



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

Newsletter

March 2013

Chairman's Message

Just when we thought it was safe to de-layer our horses rugs winter has come back to remind us of its presence. Still it's going to be a long hot summer so lots of time to enjoy our equestrian pursuits. The club had a relatively quiet period in January but through February and March Lisa Fahy has organised a superb range of instruction, and Helen Kendall and Erica Laurence have coordinated an excellent winter dressage series in all sorts of weathers. Poor Helen has stood out stewarding, calling and organising on three Sunday mornings in the worst of the weather. As members we all owe a lot to the few people who take major roles organising events and it would be nice to see more people helping out, or even better, taking a major part in one of our activities.

Any Riding Club can only be as good as the individuals who form it, and if everyone does a little bit then all of us can enjoy the sport the Club offers. Many of the committee like to take part in club events themselves, and feel sometimes that they can't because noone else will step in and help. So please, if you're asked to help try to do so, and if you aren't asked then why not just step forward?!

On a bright note we have three teams entered for the March dressage friendlies so good luck to all of them. On a sad note Lynn Roberts, our dressage team manager for the past few years has had to step down due to pressure of her own riding activities. We thank Lynn for her contribution, and now need to find someone to step into her very big shoes. In the very short term Pat Murphy has kindly helped out but we desperately need a new team manager. Anyone willing to help? Please contact any of the committee if you think you might be able to do this. I'm sure Pat will guide you through the first confusing weeks, as you figure out how everything works!

Do get your bookings in for our (early or late?) Christmas Party on March 23rd. We decided not to have a Christmas Dinner last year as everyone gets so frantically busy in December. Our planning was that this time of year would be calmer, warmer, more relaxed. Oh well, 2 out of 3 ain't bad!

I wish everyone a wonderful season with their horses. May you achieve the goals you set, whatever they are. I love the Henry David Thoreau quote from his book "Walden" - "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined". Enjoy everything you do with your horses - don't do what others think you should, do what you dream you want to do. Thoreau says "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

Vicki Glynn

COMMITTEE

At Novembers AGM the new committee was elected of which I was one of the selected newbies to join on board.

Your committee is as follows:

Vicki Glynn (Chairman)

Ro Major (Treasurer)

Cass Lillington (Secretary)

Briar Jones (Newsletter)

Lisa Fahy (Instruction/ Facebook/ Website)

Pat Murphy (Horse Trials. SJ Teams)

Erica Laurance (Trophies, Points)

Katherine Manson (Bridleways)

Lynn Roberts (Dressage. SJ Teams)

Julie Rowley (Membership)

Appointees

Cathy Hughes- Area representative

Helen Kendall- Closed Dressage Series

Kathy Merrick Child Protection

We have a fantastic new committee with people full of ideas to drive the riding club forward, make it better for the members and widen our presence.

AGM

We had a fantastic turnout at the AGM in November, with the conservatory busting at the seam. So firstly would like to thank everyone that attended and showing your support to the club. I have a feeling having Jonelle Richards there and the opportunity to hold an Olympic medal truly helped. Lisa certainly could not resist. We hope to see you all there again at the next AGM along with all new members to enjoy of few glasses of wine and interact with your riding club.



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome all new members to the West Surrey Riding Club. We are looking forward to seeing you at our events; please ensure you introduce yourselves as we are a very friendly club. If you are not already a member and use Facebook I would strongly recommend you join our Facebook group as it's a great way to know what's going on and interact with other members. Additionally, don't forget the riding clubs website.

www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk

Kirsten Davis

Caroline Holsten

Sue Maude

Louise Dendle

Caitlin Fahy

Josie Jenkinson

Fenella Grant

Katrina Scott

Heather Copestick

Judith Potter

Margy Harvey

Sarah Bowler

Ellen Agar

Bryony Whitby

Lauren Stewart- Browne

Joan Scott

Katherine Watters

Pili Spiers

Jemma Daniel

BRIDLEWAY NEWS

New Bridleway MANOR FARM from E Shalford Lane to Halfpenny Lane, Guildford

Anne Woods from SCC Rights of Way has spoken to the landowner about the self closing gate at the Halfpenny Lane end . He agreed to alter it but was not keen to replace it with a non self closing gate. I went to look at the gate and it has been altered (some of the weights on the chain had been removed) but it was my view (from on foot) that this had not made a very big difference to the time the gate will stay open. Also the wooden stake was still present so I have gone back to Anne to ask that this be removed. I said we would give this altered gate a trial- so please if you use this bridleway can you provide me with some feedback on how you coped with it. One member has already reported that it is OK to use.

DOWNS LINK BW252 crossing Albury- Chilworth Road

I have raised this problem with Anne Woods of high hedges obscuring view of approaching traffic when crossing from St Marthas to go to Blackheath Common. I am still waiting for a response on this.

Katherine Manson

Bridleways Representative

INSTRUCTIONS

	Date	Price
Ali Cookson Dressage Clinic : East Whitley Farm, GU5 0TE	Wednesday 20 th March From 10:30am	£30.00
Richard Mackay Dressage Clinic: Green Lane Farm, Shamley Green, GU5 0RD	Sunday 5 th April From 11am	£40 for an hours individual lesson Or £25 per rider for a group lesson of up to 3 riders.
Kathy Merrick Dressage to Music: Lockner farm , Chilworth, GU4 8RH	Sunday 7 th April	£40 per hour. Lessons can be individual or pairs at £25 each.
Alison Ure Dressage Clinic: Hurtwood Cottage, Farley Heath, GU5 9JP	Saturday 13 th April	Individual ¾ hour lesson is £35
Kathy Merrick Dressage to Music: Whitley Manor, Bramley, GU5 0LL	Sunday 5 th May	£40 per hour. Lessons can be individual or pairs at £25 each.

There will be more instructions additional to these so please do keep an eye on our website and Facebook page.

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SOME OF OUR INSTRUCTORS:

Richard Mackay



Ali Cookson



Fiona Breach



Sebastien Poirier



Alison Ure



WINTER DRESSAGE RESULTS

10th February 2013- Well done for everyone who turned out to such a miserable and rainy day. Full results can be found on the riding club website.

Walk & Trot:

1 st	Vicki Glynn	Red Rock	168	73.04
2 nd	Paula Hynes	Finn McCull	161	70
3 rd	Jill Ryan	Annie	148	64.35

Prelim:

1 st	Vicki Glynn	Red Rock	180	72.0
2 nd	Lisa Fahy	Charlie	167	66.8
3 rd	Julie Johnson	Guinness	159	63.6

Novice/ Elementary:

1 st	Lisa Fahy	Salviano	172	71.66
2 nd	Lisa Fahy	Salviano	161	57.50
3 rd	Judith Dunne	Seahorse Point	135	56.25

We look forward to seeing you all again at the next dressage and hopefully some more face.

The Champions and Reserve Champions for the 2012/2013 Winter Series are:

Walk and Trot – Intro.

Champion: Vicki Glynn – Red Rock

Reserve Champion: Paula Hynes – Finn McCuil

Prelim.

Champion: Vicki Glynn – Red Rock

Reserve Champion: Lisa Fahy – Charlie

Novice/Elementary.

Champion: Lisa Fahy – Salviano

Reserve Champion: Jenni Monks – Dark Deception

Well done to you all

INDOOR TREC COMPETITION

Indoor Trec Competition - 3 February 2013

Class 1- Newcomers			COP TROT	COP WALK	PTV TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
1 st	Sue Alexander	Slider	30	0	84	114
2 nd	Alex Callingham	Twiglet (NL)	11	0	83	94
3 rd	Alex Callingham	Twiglet	29	0	83	82
Class 2- Novice			COP CNTR	COP WALK	PTV TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
1 st	Pam Wilson	Westhay Tommy	3	23	67	93
2 nd	Veronica Keywood	Heidi	13	14	55	82
3 rd	Jean Hicks	Damselfly	13	14	65	79
Class 3- Open						
1 st	Donna Skinsley	Charmer	30	13	88	131
2 nd	Stacey Collins	Peace of Mind	14	28	79	121
2 nd	Petra Ingram	Alfred	23	12	86	121
3 rd	Claire Shoesmith	The Harlequin	30	21	68	119

OTHER EVENTS

DRESSAGE WINTER TEAM FRIENDLY (2)

24th March 2013

Priory Equestrian Centre (ERC)

FOH CHALLENGE QUALIFIERS

7th April 2013

Fairoak, Rogate

We also have two Friendly Dressage Competitions in mid March. At the last Team Dressage Event at Merrist Wood last November we entered 3 Teams so are hoping to do the same for these friendlies!

Could any members wishing to compete in any of the Team Competition Events please contact Pat. It can not be stressed enough that although it is great if we come away with a Rosette but the main objective is that the Team, Individuals and Horses have an enjoyable day and gain experience for future events.

Lastly Abinger Forest Riding Club are running a Combined Training Event the day after the Area 11 Combined Training Qualifier. They are both being held at Mundstead. For those interested please see details at the Munstead Website <http://www.munsteadhorsetrials.com/>. This is a great event to get going at the start of the season and is local!

OPEN EVENTS

West Surrey Riding Club OPEN DRESSAGE COMPETITION

at

MERRIST WOOD ARENA

Merrist Wood Campus
Worplesdon Guildford

Surrey GU3 3PE

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2013

9 Bags of Mark Todd Stay Calm horse feed for best team of three.

Sponsored by Carys Jones Photography

First Aid by MBS Medical Ltd

Photography by www.mhphotos.co.uk

Refreshments from the Nosebag

**RIDING TIMES will be posted on the WSRC
website or phone 01483 267161 between 6 and 8pm on**

Tuesday 26th March. *(if taking your times from the website please send confirmation email to cass.lillington@btinternet.com Failure to do so will result in disqualification).*

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TEAM EVENTS

Show Jumping at sands Farm:

Team came 5th! We were the only team where all members had a double clear. Carys was first to go in the jump off and went clear. Pat was second and had 2 fences down, 3rd was Katrina who had a stop and finally Lisa Vanoli who also went clear.

CT at Munstead:

Team came 3rd! Jenni & Georgie did a Prelim Test and jumped 75cm (novice), Carys and Pat did a Novice test and jumped 85cm (intermediate)

Dressage Friendly at Merrist Wood:

What a fantastic result we had at Sundays dressage.

We has 3 teams entering which is great to see. Cary's Jones was the star of the show on Pat Murphy's Ginty coming 1st in the Prelim. Vicki Glynn got 6th which is brilliant considering how large the class was. Lisa Fahy placed 3rd within the Novice and overall the WSRC West End Girls (Vicki Glynn, Lisa Fahy and Katherine Watters) came 2nd as a team. Thankyou Pat for being a great Team Manager.

SKITTLES AND MEAL

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!

(When you're not really having a Christmas Party or welcome to the 2013 season)

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2013

7PM

GRANTLEY ARMS, WONERSH

£15 PER PERSON

Act quickly for Spring's hottest ticket- Skittles and pub dinner.

Please bring partners or friends.

To book your place please email vickiglynn@hotmail.com and send a cheque advising numbers and names to Vicki Glynn n at 140 Dorking Road, Chilworth, Surrey, GU4 8RF.

Any enquiries please call 07768 237 032

AREA TEAM QUIZ

You know, WSRC quiz teams are a bit like buses – you wait a couple of years for one, then two turn up together! With a bit of judicious encouragement by Lisa and Vicki, this year we managed to field the Wild West team, consisting of Vicki Glynn, Jackie Ellis & Steph Chamberlain, and West End Girls (myself, Veronica Keywood & Jenny Tulley).

Jenny very kindly hosted a team get-together beforehand at her (lovely!) apartment in Charterhouse, to get our brains working. I must admit to being a bit sceptical of the benefits of this (isn't this a bit like O-level revision - surely my brain is always working?!), but it was actually a really helpful thing to do. We poured over Jenny's collection of Pony Club quiz / exam books & Google down-loads (between catching up with the goss, obviously!), and slowly it dawned on us we knew quite a bit – and, of course, didn't know a whole lot more!

So we duly arrived at the appointed pub at the specified time and got the important details sorted out – what to eat & drink (chiefly coffee for that stay-awake factor). Time for a last look at the revision books, and questions started – but oh no, not the usual sort of things about horse care & biology, and who'd done what recently, but horses in art & literature (uh-oh!), racing & hunting (we did surprisingly well on that round – some of the questions had featured in Revision!) and, of course, the Olympics (not such a great round, considering they were only 6 or so months ago) – and if you know anything about any of these, you can join the teams next year!

We soldiered on – Jenny answered a good few, Veronica knew some art and history, and I had a couple of brain-waves and backed the right guesses. But both teams admit we also managed to talk ourselves out of some correct answers...

Anyway – after six rounds, we (WEG) ended up fifth (so not last – hoorah!), and Wild West came a very creditable third.

I'd like to record a huge vote of thanks to all the team members for coming along and representing Club, Lisa for organising us enough to get entries done in the first place, and Chipstead RC for running the quiz yet again – it must take ages to get all the questions together every year.

Cathy Hughes

This is my first go at doing a newsletter and would welcome feedback and ideas to what members would like to see/ read. I look forward to seeing everyone at future events and let 2013 be a great year for the West Surrey Riding Club.

Briar Jones

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