.



Junior team L- R Lucy Watling, Chloe Haskell, Grace Reed and Kate Greenall. Winners of the FOTH 80cm class at Tenantry Farm.

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Club Competition Dates 2017 (Dates also on Website Calendar and Facebook)

Competition	Date	Venue
Have A Go Dressage HAG	Saturday 13 th May 10 – 4pm	Manor Farm Livery, Teffont Magna, Teffont. SP3 5QY
Evening Dressage (Grass and Arena Tests)	Thursday 1 st June 5 – 8pm	Warminster Saddle Club, Oxendene, Warminster. BA12 0DZ
Evening Dressage (Grass and Arena Tests)	Thursday 6 th July 5 – 8pm	Warminster Saddle Club, Oxendene, Warminster. BA12 0DZ
Summer Novelty Show	Saturday 15 th July 10 – 6pm	Manor Farm Livery, Teffont Magna, Teffont. SP3 5QY
Combined Training	Sunday 13 th August 10 – 4pm	Warminster Saddle Club, Oxendene, Warminster. BA12 0DZ
Combined Training with Eventer Trial	Sunday 10 th September 10 – 4pm	Warminster Saddle Club, Oxendene, Warminster. BA12 0DZ
Dressage Championship Show	Sunday 24 th September 10 – 3pm	TBC

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